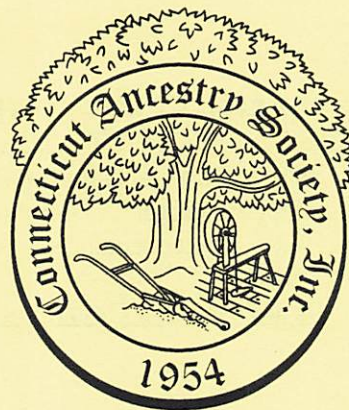


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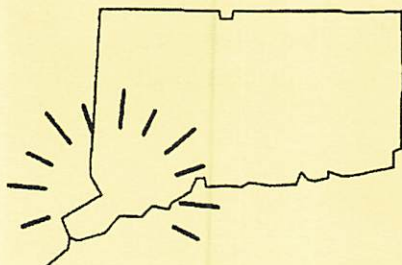
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#### CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY SOCIETY – [www.connecticutancestry.org](http://www.connecticutancestry.org)

**February 9** – Stamford – Roundtable\*

**March 23** – Danbury – Paul Keroack – Overview of Immigration and Naturalization Records

**April 13** – Trumbull – Roundtable\*

**May 19** – Annual Meeting & Lectures. See back pages for details

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10 to 11 am at Pequot Library, Southport. Reservations: 203 259-0346

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

4<sup>th</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)

**February 16** – Edwin Strickland – Techniques for Interpreting Old Handwriting & Numbers

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

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

**February 13** – Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL (Presenting via Webcam on Skype)

**March 13** – Roundtable\*

#### NEW FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY – Genealogy group meets third Wednesdays, 6:30pm

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

Meets 10 AM on the second Saturday of each month from September through June, at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 600 Broadway (US9), Dobbs Ferry, NY

**March 9** – Laura H. Congleton – Civil War Research

**April 13** – Philip Hayes – Blogging Your Genealogy

**May 11** – Tony Lauriano – Finding Your Female Ancestors

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## Editorial Notes

This issue begins with three articles on area families. First, we encourage you to examine Paul Keroack's article, "A Barnwell Family: Irish Immigrants to New York, Stratford, and Bridgeport." Not only does this provide excellent documentation for four generations of these nineteenth century arrivals, but the introduction also gives a most interesting account of how that family came to be in our area. Next, Ken Rockwell continues his series on early Ridgefield families, providing many details on the lives of "Two Men Named Gamaliel Northrup, both of Ridgefield, Connecticut." And finally Kathy Downs Wolff reports details on a family originating just outside our usual Fairfield County area with "The Family of Nathan French and Philomela Judd of Watertown, CT, and Portage County, OH."

In "Follow Every Clue" Patricia Haslam explains how an apparently minor clue led to a very satisfying encounter with the current owner of an ancestral home. Then Paul Keroack cites the inscription, in Latin, of an 1870 census enumerator.

In this issue we wrap up our series on the vital records of 1847-1852 reported by school district committeemen. Births for Greenwich in this period were reported in our last (September 2012) issue and in this issue we report the Marriages and Deaths for Greenwich in this period. Then, there is a brief addendum to the vital records of Stratford for this period which had been reported in the issue of May 2012. And, finally, there is a summary of where to find all the records for this period, many now published in *Connecticut Ancestry*, while others are available with indexes on microfilm and at the various town clerks' offices.

*Harlan R. Jessup*

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## A Barnwell Family: Irish Immigrants to New York, Stratford and Bridgeport, CT

Paul Keroack

William Barnwell and his wife Catherine Rooney emigrated from Ireland to New York about 1852. According to his death record, William was born about 1827 in Skerries, Ireland. It is a coastal town, a few miles north of Dublin in the civil parish of Holmpatrick, County Dublin.<sup>1</sup> Barnwell is a modern spelling of the Anglo-Norman name Barneville or Barnewall, in Irish de Bearnabhal.<sup>2</sup>

They resided for several years in Cattaraugus Co., New York,<sup>3</sup> where their first six children were born. Son John Thomas was born in Stratford, Connecticut, in 1863, their 7<sup>th</sup> child. Ages of their children as listed in censuses are consistent and fairly accurate, suggesting the parents were literate, despite the father's employment as a day laborer.

William died on 16 Dec. 1878 at the age of 51. His parents' names were recorded as Thomas and Letitia Barnwell. In the 1880 census, son John was listed as a farm laborer and the three older daughters were employed in a cartridge shop, supporting their mother and younger siblings. Eldest son William was a coachman and gardener for retired attorney William Samuel Johnson and his wife Laura, then in their eighties. Johnson's grandfather, of the same name, had been a signer of the Constitution.<sup>4</sup>

It may be that Attorney Johnson was instrumental in the family's relocation to Stratford. Johnson had studied law in New York City with noted Irish exile Robert Addis Emmett. After serving on the city council and in the state senate, Johnson became a land proprietor in Cattaraugus County in the western part of the state. It may not be a coincidence that two other large landowners there were John and Nicholas Devereux of Utica, also exiled Irish patriots. The Devereux brothers sponsored a colony of Irish immigrants in the county, centered on Ellicottville, where a Catholic parish was established by 1848. The Barnwell family was enumerated there in the 1855 New York census. This village was also where Johnson opened his own offices, residing with members of his family until 1862, when he returned to his hometown of Stratford.<sup>5</sup> The Barnwell family took up residence in Stratford at least by 1863.

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<sup>1</sup>Mitchell, Brian, *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 2002.

<sup>2</sup>MacLysaght, Edward, *The Surnames of Ireland*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., Dublin: Irish Academic Press, 1991.

<sup>3</sup>1855 Census of New York, Cattaraugus County, Ellicottville. FHL microfilm 0583830, p. 182-206. The Barnwell family is enumerated in "South 4 Tier Lots," dwelling 95, p. 191: William, age 28, laborer, 3 years in the community; Catherine, 26, 2 years in the community, Thomas, 3, 2 years in the community; Mary J., 1, and Bridget "Runey," 28, 1/12 months in the community - probably Catherine's sister.

<sup>4</sup>1880 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Stratford, roll 95, p. 386A, p. 381-382A.

<sup>5</sup>*History of Cattaraugus Co., New York*, Philadelphia: L.H. Everts, 1879; portrait and biographical profile of W.S. Johnson between p. 254-255.



## Genealogical summary:

1. William BARNWELL, born Ireland ca. 1827, died Stratford 16 Dec. 1878.<sup>6</sup> He married probably Ireland, Catherine ROONEY, born ca. 1828, who died Bridgeport 11 July 1894, age 67.<sup>7</sup> Several children were born to them in New York and four more in Stratford beginning in 1863. William was a day laborer, credited in the 1870 census with \$400 in real estate and \$195 in personal estate.

## Known children of William &amp; Catherine:

1. Thomas, b. Ireland ca. 1852.<sup>8</sup>
2. Mary J., b. probably Ellicottville NY ca. 1854.<sup>9</sup>
3. William J., b. Ellicottville NY ca. 1856, d. Bridgeport 10 Sept. 1922.<sup>10</sup> He was a joiner and carpenter, later partner in contracting firm Barnwell & Mills. He married probably New York, Henrietta FLANAGAN. She was b. Mamaroneck NY 25 Nov. 1859, died Bridgeport 2 April 1926.<sup>11</sup>

## Children of William J. &amp; Henrietta:

1. Susan, b. Stratford 18 April 1885, d. Bridgeport 10 Nov. 1918, m. Bridgeport 7 Jan. 1907, Thomas P. BURNS, a policeman.<sup>12</sup>

## Children of Thomas &amp; Susan:

1. Irene, b. Bridgeport 16 March 1908, d. Westport 15 Oct. 2004, m. William KEAVY.<sup>13</sup>
2. Andrew, b. Bridgeport 6 June 1909, d. 15 May 1991.<sup>14</sup>
3. Eleanor, b. Bridgeport 13 Oct. 1911, d. July 1972, m. \_\_\_\_\_ MOORE.<sup>15</sup>
2. William Edward, b. Bridgeport 23 March 1887, d. Rocky Hill 11 Dec. 1966. He was a carpenter and a veteran of World War I, wounded in action.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>6</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. C, p. 480. Cause of death was erysipilis - brought on by being bitten by a horse, according to family sources.

<sup>7</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1892-1899, p. 54. Her residence was 626 Seaview Ave., in an area annexed in 1889 from Stratford. She was buried in St. Augustine Cemetery.

<sup>8</sup>1855 Census of New York, Cattaraugus County, Ellicottville, p. 182. He apparently died before 1863.

<sup>9</sup>1870 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Stratford, roll 99, p. 204B, lists Mary J. Barnwell, age 16 as a domestic servant in the home of Sidney J. Lewis, a gardener. She may have married a man named Allen, as the 1900 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Bridgeport, roll 132, p. 7A, lists in the household of William J. Barnwell a nephew, Charles G. Allen, age 17, b. NY. I have not found other siblings of William or Henrietta who could be Allen's parent.

<sup>10</sup>Bridgeport vital records, Sept.-Oct. 1922, p. 31. Birth information from death record. Obituary *Bridgeport Telegram* 12 Sept. 1922, p. 21, and 13 Sept., p. 15.

<sup>11</sup>Bridgeport vital records, Mar.-Apr. 1926, p. 238. Birth date and parents' names from death record. Her parents listed as Jeremiah Flanagan and Ann Madden. Obituary *Bridgeport Post* 3 April 1926, p. 13. Mamaroneck NY as her birth place is cited in death records of her children Susan and Leo. In the 1880 census, New York, Westchester County, Mamaroneck, roll 946, p. 428A, she is listed as a servant in the residence of James Miller. W.S. Johnson's son Samuel W. settled in the town in the 1860s, perhaps leading to her acquaintance with William J. Barnwell.

<sup>12</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. C, p. 56; also Bridgeport vital records, 1878-1885, p. 240; the latter transcribed from St. Mary Church baptismal records which probably included parishioners born in Stratford, as a parish in Stratford was not organized until 1886. Bridgeport vital records, Nov. 1918, p. 197, death. Obituary *Bridgeport Telegram* 11 Nov. 1918, p. 8. Bridgeport vital records 1906-1907, p. 62, marriage.

<sup>13</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1906-1908, p. 288. Obituary *Connecticut Post* 18 Oct. 2004. Husband's name from 1940 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Bridgeport, roll 532, p. 11B.

<sup>14</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1909-1910, p. 259. CT death index, cert. #11595.

<sup>15</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1911, p. 91. Date of death and married surname from Social Security Death Index, hereafter SSDI.

<sup>16</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1886-1890, p. 218, "2<sup>nd</sup> child"; recorded as "William A. Cornwell." A William Barnwell was born to the parents on 7 Oct, 1888, p. 334, "3<sup>rd</sup> child, 2 living," but William E. always used the 23 March 1887



3. Albert (Arthur S.), b. Bridgeport 19 Dec. 1890.<sup>17</sup>
4. Leo, b. Bridgeport 14 Oct. 1892, d. 22 Oct. 1959. He was a carpenter.<sup>18</sup>
5. John Thomas, b. Bridgeport 7 July 1895, d. Fairfield 4 Feb. 1952. Wounded in action in World War I, later employed as a salesman, m. probably Bridgeport, Theresa D. BRODERICK. She d. Glaston-bury 7 Dec. 1996.<sup>19</sup>
6. Mary J., b. Bridgeport 17 Sept. 1899, d. Los Angeles CA 13 Sept. 1982, m. probably Bridgeport, William E. STREETLY.<sup>20</sup>
4. Delia / Maddie (probably Bridget), b. Ellicottville NY 1 March 1858, d. Stratford 12 June 1923, m. probably New York, Joseph TELLER, a carpenter.<sup>21</sup>

Children of Joseph and Delia:

  1. Adelaide, b. Syracuse NY ca. 1889, m. Stratford 6 Feb. 1907, George CHEVALLE Jr.<sup>22</sup>
  2. Ulmont, b. Syracuse NY 8 Sept. 1891, d. Stratford 18 July 1900.<sup>23</sup>
  3. Stanley J., b. Stratford 14 Nov. 1893, d. Suffolk Co. NY May 1971, m. Stratford 11 Nov. 1915, Edna Louise HINES, divorced by 1920.<sup>24</sup>
  4. Marion B., b. Stratford 22 Aug. 1895, m. Stratford 25 Aug. 1915, John C. EIERHART.<sup>25</sup>
  5. Delia B., b. Stratford 8 Dec. 1896, m. Stratford 16 Dec. 1922, Robert W. ERLE.<sup>26</sup>
5. Catherine / Katherine, b. New York ca. 1859, d. Bridgeport 19 Sept. 1933, m. Bridgeport 6 April 1885, John W. DONALDSON, a carpenter.<sup>27</sup>

birth date. Sgt. William E. Barnwell and his brother Cpl. John T. Barnwell were featured in a *Bridgeport Telegram* article 29 July 1918, p. 7, on local men in the war. His last residence was the Rocky Hill veterans' hospital. Ct. death index #25285 and obituary *Bridgeport Post* 12 Dec. 1966, p. 39.

<sup>17</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1886-1890, p. 548, lists him as Herbert W. He was Albert in the 1900 census and Arthur S. thereafter. His World War I draft registration, accessed in <www.ancestry.com>, notes that he was "mentally incapable," his "left arm paralyzed." He was listed in the 1930 census as an inmate at Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown, but not in 1940.

<sup>18</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1890-1894, p. 184, unnamed male. Bridgeport vital records Oct. 1959, p. 143.

<sup>19</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1894-1895, p. 257, birth. Fairfield vital records, 1946-1953, p. 223, death and obituary *Bridgeport Telegram* 5 Feb. 1952, p. 28. Theresa's death information, obituary *Hartford Courant* 11 Dec. 1996, ProQuest document ID 255792359, accessed at www.iconn.org.

<sup>20</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1898-1900, p. 275, named as "Ellen Sicilia." She apparently used Mary J. as her preferred name but is recorded in SSDI under both names. Marriage to Streetly inferred from 1930 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Bridgeport, roll 256, p. 253. They relocated to California after 1942. California death index, 1940-1997, accessed in <www.ancestry.com.>

<sup>21</sup>Stratford vital records, 1921-1924, p. 19; death record includes birth information. Obituary *Bridgeport Post* 13 June 1923, p. 2. Joseph Teller is identified on his son Stanley's birth record as b. in Ellenville NY. The 1880 Census, New York, Ulster County, Wawarsing, roll 940, p. 363D, lists Joseph, age 18 with his mother and siblings. Wawarsing is near Ellenville. The Joseph Teller family is in 1892 census of New York, Onondaga County, Syracuse, Ward 13, ED 1, [no p. number.] I have not found a death record for Joseph Teller.

<sup>22</sup>Stratford vital records 1868-1914, p. 358, marriage; birth information from marriage record. Bridgeport City Directory for 1910 lists Adelaide Chavell as widow of George E. Jr.

<sup>23</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. C, p. 564, death; age given as 8-10-10. Cause of death was "septicemia from barbed wire fence."

<sup>24</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. C, p. 88, "4<sup>th</sup> child." Death information from SSDI. Stratford vital records, 1915-1920, p. 4, marriage. Edna Teller, divorced, and son Stanley enumerated in 1920 census Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Bridgeport, roll 177, p. 7A.

<sup>25</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. C, p. 95, "5<sup>th</sup> child." Stratford vital records, 1915-1920, p. 2, marriage.

<sup>26</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. C, p. 100, "6<sup>th</sup> child." Stratford vital records, 1921-1924, p. 16, marriage.

<sup>27</sup>Bridgeport vital records 1871-1893, p. 242, marriage. Bridgeport vital records, Sept.-Oct. 1933, p. 83, death.



## Children of John &amp; Catherine:

1. Robert W., b. Bridgeport 24 Jan. 1887, d. Bridgeport 11 Nov. 1954.<sup>28</sup>
2. [Katie B.], b. Bridgeport 1 Nov. 1891, m. Patrick LALLY.<sup>29</sup>
6. Susan, b. New York ca. 1861, d. Stratford 21 Nov. 1876<sup>30</sup>
7. John Thomas, b. Stratford 10 Aug. 1863, d. Bridgeport 6 Jan. 1943,<sup>31</sup> m. Bridgeport 23 Jan. 1900, Matilda O. FINSTAD, a native of Norway. He was employed as a mechanic. Matilda d. Bridgeport 12 Dec. 1931.<sup>32</sup>

## Known children of John T. and Matilda:

1. Laura Matilda, b. Bridgeport 14 Jan. 1897, d. 3 Sept. 1897.<sup>33</sup>
2. Agnes Gertrude, b. Bridgeport 6 June 1898, d. Bridgeport 24 Sept. 1977, m. Bridgeport 2 Jan. 1915, Floyd E. McDANIEL.<sup>34</sup>
3. John Thomas [Jr.], b. Bridgeport 19 Oct. 1899, d. Milford 10 Dec. 1948, m. (1), Hilda KUNESCH, (2), Margaret \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>35</sup>
4. William Robert, b. Bridgeport 15 May 1901, d. 11 Aug. 1947, m. (1), Mildred SASTRAM, divorced 22 April 1927; m. (2), Edith M. JAQUITH.<sup>36</sup>
5. Emma, b. Bridgeport 3 July 1903, d. Branford 11 April 1984, m. Octave J. LORD.<sup>37</sup>
6. Susan Matilda, b. 12 May 1905, d. Bridgeport 27 July 1923.<sup>38</sup>
7. George E. b. Bridgeport 19 Sept. 1906, d. Bridgeport 6 Feb. 1973, m. Mabel

<sup>28</sup>Bridgeport vital records 1886-1890, p. 174.

<sup>29</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1890-1894, p. 37, [erroneously numbered 36], unnamed female. Listed as Katie B. in 1900 census. Marriage presumed as found in birth record of son John to Patrick Lally & Katherine Donaldson, Massachusetts births, 1841-1915, 31 July 1909, #917, p. 155, accessed in <www.familysearch.org>; also as listed in 1910 census, Massachusetts, Hampden County, Holyoke, roll 590, p. 13A. She may have died young as her daughter Catherine A. Lally, age 8, was living with her Donaldson grandparents in the 1920 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Bridgeport, roll 176, p. 3B.

<sup>30</sup>Stratford vital records v. C, p. 478, unnamed daughter of Wm. Barnwell, "age 15."

<sup>31</sup>Stratford vital records, v. B, p. 87; also St. Mary Church baptism, 9 August, as listed in Bridgeport vital records 1857-1887, p. 179. Bridgeport vital records, Jan. 1943, p. 29; death from injuries sustained when struck by an automobile, 24 Dec. 1942.

<sup>32</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1899-1905, p. 17; no indication is given in the record why the marriage, at Summerfield Church, took place several years after the birth of the couple's first child. Bridgeport vital records, Nov-Dec 1931, p. 205, death. Her birth information given in her death record. She was born Oslo, Norway 16 June 1873, daughter of Christopher and Hannah Engbetsen Finstad.

<sup>33</sup>Bridgeport vital records 1896-1898, p. 15, as Josephine, "2<sup>nd</sup> child." No record of earlier child born to mother was found from 1893, under Barnwell or Finstad. Bridgeport vital records 1893-1899, p. 245, death.

<sup>34</sup>Bridgeport vital records 1896-1898, p. 146, birth. Bridgeport vital records Sept. 1977, p. 154, death. Bridgeport vital records, 1913-1915, p. 150, marriage.

<sup>35</sup>Bridgeport vital records 1898-1900, p. 283, birth. Milford vital records, certificate, 1948, death. Bridgeport vital records, 1924, p. 180, 1st marriage. His 2nd wife and widow may be the Margaret Barnwell (no birth surname given) who d. 28 May 1974, Bridgeport vital records, 1974, p. 181. Milford city directory, 1945 lists John (Margaret) Barnwell, 62 W Clark.

<sup>36</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1900-1902, p. 46, birth. Bridgeport vital records, Aug. 1947, p. 72, death; this record and obituary *Bridgeport Post* 12 Aug. 1947, p. 21, give birth year as 1902. Bridgeport vital records, 1924, p. 97, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage. Divorce granted on 22 April 1927, as reported in *Bridgeport Telegram*, 23 April 1927, p. 30. He served in the USN Submarine Division, as noted in the 1920 Census, Florida, Monroe County, Key West, roll 225, p. 3A. City directory entries give his second wife's forename.

<sup>37</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1902-1903, p. 180, birth. Bridgeport vital records, April 1984, p. 83, death.

<sup>38</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1905, p. 497, birth. Bridgeport vital records, Jul.-Aug. 1923, p. 329, death; named Susie Henrietta on death record.

- \_\_\_\_\_, later divorced.<sup>39</sup>
8. Edith F., b. Bridgeport 2 March 1909, d. Trumbull 31 Dec. 1992, m. Russell BOOTH.<sup>40</sup>
  8. Elizabeth A., b. Stratford 25 July 1865, d. Fairfield 20 June 1936, m. Bridgeport 11 Sept. 1888, James H. HUNT, a city fireman.<sup>41</sup>

Children of James & Elizabeth:

    1. William, b. Stratford 15 Sept. 1888, d. Bridgeport 8 March 1901.<sup>42</sup>
    2. May, b. Bridgeport 27 March 1890, m. James J. KANE.<sup>43</sup>
    3. Florence, b. Stratford 3 Aug. 1891, m. Bridgeport 27 Aug. 1925, Francis J. McDONOUGH.<sup>44</sup>
    4. Elizabeth, b. ca. March 1893, m. John J. O'NEIL.<sup>45</sup>
    5. Nellie J., b. Bridgeport 16 Nov. 1896, m. Joseph FARLEY.<sup>46</sup>
    6. Irene, b. Bridgeport 4 March 1899, m. Thomas P. HAMILTON.<sup>47</sup>
    7. James, b. ca. 1900.<sup>48</sup>
  9. Letitia E., b. Stratford 8 June 1867, d. Howard RI 27 April 1926, m. Willard E. CLARK. The family relocated to Rhode Island by 1920, apparently after the death of Willard.<sup>49</sup>

Children of Willard & Letitia:

    1. Vera M., b. Stratford 27 July 1889.<sup>50</sup>
    2. Ruth Marion, b. Stratford 12 Sept. 1892, d. Bridgeport 30 Sept. 1893.<sup>51</sup>
    3. George W., b. ca. 1894.<sup>52</sup>
    4. Marjorie Vivian, b. Bridgeport 11 Sept. 1897.<sup>53</sup>
    5. Walter L., b. Stratford 3 Sept. 1900.<sup>54</sup>

<sup>39</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1906, p. 90, birth. Bridgeport vital records, Feb. 1973, p. 50, death, and obituary *Bridgeport Post* 7 Feb 1973. City directory entries from 1949-1952 list his wife's forename; death record lists him as divorced.

<sup>40</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1909-1910, p. 21, birth, as Eddiatte Mary. Bridgeport vital records, Dec. 1992, p. 242, death.

<sup>41</sup>Stratford vital records, v. B, p. 96; also St. Mary church baptism on 23 July as listed in Bridgeport vital records 1857-1887, p. 185. Bridgeport vital records 1871-1893, p. 324, marriage. Fairfield vital records 1936-1942, p. 5, death. This record lists her birth date as 25 July 1869.

<sup>42</sup>Stratford vital records, v. C, p. 72, birth. Bridgeport vital records, 1900-1904, p. 86, death.

<sup>43</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1886-1890, p. 564, unnamed female, birth. Marriage information supplied by Terry McKelvey of Pennsylvania.

<sup>44</sup>Stratford vital records, v. C, p. 82.

<sup>45</sup>Birth not found in Stratford or Bridgeport vital records.

<sup>46</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1896-1898, p. 2, birth. Marriage information supplied by Terry McKelvey of Pennsylvania.

<sup>47</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1898-1900, p. 221, birth. Marriage information supplied by Terry McKelvey of Pennsylvania.

<sup>48</sup>A birth record for James Hunt was not found in Bridgeport or Stratford vital records.

<sup>49</sup>St. Mary church baptism as listed in Bridgeport vital records 1857-1887, p. 191. "Rhode Island deaths and burials, 1802-1950," <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)> I have not found a marriage record for the couple in either Stratford or Bridgeport records. She is recorded in the 1920 census, Rhode Island, Providence County, Providence, roll 1679, p. 15A, as a widow.

<sup>50</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. C, p. 78.

<sup>51</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. C, p. 86, birth. Bridgeport vital records, 1893-1899, p. 15, death.

<sup>52</sup>Birth record for George not found in Bridgeport records; city birth register is in deteriorated condition from 1894 into 1895.

<sup>53</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1896-1898, p. 76.

<sup>54</sup>Stratford vital records, 1868-1914, p. 114.



6. Letitia, b. ca. 1903.<sup>55</sup>
7. Willard E., b. 24 Jan. 1905, d. Denver CO 4 Feb. 1983.<sup>56</sup>
8. Fern Mary, b. Bridgeport 14 March 1907.<sup>57</sup>
10. Laura, b. Stratford 27 Nov. 1869, d. Bridgeport 19 Dec. 1948, m. (1) ca. 1890, James W. LYONS; m. (2) ca. 1898, James J. DALTON.<sup>58</sup>
  - Child of James & Laura Lyons:
    1. Martin James, b. Stratford 20 April 1891.<sup>59</sup>
  - Children of James & Laura Dalton:
    1. James J. Jr., b. Bridgeport 8 July 1900, d. Bridgeport 13 July 1956.<sup>60</sup>
    2. Robert W., b. Bridgeport 8 Nov. 1902.<sup>61</sup>
    3. Raymond, b. Bridgeport 15 Jan. 1904.<sup>62</sup>

The following books gave me a valuable sense of the conditions of life experienced by working families such as the Barnwells in the towns of Bridgeport and Stratford during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries:

Bucki, Cecelia, *Bridgeport's Socialist New Deal, 1915-36*, Univ. of Illinois Press, 2001, analyzes the social and economic situation of the city in the early and middle 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Knapp, Lewis G., *In Pursuit of Paradise: History of the Town of Stratford, Connecticut*, Phoenix, 1989.

Palmquist, David W., *A Pictorial History of Bridgeport*, Donning, 1987.

<sup>55</sup>I have not found a record of her birth in either Stratford or Bridgeport records.

<sup>56</sup>I have not found a record of his birth in either Stratford or Bridgeport records. Birth and death dates as found in "Each Family Tree," <[www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)>

<sup>57</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1906-1908, p. 152.

<sup>58</sup>Stratford vital records, Vol. B, p. 8; also St. Mary church baptism 20 Dec., as Lorene E., in Bridgeport vital records, 1857-1887, p. 197. Bridgeport vital records, 1948, p. 121, death. The name Laura – unusual in an Irish family of that era - may reflect the influence of W.S. Johnson, it being his wife's name. Record of marriage to James W. Lyons not found in Stratford or Bridgeport records. Lyons d. Bridgeport 20 March 1896 age 25, v. 1893-1900, p. 151. Record of marriage to James Dalton not found in Stratford or Bridgeport records. Dalton d. Bridgeport 29 July 1907 age 31, v. 1905-1909, p. 197.

<sup>59</sup>Stratford vital records, 1868-1914, p. 80.

<sup>60</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1899-1900, p. 357, birth. CT d. index # 11111.

<sup>61</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1902-1903, p. 207.

<sup>62</sup>Bridgeport vital records, 1904, p. 344.

**The Heirs of Two Men Named Gamaliel Northrup, both of Ridgefield, Connecticut**  
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The Northrups were a major family in Ridgefield from the beginning, as two brothers from Milford, New Haven County, (Joseph and James) were original proprietors. Soon after, a third brother (Moses) and three cousins (Gamaliel, Nathan, and Jabez) came from Milford to settle. Their father, Daniel Northrup, may have settled here later,<sup>1</sup> but if so, he is not on record as having purchased any land. Gamaliel Northrup obtained land in 1717,<sup>2</sup> and married, on 2 January 1723/24 at Ridgefield, Mary Dauchy.<sup>3</sup> He cannot, however, take any credit for the longevity of the surname in town, for the only children who had their own offspring were six daughters. The Northrup genealogy of 1908 provides details on some of these daughters and their families but lacks them for others and also contains some errors. This reflects the details available in Gamaliel's probate record. The vital and land records will allow us to fill in the gaps and make corrections. Some of these records, however, concern the estate of his son, also named Gamaliel Northrup.

Gamaliel Northrup, Junior, served in the Revolutionary War as a captain, and died in the fall of 1776, probably during the battles in the area of New York City. He had the foresight to write a will, signed on 12 August 1776, so as to "set my house in order." In this will, he left his house, barn, and 20 acres of land, as well as other items, to his wife Mary; and if she should remarry, he ordered his executor to distribute to her £70. The remainder of his estate "I give the improvement of to my honoured father Gamaliel Northrup during his life, and my honored mother Mary Northrup during my Father's life, and as long as she remains his widow;" and if she should remarry after his decease, his mother was to receive one third of the total. He also left certain gifts of personal property to unrelated friends, including Gamaliel Benedict, Gamaliel Saintjohn, Gamaliel Smith, Joseph Benedict, and Benjamin Benedict, and also, "for the love and respect I have for my sister Hannah Olmsted, I give her three pounds fifteen shillings lawful money, above the rest of my estate, and to her heirs forever. "All the rest of my estate, after the death of my father & mother, I give to my sisters Mary, Sarah, Mehetable, Martha, Hannah, and Nathaniel Keeler, if he lives to have an heir lawfully, to be equally divided among each of them, and to their heirs forever." He named as his executors Jesse Benedict and John Saintjohn.

On 4 November 1776, three men testified that they had witnessed the signing of the will; and on 3 December 1776, the will was presented and probated at a Court of probate held in Danbury. A distribution followed on 3 April 1777, according to the instructions in his will, including the house and 20 acres to widow Mary, and "to Hannah Olmsted the wife of Noah Olmsted in personal estate to the amount of £3.15.0." The remainder of real estate, "the use and improvement" of which went to his parents, Gamaliel and Mary Northrup, included "49 acres of land lying a little westward of the land that said deceased gave the improvement of to his wife," and 36 acres of land lying on the West Mountain... said improvement to be according to and

<sup>1</sup>Ansel Judd Northrup, *The Northrup-Northrop genealogy* (New York, 1908), pp. 4–5, 7–8, 13–14. Viewed on Family History Library film no. 962457, item 2.

<sup>2</sup>Ridgefield land records, vol. 1, folio 110a, viewed on Family History Library film no. 5496.

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 227.



during the term as expressed in said deceased's will."<sup>4</sup> His widow married the Rev. Samuel Camp of Ridgebury as his second wife on 17 Oct. 1782.<sup>5</sup> A provision of the will, in which Mary should receive £75 if she married again, now went into effect. Executors Jesse Benedict and John St. John were authorized to sell real estate to raise the money.<sup>6</sup>

Gamaliel Northrup, Senior, signed his will on 31 July 1783. Its provisions include the following:

1. "Item, I give to my beloved wife Mary Northrup one third part of my personal estate after my debts are paid to be her own property and the property of her heirs forever, also I give her as a dower the use and improvement of one third part of my real estate during the time she remains my widow.
2. "Item, I give to my two grandsons, Samuel Smith and Daniel Smith, and to my two grand daughters Mary Smith and Sarah Scribner, and to my two great grand daughters Rachel Mead and Polly Mead, four pounds ten shillings lawfull money of my estate, and each of them to share equal therein.
3. "Item, I give to my Daughter, Mehitable Benedict and her heirs four pounds ten shillings lawfull money of my estate.
4. "Item, I give to my grandson, Nathaniel Keeler, ten pounds lawfull money of my estate.
5. "Item, I give the one fifth part of the remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to my said grandsons and their heirs and to my two said grand daughters and their heirs and to my said two great grand daughters and to their heirs and each of them to share equally therein; also I give one fifth part of the remainder of my estate to my two grand children, viz. John Keeler, & Sarah Starr and to their heirs and to share therein in equal proportions; Also I give one fifth part of the said remainder of my estate to my said daughter Mehitabel Benedict and to her heirs; also I give one fifth part of the remainder of my said estate to my daughter Martha St. John and to her heirs; also I give to my daughter Hannah Olmsted and to her heirs one fifth part of the remainder of my said estate."

The will named his wife as executrix, with Jesse Benedict and John St. John to be executors. This choice was most practical, as the two men were also the executors for his son, Captain Gamaliel Northrup, and the two estates were directly connected to each other. The witnesses to the will were Asa Scribner, Grace Keeler, and Stephen Smith.

<sup>4</sup>Danbury probate register, vol. 4, pp. 59–60; viewed on FHL film no. 4025.

<sup>5</sup>Ridgefield vital records, vol. 2, p. 153; FHL film no. 1435730. [Note: The town of Ridgefield considers the vital records found in the first volume of land records to constitute "volume 1" of the vital records. The citations in this article follow that practice rather than the numbering found in volume 36 of *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records* (Baltimore, 2000).

<sup>6</sup>Danbury probate v. 4, p. 289;

As an aside, Gamaliel Northrup also signed a deed on the same day, selling to Jesse Benedict and John St. John “my home lott lying in Ridgfield, containing seven acres... with the buildings standing thereon, bounded north by highway, east by ye land of Timothy Keeler Junr., in part & in part by the land of David Olmsted & in part by the land of Benjamin Keeler’s heirs, south in part by sd. Keeler’s heirs, & in part by ye land of Benjamin Hayt, west by the land of Benjamin Northrup.”<sup>7</sup> On 5 May 1785, John St. John sold to Jesse Benedict, for £40, “one half of the homestead that lately belonged to our father in law, Gamaliel Northrup... in which homestead sd. Benedict is equally interested as by deed from our sd. father, which homestead contains 7 acres more or less...”

The will of Gamaliel Northrup Senior was probated on 4 January 1785,<sup>8</sup> following his death on 8 December 1784.<sup>9</sup> An inventory of his estate, made on 22 April 1785, lists 22 acres, 2 roods, 36 poles of land at Blacksmith Ridge; 14 acres, 3 roods, 20 poles of land “lying north of John Baldwin’s home lot”; and 23 acres, 3 roods, 31 rods of land “lying north west of Capt. Hines.”<sup>10</sup> A distribution of the estate, written up on 28 April 1785 and approved at a court of probate held on 15 December 1785, describes lands set out to his heirs, including portions of their estates that were to go to widow Mary Northrup “during the term she remains widow to said deceased.”<sup>11</sup> The possibility that she did not so remain his widow will be discussed later.

The real estate distributed to the heirs of Gamaliel Northrup were as follows:

1. To widow Mary, “for her improvement during the term she remains widow to said deceased,” 3 acres on the south end of land distributed to daughter Martha; 3 acres on the south side of land distributed to daughter Mehitabel; four acres on the north side of land distributed to daughter Hannah; 1 acre, 2 roods on the east end of land distributed to John Keeler; 1 acre, 2 roods on the east end of land distributed to Sarah Starr; 93 rods on the south side of land distributed to Daniel Smith; 106 rods on the south side of land distributed to Mary Smith; 106 rods on the south side of land distributed to Sarah Scribner; and 1 acre, 1 rood, 12 rods on the south side of land distributed to Rachel and Patty Mead.
2. To daughter Mehitabel, 9 acres, 1 rood, 34 rods at the west side of his lands at Blacksmith Ridge;
3. To daughter Martha, 7 acres, 2 roods, 18 rods of land at the east side of the Blacksmith Ridge land; and 2 acres 1 rood of the land north of John Baldwin’s land;
4. To daughter Hannah, 12 acres, 2 roods, 20 rods north of John Baldwin’s land; and 32 rods of land “on the south side of the road near Aaron Northrup’s dwelling house”;

<sup>7</sup>Ridgefield land records, vol. 6, p. 101; FHL Film no. 5498.

<sup>8</sup>Danbury Probate District register, vol. 5, pp. 218–219; viewed on FHL film no. 4025.

<sup>9</sup>Ridgefield vital records, vol. 2, p. 204; FHL film no. 1435730.

<sup>10</sup>Danbury probate, 5:225–226.

<sup>11</sup>Ibid., 5:267–269.



5. To grandson John Keeler, 6 acres “lying southerly of said Baldwin’s dwelling house”;
6. To granddaughter Sarah Starr, “6 acres lying south of and joining to the land herein distributed to her brother John Keeler”;
7. To “the children and grandchildren of said deceased daughter Mary,” viz. to Daniel Smith, 1 acre and 3 roods south of Baldwin’s House and north of land distributed to John Keeler; to Samuel Smith, 2 acres lying south of Baldwin’s land and west of land distributed to Daniel Smith; to Mary Smith, 2 acres and 20 rods south of John Keeler’s land; to Sarah Scribner, 2 acres south of John Keeler’s land and west of land distributed to Mary Smith; and to Rachel Mead and Patty Mead, “the remaining part of said lot, containing four acres, more or less, lying west of and joining to said Sarah’s share.”

The probate records for Gamaliel, Senior, identify three living daughters: Mehitabel Benedict, Martha St. John, and Hannah Olmsted. The husbands of the first two are identified, namely the executors of the estate, but Hannah’s husband is not named. Six grandchildren of various surnames and two great-grandchildren are named, and the wording of the distribution suggests that the three Smiths, Sarah Scribner, and the great-grandchildren surnamed Mead, are all descendants of deceased daughter Mary. The Northrup genealogy includes the three Smiths, children of Samuel and Mary (Northrup) Smith, and Sarah as well, though it does not identify her husband, known from the probate records to be a Scribner.

The 1908 genealogy also includes a married granddaughter named Sarah Starr, that is, the wife of Noah Starr, placing her as the daughter of Gamaliel’s daughter Sarah. However, the genealogy contains a glaring error: It identifies the daughter’s husband as John Whitney, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Keeler) Whitney.<sup>12</sup> In truth, he was John Keeler, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Whitney) Keeler. All of the dates given for him and for their children are *mostly* correct, but the vital records are clear that the surname for each of them should have been “Keeler.” Thus do we also account for John Keeler, grandson of Gamaliel Northrup, who is in the published genealogy under the false surname of “Whitney.”

The will also refers to another grandson surnamed Keeler—Nathaniel, who received money in the will. The distribution did not refer to him by name as receiving land, though it does mention the “grandsons” being given a share in one fifth of the estate). At any rate, land did come to him that originally belonged to his uncle, Captain Gamaliel Northrup. To account for his place in the family, we note from the vital records that a Rachel Northrup married Isaac Keeler, Jr., had a son named Nathaniel later that year, and died on 17 January 1763. [For specifics, see the genealogical summary below.]

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<sup>12</sup>Northrup genealogy, p. 32.

The 1908 genealogy does not mention Polly and Rachel Mead, but the town vital records suggest an identity for them. The distribution indicates that their mother was a sister of the three Smiths; she married a Mead; and she died before Gamaliel wrote his will. We find an excellent match for this individual in Rachel Smith, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Northrup) Smith, born on 23 October 1752.<sup>13</sup> A Rachel Smith married Jeremiah Mead in 1779, had daughters named Rachel and Polly or Patty, and died in 1782. [See the genealogical summary below for specifics.]

Several land records deal with properties related to the Gamaliel Northrup estate. Some of these, however, refer to the estate of his son, "Captain Gamaliel Northrup." These include the following:

1. On 5 May 1785, Jesse Benedict of Ridgefield and John St. John of Norwalk, for £76 18 shillings, sold to Gamaliel Benedict of Ridgefield "by virtue of power & authority given to us by the Court of Probate for the district of Danbury ... a certain piece of land lying in Ridgfield, being part of the estate of Capt. Gamaliel Northrup ... near the dwelling house of the sd dec'd, containing 14 acres and a half, bounded north and east by land of Timothy Keeler Jun'r, southerly by highway, west by the land of the heirs of sd Dec'd Capt. Gamaliel Northrup." On the same date, Gamaliel Benedict sold the same 14.5 acres of land, for the same price, back to John St. John of Norwalk.<sup>14</sup> Evidently, this arrangement was so that one of the executors could obtain the land in a legal manner after the executors jointly raised the required money according to their responsibilities. The initial sale may have been to raise the money due to Gamaliel Jr.'s widow, now Mary Camp, as mentioned above.
2. On 6 May 1785, Jesse Benedict and John St. John, as executors of the will of Gamaliel Northrup, sold to Benjamin Smith, for £33, 4 acres and 1 rood of land at Blacksmith Ridge, bounded south by highway, east and west by the heirs of Gamaliel Northrup, and north by land of the heirs of Captain Gamaliel Northrup (d. 1776).<sup>15</sup> This may have been for the settlement of debts, or for the raising of funds to fulfill a provision of the will.
3. On 7 May 1785, Benjamin Smith sold to Jesse Benedict, for £33, 9 shillings, a parcel containing (8?) acres, 1 rood, 24 rods of land, being 4 rods wide at the north end and 15.75 rods wide at the south end, bounded south by highway, east and west by land of the heirs of the late Gamaliel Northrup, and north by heirs of Captain Gamaliel Northrup. The description sounds similar to the parcel just discussed, except that the numeral for the number of acres is difficult to read, and looks more like an "8" than the "4" one would expect.<sup>16</sup>
4. On 30 October 1786, Samuel Smith of Norwalk, for £6, sold to Josiah Northrup of Ridgefield a parcel in Ridgefield, "being part of the land that was Gamaliel

<sup>13</sup>Ridgefield land records, vol. 1, p. 245.

<sup>14</sup>Ibid., 6:164a; FHL no. 5498.

<sup>15</sup>Ibid., 6:176a.

<sup>16</sup>Ibid., 6:176b.

Northrup's Dec'd, bounded north by highway, east by Daniel Smith's land, south by land belonging to John Keeler Dec'd's heirs, & west by Mary Smith's land, containing two acres."<sup>17</sup>

5. On 14 August 1787, Mary Smith, "late of Ridgfield, now of Norwalk, for £6, sold to Josiah Northrup of Ridgefield, a parcel of land in Ridgefield, "being part of the lot that lately belonged to Gamaliel Northrup Dec'd, containing two acres and 20 rods, bounded north by highway, east by Samuel Smith's land, south by land belonging to John Keeler Dec'd's heirs, west by Sarah Scribner's land."<sup>18</sup>
6. On 14 August 1787, Daniel Smith the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Ridgefield, for £3, 18 shillings, 9 pence, sold to Josiah Northrup "one acre and three roods of land, be the same more or less, lying near the house of Daniel Chitterster, and is bounded north by my own land, west by the land of said Northrup, east by highway, south by the land of Sarah Starr."<sup>19</sup> The Gamaliel Northrup estate is not mentioned, but the acreage fits Daniel's share in the 1785 distribution.
7. On 18 October 1787, "Noah Olmsted and Hannah his wife of Saratoga District, Albany County and State of New York," for £50 sold to Gamaliel Benedict a parcel "near the house of John Baldwin, containing 12 acres, 2 roods and half a rood, bounded south by the homelot of said Baldwin in part, and in part by highway, west by the land of said Baldwin, north by the land of Martha the wife of John Saintjohn and east by highway."<sup>20</sup> There is no mention as to which estate this parcel came from, but it matches the description of the land laid out to Hannah, daughter of Gamaliel Northrup, in the 1785 distribution.
8. On 24 April 1789, "Daniel Scribner and Sarah his wife, of Half Moon District in the county of Albany and State of New York" for £6 7 shillings and 9 pence, quit-claimed to Jesse Benedict of Ridgefield "the whole of all the right, title, and interest that we have in, and unto two certain pieces or parcels of land lying in said Ridgfield," one piece being 10 acres at Blacksmith Ridge "bounded north by land of Hannah the wife of Noah Olmsted, east by the land of Mehetable the wife of said Benedict, south and west by highway"; the other piece being 18 acres on West Mountain "bounded north by Benjamin Sherwood, east by Ezra Benedict and highway, south by Aaron Northrup, and west by highway."<sup>21</sup> The latter parcel probably half of the land at West Mountain that had belonged to Captain Gamaliel Northrup. As for the Blacksmith Ridge land, possibly, it came from other heirs through a deed that was not recorded, for I do not find such a deed on record.
9. On 3 February 1790, Daniel Scribner and wife Sarah, of Half Moon District, for £6,

<sup>17</sup>Ibid., 7:96a. FHL 5499

<sup>18</sup>Ibid., 7:96b.

<sup>19</sup>Ibid., 7:96b.

<sup>20</sup>Ibid., 7:53b.

<sup>21</sup>Ibid., 7:125a



sold to Josiah Northrup of Ridgefield, a 2 acre parcel near Josiah's dwelling place, "bounded northeasterly by highway, east by said Northrup's land, south by the land of Jesse Benedict, west by the land of the heirs of Rachel Mead dec'd."<sup>22</sup> This is evidently the land distributed to Sarah out of her grandfather's estate.

There are also several deeds related to the estate of Captain Gamaliel Northrup, i.e., Gamaliel Northrup, Junior, who died in 1776. Some of these are more explicit on the relationships of the various heirs. Though their wording suggests that they were distributed directly from Gamaliel Junior's estate, the 1778 distribution clearly passed the land to Gamaliel Senior. Therefore, these parcels effectively came from the latter's estate, even when not mentioned in the 1785 distribution. The deeds include the following:

1. On 28 March 1787, Benjamin Smith of Ridgefield, "by virtue of special power & authority to me derived from the Honorable Court of Probate for Danbury District, ... for the consideration of seven pounds, thirteen shillings and two pence, to me secured, for the payment of debts, and charges arisen against and on the estate of Capt. Gamaliel Northrup late of said Ridgefield Dec'd," sold to John Saintjohn of Norwalk a tract of land at Blacksmith Ridge "containing 1 acre, 1 rood, 4 rods of land, bounded south partly by said Saintjohn's lands & partly by Jesse Benedict's land, east by Timothy Keeler Junr's lands, north by land belonging to the heirs of Nathan Bouton Dec'd, west by land belonging to the heirs of Gamaliel Northrup Dec'd."
2. On 25 April 1791, John Saintjohn of Norwalk, for £9, sold to John Baldwin a parcel containing 2 acres and 1 rood of land in Ridgefield, bounded north by land of Timothy Keeler Junior, south and west by Baldwin's land, east by highway.<sup>23</sup> This may include the land just mentioned.
3. On 16 August 1787, John Keeler 2d and Sarah Starr of Ridgefield, for 44 shillings and 44 cents, sold to "John Saint John ye 4<sup>th</sup> of Norwalk" a parcel of land containing 11 acres, 3 roods, 12 pole, "being what was distributed to us out of the estate of our uncle Gamaliel Northrup, late of said Ridgefield Dec'd, and is bounded north by the land of Joseph Hawley's heirs, east by land set out of said estate to Mehitable, wife of Jesse Benedict, south by land of Nathaniel Keeler, and the heirs of Samuel Smith Esq., Dec'd, west by highway."<sup>24</sup> Since the quantity of this parcel is about equal to the acreage that the two siblings received in Gamaliel Senior's will, we may assume that this 12-acre parcel came to Gamaliel Senior from his son's estate.
4. On 27 August 1787, Nathaniel Keeler of Upper Salem, Westchester County, New York, sold to Ezra Benedict of Ridgefield, "two certain pieces of land lying in sd Ridgefield, being what was set out to me of the estate of my uncle Gamaliel Northrup,

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<sup>22</sup>Ibid., 7:96a.

<sup>23</sup>Ibid., 7:147a.

<sup>24</sup>Ibid., 7:30b.

late of said Ridgfield Dec'd." One piece contained 7 acres, 1 rood of land at Blacksmith Ridge and was bounded north by land of John Saint John 2nd, east by land of Jesse Benedict's wife, south by land of "Hannah the wife of Noah Olmsted," west by land of the heirs of Samuel Smith Esquire. The second piece was 20 acres lying in West Mountain, bounded north by land of Joseph Stebbins, Jasper Mead, and Ebenezer Smith, west by John Sherwood, south by land of the heirs of Samuel Smith Deceased, and east by highway.

5. Another deed involving land from the estate of the two Gamaliel Northrups provides details on the family of John St. John, one of the executors: On 17 February 1796, "Thaddeus Mead and wife Eunice; Joel Saintjohn, Bela Saintjohn, and Northrup Saintjohn, all of Norwalk, ... and John Saintjohn of Franklin [Dutchess Co., N.Y.] ... and Gamaliel Saintjohn of Danbury," for £72 quit-claimed to their father, John Saintjohn Senior, all their right, title, and interest in the real and personal estate of Gamaliel Northrup Senior and Junior, deceased of Ridgfield, in particular to two certain pieces or parcels of land at Blacksmith Ridge. One parcel, containing 13 acres, 18 rods, was bounded south on highway, east on John's own land, north of Timother Keeler Junior and heirs of Bathan Bouton, and west on Jesse Benedict and Ezra Benedict; the other parcel, containing 2 acres 1 rood, was bounded north on highway and Timothy Keeler Jr.'s land; west and south on John Baldwin's land [east boundary not specified].<sup>25</sup>
6. On 5 January 1796, John St. John, for £200, sold to Ezra Benedict of Ridgefield a tract of land containing 30 acres, along with "one sixth part of the dwelling house standing thereon, including other buildings and fruit trees, & is bounded south by highway, east on Timothy Keeler, north on sd. Keeler, and Nathan Bouton's heirs, west on Jesse Benedict and Ezra Benedict." From its description, this property sounds like part of the Northrup estate. Interestingly, there was no mention of wife Martha, through whom the land came to him.
7. On 4 April 1793, Jesse Benedict of Ridgefield, for 38£, sold to Josiah Northrup a parcel bounded north by Northrup's home lot and Rachel Mead's heirs' land; east and west by highway, south by land of James Sturgis and Daniel Smith 4<sup>th</sup> and contains 12 acres."<sup>26</sup> This land was possibly from Capt Gamaliel's estate.

The foregoing deeds show that most of the grandchildren sold their portions in the real estate that came from the two Gamaliel Northrups. The two executors, Jesse Benedict and John Saint John obtained some of it, and a considerable portion was purchased by Josiah Northrup, who was not an immediate relation of the family. I note that those selling the land often mentioned an acreage figure that corresponds to the amounts distributed to them in the 1785 distribution. Given that that distribution reserved

<sup>25</sup>Ibid. 8:95b-96a.

<sup>26</sup>Ibid., 8:23a.

a part of these parcels for Mary Northrup, widow of Gamaliel Senior, the sale of the parcels without reference to that contingency may suggest that the widow did remarry. One possibility is that she is the Mary Northrup who married, on 27 October 1785, Elijah Bowler.<sup>27</sup> However, I do not find any deeds, such as quit-claims, involving Elijah and Mary Bowler, which we might expect if she remarried. Also, there is the fact that the court approved the distribution in December of 1785 and made no mention of the widow's remarriage. So it seems more likely that the widow either died or remarried between the time of the distribution and the onset of the other heirs' sales. The first such sale, by Smith, conveys only part of the land being described, which may be worded to exclude the widow's share from the sale; but by August of 1787, the heirs were describing actual acreages, so this may indicate that the widow's share was now included in the other heirs' portions so that the whole of a given parcel could be sold.

There remains the question of the land distributed to the Mead sisters, who were only minors at the time of their great-grandfather's death. Without prior knowledge of what happened to them, such as who they married, they did not turn up in the index of deeds. To investigate this question, I thought it could help to investigate the descriptions of parcels that border on the Mead land. Much of the land around Gamaliel Northrup's home lot was purchased by Josiah Northrup. He died in 1797, and a distribution of his estate occurred on 24 November 1806. Among the parcels distributed, a portion of the home lot went to daughter Lucy Northrup, and it was bounded "east by land set out to Daniel Northrup, west by "Jeremiah Mead's land; north by highway; south by land herein set to Sally Nash." To daughter Sally Nash went land bounded on the north "in part by land herein distributed to Lucy, & in part by Jeremiah Mead's land."<sup>28</sup> This suggests that by 1806, the land that went to Rachel and Polly Mead was being described as the property of their father. Another check in the deeds index uncovered the final deed in the series and provided the answer to this question: On 28 March 1801, Seth DeForest and Rachel his wife, of Norwalk, and Patty Mead of Richfield, for \$53.34, quit-claimed to "our honored father Jeremiah Mead" all their right and title to a four-acre parcel bounded on the north by Aaron Northrup's land, northeasterly and west by highway, south and east by the land of the heirs of Josiah Northrup, deceased."<sup>29</sup>

### **Genealogical summary of the family of Gamaliel Northrup:**

1. Gamaliel Northrup, baptized at Milford in May of 1696, son of Daniel. He married (1) 2 January 1723/24 at Ridgefield, Mary Dauchy, daughter of Vivus Dauchy. While the Northrup genealogy states that he married, secondly, ca. 1741, a Sarah, there is no record of this, and the probate records clearly name his widow "Mary," so she was likely his only wife. The Ridgefield vital records do not record her death, nor is there a record of a

<sup>27</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:156.

<sup>28</sup>Danbury probate, v. 9, p. 526; FHL film no. 4027.

<sup>29</sup>Ridgefield deeds, v. 8:301a



cemetery inscription in the Hale collection. She probably either died or remarried between December of 1785 and August of 1787. Children of Gamaliel and Mary (Dauchy) Northrup, all probably born at Ridgefield:

- a. Elizabeth, b. 2(?) Oct. 1723 or 1724; d. 14 March 1725.<sup>30</sup>
- b. Mary, b. 26 May 1726.<sup>31</sup> (2)
- c. Sarah, b. 29 April 1728.<sup>32</sup> (3)
- d. Gamaliel, b. 9 May 1730; d. 3 Sept. 1736.<sup>33</sup>
- e. Daniel, b. 17 July 1733; d. 18 Jan. 1738.<sup>34</sup>
- f. Elizabeth, b. 29 Feb. 1735/36.<sup>35</sup> She was not mentioned in the will of her father, so she may have been the Elizabeth Northrup who died on 14 November 1776.<sup>36</sup>
- g. Mehetable, b. 13 May 1738.<sup>37</sup> (4)
- h. Rachel, b. 18 July 1740.<sup>38</sup> (5)
- i. Gamaliel, b. 5 Dec. 1742.<sup>39</sup> He married Mary Keeler on 14 May 1766<sup>40</sup>, but there is no record of any children. He died without issue in October of 1776 while serving as a captain in Col. Silliman's regiment during the Revolutionary War.<sup>41</sup> He left a will, quoted earlier, and various deeds associated with the sale of his land are of interest, as they reaffirm the identities of several female relatives.
- j. Martha, b. 2 Dec. 1744.<sup>42</sup> (6) Inexplicably, the Northrup genealogy called her "Maria."

<sup>30</sup>Ridgefield land records, 1:204 and 1:214. The birth date following the month is damaged in the original, but given as "Oct. 2, 1723" in the Northrup genealogy. The Barbour Collection transcript supposes the year was 1924, perhaps to leave less of a gap before the birth of the next child.

<sup>31</sup>Ibid. 1:207.

<sup>32</sup>Ibid.

<sup>33</sup>Ibid., 1:207 and 1:214.

<sup>34</sup>Ibid., 1:207 and 1:215.

<sup>35</sup>Ibid., 1:207.

<sup>36</sup>Ridgefield vital records, v. 2, p. 202. I have noticed some online family trees identifying this Elizabeth as the wife of a Daniel Olmsted and mother of eleven children whose births are recorded at Ridgefield. That Elizabeth died in 1822 at the age of 87, making this appear to be a good match. Had this been true, though, she surely would have been mentioned in the probate records. This Olmsted couple is discussed in Henry K. Olmsted's *Genealogy of the Olmsted family* (New York, 1912), p. 200, but it does not name Elizabeth's parents. It does assert that she was born in Milford, which conflicts with the birth of Gamaliel's daughter at Ridgefield.

<sup>37</sup>Ridgefield land records, 1:207.

<sup>38</sup>Ibid., 1:225.

<sup>39</sup>Ibid., 1:236.

<sup>40</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:151.

<sup>41</sup>*Northrup genealogy* (1908), p. 13. He is also listed in the *Record of service of Connecticut men in the Revolution* (Hartford, 1889), p. 393–394, though that work does not mention him as a fatality. One of his lieutenants was John Saint John—probably his brother-in-law and executor.

<sup>42</sup>Ridgefield land records, v. 1, p. 207.

- k. Hannah, b. 1 May, 1747.<sup>43</sup> (7)
2. Mary Northrup, b. 26 May 1726, married on 18 May 1743, Samuel Smith.<sup>44</sup> He was born on 9 July 1719, the son of Samuel and Sarah Smith. She died on 26 Dec. 1781, he on 20 Jan. 1782, both of smallpox.<sup>45</sup> Their children, born at Ridgefield:
- a. Samuel Smith, b. 21 Dec. 1743.<sup>46</sup> According to Jacobus, he died without issue on 12 December 1831.<sup>47</sup>
  - b. Daniel Smith, b. 4 June 1745.<sup>48</sup> He married, first, on 25 Feb. 176[-], Mary Smith, and, second, on 1 March 1781, Elizabeth Northrup.<sup>49</sup> The latter was reportedly an Andrews and the widow of Thomas Northrup of Salem, New York, and her maiden name was Andrews.<sup>50</sup> Daniel died on 7 March 1795.<sup>51</sup>
  - c. Sarah Smith, b. 3 June 1748.<sup>52</sup> One of the deeds related to the Gamaliel Northrup estate shows that she married Daniel Scribner, though that marriage was not recorded at Ridgefield. They were living in the “Half Moon District” of Albany County, New York, when they sold her land. I do not find them in the 1790 census in northern New York, but possibly they lived in Norwich, Chenango County in 1800.
  - d. Mary Smith, b. 24 Aug. 1750.<sup>53</sup> She was alive in 1785 as she was one of the heirs who received land in the distribution of the estate. She lived at Norwalk. Neither the Norwalk nor the Ridgefield vital records have any record of her death.
  - e. Rachel Smith, b. 23 Oct. 1752.<sup>54</sup> She married Jeremiah Mead on 17 February 1779.<sup>55</sup> Children born to this couple include Rachel, on 16 March 1780, and Patty, on 13 August 1781.<sup>56</sup> Jeremiah Mead’s wife Rachel died on 21 January 1782.<sup>57</sup>

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<sup>43</sup>Ibid.

<sup>44</sup>Ibid., 1:231.

<sup>45</sup>Ridgefield vital records, v.2, p. 202. [Their death records are listed together.]

<sup>46</sup>Ridgefield land records, 1:237.

<sup>47</sup>Donald L. Jacobus, “William Smith of Jamaica,” *The American Genealogist*, vol. 25, no. 2 (April 1949), p. 81.

<sup>48</sup>Ridgefield land records, 1:238.

<sup>49</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:150 (last digit of year missing due to damaged record) and 2:155.

<sup>50</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:155, with details on Elizabeth from the *Northrup genealogy* (1908), p. 49. I have some doubt about that account, which I will discuss in a follow-up article.

<sup>51</sup>Ibid., 2:207.

<sup>52</sup>Ridgefield land records, 1:241.

<sup>53</sup>Ibid., 1:245.

<sup>54</sup>Ibid.

<sup>55</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:152 and 154.

<sup>56</sup>Ibid., vol. 2, p. 44. While the Barbour Collection transcript of 2000 gives the second daughter’s name as “Polly,” the 1801 deed calls her “Patty,” and the original birth record seems to agree, although the “cross-line” that turns a double-L into a double-t is faint. Gamaliel’s will clearly names her “Polly,” whereas the recorded distribution gave her name as “Patty”—the second letter is definitely an “a” but the ‘cross-line is again faint.

<sup>57</sup>Ibid., 2:202. I also note that, while the published transcription of the Barbour Collection suggests several more children to Jeremiah and Rachel, the identity of the parents is not in the original records. The editors should have placed “Jeremiah and *Betty*” in brackets, because after Rachel’s death, Jeremiah Mead married Betty Whitney, on 6

Daughter Rachel married Seth DeForest of Norwalk. Online trees claim that Patty married Ezekiel Studwell of Greenwich, Connecticut, and had eight children. Other online trees claim nine children for the DeForest family.

- f. Gamaliel Smith, b. 9 Nov. 17--; d. 5 Jan. 1762, of smallpox.<sup>58</sup>
3. Sarah Northrup, born 29 April 1728, married on 30 May 1750, John Keeler.<sup>59</sup> She died on 11 Dec. 1781 of smallpox, two weeks before her sister Mary did. John Keeler died on 2 January 1782, during the same epidemic.<sup>60</sup> Their children<sup>61</sup>:
  - a. Sarah Keeler, b. 12 July 1751. She married Noah Starr on 11 Aug. 1773.<sup>62</sup> Noah died on 6 January 1782<sup>63</sup>, during the same period when others in the extended family were dying of smallpox.
  - b. John Keeler, b. 10 Jan. 1753.<sup>64</sup> He married, on 6 December 1775, Patty Olmsted.<sup>65</sup> A Keeler genealogy identifies her as Patty, daughter of Silas and Abigail (DeForest) Olmsted, and lists nine children for this couple.<sup>66</sup>
4. Mehitabel Northrup, b. 13 May 1738. She married 15 Sept. 1756, Jesse Benedict.<sup>67</sup> He was b. 2 Feb. 1735, the son of Matthew and Ruth (Keeler) Benedict of Ridgefield.<sup>68</sup> Jesse Benedict wrote his will on 29 November 1804 and left a third of his estate to wife Mehitabel as dower. Of the remaining real estate, he divided it among seven sons (Jesse, Gamaliel, Ezra, Joseph, Benjamin, Thaddeus, and Lewis) and four daughters (Elisabeth, Mehitabel, Ruth, and Hannah).<sup>69</sup> He died on 2 February 1805.<sup>70</sup>
5. Rachel Northrup, b. 18 July 1740. She married Isaac Keeler, Jr., on 16 January 1760. Children of this couple recorded at Ridgefield include Nathaniel, on 3 November 1760, and Rachel, on 5 January 1763. Rachel (Northrup) Keeler, wife of Isaac Keeler Jr., died on 17 January 1763, and their daughter Rachel died on 7 February 1763.
  - a. Nathaniel Keeler, b. 3 November 1760. While he only received money in his grandfather's will, he received two parcels of land that originally came from the estate of his uncle, Capt. Gamaliel Northrup. He was living at Salem, Westchester

Oct. 1784. [Ridgefield vital records 2:155 ]

<sup>58</sup>RfVR 1:14 (year of birth in original was effaced by damage); RfVR 1:202.

<sup>59</sup>Ridgefield land records, v. 1, p. 234. The Northrup genealogy put the date as 31 May.

<sup>60</sup>Ridgefield vital records, v.2, p. 203. [Their death records are listed together.]

<sup>61</sup>Ibid., 2:248.

<sup>62</sup>Ibid., 2:153.

<sup>63</sup>Ibid., 2:203.

<sup>64</sup>Ridgefield land records, v. 1, p. 248.

<sup>65</sup>Ridgefield vital records, v. 1, p. 153. The vital record calls the wife "Pat," while the Northrup genealogy called her "Polly."

<sup>66</sup>Wesley B. Keeler, *Keeler family* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 2000), p. 88–89.

<sup>67</sup>Ridgefield land records, v. 1, p. 252.

<sup>68</sup>Ibid., 1:211.

<sup>69</sup>Danbury probate register vol. 8, pp. 7–8; FHL film no. 4027.

<sup>70</sup>Ridgefield vital records v.2, p. 212.



County, N.Y., when, on 27 August 1787, he sold these parcels to Ezra Benedict.<sup>71</sup> He reportedly married Rhoda Lawrence in 1786, had four children, and died at Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., New York, on 14 Jan. 1807.<sup>72</sup>

- b. Rachel Keeler, b. 5 January 1763; d. 7 Feb. 1763.
6. Martha Northrup, b. 2 December 1744. She married John St. John, though the date is not on record at either Ridgefield or Norwalk, where they settled. Details on their family are to be found in the deed quoted above, dated 17 February 1796. Children include the following<sup>73</sup>:
- a. Eunice St. John, who married Thaddeus Mead and lived at Norwalk;
  - b. John Saint John, who settled at Franklin, Dutchess Co., N.Y.;
  - c. Gamaliel Saint John, who settled at Danbury;
  - d. Joel Saint John, of Norwalk
  - e. Bela Saint John of Norwalk; and
  - f. Northrup Saint John, of Norwalk.
7. Hannah Northrup, b. 1 May 1747. While the Northrup genealogy of 1908 only notes that she married an Olmsted, her husband's identity was revealed by the will of her brother and a subsequent land sale; he was Noah Olmsted. The marriage was not recorded at Ridgefield (what about Ridgebury?), and by 1787 they were living in the "Saratoga District" of Albany County, New York. The 1790 census shows a family at Stillwater, Albany [later Saratoga] County, New York, headed by Noah Olmsted with three males 16 years or older, one male under 16, and two females.

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<sup>71</sup>Ridgefield deeds, 7:29b.

<sup>72</sup>*Keeler family* (2000), p. 150–151.

<sup>73</sup>Online family trees list five more children, named Mary, Rachel, Elijah, Timothy, and Anna, though none of the eleven had births recorded at either town. These trees also identify John as the son of John and Eunice (Hayes), born at Norwalk on 2 April 1735. This birth is also not on record.

**The Family of Nathan French and Philomela Judd,  
of Watertown, Connecticut, and Portage County, Ohio**

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Nineteenth century spellings sometimes create interesting genealogical puzzles. In 1856, Mr. Sylvester Judd published *Thomas Judd and His Descendants*. Information for the family of Levi and Eunice (Hubbard) Judd was provided in 1850 by Mary Watson Judd, widow of Luther Judd, one of Levi and Eunice's sons. Levi and Eunice's children include a daughter listed as: "Fila. Married a French. Lives in Ohio."<sup>1</sup> Searching 1850 census records in Ohio for a "Fila French" gives no results; however, a "Philomela French" does appear. Research on her family and specifically a biography of her son, Silas,<sup>2</sup> which states that his parents were Nathan French and 'Philomena' Judd, connects Philomela to the phonetic nickname of Fila. As is typical of the era, the spelling of her name varies depending on the source.

Nathan and Philomela were married in Watertown, Connecticut. All of their children were born there, and three of their girls are buried there. The family 'removed' to Portage County, Ohio, in 1834-1835. Nathan died shortly thereafter, but the family stayed in Portage County although Silas eventually settled in Michigan. Silas's biography states that his parents had ten children, seven of whom lived to adulthood.

**Genealogical Summary:**

**Nathan FRENCH**, son of Gideon and Eunice (Shelton) French,<sup>3</sup> b. Watertown, Litchfield, Conn., abt. 1790, d. Portage Co., Ohio, 19 Apr 1839, age 48 years, 7 mos, 14 das.,<sup>4</sup> m. Watertown, probably about 1810-11, **Philomela JUDD**, daughter of Levi and Eunice (Hubbard) Judd, b. Watertown, Conn., abt. 1790, d. Portage Co., Ohio, 2 Dec 1859, pneumonia, buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Ravenna.<sup>5</sup>

Children, all born in Watertown, Conn.:<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Judd, Sylvester. *Thomas Judd and His Descendants*. Northampton, Mass.: J. & L. Metcalf, 1856. 47, 51.

<sup>2</sup>"Silas French". *Portrait and Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan*. Chicago: Chapman Bros., 1891. 343-345.

<sup>3</sup>French, Mansfield Joseph. *Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel French the Joiner of Stratford, Connecticut*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: Edwards Brothers, Inc., 1940. 298.

<sup>4</sup>*Portage County Ohio Cemeteries: City of Ravenna and Ravenna Township 1802-1996, Book II of Volume XIII*, Ravenna, Ohio: Portage County Genealogical Society, 1998. 253. This source also lists Anner, Eunice, 'Philamelia', Henry N. and Jennett.

<sup>5</sup>Silas's biography lists Nathan's death date as 1837. It also lists Philomela's death dates. Philomela also appears on the 1860 Federal Mortality Schedule for Portage County, which lists her cause of death, and her age as 70.

<sup>6</sup>The names of all the children were gathered from cemetery records, census records, and records of the children as adults. Harlan Jessup assisted by searching for Watertown birth records, but found no records other than the cemetery ones. Nathan French appears as a head of household in Watertown on the 1820 and 1830 census. Philomela French appears as head of household in Palmyra, Portage, Ohio, on the 1840 census.

- i. Abigail French, b. abt. 1812, d. Watertown, 7 July 1829, age 17, buried Old Cemetery.<sup>7</sup>
- ii. Lucy French, b. abt. 1813, d. Watertown, 28 Sept 1828, age 15,<sup>8</sup> buried Old Cemetery, headstone broken.
- 1 iii. William S. French, b. 1816, m. Amantha Price.
- 2 iv. Rebecca French, b. 1818, m. Isaac Brown.
- v. Eunice French, b. 1820, d. Freedom, Portage Co. at Rebecca's home, 25 Jan 1861, 40y, 9m, 12 days, unmarried.<sup>9</sup> Buried Maple Grove Cemetery.
- 3 vi. Silas French, b. 25 Mar 1822, m. Lucy Skilton.
- 4 vii. Ezra French, b. 1824, m. Lucy Hatch.
- viii. Anner French, b. 1826, d. Ravenna, Portage, Ohio, 19 May 1902, unmarried.<sup>10</sup> Buried Maple Grove Cemetery.
- ix. Amelia French, b. abt. March 1829, d. Watertown, 31 Dec 1829, age 9 months, buried Old Cemetery.
- x. Henry French, b. 6 Sep 1831, d. Ravenna, Portage, Ohio, 27 June 1860, m. Ravenna, 27 Feb 1852, Jeannette Parthenia Skilton (sister to Lucy Skilton), b. Watertown, Conn., 27 Aug 1831, d. Ravenna, 11 Aug 1858. No children.<sup>11</sup> Both died of consumption, and both are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>7</sup>Hale Collection, Watertown, page 56; *The Old Burying Ground of Ancient Westbury and Present Watertown*. Watertown, Conn.: Sarah Whitman Trumbull Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1938. 88. These sources list Abigail, Lucy and Amelia's headstones.

<sup>8</sup>Richardson, N.S., Frederick Dayton, M. Grace Dayton, and C.S. Abbott. *Record of Mortality of the town of Watertown, Conn.* Originally published 1889, reprinted (scan) Sarasota, Florida: Aceto Bookman, 2000. 41.

<sup>9</sup>Clegg, Michael. *Portage County Ohio Newspaper Obituary Abstracts 1825-1870, Vol 2*. Published by author, 1982. 38. Rebecca's home is inferred, because the listing says "Isaac French". The obituary originally appeared in the *Portage County Democrat* 6 Feb 1861.

<sup>10</sup>"Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F6Z2-44S>; accessed 05 Dec 2012), Anner French, 19 May 1902. All remaining *FamilySearch* citations have the same initial web address with only the final eight characters different, therefore only the last eight characters will be specified in later citations.

<sup>11</sup>Skilton, John Davis, editor. *Dr. Henry Skilton and His Descendants*. New Haven: Press of S.Z. Field, 1921. 171.

<sup>12</sup>Clegg. Nathan appears on page 37, referencing the July 4, 1860 issue of the *Portage County Democrat*. Jennette is listed on page 33, referencing the Aug 18, 1858 issue. The obituaries gave the cause of death for both.



**Children (as adults) and Grandchildren:**

1. **William S. FRENCH**, b. 1816, d. Ravenna, Portage, Ohio, 20 Oct 1886,<sup>13</sup> m. Portage Co., 2 Mar 1837,<sup>14</sup> **Amantha PRICE**, daughter of William and Barbara (Boosinger<sup>15</sup>) Price, b. Ravenna, Ohio, 14 Dec 1815,<sup>16</sup> d. Ravenna, 16 Oct 1908.<sup>17</sup> Both buried in Maple Grove Cemetery.<sup>18</sup>

Children, all born in Portage County:

i. Nathan French, d. 1 Aug 1841, 3 yrs.<sup>19</sup>

ii. Lucy Barbara French, b. Apr 1842,<sup>20</sup> d. Ravenna, 8 Dec 1926, unmarried.<sup>21</sup>

iii. George Henry French, b. Ravenna, 31 Oct 1843, d. Shalersville, Portage, Ohio, 14 Jan 1930,<sup>22</sup> m. Portage Co., 3 May 1871,<sup>23</sup> Mary Evylin Branch, daughter of Seth and Rebecca (Sharp) Branch, b. Shalersville, 26 Feb 1849, d. Ravenna 2 Mar. 1935.<sup>24</sup> Both buried in Maple Grove Cemetery with Seth and Rebecca Branch, no children.<sup>25</sup>

5 iv. Elam Wales French, b. 19 July 1848, m. Ella L. Perkins

2. **Rebecca FRENCH**, b. 1818, d. Freedom, Portage, Ohio, 9 Feb 1881, age 62,<sup>26</sup> m. 1837,<sup>27</sup> **Isaac BROWN**, b. New York, 1813, d. 6 Oct 1885, both buried West Freedom Cemetery, Freedom Township, Portage, Ohio.

<sup>13</sup>"Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997", index, *Family Search* (/F6ZG-QTP: accessed 05 Dec 2012), Wm. S. French, 20 Oct 1886. William's middle initial varies on census records. It's listed as 'S' in his cemetery listing.

<sup>14</sup>"Ohio, Marriages, 1800-1958," index, *Family Search* (/XDVQ-K2Q : accessed 16 Nov. 2012), William French and Amantha Price, 02 Mar 1837.

<sup>15</sup>"Pioneer Women of Ravenna" as transcribed on files.usgwarchives.net/oh/portage/history/Ravenna.txt, accessed 21 Dec 2012.

<sup>16</sup>"Pioneer Dies of Old Age (Mrs. Amantha P. French)" obituary originally published in the *Ashtabula Star Beacon*, copy obtained from the Genealogical Collection of the Geneva (Ohio) Library, reference EASHSB38 – p. 397.

<sup>17</sup>"Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997," index, *FamilySearch* (/F6Z2-X4W : accessed 05 Dec 2012), Amantha French, 16 Oct 1908.

<sup>18</sup>*Portage County Ohio Cemeteries, Book III of Volume XIII*. 329. Their family plot includes Nathan, Lucy, Elam, daughter-in-law, Ella, and grandson, Charles.

<sup>19</sup>"Pioneer Dies..." , "Four children were born to them of whom the oldest, Nathan, died at the age of four years." *Portage County Ohio Cemeteries, Book III of Volume XIII*. 329: "stone gone in 1996, info per 1930".

<sup>20</sup>1900 Federal Census, Ravenna, Portage, Ohio.

<sup>21</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," index and images, *FamilySearch* (/XZLZ-K4G : accessed 05 Dec 2012), Lucy Barbara French, 08 Dec 1926; citing Ravenna, Portage, Ohio, reference fn 77163; FHL microfilm 1984618.

<sup>22</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953", (/X8RN-FD9) reference fn 5196; FHL microfilm 1992083. This lists his birth year as 1844.

<sup>23</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," index and images, *FamilySearch* (/X8ZL-9VG : accessed 16 Nov 2012), George H. French and Mary E. Branch, 1871; citing FHL microfilm 891362.

<sup>24</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953", (/X6WS-W7D), reference fn 12548, FHL microfilm 2022483.

<sup>25</sup>*Portage County Ohio Cemeteries, Book II of Volume XIII*. 46. George's birth year is recorded as 1843, which is more consistent with census records. They do not have any children listed on the 1880, 1910 or 1920 census records. 1900 could not be found.

<sup>26</sup>Morse, Cynthia and Allan Vargo. Transcription of headstones done June 2003. (shows Isaac, Rebecca, Mary and Ellen). <http://files.usgwarchives.net/oh/portage/cemeteries/freedom.txt> Accessed 4 Dec. 2012.

<sup>27</sup>"Henry Irving Brown". *History of Portage County, Ohio*. Chicago: Warner, Beers & Co., 1885. 717.

## Children:

- i. Levi J. Brown, b. 1838, d. Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, 4 Jan 1883,<sup>28</sup> married to a "Lizzie" on the 1880 census. He was a lawyer, and his partner was another young man originally from Freedom, Charles A. Dudley.
  - ii. Mary Ann Brown, b. 1840, d. 16 Nov 1875, 'aged 35 years', buried with her parents, m. Portage Co, 28 Oct 1867,<sup>29</sup> Moses B. James, b. abt 1838, d. Portage Co., 18 Apr 1920.<sup>30</sup> No children.
  - iii. Ellen A. Brown, b. abt 1846, d. 16 Mar 1928 'aged 83 years'; m (1) as his second wife, 13 Nov 1873,<sup>31</sup> Dan R. King, b. 20 Mar 1842, d. 25 Nov 1910;<sup>32</sup> m. (2) as his second wife, 23 Jan 1913,<sup>33</sup> Homer A. Curtiss, b. 10 Mar. 1847, d. 9 Dec 1929. Ellen and Dan have one adopted daughter, Ethel N. King.<sup>34</sup>
  - 6 iv. Ida Daisy Brown, b. 31 Jan 1857, m. Andrew A. Thayer
  - 7 v. Henry Irving Brown, b. 28 July 1860, m. Allie Bierce, a.k.a. Allie Miller
3. **Silas FRENCH**, b. 25 Mar 1822, d. Eaton Co., Michigan, 21 May 1903, m. Portage Co., Ohio, 22 Apr 1846, **Lucy Cornelia SKILTON**, daughter of Elijah Steele and Elizabeth (Wilson) Skilton, b. Watertown, Conn., 24 Jan 1828, d. Eaton Co., Mich. 21 Apr 1902, both buried Dimondale Cemetery.

In addition to appearing in the *Portrait and Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan*, Silas's family was traced in *Dr. Henry Skilton and His Descendants*.<sup>35</sup> Silas and Lucy had four children:

- i. Henry Avery French, b. 1 Mar 1847, d. 20 Sept 1916, married twice, two children.
- ii. Alfred Elijah French, b. 3 Feb 1849, d. Michigan, 1920,<sup>36</sup> m. Frances Alice Brant, b.

<sup>28</sup>"Iowa, Deaths and Burials, 1850-1990," index, *FamilySearch* (/XV4L-MP8 : accessed 05 Dec 2012), Levi J. Brown, 04 Jan 1883.

<sup>29</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," (/X8ZR-4LR : accessed 05 Dec. 2012), citing FHL microfilm 891362.

<sup>30</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, & 1958-2007* [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. Original data: Ohio. Division of Vital Statistics. *Death Certificates and Index, December 20, 1908-December 31, 1953*. State Archives Series 3094. Ohio Historical Society, Ohio. Ohio Department of Health. *Index to Annual Deaths, 1958-2002*. Ohio Department of Health, State Vital Statistics Unit, Columbus, OH, USA.

<sup>31</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages 1789-1994" (/X8ZL-K5C) Accessed 05 Dec 2012, citing microfilm 891362. Dan's first wife, Hattie, died in 1872.

<sup>32</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1932*. ;www.findagrave.com #39996901

<sup>33</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages 1789-1994" (/XDLH-SHG) Accessed 04 Dec 2102, citing reference page 496, FHL microfilm 891366. Homer's first wife, Julia, died in 1912.

<sup>34</sup>1900 US Federal Census, Freedom, Portage, Ohio; 1910 US Federal Census Franklin, Portage, Ohio

<sup>35</sup>See pages 90, 170, 299, 300, 356, 357, and 374. You sometimes see the Skilton name shown as Skelton.

<sup>36</sup>Photograph of his tombstone viewed 05 Dec. 2012, at

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/mi/eaton/photos/tombstones/dimondale/french145494nph.jpg>

1858, d. 1952,<sup>37</sup> both buried Dimondale Cemetery, two sons.

- iii. May Elizabeth French, b. 12 Dec 1850, d. 12 Apr 1884, m. Dr. James White Ferguson, two daughters.
- iv. Henrietta Jannette "Nettie" French, b. 11 Nov 1853, d. Ingham Co., Michigan, 1926,<sup>38</sup> m. (1) George Willis Armstrong who drowned, they had one daughter; m. (2) her sister's widower, Dr. Ferguson, and they had two children together.

4. **Ezra FRENCH**, b. 1824, d. 1893,<sup>39</sup> m. Portage Co., Ohio, 21 Dec 1844,<sup>40</sup> **Lucy Elizabeth HATCH**, daughter of Henry and Lucinda (Putnam) Hatch,<sup>41</sup> b. Lee, Berkshire, Mass., 23 June 1823, d. Ravenna, Portage, Ohio, 26 Feb 1899.<sup>42</sup> Both buried in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Children:

- i. Abigail H. French, b. Ravenna, 13 Apr 1846, d. Ravenna, 6 Feb 1932, unmarried.<sup>43</sup>
- ii. Fred F. French, b. Ravenna, 27 Jan 1848, d. Ravenna, 14 Nov 1927, unmarried.<sup>44</sup>
- 8 iii. Rebecca French, m. Millard Robinson

#### Grandchildren (as adults) and Great-Grandchildren:

5. **Elam Wales FRENCH**, b. 19 July 1848, d. Ravenna, 27 Mar 1915,<sup>45</sup> m. Portage Co., 4 Dec 1872,<sup>46</sup> **Ella L. PERKINS**, daughter of John and Celia (Torry) Perkins, b. Ohio, 23 Jan 1852, d. Ravenna, 14 Sep 1914.<sup>47</sup> Both buried in Maple Grove Cemetery with his parents and their son, Charles.

Children:

<sup>37</sup>Photograph of her tombstone viewed 05 Dec 2012, at

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/mi/eaton/photos/tombstones/dimondale/french145495nph.jpg>

<sup>38</sup>[www.findagrave.com #95519279](http://www.findagrave.com/#95519279), accessed 06 Dec 2012. Picture of headstone added 19 Dec 2012. Her census records in 1900, 1910 and 1920 list her first name as "Nettie", so presumably that was her nickname.

<sup>39</sup>*Portage County Cemeteries, Book III of Volume XIII*. 337. Ezra, Lucy, Abigail, and Fred as well as Lucinda and Henry Hatch are in the same plot.

<sup>40</sup>"Ohio, Marriages, 1800-1958," index *Family Search* (/XDVQ-N8D : accessed 16 Nov. 2012), Ezra French and Lucy Hatch, 21 Dec 1844.

<sup>41</sup>*Vital Records of Lee, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1903. 54; Henry and Lucinda Hatch are on the 1850 census on the same page as Isaac and Rebecca Brown.

<sup>42</sup>"Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997," (/F6Z2-SW1 : accessed 05 Dec 2012), Lucy French, 26 Feb 1899.

<sup>43</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," (/X664-HJZ : accessed 05 Dec 2012), reference fn 11539, FHL microfilm 1992568.

<sup>44</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," (/X6DV-JF8 : accessed 05 Dec 2012), reference fn 65575, FHL microfilm 1985158.

<sup>45</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," (/X8XT-2YP : accessed 05 Dec 2012), reference fn 18026, FHL microfilm 1983344.

<sup>46</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," (/X8ZL-5D5 : accessed 16 Nov 2012), FHL microfilm 891362.

<sup>47</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," (/X8XK-WWL : accessed 05 Dec 2012), reference fn 52201, FHL microfilm 1983282.

- i. Emma V. French, b. Ravenna, 2 Jan 1874,<sup>48</sup> d. Portage Co., 22 Nov 1942,<sup>49</sup> m. Portage Co., 9 Feb 1893,<sup>50</sup> Robert E. Vair, b. Feb 1872, d. Portage Co., 26 Nov 1944.<sup>51</sup> Both buried in Maple Grove Cemetery along with Clyde and Victor.<sup>52</sup> Children:<sup>53</sup> Mabel Vair, Carl Robert Vair, Frank George Vair, Clyde Vair (twin), Claude Vair (twin), Russell William Vair and Victor V. Vair.
- ii. Charles French, b. and d. 9 Jan 1876.<sup>54</sup>
- iii. Hettie R. French, b. 13 June 1885, d. after 1 Apr 1940 and before Jonathan, m. 27 Apr 1907,<sup>55</sup> Jonathan Edward Burkholder, b. Sugarcreek, Tuscaras, Ohio, 30 June 1879, d. Ravenna, 25 June 1961.<sup>56</sup> Three boys:<sup>57</sup> Donald E. Burkholder, Clare Raymond Burkholder and Ray E. Burkholder. All three boys served in World War II. Donald, a Purple Heart recipient, died Nov 2, 1944, and is buried in the Epinal American Cemetery in France.<sup>58</sup>

6. **Ida Daisy BROWN**, b. Freedom Station, Portage, Ohio, 31 Jan 1857, d. Freedom, Portage, Ohio, 2 July 1933,<sup>59</sup> m. Portage Co., 24 Oct 1878,<sup>60</sup> **Andrew A. THAYER**, son of Charles and Mary Thayer, b. Freedom, Portage, Ohio, 16 Oct 1853, d. Portage Co., 28 Jan 1928.<sup>61</sup>

Children:

- i. Lee B. Thayer,<sup>62</sup> d. 22 Sep 1888, age 4 years, 2 mos. Buried Freedom West Cemetery.

<sup>48</sup>Ancestry.com. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800-1962* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. 2011. Original data: "Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821-1962." Index. FamilySearch, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2009, 2011, Index entries derived from digital copies of original and compiled records.

<sup>49</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, & 1958-2007*

<sup>50</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," (/X8J7-D8W) accessed 6 Dec 2012, reference p. 189 #7413 FHL microfilm 891364.

<sup>51</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, & 1958-2007*.

<sup>52</sup>*Cemeteries of Portage County, Book III of Volume XIII*. 409.

<sup>53</sup>1900, 1910, 1920 US Federal Census, Ravenna, Portage, Ohio; cemetery listings above.

<sup>54</sup>*Portage County Cemeteries, Book III of Volume XIII*. 329. "Charles, s/o E.W & E.L. French"

<sup>55</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," (/X8JH-DCV : accessed 06 Dec 2012) citing reference 353, FHL microfilm 891366.

<sup>56</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health, *Ohio Deaths 1958-2007*. Jonathan is listed as widowed, Hettie appears on the 1940 census in Ravenna. Jonathan's name sometimes appears as "Johnathan".

<sup>57</sup>1910, 1920, 1930 US Federal Census, Ravenna, Portage, Ohio; Ancestry.com "Ohio Deaths" (Clare Raymond)

<sup>58</sup>Ancestry.com. *WWI, WWII, and Korean War Casualty Listings* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2005. Original data: American Battle Monuments Commission. *World War I Listing; World War II Listing; Korean War Listing*. American Battle Monuments Commission.

<sup>59</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," (/X6Q8-ZFH : accessed 05 Dec 2012), reference fn 42049, FHL microfilm 1992879.

<sup>60</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," (/X82R-1J1 : accessed 28 Dec 2012), reference Vol 8 p207, FHL microfilm 891363.

<sup>61</sup>"Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953," (/Z8GS-S13 : accessed 05 Dec 2012), reference fn 27239, FHL microfilm 1991297.

<sup>62</sup>*Cemeteries of Portage County: Freedom Township and Windham Township, 1812-1992, Volume IV*. Ravenna, Ohio: Portage County Genealogical Society, 1993. 96. "s/o A.A. & Ida D. Thayer." David Bruce Hassan is the only other stone recorded in the plot.

- ii. Grace Bernice Thayer, b. 4 Sep 1889, d. Portage Co., 1 July 1941,<sup>63</sup> m. between 1920 and 1925,<sup>64</sup> David Bruce "Bruce" Hassan, b. 12 Jan 1892, d. Ravenna, 16 Dec 1970.<sup>65</sup> One daughter, Arlene Mae Hassan.

7. **Henry Irving BROWN**,<sup>66</sup> b. 28 July 1860, d. 28 Oct 1940, m. 27 Oct 1881, **Alice "Allie" BIERCE**, daughter of Erastus and Helen (Skiff) Bierce, she was also known as **Allie MILLER**, and was foster daughter to George R. and Electa (Beecher) Miller,<sup>67</sup> b. Connecticut, 2 June 1861, d. 13 May 1920, both buried Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio.<sup>68</sup>

Children:<sup>69</sup>

- i. Mamie E. Brown, b. 7 Sept 1883, d. Cuyahoga Co., 1918,<sup>70</sup> m. Portage Co., Ohio, 28 Nov 1912, Archie Lumen Hopkins, son of Philo and Alice (Sutleff) Hopkins, b. West Farmington, Ohio, 5 Aug 1882, d. Geauga Co., Ohio, 22 Sept 1973, both buried Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland. One son, Paul S. Hopkins.<sup>71</sup>
- ii. Georgia Miller Brown, b. Mar 1886, d. Ravenna, 1 Jan 1972,<sup>72</sup> m. Portage Co., 31 Aug 1907,<sup>73</sup> Elton Perkins Clark, b. Garrettsville, Ohio, 10 Aug 1884, d. Cleveland, 18 May 1963.<sup>74</sup> Two sons:<sup>75</sup> Fred L. Clark and Irving Clark.
- iii. Henry I. Brown, b. Freedom, 22 Feb 1889, d. Canton, Stark, Ohio, 22 Feb 1937.<sup>76</sup>

<sup>63</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health, *Ohio, Deaths*.

<sup>64</sup>Estimate from 1930 US Federal Census, Freedom, Portage, Ohio.

<sup>65</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths*.

<sup>66</sup>"Henry Irving Brown", *History of Portage County*. This source give his birth date, place, marriage date, spouse's birth date, and name of oldest daughter. Here Allie is listed as Allie Miller.

<sup>67</sup>"Family Records", Goodenough, Giles Frederick. *A Gossip About a Country Parish of the Hills and its People*. 108, 110. Imaged on books.google.com, accessed 21 Dec 2012; 1870 US Federal Census, Freedom, Portage, Ohio, living with Erastus and Helen; 1880 living with the Millers, relationship listed as "foster daughter"; "Austin S. Beecher", *History of Portage County*. 754. Referencing his siblings: "Electa (Mrs. George R. Miller)"

<sup>68</sup>www.webcemeteries.com/lakeviewcemetery/search.asp for Henry Brown and Allie Brown, 05 Dec 2012, both listed in section 21, Lot 538-0

<sup>69</sup>1900 and 1910 US Federal Census Garrettsville, Portage, Ohio

<sup>70</sup>"Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953", (/X8VQ-1V8: accessed 21 Dec 2102.), reference fn 15499; FHL microfilm 1984345. It lists her first name as "Mayme". It is also one of several sources that list Allie's last name as Bierce; www.webcemeteries.com/lakeviewcemetery/search.asp for Hopkins. This source lists her name as "Mame." Archie and Mamie are both listed in section 22, lot 842-0.

<sup>71</sup>1920 US Federal Census, E. Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio, Archie listed as widowed, son Paul S., age 5.

<sup>72</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths*. www.findagrave.com #73438265.

<sup>73</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," (/X8JH-XP8 : accessed 05 Dec 2012), reference 390, FHL microfilm 891366.

<sup>74</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths*. www.findagrave.com #73438264.

<sup>75</sup>1910 US Federal Census, Garrettsville, Portage, Ohio; 1920, 1930 & 1940 US Federal Census, Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio.

<sup>76</sup>"Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1943", (/X8M7-R42: accessed 21 Dec 2012), reference fn 13944; FHL microfilm 2023491.



- iv. Ellen Brown, b. 20 July 1898, d. Los Angeles Co, California, 12 May 1966,<sup>77</sup> m. (1) Monroe, Monroe, Michigan, 4 May 1918, Robert Theodore Plate, son of George and Grace (Prophet) Plate,<sup>78</sup> b. Ohio, 10 July 1897, d. Ohio, Dec 1966, three children: Theodore Plate (died young), Patricia Plate and Robert J. Plate. Ellen and Robert divorced, Wayne Co., Michigan, 3 Feb 1936. Ellen m. (2) Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, 2 Aug 1940, Richard William Pitchford, Jr., son of Richard and Marie (Bayles) Pitchford,<sup>79</sup> b. Pennsylvania, 26 Aug 1911, d. Los Angeles Co., California, 17 May 1979.<sup>80</sup>

8. **Rebecca FRENCH**, d. Gilmore, Isabella, Michigan, 10 Apr 1889,<sup>81</sup> m. Portage Co., 29 Jan 1879,<sup>82</sup> **Millard F. ROBINSON**, b. Ohio, abt. 1850, d. Farewell, Clare, Michigan, who m. (2) abt. 1892, Eliza J. ---.

Children:

- i. Henry B. Robinson, b. May 1880<sup>83</sup>
- ii. Vinna Alice Robinson, b. Ravenna 18 Feb 1889,<sup>84</sup> d. Ravenna, 4 June 1974,<sup>85</sup> m. abt 1922,<sup>86</sup> Willis Austin Tickner, b. 26 Aug 1886, d. Ravenna, 16 Jan 1971.<sup>87</sup> One daughter, Beatrice Tickner.

<sup>77</sup>Ancestry.com. *California, Death Index, 1940-1997* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2000. Original data: State of California. *California Death Index, 1940-1997*, Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

<sup>78</sup>"Michigan, Marriages, 1868-1925," index and images. *FamilySearch* (/N3T8-CMC : accessed 21 Dec 2012), Robert Theo. Plate and Ellen Brown 04 May 1918.

<sup>79</sup>Cuyahoga County Archive; Cleveland, Ohio; *Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 1810-1873*; Volume: Vol. 191-192; Page: 192; Year Range: 1940 Apr – 1940 Aug. Ancestry.com. *Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Marriage Records and Indexes, 1810-1973*. Image viewed; gives parents' names, divorce date and place.

<sup>80</sup>Ancestry.com. *California, Death Index, 1940-1997*.

<sup>81</sup>Ancestry.com. *Michigan, Deaths and Burials Index, 1867-1995* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011. Original data: "Michigan Deaths and Burials, 1800-1995," Index. FamilySearch, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2009, 2010. Index entries derived from digital copies of original and compiled records.

<sup>82</sup>"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994," (/X82T-9HB : accessed 05 Dec 2012), citing reference Vol 8 p231, FHL microfilm 891363.

<sup>83</sup>1880 US Federal Census, Ravenna, Portage, Ohio; Millard is listed as "Willard."

<sup>84</sup>"Ohio, County Births, 1856-1909," index and images, *FamilySearch* (/M9.1.1/X63P-RRG: accessed 05 Dec 2012), Rebecca P French in entry for Verina Alice Robinson, 1889. This source lists her name as Verina, but all census records show her as "Vinna."

<sup>85</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths*.

<sup>86</sup>1930 and 1940 US Federal Census, Ravenna, Portage, Ohio

<sup>87</sup>Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio, Deaths*.

## Follow Every Clue for Possible Surprises

Patricia L. Haslam

For many years, my sister of Riverside, CT has clipped interesting historical articles from the *Greenwich Time* and *Greenwich Citizen* for me, one of my greatest gifts. Originally, it was because of our written tradition that we were descended from Captain Daniel Patrick, a founder of Norwalk and Greenwich, CT, in 1640, which has since been disproved after 45 years of research.

Upon re-reading some of these clippings during a purge of my office, one in particular caught my eye again: a full-page real estate ad from September 2012 *Greenwich Citizen* with images of properties with appropriate "names" of each and the accompanying price tag. Most properties were located in Westport. This particular home was termed: "Partrick." While the home did not look familiar at first, I decided to email the realtor, a well-known firm in the area, for the physical street address to see if it matched any of the properties I had been researching since 1967. I was not sure if this would be a breach of confidentiality, but I decided to give it a try. I had an answer two days later, and the realtor was very excited to share the address with me which matched one of the two 1823 properties on Partrick Road I had visited in 1972. She also said she knew the old and new owners would be thrilled to have information about the house. She was generous enough to send me a link to the 13-page brochure, which showed many interior and exterior shots of the house. Indeed, the image of the house in the ad was actually the rear of the house, which I hadn't recognized.

The house had been plaqued by the Westport Historical Society at some point, long after I had last driven by or visited in the mid-1980's the known houses on the road that had once belonged to various Partricks. This one was built by John Partrick, son of Samuel<sup>3</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) who married 8 Sept 1822 at Norwalk. Celina Camp, daughter of Jonathan Camp. On the opposite side of Partrick Road, John's brother Lewis Partrick who married 8 May 1823 Maria Nash, daughter of George Nash, had built a house. The two brothers both built houses for their new families within a year of each other. Both houses border on the banks of Stoney Brook. Lewis Partrick's home was at 87 Partrick Road, with the barn, now a private home, later moved two acres to what is now 81 Partrick Road. The barn which accompanied #87 stands on its original parcel and is a private home, now #98 Partrick Rd.

The 1972 owners of the two houses #100 and #87 both knew that their houses were built by two Partrick brothers. When I visited the first house, #87, by knocking on the door and introducing myself, we talked and Mrs. Mulford showed me through the first floor, then called her friend and neighbor at #100 and I visited the owner of that house, Mrs. Olsen. She said that her house, was on the Norwalk-Westport town line and that since the line went through the bedrooms, they were to pay their taxes to Westport! Westport was taken partly from northeastern Norwalk west of the Saugatauk River, and partly from western Fairfield in 1835.

There are several other houses on the road, and on #4 Crawford Road, which once had Partrick owners. Fred Hart, C.G., and Robert Weingarten, House History Chair at the Westport Historical Society, have assisted in the histories of some of these houses.

### **Scholarly 1870 Census Enumerator Expresses an Opinion of his Task**

Paul R. Keroack

On p. 260 (printed numbering) of the Groton Town, Connecticut population schedule, William H. Potter, Assistant Marshall, subdivision No. 72, concludes his task with a Latin phrase, followed by his own translation: “Improbis labor vincit censum,” and in English: ‘If any one thinks it is little work to take the census, let him try it.’ Signed and dated, Wm. H. Potter, Mystic River Ct, August 20, 1870.”

The above was found on the <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)> website. Choose “browse by location,” at bottom of page – *United States, Canada, Mexico*. When that page opens, scroll down to the “U” entries. Click on United States Census, 1870. On that page, choose “browse images” as prompted - by state, county and town. Choose Groton Town, go to image 48 of 48. This last sheet has no residents’ names – only the statement of completion and the quotation given above. Other online census offerings, on HeritageQuest and Ancestry.com, do not include the image of that sheet in their 1870 census display.

## Marriages and Deaths for Greenwich, CT, 1847-1852

See "Vital Records for Greenwich, CT, 1847-1852: Overview" in the previous issue of *Connecticut Ancestry* (November 2012) for a description of these records. Returns for the school year 1847-1848 are from the transcribed copy at the Connecticut State Archives. Returns from years 1848-1853 are from "Book 1" in the Greenwich Town Clerk's vault. Especially note that the school district designation may apply only to the first few entries on the original pages and may be entirely inaccurate for many in this transcription.

### Marriages, Greenwich, CT, 1847-1852

\*Returns from Record Group 6, Connecticut State Archives; School Districts as marked in Greenwich records: 1 – Lower Stanwich, 2 – Quaker Ridge, 3 – Steep Hollow, 4 – Westinghouse, 5 – Byram

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
*	6 Jun 1848	[blank, sic] Ingersoll	[blank] Emeline M.	28	White	Farmer's daughter			
	27 Oct 1851	Able Austine	Alexander G. Emeline		White "		California	California Greenwich	2 1
5	22 Sep 1851	Allen Funston	Thomas Delia		White "	Labourer	Ireland "	Greenwich "	1 1
*	26 Oct 1847	Banks Flood	Brush Miss [sic]	27	White	Farmer			1
	13 Jul 1851	Barrett Brundage	Aaron Mary Ann		White "		Bedford, NY "	Bedford, NY "	1 1
3	31 Dec 1848	Bell Megroney?	Alfred Margaret		White "	Farmer	Greenwich Ireland	Greenwich Greenwich	
1	14 May 1848	Blackwell Hopkins	Charles W. Charlotte		White "	[blank]	New York City Greenwich	New York City Greenwich	1 1
	20 Jan 1851	Bounty Peck	Joseph Celestia		White	Labourer	Canada Greenwich	Greenwich "	1 1

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
2	24 Dec 1848	Bowen Bunnell	Edward Charlotte		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
2	15 Oct 1849	Brush Mead	Amos M. Sarah P.		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
3	6 Jun 1848	Brush Ingersoll	Shadrach M. Emeline M.		White "	Merchant	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
	13 May 1852	Brush Close	John H. Rachel R.		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	7 Sep 1852	Brush Wright	Joseph E. Mary C.		White "	Merchant tailor	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
1	24 Oct 1847	Burhan [?] Bailey	Willit S. Mary E.		White "	[blank]	Troy, NY Greenwich	Troy, NY Greenwich	1 1
	1 Nov 1851	Clark Mead	John G. Mary P.		White "		Bedford, NY Greenwich	Bedford, NY Greenwich	1 1
	9 Feb 1852	Clark Wilson	James H. Sarah E.		White "	Farmer	Rye Greenwich	Rye Greenwich	1 1
2	19 Sep 1849	Close Brush	Phineas R. Rachel A.		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
	2 Mar 1849	Collins McElaney	John Isabelle		White "		Ireland "	Greenwich "	1 1
	28 Aug 1853	Cook Paterson	James T. Mary		White "		Greenwich New York City	Greenwich "	1 1
	16 Jun 1851	Crooker [sic] Bailey	Ralph Augusta		White "	Farmer	Boston	Greenwich	1 1
	3 Nov 1851	Dann Ritch	Abram Nancy C.		White "		Greenwich	Ridgefield Greenwich	1 1
	25 May 1851	Darrach [?] Henderson	John Jane		White "			Greenwich "	1 1



Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
	30 Sep 1851	Dayton Selleck	John Matilda		White "	Shoemaker	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
2	10 Sep 1848	Dove Snifen	William Adelia M.		White	Shoemaker	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	2 [?] 2
5	3 May 1851	Eddy Wheeler	Charles Catharine		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	18 Dec 1850	Felmote Felmote	Henry Sarah		Colored		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1
2	26 Feb 1849	Ferris Eddy	Charles Mary		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
4	17 Sep 1849	Ferris Lockwood	Stephen Kimberly Mary Elizabeth		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
	27 Nov 1850	Field Husted	Nicholas Ann Elizabeth		White "		Mt. Pleasant, NY Greenwich	Mt. Pleasant, NY Greenwich	1 1
3	26 Nov 1848	Finney Jessup	Lorenzo Caroline C.		White "	Mechanic	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
	24 Dec 1951	Ford Rockfeller	Cornelius Jane Ann		White "	Farmer	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 2
4	28 Dec 1849	Freeland Marshall	James Sarah R.		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
4	13 Jan 1850	Funston Sprowl	William Sarah		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
	16 Oct 1851	Funston Allen	Hugh Isabelle		White "	Labourer	Ireland "	Greenwich "	1 1
	1 Nov 1850	Hendrie Ferris	Charles Caroline E.		White "	Farmer	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
4	18 Mar 1850	Heusted Brush	Job S. Elma C.		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
2	18 Feb 1849	Howard Merritt	Wm. M. F. Augusta M.		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
1	25 Oct 1847	Howe Finch	Isaac Hannah		White "	Farmer	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	1 1
4	1 May 1850	Howe Mead	Stephen G. Evelina		White "		South Salem, NY Greenwich	South Salem, NY Greenwich	
	3 Nov 1852	Howe Brush	Lewis Mary L.		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	5 Jun 1853	Hoyt Betts	John Louria [?]		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
5	24 Mar 1851	Hubbard Betts	Nathaniel Hannah S.	51 48	White "	Boatman	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
1	7 May 1848	Hull Miles	John Abigail		White "	[blank]	Harrison, NY Greenwich	Harrison, NY Greenwich	1 1
2	24 Dec 1849	Husted Hoyt	Samuel, Jun. Hannah C.		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
4	29 Dec 1850	Husted Hoyt	Samuel Junr. Hannah C.		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
	26 Nov 1850	Husted Brush	Mills N. Mary Abigail		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	13 Jun 1852	Hyatt Green	Benj. F. Deborah L.		White "	Farmer	Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn, NY Greenwich	1 1
	1 Jan 1851	Jessup Ritch	Parris Robbins Hannah Ophelia		White "	Shoemaker Tailoress	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
2	4 Dec 1849	June Landon	Hiram Althea		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
	21 Feb 1853	Kenedy Mornell	Richard Mary E.		White "	Blacksmith	Brooklyn, NY Greenwich	Greenwich "	1 1

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5	8 Sep 1851	Knapp Mead	Brush Hannah Cordelia		White "	Boatman	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	2 1
1	27 Jul 1847	Lockwood Fisk	Henry Sarah		White "	[blank]	Greenwich Greenwich	Fishkill, NY Greenwich	1 1
1	5 Dec 1847	Lockwood Lockwood	Frederick A, Mary Jane		White "	Farmer	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	1 1
3	5 Jun 1848	Lockwood Jackson	Benjamin Page Mary E.		White "	Mechanic	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
4	30 Dec 1849	Lockwood Lockwood	Joseph E. Sarah E.		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
4	25 Feb 1850	Lockwood Moe	Edmund Elizabeth		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich North Stamford	
	22 Dec 1850	Lockwood White	Henry S. Sarah E.		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
2	6 Oct 1849	Lounsbury Pasco	James H. Mary Eliza		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
	22 Jul 1850	Lyons Carlow [?]	Thomas Bridget		White "	Labourer	Ireland "	Greenwich "	1 1
5	23 Jan 1850	Mantrop [?] Taylor	Charles Sarah Maria	18 18	White "	Labourer	Greenwich "	Hannah S.	1
	15 Apr 1852	McCarty Matthews	John Ellen		White "		Ireland "	Greenwich "	1 1
3	18 Sep 1848	Mead Acker	Lyman Sarah F.		White "	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
3	9 Nov 1848	Mead Sands	Solomon S. Mary E.		White "	Farmer	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
	11 Feb 1851	Mead Mackay	Stephen W. Mary E.		White "	Farmer	Greenwich North Castle, NY	Greenwich North Castle, NY	1 1

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
	20 May 1851	Mead Reynolds	Silas M. Elettea		White "	Farmer	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	27 Oct 1851	Mead Ray	William H., Jr. Pamelia		White "	Capenter Tailoress	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	26 Nov 1851	Mead Downs	Irvin Sarah		White "	Farmer	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	2 Mar 1852	Mead Denton	Humphrey D. Elizabeth		White "	Carpenter	Greenwich	Greenwich "	1 1
	14 Mar 1852	Mead Brady	Charles Ellen		White "			Greenwich "	1 1
2	Feb 1849	Merritt Mills	Jarvis Ann Eliza		Coloured "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
5	17 Feb 1851	Merritt Selleck	John H. Lucinda		White "		Greenwich Stamford	Greenwich "	1 1
	29 Aug 1852	Merritt Ferris	Lewis Juliet		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
1	30 Mar 1846	Midway [?] Seaman	Martin B. Thirsa (?)		White "	[blank]	[blank] Greenwich	[blank] Greenwich	2 2
3	26 Jan 1849	Miers [?] Peck	Charles Mary		Colored White		Not known Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
	9 Mar 1851	Miller Sidney	Samuel B. Ann E.	26 17	White "	Seaman	Greenwich Rye	Greenwich "	1 1
	4 Mar 1851	Miller Scott	Burtis Mary J.	24 20	White "	Farmer	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
2	7 Nov 1849	Mills Sniffen	Charles S. Mary		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
5	7 Nov 1850	Mills Sniffen	Charles S. Mary E.	23 21	White "	Tailor Tailoress	Bedford, NY "	Greenwich "	1

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
5	May 1850	Morrell Wynans	Arthur Julia	23 21	White "	Labourer	Greenwich	Greenwich "	1
3	4 Sep 1848	Mosher Wilson	Joshua L. Mary G.		White "	Merchant	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
3	10 Dec 1848	Newman Bailey	John H. Mary Ann		White "		Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
1	14 Jun 1847	North Lounsbury	Isaac Elizabeth		White "	[blank]	Berlin, Ct Greenwich	Berlin Greenwich	1 1
4	26 Sep 1849	Otis Knapp	Rev. Orin F. Hannah B.		White "		Chepactet, R.I. Greenwich	Chepactet, R.I. Greenwich	
1	13 Dec 1847	Peck Ferris	William H. Mary Elizabeth		White "	Farmer	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	1 1
2	6 Nov 1849	Peck Lockwood	George Whitfield Charlotte		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
3	14 Dec 1846	Peck Lyon	Benjamin, Junr. Pruella		White "	Merchant	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	3
5	4 Nov 1850	Peck Ritch	Capt. William Frances		White "		Flushing, NY Greenwich	Brooklyn, NY Greenwich	1 1
*	28 Jun 1848	Pineo Linsley	Timothy S. Jane	38 26	White "	Physician	Milford, Ct. Hartford, Ct.	Cincinnati, Oh Greenwich, Ct	
1	1 Jun 1848	Pinneo Linsley	Timothy S. Jennette		White "	M. D.	Cincinnati, OH [blank]	Cincinnati, OH Greenwich	1 1
	26 May 1852	Price Brown	Cornelius E. Catherine		White "	Carriage maker	New Jersey	Greenwich "	1 1
1	11 Jan 1848	Prindle Webb	Alfred Catherine		White "	Farmer	Greenwich Stamford	Greenwich Stamford	1 1
3	16 Nov 1848	Prindle Mead	William H. Adaline		White "		Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	



Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
*	10 Jan 1848	Prindle Webb	Alfred Miss [sic]	45	White	Farmer			1 1
5	20 Jul 1851	Purdy Thomson	James Caroline		Colored Colored		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
5	30 Sep 1850	Putney Merritt	Rev. Rufus C. Cynthia		White "		Greenwich	City of New York Greenwich	1 1
2	14 Mar 1849	Raymond Potter	James H. Jane Ann		White		North Castle, NY Greenwich	North Castle, NY	
	31 Jan 1853	Reeves Horton	Jerome Emely P,		White "	Boatman	New York Greenwich	Greenwich "	1 1
	26 Aug 1851	Reynolds Reynolds	John G. Julia R.		White "	Farmer	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	13 Jan 1851	Rogers Knapp	Daniel M. Philena		White "	Farmer	Cornwall, Ct. Greenwich	Cornwall, Ct. Greenwich	1 1
2	11 Feb 1849	Rowel Birdsell	Abraham, Jun. Catherin		White		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	
5	15 Apr 1851	Selleck Dayton	George Sarah		White "		Stamford "	Greenwich "	2 1
	5 Dec 1849	Sharky Glenn	Thomas Jane		White "	School teacher	Greenwich "	Greenwich "	2 1
1	4 Oct 1847	Sherwood Walter	Horatio N. Catherine		White "	[blank]	Greenwich New York City	Greenwich New York City	1 1
	8 May 1853	Sherwood Brown	William R. Sarah M.		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
2	12 Dec 1849	Smith Reynolds	Philemon Mary J.		White		Ludlowville, NY Stamford, Ct.	Ludlowville, NY Stamford, Ct.	
5	4 Apr 1850	Smith Sherwood	William R.. Harriott M.	24 33	White "	Whitesmith	Middletown, CT Greenwich	Greenwich "	1

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
*	15 Sep 1847	Smith Peck	Richard Mary	21		Shoemaker	North Castle, NY Greenwich	New York S'	
3	1 Jun 1848	Sniffen Ingersoll	William B. Elizabeth		White "	Farmer	Northcastle, NY Stanwich Society	Northcastle Stanwich	1
4	3 Jun 1850	St. John Weed	Minor Mary Jane		White "		Norwalk, Ct. Greenwich	Norwalk, Ct. Greenwich	
	27 Oct 1851	Strang [?] Strang	John Sarah		White "		Rye, NY Greenwich	Greenwich "	1 1
	1 May 1852	Tomson [?] Marshall	George A. Phebe Elizabeth		White "		Stamford Greenwich	Stamford Greenwich	1 1
	15 May 1850	Tripp Mathews	Samuel Mary E.		White "	Farmer	North Castle, NY New York City	Greenwich "	1 1
*	31 Mar 1848	Weed Sherwood	Isaac B. Jane A.	22 20	White	Shoemaker	Stamford	Greenwich	1 1
1	20 Apr 1848	Weeks White	Henry A. Alethea A.		White "	M. D.	New York City Greenwich	New York City Greenwich	1 1
3	20 Sep 1848	Weeks Ladd	George Susan		White "		Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
	21 May 1851	Welling Wilson	William Mary Ann		White "		Greenwich Bedford, NY	Greenwich Bedford, NY	1 1
	23 Feb 1852	Wesley Dayton	Ansel C. Sarah E.		White "	Blacksmith	Greenwich	Greenwich "	1 1
*	26 Apr 1848	Wicks White	Henry Electra H.		White "	Merchant	New York City Greenwich	New York City Greenwich	
3	11 Jan 1849	Wilson Peck	Nath <sup>l</sup> Levina		White "	Miller	Greenwich Greenwich	Greenwich Greenwich	
	17 May 1852	Wilson Peck	Samuel K. Mary A.		White "		Greenwich	Greenwich "	1 1

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
	9 May 1853	Wilson Marshall	Mando [?] Clarissa		White "		Greenwich "	Greenwich "	1 1
	26 Dec 1852	Worden Duryea	Isaac C. Sarah		White "	Farmer	Greenwich New York	Greenwich "	1 1

### Deaths, Greenwich, CT, 1847-1852

\*Returns from Record Group 6, Connecticut State Archives; School Districts as marked in Greenwich records: 1 – Lower Stanwich, 2 – Quaker Ridge, 3 – Steep Hollow, 4 – Westinghouse, 5 – Byram

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
3	Oct [1850]	[blank]	female	7d	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Not known
	26 Jun 1854	[blank]	Infant, male	4d	Black		Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]
1	26 Apr 1850	[blank]	Louisa	19d	White				[blank]
2	22 Oct 1849	[blank]	no name	14m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	unknown
4	15 May 1850	[blank]	No name	7m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Congestion of the brain
4	Jun 1850	[blank]	No name female		White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Still born
1	27 Jul 1849	no name	Female	14d	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]
3	1 Apr 1850	Acker	Augustus S.	5	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflamation on the brain
3	8 Apr 1850	Acker	Jane F.	40	White		State of New York	Greenwich	Inflamation in Bowels
3	16 Sep 1850	Acker	Wm. B.	8m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Dysentary
	6 Jun 1854	Agar	Wm, female [sic]		White		Ireland	Greenwich	Consumption

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
1	12 Jul 1849	Allen	Rosanna	13 mo	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]
*	9 Mar 1848	Anderson	Elizabeth	63	White		Rye, NY	Greenwich	Consumption
4	30 Jan 185J	Anderson	Purdy	68	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Internal ulcers
*	28 Jul 1848	Avery	Amos E.	2	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Fever
1	22 May 1849	Banks	Alpheus	18	White	Shoemaker	Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
2	24 Apr 1851	Barmon	Nathaniel W.	1½ m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	
1	16 Oct 1848	Birdsell	Robert	4	White		New Castle, NY	Greenwich	Scarlet fever
3	5 Jan 1853	Booth	Mary Ann	18	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
	20 Jun 1854	Briggs	Caroline	52	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Cancer
	23 Dec 1851	Brown	George	50	White	Miller	Bedford, NY	Greenwich	Consumption
*	18 Sep 1847	Brown	Major	88	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Old age
	1 Apr 1855	Brown	Sylvester	19	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
	15 Nov 1855	Brown [?]	Daniel	39	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Lung fever
1	15 Jun 1848	Brundage	Richard A.	4	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Croup
*	2 Mar 1848	Brush	Mariah	47	White			Greenwich	Cancer
1	[1849]?	Bush	Thursen[?] A.	21	Colored	Shoemaker	Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
	16 Feb 1855	Carigan	Mary	50	White		Ireland	Greenwich	Apoplexy
	Jul 1851	Carrigan	James	15	White	Labourer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Fever
1	13 Jul 1849	Carrigan	William	19	White	Labourer	Ireland	Greenwich	Overheat
	22 Dec 1854	Close	Mary Emele <sup>1</sup>	1y, 4m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Complaint in the brain
1	20 Mar 1849	Cornell	John	79 <sup>2</sup>	White		North Castle, NY	Greenwich	Dropsy

<sup>1</sup> Parents Henry & Mary E. Close

<sup>2</sup> 79y, 6m, 27d.

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4	17 Jul 1851	Coyne	Margaret	50	White		Ireland	Greenwich	Consumption
*	17 Nov 1848	DeCamp	Punder	50	White	Farmer	New York		Parylittick fit
3	Aug 1850	Denton	Elizabeth	14	White	Tailoress	Greenwich	Greenwich	Dysentary
	24 Jul 1851	Dunton	Royal	72	White	Carpenter	New London, Ct.	Greenwich	Consumption
2	17 Sep 1849	Dusenbury	Cornelius	11m	White		New York City	Greenwich	Inflammation in bowels
1	24 Jun 1849	Dyer	Ann	2	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank] <sup>3</sup>
	Feb 1854	Faber [?]	George F. Gottlied		White	Carpenter	Germany	Greenwich	Committed suicide
3	29 May 1850	Farington	[blank]	18	White	Labourer	Ireland	Greenwich	Inflamatory fever
*	28 Feb 1848	Fehnote	Catte [Cate?]	89	Colored		Greenwich	Greenwich	Old age
1	29 Aug 1850	Fenston	Sarah	40	White		Ireland	Greenwich	Consumption
3	29 Aug 1850	Fenston	Sarah	40	White		Ireland	Greenwich	Consumption
*	18 Aug 1848	Ferris	Eliza	36	White	Farmer wife			Consumption
*	Oct 1847	Ferris	Experience	48			Greenwich	Greenwich	Dropsy
1	5 Jun 1849	Ferris	Henry	19 mo	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]
	11 May 1854	Ferris	Sarah Ann	17	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Chlorosis
	16 Nov 1854	Fishman	Sally Ann	28	White		Ireland	Greenwich	[?] Hermotage[?]
1	5 Oct 1848	Gerald	Elizabeth	31	White		Stamford, Ct.	Greenwich	Persistent fever
4	9 May 1850	Gilivin	Catherine	22	White	Servant	Ireland	Greenwich	Consumption
4	20 Jun 1851	Greenwood	Hannah	6	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflamation of the brain
*	24 Mar 1848	Halligan	John	33	White	Blacksmith	Ireland	Greenwich	Delerium tremens
3	12 May 1851	Hanson	Roger	53	White	Quarryman	Ireland	Greenwich	Consumption
1	28 May 1849	Hart	Hannah	27	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]

<sup>3</sup> "Teething," the probable cause of death for this child, is entered on the next line, likely in error, for an adult aged 26.



Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
4	26 Aug 1850	Hoight	Daniel	63	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Tumer
4	Apr 1851	Holly	Isaac	84	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Old age
4	Jul 1851	Holly	Wife of Isaac, Jun.	45	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Cancer
2	10 Apr 1851	Howard	Gertrude	6m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflammation in the lungs
	6 Oct 1854	Hoyt	Edgar	77	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflamation in the chest
4	Mar 1851	Hubbard	Butter	86	White	Cooper	Not known	Greenwich	Old age
*	30 Sep 1847	Hunt	Sary	81	White		England	Greenwich	Old age
	11 Jul 1854	Husted	Ann	63	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Congestion brain
*	8 Jun 1848	Husted	David	30	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Liver complaint
2	16 Jul 1851	Husted	Jane Ann	23	Coloured	Seamstress	Greenwich	Greenwich	Bilious fever
	7 Jun 1854	Husted	Nancy	73	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Congestion liver
	25 Apr 1854	James, male	White	57	White	Labourer	Scotland	Greenwich	[blank]
*	Jun 1848	Johnson	Philo			Labourer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Old age
	27 Apr 1855	Keaning	John	23	White		Ireland	Greenwich	Lung fever
*	27 Feb 1848	Knapp	Caroline B.		White		Northcastle, NY	Greenwich	Consumption
1	19 Jul 1850	Knapp	George A.	5m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Bowel complaint
3	29 Jul 1850	Knapp	George B.	5m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflamatory fever
1	1 Jan 1850	Knapp	Henry S.	56	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Disease of the heart
	23 Jul 1851	Knapp	Jane Ann	27	White		New Canaan, Ct.	Greenwich	Confinement
*	9 Jun 1848	Knapp	Sarah M.		White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Brain fever
	25 Apr 1851	Lane	Mary R.	1y, 7m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Hives or croup
*	2 Mar 1848	Lockwood	Mary Jane	10m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Dropsy to the liver

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
1	3 Oct 1849	Loudon	James	62	White	Shoemaker	Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]
*	9 Feb 1848	Mackay	Elizabeth H.	70	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Debility
1	24 Apr 1849	Mackay	John S., Jun.	12d	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Croup
1	27 Jun 1849	Marshall	Elizabeth	82	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]
4	23 May 1850	Marshall	Hannah	80	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Old age
3	[blank] 1851	Marshall	James Loyd		White		[blank]	Greenwich	unknown
4	17 Jul 1850	Marshall	Seth	50	White	Labourer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflamation in his bowels
4	12 Dec 1849	Marshall	Silas W.	8m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflamation on Brain
3	[blank] 1851	McIntire	Mary		White		[blank]	Greenwich	unknown
4	16 Jul 1850	Mead	Ephraim	75	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Dropsy
4	1 Jul 1850	Mead	Fanny	36	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Rupture of heart
1	16 Jun 1849	Mead	Levi	87	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Old age
	16 Jun 1851	Mead	Mathew	84	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Irisypulus
4	19 Mar 1850	Mead	Phebe, wd of Jehiel Mead	76	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Asthmah
	28 Sep 1851	Mead	Sarah C.	1y, 8m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Dysentary
*	2 Mar 1848	Merritt	Sarah	62	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Liver complaint
1	8 May 1850	Miles	Amy	78	White	Weaver	Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
3	28 May 1850	Miles	Amy	78	White	Weaver	Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
	9 Dec 1851	Miller	Titus M.	9m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
1	5 Jul 1849	Miner [?]	Elisha B.	25	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
*	20 May 1848	More	Farmor [?]	30	Colored	Servant	Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflammation

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
	May 1850	Morrell	Arthur	23	White	Labourer	Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]
	29 Dec 1855	Morrell	Mary	64	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Dropsy
4	2 Sep 1850	Morrell	Shadrack	2	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Croup
4	20 Feb 1850	Morrell	Walter	54	White	Boatman	Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflamation in his bowels
2	22 Apr 1849	Palmer	Denham	83	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Liver disease
4	4 Jun 1850	Palmer	Elizabeth E.	11	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Diabetes
	7 Dec 1854	Palmer	Infant of J.L. & Mary E.	8m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Dropsey
	1 Sep 1851	Palmer	Julia W.	8m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Cholera infantum
3	14 May 1851	Peck	Deborah M.	51	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	unknown
4	5 Mar 1850	Peck	Thomas		White		Greenwich	Greenwich	By Rail Road
4	Jun 1850	Phillip	Ann	48	White		England	9 May 1850	Consumption
3	[blank] 1851	Phillips	Mary		White		[blank]	Greenwich	unknown
4	14 Jan 1850	Pitch	Daniel W.	42	White	Farmer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
4	5 Oct 1850	Provost	John	2	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Croup
3	Jul 1851	Purdy	Catherine		Colored		Not known	Greenwich	unknown
	13 Aug 1854	Purdy	Hester Ann	25	White		New York	Greenwich	Consumption
	5 Aug 1854	Reynolds	Emily	37	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
4	11 Jun 1855 <sup>4</sup>	Richards	Henry A.	53	White	Merchant	New London, Ct.	Greenwich	Complicated disease
	11 Nov 1851	Rogers	Eliza	60	White		Waterford, NY	Greenwich	Dropsy
	9 Jan 1855	Rowel	Charles	8	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	[blank]
	30 Jun 1851	Russell	Adelia M.	42	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Child Birth
	30 Jun 1851	Russell	Female		White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Still born

<sup>4</sup> This death for 1855 was added at the end of a page of earlier deaths.

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
	[blank 1851?]	Ryan	Timothy		[blank]				
	7 May 1855	Selleck	Sarah		White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Cancer
	4 Jul 1851	Sheffield	Ellen	1½	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Inflamation in the brain
1	10 Nov 1848	Sherwood	Anna	73	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Dropsy in the chest
	22 Mar 1855	Smith	Mary Ann		White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Disease of heart
1	24 Jul 1849	Smith	Rebecca	76	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Disease of the brain
1	10 Feb 1849	Smith	Ruth A.	26	White		Harrison, N.Y.	Greenwich	Teething [sic] <sup>5</sup>
	28 Sep 1854	Smith	Samuel B.	22	White	Tailor	Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
	19 Aug 1851	Suit [?]	Emma S.	7m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Teething
1	31 Oct 1849	Sullivan	George	31	White	Milkman	Middletown, Ct.	Greenwich	Billious fever
3	15 Oct 1850	Townsend	Purdy	49	White	Mason	Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption
*	Feb 1848	Tredwell	Manetta	17	Colored	Servant			Rheumatism
	2 Apr 1851	Tripp	Charles		White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Fitts
4	1 May 1850	Webb	Lewis	80	White		Nova Scotia	Greenwich	Old age
	5 Sep 1851	Weed	Joseph	8m	White		Greenwich	Greenwich	Measels
	4 May 1854	White	James, female [sic]	72	White		Scotland	Greenwich	Cancer
	13 Jul 1851	Wright	Ebenezer	47	White	Labourer	Greenwich	Greenwich	Consumption

<sup>5</sup> Likely meant as a cause of death for the young child on the line above in the original entry sequence.

## More Births and Deaths for Stratford, CT, 1847-1848

Harlan R. Jessup

In *Connecticut Ancestry* issue #257 (May 2012) we reported the school district returns for Stratford, supposedly from the school year beginning August 1847. These were transcribed from the volume 1847-1868 in the town clerk's office. A check of the copies for the first school year of that period in the Connecticut Secretary of the State's files revealed several omissions from the town copy for births and just one for deaths. There were also a number of minor variations in spelling of names, addition of middle initials, etc. Except for quite a different given name in an infant's death record, these are not reported here.

Based on this finding, it may be well for serious researchers of any town records for this period to check the two sources if available, both the town's copy and the Secretary of the State's copy.

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

\* 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
8	4 Oct 1847	Alaby	Miles Edson	Isaac Curtis Alaby Mary Ann "	34 34	White	Day laborer	Oronoque Dist.
8	31 Aug 1847	Birdseye	Mary E.	Nathan Birdseye Mary E. "	37 36	White	Farmer	Oronoque Dist.
8	22 Jul 1848	Clark	Emma Augusta	David Clark Mary Ann "	30 27	White	Day laborer	Oronoque Dist.
3	28 Jun 1848	Curtis	Adelia <sup>1</sup>	Thaddeus Curtis Adelia "	37 32	White	Cooper	Stratford
8	Sep 1847	Curtis	Myra	Thaddeus B. Curtis Jane "	39 35	White	Farmer	Oronoque Dist.
8	3 Oct 1847	White	Charles Hanford	Abel White Betsey "	41 36	Black	Day laborer	Oronoque Dist.

<sup>1</sup> The surname and given name were reversed in the earlier transcription.

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
3	28 Apr 1848	Wilcoxson	Helen Augusta	George Wilcoxson	37	White	Farmer	New North Dist.
				Eliza J. "	31	"		
3	4 Sep 1847	Wilcoxson	Lucius	Lucius Lewis	36	White	Farmer	New North Dist.
				Wilcoxson				
				Mabel "	35	"		

### More Deaths, Stratford, CT, 1847-1848

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Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
	22 Mar 1848	Birdsey	Mary E.	5m	White	Farmer [sic]	Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet Fever
5	15 May 1848	Wells	Jennet Jane <sup>2</sup>	5m	White	Shoemaker's daughter	Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet Fever

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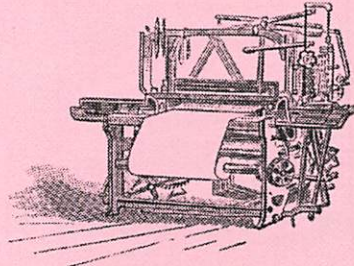
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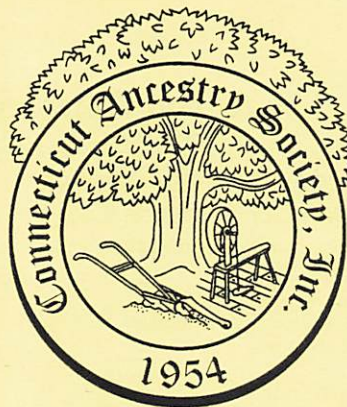
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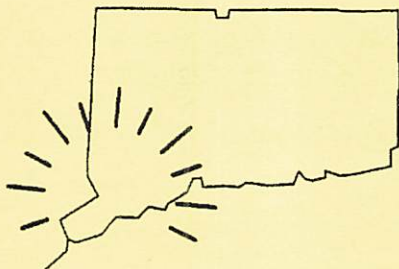
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## Editorial Notes

This issue begins with a multi-generation line of the Hobart/Hubbart/Hubbard family which is to be continued in next month's *Connecticut Ancestry*. Beginning on Long Island, the family moves through Ridgefield to Southbury before moving on to New York, Pennsylvania, and further west. The story includes transcriptions of a number of 18<sup>th</sup> century documents relating to Revolutionary War soldier Elisha Hobart who married a New Jersey girl before being divorced from his Connecticut wife.

Our next article deals with another family with several ways to spell the family name. Benjamin Hait was a sixth century descendant of immigrant Simon Hoyt/Hight/Haight, whose early generations are well documented in David W. Hoyt's genealogy published in 1871. Baptized in New Canaan, Benjamin was soon in Salem (Lewisboro), NY, and removed to Pawling, Fishkill, Andes, and Greene, NY, before moving to Barnet, PA.

The Irish counties of origin for both bride and groom who married in Norwalk in the years 1856 to 1862 were recorded by the town clerk. Paul Keroack has transcribed these records which, like our Irish gravestone project a few years ago, offers clues which may not otherwise be found for these famine immigrants. Other Society board members have contributed three short articles. First, Barbara Dempsey has transcribed the family Bible of her ancestor Peter W. Bulkley, mostly later 19<sup>th</sup> century events in named towns in Fairfield County. Fred Hart has given us a description of the recent conservation of the early Stamford records, and Sven Selander has offered a brief description of the Canfield family papers, recently given through our Society to the New Canaan Historical Society.

Last, but certainly not least, is the every-name index to this volume 55. With twenty-four pages it includes about 4500 names. This is followed by an index to the topics covered and to the names of our contributors.

*Harlan R. Jessup*

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## Jeremiah Hobart of Huntington, Long Island and Some of his Hubbart and Hubbard Descendants into the Fifth Generation

Robert C. Neibling

### Introduction

Perhaps the best documented published record of Jeremiah Hobart (Hubbard) of Huntington, Long Island, New York is found in a genealogical documentary by Conklin Mann entitled *Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island*. This work was initially published in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, July 1935, Volume LXVI, n.3, and more recently reprinted in *Genealogies of Long Island Families*, Volume 1. In this genealogy, Mr. Mann gives a brief but well-documented account of Jeremiah “*Hubbard (Hobart, Hobert)*” who married Rebecca Brush, a daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Conklyne) Brush. He also includes factual accounts of the known children of Jeremiah. Mann speculated that Jeremiah was a son of a Benjamin Hubbard (or similar spelling) of Jamaica, Long Island, New York. This opinion was also shared by Clarence A. Torrey and Elizabeth Bentley in their *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* which cites, “Hubbard, Benjamin and \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_? m/2 John Rhodes, Jamaica, LI.” This unnamed widow of Benjamin is the documented mother of Jeremiah Hobart.

Using the Mann article as a baseline, I conducted more extensive research and have significantly expanded the descendants emanating from this line. Research was complicated by continuous variations in the spelling of the surname. This occurred so frequently that it was difficult to ascertain the *true* spelling. Complicating the situation were instances where original spellings evolved over the years into completely different surnames. As a case in point, Jeremiah’s name appears 34 times in the early records of Jamaica and Huntington, Long Island. Spelling variations include: Hobart, Hobert, Hubart, Hubert, and Hobard. In 28 occurrences, the spelling is either Hobart, Hobert, or Hubart, indicating that the actual spelling was probably, Hobart (or Hubbard, the phonetic pronunciation for Hobart). Nevertheless, several published genealogical works spell Jeremiah’s surname as *Hubbard*. As a result of these spelling variations, by the fourth generation of descent from Jeremiah, three distinct spellings of the surname evolved – Hobart, Hubbart, and Hubbard.

The spelling variations in this line have tended to flummox genealogical research pursuits over the years, so I decided to produce this document as a research aid for other descendants of Jeremiah. In the course of my research, I also delved into the life of Benjamin Hobart (Hubbard) and became convinced that he was, in all probability, the father of Jeremiah as speculated by Mann. A detailed biographical sketch documenting the facts that led to this conclusion is included.

This publication is a companion piece to an earlier work oriented to descendants of Elisha Hubbart entitled “*The Hobart Ancestry of Elisha Hubbart of South Britain, Connecticut, Morris County, New Jersey, and Bradford County, Pennsylvania, (1755-1798)*” – 2005. The current endeavor is intended to broaden the scope of research for genealogists interested in other lines descended from Jeremiah.



### First Generation

1. **BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup> HUBBARD** (Hubbart, Hubard, Hobart), died at Jamaica, Long Island, before 27 Feb 1682 when mentioned as deceased in a local deed.<sup>1</sup> His widow, name unknown, married, second, John Rhodes of Jamaica who identifies Jeremiah Hubbard as his wife's son in his will dated 4 Jul 1685.<sup>2</sup>

Benjamin Hubbard is mentioned in five transactions in the early records of Jamaica, New York, and thirty-nine times in the records of Oyster Bay. In Jamaica, his name is spelled *Hubard* but in Oyster Bay the spelling is generally *Hubbard* or *Hubbart* and *Hobart* in the later records. The exact spelling cannot be determined but many of his known descendants spelled the name Hobart and later, Hubbard. There has been speculation about Benjamin's parentage but no conclusive proof has been provided. In his *One Thousand Years of Hubbard History* (1895), Edward W. Day states that Benjamin may have been the son of Benjamin and Alice (Ward) Hubbard, who was born on 24 March 1634 in Charlestown, Massachusetts. The elder Benjamin, born in 1608, was allegedly the son of James and Naomi (Cocke) Hubbard of Mendlesham, Co. Suffolk, England. According to Day, the elder Benjamin went back to England in 1644 and his wife and children followed the next year, when the younger Benjamin would have been 11. The elder Benjamin died in England in 1660, and Day further states that all the children migrated back to New England before 1663. This is about six years after *this* Benjamin emerges in Jamaica in 1657. A more recent publication, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633*, by Robert Charles Anderson states that "There is no indication that he (the elder Benjamin) returned to New England, and there is no further record of his wife and children in New England either." Accordingly, the ancestry of Benjamin must be considered unknown.

On 27 December 1657 Benjamin *Hubard* is recorded as one of the thirty English citizens who signed the Flushing Remonstrance, thereby declaring his opposition to Peter Stuyvesant's policy of Quaker persecution.<sup>3</sup> On 21 January 1659, Benjamin *Hubard* bought a house lot in Jamaica, New York from Nathaniel Denton and was enjoined by the town council to fence his lot.<sup>4</sup> Under the rule of the Dutch, the governing bodies of the villages on Long Island had orders from the Honorable Director General not to admit, lodge and entertain "any one of the heretical and abominable sect called Quakers." The articles of the charter of "Freedoms and Exemptions" established the governing principles of the colony and permitted the public exercise of no other religion than the Reformed. Nevertheless, the Quaker population on Long Island grew, due in part, to the lack of an organized ministry in the English towns. In addition, many of the citizens in the villages were sympathetic to the plight of the persecuted Quakers and, in fact, offered them aid and comfort. Peter Stuyvesant, the colonial governor, adopted new measures for the Quaker

<sup>1</sup>Oyster Bay Town Records, Vol. 1, 1633-1690.

<sup>2</sup>Conklin Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island," in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. LXVI, pp. 201-220, p. 210. Hereafter "Brush Family." Reprinted in *Genealogies of Long Island Families* by Henry B. Hoff, Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., Baltimore, 1987, vol. I, page 183.

<sup>3</sup>Documents of Religious Colonial History, New York, Volume 14, p. 403, as transcribed and recorded in the Land Records of Queens County, NY, FHL microfilm 17870.

<sup>4</sup>Records of the Town of Jamaica, Long Island, New York, 1656-1751, Volume I, p. 5, Library of Congress reference number F129J2J15, and the Land Records of Queens County, New York, FHL microfilm 17870.

movement on Long Island in January 1661 and established a commission to investigate those giving the aid and comfort to the Quakers. Two townsmen of Jamaica, Richard Everett and Nathaniel Denton, informed the commission of ten persons who had assembled at Henry Townsend's house "to listen to a learned man there." Townsend was arrested and freely admitted that he had lodged some friends who are called Quakers. He stated that although they (the authorities) might squander and devour his estate and manacle his person, his soul was his God's and his opinions his own. Stuyvesant was now determined to enforce the observance of the ordinance against private conventicles, especially in the village of Jamaica, where the Quaker dissent was more prevalent at this time. Since several of the authorities were guilty of conniving with the Quakers, he appointed three new magistrates and commissioned six soldiers to assist them as required. The inhabitants of Jamaica were called together on 11 February 1661 and presented a written statement to sign, binding them to inform on any citizens who provided assistance to the Quakers. Only six refused to sign: *John Townsend*, Richard Harker, Samuel Dean, Samuel Andrews, *Benjamin Hubbard*, and Nathaniel Cole. As punishment for the six, the Director General then ordered the soldiers to be lodged and furnished decent meat and victuals by those who refused to sign. When (and if) the men recanted, the soldiers would be withdrawn. Most of the six refused to recant, sold their properties, and moved to Oyster Bay, sixteen miles distant.<sup>5</sup> On 11 March 1661, the Jamaica Town Council decided that "no meadow shall be granted to Benjamin Hubard's home lot until the town knows who shall possess it."<sup>6</sup> One year later, on 13 March 1662, Richard Darling is recorded as having bought Benjamin *Hubard's* lot and he was given 10 acres of meadow.<sup>7</sup> This is the last recorded entry for Benjamin in the Jamaica town records, since he was among those who moved to Oyster Bay.

The first mention of Benjamin in Oyster Bay is when Benjamin *Hubbard* witnessed a deed on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month of 1661. Then, during the period 1 February 1661/2 to 1 February 1662/3 Benjamin *Hubard* was among those contributing to the welfare of a widow. On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, 1663, three officials from the village of Oyster Bay were chosen to lay out 20 acres of common land from surrounding residents which included John Townsend and Benjamin *Hubard*, who had 13 acres. Townsend's land and Benjamin's were adjoining. On 11 November 1663, Benjamin *Hubard* deeded his lot or share of the meadow to Robert Furman. Then on 3 January 1669, Benjamin *Hubbard* deeded his home lot "for good Considerations" to Josias Lattings on the basis that he continue to live there freely for the rest of his life. After his decease, the property would belong to Josias (rather than being inherited by Benjamin's heirs). On 17 January 1669, Benjamin *Hubard* exchanged 10 acres on Hog Island he bought from Richard Penter for 10 acres that Richard Latting owned in town. On 31 December 1669, Benjamin brought a suit against Richard Latting to recover a debt. On page 151 of old deed book A, Caleb Wright on 27 February 1682 claimed the property that Benjamin *Hubard*, deceased, deeded to Wright's brother-in-law, Josias Latting.<sup>8</sup> The will of John Rodes (Rhodes) of Jamaica, New York, written on 4 July 1685 and recorded on 13 October 1685, mentions Jeremiah

<sup>5</sup>*Religion in New Netherland – A History of The Development of the Religious Conditions in the Province of New Netherland 1623-1664* by Frederick J. Zwierlein, L. D. 1910, published by John P. Smith Printing Company, Rochester, N. Y., Persecution of the Quakers, pages 221-237.

<sup>6</sup>Records of the Town of Jamaica, New York, 1656-1751, Library of Congress reference number, F129J2J15, page 10.

<sup>7</sup>*Ibid*, page 14.

<sup>8</sup>Oyster Bay Town Records, Volume I – 1633-1690, compiled, annotated, and indexed by John Cox, Jr., New York, Tobias A. Wright Printers and Publishers, 1916, pages 4, 6, 7, 26, 35, 54, 55, 75, 167, 168, 209, 217, 225, 238, 582.

*Hubbard* as his wife's son.<sup>9</sup> This cumulative information provides solid circumstantial evidence that Benjamin Hubbard (spelled variously in the records as Hubbard, Hubard, Hubbart, and later, Hobart) was the father of Jeremiah, below. First of all, Benjamin was the only one of that surname (or similar) mentioned in the earliest records of either Jamaica or Oyster Bay. Further evidence is provided with Benjamin's decease sometime between 7 March 1677/8 and 27 February 1682 and the marriage of his probable widow to John Rhodes in Jamaica prior to 4 July 1685. Since ownership of Benjamin's home lot in Oyster Bay by his heirs would have terminated with his death, his widow and their children would have been homeless, so it seems quite likely that she returned to Jamaica, 16 miles away, where she may have had relatives, and promptly remarried. On 18 February 1684/5, subsequent to Benjamin's death, a Joseph *Hubartt* is listed as witness to the appointment of five persons to establish a boundary line between the villages of Oyster Bay and Huntington.<sup>10</sup> The other witness was a James Cok (probably Cock) who had been a resident in the same vicinity as Benjamin Hubard.<sup>11</sup> One of those appointed from Oyster Bay to conduct the survey was Thomas Townsend who owned adjoining property to Benjamin.<sup>12</sup> In summary, there were over forty references to Benjamin Hubbard (Hubard, Hubbart, Hobart) in the records of Jamaica and Oyster Bay, but no mention is found of his wife. However, the mention of two others with similar surname spellings in the records 25 to 30 years after the emergence of Benjamin, indicates that they were probably sons since Benjamin was the only other person with that surname living in either Jamaica or Oyster Bay during that period. Therefore, the following are considered probable sons of Benjamin:

- 2 i. Jeremiah, b. say 1655, m. Rebecca Brush.
- ii. Joseph.

### Second Generation

2. **JEREMIAH<sup>2</sup> HOBART** (*Benjamin*<sup>1</sup>) probably born in the 1650's, died Huntington, Long Island, soon after 3 March 1729/30, married Jamaica, Long Island, 8 Feb 1682/3, **REBECCA BRUSH**, born at Southold, Long Island, about 1656/7, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Concklyne) Brush. Jeremiah was an early resident of Jamaica, Long Island, New York, son of Benjamin "*Hubard*"<sup>13</sup> who was a resident there by 1657.

<sup>9</sup>"Brush Family," p. 210.

<sup>10</sup>Oyster Bay, New York Town Records, Book A by John Cox, Jr., (1916), page 30.

<sup>11</sup>Oyster Bay, New York Town Records, Book A – Town Meetings, 14 July 1671 and 29 July 1671.

<sup>12</sup>Oyster Bay Town Records, Volume I, 1653-1690 by John Cox, Jr., page 209 – "Laid out to Benjamin Hubard three ackers of land in length 30 pole & bredth 16 pole: *neare the head of tho Townsend's home lott, upon the hill*". Date 29 February 1663.

<sup>13</sup>Surname spelling variations were very common during Colonial times. There are five variant spellings of Jeremiah's surname in the land transactions in Huntington from 1688 and 1730. The name appears in 34 land records. Spelling variations include: Hobart, Hobert, Hubart, Hubert, and Hobard. In 28 occurrences, the spellings were either Hobart, Hobert, or Hubart. Therefore, the formal spelling of the surname was apparently, *Hobart*. Nevertheless, several published genealogical works spell the surname, Hubbard.

Jeremiah is first recorded in his marriage application as follows:

*“Jenuary th 23 1682.*

*Jemaco on Long iland in the north Riding of new Yorkshear Jeremiah Hubburd of Jemaco and Rebeckah Brush of hunting-town wee desire that you would grant us our request in sending us a lissanc for to be married to mr. West I prey sur send them without feyle and I will sartisfie you well for it I have no mony at present but you shall by shure of it John Concklyne rebeka brush’s grandfather deth his con free consent to the mache.*

*John Conkelyne  
Seynior  
Jeremiah Hubbard  
Rebeckah Brush”*

The license was granted January 31, 1682/3, and Jeremiah Hobart married Rebecca Brush on 8 February 1682/3.<sup>14</sup> In 1684 John “Conkelyne” made his will and mentioned his granddaughter, Rebecca *Hubert* to whom he gave one horse or mare. After his marriage, Jeremiah Hobart continued living in Jamaica where he was assessed on 34 pounds on 6 acres of land in 1683.<sup>15</sup> On 6 April 1685 Samuel Davis and his wife, Mary, of Jamaica deeded to Jeremiah *Hubbard* of Jamaica ten acres in that town. On 15 December 1686 Jeremiah *Hubbard*, Daniel Whitehead and William Creed, all of Jamaica, exchanged Jamaica lands. On 2 November 1687 Richard Rhodes of Jamaica deeded Jamaica land lying next to that of Jeremiah *Hubbard*.<sup>16</sup>

Jeremiah Hobart evidently moved his family from Jamaica to Huntington in 1688, for on 20 August of that year the town voted him three acres “*in part division of his land.*” On 12 September 1688 David Scudder and his wife, Mary, deeded Jeremiah land and rights in commonage in Huntington. On the Huntington rate list of 1688 Jeremiah *Hubbards* was assessed 24 pounds. On 1 April 1690 he witnessed three separate transfers of land by Mark Meigs. In 1694 he was assessed 14 shillings, 6 pence for the new town patent and in the same year he took up a 200 pound right in commonage which belonged to Jacob Brush. On 13 April 1696 he witnessed a deed of gift by Timothy Conklin, Sr. to his son, John Conklin. Jeremiah was chosen town collector on 1 May 1711.<sup>17</sup>

Jeremiah Hobart was a cooper<sup>18</sup> in Huntington. On 12 January 1699 he and his wife, Rebecca, deeded to John Conklin land in West Neck. Jeremiah deeded land to Obadiah Rogers “for a valuable consideration” on 24 December 1715.<sup>19</sup> On 1 February 1715/6, Jeremiah Hobart conveyed to his “well beloved Son Joseph Hobert of Huntington A halfe hundred Right of Land Scituate Lying and being within the town of Huntington aforsd and Nine Acres of other land being in the west neck.....”<sup>20</sup> Jeremiah also conveyed land to Jonathan Rogers on 24 December

<sup>14</sup>“Brush Family,” p. 210.

<sup>15</sup>Tax List, 1683, extracted from *Two Centuries in the History of the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, Long Island, The Oldest Existing Church of the Presbyterian Name in America*, by James M. MacDonald, D. D., 1862.

<sup>16</sup>“Brush Family,” p. 210.

<sup>17</sup>“Brush Family,” p.210-211.

<sup>18</sup>A cooper was one who made tubs, barrels, or casks.

<sup>19</sup>“Brush Family,” p. 211.

<sup>20</sup>Huntington-Babylon Land Deeds, Volume 3, 1711-1721 by Rufus B. Langhans, FHL microfiche 6101275.

1715 and to James White on 10 July 1716. He witnessed the will of John Scidmore on 10 January 1727/8.<sup>21</sup>

Jeremiah Hobart died in Huntington soon after 3 March 1729/30 as is shown in the following document:

*"The estate lands, etc. of Jeremiah Hobart late deceased were granted to Robert Brush and Ebenezer Prime (presumably executors of Jeremiah's will) executed shortly before his death bearing date 3 Mar. 1729/30 and ordering sale of lands, etc....and whereas Jeremiah Hobart, cooper, of Huntington, son and heir to Jeremiah Hobart, deceased assigned all claims bearing date 15 June 1729, we Robert Brush and Ebenezer Prime deed to Reuben Brush one equal third part...of certain lands."*<sup>22</sup>

Children of Jeremiah Hobart and Rebecca Brush were:<sup>23</sup>

- i. Jeremiah, born January 1683/4. He appears several times in town and land records. No record of wife or children found.
- 3 ii. Ezekiel, born 15 September 1686, m(1) Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, m(2) Susannah Goodrich.
- iii. Elizabeth, born 4 February 1689.
- 4 iv. Joseph, born 6 November 1692, m(1) unknown, m(2) Sarah Rockwell; removed to Ridgefield, Connecticut. It is likely that Joseph was named for his uncle, the probable son of Benjamin.
- v. Rebecca, born about 1696, married 24 August 1725 Joseph Smith from Hempstead, died 18 January 1758.
- vi. Abiah, born about 1696 (perhaps a twin of Rebecca), married 29 June 1730 Thomas Conklin.
- vii. Phoebe, married 5 June 1727, Nathan Wilson of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

### Third Generation

**3. EZEKIEL<sup>3</sup> HOBART** (*Jeremiah<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>*) born on 15 September 1686, died Huntington, before 20 Feb 1738/9. He married first, SARAH \_\_\_\_\_, who joined the church at Huntington, Long Island, on 2 June 1726. He married second, widow SUSANNAH GOODRICH on 5 August 1731.<sup>24</sup> In the tradition of his father, Ezekiel was a cooper.

Ezekiel's will was dated at Huntington on 10 January 1738/9 and proved on 20 February 1738/9.<sup>25</sup> It is quoted as follows:

<sup>21</sup>"Brush Family," p. 211.

<sup>22</sup>Ibid., p. 211.

<sup>23</sup>Ibid., p. 211.

<sup>24</sup>Ibid., p. 211.

<sup>25</sup>Suffolk County, New York Wills, Volume 3, 1730-1744, page 206.



*In the name of God, Amen, January 10, 1738/9. I Ezekiel Hobart, Sr. of Huntington, in Suffolk County, cooper, being sick. I leave to my wife Susanah the whole use and improvement of the house where I now live, with my shop, barn, and home lot, And my field, at a place called Oldfield, being 9 acres, also 2 cows, until my son John comes of age, and then she is to have the use of same for 7 years longer if she remains a widow, "and no longer than that time." I leave to my son Ezekiel, who has gone to sea, 60 pounds if he returns, "and a Beaver Hat and a Silk vest." I leave to my son John my house and home lot with the buildings where I now live; Also my field at the Old field, when he is 21, subject to my wife's right. And he is to pay to my son, Hooker Hobart, 50 pounds. As to the rest of my estate, that is my house and home lot at the west end of town, and all other lands and rights in Huntington or elsewhere, they are to be sold to best advantage by my executors at their discretion and after payment of debts, the remainder to my four daughters, Sarah Ketcham, Esther, Charity, and Rebecca. My oldest daughter, Sarah Ketcham, is to have 5 pounds less than the others, on account of what I have given her upon her marriage. I make my friends and neighbors, Eliphalet Wickes and Alexander Smith, executors.*

*Witnesses: Jonathan Wickes, Thomas Conkling, Ebenezer Prime.  
Proved: February 20, 1738.*

Children by his first wife, Sarah:<sup>26</sup>

- i. Sarah, born, say, 1718; married 28 May 1738, Caleb Ketcham.
- 5 ii. John S., born 25 April 1721 in Huntington, Long Island, New York, m. Elizabeth Arthur.
- iii. Ezekiel, born about 1724. He was "gone to sea" in 1738/9 when his father made his will.
- iv. Esther, born about 1725.
- v. Charity, baptized 5 November 1727; married 10 January 1749/50, Joshua Arthur.

Children by Susannah Goodrich:

- vi. Rebecca, baptized 1 April 1733; married 25 January 1749/50, Israel Vail.
- vii. Hooker, baptized 11 April 1736.

4. **JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> HOBART** (*Jeremiah<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>*) was born 6 November 1692 in Huntington, Long Island, New York,<sup>27</sup> died Danbury, Connecticut, after 4 May 1761, m(1) an unknown first wife, probably at Huntington, ca 1 Feb 1715/6, when his father conveyed land there to his "beloved son, Joseph Hobart,"<sup>28</sup> m(2) Ridgefield, Connecticut, 29 May 1723, **SARAH ROCKWELL**, daughter of Thomas Rockwell, Sr.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>26</sup>"Brush Family," p. 211.

<sup>27</sup>Huntington Town Records, Library of Congress call number F129.H9H9, page 318.

<sup>28</sup>Huntington-Babylon Land Deeds, Volume 3, 1711-1721 by Rufus B. Langhans, FHL microfiche number 6101275. Note that this unknown first wife was not recognized by Kenneth W. Rockwell in his earlier article on this family, "The Rockwell-Hobart Estate at Ridgefield: an Addendum," *Connecticut Ancestry*, vol. 54, pp. 158-162 (May 2012).

<sup>29</sup>Ridgefield Land Records vol. 1, p. 227.

Joseph's birth and his father's deed are the only two references to Joseph in the town records in Huntington. Moreover, the early church records in Huntington have not survived so his early life is left to conjecture based on other evidence.<sup>30</sup> He moved from Huntington to Ridgefield, Connecticut in 1722 at the age of 29½. This is established by a deed in Ridgefield dated 14 May 1722 wherein Henry Dwight of Hatfield sold property to Joseph Hobart "of Ridgefield in Connecticut late of long island" for 164 pounds.<sup>31</sup> A year later, on 29 May 1723, he married (2) Sarah Rockwell, and they became parents of eight children, seven whose births from 1724 to 1733 are recorded in the town records of Ridgefield<sup>32</sup> and Danbury.<sup>33</sup>

On 4 July 1727 Joseph Hobart was among 35 other citizens of Ridgefield who transacted the fourth purchase of land from Indians named Japorneck, Richard, Moses, Sam, Wett Hams, and Ammon.<sup>34</sup> Joseph Hobart is mentioned in twenty-four deed transactions in Ridgefield between 1722 and 1761. Most significant for genealogical purposes is a deed dated 19 September 1732 which directs the division of that portion of the estate of Thomas Rockwell, Sr. that had been left to his widow, *Mrs. Sarah Osburn*. The beneficiaries of this division were sons Thomas Rockwell, Jr., John Rockwell, and Jabez Rockwell, and Joseph Hobart, Sr., husband of daughter, Sarah Rockwell. In order to effect an equitable division of the estate, two respected citizens, Thomas Hyatt and Daniel Olmstead, were selected. They recorded their results on 3 February 1734/5. Nine parcels of property were involved in the division. All the heirs shared in one of these parcels – 35 acres called the *New Patent*. A value of 100 pounds was placed on the 35 acres. Thomas's share was 34 pounds, 4 shillings (equating to 34.2% or 12 acres); Joseph Hobart's, 38 pounds, 12 shillings (38.6% or 13½ acres); John's, 18 pounds 12 shillings (18.6% or 6½ acres); and Jabez', 8 pounds, 12 shillings (8.6% or 3 acres).<sup>35</sup> These facts, coupled with information in subsequent deeds, establish that Joseph was apparently married previously in Huntington and had children by that marriage before moving to Ridgefield. An analysis of all these facts follows:

- a. Joseph Hobart's share of the Thomas Rockwell property division was 13½ acres (38.6%) of the 35 acre parcel called the *New Patent* plus an additional parcel described as "additional division upland and meadow" valued at 60 pounds.<sup>36</sup> Later deeds involving the heirs of Joseph establish that this parcel was named the *New Purchase* and consisted of 17 ½ or 18 acres.
- b. Thomas Rockwell (Jr.'s) deed to Samuel Gates dated 16 May 1758 identifies the first parcel as containing "thirty five acres Sized & Laid for thirty acres" and bounded "East & West by highway, North by ye land of John Keeler & South by ye land of

<sup>30</sup>Introduction to the Records of the First Church in Huntington, Long Island, 1723-1779 by Moses L. Scudder, Huntington, NY, 1899.

<sup>31</sup>Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut Register of Deeds, Volume 1, 1709-1723, page 92 – (Joseph Hobart purchased land from Henry Dwight for 164 pounds).

<sup>32</sup>Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut Town Records, Book 1, page 206, FHL microfilm 5496 (births), and *History of Ridgefield, Connecticut* by George L. Rockwell, page 511, FHL microfilm 1697767, item 6 (marriage).

<sup>33</sup>Danbury, Connecticut Vital Records from the Barbour Collection, 1685-1847.

<sup>34</sup>*History of Ridgefield, Connecticut* by George L. Rockwell, 1927, FHL microfilm 1697767, item 6.

<sup>35</sup>Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut Town Records, Register of Deeds, Book 2, pages 177-178, FHL microfilm number 5496.

<sup>36</sup>*Ibid.*, Volume 2, pages 177-179.

- Joseph Keeler. Said Tract of Land Lying undivided with ye heirs of Joseph Hobart & ye heirs of John Rockwell Dec'd & ye heirs of Jabez Rockwell Dec'd....<sup>37</sup>
- c. The deed of John Hobart to Lemuel Morehouse, 12 May 1756 describes his property as the "New Patent" and "Bounded Northerly by Land of John Keeler, Southerly by Land of Joseph Keeler, Otherways by highway...."; in other words, identical to the description of the property, above. The land is described in the deed as a "free estate of inheritance." This identical description of property is also found in the deed of Joseph Hobart, Jr. to Jabez Rockwell on 16 January 1755. A similar description is also found in the conveyance of the property of Ruth Hobart to Jonathan Gates on 24 June 1761.<sup>38</sup> Other deeds pertaining to this same 35 acres involve the sale of "free estate(s) of inheritance" by Bushnell Benedict and his wife Elizabeth of Woodbury and James and Phebe Green of Stamford in April 1756, a month before John Hobart sold his property. Also in April 1756, Jonathan and Sarah Brooks of Ridgefield sold their interest in the New Purchase. The property description was identical to that in John Hobart's deed, indicating identical property.
  - d. John Hobart's deed was witnessed by Joseph Hobart, Jr., indicating a family relationship.

The above documented evidence confirms Joseph Hobart, Jr., John Hobart, Ruth Hobart, Sarah Brooks, Elizabeth Benedict, and Phebe Green as heirs (presumably children) of Joseph Hobart, Sr. Joseph, Sarah, and Phebe are included in the birth register of Joseph and Sarah (Rockwell) Hobart's children in Ridgefield. John, Ruth, and Elizabeth are not included in these records so they must have been the issue of an earlier marriage in Huntington. The fact that Joseph was nearly 32 when his first child by Sarah Rockwell was born is further circumstantial evidence of an earlier marriage. Attempts to verify this first marriage through Huntington records have been unsuccessful. The church records in Huntington through 1722 have not survived so verification is not possible. In any event, the first wife must have died in Huntington or soon after his arrival in Ridgefield because on 29 May 1723 he married Sarah Rockwell.<sup>39</sup>

By 13 February 1750/1 Joseph is recorded in nearby Danbury.<sup>40,41</sup> However, boundary lines in the area where Joseph had settled were changing so it is possible that this reference did not signify a physical move but rather a redefinition of property lines. His wife, Sarah, may have been deceased by 16 January 1755 when the heirs of the estate division began selling their inheritance.<sup>42</sup> Joseph died sometime after 4 May 1761 when "*Joseph Hobart of Danbury*" made a deed of gift to his son, Hezekiah of his property in Ridgefield that "*doth or may fall to my Sd.*

<sup>37</sup>Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, Register of Deeds, Book 4, page 143, FHL microfilm 5497.

<sup>38</sup>Ibid., Volume 4, pages 112, 121, 127 and 207.

<sup>39</sup>Ridgefield Land Records, vol. 1, p. 227.

<sup>40</sup>Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, Register of Deeds, Book 3, page 306, FHL microfilm 5497.

<sup>41</sup>The reference to Danbury is probably a result of jurisdictional disputes over the properties that Joseph Hobart purchased. These properties, which were part of areas called the Oblong, the New Patent, and the Southwest Ridges, were located to the north of the present boundaries of Ridgefield and were, for a period of time, considered a western part of Danbury. Presently, the general area is within the jurisdiction of Ridgefield. The source for this information is a publication entitled *Ridgefield Names*, found in the Ridgefield Library, with articles on The Oblong, The Old Southwest Ridges, and The Old 'New Patent' by Jack Sanders.

<sup>42</sup>Ibid., Book 4, page 112.

*Son at my demise.*"<sup>43,44</sup> At the time of Joseph's death, the Danbury Probate District recorded all probate actions in Ridgefield and Danbury. There is no will recorded there for Joseph Hobart. Therefore, he presumably died intestate. The old Ridgefield Cemetery does not have a grave marker for Joseph Hobart or his wife. Although the cemetery contains other tombstones of that vintage, many are broken or otherwise illegible. Therefore, Joseph Hobart's place of burial is not known. There is evidence that Joseph was the father of 11 children, three born to the unknown first wife and eight to second wife Sarah including six recorded in Ridgefield, one in Danbury, and one unrecorded.<sup>45</sup> Children of Joseph Hobart by his first wife included the following:<sup>46</sup>

- i. Ruth, who was probably born in Huntington although her birth is not recorded in the town records. She sold her inheritance in Ridgefield and moved to Woodbury, Connecticut by 1761.
- 6 ii. John, probably born about 1720 in Huntington, Long Island, m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. Elizabeth, who married Bushnell Benedict. They relocated to Woodbury, Connecticut by 15 March 1756.<sup>47</sup>

Children by his second wife, Sarah Rockwell were:<sup>48</sup>

- 7 iv. Joseph, born in Ridgefield 7 July 1724, married Ruth Perry 3 June 1747/8.<sup>49</sup>
- v. Sarah, born in Ridgefield 27 July 1725, married Jonathan Brooks 9 April 1744.<sup>50</sup>
- vi. Rebecca, born in Ridgefield 13 November 1726.
- vii. Phebe, born in Ridgefield, 27 February 1727/8, married James Green.<sup>51</sup>
- viii. Thomas, born in Ridgefield, 6 August 1729.
- ix. Jeremiah, born in Ridgefield, 26 December 1730.
- x. Hezekiah, born 3 November 1733 in Ridgefield.<sup>52</sup>
- xi. Martha, m. before 1759, William Tiff.<sup>53</sup>

<sup>43</sup>Ibid., Volume 4, page 199.

<sup>44</sup>When Connecticut yielded territory along its border with the colony of New York in return for land along Long Island Sound in the Greenwich area, Ridgefield's proprietors petitioned the General Assembly for a grant of unoccupied land north of Ridgefield and west of Danbury to compensate for their loss. In 1731, the General Assembly ruled in favor of a memorial signed by Joseph Keeler and other proprietors. The lost land, commonly called 'The Oblong', included North Salem and South Salem. Most of the acquired land went to Danbury in 1846. Reference: *The Keeler Family* compiled by Wesley B. Keeler, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD, 2000.

<sup>45</sup>Joseph Hobart, Sr.'s share of the 35 acres inherited from Thomas Rockwell, Sr. computes to 13½ acres. Ruth Hobart's share of the 35 acres was 3½ % or 1.225 acres. Assuming an equitable distribution among the heirs, 13.5 divided by 1.225 equals 11.

<sup>46</sup>These children were not included in the Ridgefield birth records. It is possible that some could have been born to Sarah Rockwell but were, for some reason, not included in the registry of births. However, based on John's likely marriage date (ca 1746/7), it is more probable that he was a product of the first marriage.

<sup>47</sup>Ridgefield, Connecticut Town Records, Deed Book 4, page 126, FHL microfilm 5497.

<sup>48</sup>Ibid., Volume 1, page 206, FHL microfilm 5496.

<sup>49</sup>*History of Ridgefield, Connecticut* by George L. Rockwell, 1927, page 511.

<sup>50</sup>Ibid., page 513.

<sup>51</sup>Ridgefield, Connecticut Town Records, Deed Book 4, pages 120 & 126, FHL microfilm 5497.

<sup>52</sup>Danbury, Fairfield County, Connecticut Vital Records from the Barbour Collection, 1685-1847.

<sup>53</sup>Birth not on record and birth order unknown. Named in "The Rockwell-Hobart Estate in Ridgefield," Kenneth W. Rockwell, *Connecticut Ancestry*, vol.54, p.158-162 (May 2012). Resident in Woodbury when she and her husband sold her share in a Ridgefield parcel.

### Fourth Generation

5. JOHN S.<sup>4</sup> HUBBART (*Ezekiel*<sup>3</sup>, *Jeremiah*<sup>2</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 April 1721 in Huntington, Long Island, New York. He allegedly died in New York state in 1805. He married ELIZABETH ARTHUR of Smithtown, Long Island on 25 January 1747/8. In April 1760 John Hubbard, age 40, enlisted in Captain Jesse Platt's Company, Suffolk County Militia. He was a cooper and was born in Huntington. John was 5' 7" in height and was of light complexion.<sup>54</sup>

Some descendants of John Hobart/Hubbart contend that he served as a Captain "Hulbert" during the Revolutionary War and that he carried the first flag of stars and stripes during the war. Captain Hulbert raised a company of volunteers in East Hampton, Bridgehampton, and Southampton in June and July of 1775 and fought in the "battle of Ticonderoga." This alleged service is described by descendants in *Long Island – A History of Two Great Counties – Nassau and Suffolk*, Volume III, pages 44 and 45, by the Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc., New York and *The Nassau Daily Review Star*, Friday, July 12, 1940. However, a review of this service discloses that the participant was *not* John Hobart/Hubbard (1721-1805) but a John Hulbert who was the son of John and Elizabeth (Sage) Hulbert, baptized in Middletown, Connecticut on 16 July 1738 and died in Ovid, Seneca County, New York on 22 February 1813. The confusion apparently came about because John Hulbert moved with his parents to Bridgehampton, Long Island, New York in 1756 as a teenager. He married a Prudence Howell. *He* is the one who raised the militia company in Suffolk County and carried the first flag of stars and stripes. This service is recorded on pages 26 through 32 in a publication entitled *The Hulbert Genealogy*, which can be found in the files of the Suffolk County Historical Society, 300 West Main Street, Riverhead, New York. A more authentic record of his service can be found on page 420 and 421 of *The Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut*. It cannot be verified that the subject of this sketch, John Hobart (Hubbart, Hubbard), served during the Revolutionary War but what is clear is that the service attributed to him belongs to another person with a similar name living in the same county.

John and Elizabeth (Arthur) Hubbart were probably parents of at least the following children:

- i. John, baptized at Huntington, Long Island, New York, 24 November 1751.
7. ii. Jeremiah, born 11 April 1754 at Bay Shore, Long Island, New York;<sup>55</sup> m. Esther Rogers.
8. iii. Ezekiel, born 24 June 1755, m. Mary Gildersleeve

<sup>54</sup>New York Historical Report, Volume II.

<sup>55</sup>This date taken from the family Bible record of Jeremiah Hubbard, allegedly in the possession of a Frank Hubbard of Great River, Long Island in recent times according to Doris Haskell, 1403 Palisades Way, Rock Springs, WY 82901, in Ancestry World Tree Project h8737 dated 25 August 2001.

6. JOHN<sup>4</sup> HOBART (HOBERT, HUBBART), (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) born probably in Huntington, Long Island, about 1720, though his birth is not in the town records, died South Britain, then part of Woodbury, now Southbury, Connecticut, on 20 or 30 December 1782, married MARY \_\_\_\_\_, who survived him.

John Hobart, son of Joseph, spent his childhood and early adulthood in Ridgefield, Connecticut. A John *Hubard* was in the 8<sup>th</sup> Company commanded by Captain John Wood, Danbury, Connecticut, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of militia in the campaign of 1756. John is reported sick at Albany. A Joseph *Hubbard*, a corporal, is listed in the same company. Since Danbury bordered Ridgefield on the north, it is probable that these men were John Hobart and Joseph Hobart, Jr. who were living in Ridgefield and Danbury respectively at this time.<sup>56</sup> On 12 May 1756 John sold the properties inherited from his father to Lemuel Morehouse. His half-brother, Joseph Hobart, Jr., signed as a witness. This deed is quoted as follows:

*“Know all men by these presents that I John Hobart of Ridgefield in ye County of Fairfield & Colony of Connecticut in New England, for & in Consideration of ye Sum of Five pounds fifteen Shillings New York Money Received to my full Satisfaction of Lemuel Morehouse, Junr. Of Ridgefield aforesd Do Give Grant bargain Sell Convey & Confirm unto ye said Lemuel Morehouse & to his heirs & assigns forever, All my Right title & Interest that I have in & unto two Certain tracts or pieces of Lands Lying in ye sd Ridgefield one at ye New Purchase So Called ye whole of said piece of Land Containing Eighteen acres be ye Same more or Less, bounded North by ye Land of sd Morehouse, Westerly by ye Land of Thomas or Isaac Smith, Southerly by highway, Easterly by ye Land of Jonathan Rockwell. The other piece Lying in ye New Patent So Called. Bounded Northerly by Land of John Keeler, Southerly by Land of Joseph Keeler, Otherways by highway-----*

*To have and to hold Said Granted & bargained premises with all ye priviledges & appurtenances to ye Same belonging of in anywise apporntaining, I say I have Sold & fully made over ye same unto him ye said Lemuel Morehouse & to his heirs & assigns forever to his & their proper use & benefit & is a free Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple who shall and may forever hereafter by virtue of these presents Enter upon & possess & Enjoy ye same Convey Convert alienate & Improve it in what way & manner to what use & end Soever he ye said Lemuel Morehouse his heirs & assigns Shall See convenient. Furthermore I the said John Hobart Do hereby Covenant & Engage for my Self & heirs forever to Warrant & Defend ye above granted & bargained premises unto him ye said Lemuel Morehouse his heirs & assigns against all Claims & Demands Whatever. In Witness Whereof I have set my hand & seal this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of May A. D. 1756.*

*John Hobart (Seal)*

*Signed Sealed & Delivered*

*in presence of*

<i>his</i>	<i>In Danbury in ye Day &amp; Date above personally appeared</i>
<i>Joseph x Hobart</i>	<i>John Hobart Signer &amp; Sealer to this Instrument &amp;</i>
<i>mark</i>	<i>acknowledged ye same to be his free act &amp; Deed before me</i>
	<i>Samuel Gregory Justice of ye Ps</i>

*Joshua Starr*

<sup>56</sup>Connecticut Historical Society Collections, Volume 9, page 157.

*Received to Record September ye 17<sup>th</sup> 1756.  
& Recorded by Mr Stephen Smith Registr<sup>r</sup>”*<sup>57</sup>

There are no records establishing John's residence in Ridgefield subsequent to this deed disposing of the property inherited from his father. However, he is thought to be the John *Hobert* who emerges in the Woodbury district in 1759. Woodbury is only 18 linear miles from Ridgefield. Moreover, Ruth Hobart gives Woodbury as her residence when she sold her property in Ridgefield in 1761 and Bushnell Benedict and wife Elizabeth were living in Woodbury when they sold their inheritance on 14 April 1756, a month before John sold his. This evidence proves that there was a migration of Hobart family members from Ridgefield to Woodbury at this time.

On 27 March 1759 a John *Hobert* is recorded as enlisting in the 10<sup>th</sup> Company, Second Connecticut Militia Regiment, Woodbury, commanded by Captain Gideon Stoddard. He was discharged on 1 December 1759. John is more precisely located a few years later as a John *Hobart* who appears with 44 others on a petition dated May 1765 to establish a new church society.<sup>58</sup> The basis for this petition was that there were 45 families living over “*the mountains*” from Southbury, Connecticut, where a society had been established over thirty years before. During the winter months, it was particularly difficult to travel over the “*mountains*” to church. In May the following year, the petition was approved and a new society was incorporated called South Britain.<sup>59</sup> On 5 June 1766, John Hubbard's house is mentioned in the minutes of the South Britain, Connecticut, church society. Nearby neighbors were Comfort Hubbell and Moses Downs.<sup>60</sup>

A John ‘*Hubbard*’ next appears in the records in 1774 as a member of the Southbury, Connecticut Militia Company.<sup>61</sup> It is conceivable, however, that this person was John Hubbard, Jr. (See below). John Hubbard is listed as a taxpayer in South Britain in 1776. His subsequent estate record indicates that he lived in a small house, which was encumbered by a lien or mortgage.<sup>62</sup> In 1777 he is in a list of members of the South Britain Congregational Society as contributing 6 shillings, 2 and 1/2 pence toward the salary of Reverend Minor.<sup>63</sup> John *Hubbard* also appears on the 1779 list of the South Britain congregation contributing 3 pounds.<sup>64</sup> John may have been the “*Mr. Hubbard*” who delivered critically needed clothing and other provisions to the Connecticut Line during the war on 7 November 1780. These items, contributed by the citizens of Woodbury, included 1788 pair of stockings, 1582 pair of woolen overalls, 379 shirts, 570 vests, 1937 pair of shoes, and 650 blankets.<sup>65</sup>

<sup>57</sup>Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, Register of Deeds, Book 4, page 121, FHL microfilm 5497.

<sup>58</sup>*History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut*, 1872, by Cothren.

<sup>59</sup>*History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut*, 1872, by Cothren.

<sup>60</sup>Southbury, Connecticut, South Britain Congregational Church Records, 1766-1884, FHL microfilm 5812, item 1.

<sup>61</sup>Mrs. Frank N. Mitchell, “A Southbury (Conn.) Militia Company, 1774,” *The American Genealogist*, vol. 19 (July 1942), p. 22.

<sup>62</sup>Inventory of the Estate of John Hobart, Late of Woodbury, 1783, sworn to March 12, 1787, Woodbury probate file number 2106.

<sup>63</sup>W. C. Sharpe, *South Britain Sketches and Records*, Seymour, Connecticut, 1898, page 21.

<sup>64</sup>South Britain Congregational Church records, 1766-1884, FHL microfilm 5812.

<sup>65</sup>*History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut*, 1872, by Cothren, page 210.



The death of John *Hubbard* of South Britain is recorded on either 20 December 1782<sup>66</sup> or 30 December 1782,<sup>67</sup> depending on the source. The inventory of his estate is dated 26 May 1783 under the names, John *Hobart*, John *Hubberd*, and John *Hubbard* of South Britain. Administrators of his estate were Mary *Hobart*, presumably his wife, and Comfort Hubbel. John *Hubbard's* estate was appraised at 12 pounds, 17 shillings, 5 pence. The administrators declared the estate to be insolvent. After payment of administrator's costs on 16 March 1787 and court fees, the widow was allowed 4 pounds, 2 shillings, and 10 pence. The estate inventory included the following articles:<sup>68</sup>

- 1 small house under incumberances*
- 8 pounds of pewter*
- 1 coat and two jackets*
- 1 checkered linen shirt*
- 2 pair of trousers*
- 1 pair of linen sheets, half worn*
- 2 and 1/2 pair of old linen sheets*
- 2 pair of pillow cases*
- A note of hand against William Hamilton*
- 1 large spinning wheel*
- 1 Dutch spinning wheel*
- 1 feather bed and old tick bed*
- 1 feather bolster and 2 pillows*
- 1 round table*
- 5 old chairs*
- 1 great chair*
- 1 chest*
- 1 old flour barrel*
- 1 iron pot*
- 1 old ax and one old hoe*
- 1 old ads and a shaver of bowls*
- 1 old jacket and an old pail*
- 1 old pair of shoes*
- 2 small trays*
- 1 old wash tub*
- 1 pair of tongs and 1 tramel*
- 1 table*

<sup>66</sup>*Ibid.*, Deaths in South Britain, Connecticut – John Hubbard.

<sup>67</sup>Barnes Mortality Record of Woodbury, 1672-1898.

<sup>68</sup>Inventory of the Estate of John Hobart, Late of Woodbury, 1783, probate file number 2106 and Register of Probate Records, Volume 8, 1779-1787, Woodbury, Connecticut, page 91, FHL microfilm 6174.

John's burial site has not been determined. Since he apparently died in South Britain, a very small village then and now, he was probably interred in the South Britain cemetery. However, a physical search of that cemetery did not disclose a tombstone.<sup>69</sup>

During this period, the surname, *Hubbart*, gradually evolved from *Hobart*. This is an understandable development because, to this day, the British pronounce *Hobart* as *Hubbart*.<sup>70</sup> In Colonial days literate people generally spelled phonetically so when John's children reached adulthood they wrote their names as, *Hubbart*. Even so, in the limited records in the Woodbury district the names are spelled variously, *Hobart*, *Hobert*, *Hubbart*, *Hubbert*, and *Hubbard*.

Research in the Woodbury area (including Southbury, and South Britain) is hindered by the paucity of records pertaining to the family. It is aided, however, by the fact that John Hobart (Hubbart or similar spelling) was the only one of that surname and its variations living there between 1759 and 1774. The names of a younger generation begin to appear in the records in 1768 and some can be connected to John by circumstantial evidence. This evidence indicates that John and his wife, Mary, probably had at least six children born between 1747 and 1759. Presumably, they were born in Ridgefield but, unfortunately, the Ridgefield town records do not include these births. The strength of the evidence varies by presumed child but most compelling is the enlistment of three Hubbarts of a younger generation in the same regiment during the Revolutionary War. They are Elisha, Thomas, and John, who is later identified as John, Jr. Based on this circumstantial evidence, the following are presumed to be children of John and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_) Hubbart:

- i. Abiah<sup>71</sup> *Hobart*, who married Jonathan Wildman in Southbury, Connecticut on 14 January 1768.<sup>72</sup> Jonathan, son of Joseph and Mindwell (Rockwell) Wildman, was born about 1748 in Danbury, Connecticut.<sup>73</sup>
- ii. Sarah *Hubbard*, who married David Franklin on 17 June 1771 in South Britain, Connecticut.<sup>74</sup>

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<sup>69</sup>A physical search of the cemetery was conducted by Robert C. Neibling and his wife on 13 May 2006. Many tombstones had been destroyed and many others were illegible. Therefore, although it was not possible to confirm whether this was John Hobart/Hubbart's burial site, others were found which dated to the same period of time. The headstone is not found in Connecticut's Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions.

<sup>70</sup>This is confirmed by the experience of the renowned 19<sup>th</sup> century author, James Fennimore Cooper, in his *Gleanings in Europe*, 1837; England, page 61, "This dinner offered nothing worth repeating except a short conversation I had with my neighbor, the bishop. He asked me if I knew Dr. *Hubbart*. I was obliged to answer, 'No'. 'From what part of America do you come?' 'From New York.' 'I thought Dr. *Hubbart* was well known in that state. Is he not its bishop?' 'You must mean Dr. *Hobart*, who was lately in England, I think.' '*Hubbart* or *Hobart*, we have a noble family in this country of the name ***Hobart* which we pronounce, *Hubbart*** and we called your bishop *Hubbart* too, thinking it might flatter him."

<sup>71</sup>Abiah is a rather uncommon feminine name for that period. She was probably named for her great-aunt, Abiah Hobart, daughter of Jeremiah Hobart of Huntington, Long Island, New York, born 1696.

<sup>72</sup>Southbury, Connecticut Vital Records – Church Records, baptisms and marriages.

<sup>73</sup>Wildman Families, 1672-1995 from [freepages.genealogy.rootswebb.com/~dau4is/ODTs/Wildman](http://freepages.genealogy.rootswebb.com/~dau4is/ODTs/Wildman).

<sup>74</sup>*History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut*, 1872, by Cothren, (Marriages in South Britain, Connecticut) and South Britain, Connecticut by W. C. Sharpe.

- iii. Joseph Freeman *Hubbart*, married Martha Brooks on 19 November 1771 in Southbury, Connecticut.<sup>75</sup> Martha was probably the daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Hobart) Brooks, Joseph's half first cousin, born in Ridgefield 20 February 1752. Joseph apparently died before his widow Martha married John Atwood on 30 October 1781. Children of Joseph and Martha were: Grant Hubbart, born about 1776 and Joseph Freeman Hubbart, Jr., born October 1778 in Bethlehem, Connecticut.<sup>76</sup>
- iv. John *Hubbart* who enlisted on 23 May 1777 at Woodbury, Connecticut in Capt. Granger's Company, 2nd Connecticut Regiment. He was promptly taken prisoner by the British on 30 June 1777. His military service record ended on 24 December 1777 at which time he was still reported on a muster roll as a prisoner of war.<sup>77</sup> The administration record of the estate of John *Hubbard*, Jr. is dated 8 January 1779.<sup>78</sup> He is therefore confirmed as the son of John. John Hubbart, Jr., was probably born in Ridgefield, Connecticut although his birth is not recorded there. On 23 May 1777 he enlisted at Woodbury, Connecticut in Captain Granger's Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut Regiment. He was taken prisoner by the British on 30 June 1777 and was held at least until 24 December 1777 when his service record ends.<sup>79</sup> John died sometime before 8 January 1779 when a bond for his estate was recorded in the Woodbury district.<sup>80</sup> The cause of John's death at such a young age is not known. He may have died of natural causes but more likely died as a prisoner of war or in an Indian attack described by his niece, Polly (Hubbart) Vincent, below.<sup>81</sup>
- v. A son whose identity is not known. Polly (Hubbart) Vincent, daughter of Thomas Hubbart, below, recalled an incident from the early days in the life of her father which was published in the Rome, New York, *Daily Sentinel* on 24 September 1932. It reads as follows:

#### *Uncle Killed By Indians*

*"One of the earliest incidents of her father's (Thomas Hubbart's) life, which Mrs. Vincent related, was of an Indian uprising, in which her father's brother was killed. This happened about the time of the commencement of the Revolution. Mr. Hubbard's brother was living in Connecticut at the time. The Tories led the Indians into the neighborhood and they attacked the house. He was shot and wounded as he jumped from a window. His wife, mother-in-law and three children were taken captive. The wife begged to go back to take care of her husband. The Indians said they would take care of him, and they led her back and killed him before her eyes.*

<sup>75</sup>*History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut*, 1872, by Cothren, (Marriages in Southbury, Connecticut).

<sup>76</sup>Vital Records of Bethlehem, CT, and Woodbury, CT, Probate Records.

<sup>77</sup>Payroll and muster roll entries for John Hubbart who served in Captain Samuel Granger's Company, Colonel Charles Webb's 2<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut of Foot – 29 May 1777 – 24 December 1777.

<sup>78</sup>Probate Records of the Woodbury District – John Hubbard, Jr., File number 2160, Bond by Benjamin Spees & Captain Elijah Hinman dated 8 January 1779.

<sup>79</sup>Revolutionary War military service record of John Hubbart, 23 May 1777-24 December 1777.

<sup>80</sup>Woodbury, Connecticut probate records – John Hubbard, Jr. file number 2160.

<sup>81</sup>Article in the Rome, New York *Daily Sentinel*, 24 September 1932 commemorating a plaque at the grave of Polly (Hubbart) Vincent as a "Real" Daughter of the American Revolution. (See the biography of Polly Vincent, Generation Five, for a complete transcription).

*“Years afterwards one of the children left the Indians and came back to civilization. He stayed only a little while, however. He had lived with the savages so long, that he was not content to live with his kindred, and soon returned to the people of his adoption.”*

Unfortunately, Polly’s account does not give the name of the brother of Thomas but given John, Jr.’s premature death, he would likely be the unnamed *brother*. Accordingly, an unidentified son was added for factual accuracy. At the time of his death, this son was probably married in the early 1770’s and had three children, all of whom apparently lived out their lives with the Indians.

- 9 vi. Elisha *Hobart*, b. 24 Jun 1755, m(1) Molly Peck, m(2) Esther Willison. He is closely associated with a John *Hubbart* (also spelled *Hobart*, *Hubbard*, and *Hobert*) inasmuch as they enlisted for Revolutionary War service at the same time in the same company and regiment, indicating that they were probably brothers. The estate of a John *Hubbard*, Jr. on 8 January 1779 would tend to confirm him as a son of John and Mary.<sup>82</sup>
- 10 vii. Thomas *Hubbart*, who was born in 1760 in Woodbury, Connecticut according to his daughter, Polly;<sup>83</sup> m. Silence Bartlett.

7. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> HOBART, JR., (*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jeremiah*<sup>2</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Ridgefield, Connecticut on 7 July 1724.<sup>84</sup> He married RUTH PERRY on 3 June 1748/9.<sup>85</sup> By 16 January 1755, Joseph had relocated to Danbury, Connecticut, but in actuality, this was probably a result of a redistricting action. On that date, Joseph sold two parcels of property, the descriptions of which coincide perfectly with the property that John *Hobart* sold in April 1756. Both properties were probably those which came into the possession of Joseph *Hobart*, Sr. in 1734/5 in the division of the estate of his father-in-law, Thomas *Rockwell*, Sr. This deed is quoted as follows:

*“Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Hobart, Jr. of Danbury in ye County of Fairfield & Colony of Connecticut in New England, for & in Consideration of ye Sum of Five pounds ten Shillings current money of New York by me in hand Received of Jabez Rockwell of Ridgefield which is to my full Satisfaction have Given Granted bargained Sold & by these presents Do freely fully & absolutely Sell Convey & Confirm unto him ye Sd Rockwell his heirs & assigns forever, all my Right & Title I have in a Certain Tract of piece of Land Situate & Lying in ye New Purchase So Called in ye Township of Ridgefield Said Tract of Land Containing Seventeen acres & one half, be it more of Less as it is bounded West by Land of Joseph Smith, South by highway, East by Land of Jonathan Rockwell, North by Lemuel Morehouse & Common Land; Also, all my right and title that I have in another tract or piece of Land Lying in ye New Patent So Called in ye Township of Ridgefield, Sd Tract of Land, Contains thirty acres be ye same more or Less as it is bounded North by Land of John*

<sup>82</sup>Probate Records of the Woodbury District – John Hubbard, Jr., file number 2160.

<sup>83</sup>Article from the Rome, New York *Sentinal*, 24 September 1932. (See complete transcription under the biography of Polly (Hubbart) Vincent, Generation Five).

<sup>84</sup>Ridgefield, Connecticut Records Book 1, page 227, FHL microfilm number 5496.

<sup>85</sup>*History of Ridgefield, Connecticut*, by George L. Rockwell – 1927, page 511.

**Keeler, East by Common Land or highway, South by Land of Joseph Keeler, West by highway.** To have & to hold Sd Granted & bargained premises with all of sd privileges & appurtenances to ye Same belonging or in any wise appertaining I Say I have Sold & fully made over ? Same unto him Sd Rockwell & to his heirs & assigns forever to his & their sole & proper use & benefit who Shall & may forever hereafter by virtue hereof Enter upon possess & enjoy ? Same Convey, Convert, Alienate & Dispose thereof in what way & manner to what use & end S\_\_ver he afsd Rockwell his heirs or assigns Shall \_\_\_\_\_ good.

Furthermore I ye sd Hobart Do for my Self & heirs Covenant & Engage to Warrant & Defend afsd Same unto him ye sd Rockwell & to his heirs & assigns from me my heirs Executors Administrators or any manner of persons Whatsoever Saying any Lawfull Claim Challenge or Demand thereunto In Testimony Whereof I Do hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of January A.D. 1755.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

his

in presence of

Joseph x Hobart, Jr. (Seal)

Sam'l Gates

mark

James Northrup, Jr.

Danbury April ye 8<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1756 personally

Received to Record April ye 12<sup>th</sup> 1756 appeared Joseph Hobart Signer & Sealer to & Recorded by Mr. Stephen Smith Reg ye foregoing Instrument & acknowledged ye

Same to be his free will & Deed before

Mr. Thos Benedict, Justice of Peace”

Joseph Hobart, Jr. and Ruth Perry were parents of at least the following children:

- i. Sarah, born 30 October 1749.<sup>86</sup>
- ii. Joseph, born 15 August 1751.<sup>87</sup>
- iii. Thomas, born 7 May 1758.<sup>88</sup>

*To be continued*

<sup>86</sup>Ridgefield Town Records, Deed Book 1, page 247, FHL microfilm number 5496.

<sup>87</sup>Ibid.

<sup>88</sup>Connecticut Church Records Index, Connecticut State Library (Rev. Taylor, New Fairfield South Church Records, Volume 1, page 103).

**The Family of Benjamin Haight,  
Born 1770 in Stamford, CT, and Died by 1850 in Barnett, PA  
M.D. Baker**

*Simon<sup>1</sup> Hoyt first appears in Massachusetts Bay records in 1629. He subsequently removed to Windsor, Connecticut, and by 1649 to Fairfield where we find numerous descendants. The earliest generations of this family are well documented in David W. Hoyt, A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families.<sup>[1]</sup> This article extends one branch of that family through New York State to Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.*

Benjamin<sup>6</sup> Hait was baptized 17 Jun 1770 in New Canaan, son of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth Hait, grandson of Charles<sup>4</sup> Hait and Hannah Bishop.<sup>[2]</sup> From evidence in records of his presumed sister Elizabeth, who named a son Bishop, and in records for Benjamin's children we can conclude that he was the same Benjamin Haight who died in Barnett, PA, before 1850. This paper proposes that he was in Salem, NY,<sup>[3]</sup> probably 1774-1794; in Pawling by 1800; in Fishkill by 1810; in Andes by 1820; possibly in Greene, NY, about 1835; and, probably in Barnett, PA, by 1837.<sup>[4]</sup> It appears that he was a close friend of Abel Hoyt, his presumed sister's brother-in-law, and Abel's son Lewis. There are two sons and another probable son of Benjamin Haight herein, sons not in other genealogies.

Some interesting Haight things happened in the late 1830s in and near Greene: in 1835 or '36, Nelson Haight was in Greene;<sup>[5]</sup> in 1836 John Haight (Sr.) moved to Greene;<sup>[6]</sup> in 1837, Lewis Haight moved to nearby Chenango (the only Haight in Chenango);<sup>[7]</sup> and, in 1838, Ithiel Haight moved to Greene.<sup>[8][9]</sup> John Haight could only have been the "John Haigh" listed after Benjamin Haight in 1820 in Andes, as John had a child or children born in Delaware Co. Ithiel S. Haight was the only other Haight in Andes in the 1830 census besides John and Benjamin.<sup>[10][11]</sup>

Regarding the census: Where was Ithiel S. Haight in 1820? He was the only Haight in Pawling, nineteen names before Abel Hoyt.<sup>[12]</sup> Where was Benjamin Haight in 1800? He was in Pawling, eleven names after Abel Hayt, immediately after Joseph Hayt (Abel's brother) and immediately before Dorothy Hayt (Dorothy Keeler Hait),<sup>[13]</sup> widow of Abram and mother of Abel

<sup>1</sup> Hoyt, David Webster, *A Genealogical history of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families*, printed for the author by the Providence Press Company, 1871. Hereafter D. W. Hoyt.

<sup>2</sup> New Canaan Congregational Church Record, vol. 1, p. 39.

<sup>3</sup> The former Town of Salem, New York, was created in 1747 from that portion of the "Oblong" adjacent to Ridgefield, CT. In 1783, with added portions of Courtlandt Manor, Salem was separated into the towns of North Salem and Lewisboro.

<sup>4</sup> Barnett is a township in Jefferson Co. and in adjoining Forest Co., PA; there are no Forest Co. records before 1852; Benjamin was in Jefferson Co. by 1837, per Washington Zachariah Haight, 1895.

<sup>5</sup> Nelson Haight's children's birth dates and birthplaces, and his children's letters, via Dale Kroeker online.

<sup>6</sup> 1855 state census, John Haight, Greene, E.D. 2, Chenango NY, in city/town 19 years; Elihu Haight, 17 years.

<sup>7</sup> 1855 state census, Lewis Haight, Chenango, E.D. 3, Broome Co NY, in the city or town 18 years.

<sup>8</sup> Elihu was with Ithiel when Elihu moved to Greene. Elihu stayed in Greene.

<sup>9</sup> The author knows of no other genealogy that connects these individuals.

<sup>10</sup> Ithiel in indexes as Ethel S/Shel S, Jthial, Ithial, Shiel, Jhiel, etc.

<sup>11</sup> With so few wills, deeds and court records to work with for this family, census analysis is about all that is left besides D.W. Hoyt and corrected CT records.

<sup>12</sup> D.W. Hoyt, p. 382, gives a descendant's death date of "abt" 1816 in Pawling for Abel.

<sup>13</sup> The author concludes she was widow of Abram as D.W. Hoyt had Abel and Joseph Hoyt living in Pawling.

and Joseph).<sup>[14][15]</sup> Why was Benjamin between Joseph and Dorothy? Benjamin was the brother of Joseph's wife, Elizabeth,<sup>[16][17]</sup> and she named a son Bishop<sup>[18]</sup> as she and Benjamin were grandchildren of Charles Hait and Hannah Bishop.<sup>[19]</sup> Elizabeth and Benjamin were the two oldest children of Benjamin and Elizabeth Hait,<sup>[20]</sup> and Benjamin (Sr.) was "of Salem" by 1774.<sup>[21]</sup>

Abel most likely met Benjamin in Salem, 1787-1792, as Abel "of Salem" had his children baptized at New Canaan Church, 1787-1792.<sup>[22]</sup> David W. Hoyt cautiously wrote that "it is said by one of his descendants" that Abel moved from Wilton, CT, to Pawling 1793-1798 and died there about 1816. Abel's father Abram lived in Norwalk, in New Canaan Parish and in Salem, NY, and reportedly died about 1788,<sup>[23]</sup> although Abel must have been alive in 1820 in Pawling.<sup>[24][25]</sup> In the 1790 census, Salem Town, were John Fancer (name 83), Abel Haitt (84), Abraham Haitt (85) and Uriah Bolt (86).

Charles Hait married Hannah Bishop in 1736, had land on Hait's Ridge in Stamford by 1736 and bought land in Stamford from his brother James in 1773.<sup>[26]</sup> Charles and Hannah had their children baptized at New Canaan Church, 1737-1753. Their son Benjamin Hait (Sr.) was born 8 Jun 1742 and baptized 13 Jun 1742.<sup>[27]</sup>

Benjamin Hait and his wife Elizabeth were admitted to New Canaan Church 10 Sep 1769.<sup>[28]</sup> Their first two children were baptized at New Canaan Church: Elizabeth 10 Sep 1769 and Benjamin 17 Jun 1770.<sup>[29]</sup> By 1774, Benjamin Hait (Sr.) had moved to Salem (although that was not in D.W. Hoyt), but his third child, Hannah, was also baptized at New Canaan Church.<sup>[30]</sup> D.W. Hoyt reports Hannah baptized 24 Feb 1773, but it appears that she was baptized 24 Feb 1774: "Hannah, daughter of Benj'.m Hait of Salem."<sup>[31]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> The author researched every B/Benj. Haight/Hoyt/etc., in the NY Fed Cen, 1800-1830, and identified or ruled out each for 1800-1810. Pawling 1800 and Fishkill 1810 were the ones left. He ruled out those documented or in which the oldest male was not the right age, and the author did not favor any county.

<sup>15</sup> A Benj. Haight his age was not found in the extended Abram Hait and Dorothy Keeler family and the name Bishop must have been a family name. If Eliz. was not the sister of Benj. then the author can find no reason for Benj. between Joseph and Dorothy in 1800, and for his connections to the Abel Hoyt family.

<sup>16</sup> D.W. Hoyt, p. 382, "Joseph . . . m. Elizabeth Hoyt in Salem, NY, Nov 15, 1792 . . . lived in Pawlings"

<sup>17</sup> The author's conclusion.

<sup>18</sup> "(4095) V. Bishop, b. April 13, 1801, in P(awling)," D.W. Hoyt, pp. 437-438.

<sup>19</sup> The author's conclusion.

<sup>20</sup> D.W. Hoyt, p. 355.

<sup>21</sup> *New Canaan CT Congregational Church Records, 1733-1899, Vol. 1, p. 54.*

<sup>22</sup> D.W. Hoyt, p. 382.

<sup>23</sup> D.W. Hoyt, p. 347.

<sup>24</sup> Others have concluded Abel Hoyt was still alive in Pawling in 1820.

<sup>25</sup> It is interesting that Lewis Hoyt, son of Abel, lived in Bainbridge not far from the Greene Haight.

<sup>26</sup> D.W. Hoyt, p. 333.

<sup>27</sup> Ibid.

<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

<sup>29</sup> Ibid.

<sup>30</sup> Ibid.

<sup>31</sup> *New Canaan CT Congregational Church Records, 1733-1899, Vol. 1, p. 54.*

Benjamin Haight (Jr.) married Phoebe Ruff in Salem in 1794,<sup>[32]</sup> lived in Pawling in 1800, had son Nelson in Dutchess Co., NY, in 1808,<sup>[33]</sup> and could only have been in Fishkill in 1810 (as Benjamin Hoyt).<sup>[34]</sup> Most of the people on that 1810 page had horses, cattle, sheep and looms, and Benjamin was between established White and Griffin families, but Benjamin had only one head of cattle, so he probably worked for White or Griffin and was apparently not established in the area. The first nineteen people, through Solomon P. Griffin (who had forty “yds”), were the wealthier, while the last ten were poorer (based upon the number of horses, cattle, etc.).

In 1800, Benjamin had two possible sons under ten and no possible daughters; by 1810 his two oldest possible sons were ten-to-fifteen and he had three more possible sons under ten. In 1820 his two oldest possible sons were not in the census household, but immediately after him in the census was “John Haigh” (b. 1795-1802), apparently newly-married with a possible daughter under ten.<sup>[35]</sup> Ithiel Haight in Pawling in the 1820 census had a male under ten. Neither of Benjamin’s possible daughters from 1810 was in the 1820 household but daughter Amanda (b. 1803-1805), had married Elihu Wing by 1820.

The following family summary is based on census records for Benjamin Haight<sup>[36]</sup> (1800 Pawling, 1810 Fishkill, 1820-1830 Andes<sup>[37]</sup> and 1840 Barnett) and other records cited.

### Family Summary

#### Sixth Generation

1. **BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> HAIT** (*Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Charles<sup>4</sup>, Joshua<sup>3,2</sup>, Simon<sup>1</sup>*), bap. New Canaan, CT, Cong. Church, 17 Jun 1770,<sup>[38]</sup> d. Barnett, Jefferson Co., PA, bef 1850, m. South Salem, NY, Cong. Church, 13 Feb or Jul 1794,<sup>[39]</sup> **PHEBE RUFF**, b. CT, 1771-1774, d. Barnett, 18 Jan 1849, both buried in a family cemetery.<sup>[40]</sup>

The next reference to Phebe by name after 1794 was the 1895 biography of Washington Zachariah Haight who said that his grandparents were Phoebe Ruff and Benjamin Haight of Jefferson Co., PA. That 1895 biography was also the next published or public record for Benjamin by name after he was recorded in the 1840 census. Phoebe and Benjamin were born in Connecticut according to the 1880 census for their son Nelson, and also according to the 1880 census for John Haight of Greene. Phoebe was born 1771-1774<sup>[41]</sup> and Benjamin was born an

<sup>32</sup> The Washington Zachariah Haight 1895 biography said Benj. Haight married Phoebe Ruff: *Memorial Record of the counties of Faribault, Martin, Watonwan and Jackson, Minnesota*, Chicago, Lewis Pub. Co., 1895, pp. 689-691. D.W. Hoyt had Benj. Hoyt m. Phebe Rough at S. Salem Ch. “July 13, 1794,” Unclass. Facts, p. 625. A transcript online has “Feb 13, 1794” (no Jun-Jul 1794 entries).

<sup>33</sup> Washington Zachariah Haight 1895, p. 689

<sup>34</sup> The author found only one undocumented 1810 Benj. Haight/Hoyt household in NY consistent with the 1800 Pawling household.

<sup>35</sup> In the “John Haigh” 1820 household, John was 16-25 but not 16-17, so 18-25, b. 1795-1802.

<sup>36</sup> Hoyt in 1800, Hoyt in 1810, Haight in 1820-1830 and Haight in 1840.

<sup>37</sup> See census analysis footnote for John Haight (Sr).

<sup>38</sup> Benj. b. Stamford based on Charles Hait’s land ownership; bap. 17 Jun 1770 per D.W. Hoyt, p. 355.

<sup>39</sup> South Salem Church Record cited in D.W. Hoyt, p. 625, and a modern transcript.

<sup>40</sup> In Barnett on Rt. 36, S side, .6 mile W of 36 and 899, 2.5 miles E of Hominy Ridge Cem., in a clump of trees. “B. Haight” d. “August 18, 1848” or “8/29/1846” or “28 Aug 1843” per: Nathan Zipfel, 2004; Patricia Steele, 1980; and a 2007 headstone.

<sup>41</sup> Phoebe Ruff Haight birth years in FC: 1756-1774 (1800); 1766-1784 (1810); pre-1776 (1820); 1771-1780



estimated Feb-Jun 1770. Headstones have: "B. Haight" died in Aug 1843-1848; and, "P. Haight" died 18 Jan 1849.<sup>[42]</sup>

Children:<sup>[43]</sup>

- 2
  - i. John, b. Dutchess Co., NY, 1798-1800, m(1) \_\_\_\_\_, m(2) Betsey Amphea Whitmore.
  - ii. (prob.) Lewis,<sup>[44]</sup> b. Dutchess Co., NY, 1801-1802, m. Mary Wilson/Willson, dau. of Jotham and Sarah (Green) Willson of Greenwich, CT.
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  - iii. Ithiel S., b. prob. Pawling, Dutchess Co., NY, 1802, m. Lydia \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iv. Amanda, b. NY, 1803-1805, m. Elihu Wing.
  - v. unknown daughter, b.1800-1810.<sup>45</sup>
  - vi. Nelson, b. Dutchess Co., NY, 1808, m. Harriet McCabe, daughter of Samuel and Millicent (Boyce) McCabe. (The Boyce family were Loyalists.)
  - vii. Joel, b. prob. Fishkill, Dutchess Co., NY, 1810, m. Rebecca Stewart, dau. of Hugh and Anne (Steele) Stewart.<sup>[46]</sup>
  - viii. Ambrose, b. NY, 1812, m. prob. bef 1845, Eliza Platt, dau. of John and Margaret (Wright) Platt of Richland, Clarion Co., PA.<sup>[47]</sup>
- 4
  - ix. Permelia, b. NY, 1812-1814, m. Joseph Kelley.

### Seventh Generation

2. JOHN<sup>7</sup> HAIGHT (*Benjamin*<sup>6,5</sup>, *Charles*<sup>4</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>3,2</sup>, *Simon*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dutchess, Co., NY, 1798-1800, m(1) by 1820, \_\_\_\_\_, m(2) abt. 1854, **BETSEY AMPHEA WHITMORE**, only child of James and Johanna (Mott) Whitmore of Bainbridge, Chenango Co., NY, d. bef 1850. In the 1855 census were: Elihu Haight, head of family 110; John Haight, head of 111; and, Caroline (Haight) Wedge in 112. Elihu had been in Greene seventeen years but John had been there nineteen years.<sup>[48]</sup> Children by an unknown first wife (list perhaps incomplete):<sup>[49]</sup>

(1830); 1771-1780 (1840) . Total, compared: 1771-1774

<sup>42</sup> No birth years given for "B. Haight" and "P. Haight."

<sup>43</sup> James H. Haight who m. Ada Bouton (Barton) is presumed to have been the son of Benjamin Haight in Rensselaerville, Albany Co NY, in 1820 (obviously not the Benjamin Haight in Andes, 1820). That presumed relationship is based upon the 1820 FC, Rensselaerville, in which James' name did not appear. James H. Haight was b. 1802 in Saratoga Co NY, per the 1855 NY state census, Freetown, Cortland Co NY.

<sup>44</sup> Lewis Haight may have been a brother of John and Ithiel as he lived close to them and as he arrived in the area about the same time that they arrived in Greene. (Abel Hoyt named a son Lewis.) No children in the 1840 L. Haight household, Chenango, Broome Co., NY.

<sup>45</sup> 1810 Federal Census, Fishkill, Benjamin Hoyt.

<sup>46</sup> The author's ancestor; this line has DNA that matches the Simon Hoyte (of 1629) DNA group. Joel was in The Descendents of Thomas Horton (1912), by Austin Jay Horton, p. 120. See Steele genealogy by Patricia M. Steele of Jefferson Co PA.

<sup>47</sup> Ambrose Haight, brother of Nelson, moved from Andes to Jefferson Co, PA, by the 1840s, met and m. Eliza Platt of neighboring Clarion Co. before 1850, probably before 1845; moved to (or back to) Greene by 1849-1850; and, then he moved back to Barnett by 1860. Ambrose had a son born in Greene, 18 Aug 1849 ([ancestry.com/~nychenan/greene2.htm](http://ancestry.com/~nychenan/greene2.htm)).

<sup>48</sup> The author sees an uncle/nephew relationship between John (Sr) and Elihu.

<sup>49</sup> Census analysis: Benj. with John in 1830 (Andes), the male b. 1771-1780; Ambrose or Joel (b. 1812/1810) with John in 1830, the male b. 1811-1815; William b. 1823-1825 with John in 1840 (Greene), the male b. 1821-1825. John had 2 poss. sons in 1830-1840, consistent ages. Ambrose or Joel prob. with Elihu Wing in 1820.

- i. (poss.) Clarissa of Oxford, b. NY abt. 1820, was in Oxford, Chenango Co., NY, 1850.
- ii. Sally of Greene, b. prob. Delaware Co., NY, abt. 1823.<sup>[50]</sup>
- iii. (poss.) William of Greene and Oxford, b. prob. Delaware Co., NY, 1823-1825, m. Greene, Chenango Co., NY, 1847, Caroline Cooley. In *Annals of Oxford*, 1906, Galpin said Caroline M. Cooley, b. 5 May 1830 in Laurens, m. William of Oxford; Wm. gave birth counties as Chenango Co./Delaware Co., NY, 1855/1875.
- iv. John R. of Greene, Alfred, Colesville and Chenango, b. Delaware Co., NY, 1827-1828, m. Greene, 1847, Electa Wedge.
- v. (poss.) Melissa of Oxford, b. NY abt. 1831, was in Oxford, Chenango Co., NY, 1850.
- vi. Mary, b. prob. Chenango Co., NY, abt. 1837. Prob. same as Caroline "Carrie" of Bainbridge, Greene, and Elmira who m. Greene, 1854, Luther Wedge.

3. **ITHIEL**<sup>7</sup> **S. HAIGHT** (*Benjamin*<sup>6,5</sup>, *Charles*<sup>4</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>3,2</sup>, *Simon*<sup>1</sup>), b. prob. Pawling, Dutchess Co., NY, 1802, m. by 1820, **J. LYDIA** \_\_\_\_\_. They were in Delaware Co., by 1830, were in Chenango Co., by 1833, moved to Greene in 1838, were in Greene in 1840, and moved to Vestal prob. well before 1845;<sup>[51]</sup> and, they had twelve children.<sup>[52]</sup> Ithiel and Lydia were buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery;<sup>[53]</sup> found in 1850 and 1865 in Vestal. Children (perhaps others):<sup>[54]</sup>

- i. George W. of Greene, b. Dutchess Co./Delaware Co., NY, 1820-1822, m(1) prob. Greene, Chenango Co., prob. bef. 1848, E.E./Alzana \_\_\_\_\_, m(2) prob. Greene, Chenango Co., NY, prob. bef. 1867, Joanna \_\_\_\_\_; named sons Benjamin and Nelson.
- ii. Elihu (Eugene?) of Greene, b. Delaware Co., NY, 1827-1828, m(1) Greene, Chenango Co., NY, 1849, Jane Hanford. The only Hanford family in Greene was that of Merritt and Hannah; Merritt Hanford was four names after Ithiel Haight in the 1840 census, Greene. Elihu m(2) prob. Greene, NY, prob. bef. 1865, Mary M. \_\_\_\_\_. Elihu was poss. the Eugene with George in 1850.
- iii. Emory, b. Andes, Delaware Co., NY, abt. 1830, m(1) De Kalb Co., IL, 1860, Harriett (\_\_\_\_\_) McCormick, widow of Matthew McCormick, m(2) Beloit, Rock Co., WI, 9 Jan 1882, Emma McCormick, b. White Oak Springs, WI, dau. of Mathew and Harriet McCormick. Emory a farmer, resident of Rockford, IL, at second marriage.<sup>[55]</sup> Named a son Edward Eugene.
- iv. unknown son, b. prob. Delaware Co./Chenango Co., NY, 1831-1835.
- v. (William) Henry of Vestal and Erwin, b. Chenango Co., NY, 1833, m(1) prob. Vestal, Broome Co., NY, 1854, Elizabeth Westfall, m(2) prob. Vestal, abt. 1864, Caroline (\_\_\_\_\_) Russell, widow of George Russell. Headstone for Edwin, son of Henry, had William H. Haight as father, per transcript for Meth. Ch. Cemetery.

<sup>50</sup> 1850 Greene, Chenango Co NY, 108/114 John H. 51, Sally H. 27, Mary H. 13; some overwriting on ages.

<sup>51</sup> George moved back to Greene in 1845.

<sup>52</sup> 1865 Vestal, #196 Ithial, 65, b. Broome Co, 12 child., J. Lydia, 62, wife, b. same, m. once, now m.

<sup>53</sup> All the Haight's in Meth. Ch. Cem., now Vestal Park (from a transcript): "Henry 1838-1905 Civil War Soldier; Eliza W. w/o Henry d. Nov.19, 1864 age 26-1-19; Hulda C. d/o Ithiel and Lydia d. Sept. 1860; Ithiel d. May 10, 1869 age 67; Lydia w/o Ithiel d. Apr.10, 1873 age 71; Edwin s/o William H. and P.E. d. Dec.7, 1861 age 1-1-19." Henry's 1833 birth prob. misread as 1838.

<sup>54</sup> Ithiel & Lydia had 5 dau.'s and 7 sons, 1830/1840 census, Andes/Greene, with the oldest son out of the household by 1840.

<sup>55</sup> Marriage certificate for second marriage, Beloit, Rock County, WI.

- vi. David, b. Greene, ca 1837. David, son of Ithiel and Lydia, enlisted 15 Feb 1864 at Vestal as a private in 50th Regt., J Co.
- vii. Orrin of Vestal, b. prob. Chenango Co., NY, abt. 1839, m. prob. Vestal, Broome Co., NY, prob. 1860-1865, Amanda "Aclay."
- viii. Hulda of Vestal, b. prob. Chenango Co., NY, 1840, d. Vestal, Broome Co., NY, Sep 1860, bur. in Methodist Church Cemetery.

4. **PERMELIA<sup>7</sup> HAIGHT** (*Benjamin<sup>6,5</sup>, Charles<sup>4</sup>, Joshua<sup>3,2</sup>, Simon<sup>1</sup>*), b. NY, ca 1813, d. Wells, Fairbault Co., MN, 13 Dec 1893, widowed, of old age,<sup>[56]</sup> m. prob. by 1844, **JOSEPH KELLEY**, b. PA or Ireland, ca 1817. In Benjamin Haight census households there was a younger female born 1811-1820, 1811-1815 and 1811-1820; Permelia Kelley was co-located in the 1860 census with Haight families in Barnett; and, in the 1875 Minnesota census she was in the same county as Nelson Haight. Children, b. PA:<sup>[57]</sup>

- i. David S. Kelley, b. ca 1846.
- ii. Washington Wayne Kelley, b. Clarion Co., PA, 25 May 1848, d. Wells, Faribault Co., MN, 27 Oct 1940, of cardiac failure, occ. laborer, m. Mary C. \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>[58]</sup>
- iii. Phoebe Jane Kelley, b. ca 1851.
- iv. Winfield Scott Kelley, b. 10 Sep 1853, d. Austin, Mower Co., MN, 6 Nov 1914, of chronic dysentery, occ. stone mason.<sup>[59]</sup>
- v. William Freemont Kelley, b. ca 1857.

Having been recorded in son Winfield Scott Kelley's death certificate as Phoebe rather than Permelia was evidence that her mother's name was Phoebe, as Phoebe Ruff Haight was apparently not again recorded in her lifetime as Phoebe after her 1794 marriage.

*The author, M. D. Baker, descends from Joel Haight. (#7 above). He was born not far from Jefferson Co., PA, and is a grandson of Lila Jane Haight who was in an approved Mayflower line that he researched.*

<sup>56</sup> Death certificate, not registered until 8 Dec 1896.

<sup>57</sup> 1860 Federal Census of Barnett, Jefferson Co., PA.

<sup>58</sup> Death certificate, which names his mother Phoebe Hate.

<sup>59</sup> Certified transcript of death certificate, 27 Jul 1981, which names his mother Pamela Haight; [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) has Permela Haight in the record.

## Norwalk Marriages, 1856 – 1862, with Irish Counties of Birth

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For persons researching Irish ancestry, identifying the immigrant's birthplace can be crucial to finding earlier records in Ireland. Since early to mid-nineteenth century Irish immigrants were too often recorded only as born in "Ireland," the county of birth can be an important find. Sixty marriages recorded in Norwalk from 1856 through 1862 include the names of Irish counties or localities of birth of at least one of the parties.

Why the specific Irish birthplaces of some were recorded when others were not during these years is not known. Vital record keeping in Connecticut resumed in full in 1847, having lapsed for the most part in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. The rapid growth of Norwalk in mid-century brought new residents from other states as well as foreign countries, especially Ireland. Town clerks became used to recording a wide range of counties and localities of birth of new residents as they married so perhaps the inclusion of Irish counties began to seem proper as well.

According to names entered at the head of some register pages, Joseph F. Foote (1828-1883) served as town clerk through 1857, succeeded by Edward Alvord\* in 1858. Joseph M. Wilson's name is found at the beginning of the 1859 entries. During 1858-1859 the number of vital events recorded declined substantially. At the beginning of 1860, William L. Quintard (1820-1873) became clerk, succeeded in 1861 by Joseph B. Ells (1835-1918). The position reverted back to Quintard in the beginning of 1862.

I have also copied names of the clergy who officiated, where available. While most of these marriages were performed by Catholic priests, others named were, or probably were Protestant clergy. Priests assigned to St. Mary RC parish during this period were Hugh J. Reilly to July 1859, John Mulligan to January 1862 and Peter A. Smith to 1875. Other clergy recorded were William Cooper Mead (rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 1836 to 1874), John Purvis "of Westport," T.E. Pattison and John Smith.

\*The flourishes in his signature make it almost impossible to read. "Edw." is clear. The rest looks like "Oprud" or "Aprud," but I have guessed "Alvord." Edward Alvord was a 29-year-old Norwalk lawyer in the 1860 census.

Duggan, Thomas S., *The Catholic Church in Connecticut*, 1930.

*Norwalk after two hundred & fifty years*, 1901.

Ray, Deborah Wing and Gloria P. Stewart, *Norwalk: being an historical account of that Connecticut town*, 1979.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Off't</b>	<b>p. #</b>
__ Jun 1861	Bagan, Peter	23	Monaghan Co Ire	Norwalk	Watson, Bridget	21	Ireland	Westport	[6]	17
22 Nov 1857	Barnes, Thomas	30	Ireland	Norwalk	Flaherty, Mary	25	Waterford Co Ire	Norwalk	[1]	265
[10] Feb 1861	Barry, Thomas	21	Waterford Co Ire	Norwalk	Stapleton, Ann	23	Kilkenny Co Ire	Norwalk	[6]	5
18 Oct 1862	Brown, John	21	Co Limerick Ire	Westport	Donahue, Honora	21	Kerry Co Ire	Westport	[8]	105
15 Feb 1857	Buckley, Patrick	19	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	Kieff, Ellen	22	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	[1]	253
26 May 1862	Caffrey, Owen	25	Cavne Co Ire	Norwalk	Manice[?], Mary	26	Tipperary Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	104
2 Nov 1862	Carroll, John	25	Galway Co Ire	Redding	Hearne, Mary	30	Tipperary Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	106
10 Oct 1857	Chamberlin, James	30	Cork Co Ire	Wilton	Kelly, Margaret	22	Kerry Co Ire	Wilton	[1]	263
21 May 1857	Clear, Michael	27	Kilkenny Ire	Westport	McCarder, Ann	27	Armagh Ire	Westport	[3]	255
17 Apr 1860	Conley, Philip	23	Longford Co Ire	Norwalk	Duffy, Eliza	25	Cavan Co Ire	Norwalk	[4]	311
28 Sep 1856	Connor, Daniel	23	Cork Co Ire	Westport	Murphy, Julia	22	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	[1]	241
2 Nov 1862	Cooke, Connor	34	Cavan Co Ire	Norwalk	Hanley, Mary	25	Longford Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	106
28 Sep 1856	Coyne, Peter	24	Kings Co Ire	Westport	Wier, Catharine	21	Kings Co Ire	Westport	[1]	241
28 Sep 1856	Cummings, Patrick	35	Cork Co Ire	New Canaan	Coleman, Catharine	25	Cork Co Ire	New Canaan	[1]	241
1 Nov 1857	Doocey, John	25	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	Feeney, Catharine	25	Ireland	Norwalk	[1]	263

Date	Groom	Age	Birthplace	Residence	Bride	Age	Birthplace	Residence	Off't	p. #
15 Jul 1860	Dorsey, John	25	Meath Co Ire	Norwalk	Kindlon, Catharine	21	Cavan Co Ire	Norwalk	[4]	320
16 Feb 1857	Dyer, George H.	63	Belfast Ire	Norwalk	Shrain, Mary	33	Belfast Ire	Norwalk	[2]	253
24 Feb 1857	Fagan, Thomas	22	Westmeath Ire	Norwalk	Fagan, Jane	22	Westmeath Ire	Norwalk	[1]	253
12 Oct 1862	Farrell, Thomas	42	Co Leitrim Ire	Norwalk	Moore, Rose	40	Co Leitrim Ire	Norwalk	[8]	105
14 Sep 1856	Finnegan, Michael	22	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	Wallace, Julia	25	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	[1]	239
31 Dec 1862	Fitzgibbons, James	26	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	Kehoe, Mary	22	Clare Co Ire	Norwalk	[9]	107
14 Sep 1856	Flynn, John	24	Mallow	Norwalk	Hanlon, Catharine	20	Ireland	Norwalk	[1]	239
[29] Jul 1862	Flynn, John	20	Abbeyfield Ire	Westport	Dunn, Mary	24	Dublin Ire	Westport	[9]	104
[23] May 1861	Grace, James	23	Queens Co Ire	Norwalk	Burns, Catharine	22	Co Kilkenny Ire	Norwalk	[6]	14
25 Nov 1860	Grace, Wm.	24	Queens Co Ire	Norwalk	Burns, Catharine	26	Waterford Co Ire	Norwalk	[4]	332
31 May 1857	Hartigan, Patrick	21	Limerick Co Ire	Norwalk	Kennedy, Bridget	20	Tipperary Co Ire	Norwalk	[1]	257
27 Dec 1859	Harty, John	28	Westmede Co Ire	Norwalk	McMullen, Bridget	25	Farmenu [sic] Co Ire	Norwalk	[4]	302
28 Sep 1860	Hickey, John	26	Wexford Co Ire	Norwalk	Berry, Mary	22	Sligo Co Ire	Norwalk	[4]	326
1 Jul 1860	Higgins, Daniel	38	Cork Co Ire	Westport	Mahoney, Elisabeth	31	Cork Co Ire	Westport	[4]	320
7 Dec 1860	Hobbins, John	26	Tipperary Ire	Westport	Ready, Bridget	27	Tipperary Ire	Westport	[4]	335
15 Feb 1860	Hogan, Patrick	23	Kings Co Ire	Hartford NY	Clark, Ann	24	Caven [sic] Co Ire	_____	[4]	308



<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Off't</b>	<b>p. #</b>
21 May 1859	Hyde, John	28	Co of Cork	Norwalk	Kindling, Mary	26	Co of Cavan	Norwalk	[4]	299
31 Dec 1860	Kearney, Matthew	24	Westmeath Co Ire	Norwalk	Clinch, Mary A. Raymond	21	Germany	Norwalk	[5]	335
23 Apr 1862	Kemedy, Michael	24	Tipperary Co Ire	Norwalk	Connors, Susan	23	Tipperary Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	103
20 Feb 1860	Kilboy, John	28	Galway Co Ire	Norwalk	Shehan, Catharine	25	Tipperary Co Ire	Norwalk	[4]	308
30 Jun 1862	Lundrigan, Thomas	26	Tipperary Co Ire	N. York	Mulcaha, Catharine	24	Limerick Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	104
23 Feb 1857	Lynch, Morris	28	Co of Limerick Ire	Norwalk	O'Mara, Bridget	28	Co of Limerick Ire	Norwalk	[1]	253
30 May 1858	Maher, James	—	Leids [sic] Co Ire	Norwalk	Hyland, Ann	—	Ireland	Norwalk	[1]	287
[15] Aug 1861	Mc Nerny, John	23	Co Clare Ire	Wilton	Kelly, Mary	24	Rosemeath [sic] Co Ire	Wilton	[6]	23
15 Aug 1862	McInnersey, Patrick	26	Clare Co Ire	Norwalk	Troy, Ann	22	Kilkenny Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	104
[18] Apr 1861	McMahan, Edward	21	Co Clear [Clare] Ire	Wilton	Gaffney, Rosy	21	Scotland	Wilton	[6]	11
31 Aug 1857	McNally, Christopher	26	Westmeath Co Ire	Norwalk	Zsoito[?], Mary	24	Westmeath Co Ire	Norwalk	[1]	259
24 Aug 1862	McNamara, Samuel	25	Limerick Co Ire	Norwalk	Neyland, Elizabeth	21	Kildare Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	105
14 Jul 1862	Millerick, John	21	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	Picket, Elizabeth	21	Mead [sic] Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	104
18 Oct 1857	Moors, Henry	23	Antrim Co Ire	New Canaan	Woods, Hannah	23	Tipperary Ire	Norwalk	[2]	263
30 Jul 1860	Nagle, Edward	23	Tipperary Co Ire	Westport	Ferry, Mary	25	Kings Co Ire	Westport	[4]	320

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Off't</b>	<b>p. #</b>
1 Nov 1857	O'Boy, Bernard	22	Ireland	Wilton	Vail, Catharine	20	Waterford Co Ire	Wilton	[1]	263
22 Apr 1860	O'Hara, Patrick	33	Sligo Co Ire	New Canaan	McNamara, Catharine	23	Sligo Co Ire	New Canaan	[4]	311
[2] Jul 1861	Quinn, Edward	22	Dublin Co Ire	Norwalk	Keefe, Mary	20	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	[6]	20
2 Sep 1860	Ronan, Dennis	24	Cork Co Ire	Westport	McQuirck, Delia	24	Co Cork Ire	Westport	[4]	326
27 Nov 1861	Ross, Andrew	30	Ireland	Branford	Roberts, Catharine	24	Cork Co Ire	Norwalk	[7]	32
11 Jun 1859	Rusley, Edward	25	Co of Cork	Norwalk	Duffie, Susan	28	Co of Munster [sic]	Norwalk	[4]	299
15 Nov 1857	Ryan, James	23	Tipperary Ire	Wilton	Downey, Bridget	23	Kilkenny Co Ire	Wilton	[1]	265
[26] Sep 1861	Ryan, Patrick	28	Tipperary Co Ire	Westport	Junes[?], Mary	21	Co Kildare Ire	Westport	[6]	26
21 May 1860	Shea, Daniel	28	Kerry Co Ire	Norwalk	Ayers, Mary S.	20	New York City	Norwalk	[4]	314
17 Feb 1860	Smith, William	32	Dublin Ire	Newark NJ	Robbins, Jane	27	Belfast Ire	Newark NJ	[4]	308
13 Sep 1856	Steep, John	27	Salz, Wertemberg	Westport	McGlynn, Catharine	19	City of Dublin	Westport	[9]	239
19 Aug 1862	Tammany, John	30	Tyrone Co Ire	Newark NJ	Harvey, Mary	24	Tyrone Co Ire	Norwalk	[8]	105
16 Nov 1862	Thompson, William	29	Kerry Co Ire	Norwalk	Weed, Eliza J.	20	Norwalk	Norwalk	[2]	106
24 May 1857	Tobin, James	20	Waterford Co Ire	Westport	Murphy, Margaret	25	Cork Co Ire	Westport	[1]	257

[1] H. J. O'Reilly

[2] W.C. Mead

[3] John Smith

[4] J. Mulligan

[5] John Purvis of Westport

[6] Not recorded

[7] T.E. Pattison

[8] P.A. Smith

[9] License not returned

**Bulkley Family Bible**  
Barbara A. Dempsey

This family Bible is in the possession of *Connecticut Ancestry* board member, Barbara A. Dempsey, daughter of John Francis Dempsey of Wilton, Connecticut. It originally belonged to Peter Wheeler Bulkley (1811-1858), son of Gershom Bulkley and Damaris (Wheeler) of Danbury. Upon P.W. Wheeler's death, it passed to his wife Clarinda (Noney) Bulkley; then to Emily Noney Bulkley (who m. Francis W. Peck); then to Edith Clarinda Peck (who m. Thomas Dew); then to May Frances Dew (who m. John Dempsey); then to John Francis Dempsey.

Bulkley Family Bible: The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, 1848, Cooperstown, NY, Published and Sold by H.E. Phinney ..... Sold also by I. Tiffany, Utica

**Family Record**

Marriages

Peter W. Bulkley & Clarinda Noney  
was married at Danbury by  
Sylvester H. Clark September  
12<sup>th</sup> 1841 in the M.E. Church Sunday

Frank W. Peck and  
Emily N. Bulkley were  
married in Easton Conn  
March 12<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 1862 by N.D. Benedict

Nathan A. Bulkley and  
Libbie A. Murphy were  
married in St. Augustine Church  
in Bridgeport October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1870 by T. J. Synott (Monday)

Edith C. Peck & Thomas Dew were  
married March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1886 in  
Bridgeport Ct 21 Crescent Place

Alida Gertrude Bulkley & Frank P. Morrison  
married in Bridgeport June 15<sup>th</sup> 1898

Marriages

May F. Dew & John Dempsey  
married at Stratford Conn  
26 Jun 1912

David Turney &  
Clarinda Bulkley  
were married in Orange  
By Wm H. Deane, D.D.  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1873

David Turney died Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1874

*Newspaper Clipping:*  
In Weston, June 17<sup>th</sup> [1835]  
by the Rev. N. Hull  
of Danbury, Mr. George B. Peck of Newtown  
to Miss Elizabeth Wilson of the former place.

Births

Peter W. Bulkley was born  
at Danbury May 5<sup>th</sup> 1811

Clarinda Noney wife  
of the above was  
born at Kent October  
5<sup>th</sup> 1815

Emily Noney Bulkley  
Daughter of Peter W. & Clarinda  
Bulkley was born at  
Danbury August 29<sup>th</sup>  
1842

Nathan Augustine  
Bulkley son of Peter W.  
& Clarinda Bulkley was  
born at Bridgeport July  
18<sup>th</sup> 1845

Nathan Augustine 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Son to the above born at  
Bridgeport July 5<sup>th</sup> 1848

Gershom Bulkley Father of  
Peter W Bulkley was born in  
Redding Conn July 29<sup>th</sup> 1779

Damarus Wheeler wife of  
the above and mother to  
Peter W. Bulkley was born in  
Weston Conn December 30  
1777.

Edith Clarinda Peck  
Daughter of F.W. &  
Edith Peck was born  
in Bridgeport Conn.  
January 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

May Frances, daughter of Thomas & Edith  
C. Dew was born June 28<sup>th</sup> 1888 at Orange  
Conn

Births

William Wheeler Bulkley  
Son of Nathan A. and Elizabeth  
A. Bulkley was born in  
Newtown Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1873

Alida Gertrude Daughter of N.A.  
and E.A. Bulkley born June  
30, 1879 at Bridgeport Ct

Frank Wilson Peck  
was born in Newtown  
November 9<sup>th</sup> 1838  
Son of Geo B and Elisabeth Peck

Elizabeth A. Murphy was  
born in Scotland Conn  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 1850  
Daughter of James & Elizabeth  
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Thomas Dew born in Gamlin-  
gay Cambridgeshire England  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 1865

May Frances Dew daughter of  
the above Thomas & Edith Dew  
Born at Orange, N.H. Co. Conn  
June 28 1888

John Dempsey born at  
Ayr, Ayrshire Scotland  
Feb 17 1886

Deaths

Nathan Augustine  
 Son of Peter W. & Clarinda  
 Bulkley died January  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 1847 aged one year  
 five months, 16 days  
 Interred in Bridgeport Burying  
 Yard in lot No 543 Situated  
 a bought the center of sd  
 yard next to South Side  
 on fence. Reinterred in Mountain Grove.

Peter W. Bulkley  
 husband of Clarinda Bulkley  
 Died October 15<sup>th</sup> AD 1858  
 Aged 47 years, 5 months and 10 days  
 at Bridgeport Conn.

Reinterred at Mountain Grove  
 Cemetery at Bridgeport Ct

Nathan A. son of P.W. and Clarinda  
 Bulkley died in Bridgeport CT  
 March 28, 1887 Aged 38 y 9 months

Clarinda wife of P.W. Bulkley  
 Died in Orange Ct July 19<sup>th</sup> 1887  
 Aged 71 years 8 months

Deaths

Gershom Bulkley Father of  
 Peter W. Died in Bridgeport  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> 1849 aged 69  
 years 8 months 27 days being  
 Born July 29<sup>th</sup> 1779

Damaras Wheeler wife  
 of the above named Gershom  
 Bulkley died in Danbury  
 July 1<sup>st</sup> 1865 born 1777  
 Interred in Bridgeport

Emily Noney Peck  
 wife of Francis W. Peck  
 Died suddenly Jan 14 1909  
 at Bridgeport. Aged 66 yrs,  
 4 m 17 days interred at Lakeview

Francis W. Peck husband of  
 Emily N. Peck, died May 27 1909  
 at Bridgeport aged 71 years 4 m  
 18 days, interred in Lakeview.

## NEW CONSERVATION OF STAMFORD'S EARLIEST TOWN AND VITAL RECORDS

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Ever since it was formed as the Stamford Genealogical Society in 1954, Connecticut Ancestry Society has had a special connection with Stamford and its records. The town has recently taken a major step forward in conserving and preserving its records that will be of interest to all of our members and especially to those with early Stamford ancestors.

Researchers of Stamford's history and genealogy have long been aware that the earliest Town Records have been preserved for over 350 years and that various transcriptions have been made, including a widely-used "official" transcription of Volumes 1 & 2 of its Town Records, made in 1882.<sup>[1]</sup> That 1882 transcription was recently used as the starting point for our member Paul R. Finch's new annotated version of Volume 1, the most recent and also the most thorough and accessible of all versions of that volume thus far.<sup>[2]</sup> Before the use of separate volumes for specific types of records, many town record volumes, including Stamford's, contained every possible municipal record including births, marriages, deaths, land transfers and grants, court records, wills, inventories, elections of town officials, town meeting deliberations, taxes, etc.

Somehow, in spite of the care taken to preserve them, 4 of Stamford's earliest record volumes had never been microfilmed or otherwise preserved in duplicate form in an archival image copy. These 4 original volumes have therefore been exposed to potential irreplaceable loss from a single incident; of whatever possible form. Realizing this exposure to loss, the Town and City Clerk, Donna Loglisci, was encouraged to apply for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant from the office of the Connecticut Public Records Administrator for this purpose. The grant was approved and a state-of-the-art conservation and archival microfilming has now been completed and the originals are back in the Town and City Clerk's office. They have been completely treated and rebound in archival materials, with archival microfilm backup now in an offsite location. The 4 original volumes now appear as 6 new volumes with new titles as follows:

- Town Records / Vol. 1 1630 - 1723 / Stamford  
(Original Town Records Volume 1)
- Town Meetings / Vol. 2 1665 - 1806 Part 1 / Stamford  
(Original Town Records Volume 2 [part 1])
- Town Meetings / Vol. 2 1665 - 1806 Part 2 / Stamford  
(Original Town Records Volume 2 [part 2])
- Marriages Births Deaths 1719 - 1779 / Earmarks No. 1 / Stamford  
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(Original Vital Records Volume 2 [part 1])
- Marriages Births Deaths 1779 - 1852 / Earmarks No. 2 Part 2 / Stamford  
(Original Vital Records Volume 2 [part 2])

<sup>1</sup> Frederick C. Hart Jr., "Stamford's Early Vital Records and Their Transcriptions," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 45(2002): 21-7. The 1882 version is currently available on Connecticut Ancestry film #16 and FHL films #0005570, #0899934, and #0926467.

<sup>2</sup> Paul R. Finch, *Stamford Town Records Volume 1 1641-1723* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2011), reviewed in *Connecticut Ancestry*, 54(2012), XX-yy..



### The Canfield Family Association Archives

The Connecticut Ancestry Society is pleased to announce that a home has been located for the Canfield Family Association papers. It is to be The New Canaan Historical Society, New Canaan, CT. Since the death of Genevieve (Gene) Canfield Martinson (1923-2006), her husband Donald C. Martinson and Norman Canfield have been searching for a suitable home for the papers with some assistance from a Connecticut Ancestry Society board member Sven Selander. The Canfield Family Association (1982-2002) of Wichita, Kansas was founded, organized, and operated by Gene, together with a small group of volunteers, until operations ended because of her declining health.

During the 21-year period of CFA operations, Gene published each member's "line" back to his or her immigrant Canfield ancestor, under the heading "Canfield Connections" in the Quarterly newsletter. In a vast majority of cases, the immigrant Canfield ancestor was one of two English 17<sup>th</sup> century early settlers of Milford and Norwalk, Connecticut.

In 2006 her husband Donald published a book from her material. That book, *Descendants of Thomas Canfield & Mathew Camfield*, and a CD will now be sold by The Connecticut Ancestry Society. We have a limited supply, See our sales page in the Connecticut Ancestry journal.

Currently the Canfield Association Papers are at the home of one of our board members where it is being sorted (by Canfield and Connecticut Ancestry members), cataloged, and otherwise gone through to condense further before being delivered to Janet Lindstrom, Director of the New Canaan Historical Society. These papers include all of the Canfield Quarterly newsletters, donated genealogies, census records, queries, numerous Canfield individual books, town histories, Canfields in the military, and papers from Harlestone, England from where the Canfields descended.

Sven-Eric Selander

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