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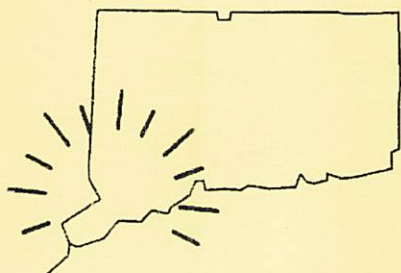
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Fairfield County Families in 1790
a major new project for Connecticut Ancestry
See the lead article in this issue

Genealogy Events Schedule

CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY SOCIETY – www.connecticutancestry.org

September 21 – Stamford Historical Society – Barbara J. Mathews, CG in a workshop presenting Analysis of Genealogical Evidence (see back pink page)

October 19 – Danbury Public Library – Roundtable

November 9 – Trumbull Public Library – Frederick Hart, CG, FASG, widely published and well-respected genealogical writer will talk to us about the importance of writing and how to write sketches for our journal.

GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLES* – Hosted by Bill Stansfield

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

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

4th Wednesday of each month, 1:00 to 2:00 pm at the Fairfield Senior Center.

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS – www.csginc.org

September 21 – Researching in New York State – John Bedard

October 19 – All-day family history seminar – North Haven Holiday Inn

November 16 – Milford Area Families – Gregory Thompson

GENEALOGY CLUB of NEWTOWN – www.rootsweb.com/~ctgcnc

Meets second Wednesdays, 7:00 pm at C. H. Booth Library, Newtown, except July and August

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

WESTCHESTER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – 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

***Roundtables can be fun!**

Have you made a recent genealogical discovery, or are you working on an interesting project? Come and share your case with others in the genealogical community. All will be interested and someone might have an idea to help solve the case.

THE ONE-PAGE CHALLENGE!

We are still looking for your short articles related to families and early life and times in our neck of the woods. If you're unsure about format or documentation, send a draft to your editor, Harlan Jessup at hjessup@charter.net, and I'll be glad to work with you on it.

Editorial Notes

This first issue of our new publication year begins with the introduction of a new and exciting project for your Society. We will be publishing in this journal, and eventually in book form, a series of sketches on the Fairfield County families of the 1790 Federal Census. Read Nora Galvin's introduction of the project and the sketches on Dan Finch by Paul Finch and John Partrick by Patricia Haslam.

This is followed by the conclusion of a multi-generation line of the Hobart/Hubbart/Hubbard family begun in last month's *Connecticut Ancestry*. Then, Ken Rockwell continues his series on Ridgefield families with his findings on the three husbands of Elizabeth Andrews, born about 1748.

These days we can be fooled by what is missing from the many on-line databases. Kathie Wolff has discovered two pages from the 1850 census for Newtown, missing both from the original microfilming and from the on-line version. Using the copy of that census found in the Connecticut archives, she has transcribed the missing pages for us here. This is followed by family Bible pages from Barbara Dempsey's Fairfield county families, Peck and Noney.

Your editor and president both were briefly fooled by the terms "freeman" and "freedman" from Connecticut records. The definitions are clarified in their joint article while Nora Galvin then provides a list of the Stamford freemen, beginning in 1734.

This issue concludes with a description of the holdings of the former Norwalk Museum, now transferred to the Norwalk Public Library, and, finally, a review of a new book on the Keane and Sheahan families of Newtown and Bridgeport.

Harlan R. Jessup

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

Preferred submission is now as an email attachment using any standard word-processing application to hjessup@charter.net. Or send a hard copy in "camera ready" format by mail to the Editor, Harlan R. Jessup, 25 Taunton Ridge, Newtown, CT 06470. As near as possible, please format as follows:

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DEADLINE:	July 1	October 1	January 1	April 1
For Issue	#1 August	#2 November	#3 February	#4 May

Fairfield County Families in 1790 Introducing A 1790 United States Census Project

Nora Galvin

The Board of Directors of Connecticut Ancestry Society is pleased to announce a project to research and record information about residents of Fairfield County who appeared on the first United States Census in 1790. This project is similar to 1790 projects under way for Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Western Massachusetts. Our project inaugurates the effort in Connecticut.

When the first United States census was taken, there had been European settlers in our region for 150 years. Many of the families counted on that census had been present in the area for over five generations and even today have living descendants in the county—a long history, indeed. Other families may have arrived from other states or from overseas relatively recently. Still others may have stayed for only a generation or less before moving on. Some of these families are the subjects of large bodies of literature already published. Others have not been recorded at all in the annals of genealogical writing.

CAS is setting out to gather information on as many residents as possible. This will give us a portrait of the population and will act as a resource for researchers attempting to track ancestors back to their earliest homes in America.

Goals

The goal of the project is to produce a sketch about each head of household and his/her family on the census. A sketch is a short essay containing biographical information about the head of household, spouse(s), parents and children. (See following page for an example.) With over 6,000 households enumerated, this is certainly a long-term and ambitious project. We will publish many of the sketches in *Connecticut Ancestry*, and as the accumulated sketches attain a certain threshold, we hope to publish them as books, as well. We will be focusing on families that have not been previously published, but we are interested in sketches for as many families as possible.

There are several issues that we are trying to clarify with this project. First, who are those families who have never been published? Second, after a century and a half the region was becoming populous and land was getting worn out from over-farming. Some of the people living in Fairfield County in 1790 moved west to new settlements in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and beyond. Our sketches will include information about migration so that they can be a resource for researchers trying to track their ancestors back to New England. Third, the enumerator for Stamford and Norwalk did not list the residents of those two towns separately, and it appears that some Greenwich residents may have been lumped into the Stamford-Norwalk category, as well. Therefore, another goal for this project is to determine in which town the families in that large group actually lived. Finally, there is the desire to add life to the lists of names from 1790, to make an attempt to recreate the communities and look at each resident as an individual.

Who will be contributing?

We are introducing this project to our membership first, and asking you to contribute sketches. When we have processed that first wave of submissions, we will begin soliciting sketches from other researchers by placing articles in *Connecticut Genealogy News* (Connecticut Society of Genealogists) and *American Ancestors* (New England Historic Genealogical Society). Submitters need not be descendants of the subject of a sketch. If you are interested in writing a sketch, pick someone from the census list to write about.

Format

Sketches included in this project will contain relevant information but will not be heavy on details. For example, there might be a statement that a man served in the Revolutionary War. The man's unit would be included, but not every bit of action that the unit saw, since this information is readily available elsewhere. A sketch is not intended to be a lengthy narrative about the family. It should give the basic information but also be a guide to sources of additional information on the subject family(ies).

How to write and submit a sketch

This edition of *Connecticut Ancestry* includes general submission guidelines. Our first two sketches serve as examples for other submitters. More detailed guidelines can be found at our Web site <http://www.connecticutancestry.org/projects/1790-profiles/>. Final formatting will be done by the editors, but please adhere to the order of information as shown in the guidelines. Documentation of facts is essential. Completed sketches can be emailed to editor@connecticutancestry.org. We would also appreciate hearing from you if you are thinking of writing a sketch, or actually working on one, so we can avoid duplication and have an idea of what is coming for publication. Feel free to write us with any questions about this project.

Census statistics: Our challenge

So, all of you with ancestors on the 1790 census, look up your notes and write a sketch. Those of you with no 1790 ancestor, look for an "orphan" from this census and add to the literature. There were 6,421 households in Fairfield County on this census, 25,858 men, women and children, black, white, slave and freedman. Let's see how many we can publish for the world to see.

<u>Town</u>	<u># Households</u>
Brookfield	189
Danbury	563
Fairfield	708
Greenwich	321
Huntington	476
New Fairfield	277
Newtown	446
Norwalk + Stamford	1,840
Redding	264
Ridgefield	352
Stratford	548
<u>Weston</u>	<u>437</u>
Total	6,421

General Guidelines for Sketches

<p>PARTRICK, JOHN ←----- 2-1-3-0-0 ←----- Norwalk, p. 311, col 1</p> <p>JOHN PARTRICK was born, ca. 1719,¹ the eldest child of Richard and Mary (Monrow/Munro) Partrick,² who were married 18 Dec 1718 at Swansea, MA.³ John Partrick died at Norwalk, CT, before 2 August 1808 when probate was initiated by his son-in-law Daniel Hurlburt of Wilton.⁴</p> <p>He married, in 1740, BETHIA (? ?). She died between 9 June 1759 (the date of birth of her youngest child) and about 1772.⁵ Bethia's son Samuel Partrick was bonded as her administrator on 2 Aug 1808.⁶</p> <p>Richard and John Partrick were among 42 Norwalk members of the Church of England who signed a petition addressed to the General Assembly in 1738,⁷ and they were among some 50 Norwalk men who belonged to the Church of England in 1742.⁸</p> <p>In his first Norwalk land purchase in dated 24 Apr 1746, John bought 5 ½ acres at Old Hill [west of the Saugatauk River, now in Westport]. It was bounded partially by land owned by his father Richard Partrick.⁹</p> <p>Members of the household in 1790: One of the adult males was John. One of the females was Deborah, John's wife, and a second was their daughter Deborah who was still single. The other three members of the household have not been identified.</p> <p>Children of John Partrick/Patrick and Bethia (? ?), all births recorded in Norwalk:¹⁰</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. JOHN W. PARTRICK, b. 29 June 1741; d. before 26 Apr 1822 when appraisers were appointed to inventory his estate.¹¹ m. Jemima Tyler 4 June 1766, Church of Christ, So. Salem, Westchester Co., NY.¹² Migrated to Putnam County. ii. Susanna Partrick, b. 25 Apr 1753; death date and place unknown, but probably in the Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY area; m. 16 Dec 1771 William Russeque/Ruscoe/Ressiquie at Weston, CT.¹³ Susanna and William had six children. <p>¹ Approximate birth year calculated from the marriage date of his parents. He was born no later than 1722 because he signed a petition as a member of the Church of England in 1738 and had to be age 16 to qualify. See discussion and footnote later in text.</p> <p>² Haslam, Patricia L., <i>Richard Partrick or Partrick of Norwalk, CT & Some of His Descendants</i>, Barre, Vermont: Northlight Studio Press, 1978, p. 12.</p> <p>³ Rounds, H. L. Peter, compiler, <i>Vital Records of Swansea, MA to 1850</i>, 1992, p. 201..</p> <p>⁴ Fairfield Probate Records, Vol. 2:27.</p> <p>⁵ Norwalk Land Records, 19:6 left; Family History Library microfilm 0,005,009, Connecticut State Library. Year (only) of marriage to Bethia; birth dates of her 10 children, the youngest, Samuel, on 14 Feb 1761; birth of Deborah Partrick on 3 June 1773, presumably (due to large time gap) to John's second wife Deborah who appeared later in land records (see below). An allowance for a 9-month pregnancy after marriage would place their nuptials in 1772..</p> <p>⁶ Norwalk Probate Records, 2:34; FHL microfilm 0,004,494, CSL.</p> <p>⁷ Haslam, P. L., <i>Richard Partrick or Partrick of Norwalk, CT & Some of His Descendants</i>, p. 89.</p> <p>⁸ Ullmann, Helen Schatvet, transcriber, "Some Fairfield County, Connecticut Anglican Church Records," <i>New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i>, vol. 153, Jan. 1999, p.120.</p> <p>⁹ Norwalk Land Records, 9:490, Bradley to Partrick; FHL microfilm 0,005,004, CSL.</p> <p>¹⁰ Norwalk Land Records 19:6 left.</p> <p>¹¹ Will #324, Surrogate Court, Carmel, Putnam County, NY, dated 1 Feb 1821.</p> <p>¹² <i>New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i>, 31:87.</p> <p>¹³ Jacobus, Donald Lines, compiler and editor, <i>History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield</i>, Vol. II, Fairfield, CT: The Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, Daughters of the America Revolution, 1932, p. 743.</p>	<p>Head of household</p> <p>Household population and town of residence in 1790</p> <p>Head of household birth and death information</p> <p>Marriage information followed by paragraph about spouse; repeated for additional spouse(s)</p> <p>Brief biographical information about the couple</p> <p>Members of 1790 household</p> <p>List of their children, including name of spouse, place of residence, and number of children.</p> <p>Documentation for all fact</p>
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Dan Finch of Norwalk

Paul R. Finch

DAN FINCH
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DAN FINCH was born at Norwalk 29 September 1731 (or 1732)² son of Nathaniel³ (Nathaniel², Daniel¹) of Branford, Connecticut, and Hannah (Raymond) Finch.³ He died 15 May 1799, age 66, at Norwalk. He is buried at the Pine Island cemetery, Norwalk, between his two wives.⁴

He married, first, on 16 September 1754 **ABIGAIL**⁶ **HOYT**,⁵ daughter of Benajah⁵ (Caleb⁴, Zerubbabel³, Walter², Simon¹) and Dinah (Smith) Hoyt.⁶ She died 13 October 1770 at age 45 and is buried at the Pine Island Cemetery, Norwalk.⁷

Dan Finch married, second, ca. 1771,⁸ **ANNA** (___?___), born ca. 1736 and died 6 April 1807 at age 70. She is buried at the Pine Island Cemetery in Norwalk.⁹

On 10 August 1755 Dan and Abigail (Hoyt) Finch were offered communion at the New Canaan Congregational Church.¹⁰ Their first child Mary was baptized there on the same day.¹¹

On 28 December 1784 letters of administration on the estate of Nathaniel Finch, late of Stamford, were granted to Dan Finch of Norwalk.¹²

¹ 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield County (Co.), Connecticut (CT), Stamford & Norwalk, p. 305, col. 2, line 19, Dan Finch; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm M637, roll 1.

² Barbour Collection, Connecticut Vital Records, Norwalk, 1651-1850, Hartford: Connecticut State Library (CSL), 1925, p. 42. Cites original: Norwalk Land Records, 4:6; date is 29 Sep 17[]; spelling of given name is "Dann" though there is no known significance, and that spelling is not found elsewhere. Hall, Edwin, *The ancient historical records of Norwalk, Conn.*, Norwalk: A. Selleck, 1865, 207 reports the date as "Sept. 29, 1731." His headstone says that he died on 15 May 1799 at age 66, which would imply that he was born in September of 1732.

³ Thummel, Col. Claude, *Descendants of Abraham, Daniel, and John Finch*, Falls Church, VA: typescript, 1958, 24. (Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 20 Aug. 1958, for the Finch Family Association, San Gabriel, CA. Microfilm in possession of this author, Paul R. Finch.) Typescript also available at CSL.

⁴ Hale, Charles R., compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, v. 96, Norwalk, p. 371; Hartford: CSL, abt. 1934.

⁵ Connecticut Church Records, vol. 75, New Canaan [Congregational] Church, p. 131, CSL citing original 1:4.

⁶ Hoyt, David W., *A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families*, Providence: Providence Press Co., 1871, 382. She was a sister of Adah Hoyt, who married Dan Finch's brother, Seth Finch (*ibid.*, 383).

⁷ Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 96, Norwalk, 371.

⁸ Date is based on the fact that Dan's first wife died in 1770, and then a daughter, Abigail was baptized in 1772.

⁹ Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, v. 96, Norwalk, p. 371. "Anna relict of Dan" d 6 Apr 1807 age 70. She is also named in his will, see below.

¹⁰ Connecticut Church Records, New Canaan Congregational, 75:131, original record 1:13.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, citing original record 1:25.

¹² Stamford Probate Records, 6:604; Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 0,005,564.

On 25 March 1795 Dan Finch of Norwalk conveyed, a half an acre of land in Stamford.¹³

In the 1790 census, the household of Dan Finch contained one adult male (Dan Finch) and three females (wife Anne, daughter Abigail Finch, and presumably another daughter).¹⁴

In his will, dated 29 March 1799 and proved 3 June 1799, Dan Finch of Norwalk provided bequests to his wife Anne, daughters Abigail Finch and Deborah St. John, son Billy and the four children of deceased daughter Hannah [Grumman]: Samuel Finch and Anne, Hannah and Aaron Grumman. The will states that daughter Mary Saunders, deceased, had received her share of his estate while she was living and it specifically says her children were to get nothing upon his death.¹⁵ Wife Anne, children Abigail (then Merwin), Deborah St. John and Billy Finch, and grandchildren Samuel Finch and Anne, Hannah and Aaron Grumman were all included in the distribution which took place 17 June 1889.¹⁶

In the 1800 census, the household headed by Ann Finch, contained 1 male, age 26-44, 2 females under age 10, and 1 female age 26-44, with no females over the age of 45.¹⁷ Ann Finch, however, would have been age 64, so the census taker may have entered her in the wrong column or failed to count her at all.

Children of Dan⁴ and Abigail (Hoyt) Finch¹⁸

- i. **MARY⁵ FINCH**, bp. 10 Aug 1755,¹⁹ d. before 1799;²⁰ m. 24 Sep 1775 John Saunders, Jr., of Norwalk²¹ The couple had five children, all recorded in Norwalk.²²
- ii. **HANNAH FINCH**, bp 27 Nov 1757;²³ d. 9 Apr 1797; m. at Norwalk 9 Dec 1779 Moses⁵ Grumman,²⁴ b. at Norwalk 17 Nov 1757, son of Nehemiah⁴ (Joseph³, John²¹) and Abigail (Keeler) Grumman; d. sometime after the census of 1810. He was a Revolutionary War soldier, serving in 1775 and again in 1777.²⁵ Hannah⁵ (Finch) Grumman had four children who were named in Dan Finch's will and distribution. The Grumman family was enumerated in Harlem, New York City, in 1790

¹³ Stamford Land Records, N:334; FHL microfilm 0,005,577.

¹⁴ 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., CT., Stamford & Norwalk, Dan Finch.

¹⁵ Fairfield Probate District, Probate Records, 27:340, FHL microfilm 0,004,282, CSL. No surname was given for Hannah in this record. See her listing under "Children."

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, 27:266-268.

¹⁷ 1800 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., CT, Norwalk p. 200, line 43, Ann Finch; NARA microfilm M32, roll 1.

¹⁸ Connecticut Church Records, New Canaan Congregational, 75:130-2.

¹⁹ Connecticut Church Records, New Canaan Congregational, 75:131, citing original record, 1:25.

²⁰ Her father's will noted she was deceased.

²¹ Norwalk Land Records 18:17, (vital records section). Edwin Hall erroneously stated that Mary Finch married Thomas Saunders, Jr., p. 251.

²² Norwalk Land Records, 18:17 (vital records section).

²³ Connecticut Church Records, New Canaan Congregational, 75:131, citing original record 1:27.

²⁴ Coddington, John Insley, "The Grumman Family of Bedfordshire, England, Connecticut, and New Jersey," *The American Genealogist*, 32:4 (Oct. 1956): 160-79; 33:1 (Jan. 1957): 14-25, 156-167, at 156, 166-7. Information about marriage and death is not sourced in this publication.

²⁵ Revolutionary War Pension Records, NARA, Series M805, Roll 382, file R4373, Moses Grumon.

with an additional unidentified female.²⁶ Moses Grumman was enumerated in Norwalk in 1800 with a considerably expanded household of females.²⁷

- iii. **PETER FINCH**, bp. 27 Jan 1760.²⁸ He was not mentioned in his father's will of 1799 and presumably had died without issue.
- iv. **BILLY FINCH**, bp. 2 Sept 1764;²⁹ m. 24 Nov 1785 at Norwalk Susannah Fitch;³⁰ In the 1790 census in Stamford there was a William Finch enumerated who may have been this man (1-1-7-0-0).³¹ In the 1800 census Billy Finch of Norwalk was head of a household with 2 males under 10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 26-44, 1 female 10-15 and 1 female 26-44.³² He served in the Revolutionary War on the Sloop *Guilford* from 25 June to 11 July 1779.³³ Billy and Susanna Finch had a daughter and two sons.³⁴
- v. **ABIGAIL FINCH**, bp. 22 March 1767;³⁵ d. before 1772.
- vi. **DEBORAH FINCH**, bp. 14 May 1769;³⁶ d. 2 Sept. 1840, age 71, buried at Valley Road Cemetery;³⁷ m. 3 May 1787 in Norwalk, by Rev. Justus Mitchell, Stephen⁶ St. John,³⁸ son of Daniel⁵ (Daniel⁴, Egenezer³, Matthias^{2,1}) and Mary (Mills?) St. John. b. Norwalk, 3 June 1765; d. 19 Aug 1828, Norwalk.³⁹ She is mentioned in her father's will of 1799. This couple had 4 sons and 5 daughters.⁴⁰

²⁶ 1790 U.S. census, New York City, Harlem Division, New York, p. 130, line 41, Moses Grumman; NARA microfilm publication M637, roll 6.

²⁷ 1800 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., CT, Norwalk p. 192, line 68, Moses Grummon; NARA microfilm M32, roll 1.

²⁸ Connecticut Church Records, New Canaan Congregational, 75:131, citing original record 1:29.

²⁹ Connecticut Church Records, New Canaan Congregational, 75:131, citing original record 1:34.

³⁰ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, p. 42, citing Norwalk Land Records, 18:35.

³¹ 1790 U.S. census, Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, p. 310, col. 4, line 2, William Finch; NARA microfilm publication M637, roll 1.

³² 1800 U.S. census, Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, p. 198, line 55, **Billy Finch**; NARA microfilm publication M32, roll 1.

³³ Middlebrook, Louis F., *History of Maritime Connecticut During the American Revolution*, Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1925, 1:140. He was not mentioned in Wicks, Edith M. and Olson, Virginia H., *Stamford Soldiers* (Stamford: Stamford Genealogical Society, 1976).

³⁴ Barbour Collection, citing Norwalk Land Records, 18:35

³⁵ Connecticut Church Records, Connecticut State Library, 75:130, citing New Canaan Church Records, 1:36.

³⁶ Connecticut Church Records, Connecticut State Library, 75:130, citing New Canaan Church Records, 1:38.

³⁷ Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 81, New Canaan section, 133. Now called Upper Silvermine Cemetery (<http://www.findagrave.com>).

³⁸ Connecticut Church Records, New Canaan Congregational, 75:131, citing original 1:81; Barbour Collection, Norwalk, p. citing Norwalk Land Records, 18:32.

³⁹ St. John, Alexander Orlin, *Descendants of Matthias St. John of Dorchester, Massachusetts, 1634, of Windsor, Connecticut, 1640, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, 1643-1645, and Norwalk, Connecticut, 1650*, New York: The Grafton Press, 1907, 91, 93, 158.

⁴⁰ This family breakdown is per Alexander Orlin St. John, *Descendants of Matthias St. John*, 159-160 and Norwalk Land Records, 18:32.

Child of Dan⁴ and Anna (___?___) Finch:

- vii. **ABIGAIL⁵ FINCH**, bp. 12 Jan. 1772;⁴¹ m. between 29 March 1799 and 17 June 1800, David Merwin. She was mentioned in her father's will as unmarried. In the distribution of his estate she is mentioned as the wife of David Merwin. The 1800 census for Weston, lists a David Merwin household with one male and one female between 26-44, as well as one male and one female over 44.⁴²

⁴¹ Connecticut Church Records, New Canaan Congregational Church, 75:130, citing original, 1:50.

⁴² 1800 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Weston, p. 30, line 39, David Merwin; NARA microfilm M32, roll 1.

John Partrick of Norwalk

Patricia L. Haslam

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Norwalk and Stamford, p. 311 actual residence Norwalk

JOHN PARTRICK or **PATRICK** was born, ca. 1719,² the eldest child of Richard and Mary (Monrow/Munro) Partrick,³ who were married 18 Dec 1718 at Swansea, MA.⁴ John Partrick died at Norwalk, CT, before 2 August 1808 when administration bonds were paid by his son-in-law Daniel Hurlburt of Wilton and by Seth Taylor of Norwalk.⁵ Regarding the spelling of the surname, it has been found that John signed documents as "Partrick"⁶ though the name is seen as "Patrick" in some records written by others.

He married, first, in 1740, **BETHIA** (___?___). She was the mother of 10 of John's children, and she died, probably at Norwalk, between 9 June 1759 (the date of birth of her youngest child) and about 1772.⁷ Her estate was settled after her husband died. Bethia's son Samuel Partrick was bonded as her administrator on 2 Aug 1808.⁸ Her property, including 7 acres and 26 poles of land at Bradley's Woods, was valued at \$401.10, and it was distributed to her eight living children John, Richard, Samuel, James, Abel, Esther, Anna, and Susanna, and the heirs of one deceased child, Stephen.⁹ Son Noah Partrick (deceased) was not mentioned because his only child, Lewis, had already died.¹⁰

John married, second **DEBORAH** (___?___) who, when John died, received as her dower right the use of 17 acres and 2 roods of land, plus one-half of the dwelling house.¹¹ Deborah was still living 21 July 1812 when John Partrick (son of John and Bethia) of Phillipstown, Putnam County, NY, sold land and buildings to his brother Samuel of Norwalk. The property, described as "the homestead of John Partrick deceased," was bounded partially by land owned by Deborah

¹ 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut (CT), Norwalk, p. 311, col.1, John Partrick, National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication M637, Roll 1.

² Approximate birth year calculated from the marriage date of his parents. He was born no later than 1722 because he signed a petition as a member of the Church of England in 1738 and had to be age 16 to qualify. See discussion and footnote later in text.

³ Haslam, Patricia L., *Richard Patrick or Partrick of Norwalk, CT & Some of His Descendants*, Barre, Vermont: Northlight Studio Press, 1978, p. 12.

⁴ Rounds, H. L. Peter, compiler, *Vital Records of Swansea, MA to 1850*, Boston: NEHGS, 1992, p. 201..

⁵ Norwalk Probate Records, 2:27; Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 0,004,494, CT State Library (CSL).

⁶ Haslam, P. L., *Richard Patrick*, 92.

⁷ Norwalk Land Records, 19:5 verso; FHL microfilm 0,005,009, CSL. Year (only) of marriage to Bethia; birth dates of her 10 children, the youngest, Samuel, on 14 Feb 1761; birth of Deborah Patrick on 3 June 1773, presumably (due to large time gap) to John's second wife Deborah who appeared later in land records (see below). An allowance for a 9-month pregnancy after marriage would place their nuptials in 1772.

The Partrick family's vital records, as well as those of many other Norwalk residents, were written into the land record volume, starting at the back with the book upside down, and the page numbers are separate from those for land records in the front of the book. The vital record entries are all in one hand and grouped by families, indicating that they were copied from another source, not entered contemporaneously with the event.

⁸ Norwalk Probate Records, 2:34; FHL microfilm 0,004,494, CSL.

⁹ Norwalk Probate Records, 2:34,40,41,56,57; FHL microfilm 0,004,494, CSL.

¹⁰ Hale, Charles R., compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 132, Westport section, p. 149; Hartford: CSL, abt. 1934.

¹¹ Norwalk, Probate Records, 2:79; FHL microfilm 0,004,4946, CSL.

Patrick who is described in the record as “my mother.”¹² The division of her dower was recorded 15 March 1820, indicating the approximate time of her death.¹³

John’s father Richard lived in Norwalk for a time.¹⁴ Richard and John Partrick were among 42 Norwalk members of the Church of England who signed a petition addressed to the General Assembly in 1738,¹⁵ and they were among some 50 Norwalk men who belonged to the Church of England in 1742.¹⁶ The two were paid for work they did in improving the church property and building the church in the years 1742 through 1759.¹⁷

In his first Norwalk land purchase, dated 24 Apr 1746, John bought 5 ½ acres at Old Hill [west of the Saugatauk River, now in Westport]. It was bounded partially by land owned by his father Richard Partrick.¹⁸

Richard Partrick sold 40 acres of land, including a dwelling house, barn, fruit trees and fence to John on 11 March 1757. The deed describes Richard as “late of Norwalk” and “now of Delances Manor, Westchester County, NY.”¹⁹

Real estate listed in the inventory of John’s estate consisted of three parcels:

- 21 acres and 3 roods of land, including a dwelling house and a barn, on the west side of the road “where Samuel Partrick lives” [now Partrick Road near 4 Crawford Rd. in Westport]
- 48 acres and 2 roods of land on the east side of the (Partrick) road, the “old homestead”
- 2 acres of salt meadow.

This real estate was valued at \$3,657.76 and John’s personal estate at \$410.01.²⁰

Each of John’s nine living children, plus the heirs of Stephen, received an equal 1/10 share of the remainder of the estate after John’s widow Deborah received her dower rights.²¹ The same group received distribution of Deborah Partrick’s dower share on 15 March 1820.²²

Members of the household in 1790: One of the adult males was John. One of the females was Deborah, John’s wife, and a second was their daughter Deborah who was still single. The other three members of the household have not been identified.

Children of John Partrick/Patrick and Bethia (___?___), all births recorded in Norwalk:²³

- i. **JOHN W. PARTRICK**, b. 29 June 1741; d. between 1 Feb 1821 (when he signed his will) and 26 Apr 1822 when appraisers were appointed to inventory his estate;²⁴ m. Jemima Tyler 4 June 1766, Church of Christ, So. Salem, Westchester Co., NY.²⁵ She was the daughter of Jehial and Jemima

¹² Norwalk Land Records 21:515; FHL microfilm 0,005,010, CSL

¹³ Norwalk Probate Records, 3:255; FHL microfilm, 0,004,495, CSL.

¹⁴ Norwalk Land Records, 5:626; FHL microfilm, 0,005,002, CSL. A deed recording a land purchase by Richard was recorded 22 September 1725. See later discussion of his departure.

¹⁵ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 89.

¹⁶ Ullmann, Helen Schatvet, transcriber, “Some Fairfield County, Connecticut Anglican Church Records,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 153, Jan. 1999, p.120.

¹⁷ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 90, citing St. Paul’s Episcopal Society, Vol. 1, Manuscript Collection, CSL (also available on microfilm at CSL).

¹⁸ Norwalk Land Records, 9:490; FHL microfilm 0,005,004, CSL.

¹⁹ Norwalk Land Records, 11:277; FHL microfilm 0,005,005, CSL.

²⁰ Norwalk Probate Records, 2:60; FHL microfilm 0,004,495, CSL.

²¹ *Ibid.*, 2:79.

²² *Ibid.*, 3:255; FHL microfilm 0,004,496, CSL

²³ Norwalk Land Records, 19:5 verso.

²⁴ Will #324, Surrogate Court, Carmel, Putnam County, NY.

²⁵ *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 31:87.

- (___?___) Tiler; she died 3 Jan 1827 at Kent, Putnam Co., NY.²⁶ Migrated to Westchester County by 1773²⁷ and Fredericktown, Dutchess County, by 1790. His area of the county was given over to Putnam County in 1812.²⁸ This couple had nine children, the first in Stamford, the second in NY.²⁹
- ii. **RICHARD PARTRICK**, b. 29 Mar 1743; d. July, 1831, at Schoharie Co., NY;³⁰ m. ca. 1770, Olive Beers, daughter of Anthony Beers.³¹ On 4 Feb 1777, Richard, cited as a Tory and having been taken as a prisoner to Coventry, CT, signed a declaration "of the justice of the American cause" and was permitted to return home,³² but on 20 Apr 1781 he was listed among those Loyalists whose estates were confiscated in Norwalk.³³ He migrated to Schoharie Co., NY, by 1800 census. This couple had seven children; three lived in Upper Canada in 1831³⁴ perhaps due to Loyalist tendencies.
 - iii. **STEPHEN PARTRICK**, b. 14 Jan 1745; drowned in a brook in Norwalk 13 Mar 1779;³⁵ m. Ellen (___? ___) about 1766.³⁶ She d. 22 Nov 1824 and is buried in Otsego Co., NY.³⁷ This couple had four sons, the youngest born 2 months after the death of his father.³⁸
 - iv. **ESTHER PARTRICK**, b. Nov. 1749; d. at Wilton, CT 2 July 1839, age 92.³⁹ m. Norwalk, 20 Mar 1764 as his second wife Daniel Hurlburt, Jr.⁴⁰ He was b. 1740 at Wilton;⁴¹ d. 14 Feb 1827 at Wilton.⁴² This couple resided in Wilton and had 11 children.⁴³
 - v. **JAMES PARTRICK**, b. 18 Sept 1751; d. 22 Nov 1822 at Ridgefield, CT, age 74 and was buried at Titicus Cemetery, Old Section, Ridgefield;⁴⁴ m. by 1780 Susan Burt.⁴⁵ She was b 18 Aug 1748 in Ridgefield, daughter of Seaborn and Susanna (___?___) Burt⁴⁶ and sister of Theophilus who married Anna Partrick (ix). Susan d. after 27 Sept 1824 when she was advanced support for the family from her husband's estate.⁴⁷ James was a captain in the Rev. War, in Col. Nehemiah

²⁶ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 17, citing Kent and Fishkill Baptist Church Records, Farmers Mills, Carmel, NY.

²⁷ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 17-18.

²⁸ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 18-19.

²⁹ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 20-21.

³⁰ Schoharie County Surrogate Court Volume P 1-1.

³¹ Van Hoosear, D. H., typescript notebook about Partrick family, Wilton History Room, Wilton Public Library, CT. Also, Family papers of Wilma Carroll Rookus of Anchorage, AK and Norm Morris of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

³² Hoadley, Charles J., transcriber, *The Public Records of the State of Connecticut, Vol. 1, 1776-1778*, Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1894, p. 182.

³³ Olson, Virginia H., "Notes and Sources: Connecticut Loyalists Who Went to Canada," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 17:1, Sept., 1974, p. 19.

³⁴ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 24.

³⁵ Haslam Patricia L., "Deaths Untimely: Fairfield County, Connecticut, Superior Court Inquests, 1715-1793," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 144:39, January, 1990.

³⁶ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 26, citing tombstone inscription: Ellen wife of Stephen. Date based on birth of first child.

³⁷ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 26, citing tombstone inscription.

³⁸ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 26; Jared's birth Norwalk Land Records, 19:6 verso.

³⁹ Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 133, Wilton section, p. 46.

⁴⁰ Norwalk Land Records 18:29, vital records section; FHL microfilm 0,005,009, CSL.

⁴¹ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 26, citing NSDAR Jr. Application #542966..

⁴² Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 133, Wilton section, p. 46.

⁴³ Haslam, *Richard Patrick*, p. 27.

⁴⁴ Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 105, Ridgefield section, p. 85; called Ridgefield Cemetery here.

⁴⁵ Van Hoosear, D. H., typescript notebook about Partrick family.

⁴⁶ *Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records*, vol. 95, Ridgefield, 1709-1850, p. 20; Photostat copy, CSL.

⁴⁷ Danbury Probate District, no volume number provided, pp. 482, 483, 499, 500, 510, 604, 606.

- Beardsley's regiment.⁴⁸ He lived in Ridgefield by 1790 census.⁴⁹ This couple had three children.⁵⁰
- vi. **SUSANNA PARTRICK**, b. 25 Apr 1753; death date and place unknown, but probably in the Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY area; m. 16 Dec 1771 William Russeque/ Ruscoe/ Ressique at Weston, CT.⁵¹ Susanna and William had six children.⁵²
 - vii. **NOAH PARTRICK**, b. 30 May 1755; d. at Norwalk before 4 Feb 1803, when John Gregory was appointed administrator of his estate.⁵³ Buried in Poplar Plain/Taylor Cemetery, Westport, next to his only child, Lewis, who died at age 10 on 17 Mar 1786.⁵⁴ m. 1774 Elizabeth Gregory, dau. of Denton and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Gregory.⁵⁵
 - viii. **ABEL PARTRICK**, b. 15 Apr 1757; d. 18 May 1844 at Falls Township, Luzerne County, PA;⁵⁶ m. c. 1776–1779 Elizabeth/Betsey Hurlburt at Norwalk. He was a Revolutionary War veteran. In 1795 the family removed to Tunkhannock, Luzerne Co., PA.⁵⁷ This couple had eight children, the first four born in CT.⁵⁸
 - ix. **ANNA PARTRICK**, b. 9 June 1759; m. Theophilus Burt, b 14 May 1752 in Ridgefield, son of Seaborn^d Burt and Susannah (___?___).⁵⁹ (Theophilus was the brother of Susan Burt who married James Partrick (v)). In the 1790 census Anna and Theophilus were enumerated in Ridgefield in 1790, listed adjacent to her brother James Partrick.⁶⁰ No information was found about their deaths or any children.
 - x. **SAMUEL PARTRICK**, b. 14 Feb 1761; d. 11 Dec. 1823, buried at St. Paul's Churchyard, Norwalk;⁶¹ m. (1) Phebe Fillow whom he divorced;⁶² m. (2) Mabil Baker 5 Feb 1795 at Norwalk;⁶³ d. 9 July 1848, buried with her husband.⁶⁴ Samuel and Phebe had three children, all of whom died before adulthood. Samuel and Mabel had four children, all born at Norwalk.⁶⁵

Child of John and Deborah (___?___):

- i. **DEBORAH PARTRICK**, b. 3 June 1773;⁶⁶ m. 3 July 1825 Thomas Brown at Norwalk⁶⁷ (when she was age 52). Deborah Brown testified at Probate Court at Fairfield 25 Jan 1834, at age 61, that Abel Partrick had belonged to the Coast Guards in the Revolutionary War and was taken prisoner by the British.⁶⁸

⁴⁸ *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*, Vol. XII, Lists and Returns of Connecticut Men of the Revolution, Hartford: The Society, 1909, p. 120.

⁴⁹ 1790 US Census, Fairfield Co., CT, Ridgefield, p. 294, col 4, James Partrick, NARA microfilm M 637, Roll 1.

⁵⁰ Haslam, *Richard Partrick*, p. 29.

⁵¹ Jacobus, Donald Lines, compiler and editor, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, Vol. II, Fairfield, CT: The Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, Daughters of the America Revolution, 1932, p. 743.

⁵² Haslam, *Richard Partrick*, p. 30a.

⁵³ Norwalk Probate Records, 1:11; FHL microfilm 0,004,494, CSL.

⁵⁴ Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 132, Westport section, p. 149.

⁵⁵ Randall/Randle family papers held by Linda Temple of Orange, Massachusetts, shared with the author in 2000.

⁵⁶ Revolutionary War Pension Files, File #7995.

⁵⁷ Haslam, *Richard Partrick*, p. 33-38.

⁵⁸ Haslam, *Richard Partrick*, p. 33. This source discusses several facts about Abel which are otherwise undocumented.

⁵⁹ Barbour Collection, vol. 95, Ridgefield, p. 20.

⁶⁰ 1790 US Census, Fairfield Co., CT, Ridgefield, p. 294, col 4, Theophilus Burt, NARA microfilm M637, Roll 1

⁶¹ Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 96, Norwalk section, p. 437.

⁶² Van Hoosear, D. H., *The Fillow, Philo, Phillio Genealogy: A Record of John Fillow, a Huguenot Refugee from France*, 1888.

⁶³ Norwalk Land Records 18:29 verso.

⁶⁴ Hale, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 96, Norwalk section, p. 437.

⁶⁵ Haslam, *Richard Partrick*, p. 39.

⁶⁶ The record as written does not distinguish this daughter from the other children of John Partrick. However, there is an 11-year gap between her birth and that of the next youngest child indicating the death of Bethia and the marriage to a second wife. This child's given name is the same as the second wife's—Deborah.

⁶⁷ *Barbour Collection*, Norwalk, 1651-1850, p. 95, citing original record as Norwalk Vital Records 1:7.

⁶⁸ Haslam, *Richard Partrick*, pp. 33-38.

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

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Fifth Generation

7. JEREMIAH⁵ HUBBARD (*John S.⁴, Ezekiel³, Jeremiah², Benjamin¹*) born on 11 April 1754 in Bay Shore, Suffolk County, New York, died 28 September 1845, married about 1795, **ESTHER ROGERS**, born on 6 April 1766 and died on 23 June 1852. They were parents of the following children, all of whom apparently spelled their surnames, *Hubbard*:¹

- i. Hannah, born 4 July 1796.
- ii. Jeremiah, born 7 May 1798.
- iii. Esther, born 14 October 1799.
- iv. Benaga, born 22 February 1802.
- v. Lewis Lorenzo Dow, born 24 May 1804.
- vi. Charles, born 26 November 1806.
- vii. Mary, born 26 April 1808.
- viii. Gordon, born 8 February 1812.
- ix. Clarissa, born 5 September 1815.

8. EZEKIEL⁵ HUBBARD (*John S.⁴, Ezekiel³, Jeremiah², Benjamin¹*) was born 24 June 1755 and died 22 February 1827 in Beekmantown, Clinton County, New York.² Ezekiel was married to **MARY GILDERSLEEVE** in Huntington, Long Island, New York on 30 September 1777 by the Reverend Mr. Prine (or Prime).³ Mary was born 14 December 1757. Ezekiel enlisted in the army at Huntington in 1775 and served for a total of eighteen months. He was taken prisoner in 1777 and spent three months in a British prison in New York. After his release, he remained in Huntington briefly and then rejoined his regiment. By mid-1778 Ezekiel and Mary had moved Clinton County, New York where they spent the rest of their lives.⁴ Ezekiel and Mary were parents of eight children, all of whom adopted the surname spelling, *Hubbard*:⁵

- i. Olley (or Auley), born 30 July 1778 at Plattsburgh, New York; married Jacob Green.
- ii. Charity, born 14 August 1783 at Beekmantown, New York; married Henry Dominy.
- iii. Elizabeth, born 2 September 1785; died 2 August 1817.
- iv. John, born 27 November 1787 in Elizabethtown.
- v. Eben, born in November 1789, died September 1791.

¹Birth and death dates all from the family Bible of Jeremiah Hubbard which was allegedly in the possession of 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.

²Evidence of Ezekiel's parentage is circumstantial. His mother's name was Elizabeth who died in July 1806 in Plattsburgh, New York. Also, Ezekiel had a daughter, Charity, who married Henry S. Dominy and had an eldest daughter, *Elizabeth Arthur* Dominy. John Hobart married Elizabeth Arthur on 25 January 1747/8. Finally, Ezekiel named his eldest son John, presumably after his father, which is consistent with the naming conventions of the period.

³Note: Another source shows Ezekiel Hobart married to Mary Gildersleve on 3 March 1776 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, New York.

⁴Ezekiel Hubbard's Revolutionary War pension file, R5315.

⁵The above dates as well as the names and dates of birth of Ezekiel's eight children are recorded in his Revolutionary War pension application, R5315.

- vi. Ebenezer, born 3 February 1792 in Port Kent, New York.
- vii. Henry, born 20 September 1796 in Chazy, New York.
- viii. Joel S., born 1 October 1798 in Norfolk, New York.

9. ELISHA⁵ HUBBART (*John⁴, Joseph³, Jeremiah², Benjamin¹*) was born probably in Ridgefield, Connecticut, on 10 March 1755, according to his family Bible, died about 1798, married (1) in the Southbury, Connecticut, Congregational Church, on 28 February 1774, **MOLLY PECK**, born 15 August 1756, daughter of Elisha and Hannah (Sanford) Peck. The marriage entry reads, Elisha *Hobart*.⁶ Elisha was divorced from Molly *after* he had married (2) Morris County, New Jersey, 19 February 1780, **ESTHER WILLISON**, born on either 25 December 1757⁷ or 5 January 1757/8,⁸ daughter of Laurence and Elizabeth (Cramer) Willison. Esther survived her husband and died, probably in Broome County, NY, after 1812.

Elisha apparently received a good primary education in his youth because he was able to read and write. He first appears in the records of the Congregational Church of Southbury, Connecticut among a list of members contributing to the purchase of a bell and clock for the meeting house. Elisha *Hubbard* is recorded pledging 6 shillings on 17 December 1773.⁹ In April or May 1775, Elisha *Hobert* from Woodbury (the town which then encompassed both Southbury and South Britain) enlisted in Col. Hinman's militia regiment. On orders from Governor Trumbull, they marched on 10 May 1775 to Ft. Ticonderoga. The regiment arrived in June and participated in operations in the Northern Department. Many of the men suffered from sickness and had to be discharged prior to the expiration of their term in December 1775. Elisha was apparently one of these casualties inasmuch as he was discharged in the Northern Department on 2 September 1775.¹⁰ The following year, a John and Elisha *Hobert*, of Woodbury are listed among a body of men between 16 and 60 years old from Woodbury who marched to New York by order of General Washington.¹¹ Enlisting in Captain Hicock's Company of the 13th Connecticut Regiment of Militia, he arrived in camp on 16 August 1776 and was discharged on 10 September 1776. Lt. Hinman was in this company.¹² John and Elisha *Hobart*, from Woodbury, are also listed in the Company of Captain D. Hinman under Colonel Mosely as having enlisted until termination of the war. This group was part of a return of soldiers that enlisted or were drafted or detached from the Fourth Brigade of Militia in the State of Connecticut commanded by Brig. General Silliman to serve in the Continental Army commanded by His Excellency, George Washington.¹³ Elisha was detached to serve in the Continental Army on 24 May 1777. On this date he is recorded enlisting as a private in Captain Samuel Granger's Company, Col. Webb's 2nd Connecticut Regiment. John Hubbard enlisted in the same company one day earlier on 23 May. The regiment immediately moved out to camp at Peekskill, New York. John was captured by the British on 30 June 1777 and continued to be reported as such through the end of his service on 24 December 1777. A bond for the estate of John *Hubbard*, Jr. was recorded at Woodbury, Connecticut on 8 January 1779. Throughout the summer and autumn of 1777 the 2nd Connecticut served along the Hudson under General Israel Putnam. On 14 November 1777 the

⁶Southbury, Connecticut Church Records – Baptisms & Marriages, FHL microfilm nr. 1420657, item 3.

⁷Elisha Hubbard's Family Bible entries in possession of descendants of Elisha Hubbard, Jr. in Washington State.

⁸Transcribed version of the family bible of Laurence Willison, published in the Morris Area Genealogy Society Newsletter, Volume 10, No. 3, September 1997. This difference in dates is difficult to explain unless it can be attributed to a transcription error or that the first date was a birth date and the second was a christening date.

⁹Southbury, Connecticut Congregational Church Records - Church Records, Volume 1, 1732-1778.

¹⁰*Connecticut Men In the Revolution*, page 63.

¹¹*History of Ancient Woodbury* by Cothren, page 782.

¹²*Connecticut Men in the Revolution*, page 467.

¹³Connecticut Historical Society Collections, Volume XII, page 100.

regiment was ordered to join Washington's Army in Pennsylvania and on 8 December engaged in sharp action at Whitemarsh where a number of officers and men were killed and wounded. During the winter of 1777-1778 the regiment was in winter quarters at Valley Forge. Throughout the period July through December 1777 Elisha Hubbard is recorded as being sick and absent from his regiment. However, he rejoined the regiment at Valley Forge in January 1778 and is recorded on the muster rolls as being sick but present for duty in February. At this time, Captain James Beebee took over as company commander. In March he was present but in April 1778 Elisha was in the hospital. In May he was again listed as being sick but present for duty. During June July and August 1778 he was sick in New Jersey and on 9 September was confined to the General Hospital in Morristown, New Jersey. He was discharged there on 15 September 1778, presumably because of his chronic illness.¹⁴ For his service, Elisha *Hubbert* received six pounds compensation from the district of Woodbury in 1777 and twelve pounds in 1778. His brother, John, earned nine pounds in 1777. Perhaps this added compensation was due to his status as a prisoner of war.¹⁵ This apparently ended Elisha's service in the Revolutionary War.

After his discharge from the Continental Army, Elisha returned to his wife in the Woodbury, Connecticut vicinity but soon departed again. On 22 January 1779, shortly after Elisha's departure, Molly's father, Elisha Peck, brought suit against Elisha Hubbard for recovery of a debt of 100 pounds. A judgment was rendered in favor of Elisha Peck in March 1779 and the sheriff of Litchfield County, Connecticut was ordered on 2 April 1779 to execute the judgment by either receipt of payment or seizure of goods or land. Lacking such settlement, Elisha was to be placed in jail. A deed recorded 6 September 1779 states that Elisha *Hubbard* could not be located and Elisha Peck was given one-half ownership of Hubbard's house. The following records document these activities:¹⁶

“Execution of Elisha Peck against Elisha Hubbard. To the Sherif of the county of Litchfield his deputy or constable of the town of Woodbury in the said county, Greeting – Whereas Elisha Peck of said Woodbury on ye fourth Tuesday of March AD 1779 before the County Court against Elisha Hubbard of said Woodbury for the sum of one hundred pounds debt and for the sum of six pounds, ten shillings and six pence like money Cost of suit as appears of record whereof execution remains to be done – There are therefore in the name of the governor and company of the state of Connecticut to command you that of the money of the said Elisha Hubbard or his goods, chattel or lands within your precinct you cause to be levied and the same being disposed of as the law directs paid and satisfied unto the said Elisha Peck the aforesaid sum being 106 pounds, 10 shillings, 6 pence lawful money in the whole with six shillings more for this writ together with our own fees and for want of such money, goods or lands of the said Elisha Hubbard to be shown unto you or found in your precinct for the satisfying ye aforesaid sums you are hereby commanded to take the body of ye said Elisha Hubbard and him commit unto the keeper of the goal in Litchfield within the county aforesaid within the said prison who is likewise hereby commanded to receive the said Elisha Hubbard and him safely keep until he pay unto the said Elisha Peck the aforesaid sums and he by him released and also satisfy your own fees hereof fail not but make due return of this writ with your doings thereon according to the law dated at Litchfield this second day of April 1779.

¹⁴Revolutionary War Service Records of Elisha Hubbard (also spelled Hubbert, Hubbard, Hubborsh) in the National Archives, Washington, D. C. and also the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁵Connecticut Archives – Revolutionary War Series 1, Volume 30, Part 2, FHL microfilm number 3563.

¹⁶Woodbury, Connecticut Land and Property Records, Volumes 22 & 23, 1779-1788, FHL microfilm number 6159 (Volume 22, page 14).

Issac Baldwin, Clerk

Woodbury September the fourth AD 1779. The I repaired to ye last place of abode of ye within named Elisha Hubbard in Woodbury and made demand of money – goods or chattels for satisfying this execution but none being tendered nor that I could find nor the body of said Hubbard whereon leavy. I by the direction of the within named Peck levied this execution on the equal half of it certain dwelling house the estate of said Hubbard as it stands undivided with the said Peck said house stands in said Woodbury on the east side of the highway leading from Capt. Amos Hicoks house to Lt. David Porters and is the house in which said Peck now dwells and the said Peck chose. Capt. Hinman and the said Hubbard being absent. Benjamin Hinman, Esq., Justice of the Peace for said county appointed Capt. David Hinman, Nathaniel Tuttle of said Woodbury to apprize said half of said house who – tho apprized the same according to their endorsement under the written (viz). We the subscribers being chosen ans sworn to appriz the equal half of the above described house do appriz the same at sixty-three pounds lawful money witness our hands this sixth day of September AD 1779

<i>Truman Hinman</i>	<i>Apprizers</i>
<i>Nathaniel Tuttle</i>	<i>under</i>
<i>David Hinman</i>	<i>oath</i>

On the sixth day of September 1779 the above apprizers were duly sworn before one Benjamin Just of Peace _____ - _____

and then I caused the sd Elisha Peck to have seizen & possession of the sd half of sd House – Who accepted the same in part. Satisfaction for the Debts and Cost of this Execution at the sd sum of Sixty three pounds according to the above Apprizal as May atppear by his Receipt hereunder Written (viz). I Do acknowledge to have Rec'd of Mr. ataron Hinman constable the seizen and possession of ye one half of the above described house which I accept in part satisfaction for the within debt and cost at sixty three pounds lawful money witness my hand September 6th 1779

Elisha Peck

Rec'd and Recorded September the 21st 1779

Pr Gideon Walker, Register”

Elisha Hubbart's departure from Litchfield County, Connecticut in early 1779 is explained in the documents of a court case involving Elisha and his wife, Molly. In the February 1782 Superior Court for Litchfield County, Molly *Hubbard* of Woodbury appeared with proof of her marriage to Elisha *Hubbard* on 24 February 1774 and contending that Elisha deserted her on 1 January 1779. Molly further alleged that Elisha married another woman and had several children by her. Her petition is quoted as follows: ¹⁷

“To the Honourable Superior Court to beholdin at Litchfield in and for the County of Litchfield on the last Tuesday _____ of Febry AD 1782 the Petition of Molly Hubbud of Woodbury in said County Humbly Shewith that on the 24th day of February 1774-----

¹⁷Litchfield County Connecticut Superior Court Divorce Papers, 1752-1922, FHL microfilm 1671849 – Molly Hubbard Petition, Divorced February 1782 – Petition Granted vs. Elisha Hubbard.

your Petitioner was Lawfully Joined in Marriage with one Elisha Hubbud then of said Woodbury and so being Married Lived and Continued to live with the said Elisha Peaceably and in the due Discharges and Performances of all the duties of the Marriage Covenant as a Loveing and Faithful Wife until on or about the first day of Jany AD 1779 when the said Elisha without any Just Cause or reason willfully Deserted your Petitioner and hath from that time to this wholly neglected to Perform any and all the Duties of the Marriage Covenant and hath Contributed nothing toward the support of your Petitioner or her Children by ___ or his Body by the said Elisha and also he the said Elisha since has deserted your Petitioner as ___ said hath been Married to a other Woman and now Liveth with her as a Husband and hath had Sundry Children by the Woman that he hath Loved Married and now Liveth with. Therefore your Petitioner Humbly Prays your Hounors to grant a Bill of Divorce to your Petitioner from the said Elisha that she may be discharged from all the obligation of the Marriage Covenant according to the Statute of this State in that Case made and Provided and your Petitioner or in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray Dated at Litchfield the 12th day of Febry AD 1782.

Molly Hubbert”

The following depositions were presented in support of Molly’s petition:

“Woodbury Feby 13th 1782

This may certify that Elisha Hobart and Molly Peck were Married together by me the Subscriber February 28th 1774 as Appears by record Lt. Benja Wildman, past. (pastor) of the chh of Christ in Southbury”

“Morris County November ye 9 Day 1781 To whome it May Concern: these may Certify that Elisha hubbart was lawfully joined in matrimony with mrs Esther willson on the nineteenth Day of February 1780 pir me Jacob Gould justice”

“I John Chilson of Woodbury being of Lawful Age do Testify and say that on or about the 10th Day of November 1781 I was at Morris County in the State of New Jersey where I saw Elisha Hubbart with a Woman which he Called his Wife and Several Persons living in that Place told me that he was Lawfully Married to her and further Say not

John Chilson

Sworn in Woodbury in Litchfield County the 12th day of February AD 1782 before me

Benj Sherman Justice of the Peace

Litchfield Sup Court Feby 1782

Opind in Court of G Pitkin Clerk”

Based on the testimony and the evidence provided, Molly was granted the divorce.

This foregoing documented account is apparently the basis for a family legend which has survived in at least two Hubbart family lines for over 200 years. According to this legend, Elisha had married a Mary _____ before the war and that he was away so long in the army that his wife thought him dead and remarried. Elisha came back home after the war and learned that his

wife had remarried and he promptly departed. His daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, reported to her mother that a “*great big red haired man had hugged and kissed her and wept over her.*”

A variation of this account is found in the following published query from a Hubbart descendant:¹⁸

“Hubbard – Ten dollars will be paid by the undersigned to the one first verifying the tradition set forth in the accompanying statement, with authorities for such verification:

Elisha and Elijah Hubbart, twins from Holland, were settled near Philadelphia. Elisha married Martha Dandridge, said to be a cousin of George Washington, and they had one child, Esther, born before the Revolution. Elisha enlisted, was taken prisoner and was away from home seven years. His wife, thinking him dead, married Amos Bidwell or Bedwell. When Elisha returned and learned this, he left without making his presence known. A few years later Amos Bidwell died, after which Elisha Hubbard came back and re-married his wife. The wedding was an event in the community and took place in a grove near Philadelphia. Elisha, Jr., son of Elisha and Martha, was born at Morristown, N.J. in 1797. About 1804 the family moved to Otsego County, New York, as did the family of Benjamin and Lydia Ramsey Coburn. Between these families there were intermarriages.

This Lydia Ramsey Coburn was a member of the first Aid Society in Hanover and spun, carded the wool and knit socks for the army at Valley Forge.

Elisha and Elijah, the twins, were steelworkers. Some members of the family say Elisha,

Jr. was born in Pennsylvania, rather than New Jersey.

There is a possibility that Elisha’s father was not named Elisha but the one who gave the information thought so. – Alice V. Robinson, 4510 Brooklyn Avenue, Seattle, Washington.”

As is the case with many family legends, there are many errors in this account when compared with actual records. Specifically: Elisha was *not* from Holland; he was born in Connecticut. He never lived near Philadelphia. He didn’t marry a Martha Dandridge, cousin of George Washington. He was not a prisoner during the Revolution but his brother, John, was. His wife did not marry another man while he was away and she and Elisha did not remarry. The family moved to Otsego County in about 1799, not 1804, and Elisha, Jr. was born in Pennsylvania; not Morristown, New Jersey. Elisha *may* have had a twin named Elijah but evidence of this has never been found. There is evidence that Elisha was a farmer but it is not known whether or not he was a steelmaker. This query is recorded here to clarify the errors that have circulated within the family for so many years.

The Litchfield County Superior Court records confirm Elisha settled in Morris County, New Jersey after he departed from the Woodbury vicinity in January 1779. Elisha *Hubbard* appears as a single man who works for hire on the tax lists for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey in February 1780.

Elisha had spent several months around Morristown during his military service and probably became acquainted with his future wife during that time. Elisha Hubbart was married (2) to Esther Willison in Morris County, New Jersey on 19 February 1780. The marriage was

¹⁸*Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, Volume X, pages 89-90.

performed by Jacob Gould, Justice of the Peace.¹⁹ Esther was born on either 25 December 1757²⁰ or 5 January 1757/8,²¹ the fifth child of Laurence and Elizabeth (Cramer) Willison. Laurence Willison was born on 11 August 1724.²² He married Elizabeth Cramer on 5 May 1746.²³ Elizabeth had died in childbirth on 26 September 1762 when Esther was just five years old but Laurence married a second wife, Joanna Pollard, in Morris County six months later on 17 May 1763²⁴. Elisha and Esther had three children who were named after Esther's family - their second child, William Willison Hubbart, their fifth child, Henry Lawrence Hubbart, and their youngest child, Useal, who was probably named after his uncle, Uzal Willison. Although Lawrence Willison was probably about 50 at the start of the American Revolution, he served as an Artificer (or skilled craftsman)²⁵ and was a blacksmith by occupation.²⁶

Elisha Hubbart was apparently a farmer in the vicinity just north of Morristown where General George Washington maintained his winter headquarters from 1 December 1779 to 22 June 1780.²⁷ On 25 June 1780 Elisha Hubbart was paid two hundred and ten dollars by Washington for "Justice Gold" for providing pasturage and a lamb to the American army. This record reads as follows:

*"Received June 25th for Justice Gold of His Excellency Gen'l Washington the Sum of Two hundred and Ten Dollars for pasturage & a Lamb.
Elisha Hubbart" (his signature).*²⁸

"Justice Gold" in this document probably refers to Justice of the Peace, Jacob Gould who officiated at the marriage of Elisha Hubbart and Esther Willison. Also implied in the document is the probability that Elisha was in the employ of Gould in some capacity. Otherwise, he would probably not have been trusted with so much money.

In the December 1780 term of the Morris County, New Jersey Court of Common Pleas, Elisha Hubbart was indicted by the state for the crime of deceit. The case was processed in March of 1781. In the September 1782 term, the state indicted John Haasbrook and Elisha Hubbart for assault.²⁹ In 1782, 1783 and 1784 he is listed in the Hanover Township tax lists.³⁰

¹⁹Litchfield County, Connecticut Superior Court Divorce Papers, 1752-1922, FHL microfilm number 1671849.

²⁰Elisha Hubbart's Family Bible entries in possession of descendants of Elisha Hubbart, Jr. in Washington State.

²¹Transcribed version of the family bible of Laurence Willison, published in the Morris Area Genealogy Society Newsletter, Volume 10, No. 3, September 1997. This difference in dates is difficult to explain unless it can be attributed to a transcription error or that the first date was a birth date and the second was a christening date.

²²Transcription from Laurence Willison's family bible published in Dublin, and printed by George Grierson, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty at the King's Arms and Two Bibles, in Essex Street, MDCCXXXIX (1739) as published in the Morris Area Genealogy Society Newsletter, Volume 10, No. 3, September 1997.

²³Ibid.

²⁴Ibid.

²⁵Officers & Men in the Revolutionary War, Part I, Quartermaster General's Department, page 839.

²⁶East New Jersey Deed Book, Liber BBB, page 101, FHL microfilm 460037.

²⁷Encyclopedia of the American Revolution by Mark Mayo Boatner III, page 746.

²⁸George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799, Series 5, Financial Papers found on the internet at <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage>.

²⁹Morris County, New Jersey Court Records, 1778-1792, Volumes 7-9, FHL microfilm number 961250.

³⁰Hanover Township, Morris County, New Jersey Tax Records, FHL microfilm 865483.

Sometime between 1788³¹ and 1790,³² Elisha moved Esther and his young family from Morris County, New Jersey to Luzerne (now Bradford) County, Pennsylvania.³³ He is recorded there in the 1790 Federal Census living in Wysox and having four males and four females in his household.³⁴ The Presbyterian Church records of Wysox, Pennsylvania state that Elisha *Hubbard* was chosen to be a scribe in the church on 5 November 1791 which not only establishes his presence there but the fact that he could read and write. On 4 December 1791 Rebecca and Sarah, daughters of Elisha *Hubbard* were baptized in the church.³⁵ Elisha Hubbard was an active member of the Wysox church until his death in about 1798.³⁶ The United States direct tax list of 1798 refers to the heirs of Elisha *Hurlbut*³⁷ so the date of his death was apparently in 1798. Taxes were assessed on one house, 20 feet by 20 feet, and 150 acres of land.³⁸ In about 1799, Esther moved her family to Otsego County, New York.³⁹ By about 1812 the family had moved to the vicinity of Sanford, Broome County, New York.⁴⁰

Elisha and Esther (Willson) Hubbard were parents of eleven children whose birth dates are recorded in the family Bible as follows: ⁴¹

- i. Rebecca, born 13 October 1780; baptized in the Wysox Presbyterian Church, 4 December 1791.
- ii. William Willison, born 10 August 1782.
- iii. Anne, born 21 February 1784.
- iv. Joseph, born 1 February 1786.
- v. Henry Lawrence, born 1 July 1788 in Morris, County, New Jersey, according to the 1860 census of Orange Township, Blackhawk County, Iowa and the 1870 mortality schedule also states his place of birth as New Jersey. In about 1811 he married Kosciah Hulce, daughter of John and Abigail (Williams) Hulce. She was born 10 February 1792 at Deposit, Delaware County, New York. Henry and his young wife settled in Sanford, Broome County, New York in 1812. He was a millwright and furniture maker there. Henry and Kosciah were members of the First Baptist Church in Deposit, New York from 20 February 1819 until 1 July 1854 when they departed Sanford to join their children who had migrated to Illinois. Henry and Kosciah Hubbard moved to Illinois as scheduled but eventually settled in near Waterloo, Blackhawk County, Iowa where they lived, alternately, with their son, Benjamin Franklin Hubbard and their daughter, Elizabeth (Hubbard) Spears for the last years of their lives. Henry died in February 1870, age 81, and Kosciah, in 1876, aged 84. They were buried in Waterloo, Iowa. Children of Henry L. and Kosciah (Hulce) Hubbard, born at Sanford, Broome

³¹The 1860 federal census of Blackhawk County, Iowa, Orange Township, page 94 under the household of J. N. Spears and wife, Elizabeth, lists Henry L. Hubbard, age 72, (i. e. born 1788), in New Jersey.

³²The 1790 federal census, Pennsylvania.

³³*History of Bradford County, Pennsylvania* by Heverly, 1924, published by the Bradford County Historical Society, page 260, Wysox Township.

³⁴1790 Federal census, Pennsylvania.

³⁵Victor Charles Detty, *History of the Presbyterian Church of Wysox, Pennsylvania, 1781-1938*, author, 1939, page 22.

³⁶*History of Bradford County, Pennsylvania* by Heverly, 1924, published by the Bradford County Historical Society, page 283.

³⁷Note: Another reference in the same source record states, "heirs of Elijah Hubbert".

³⁸The United States Direct Tax List of 1798, Wysockin (Wysox) Township.

³⁹*The History of Whiteside County, Illinois* by Charles Bent, 1877, page 481 (Biographical sketch of Elisha Hubbard, Jr.) which says they moved to Otsego when he was seven.

⁴⁰*Ibid.*

⁴¹Elisha Hubbard's Family Bible record in possession of descendants of Elisha Hubbard, Jr.

County, New York were: Bemon Windsor, born 16 August 1812; Henry W., born between 1810-1815; Permelia, born between 1810 and 1815; Aurilla, born about 1815; Sarah, born between 1815 and 1820; Jason Carwin, born 3 March 1823; Elizabeth, born 10 March 1825; Clarissa J., born about 1827 or 1828; Joseph Sterling, born about 1829; Esther, who died in 1868; Benjamin Franklin, born 17 October 1832; Pardon P., born about 1836; and Wilson P., born about 1840.

- vi. Sarah, born 2 July 1790; baptized 4 December 1791 in Wysox, Pennsylvania Presbyterian Church.
- vii. Elisha, Jr., born 7 February 1792, probably in Wysox, Pennsylvania although one reference says Warwick County, Pennsylvania.⁴² Since there has never been a Warwick County in Pennsylvania, it is assumed this reference pertains to Wysox. Two other references state he was born in Morris County, New Jersey, which, while probably not correct, indicates the family moved from Morris County to Wysox.⁴³ In 1820 he married Iranah Coburn of Sanford, New York. They departed Sanford by wagon train in early May 1837 and settled in Lyndon, Illinois. He died on 10 February 1842. Their children were: William Wilson, born 23 August 1821; James C., born 12 October 1823; Simpson S., born 3 March 1825; Cynthia E., born 21 April 1827; Mary A., born 14 March 1829; Benjamin F., born 9 January 1832; Czarina I., born 9 September 1836; and Elisha Hiram, born 12 May 1839.⁴⁴
- viii. Ruth, born 29 December 1794.
- ix. Esther, born 15 December 1795; married Simpson Smith.
- x. Elizabeth, born 11 July 1797.
- xi. Useal, born 12 July 1798.

11. THOMAS⁵ HUBBART (*John⁴, Joseph³, Jeremiah², Benjamin¹*) was born in 1760 in Woodbury, Connecticut according to his youngest daughter, Polly,⁴⁵ died Russia, Herkimer County, New York, 22 Apr 1821. He married September 1787, at Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, SILENCE BARTLETT, born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, died Oneida County, NY, 4 Aug 1839.

In early 1776, at age 16, Thomas enlisted in the Continental army at Southbury, Connecticut. According to his pension record, he enlisted in Captain Nathaniel Tuttle's Company, 2nd Connecticut Regiment commanded by Col. Charles Webb and served for one year.⁴⁶ These facts provide strong circumstantial evidence that Thomas was the son of John Hobart (Hubbart), Sr. His enlistment in Southbury was just a few miles from South Britain where John made his home. Moreover, his company commander, Capt. Nathaniel Tuttle, was a resident of the village of South Britain⁴⁷ and his regiment was the same as Elisha and John Hubbart's at

⁴²*The History of Whiteside County, Illinois* by Charles Bent, 1877, page 481 (Biographical sketch of Elisha Hubbart, Jr.).

⁴³*Portrait and Biographical Album, Whiteside County, Illinois*, Chicago, Chapman Brothers, 1885 and *The History of Whiteside County, Illinois* by William W. Davis, Volume II, 1908, pages 930-932. Both contain biographical sketches of James Coburn (spelled Coborne in the 1908 bio), son of Elisha Hubbart, Jr., and both state the father was born in Morris County, New Jersey. The 1790 census and the baptism of an older sister in Wysox, Pennsylvania, in 1791, however, would indicate he was born there in 1792.

⁴⁴Research provided by descendant, Viretta Hubbart of Seattle, Washington, 1976.

⁴⁵Article from the *Rome (NY) Sentinel*, 24 September 1932 documenting the membership of Polly (Hubbart) Vincent as an original Daughter of the American Revolution.

⁴⁶Revolutionary War pension record of Thomas Hubbart, file number W15916.

⁴⁷Descendants of James Stancliff of Middletown, Connecticut and Allied Families by Robert C. and Sherry (Smith) Stancliff.

the time of their enlistment in the 2nd Connecticut Regiment in May of 1777. Thomas's daughter, Polly, states that his commander at the time of his enlistment was Col. Hinman and because of his age, Thomas initially served as a waiter for the colonel.^{48,49} Immediately after his enlistment, the regiment marched to Boston. Later, Thomas served in the battle of White Plains. In November 1776 his company moved from Peekskill, New York into New Jersey. During his enlistment, Thomas was wounded in his right leg which later resulted in a fever sore and deterioration of the bone. According to his daughter, Polly, Thomas served throughout the seven years of the war; however, in his pension application, Thomas stated that, *"I do further declare that I was a private soldier in the war of the revolution and that I served as such in the said war of the revolution against the common enemy for the term of one year. That I belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Tuttle in Col. Charles B. Webb's regiment and in the line of Connecticut – And I do further declare that I entered the service in February 1776 and left the service one year thereafter having served out the time of my enlistment and being discharged."* The declaration was dated 6 April 1818 and was signed, *Thomas Hubbart*.⁵⁰

Thomas eventually settled in Russia, Herkimer County, New York where he was employed as a mason or brick layer. His modest home was described as being one room, fifteen feet square, with sides made of planks and a roof of boards and slabs. Thomas had a lifetime lease, paid annually, on his *"small old log house"* and about five acres of land.⁵¹ According to daughter, Polly, life in the log cabin was full of hardships and the hardy pioneers were obliged to live in the rudest fashion. They made their own clothes and Thomas's children were taught to spin when they were ten years old. The girls would weave woolen dresses to wear in the winter and linen for the summer months. The furniture in the little house was scanty and most of it was home made. The cooking facilities were of the most primitive kind.⁵² In a deposition to Secretary of War, John C. Calhoun, in support of Thomas's pension application dated 12 March 1821, his family physician for twenty years, Dr. Westel Willoughby, stated that, *"He like most of the old soldiers, likes liquor too well and has by intemperance materially injured his health as well as invited his poverty. From an injury he sustained during the revolutionary War in one of his legs, he is at all times disenabled from induring severe hardships and is at this time confined to his hovel (for such is the building that shelters himself & Family."* Dr. Willoughby further stated that Thomas was a very proud man and implied that, because of his pride, he jeopardized his pension eligibility by overstating the value of his estate.⁵³ Isaiah Johnson, a fellow soldier who served with Thomas testified that he was always called a good and faithful soldier.⁵⁴ Thomas was very fond of music and his favorite song was a ditty from the Revolutionary War entitled, *"The Death of Montgomery."* He used to sing this song and others during leisure moments.^{55,56} Thomas died

⁴⁸Article from the *Rome Sentinel*, 24 September 1932.

⁴⁹Colonel Hinman was Colonel Benjamin Hinman who was a local commander of the 13th Regiment militia in 1776. Later, in January 1777 the 2nd Connecticut Regiment was formed under the command of Colonel Charles Webb. A transfer from the militia to the Continental Army probably occurred during this period.

⁵⁰Revolutionary War pension application file of Thomas Hubbart, file number W15916.

⁵¹Revolutionary War pension application file of Thomas Hubbart, file number W15916.

⁵²Article from the *Rome Sentinel*, 24 September 1932.

⁵³Revolutionary War pension application file of Thomas Hubbart, file number W15916, written testimony of Dr. Westel Willoughby of Newport, Herkimer County, N.Y., 12 March 1821 to the Secretary of War, John C. Calhoun.

⁵⁴Revolutionary War pension application file of Thomas Hubbart, file number W15916.

⁵⁵Article from the *Rome Sentinel*, 24 September 1932.

⁵⁶General Montgomery was Richard Montgomery who was killed in battle during the ill-fated storming of Quebec by the American army in 1775.

in Russia, New York, on 22 April 1821. The inventory of his estate amounted to \$41.00. Silence died in Oneida County, New York on 4 August 1839. Children were:⁵⁷

- i. Joseph, born about 1788.
- ii. Belinda, born about 1790; married James Barker.
- iii. Sally (or Sarah), born about 1792; married John Bassett.
- iv. Levi Bartlett, born 17 October 1795 in Kortright, Delaware County, New York. During the War of 1812, he was called to action in Remsen, New York and enlisted in Trenton, Oneida County, New York on 7 October 1813 in Captain Henry R. Shelton's Company of New York Militia. He marched to Sackett's Harbor on Lake Ontario and was discharged on 10 November 1813. On 14 March 1827 Levi married Nancy Emily Hall at Boonville, New York. Nancy was the daughter of Joseph K. and Nancy (Arnold) Hall. She was born on 4 July 1807. Levi was described as being 5 feet 6 inches in height, light complexioned, and had brown hair and blue eyes. He was strong and active and was a farmer. In 1841, he moved his family to Cattaraugus County, New York. In 1871 he was living in Leon, New York. He died on 30 April 1877 and was buried in the Treat Memorial Cemetery, otherwise known as the Leon Union Cemetery.⁵⁸ Nancy died on 22 February 1886. Children were: Hiram Frink, born 31 May 1832; Thomas Chauncey, born 27 June 1834; Levi Bartlett, Jr., born 9 April 1835; Emily N., born 10 November 1837; Nancy Emily, born 7 November 1840; Ann Elvira, born 25 June 1842; Delia Jackson, born 10 January 1844; Oscar Frederick, born 1 January 1846; Lucy Jane, born 20 December 1847; Ellen Valedia, born 12 August 1850.⁵⁹
- v. Polly, born 13 December 1800 at Newport, Herkimer County, New York.⁶⁰
- vi. John, born about 1802.
- vii. Ruth, born about 1804; married John Runsell.
- viii. Ann, born about 1805; married David Joy; died in Findlay, Ohio in 1893.
- ix. Adam Frink, born about 1811.

⁵⁷Revolutionary War pension application file of Thomas Hubbart, file number W15916.

⁵⁸Leon Union Cemetery tombstone inscriptions.

⁵⁹New York Family and Bible Records, Volume 47, NSDAR Library and War of 1812 pension application file.

⁶⁰Note: Thomas Hubbart's daughter, Polly, lived to be 99 years of age. Furthermore, she joined the Daughters of the American Revolution and earned the distinction of being the oldest "real" daughter to become a charter member of a chapter. On 24 September 1932, the DAR placed a bronze tablet on her tombstone in the Gravesville Cemetery in Rome, New York, commemorating her distinction in the organization. The *Rome Sentinel* covered the proceedings in great detail. Salient points from this article were used in this biography.

Elizabeth (Andrews) (Northrup) (Smith) Nash, of Salem, N.Y., and Ridgefield, Conn.
Kenneth W. Rockwell

As a follow-up to my article on the heirs of Gamaliel Northrup of Ridgefield, I looked into the details of one of the heirs, Daniel Smith, son of Samuel and Mary (Northrup) Smith. The Northrup genealogy of 1908 states that Daniel was born on 4 June 1745, and married “Elizabeth Andrews, widow of Thomas Northrup, from Salem, N.Y.”¹ The book does not give a date for the marriage, but the Ridgefield vital records show that Daniel Smith 2nd married Elizabeth Northrup on 1 March 1781.²

Given that my primary research was on a Northrup family, I thought it logical to look up Elizabeth’s first husband to see how closely he might be related to the Gamaliel Northrup family. However, I did not find any Thomas Northrup in the 1908 genealogy who matched this case. I could easily have dismissed him as an untraced line, but I decided to look into other families in Salem to see where he might fit in. It did not take long to find an alternative candidate with a different name.

The genealogy’s index gives two listings for the name Elizabeth Andrews: the above citation and the wife of Abijah Northrup. This man was reportedly born on 2 March 1751 at either Ridgefield or South Salem, the son of Nathan and Eunice Northrup; married on 5 August 1771 to Elizabeth Andrus; and died in October of 1779 while serving in the Revolutionary War.³ An inventory of Abijah’s estate was filed at Westchester County by the estate’s administrator, David Northrup.⁴ On 5 December 1779, four children were baptized at the South Salem Church of Christ, namely: “Asa, Rhoda, Jere, and Abijah, chil. of ye widow Elizabeth Northrup.”⁵

It seems likely that the compiler of the Northrup genealogy made a simple error and replaced Abijah’s name with “Thomas” in the account of Daniel Smith’s marriage. We lack the evidence that would definitively confirm the identity of Daniel’s wife as the widow of Abijah Northrup, such as records tying Daniel to the Northrup children. They are not mentioned in his probate records, though that is not unusual.

Elizabeth Andrus/Andrews’s parents are not readily identified. The Salem church records do not show any early members with those surnames, nor do the indexes to Westchester County land and probate records have listings for them. However, there was a baptism, on 5 July 1761, of Thomas, son of John “Andreas.” This is another cognate of Andrews, so possibly these were Elizabeth’s brother and father, but further evidence is needed. But it is interesting that John Andrews is the earliest of the surname in the Ridgefield land records. He was of the town of Fairfield when he purchased 40 acres from Joseph Foster on 12 March 1754.⁶ By 1761, a “John

¹Ansel Judd Northrup, *The Northrup-Northrop genealogy* (New York, 1908), pp. 31. Viewed on Family History Library film no. 962457, item 2.

²Ridgefield vital records, volume 2, page 155. The wedding probably occurred at the Church of Christ in Salem [later the South Salem Presbyterian Church], where it was recorded on the same date. Transcript in: “Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 31, no. 3 (July 1900), p. 177.

³*Northrup genealogy*, p. 49. These vital dates are not found in the Ridgefield vital records, but the marriage was recorded at the Salem church. See: *NYGBR*, vol. 31, no. 2 (April 1900), p. 89.

⁴*Ibid.*

⁵*Ibid.*, confirmed by the transcript published in *NYGBR* vol. 32, no. 4 (Oct. 1901), p. 241.

⁶Ridgefield deeds, book 4, folio 67a; viewed on FHL film no. 5497.

Andrews Jun'r, physician of Salem" was purchasing land in Ridgefield.⁷

As for Nathan the father of Abijah, the genealogy places him as the son of James Northrup of Ridgefield. James gave to his son Nathan a parcel of land "lying in ye township of Ridgfield a little west of Eben.r Smith's Tapomik Division & is bounded on east by highway and on all other ways by common land. 14 acres in 4 January 1744/5."⁸

Nathan was born 30 May 1721 and married (probably in 1744 or 1745) a Eunice of Salem, N.Y. They were received as members of the Church of Christ at Salem on 1 Sept. 1754.⁹ Eunice died 28 April 1801 in her 75th year and was buried in South Salem's cemetery. Nathan died 11 Jan. 1804, aged 83.¹⁰ He was the father of David, Abijah, Joel, Stephen, and John. David was probably the one who served as the administrator of Abijah's estate. David, Joel, and Stephen, all eventually moved to Sherbourne, N.Y.

Daniel Smith died at the age of 49 on 7 March 1795.¹¹ On 24 March 1795, son Daniel Smith 3rd and John Benedict Junior were appointed administrators of the estate. A distribution of his estate, made on 20 November 1795 by Benjamin Smith and John Benedict Junior, mentions sons Daniel, Azor, Noah, and Samuel, and daughters Dolly, Sarah, and Betsey, as well as "Elizabeth Nash (late widow of decd.) for her use and improvement during her natural life."¹² This indicates that Daniel Smith's widow is the one who married, sometime in 1795, Abraham Nash 2nd.¹³

On 23 December 1795, Abraham Nash Junr. & Elisabeth, "lawfull husband & wife, of Ridgfield" for £3 quit-claimed to Noah Smith of Ridgfield, all right, title, and interest that Elizabeth had in a 9 acre parcel at Round Hill in Ridgefield "bounded west in art by Nathan Olmsted's land and in part by land in the possession of David Saintjohn Dec'd's heirs; north by land distributed to Sally ye daughter of Daniel Smith late dec'd; south by land distributed to Betsey ye daughter of sd. dec'd; and east by highway."¹⁴ And on 11 November 1796, Abraham Nash 2nd and wife Elizabeth, for \$13, quit-claimed to Azor Smith of Ridgefield all right they had "on account of ye right of dower that ye sd. Elisabeth had while sole, in ye following pieces of land lying at Round Hill that were set out as Thirds to her ye sd. Elisabeth, out of ye estate of her late husband, Daniel Smith dec'd., viz. all sd. right to one piece containing in ye whole five acres two roods and twenty rods (described); Also all sd. right in another piece of land lying at Round Hill, that was distributed to said Azor, out of ye estate of sd. dec'd Daniel, as part of his portion; said piece contains four acres more or less..."¹⁵

Abraham Nash 2nd, born 7 Nov. 1740 to Abraham and Rhoda Nash, married Sarah Olmsted on 17 Nov. 1762. Sarah died 12 June 1793. He married, second, Elizabeth Smith, widow of Daniel. He is probably the one who died on 3 Nov. 1821. Abraham's will, dated 19 February 1812, names his "beloved wife Elisabeth. To her he bequeathed \$66.67 in personal estate, as the same shall be appraised, to be hers forever; and in case she should be removed by

⁷Ibid., 4:210a.

⁸Ridgefield deeds, book 3, folio 145b; viewed on FHL film no. 5497.

⁹NYGBR v.31, no.2, p. 83.

¹⁰Northrup genealogy, p. 21.

¹¹Ridgefield vital records, 2:207.

¹²Danbury probate packet no. 4362, viewed on FHL film no. 1016315.

¹³Ridgefield vital records 2:159.

¹⁴Ridgefield deeds, 8:84b.

¹⁵Rf deeds 8:133a.

death before me, then the said amount is to be and belong to her children.”¹⁶ This certainly indicates that she had children by a previous marriage. The distribution set out property to Abraham’s children, but did not mention the personal property set out to the widow or to her heirs.

As it turns out, Elizabeth Nash did indeed die before her husband. While not recorded in the Ridgefield vital records, her death was noted in several newspapers in April of 1820. A notice in the *Connecticut Mirror* on April 17, 1820, noted the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Nash, wife of Abraham, at the age of 72; the exact date of death was not given.¹⁷ Because of this, one would expect the provision of the will regarding her children would be reflected in the distribution of his estate. Yet the distribution set out property only to Abraham’s children, and does not mention any personal property set out to Elizabeth’s children. One interpretation for this is that they may all have all died without issue before the distribution.

If we assume that Elizabeth’s children were the children of Abijah and Elizabeth (Andrews) Northrup, they need to be accounted for. The Ridgefield deeds have a few deeds concerning two of them: Rhoda and Jere. Lack of mention of Asa or Abijah might indicate that they died young. The land dates from the sale by Nathan Northrup of Salem to Abijah Northrup of Salem, on 4 April 1776, of two parcels measuring one acre and three roods at Rocky Neck, and five acres and a half south of John Jones’s land.¹⁸ Two later deeds from Nathan to Stephen Northrup, another son, describe the gifted land as bordered on the east by the land belonging to the heirs of Abijah Northrup Dec’d. ”¹⁹ Similar wording appears in various other border properties that changed hands in the next few years—including one that Nathan Northrup sold at Ridgefield to Jere Northrup (presumably his grandson) on 30 September 1799.²⁰

Finally, on 20 March 1804, “Jere Northrup and Roger Olmsted & Rhoda his wife, of Salem” for \$55 sold to John Jones of Ridgefield, a certain piece of land, 5.5 acres bounded on the north and east by John Jones’ land, on the south and west by Moses Bouton’s land.²¹ This was one of the two parcels sold to their father by their grandfather. I did not find a record for the other, smaller parcel, and this is the last mention of either Jere Northrup or Rhoda Olmsted in the deeds. So, again, it is possible that both died without issue before their presumed mother, Elizabeth Nash, died in 1820. I note that several WorldConnect pedigrees claims that Rhoda died on 4 April 1812. One of these also states that she and Roger Olmsted had three children, named Catherine Annis (b. 4 Feb. 1803); Chauncey (b. 15 Nov. 1804); and Elizabeth (b. 2 July 1807).²² No further information is given that might indicate what happened to these children. If they died before 1820, that would explain the silence of the Nash distribution. Proof of some of them being alive after that point might serve to argue against Elizabeth Nash being the widow of Abijah Northrup. Without further documentation, however, this is where we will have to leave it—as a tentative hypothesis that Elizabeth Andrews, born ca. 1748, was married three times, to Abijah Northrup of Salem and to Daniel Smith and Abraham Nash of Ridgefield, leaving four children by her first marriage, two of whom were living in 1804.

¹⁶Danbury probate packet no. 3347; FHL film no. 1016306.

¹⁷Hale Collection, “Connecticut newspaper notices,” vol. 19, p. 249, from FHL film no. 3390.

¹⁸Ridgefield deeds, vol. 7, folio 213b; from FHL film no. 5499.

¹⁹*Ibid.*, 7:213b-214a.

²⁰*Ibid.*, 8:210a.

²¹*Ibid.*, 9:38b.

²²<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:a24763&id=I1975>, viewed through Rootsweb WorldConnect, Nov. 24, 2012.

Missing Pages from the 1850 Census of Newtown

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A recent systematic study of the online images of the 1850 Federal census pages for Newtown, Connecticut, revealed a discrepancy. One page ends with house 492, family 550, and the next page begins with house 507, family 567. A careful examination of the pages shows printed numbers on every other image, and those numbers jump from 33 to 35.

I shared my discovery with our editor, Harlan Jessup. He checked the microfilm available at the Connecticut Archives and found that the online images matched the microfilm images. Therefore, the missing pages occurred during the microfilming process years ago. He and Nora Galvin were able to view the original state copy of the census at the Connecticut Archives. They took digital photographs of these two ledger pages, and a transcription of these two pages follows. The house and family numbering are slightly different on the Connecticut copy compared to what should be on the Federal copy. The Federal version is available by ordering a copy from the National Archives. However, my first attempt at ordering a copy produced a blank disk, so I was not able to verify the numbers on the Federal version before publication.

The column numbers on the transcription of the Connecticut version represent the following:
Unnumbered – the line number on the page

1. Number of dwelling house in order of visit
2. Number of the family
3. Name
4. Age
5. Sex
6. Color – blank if white, 'B' if black, 'M' if mulatto
7. Profession, Occupation or Trade of males over age 15
8. Value of Real Estate Owned
9. Place of Birth (state if born in the United States, otherwise country)
10. Married within the last year?
11. At school within the last year?
12. If over 20, could person not read or write?
13. 'Deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict'?

Schedule 1 Free Inhabitants in Newtown in the County of Fairfield State
of Conn. enumerated by me on the 30 day of Aug. 1850. A. Northrop, Ass't Marshall
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	513	537	Patrick Bradly	45	M		Laborer		Ireland		/		
2			Thomas "	14	"				"		/	/	
3			Joanna "	43	F				"				
4			Thomas Griffin	32	M		"		"				
5			Biddy "	30	F				"		/		
6			Catharine "	5	"				"		}		
7			Michael "	8	M				"		/		
8			John "	3	"				Conn.				
9			Mary "	1	F				"				
10	514	552	Samuel N Sanford	57	M		Farmer		"				
11			Anna M "	56	F				"				
12			Elizabeth "	23	"				"				
13	515	553	Amos G Peck	56	M			3500	"				
14			Eunice "	44	F				"				
15			Charlotte J "	21	"				"				
16			Barney Linen	17	M		Laborer		Ireland				
17	516	554	Eli Bennet	70	"		Farmer	1025	Conn.				
18			Sarah	50	F				"				
19			Catherine Kirnon	11	"				Ireland		/		
20	517	555	John Quinlabin	30	M		Laborer		"				
21			Nora "	26	F				"				
22			John "	11	M				"		/		
23			Mary A "	9	F				"		/		
24			Michael "	6	M				"		/		
25	518	556	Zerah Fairman	29	"		Farmer	1500	Conn.				
26			Polly "	41	F			500	"				

27			Maria “	38	“			”				
28			Jane Haugh	19	“			”				
29	519	557	Charles Brown	37	M	Comb Maker		New York				
30			Phebe E “	32	F			“ ”				
31			Jeremiaha “	11	M			“		/		
32			George W “	7	“			“		/		
33	520	558	Jeremiah Hille	38	“	” “		Conn.				
34			Emeline “	30	F			“				
35			Jane A “	8	“			”		/		
36			Maria “	6	“			”		/		
37			Lavina “	4	“			”				
38			Julia A “	1	“			”				
39			Jedidiah Hill	36	M	“ ”		“				
40			Anna M “	8	F			“		/		
41			Washington “	6	M			“		/		
42			Cornelius “	2	“			”				

(Transcriber's note: Catharine Griffin's hash mark for attending school has a small hash through it going the other way.)

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	521	559	William Blakesly	54	M		Farmer	3000	Conn.				
2			Chloe “	49	F				“				
3			Sophia A “	21	“				”				
4			William Z “	16	M				“		/		
5			George B “	14	“				”		/		
6			Mary J “	11	F				“		/		
7			Sarah G “	8	“				”		/		
8			Jane “	50	“				”				
9			Dennis Mazore	22	M		Laborer		Ireland				
10	522	560	Isaac Briscoe	25	“		Butcher		Conn.				
11			Cornelia “	21	F				“				

12			Alfred “	8/12	M			“				
13			Sylvester Blackman	40	“	Fruit Dealer		“				
14	523	561	George Judson	36	“	Physician	500	“				
15			Jane “	34	F			“				
16			Mary L “	11	“			”		/		
17	524	562	Ebenezer Turner	76	M	None	5000	“				
18			Edward Starr	45	“	Merchant		“				
19			Mary B “	43	F			“				
20			Margaret Keaton	35	“			”				
21			Willis Briscoe	16	M	Clerk		“				
22	525	563	Jerusia Hamlin	60	F			“				
23			Frances “	25	“			”				
24			Julia A Bell	30	“			”				
25			Hubbell Botsford	80	M		500	“				
26			A Nelson Bell	30	“	Physician		Va				
27			Ellen “	7	F			Conn.				
28			Charles “	5	M			“				
29			Mary “	1	F			“				
30	526	564	Philena Judson	59	“		2000	“				
31		565	Monroe “	30	M	“	1000	“				
32			Sarah M “	26	F			“				
33			Martha J “	1	“			”				
34			Joanna Kane	16	“			Ireland				
35	527	566	Philo Sanford	50	M	Mechanic		Conn.				
36			Martha “	40	F			England				
37			Mary J “	15	“			Conn.		/		
38			Frances A “	13	“			”		/		
39			William H “	14	M			“		/		
40			Thomas “	6	“			”		/		
41		567	David Loper	30	“	Painter		“				
42			Mary “	27	F			“				

George B. Peck Family Bible

Bible originally owned by George Booth Peck, then Francis Wilson Peck, then Edith Clarinda Peck (m. Thomas Dew), then May Frances Dew (m. John Dempsey). Register pages were removed because of age and deterioration of Bible. Pages were in possession of John Francis Dempsey, s/o May Frances Dew and John Dempsey. Currently owned by Barbara Anne Dempsey.

FAMILY REGISTER

Page 1

George B. Peck born
July the 14th 1810

Elizabeth Wilson
Born May the 22, 1810

Francis Wilson Peck
Born Nov 9th, 1838 Newtown Ct

Mary Wilson Peck
Born May the 30 1841

Charles William Peck
Born Dec the 25, 1842

Andrew Booth Peck
Born August 17, 1845
Died aged 1 week

George Sterling Peck
Born Sept 4th 1849 Easton Ct

Edith C. Peck daughter of F.W.
& E.N. Peck was married to
Thomas Dew in Bridgeport Ct by
Ref. J. R. Gow March 22nd 1886

May F. Dew daughter of above was
Born in Orange Ct June 28th 1888.

George B. Peck and
Elizabeth Wilson was
Married Jun the 17, 1835

Frank W. Peck
And
Emily N. Bulkley
Married in Easton by Rev.
N. D. Benedict March 12th 1862

Charles W. Peck
And
Emmie L. Northrop
Married in Easton by Rev.
N. D. Benedict June 18th 1864

Daniel G. Turney
And
Mary W. Peck
Were married in Litchfield Ct
March 4th 1871 by Rev. Smith

George S. Peck
And
Mary Greenough
Were married in Easton by Rev.
Martin Dudley April 2nd 1874

In Rockford Ill Oct 8th 1895 by Rev.
Pierce Charles W. Peck and Lena
Bohm

FAMILY REGISTER

Page 2

Births

Married May 6th 1879
 Charles W. Peck and
 Clara M. Bulkley
 Of Rockford, Winnebago
 County Illinois

Births
 Charles Gould Turney
 Son of D. G. & Mary W. Turney
 Was born in Litchfield Ct.
 May 1st 1872

Clifford Wilson Turney
 Son of D. G. & Mary W. Turney
 Was born in Litchfield Ct
 Dec 31st 1873

Burton Edward Turney
 Son of D.G. & Mary W. Turney
 Was born in Litchfield Conn
 Nov 17th 1878

Born in Danbury Ct Aug 29th 1842
 Emily N. Bulkley wife of F. W. Peck

Born in Kempt Nova Scotia
 Sept 3rd 1846 – Mary Greenough
 Wife of George S. Peck

Born in Newtown Ct
 February 3rd 1848
 Emma L. Northrop wife of
 Charles W. Peck divorced & dead
 Died Nov 8th 1879 aged 31y 9m 5days

Births

Edith C. Peck Born in Bridgeport
 January 20th 1864, Daughter of
 Frank W. & Emily N. Peck

Allen Greenough Peck son of
 Geo. S. and Mary G. Peck was born
 In Northfield, Litchfield Co.
 Conn Apr 7th 1786.

Edna Maud
 Daughter of Geo. S. and Mary G.
 Peck was born in Cheverie Hauts
 County Nova Scotia January 6th
 1878

Frank Edward son of Geo & Mary G.
 Peck was born in Cheverie Hauts Co.
 Nova Scotia
 Jan 24, 1879

Edwin Henry Peck
 Son of Charles & Emma L. Peck
 Was born in Joliet Illinois
 April 18th 1866

Clara Belle Peck
 Daughter of C.W. and Emma L. Peck
 Was born in Lena Illinois
 November 10th 1872
 Married in S. Dakota Nov 1888 to
 C. Dow in Manchester SD

Gracy May, second daughter of
 Geo S. and Mary Peck was born
 Oct 26th 1881 in Litchfield Conn

Cecile B. Peck daughter of Chas W. and
 Clara Bulkley Peck was born in Rockford
 Illinois July 14th 1882

FAMILY REGISTER

Deaths

In Easton March 18th 1874
Elizabeth wife of George
B. Peck. Aged 64 years 9mts 26 days

In Easton April 2nd 1874
George B. Peck
Aged 64 years 8 mts 18 days

In Cheverie Hauts Co. Nova Scotia
Feb 11th 1879 aged 4 weeks
Frank Edward – son of Geo. S. and
Mary G. Peck

In Litchfield Ct., Feb 18th 91
Dr. Daniel G. Turney aged
65 years

In Rockford Illinois Jan 13th 1892 Cecile
B. Peck Daughter of Chas W. &
Clara B. Peck aged 9 years 6 months

In Rockford Ill. Jan 14th 1892 Clara M.
wife of Chas W. Peck aged 34 years 10
months

In Bridgeport Ct Jan 14th 1909
Emily N. Peck wife of F. W. Peck
Aged 66 years

*The following names and dates were listed on
a piece of paper inserted in the Bible:*

Charlotte Wilson was born March 1799

Juliatt Wilson was born July 17th 1800

Elizabeth Wilson was born Feb 12th 1802

Miranda Wilson was born Nov 15th 1803

Jarvis Wilson was born Aug 27th 1805

Isaac Wilson was born June 22nd 1807

Elizabeth Wilson was born May 22 1809

Charlotte Wilson was born March 9th 1811

Moses H. Wilson was born Nov 21st 1813

William Wilson was born Aug 20th 1816

Eunice G. Wilson was born Nov 13 1819

Elizabeth Wilson died June 5th 1838

William Wilson died May 4th 1844

George Noney Family Bible

The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, 1825, Cooperstown (NY), Stereotyped, Printed and Published by H. & E. Phinney. Inscription: "George Noney's Book, of Kent, Litchfield County, State of Connecticut, Bought July 8th 1826, Price \$2-50cts."

This book originally belonged to George Noney (1786-1874), son of George and Mercy Noney of Kent. The Bible passed to his daughter Clarinda Noney (who m Peter Wheeler 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. The Bible is now in the possession of Barbara Dempsey of Wilton, CT, daughter of John Francis Dempsey.

Family Record

Marriages

Georg Noney &
Clarinda Booth
were married
November 6th 1808

George Noney &
Lorana Booth were
married January
9th AD 1814 Weston

George Noney and
Eunice Hubbell was
married 18th
AD 1828 Kent Ct

George Noney and
Louis Hall was married
July 8th 1829 Kent Macedonia

Bryant J. Lyon &
Marcy Noney was
married November 20th
AD 1834 Kent Ct

Married Sept 3rd 1873 by Rev Wm Deane
David Turney of Litchfield Conn & Mrs
Clarinda Bulkley of Orange Conn

Marriages

Peter W. Bulkley & Clarinda Noney was
married Sept 12th
AD 1841 in Danbury Ct

Johnathan W. Hall
& Esther W. Noney was
married May 4th AD 1842
Danbury Bethel

Briant J. Lyon &
Emily B. Noney was
married August 2nd
AD 1843 Newtown Ct

Augustin W. Noney
and Hanah Victoire Danforth
was married February 9th
AD 1846 New York

Frank W. Peck &
Emily N. Bulkley were
married March 12th
1862 in Easton by the
Reverend Nathan A. Benedict

Married in Newtown Ct
Feb 5th 1870 by Rev.
H.B. Smith Mrs. E. B. Lyon
to B. W. Brown of Fairfield Conn

Births

George Noney was
Born February 17th A
D 1786[*] born in Kent
Litchfield County
St of Connecticut
[*year corrected to 1786]

Clarrinda Noney
wife to the above named
George Noney was born
August first AD 1787
was born Fairfield County
St of Connect

Luther Noney was
born July 20th 1810
Kent Macedonia Ct

Marcy Noney was
born October 22nd AD
1811 Kent Macedonia Ct

Lorana Noney
Wife to the above
named George Noney
was born 18th June
AD 1785 born in Weston Fairfield
County St of Ct

Clarrenda Noney was
Born October 5th AD 1816
Kent Macedonia Ct
Died in Orange Ct July 19 1887

Births

Augustin W. Noney
was born May 3rd 1818 Sharon

Emily Nony was
born Novem 10th AD
AD 1820 Kent Macedonia Ct
Died May 5 1907

Esther W. Noney
was born February 2nd
AD 1823 Kent

Sarah Jane Noney
was born October 21st
AD 1825 Kent Ct

Lorana Jane Noney was
born February 1st 1828
Kent Ct

Eunice Noney wife
to the above named
George Noney was
born March 22
AD 1785 born in Dover
Dutches County St of New York

Births

Louis Noney wife to the
above named George Noney
was born March 7th
AD 1784 born in Greenfield
Fairfield County St of Connecticut

Sarah Cordelia Stewart
Daughter of Lewis L & Emeline
Stewart was born January
28th 1840 was born in Amenia
Dutchess County St of New York

Sarah C. Stewart ___ boarding
with us June 11 1842

Sarah E. Stewart was
Married to Jerome Northrop
April 19th 1859
in New Haven Conn

Lewis L. Stewart was born July
second AD 1841 in Kent Macedonia Ct

George W. Hall was born January
30 AD 1843 in Danbury

Nathan Augustin Bulkley
was born July 5th 1848
in Bridgeport Conn
Died in Bport March 28th 1887 aged 38 yrs

Emily N. Bulkley was
Born Aug 29th 1842
in ~~Bethel~~ Ct Danbury

Births

Edith C. Peck was born
January 20th 1864 in
Bridgeport married March 24
1886 to Thomas Dew
in Bridgeport

Frank W. Peck born
Nov 9th 1838 in Easton
Conn

Miss Lizzie A. Bulkley
Wife of Nathan Bulkley
was born in Scotland Windham County Ct
March 14th 1850

William W. Bulkley son
to N.A. & Elizabeth A.
Bulkley was born Dec
9th 1873 in Newtown Ct

Nathan Augustine son
to Peter W & Clarinda
Bulkley was born July 18th
1845 in Bridgeport Ct
died Jan 4th 1847

Alida Gertrude daughter of N.A. and L.A.
Bulkley born in Bridgeport June 30 1879

My grandmother was May F. Dew daughter
of Thomas * Edith Dew born June 28th 1888

Deaths

Clarrenda Noney wife
of the above named
George departed
this life AD 1813 March
20th Kent Ct Macedonia

Luther Noney son
oo the above named
departed this life AD 1810
9th of August Kent Ct Macedonia

Sarah Jane Noney
Dauter [sic] to the above named
departed this life AD 1827
Sep 3d Kent Ct

Lorana Noney wife to
The above named George
departed this life AD 1824
February 7th Kent Ct

Eunice Noney wife to the
above named George departed
this life AD 1828 November
6th Kent Ct

Emily B. Brown died May 8 1907
Aged 86*

December 23 1848
Augustin W Noney left New York for
California December on the ship Crissent
Citty [sic] returned June 11th 1853

*noted later: Emily B. Brown died in
Bridgeport May 5 1907 buried in Fairfield
(East). The last of the Noneys.

Deaths

Marcy Lyon daughter to
the above named George
Noney departed this
life February 3rd 1839
Danbury Bethel Ct

Hannah Vctoire danforth
Wife to the above Augustin
W. Noney departed this
Life April 1st AD 1847

Nathan Augustin son of
Peter W. & Clarinda Bulkley
Died January 3rd 1847 age 1 yr 5 m
Bridgeport Ct

Briant J. Lyon departed this
Life January 25th 1848 Danbury Ct
Lorana Jane Noney
daughter to the above
named departed this
life AD 1828 October 10th

Peter W. Bulkley departed
this life October 15th 1858 Bridgeport Ct

In Bridgeport on the 19 of August
Augustin W. Noney in the 41st year of
His age AD 1859 of consumption

George Noney died in Orange Ct
April 16th 1877 aged 92 years
Lois his wife died in Newtown May 27 1874
aged 90 years, 2 mts, 20 days
buried at Hawleyville

Freeman vs. Freedman in Connecticut

Recently your Society president and the editor of this journal, both professional genealogists, were confused over the definitions of freeman and freedman. Fortunately, the confusion was quickly resolved by reference to the statutes, which references are repeated here (just in case anyone else might be similarly confused).

Freemen

Nora Galvin

Men in colonial America had to meet certain qualifications to achieve the rank of freeman. A freeman's "duties were to elect deputies [representatives] to the General Assembly of the colony and to elect new freemen. He was a member of a local church and had the right to vote and pay taxes."¹ The concept of freeman remained the same from the establishment of the Colony of Connecticut well into the 1780s. It was not determined for this article when the term "freeman" became a legal dodo bird.

The first set of laws in the Connecticut Colony, the Fundamental Orders (1639), defined who was eligible to elect members of the government: "which choice shall be made by all that are admitted freemen and have taken the Oath of Fidelity, and do cohabit within this jurisdiction"² The term "freeman" was used without explaining how a man could achieve the rank.

Qualifications

Several laws were created that specifically listed the qualifications that had to be met to be made freeman. The first was passed at the 9 March 1658/9 meeting of the General Assembly: ". . . none shall be presented to be made freemen . . . until they have fulfilled the age of twenty one years and have 30 [pounds] of proper personal estate, or have borne office in the Commonwealth; such persons qualified as before, and being men of an honest and peaceable conversation, shall be presented in an orderly way at the General Court in October, yearly, to prevent tumult and trouble at the Court of Election."³

A few years later the amount of property required changed: ". . . such as desire to be admitted freemen of this Corporation shall present themselves with a certificate under the hands of [signed by] the major part of the Townsmen where they live, that they are persons of civil, peaceable and honest conversation, and that they attained the age of twenty one years and have 20 [pounds] estate, besides their person [personal property], in the List of estate; . . ."⁴ In 1675, this law passed: "Whereas in the [earlier] . . . law . . . it is ordered that those who are to be

¹ Evans, Barbara Jean, *A to Zax: A comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians*, 3rd ed., Alexandria, Va.: Hearthside Press, 1995, p. 121.

² Trumbull, J. Hammond, transcriber, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, [vol.:] prior to the Union with New Haven Colony, May, 1665*, Hartford: Brown & Parsons, 1850; reprinted La Crosse, Wisconsin: Northern Micrographics, 2001, p. 21. For this article the text has been converted to 21st-century spelling. Hereinafter the title will be shortened to PRCC with the appropriate date range noted, and the transcriber's name will be omitted. This resource can be seen at <http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/> and in print at the Connecticut State Library.

³ PRCC, *prior to Union with New Haven*, p. 331.

⁴ PRCC, *prior to Union with New Haven*, p. 389, (October, 1862).

admitted freemen are to have a certificate under the hands of the selectmen that they have twenty pounds of estate in housing and lands besides their personal estate, in the common list, it is now ordered by this Court that those that for the future shall be propounded for freemen, they shall have a certificate, according to the foresaid law, that every such person hath in the List of Estates ten pound estate in land beside their personal estate, and those other qualifications expressed in the former law.”⁵ The last word on financial qualifications came in 1689 when a man had to be “in possession of freehold estate to the value of forty shillings in country pay [per] annum.”⁶

Disqualifications

We can tell that being a freeman was important because there were laws explaining how men can lose the privilege, and how people who recommend a man who is not qualified can be punished. “It is Ordered, that if any person within these liberties has been or shall be fined or whipped for any scandalous offence, he shall not be admitted after such time to have any vote in Town or Commonwealth, nor to serve on the Jury, until the Court shall manifest their satisfaction.”⁷ “And in case any freeman shall walk scandalously or commit any scandalous offence, and be legally convicted thereof, he shall be disfranchised by any of our civil Courts.”⁸ Finally, “It is ordered by this Court that whatsoever select man or men shall give certificate concerning any person or persons who are desirous to be made free, and shall certify concerning their qualifications that they are of honest, peaceable and civil conversation and have estate according to law, if it doth appear upon trial that such persons are not so qualified as is expressed in the said certificate, every such person as shall sign any such certificate shall pay to the pubic treasury a fine of five pounds.”

Freeman’s Oath

The first oath written into Connecticut statutes offers us some insight into the social mores of the times. It said, “I, A. B., being by the providence of God an Inhabitant within the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, do acknowledge myself to be subject to the Government thereof, and do swear by the great and fearful name of the everliving God, to be true and faithful unto the same, and do submit both my person and estate thereunto, according to all the wholesome laws and orders that there are, or hereafter shall be there made, and established by lawful authority, and that I will neither plot nor practice any evil against the same, nor consent to any that shall so do, but will timely discover the same to lawful authority there established; and that I will, as I am in duty bound, maintain the honor of the same and of the lawful magistrates thereof, promoting the public good of it, whilst I shall so continue an inhabitant there; and whensoever I shall give my vote or suffrage touching any matter which concerns this Commonwealth being called thereunto, will give it as in my conscience I shall judge, may conduce to the best good of the same, without respect of persons or favor of any man. So help me God in our Lord Jesus Christ.”⁹

The oath was rewritten several times over the years. The important differences among the oaths were the descriptions of the governments that a freeman pledged to obey and respect. In 1704 the oath was re-worded to include “her Majesty Queen Ann and her lawful successors” and

⁵ PRCC, 1665 to 1678, p. 253 (1675).

⁶ PRCC, August, 1689, to May, 1706, p. 11, (October 1689).

⁷ PRCC, prior to May, 1665, p. 138, (9 April 1646).

⁸ PRCC, prior to May, 1665, p. 389, (9 October 1682).

⁹ PRCC, prior to May, 1665, p. 62.

her government, not just the Colony.¹⁰ In October, 1776, at the dawn of a new form of governing, freemen pledged “[I will] truly and faithfully adhere to and maintain the government established in this State under the authority of the people, . . . and that [I] believe in [my] conscience that the King of Great Britain hath not, nor of right ought to have, any authority or dominion in or over this State; . . .”¹¹

Who were the freemen?

Lists of freemen were to be created in the individual towns, and the deputies were to carry the lists to meetings of the General Assembly and Court of Elections so that the Colonial government would know who they were. The General Assembly specifically requested a list from each town in 1669 and the returns were published in the public record.¹² It is interesting to note two examples: there were 7 freemen listed for the town of Stamford and there were 33 from Norwalk.¹³ Lists of freemen can be found in the records of many towns in Connecticut.¹⁴

The Colony of Connecticut did not simply accept the freemen of the New Haven Colony when the two united in 1665. Connecticut sent officials to the towns of their new allies “to find men qualified to be freemen and administer the oath to them.”¹⁵ Presumably they needed to pledge allegiance to their new government.

Freedmen Harlan Jessup

One definition of “freedman” is “a male released from slavery.”¹⁶ Unfortunately (and you can see why this led to the present confusion) there is a definition for “freeman of color”: “a black man who had been freed from slavery.”¹⁷ In May 1792, the state provided for the gradual manumission of slaves, thereafter known as freedmen, by the following statute:

Be it enacted by the Governor Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, That if any Master or owner of any Slave shall be disposed to emancipate and make free such Slave, and shall apply to any two of the Civil Authority of One of the Civil Authority and two of the Select Men of the Town to which he belongs, it shall be the Duty of said Authority or Authority and Select Men, as the Case may be to enquire into the Health and Age of such Slave, and if they find upon examination that such Slave is in good Health and is not of greater Age than forty five Years of less age than twenty five Years said Authority or Authority and Select Men shall give to the Owner or Master of such Slave a Certificate thereof under their Hands.

¹⁰ PRCC, *August, 1689, to May, 1706*, p. 482.

¹¹ PRCC, *October, 1776, to February, 1778*, p. 5.

¹² PRCC, *1665 to 1678*, p. 112, (13 May 1669).

¹³ *Ibid.*, pp. 518-526.

¹⁴ E. g., Stamford Town Meeting Records, vol. 2, (1886 transcription), p. 492-495; microfilm 240.5, CSL.

¹⁵ PRCC, *1665 to 1678*, p. 22 (6 July 1665).

¹⁶ Evans, *A to Zax*, p. 120.

¹⁷ *Ibid.* p. 121.

Provided, that previous to giving such Certificate the Persons giving the same shall be convinced by Actual examination of the Slave to be made free by such Certificate that he or she is desirous thereof, And if the Master or Owner of any Slave shall on receiving such Certificate emancipate and set at Liberty such Slave he his Heirs, Executors and Administrators shall be foreer discharged from and Charge or Cost which may be Occasioned by maintaining or supporting the Slave made free as aforesaid;

Provided that the Letter of Emancipation and Certificate shall be recorded in the Records of the Town where the Master of such Slave resides.¹⁸

An earlier act had provided that children of slaves born after March 1, 1784, were to be emancipated upon reaching age 25; that is beginning in 1809. It was hoped by this process that each freed person would be capable of self-support and would not become a public welfare burden. Through this very gradual process the census of 1840 still showed 17 slaves in the state. It was not until 1848 that all slavery was finally outlawed in Connecticut and the last six slaves were freed.

Interestingly, and perhaps relevant to the freeman vs. freedman confusion, a number of former slaves adopted the surname Freeman, reflecting their recent emancipation. In the 1800 Federal census for Connecticut there were about 65 heads of household surnamed Freeman, and about 35 of these were former slaves. In Fairfield County in that year we find Cato Freeman in Weston, Devonshire and Noah Freeman in Huntington, John and Thomas Freeman in Redding, and Thomas Freeman in Stratford, as well as Cato *Freedom* in Newtown.¹⁹

¹⁸ Public Records of Connecticut, p. 379.

¹⁹ From the published index to the 1800 census. At least two of these names are omitted from the on-line index at Ancestry.com.

Stamford Freeman, 1734-1775 (or later)

Nora Galvin

A long list of freemen appears in Stamford Town Meeting records.¹ The pages of the original book measure about 14 inches high by 8 inches wide. There are 177 names in four columns on the first page and 174 names on the next page. The list is completed farther back in the book with an additional 96 names making a total of 447. A notation at the beginning of the list says it was copied out 30 March 1734, indicating that some men on the list likely had been freemen previous to that date. Three other dates are inserted at intervals into the list. "April 11th 1748" is found after the 187th name, "1774" is found after the 353rd name, and, finally "Freeman sworn Sep 20[?] 1775" appears before the final 22 names.

This is clearly a running list with names added as men met the requirements of age and property. The transcription published here was made from a transcription made by the town clerk in 1886. The original record book was viewed to see if differences in handwriting or ink might indicate breaks in the list—places where additions were made over time—as well as to note the original arrangement of names on the pages (two corrections were made). Though a handwriting expert could make more definitive distinctions, the author was able to identify with some confidence several places in the list where new entries seemed apparent. There are almost certainly additional places where names were added, but they were not easily discernible.

The names are transcribed here in the order found in the original record, column 2 on each page herein following column 1 on the same page, etc. Numbers in [] indicate the page in the original record. Numbers in () are for the 1886 transcription page number. An underscore indicates the end of a column in the original record. An asterisk (*) before a name indicates that the handwriting and/or ink appeared to change with that name. Plus signs (+) were found in several places in the original between the ends of surnames, and may be a signal by the clerk that new names were added. In this transcription those plus signs are placed before the next name.

Stamford Town Records, vol. 2, pp. 492-495 and 609-610 (1886 transcription), microfilm 240.5, Connecticut State Library, Hartford. Also, original record, pp. 171, 172 and 271, Town Clerk Office, Stamford.

[171] (492) A list of ye names of ye freemen in Stanford, cobby out March ye 30th 1734

Capt. Knap	Sam ^{ll} Webb	Joshua Hait
Lieut. Bell	Liuet. Webb	Sam ^{ll} Hait, smith
Richard Scofield	Ser ^t Ben Weed	Obadiah Seely
Abraham Bell	Jonathen Jagger	Joseph Lockwood
John Slason	John Scofield	Edmond Lockwood
John Bishop	Liue ^t John Bates	Sam ^{ll} Holly
John Waterbery, Jun ^r	Liue ^t Sam ^{ll} Bates	Dan ^{ll} Scofield
Sam ^{ll} Seely	Jonathen Bates	Daniel Wood Jun ^r
John Dean	Petter Ferres	Cap ^t Jonathen Hait
Jonathan Waterbery	Capt. Sam ^{ll} Hait	Thomas Talmage
Sam ^{ll} Blachly	Benjamin Hait, sen ^r	Joseph Waterbery
Sam ^{ll} Weed	Benjamin Hait, Jun ^r	Sam ^{ll} Hustead
Joseph Brown	Sam ^{ll} Finch	Sam ^{ll} Scofield
John Numan	Joseph Finch	Jonathen Pettit

Josiah Blackman
 Joseph Ferres
 Joseph Holly
James June
 Josia Scofield
 James Slason
 Isaac Bishop
 John Ambler
 John Pettit
 Ebenezer Weed
 Jonas Weed
 John Cressey
 Henery Lounsbery
 Johnth Cressey
 Jonathen Bell Jun^r
 Francis Brown
 Isaac Quintard
 Elisha Holly
 Eliphelet Holly
 John Waterbery sen^r
 Stephen Ambler
 John Clugston
 Joseph Bishop Jun^r
 Jonathan Mattbie
 John Bouten
 John Bates Jun^r
 Nathaniel Holly
 Nathan Weed
 Nathan Hait
 James Scofield
 Thomas Youngs
 David Bates
 James Bishop
 John Reed
 John Holly
 Nathaniel Bouten
 Jonathen Holly
 John Andrus
 David Hait
 Sam^{ll} Bishop
 James Slasen, Jun^r
 David Weed
 Josiah Hait
 Sam^{ll} Ferres
 Joseph Husted
 (493) +John Pionyre
 John Gold
 Miles Weed
 Joseph Smith
Joseph Webb Jun^r
 Thomas Waterbery

Abraham Hait
 Joshua Morehouse
 Thomas Stevens
 Justie Wheeler
 Abraham Weed
 Eliphelet Seely
 John Webster
 Charls Knap
 John Jeffery
 Nathaniel Bates
 Jonathen Selleck
 Ensigne Sam^{ll} Knap
 Ebenezer Seely
 Jonas Weed Jun^r
 Nathaniel Selleck
 Anthony Demill
 John Knap
 Thomas Skelding
 David Waterbery
 Nathaniel Webb
 Nathaniel Seely
 Joshua Scofield
 +Simon June
 Josiah Scofield
 +Charls Weed
 Mr. Abraham Davenport
 Joseph Smith
 David Waterbery
 James Hait
 Isaac How
 Alexander Bishop
 Eliphath Slason
 Joshua Hait Jun^r
 Mr. Ebenezer Wright
 Nathan Feris
 Andrew Bishop
 Benjamin Bishop
 Stephen Bishop
 Nathan Scofield
 David Holly Jun^r
 Timothy Curtice
 Miles Scofield
 Ezra Smith
Zachariah Roberts Jun^r
 David Slason
 Nathaniel Hait
 John Leeds
 James Bell
 Miles Riggs
 Epenetus How
 Mr. Ebenezer Dibble

Thomas June
 William King
 Benjamin Jones
 John Seely
 Stephen Whit
 Obadiah Seely Jun^r
 David Dibble
 Nehemiah Bates
 Jagger Hait
 Moses Knap
 Zebulon Husted
 Timothy Whit
 Hezekiah Weed
 Sam^{ll} Hait Jun^r
 Josiah Weed
 Job Hait
 Ebenezer Hait
 Epenetus Lounsbery
 John Finch
 Deliverance Slason
 Daniel Chitetster
 Samuel Youngs
 Ensign Jonth Newman
 Nathan^{ll} Newman
 Ezekiel Roberts
 Amos Smith
 Ebenezer Hait Jun^r
 Dan^{ll} Lockwood
 Silvanus(?) Weed
 John Fancher
 Jonth Warring
 Epinetus Holms
 Timothy Delivan
 Turn over & see more freemen
 [172] Benjamin Waterbery
 Joseph Judson
 Benjamin Weed Jun^r
 Benjamin Youngs
 Jonth Dibble
 Benj^m Hait
 *Hulmorth Lounsbery
 Elijah Seely
 Charls Bishop
 (494) Sam^{ll} Hait, y^c 3^d
April 11th 1748
 The Reverand Mr. Moses
 Marthew
 Eliaseph Whitnee
 Eliacem Whitnee
 Joseph Sturges
 Charls Hoit

Charles Webb
 Abra^m Youngs
 Jonth Bell Jn^r
 Elieazer Boutton
 Mr. John Coleman
 Thomas June Jn^r
 John Roberts
 Thomas Newman
 Jonathan Hait y^e 3^d
 Eli Scofield
 John Newman Jn^r
 Nathaniel Lounsbery
 Nathaniel Weed
 Samuel Brooker
 Jonas Hait
 Jonathan Clason Jn^r
 Charles Belding
 Joshua Ambler
 Isaac Bishop Jn^r
 David Mattbie
 Jonth Waterbery, Jn^r
 Nathan Middlebrooke
 Sam^{ll} Hutton
 Pevis Fitch
 Abra^m Weed Jn^r
 Joseph Blackman
 David Brown
 Ebenezer Holly
Thomas Waterbery Jn^r
 Joseph Ambler
 Josia Scofield
 *Israel Weed
 Amos Weed
 Isaac Weed
 Reuben Knap
 Charles Smith
 Sam^{ll} Ingersoll
 Hezekiah Weed Jn^r
 Selleck Holly
 Sam^{ll} Jarvice
 Benja^m Webb
 Ephraim Smith
 Sam^{ll} Ferris
 Ebeneser Woster
 David Lines
 Gideon Lounsbery
 Gidion Seely
 John Webb
 Stephen Holly
 Jeremiah Smith
 Gideon Weed

Jonth Smith Jn^r
 William Wardwell Jn^r
 John Bates y^e 3^d
 Joshua Smith
 Nathaniel Webb, Jn^r
 James St. John
 Nathaniel Newman Jn^r
 Enos Weed
 *John Holms
 Ensign John Waterbery
 Nathaniel Weed Jn^r
 Nathaniel Waterbery
 *Joseph Davenport
 Deodate Davenport
 Leiut Nathaniel Hait
 Leiu^t David Hait
 Isaac Arnsden
 Israel Leeds
 Nathan Weed, Jun^r
 Eliphalet Seely, Jn^r
 Jonth Brown
Silvanus Brown
 *Youngs Weed
 David Hait, 3^d
 Hezekiah Davenport
 David St. John
 *Samuel Andrus
 Isaac Quintard
 Ebenezer Ayres
 John Ambler
 Wyx Seely
 *John Cressy
 Obediah Seely Jn^r
 David Waterbery 3rd
 John Seely
 *Andrew Adams
 Abraham Holly
 David Ambler
 Silvanus Hait
 *Nathan Ferris Jun^r
 Charles Hait
 *Joseph Hait
 James Talmadge
 Abijah Seely
 Abraham Chichester
 John Hait
 (495) Peter Hait
 William Munday
 Jonth Waring Jun^r
 David Stevens Jn^r
 Amos Smith

Edward Sharp
 Charles Knap Jn^r
 Ezra Smith Jn^r
 Samuel Garnsey
 Moses Smith
 *Zaccheus Garnsy
 JosephStevens
 *Silas Davenport
 Peter Weed Jn^r
 *David Waterbery Jn^r
 James Stuart
 Silvanus Seely
 Samuel Jeffery
 Ebenezer Dean
 Nathaniel Cressy Jn^r
 Reuben Scofield
 Will^m Hait
 James Buxton
Isaac Hait
 *Dan^{ll} Scofield
 Deodate Hait
 Robert Nichols
 Timothy Reed
 Munson Jarvis
 Fylar Dibble
 John Arnold
 Charles Stuart
 Silvanus Knap
 Nathan Knap
 John Weed Jn^r
 Benjⁿ Lounsbery
 Ebenezer Ferris
 Nathaniel Husted
 Peter Quintard
 James Skelding
 Elijah Weed
 Zohpar Wilmot
 *Nathan Lonsbery
 Ezra Newman
 Scuddar Waring
 John Hait
 Nathan Scofield Jn^r
 Eben^rWeed Jn^r
 Ezra June
 Sam^{ll} Scofield 3rd
 Joseph Smith
 Sam^{ll} Webb
 John Wilson
 Nath^{ll} Smith
 Silvanus Weed Jn^r
 Abijah Bishop

Sam^l Hait 3rd
 Jonas White
 John Todd
 George Dibble
 Nath^l Knap
Alex^r Bishop Jn^r
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 (609) [271] A list of the names
 of the freemen of the town of
 Stamford.
 Isaac Lockwood
 Nehemiah Hait
 (610) Elephalet Weed 1774
 Jacob White
 Samuel Waterbery
 Silas Bishop
 John Waring
 Joseph Brown
 Philip Kennedy
 David Smith 3rd
 *Ebenezer Cressey
 John Davenport
 *Justus Weed
 John Scofield Jn^r
 Edmond Lockwood
 Stephen Newman
 Daniel Grey
 Nehemiah Bates Jn^r
 Gideon Scofield
 Daniel Gorum
 Seth Seely
 Sam^l Cressy
 Sam^l Pelton
 David Webb
 Nehemiah Reynolds
 Nathan Reynolds Jn^r

Abr^m Bates
 David Picket
 Ebenezer Bishop
 Nehemiah Weed
 Nath^l Dan
 Silas Hait
 Jessy Bell
 Thaddeus Hait
 Josiah Scofield 4th
 Josiah Scofield 3rd
 John Holmes Jn^r
 Epenetus Webb
 James Hait 3rd
 Sam^l Hait 5th
James Bates
 *Charles Smith Jn^r
 Peter Scofield
 Joseph Scofield 3rd
 *Reuben Lockwood
 Simeon Selleck
 Thaddeus Husted
 John Ayres
 Michael Lounsbery
 David Fansher
 Jesse Waring
 John Bell
 Joseph Scofield Jn^r
 Sam^l Waring
 Will^m Gale
 Thadeus Waring
 Sam^l Penoy^r
 Stephen Defrees
 Josiah Seely
 Jon^h Lewes
 Abr^m Scofield
 Abr^m Slason

Stephen Davenport
 Gideon Waterbery
 Sam^l Seward
 Joseph Gorum
 Jonathan Bates
 Nathaniel Weed, Jn^r
 Seymore Selleck
 Jabez Weed, Jn^r
 Ezra Scofield Jn^r
 Benjⁿ Scofield
 Abneer Ozborn
 Ebenezer Weed 3rd
Freemen sworn Sep 20(?) 1775
 Dan^l Bouton
 Timothy Larrance
 Ezra Green
 Sam^l Stevens
 Will^m Weed
 Dan^l Weed Jn^r
 John McCollum
 Thaddeus Weed
 Elnathan Scofield
Jacob Stevens
 Reuben Stevens
 David Slason Jn^r
 Hezer Hait
 John^h Ayres
 Dan^l Stevens Jn^r
 Benajah Brown
 Prince Hows
 Josiah Waterbery
 John Defrees
 Amos Stevens
 Abr^m Selleck
 *Mathew Bouten

**The Norwalk Museum Reborn:
An Archival Adjunct to the Norwalk Public Library**

Paul R. Keroack

At the end of May 2012 the former Norwalk Museum was closed. One year later, the city of Norwalk approved the transfer of its archival contents to the Norwalk Public Library, to be operated as a reference archive within that facility. The new Norwalk History Room opened to the public on July 1, 2013, combining this collection with the library's existing local history reference holdings.

For genealogists and local historians the change will increase access, both physically and, eventually, digitally as contents are cataloged and scanned. In the May 2003 (v. 45, no. 4) issue of *Connecticut Ancestry*, the then curator of the museum listed selected highlights of the archival collection in a brief article. For those without access to the earlier article, I will again list some of the resources while highlighting new ones and mentioning revised procedures for access in its new location. For greater detail, and for hours, rules of use, and reproduction fees, consult the website <http://www.norwalklib.org/index.aspx?NID=162>.

New to the collection in recent years are newspaper clipping and portrait photograph files formerly kept by the local daily newspaper, *The Hour*. These span the latter half of the 20th century and are as yet only roughly organized. They are supplemented by topical and biographical news clippings collected by library and museum staff and volunteers from the 1980s onwards.

The History Room is especially rich in photographs, postcards and maps, the former ranging from 19th century original glass plates to street scenes from the later 20th century. These are indexed by topic, place or street name in our card catalog. Several of the large framed maps date from the 1850s and '60s, identifying individual residences throughout the town.

For genealogists, the land record extractions of the Colonial era to 1800 and accompanying sketch land maps created by Malcolm L. Hunt, are a great resource. Additionally, there are papers of some Norwalk families, Hale headstone extractions, pre-20th century Norwalk vital records, and Herbert Smith's title search and estate documents. Personal documents of possible genealogical value are scattered among many files and boxes.

The book collection includes classic genealogies of local and area families as well as local histories, pamphlet, periodical and special publications focusing on Norwalk in the past half-century, as well as 19th and 20th century church and synagogue records and histories. A nearly complete collection of city directories covers the years 1871 through 1989. While most of these are also on microfilm in the library and digitally displayed via ancestry.com, serious researchers may wish to consult the originals. Yearbooks of several public and private high schools have been collected from as early as 1917.

Bound issues of the *Norwalk Gazette* and other newspapers are too fragile for general use but many items of local interest for the first half of the 19th century have been transcribed and indexed. The *South Norwalk Sentinel* in microfilm covers 1873-1938, with some gaps. Over 170

typewritten or photocopied manuscripts submitted to the museum by local authors or scholars are on file. Some are of professional quality while others are undergraduate papers or personal memoirs. Included are essays or record extractions by local historians Lester Card, Malcolm Hunt, Patten Beard and W.F. Smith, and genealogies of the Singewald and Scribner families.

Assorted ephemera include travelogues, diaries, scrapbooks, military records, cookbooks, autograph books, bridal gift books, and personal letters. Business records include daybooks, ledgers, appraisals, advertising pamphlets, trade cards, and the like from area industries such as shipping, farming, hat manufacture, lock manufacturing, general stores, oystering and farming - from as early as 1796 and as recent as Perkin-Elmer's Hubble space telescope. Fraternal and cemetery association books and documents have been collected.

The collection became the repository of assorted municipal records from the former Borough and City of Norwalk and the City of South Norwalk, which consolidated in 1913 to form the present city government. Tax assessments and school system records date from the 1830s through 1913. Norwalk voting lists have been collected from 1837-1896. There is also a nearly complete run of the Connecticut State Register and Manual from 1864 to the present, Court of Burgess Original Charter and Records, 1836-1893, published public records of the colony and state of Connecticut, 1636-1820.

The Norwalk History Room has its own history- local philanthropist Manice DeForest Lockwood constructed a building on East Avenue in the 1970s to house Norwalk's historical heritage, leaving to it his family papers as well. Former city historian Ralph Bloom operated the Lockwood House until it moved in 1997 to the former city hall on North Main Street, the renovation of which created an expanded space for exhibitions of artifacts, furniture and photography. Recent budget decisions have separated the functions. Artifacts will be soon located again at the Lockwood House under direction of the Norwalk Historical Society.

The Norwalk History Room is open to the public Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 12-4 pm, as well as Wednesday, 4-8 pm, and by appointment. The collection manager, part-time library staff and several experienced volunteers share the staffing duties. They will find and retrieve desired materials for patrons to examine in a convenient anteroom. Reproduction by photocopying or scanning is available for a small fee. It would be best to contact staff before visiting so that desired materials can be identified in advance.

The collection is an eclectic one with much remaining to be sorted and described, but no doubt containing unexpected treasures for many researchers.

Book Review

The Keane and Sheahan Families of Bridgeport, Connecticut by D. Joshua Taylor. Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2013. 6 x 9, 244 pp., hardcover, \$44.95.

It is gratifying to see a typical Irish-American family treated in a formal genealogy. This book tells the story Daniel and Margaret (Keane) Keane and descendants. They were born in the early 1830s, married about 1854, and had four children before leaving their home in Kilcloher, Kilballyowen, County Clare, Ireland, about 1863 to cross the Atlantic Ocean. They were living in Newtown, Connecticut, by 1865. This is not a family with a long, glittering history in the United States, but the sort of family that most Americans of Irish descent can identify with. They arrived without fanfare and went to work in factories to keep the family afloat. Education was an important focus.

John Francis Keane from the second generation (though also born in Ireland) moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and entered the haberdashery business. Within five years he married, purchased a house and bought out his partner, becoming the sole owner of John F. Keane and Co. This family was on its way to achieving the American dream.

The family of his wife Susan Sheahan had been in the United States, in the Washington, D.C., area, since the early 1830s, adding a less typical history to this branch. John Francis and Susan Keane and their descendants are the main focus of the genealogy.

The book is divided into three parts. Parts I and II provide background information for the family so that they can be understood in their historical context. Part I discusses the part of Ireland where the family originated and the records that were found for the family in Ireland. Taylor provides an excellent review of the difficulties a researcher encounters in 19th-century Irish records—i.e., a paucity of them. He explains the record sets that do exist, and provides the meager evidence, none absolute, of the Keane family's life in County Clare. The state of Irish research is revealed here in a clear and open narrative.

Part II details the family's life in Newtown and Bridgeport. The birth of the first child after arriving in Newtown was not recorded in town records (another way this immigrant family was typical), but the records of subsequent children do appear there. There is background information about the impact of Irish immigration on Newtown (provided by our esteemed *Connecticut Ancestry* editor Harlan Jessup) and about the business climate of the town at that time. A similar background is provided for the situation met by John Francis Keane when he moved to Bridgeport. Some Irish immigrants had their place of origin carved on their tombstones. Daniel Keane was one of them, and "Kilcloher" pointed his descendants to the correct area of Ireland.

Part III provides the genealogical summary of the Keane family written in a typical genealogy format. It puts all the family data in one place for easy reference. The Sheahan family enjoys a position in the title of the book, but for organizational purposes their history is relegated to an appendix.

Appendix I is a genealogy of the Sheahans in the same format used for the Keane family in Part III. Appendix II is the transcription of a 2011 conversation among several descendants of John Francis Keane in which they reminisce about family history.

The frontispiece is a 2-page chart of the descendants of Daniel and Margaret (Keane) Keane (5 generations, names but no dates), and Appendix III contains similar charts of descendants of their son John Francis Keane. These charts are very clean-looking because of their lack of detail, and the information is readily available in the genealogy sections.

There are two 16-page glossy sections of photographs. The first includes images of historical maps and illustrations from Ireland. Some of these do not reproduce well in the small space allowed for them. (This is also true of some historical documents reproduced in the text. They are close to being illegible.) Family photos from the late 19th- to the mid-20th century provide some historical perspective. The second section includes photos from the last half-century or so. Some of the photos in both sections are not dated and it is not easy for a casual reader to relate these photos to the people in the genealogy. The more recent photos and snapshots give a reader the feeling the book is family-oriented rather than scholarly in nature.

The book ends with two important sections. First, Taylor included many endnotes to document the family's history. They are separated from the text and, while the notes pages have headings which indicate the Section they document, the section pages do not carry the same information. This makes it difficult to find the correct note since their numbers are reset for each book section. Finally, there is an index to names and subjects. This is invaluable when trying to match up photos, charts or stories to the genealogy sections of the book.

This is a useful book for Irish researchers in America. It provides a fine example of the sort of history that can be produced for an Irish-American family. It also gives a good overview of research in Irish records for those hoping to find out more about their families in that country.

The book is available from the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston by telephone (1-888-296-3447) or online (www.americanancestors.org).

Nora Galvin

The One-Page Challenge

(reprint from volume 54, number 1)

As the president of Connecticut Ancestry Society, I have appealed to members and to readers of our journal, *Connecticut Ancestry*, to submit articles for publication. I have said that every ancestor's story is important in the compiled historical record of Fairfield County. I have also said that the best way to ensure that your research will be preserved is to publish it.

Now I am issuing **THE ONE-PAGE CHALLENGE**. I challenge you, members and readers alike, to pick one ancestor, male or female, young or old, and to write a one-page article about that ancestor. The only requirement is that you write about someone who lived in our focus area--Fairfield County or nearby New York—and that the story you write has a connection to that area.

I have thrown down the gauntlet by writing two myself. First, I chose an African-American and son of former slaves, born in South Carolina in 1869, who became a doctor and practiced medicine in Bridgeport for most of the first half of the 20th century. Second, I wrote a piece exemplifying the importance of research our ancestors' siblings.

There is no requirement to keep to a single page, but one page will suffice. Write what you know, write what you can document, write from your heart. Isn't there someone in your lineage that we should all know about, someone with an interesting episode in her life? Or someone with a dull but typical life that will teach us something about history?

We would like you to include genealogical details about your subject. Where and when was he born? Whom did she marry? What was the cause of death and where did it occur? Which censuses show the presence of this person in Fairfield County? Land records? City directories? Tombstone inscriptions?

Documentation is important, but don't worry about precise formatting of footnotes. Our editor Harlan Jessup will help to get those details straightened out. What we need from you is the story and where you got the details. Family Bible? (Where is it now?) US census? (what year and town?) Vital records? (What town?, also volume and page if possible)

Here are some ideas:

1. We are in the sesquicentennial period for the Civil War. Do you know of anyone who served?
2. The bicentennial of the War of 1812 begins next year. Were your family members affected by this conflict?
3. Did an ancestor go to the Gold Rush?
4. Did an ancestor immigrate here in the 20th century?
5. Did an ancestor settle here in the 17th century?

Sharpen your pencils!! One page is not very long!!

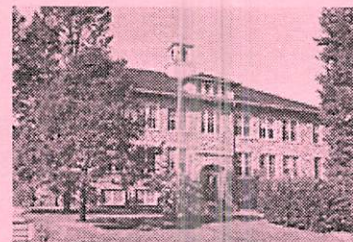
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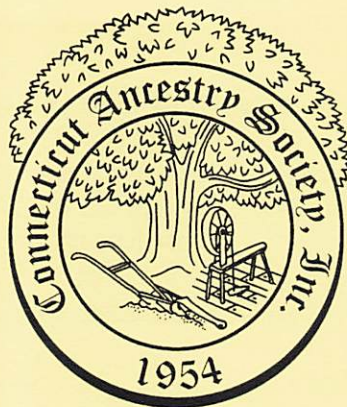
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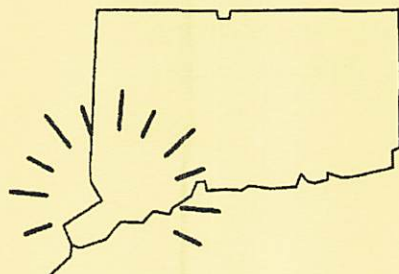
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May (on a Sunday to be confirmed)– Fairfield Historical Society, Annual meeting and genealogy seminar.

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February 12 – Marian Wood, Local Genealogy via Long Distance.

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February 8 – Madeline Kearin et al – Mt. Kisco Episcopal Cemetery Project.

March 8 – Patrick Raftery, Treasures of Westchester, at Westchester County Archives

Editorial Notes

This issue of your journal has so many articles by so many contributors, that the cover page had to be in a smaller font. The first two of these short articles deal with the sorting out of early Fairfield County residents with the same name, two named Daniel Baldwin in Newtown and three named Hezekiah Mead in Greenwich, CT, and later in Dutchess and Tioga Counties, NY. After these, my article looks at both the ancestry and some descendants of James Arnold of New Canaan.

More recent immigrants are treated in an article on the early Irish in Newtown, Barbara Dempsey's excerpts from the 1850 census for the Irish of Fairfield, and Paul Keroack's "one-pager" summary of the 20th century Wondolowski family of Bridgeport. Bob Spiers, who served as treasurer for this organization for a number of years, then treats us to his personal discovery of his ancestors, both in this country and back to William the Conqueror!

Paul Keroack describes the early tax rolls for Norwalk with an index to the earliest of these lists, and Fred Hart shares an abbreviation of his talk on "Writing Tips for Family Historians," given this month at the Society's meeting in Trumbull.

Finally, as part of our ongoing project, there are two sketches on families from the 1790 census, both from Kathryn Wolff. Nora Galvin has worked to edit these into a standard format for our ongoing project, briefly described in the back pink pages.

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Identifying Wives and Parents for Two Men Named Daniel Baldwin Marrying in Newtown, CT, in the 1750s

Barbara Jean Mathews, CG

Together, Newtown's church and vital records show three marriages for men named Daniel Baldwin during the 1750s.

- i. Daniel Baldwin married 2 May 1752 Ann Tousey.¹
- ii. Daniel Baldwin married 1 January 1753 Jane Bennett.²
- iii. Daniel Baldwin married 20 September 1759 Abigail Northrup.³

Two possible grooms lived in Newtown, Connecticut, at this time.

- Daniel Baldwin, son of James and Miriam (____) Baldwin, baptized in Milford 16 January 1725.⁴ His parents had moved to Newtown by 1748.
- Daniel Baldwin, son of Caleb and Mehitabel (____) Baldwin, born 27 August 1730 in Newtown.⁵

The marriage records make no distinguishing comments about the grooms. Which Daniel Baldwin married which woman or women?⁶

Identification of the Daniel Baldwin who married Ann Tousey and Abigail Northrup

Published genealogies show that the same man married both Ann Tousey and Abigail Northrup.⁷ A timeline supports this analysis.

- Daniel married Ann Tousey in 1752.⁸
- Daniel and Ann registered the births of children from 1752 to 1759.
 - Clark, b. 27 Nov 1752
 - Daniel, b. 17 Feb 1755
 - Amos, b. 8 Nov 1756
 - Mehitabel, b. 17 Jan 1759⁹

¹ Lucius Barnes Barbour, "Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records prior to 1850," Connecticut State Library, Hartford, slip index citing Newtown Vital Records 1:83, op cit Barbour citing VR 1:83. Although the page was in the volume when it was indexed, it was missing when FHL 1435629 was filmed.

² Newtown First Congregational Church Records 5:24; FHL 4991, item 5.

³ Newtown First Congregational Church Records 5:25; Barbour citing VR 1:83.

⁴ Milford First Congregational Church Records 1:51; mother's name from parents' church admission 1:28; FHL 1012263, item 1.

⁵ Milford Vital Records 1:66, FHL 1435629, item 1.

⁶ I am grateful to Kathryn Wolff, whose email to me on 17 Aug 2013 posed the conflicting facts relating to Daniel Baldwin who died in 1787. See her article "Descendants of Abraham⁴ Bennett and his wife Christian Botsford of Newtown, CT," Connecticut Ancestry 54 (May 2012): 150.

⁷ Charles Candee Baldwin, *The Baldwin Genealogy from 1500 to 1881* (Cleveland, Ohio: Leader Printing, 1881), 427-8; Theodore Cuyler Rose, *The Toucey Family in America* (Elmira, N.Y.: Osborne, 1919), 84-85.

⁸ Barbour citing VR 1:83.

⁹ Barbour citing VR 1:83.

- Thomas Tousey and his wife Hannah executed a Deed of Gift on 12 March 1756 that named all of their children, including their daughter “Ann now Baldwin.”¹⁰
- Ann, the wife of Daniel Baldwin, d. July 1759, age about 30.¹¹
- Daniel’s marriage to Abigail Northrup occurred 20 September 1759.¹²
- Daniel and Abigail recorded children’s births from 1760 to 1771.
 - Ann, b. 2 Jul 1760
 - Senton, b. 8 Dec 1761
 - Currents, b. 12 Oct 1763
 - Hannah, b. 24 Mar 1765, d. 19 Jul 1776
 - Rhoda, b. 7 Jun 1766
 - Ransford, b. 17 Feb 1768
 - Hannah, b. 6 Jun 1770
 - Nabby, twin, b. 21 Dec 1771
 - Polly, twin, b. 21 Dec 1771¹³
- Daniel died 29 May 1787, and was buried in the Village Cemetery, Newtown.¹⁴
- In his will, dated 19 December 1779 and proved 12 June 1787, Daniel named his wife Abigail, four eldest children Clark, Daniel, Amos, and Mehitable; and children Saeton, Ransford, Ann, Currents, Rhoda, Hannah, Nabbe, and Polly.¹⁵
- The widow Abigail Baldwin died 10 March 1813, at age 81, and was buried in the Old Cemetery in Williston, Vermont.¹⁶ This implies she was born circa 1731.

The published genealogies identify this Daniel Baldwin as the man baptized in 1725. This analysis appears conclusive in part because the authors are unaware of the age information recorded at Daniel’s death. His tombstone shows that he died at the age of 56 years, 9 months, and 2 days. That calculates to a birth on 27 August 1730, five years after the 1725 baptism of James’s son and the exact date recorded for the birth of Caleb’s son.

The distribution of the estate of Caleb Baldwin of Newtown, recorded in 1773, names his second son Daniel Baldwin,¹⁷ showing that the Daniel born in 1730 was alive at a date following the children’s births listed here. As shown below, this was not true for the Daniel Baldwin baptized in 1725.

¹⁰ Newtown Deeds 7:407; FHL 4961, item 1.

¹¹ Newtown First Congregational Church Records 5:30; Barbour citing VR 1:83.

¹² Newtown First Congregational Church Records 5:25; Barbour citing VR 1:83.

¹³ Barbour citing VR 1:83. The page is now missing, so it must be noted that the Baldwin genealogy transcribes Senton as Lucton, and Nabbe as Mable.

¹⁴ Gary Boughton, photograph taken 14 Oct 2007, tombstone of Daniel Baldwin, Find-a-Grave, memorial # 87115817; <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=87115817> : viewed 21 Aug 2013.

¹⁵ Connecticut estate files, Danbury Probate District, docket no. 163.

¹⁶ State of Vermont, Vital Records, death record of Widow Abigail Baldwin, submitted 20 Dec 1919 by the town clerk of Williston, Chittenden Co., Vermont; ancestry.com : viewed 21 Aug 2013. Baldwin *Genealogy*v428, states she died in Sandgate, Vermont, where Daniel Baldwin’s Bible was still (1881) held.

¹⁷ Connecticut estate files, Danbury Probate District, docket no. 159. There seems to be no date of execution or submission on this document although the clerk noted that it was recorded in book 2, folio 467 in 1773.

Complete analysis — including Daniel's age at death — leads to the conclusion that the husband of Ann Tousey and Abigail Northrup was the son of Caleb and Mehitabel (____) Baldwin born in 1730.

Identification of the Daniel Baldwin who married Jane Bennett

What happened to the Daniel baptized in 1725? What became of Daniel and Jane (Bennett) Baldwin? They do not appear to have been members of the church in Newtown, to have recorded children's births in Newtown, or to have died in Newtown. If Jane was the daughter of Abraham and Christian (Botsford) Bennett, why was she not mentioned in her father's will dated 7 November 1782?

These questions are answered by following a trail that begins with Daniel's father James Baldwin. James had moved from Milford to Newtown before he wrote his will dated 19 July 1748. James named his wife Miriam, and his sons James, Daniel, and Gideon. He appointed his brother Nathan Baldwin and his sons James and Daniel as executors. The three appeared in probate court and proved the will on 8 November 1756.¹⁸

On 29 January 1760 the brothers James, Daniel, and Gideon executed three quitclaim deeds. Daniel received 30 acres of land in Newtown "at a place Called pallistine;" Gideon received several large lots; and James, the eldest, received a dwelling house and many small lots. At that date, James and Gideon were living in Newtown but Daniel was already a resident of Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut.¹⁹

Gideon Baldwin filed an administrator's bond on the estate Daniel Baldwin of Sharon on 7 December 1763. An inventory taken the next day shows personal estate, a book of sermons, the book Mr. Dickinson's Vindication, and several notes due from others. It totaled £300:00:00. Gideon submitted an updated inventory on 8 November 1764 that included three partial shares in the Susquehanna Purchase valued £0-0-0. The personal items now totaled £18:16:3½.²⁰

When Gideon presented his accounts on 27 November 1764, "the Same Court gave direction to said Adm^r to deliver up said Estate to the Guardian of Abraham Baldwin Sole Heir of said deceased taking Indemnifying Bonds for his accountability."²¹

No guardianship record was found in the estate files nor in this book of court records. There is also no record of dower rights being set aside. Jane would have received a one-third interest in personal estate had she been living, so it appears that she predeceased her husband. Daniel's death prior to 7 December 1763 makes it impossible for him to be the son of Caleb Baldwin named in an estate distribution in 1773.

Jane's father Abraham Bennett wrote his will 7 November 1782. He named his wife Abigail; his daughter Mary, the wife of Joshua Northrup, his granddaughter Phebe, the wife of Mark Newell whose mother Dorcas, wife of the Rev. Elijah Sill; and his son Abraham Bennett. The son qualified as executor 18 June 1784.²²

¹⁸ Danbury [Connecticut] Probate District 1:107-8. No estate file is extant.

¹⁹ Newtown Deeds 7:287-8.

²⁰ Connecticut estate files, Sharon Probate District, docket no. 93.

²¹ Sharon Probate District C3:84.

²² Connecticut estate files, Danbury Probate Court, docket no. 756).

After the marriage of Daniel Baldwin and Jane Bennett, the two disappear from Newtown records except for documents relating to the estate of James Baldwin, Daniel's father. Those records track Daniel to his residence in Sharon, where his name and those of his wife and son do not appear in church, vital or cemetery records. Court records show that only one family member survived, a child who was the namesake of Jane's father. That child appears not to have survived his grandfather. Although documentation is meager as to the small family of Jane, Daniel, and Abraham, we can conclude that the husband of Jane was the son of James Baldwin baptized in 1725.

Christian (Botsford) Bennett was a fifth-generation descendant of Gov. Thomas and Alice (Tomes) Welles. Results of this research show that her daughter Jane (Bennett) Baldwin's family was meager, remaining just a short paragraph in the genealogy now in progress.

These results are significant, however, for those descended from Ann (Tousey) Baldwin and Abigail (Northrup) Baldwin. Those who have relied on the published genealogies will need to rethink their identification of Daniel's parents.

Genealogical Summary for Daniel and Jane (Bennett) Baldwin

1. DANIEL BALDWIN, son of James and Miriam (____) Baldwin, baptized in Milford, Connecticut, 19 January 1725;²³ died probably in Sharon, Connecticut, before 7 December 1763; married in Newtown 1 January 1752, JANE BENNETT,²⁴ daughter of Abraham and Christiana (Botsford) Bennett, born in Newtown 1 February 1729/30;²⁵ who predeceased her husband.

Child of Daniel and Jane (Bennett) Baldwin:

- i. Abraham, b. 1753-1763, living 1764; prob. d. bef. 7 Nov 1782.

²³ Milford First Congregational Church Records 1:51; mother's name from parents' church admission 1:28.

²⁴ Newtown First Congregational Church Records 5:24.

²⁵ Newtown Deeds 2:353; FHL 4967, item 2.

Some Men Named Hezekiah Mead at Greenwich, Connecticut, and Elsewhere

Kenneth W. Rockwell

The Mead family is well represented in several towns of Fairfield County, Connecticut. A number of these lines based in Greenwich have been reconstructed in Spencer P. Mead's *History and Genealogy of the Mead family* (1901). Several of those lines, however, were not traced beyond the immediate vicinity for want of data. I propose to extend one of these lines through New York's Dutchess, Orange, and Chemung counties. The object of this exercise is a man named Hezekiah Mead, whose progeny branched out from Orange and Chemung to many parts of the nation.

Hezekiah Mead of Orange and Tioga counties, New York, was reportedly born in Greenwich, Connecticut. The only Hezekiah Mead identified in the Greenwich family in the Mead book is the younger son of Jonathan³ Mead (John², William¹). Of him, Spencer Mead wrote: "b. Aug. 30, 1705, probably settled in Westchester or Dutchess County, N.Y. No further record."¹ This man is clearly too early to be the 19th-century resident of Orange and Tioga, but may be his grandfather.

Several records demonstrate Hezekiah Mead's continued residence in Greenwich through 1747, and show his relation to other Meads as stated in the book. On 20 November 1727, Hezekiah Mead of Greenwich sold to Justus Bush his share in the real estate "which formerly belonged to my honoured father Jonathan Mead deceased in the town of Greenwich."² On the same day, Jonathan Mead and Nathan Mead sold to Justus Bush land that was "formerly the right of our deceased mother Ruth Mead."³ In a deed from 1728 (no exact date, but recorded on 1 May 1729, Jonathan, Timothy, and Hezekiah Mead sold to Justus Bush three fifths of a parcel of land laid out "on the Comonige right of our honored father Mr. Jonathan Mead, late of Greenwich deceased."⁴ On 30 June 1729, Hezekiah Mead sold land to "my brother Jonathan Mead."⁵ On 8 February 1739/40, Hezekiah and Jonathan Mead sold to Justus Bush more land that had formerly belonged to their father.⁶ The final deed for Hezekiah at Greenwich identifies his wife's name. On 8 February 1748/49, "Hezekiah Mead and Sarah his wife" sold to Caleb Mead and Nathaniel Mead "the equal twelfth part of all the s\estate in land in the bounds of Greenwich that was our Brother Moses Mead, both of divided and undivided, and also the equal thirteenth part of lands..."⁷ This record suggest that Sarah's maiden name was Mead, and that her brother was Moses Mead. Hypothetically, Caleb and Nathaniel could be her siblings; however, such an ensemble of siblings is not found in Spencer Mead's book. The only known man named Moses Mead was a son of Elisha Mead, and he did have a sister named Sarah, not traced in the book.⁸ The grantees may have been of a third line, or even two separate lines.

¹Spencer P. Mead, *History and genealogy of the Mead family of Fairfield County, Connecticut...* (New York, 1901), p. 367.

²Greenwich, Conn., deeds, vol. 3, p. 308, viewed on FHL film no. 4314.

³Ibid.

⁴Greenwich, Conn., deeds, vol. 3, p. 420, viewed on FHL film no. 4314.

⁵Ibid., 3:446.

⁶Ibid., 5:343–344.

⁷Ibid., 9:177.

⁸Spencer P. Mead, *Mead genealogy* (1901), p. 179, 181.

We lack further information on Hezekiah Mead at Greenwich after the 1748/49 deed. So there is a gap before this name appears in the tax lists in Dutchess County, New York. Here we find the name of Hezekiah Mead in the "Southern Precinct" starting in 1755 and continuing until 1771.⁹ It would be gratifying to find a clear record identifying this as the man who came from Greenwich, but land deeds and other records give us no further information, as of yet.

In 1760 a listing appears in the tax records for Hezekiah Mead, Junior, and continues through 1771.¹⁰ His first appearance could indicate the year in which the younger Hezekiah came of age, so a good estimation for his birth is 1739, and that would have occurred in Greenwich. Tax lists for the Town of Fredericksburgh [today the towns of Kent and Carmel, Putnam County] show Hezekiah Mead from 1772 to 1779, and Hezekiah Mead Jr. from 1772 through 1775.¹¹ In the following year, Hezekiah Mead, Jr., was chosen Second Lieutenant for a militia company organized at Fredericksburgh on 8 March 1776.¹² He later served as a captain in Dutchess County's seventh regiment of militia.¹³ The "list of the taxable inhabitants of Philipse Patent in the year 1777" includes the two Hezekiah Meads.¹⁴ After this, the family's documentation dries up in this area. Hezekiah Mead, Junior, probably married in the Fredericksburgh area in the early 1760s, though the name of his wife has not been found. Their children were likely born in that area.

At some point in the 1780s, the younger Hezekiah relocated to Warwick, Orange County, New York, where he is the head of a household at the time of the first U.S. Census in 1790. The listing shows 2 males 16 years of age or older and 2 females. The 1800 census shows only a male and a female, each 45 or older, at Warwick. By 1810, the only Hezekiah Mead that turns up is a younger man at Elmira, Tioga County, New York, thought by descendants to be the son of the Warwick man. Meanwhile, back in Dutchess County, we find several Mead households at Fredericksburgh (called "Fredericksontown" in the census), including Abner, Abraham, David, Jacob, Joel, two Jameses, Lewis, Moses, Philip, Stephen, and William. These may represent other sons and grandsons of the elder Hezekiah Mead. There are also an Isaac and Joshua Mead at Philipstown, and other Mead households in other Dutchess County towns.

The name of Hezekiah Mead turns up in a document dated 31 December 1790, the "Petition of William Booth, John Penny, David Sandford, Jonathan Silsbe, Jabach Chais, Mathre Thompson, Enos Silsby, Hezekiah Mead, Jonathan Rockwell, Ezra Sandford, Daniel Benedict, James McKann, William Haws, Amos Phillips and Samuel Drew, for a grant of 3,000 acres of land in the town of Warwick in the county of Orange, bounded southerly by the New Jersey line, and northerly by a line running from the northwest corner of the patent of Kakiat to the thirty-one mile stone in the said New Jersey line, and easterly by the Long Pond, by right of occupancy."¹⁵ The 1790 census indicates that Hezekiah Mead (probably "Junior") was already leaving in Orange County. In 1800, there are two Hezekiah Mead households in Warwick, but the

⁹Clifford M. Buck, *Dutchess County, NY Tax Lists 1718–1787*, (Rhinebeck, N.Y.: Kinship, 1991), page 273.

¹⁰*Ibid.*

¹¹*Ibid.*, page 288.

¹²William J. Blake, *History of Putnam County, N.Y.* (New York: Baker & Scribner, 1849), p. 95.

¹³*Public Papers of George Clinton, First Governor of New York, 1777–1795, 1801* (Albany: New York State Historian, 1889–1914), vol. 3, p. 74 (Index p. 615: Dutchess county militia, III:74. VI:49; member of court martial, VI:588"; viewed online, the NYPL copy digitized by Internet Archive, 2008.

¹⁴William S. Pelletreau, *History of Putnam County, New York* (Philadelphia: W.W. Preston & Co., 1886), p. 122.

¹⁵*Calendar of the N.Y. colonial manuscripts, indorsed land papers in the Office of the Secretary of State of New York, 16431803* (Harrison, N.Y.: Harbor Hill Books, 1987 reprint of the 1864 edition), vol. 2, p. 835.

younger one is likely the third generation of the name, as his age category is 26 to 45. In 1810, 1820, and 1830, the name of Hezekiah Mead appears in Tioga (later Chemung County). As he was in the 26–44 age range in the 1820 census and the 50–59 age category in the 1830 census, Hezekiah Mead the Third is estimated to have been born ca. 1775–1777. That would have been in Dutchess County, while his father, “Hezekiah Mead Junior,” may well have been born in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Other Meads are found in the early censuses in these and adjacent areas, including a Peter Mead, who was in the over-45 age category in the 1810 and 1820 censuses. He lived at Big Flats, Tioga County, and died after 4 August 1823, when he wrote his will, and 29 November 1823, when his probate records begin. The record of his estate is quite valuable for the reconstruction of this family, because his will left real estate that was to be divided among his six siblings and their heirs after the death of his wife, Elizabeth.¹⁶ She apparently didn’t die until the late 1850s, when his siblings were all deceased themselves. A court case in the 1860s sorted out the identity of their heirs and found over 150 of them. These included another Hezekiah Mead, a son of Hezekiah the Third’s brother, Judah.¹⁷

A genealogical summary of the reconstructed families of the various Hezekiah Meads:

1. Hezekiah Mead, son of Jonathan Mead of Greenwich, Connecticut, born 30 August 1705. He married there, to a woman named **Sarah** _____, and his children were born there prior to his relocating the family to Dutchess County, New York. He probably died after 1779 in Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County, based on the tax rolls there.

2. Hezekiah Mead, son of Hezekiah Mead, born at Greenwich, Connecticut, ca. 1739, as he first appears on the tax rolls in 1760. His wife has not been identified by name, though some online trees, without documentation, call her “**Charity**.” Their children, as reconstructed from the 1860s court case, were:

- i. Peter Mead, estimated to have been born ca. 1760–1765. He lived at Big Flats, Tioga [later Chemung] County, N.Y., where he died shortly after 4 August 1823. The early censuses suggest that he had several children, but some of them may have died before he did, as he did not mention them in his will. Online trees state that he and wife Elizabeth had three children: James, b. ca. 1802, Joseph, b. ca. 1804; and Robert, b. ca. 1806. This Joseph may have been the grantee named in a deed dated 28 August 1824, when James Mead quit-claimed to Joseph Mead for \$1, all of “the right and title which he now hath or which may or shall hereafter come unto him as one of the heirs of law of the estate of Peter Mead, late of the town of Big Flats in the County of Tioga, deceased.”¹⁸
- ii. Judah Mead, estimated to have been born ca. 1765–1770, as he was in the over-45 age category in the 1820 census and in the 60–69 age category in the 1830 census. He lived in the Sing Sing area of Big Flats and moved by 1820 to Scioto County, Ohio, where he died in 1839. He reportedly married twice, first to a Mehitabel who died early, and second to Hannah Rockwell.

¹⁶Tioga County, New York, Will book C, pp. 105–107, viewed on Family History Library film no. 811546.

¹⁷New York Supreme Court minutes, book 7, 309–319; viewed on FHL Film no. 1008491.

¹⁸Tioga County (N.Y.), deeds, vol. 17, page 334335; viewed on FHL film no. 588261.

- iii. Isaac Mead, estimated to have been born ca. 1768, He reportedly lived in New Jersey in the 1790s, as some of his children were reportedly born there. He reportedly died on 31 October 1840.¹⁹
- iv. Hannah Mead, estimated to have been born about 1771. She was in the 50–59 age category in the 1830 census at Elmira, Tioga [later Chemung] Co., N.Y. She married, first, Jonathan Sillsby and, second, Gershom Livesay, and reportedly died on 11 September 1842.
- v. Rebecca Mead, reportedly born on 9 April 1774, according to a family Bible record. She married Amos Hyatt and they lived at Warwick, Orange Co., N.Y., where she was over 45 in 1830 and in the 50–59 age category in the 1830 census. She reportedly died 12 April 1843.²⁰
- vi. Hezekiah Mead (below).
- vii. James Mead, reportedly born 13 July 1790, possibly the son of a second wife of Hezekiah Mead. I do not find him in the census listings of 1830 through 1850. He sold his share in the Peter Mead property to Joseph Mead in 1824 and reportedly died on 19 January 1859.

3. Hezekiah Mead, estimated to have been born ca. 1775–1777, as he was in the 26–44 age range in the 1820 census and the 50–59 age category in the 1830 census. A probate court entry dated 12 January 1835 states that he died at Big Flats, Tioga County, New York, “on or about the 25th day of December last” [1834]. The probate record lists his heirs as including minor daughters named Mehitable, Hannah, Anna, Rebecca, and Louisa, but Hezekiah’s own will, signed 15 December 1834, only mentions his widow, **Hannah**, and three sons, Judah, Ira, and John.²¹

¹⁹The exact dates given for some members of this family are posted in online trees, and possibly come from family records. I have not located contemporary documentation to confirm them.

²⁰From “Reasor and Related Lines,” Linda Sue Reasor’s page in Rootsweb’s WorldConnect Project: <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=xfilelsd&id=I10050&style=TEXT> viewed on Dec. 8, 2012.

²¹Tioga County Wills, Book D, pages 21, 23; FHL film 811561.

Ancestry and Descendants of James⁶ ARNOLD of New Canaan, CT

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The description below of the ancestry of James⁶ Arnold depends on two secondary sources for which primary documentation has not been found. Nevertheless, it appears correct, and we welcome any further confirmation.

First, a letter to the editor published Feb. 13, 1945, in the *Wilton Bulletin*, from Charles P. Staubach of Rockledge, Fla., asserts that Bowley Arnold of Stamford was “no doubt” the son of Benedict Arnold of Mansfield, later of Norwalk, the eldest son of John and Mary Arnold of Mansfield. John and Mary Arnold had a son, Bowley, born in Killingworth, CT, in March 1680. This “elder Bowley Arnold of Mansfield went to England in 1718 and eventually returned to marry again and settle in New Jersey.” Robert Arnold, possibly another son of Benedict, married Elizabeth Dean on 1 Feb 1727/8, had a son Robert, b. 10 Dec 1729, and died 15 Feb 1746/7, all in Stamford.¹

Next, the children of Jacob⁵ Arnold are reported in a card index at New Canaan Historical Society. The card includes a reference note, “F.R.N. 19-412,” but this is not further identified. The first of these children is named Benedict, almost surely for his great-grandfather.

The selected descendants of James⁶ are proven more conventionally by the primary sources as cited.

First Generation

1. Thomas¹ ARNOLD, b. Hollesley, Suffolk, 1599, son of William and Katherine Arnold,² d. Providence, RI, Sep 1674, m(1) England ___?___, m(2) ca 1640, **Phebe PARKHURST**,³ b. Ipswich, Suffolk, 29 Nov 1612, dau. of George and Phebe (Leete) Parkhurst,⁴ d. Watertown, MA, 1688. Children, first four probably by unknown first wife:⁵

- i. Thomas, b. 3 May 1625, d. 1693.
- ii. Nicholas, b. 15 Jan 1627.
- iii. Susanna, b. 1632, m. Boston, 7 Apr 1654, John Farnum.
- iv. George, b. 15 Oct 1635.
- v. Ichabod, b. Watertown, MA, 1 May 1640/1, first child recorded Watertown.
- vi. Richard, b. 22 Mar 1642/3, d. Providence, RI, 22 Apr 1710.
- vii. Sarah, b. 1644.
- viii. Elizabeth, b. 1645.
- 2 ix. John, b. 19 Feb 1647/8, m. Mary Bowley.
- x. Joanne, b. 1650.
- xi. Ebenezer, b. 17 Jun 1651, d. Providence, RI, 29 Aug 1722.

¹ Stamford Vital Records 1:15,71.

² Edson Salisbury Jones, “The Parentage of William Arnold and Thomas Arnold of Providence, R.I.”, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Jan 1915, p. 67.

³ Clarence Almon Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985, p. 22.

⁴ Edson Salisbury Jones, “The Family of George Parkhurst of Watertown and Boston, Mass.”, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Oct 1914, p. 373.

⁵ Henry Bond, *Genealogies ... of the Early Settlers of Watertown...*, Boston, 1860, p. 9, which lists the births of Ichabod, Richard, John, and Ebenezer. Hereafter Bond, *Watertown*.

Second Generation

2. John ARNOLD (*Thomas*¹), b. Watertown, MA, 19 Feb 1647/8,⁶ d. Mansfield, CT, 18 Aug 1675, m. Killingworth, CT, 1673, **Mary BOWLEY**, b. Kingston Upon Hu, Yorkshire, 1658, d. Mansfield, CT, 23 Nov 1701. Children:⁷

- 3
 - i. Benedict, b. Newark, NJ, March 10 ____ [say 1674], d. Norwalk, CT.⁸
 - ii. John, b. Newark, Feb. 10, 16__ [say 1676], d. Mansfield, CT, 18 Aug 1745.⁹
 - iii. Samuel, b. 5 Oct 1678.
 - iv. Bowley,¹⁰ b. Killingworth, CT, 1 Mar 1679/80, m(1) Mansfield, CT, 24 Sep 1702, Elizabeth, dau. of John Lathrop of Norwich,¹¹ m(2) Mansfield, 8 Nov 1733, Hannah King.¹²
 - v. Steven, b. Norwich, CT, 29 Jan 168_ [say 1683].
 - vi. Mary, b. Norwich, Jun 1688.
 - vii. Robert, b. Norwich, 18 Jun 1690.
 - viii. Elizabeth, b. Norwich, 26 Jul 1692.
 - ix. Mahitabel, b. Norwich, 18 May 1694.

Third Generation

3. Benedict³ **ARNOLD** (*John*², *Thomas*¹), b. Newark, NJ, 10 Mar ____ [say 1674],¹³ d. Norwalk, CT,¹⁴ spouse unknown. Children:

- i. possibly, Robert, b. say 1705, d. Stamford, 15 Feb 1746/7,¹⁵ m. Stamford, 1 Feb 1727/8, Elizabeth Dean. Child: Robert, b. Stamford, 10 Dec 1729.¹⁶
- 4
 - ii. Bowley, b. say 1715, m. Joanna Webb.

Fourth Generation

4. Bowley⁴ **ARNOLD** (*Benedict*³, *John*², *Thomas*¹), b. say 1715, m. Stamford, 3 Feb 1736/7,¹⁷ **Joanna WEBB**, b. Stamford, 18 Apr 1718, dau. Jonathan and Judee (Chamberlain) Webb.¹⁸ Joanna Arnold and three of her children were baptized at the New Canaan Congregational

⁶ Bond, *Watertown*, p. 9.

⁷ Susan W. Dimock, *Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths...of...Mansfield, Connecticut*, New York, 1898, p. 8, which list the children in this order and with birth years missing for some. (Hereafter Dimock, *Mansfield*)

⁸ Reported by letter in *Wilton Bulletin* of 13 Feb 1945, to be of Mansfield, CT, and later of Norwalk, and father of Bowley Arnold of Stamford.

⁹ Dimock, *Mansfield*, p. 303, which gives the death record as 1715, corrected by a pencilled note on the index card.

¹⁰ The printed Mansfield Town Records lists the name as "Rowley," but this is corrected in the town's more current index of vital records.

¹¹ Mansfield Town Records D:203, Windham Vital Records A:33.

¹² Another Bowley Arnold was born in Mansfield, 25 Sep 1718/9, son of Patricia Royse, a single woman, dau. of John and Sarah (Mansfield Vital Records D:148.

¹³ Dimock, *Mansfield*, p. 8.

¹⁴ Charles P. Staubach letter in *Wilton Bulletin* of 13 Feb 1945.

¹⁵ Stamford Vital Records 1:71.

¹⁶ Marriage and birth of Robert in Stamford Vital Records 1:15.

¹⁷ Stamford Vital Records 1:32.

¹⁸ Stamford Vital Records 1:15.

Church on 30 Oct 1743, and Bowley and Joanna owned the covenant on that day.¹⁹ Children, bp. New Canaan.²⁰

- i. Dinah, bp. 30 Oct 1743.
- ii. Isaac, bp. 30 Oct 1743, d. 1813, m. Phebe, dau. of Joseph, Jr., and Sarah (Mead) Rockwell. Daughter Phebe bp. 22 Dec 1769.²¹
- iii. Benedict, bp. 30 Oct 1743, m. Priscilla Hoyt.
- iv. Elisha, bp. 1 Jan 1743/4, m. at New Canaan, 13 Nov 1785, Phebe Hayden.²²
- v. Webb, bp. 12 Apr 1746.
- vi. Ruth, bp. 8 May 1748.
- vii. Jonathan Webb, bp. 20 Aug 1749.
- viii. Rachel, bp. 30 Aug 1752.
- ix. James, bp. 27 Oct 1754.
- 5 x. Jacob, bp. 18 Jul 1756, m. Hannah Picket.
- xi. Joanna, bp. 6 May 1759.
- xii. Lydia, bp. 5 Jul 1761.

Fifth Generation

5. Jacob⁵ ARNOLD (*Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), bp. New Canaan, 18 Jul 1856, m. 29 Jul 1782, **Hannah PICKET**. Children:²³

- i. Benedict, b. 20 Jan 1784, m. Priscilla Hoyt.
- 6 ii. James, b. 21 Jan 1786, m. Catherine Disbrow.
- iii. Lewis, b. 17 Apr 1793.

Sixth Generation

6. James⁶ ARNOLD (*Jacob⁵, Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), b. 21 Jan 1786,²⁴ son of Jacob and Hannah (Picket) Arnold, d. New Canaan, 1847, m. say 1812, **Catherine DISBROW**, bp. Green Farms, Westport, CT, 15 Jan 1788, dau. of Justus and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Disbrow,²⁵ d. New Canaan, CT, 30 Sep 1865, of consumption.²⁶ Both bur. Lakeview Cem., New Canaan.²⁷ Children:²⁸

- 7 i. Albert A., b. New Canaan, 16 Oct 1816, m. Caroline Pelham.
- 8 ii. Edwin Lorenzo, b. 1 Feb 1818 [calc.], m. Ann M. Godfrey.
- 9 iii. Charles H., b. ca 1823, m. Harriet Olmstead.

¹⁹ New Canaan Congregational Church Records 1:12,17.

²⁰ New Canaan Congregational Church Records 1:17,18,20,21,23,25,26,28,30.

²¹ New Canaan Congregational Church Records 1:30.

²² New Canaan Congregational Church Records 1:80.

²³ Card index at New Canaan Historical Society, which includes a reference note, "F.R.N. 19-412," not further identified.

²⁴ Norwalk Land Records 1:19.

²⁵ Michael S. Disbrow, *Descendants of Thomas & Mercy (Holbridge) Disbrow*, Disbrow Family Association, 1992, p. 93.

²⁶ New Canaan Deaths 2:10.

²⁷ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, New Canaan, p.71.

²⁸ Charles, Augustus and Catherine with mother Catherine in 1850 Federal census of New Canaan.

- iv. Augustus, b. ca 1828, d. New Canaan, 21 May 1853 of consumption, unmarried.²⁹
- v. Catherine, b. ca 1835.
- vi. perh. Lucinda, m. George Ogden.
- vii & viii. two other daughters, not yet identified.

Seventh Generation

7. **Albert A.⁷ ARNOLD** (*James⁶, Jacob⁵, Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), b. New Canaan, 16 Oct 1816 [calc.], d. Norwalk, 20 Apr 1880, æ 63y, 6m, 5d, of phthisis [NoDeaths 1879-1904:18], m(1) Norwalk, 17 Oct 1836,³⁰ **Caroline L. PELHAM**, b. New Canaan, 9 Dec 1818 (calculated), dau. of David and Martha (_____) Pelham, d. Norwalk, 1 Aug 1890, æ 71y, 7m, 21d, of asthma,³¹ m(2), ca 1861, **Sarah W. (PATCHEN) WELLS**, b. Danbury, CT, 4 Jun 1825, dau. of Lewis and Phebe (Wyman) Patchin, d. 3 Ludlow St., Norwalk, 8 Mar 1909, of dilatation of heart, bur. Norwalk Cemetery.³² Albert A. Arnold, hatter, was in Danbury for the 1850 census and in Winneshick County, Iowa, for 1860, both with wife Caroline. In 1870 he was back in Norwalk living with Sarah, age 44, and a child, Alice, 7, while Caroline L. Arnold, 51, is in a household headed by Angeline Brown, 67. In the 1880 census Caroline, 61, lives with her sister, Anna A. Smith, in Norwalk. No divorce record from Caroline and no marriage record to Sarah have been found, but Sarah's surname is shown as Arnold in census and death records.

Sarah Patchen, married James Wells in Danbury on 28 Nov 1844.³³ She is found with him in Danbury in the 1850 Federal Census with three children, James H., 5, John F., 1, and Oscar A. (or W.), 5/12. A fourth child, Emma R. Wells, is found in the 1860 census. In that 1860 census, Sarah Patchen is a servant in the household of William and Caroline Leach in Danbury; her children Oscar W. and Emma R. Wells are in the household of her parents Lewis and Phebe Patchen; her son James in the large household of Bradley B. Fanton; and son John is not found.

Children by (1):³⁴

- i. Margaret, b. ca 1835. (Not found in earlier or later family records.)
- ii. James, b. ca 1836, probably the James Arnold, 24, laborer, b. CT, with wife Lucyle, 21, b. PA, in Pleasant Valley, Fayette Co., IA, in the 1860 census.
- iii. Edwin Lorenzo, b. ca 1838, possibly the Edwin Arnold, 21, day laborer, b. CT, in large ranch headed by Henry Dalton, in Asuza, Los Angeles Co., CA, in the 1860 census.
- iv. Martin V., b. ca 1840.
- v. Francis J. (dau.), b. Gregory's Orchard Dist., Newtown, 23 Jan 1849.³⁵
- 10 vi. Frederick A., b. Danbury, 5 May 1850, m(1) Louisa M./Maria L. Joyce, m(2) Jane E. Tuttle.
- vii. Hubert, b. ca 1852.

²⁹ New Canaan Deaths 2:13.

³⁰ Norwalk Vital Records 1:21. The Barbour transcription of this record gives the bride's name as Caroline D. Filham.

³¹ Norwalk Deaths 1879-1904:182.

³² Birth and death from Connecticut State copy of death certificate, film D26, frame 2094.

³³ Danbury Vital Records 3:132.

³⁴ i-iii from 1850 census of Newtown living with many other unrelated children in household of Albert Sherwood, shoemaker, iv-vii from 1850 & 1860 census.

³⁵ Newtown Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1847-1852;77.

Child by (2):

11 ix. Alice J., b. Norwalk, 2 Sep 1862, m(1) _____ VanWagner, m(2) John W. Brown.

8. Edwin Lorenzo⁷ ARNOLD (*James⁶, Jacob⁵, Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), b. New Canaan, 1 Feb 1820 (headstone), d. New Canaan, 16 Dec 1894, æ 76y, 10m, 15d, of phthisis pulmonalis,³⁶ m. Norwalk, 27 Feb 1842,³⁷ **Ann M. GODFREY** of Fairfield, b. 3 Sep 1825 (headstone), who survived her husband, prob. dau. of Hulda Godfrey, b. ca 1779, who resides with the Arnold family in the 1870 census. Headstones for both in Lakeview Cem., New Canaan, next to James and Catherine Arnold, but no death date for Ann on her stone.³⁸ Children:³⁹

- i. Edwin R., b. ca 1843.
- ii. Emma G. b. Darien, CT, ca 1845, m. New Canaan, 17 Sep 1861, Samuel T. Ruby, b. Albany, NY, ca 1839.⁴⁰
- iii. Ellen L., Peekskill, NY, 11 Aug 1846, d. 20 Mar 1865, bur. Lakeview Cem., New Canaan,⁴¹ m. New Canaan, 25 Dec 1867, Cornelius Elwood, b. Westport, CT, ca 1839.⁴²
- iv. Ann E., b. ca 1851.
- iv. Mary F., b. New Canaan, 13 Jan 1854.⁴³
- v. Carrie L., b. New Canaan, 29 Apr 1861.⁴⁴

9. Charles H.⁷ ARNOLD (*James⁶, Jacob⁵, Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), b. New Canaan, ca 1823, d. Norwalk, 22 Mar 1892, æ 69, by accident,⁴⁵ m. **Harriet (OLMSTEAD) LOVEJOY**, b. Norwalk, ca 1826, dau. of Noah and Mary (_____) Olmstead, d. Norwalk, 6 Mar 1894, æ 68, of influenza.⁴⁶ Charles Arnold's death by drowning is reported in *The Evening Sentinel* of South Norwalk dated 22 Mar 1892. By an earlier marriage, Harriet had a daughter Henrietta L. Lovejoy, b. ca 1856.⁴⁷

Eighth Generation

10. Frederick A.⁸ ARNOLD (*Albert A.⁷, James⁶, Jacob⁵, Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), b. Danbury, 5 May 1850,⁴⁸ d. Fitch's Home for Soldiers, Darien, 26 Oct 1904,⁴⁹ m(1) say 1868, **Louisa M./Maria L. JOYCE**, b. Norwalk, 1 Oct 1848, posthumous dau. of Horace T. and

³⁶ New Canaan Deaths 2:92.

³⁷ Norwalk VR, Burton Coll., 41a. The original certificates of Norwalk marriages, 1834-1853, included in the Barbour Collection card index, are housed in the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library.

³⁸ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, New Canaan, p. 71.

³⁹ 1860 Federal Census of New Canaan, CT, except as noted.

⁴⁰ New Canaan Marriages 2:9.

⁴¹ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, New Canaan, p. 71.

⁴² New Canaan Marriages 2:16.

⁴³ New Canaan Births 2:3.

⁴⁴ New Canaan Births 2:19. Name provided by 1880 census.

⁴⁵ Norwalk Deaths 1879-1904:218.

⁴⁶ Norwalk Deaths 1879-1904:266.

⁴⁷ 1880 Federal Census of Norwalk.

⁴⁸ Danbury Vital Records 1:7.

⁴⁹ Death Certificate.

Harriet (Nash) Joyce,⁵⁰ d. 17 May 1875, æ 26y, 18d, m(2), Norwalk, 24 Oct 1876,⁵¹ **Jane/Jennie Elizabeth TUTTLE**, b. Norwalk, 23 Dec 1850 as Jane E. Joyce, dau. of widow Harriet Joyce and, presumably, Lewis Tuttle,⁵² d. Westport, 24 Jan 1930 of acute nephritis, cremated, N.Y.-N.J. Cremation Co. Jennie's death record, informed by son Albert, reports her the daughter of Lewis Tuttle and Louise Hoyt.⁵³ Frederick, his two wives, and sonw William and Albert all bur. Pine Island Cemetery, Norwalk next to Lewis Tuttle, his two wives and several of his children,⁵⁴ Children by (1):⁵⁵

- i. Frederick b. 7 May 1869.
- ii. Caroline, b. 8 Apr 1871.
- iii. Florence May, b. 2 May 1873 (calculated), d. 17 May 1874, æ 1y, 15d, bur. Pine Island Cem., Norwalk.⁵⁶

Children by (2):⁵⁷

- iv. Herbert M. b. 29 Apr 1877.
- v. Florence M., b. 25 May 1878.
- 12 vi. William Wallace, b Norwalk, 14 Aug 1879, m. Ella Maria Pierce.
- vii. Albert Anderson, b. 12 Sep 1880, d. Riverside Court, Westport, 28 Nov 1933, of carcinoma of larynx, bur. Pine Island Cem., South Norwalk, unmarried.⁵⁸
- viii. Clifford Tuttle, b. 25 Apr 1882.
- 13 ix. Esther Leah (or Lee), b. 3 Dec 1890, m. So. Norwalk, 18 May 1908, Edward Joseph Michek, 21, barber, b. Vienna, Austria, son of Emanuel and Fanny (Lukaich) Michek.⁵⁹

11. Alice J.⁸ ARNOLD (*Albert A.⁷, James⁶, Jacob⁵, Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), b. Norwalk, 2 Sep 1862,⁶⁰ d. 138 Beardsley St., Bridgeport, 21 Aug 1924, of heart blockage,⁶¹ m(1) ca 1881, _____**VANWAGNER**, d. ca 1899, m(2) ca 1901, **John W. BROWN**, oysterman, b. ca 1845, d. bef 1920. Children by (1) b. CT:⁶²

- i. Florence M. VanWagner, b. Dec 1882, m _____ Cogswell.
- ii. William H. VanWagner.
- iii. Alice F. VanWagner, b. Nov 1888, m. _____ Judway.
- iv. Frank A. VanWagner, b. Dec 1890.
- v. John C. VanWagner, b. Mar 1892.

⁵⁰ Norwalk Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1848-1860:62.

⁵¹ Norwalk Marriage Certificate.s

⁵² Norwalk Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1848-60:124.

⁵³ Connecticut State copy of death certificate, film D98, frame 848.

⁵⁴ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Norwalk, pp. 363-5.

⁵⁵ 1880 Federal Census of Norwalk and family records.

⁵⁶ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Norwalk, p. 362.

⁵⁷ 1880 Federal Census of Norwalk plus family records.

⁵⁸ Connecticut State copy of death certificate, film D105, frame 5746.

⁵⁹ Connecticut State copy of marriage certificate, film M13, frame 2830.

⁶⁰ Norwalk Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1862-1868:4.

⁶¹ Connecticut State copy of death certificate, film D82, frame 3458.

⁶² 1900, 1910 & 1920 Federal Census of Norwalk

- vi. Harry C. VanWagner, b. Oct 1893.
- vii. Clarence C. VanWagner, b. Dec 1896, d. bef 1924.
- viii. George VanWagner, b. Aug 1899.

Child by (2):

- ix. Gertrude E. Brown, b. ca 1902.

Ninth Generation

12. William Wallace⁹ ARNOLD (*Frederick A.⁸, Albert A.⁷, James⁶, Jacob⁵, Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), b. Norwalk, 14 Aug 1879, d. Norwalk, 27 Mar 1932,⁶³ m. ca 1901, **Ella Maria PIERCE**, b. Cornwall, CT, 16 Mar 1875, dau. of Hiram and Jennie (Curtis) Pierce, d. Norwalk Hosp. (res. 303 Ely St., Norwalk), 15 Apr 1939,⁶⁴ bur. Pine Island Cem. William died by suicide on the railroad tracks near Rockland Road, Norwalk. On 7 Jul 1934, Elton and Beatrice Arnold chose their mother Ella as guardian.⁶⁵ Children, b. Norwalk:⁶⁶

- i. Hazel M., b. ca 1902, m. Henry Deysenroth.
- ii. Wallace Albert, b. 1905, m(1) Ella Horwath, m(2) Beatrice Ann VanNess.
- iii. Elton Pierce, b. 1915.
- iv. Beatrice Ann, b. 1917, m. John Wilhelm Right.

13. Esther Leah⁹ ARNOLD (*Frederick A.⁸, Albert A.⁷, James⁶, Jacob⁵, Bowley⁴, Benedict³, John², Thomas¹*), b. Norwalk, 3 Dec, 1890, m. South Norwalk, 18 May 1908, **Edward Joseph MICHEK**, b. Vienna, Austria, ca 1888, son of Emanuel and Fanny (Lukaich) Michek.⁶⁷ Children, b. Norwalk:⁶⁸

- i. Florence Esther Michek, b. 1910.
- ii. Alberta Louise Michek, b. 1911.
- iii. Edward Michek, b. 1917, m. Anna Felter.
- iv. Dorothy Arnold Michek, b. 1922.
- v. Kenneth Richard Michek, b. 1926, m. Frances Apster.

Research on this family was first undertaken on behalf of Nancy Adams of Pompano, FL, whose permission to publish is gratefully acknowledged.

⁶³ Norwalk Deaths 1929-1935:255.

⁶⁴ Connecticut State copy of death certificate, film D141, frame 386. A brief obituary is in the *Norwalk Hour* of 17 Apr 1939.

⁶⁵ Norwalk Probate Court Record 102:42.

⁶⁶ 1910 and 1920 Federal Census of Norwalk.

⁶⁷ Connecticut State copy of marriage certificate, film M13, frame 2830.

⁶⁸ 1920 Federal Census of Norwalk and 1930 Federal Census of Westport.

The Irish Come to Newtown (and Fairfield)

Harlan R. Jessup

Beginning perhaps in the late eighteenth century a few Irish men had come to work in Connecticut, mostly as farm laborers. But it was not until the 1840s that the ‘famine immigrants’ began to arrive as family groups. Because only heads of household are listed in the census, and because few of the Irish owned real estate, they rarely are found either in the early censuses or in deeds.

While most Connecticut towns did not keep death records before 1847, the town clerk of Newtown kept a record of deaths (called a “Bill of Mortality”) beginning in 1797. In this record we find the deaths of five of Irish men:¹

15 Dec 1798 – Robert Morris, said to be a native of Ireland, a transient person.

30 Jan 1801 – Alexander Richey, an Irishman.

24 Mar 1810 – John Brandagan, an Irishman.

14 May 1812 – Peter Cahill, an Irishman belonging to Ridgefield.

20 Jan 1813 – Patrick Coxe, an Irishman.

Another early record, perhaps responding to some local statute, is the following notice found in the selectmen’s records of Newtown:²

Newtown, May 31, 1834

To Abijah Merritt, one of the Selectmen of the Town of Newtown

Sir, Tbis is to give you notice that I have hired two Irishmen, one to work on the farm and one on the Bridgeport and Newtown turnpike, and they came first to my house May 17. Their names are John Stapleton, Patrick Shay, to work on a farm or Bridgeport and Newtown turnpike as occasion may require.

James Nichols

There was at least one occurrence of a romance between a lonely Irish farm worker and an aging spinster in Newtown. The following chronology hints that their only child was likely born very soon after the marriage:

- On 16 Apr 1829 – Daniel Conley and Sally Clark, both of Newtown, are married by Abner Brundage, J. P.³ Daniel is 29 years old and Margaret is 35.
- On 24 Apr 1830 – Zachariah Clark, Jr., sells seven acres in Hopewell district to his daughter Salley, wife of Daniel Conley.⁴

¹ Original entries in the frontspieces of Newtown Land Records, the first in vol. 19, second, third, and fourth in vol. 20, frontspiece, and fifth in vol. 27. Except for the first, they are transcribed into the back pages of Newtown Vital Records, vol. 2, which omits the “Irish” designation.

² Newtown Selectmen’s Records. This volume of records, once in the town clerk’s vault, have not been found since town offices moved to the new Municipal Center in 2009.

³ Newtown Vital Records 3:37.

⁴ Newtown Land Records 33:189.

- 1840 census – Dan¹ Connelly appears in the Newtown census with 1 male 30-39, 1 female 10-14, and 1 female 40-49.⁵
- On 7 Nov 1855, Margaret Conolly, age 24, is married in Newtown to Alexander McAllister, clergyman, age 28, born in Ireland, by William McAllister, minister.⁶
- On 30 Oct 1862, Sally Clark Connolly dies, age 68 yrs., 8 mo.
- On 7 May 1866, Margaret Connolly, wife of Rev. Alexander McAllister, dies, age 36.⁷
- 1860 census – Daniel Connelly, hatter, age 68, b. Ireland, lives with wife Jane, 52, in Danbury.⁸
- 5 Jun 1877 – Daniel Connelly dies in Danbury, age 75. His nuncupative will leaves \$700 in Newtown real estate and \$1835 in notes to his wife Jane.⁹

Other than Daniel Connelly, the first Irish families to appear in Newtown tax records are Daniel Quinlivan and his brother-in-law Patrick Madigan in 1846, natives of County Clare, and brothers Michael Leavy and Peter Leavy in 1847, natives of County West Meath.

By the time of the 1850 census, the first to list all names and places of birth, there were 186 Irish in Newtown, representing over 5% of the population. Fairfield had nearly twice as many, 350 Irish representing nearly 10% of the population. From this census we have the chance to compare the two Fairfield County towns of comparable size, Newtown with 3338 residents and Fairfield with 3614 residents.¹⁰

Among these, Newtown had just 18 female domestic servants representing 10% of the total Irish population, while Fairfield had 116 representing 32% of the total. By 1870 it seems to have become commonplace for every established household to have an “Irish girl” with 59 of them in Newtown and 173 in Fairfield (including four in the household of P. T. Barnum).

The Irish males in 1850 often had jobs as laborers, either on farms or elsewhere, with 56 of these in Newtown and 57 in Fairfield. There were just two Irish men listed as farmers in Newtown and one in Fairfield. Among other occupations for Irish males in Newtown, there were five working in button and comb shops, later to become a major occupation for both male and female Irish. And in Newtown just one Irish man worked in the rubber factory, though by 1880 198 of them were employed there.

Of the Irish men in Fairfield a number were in skilled trades with 5 house carpenters, 2 masons, 3 ostlers, 1 miller, 1 “burr mill S. maker,” 1 coach lace weaver, 1 blacksmith, 1 truckman, and 2 RR track repair. No such skilled tradesmen appear among the Newtown Irish.

⁵ 1840 Federal Census of Newtown.

⁶ Newtown Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1852-1869, p. 6.

⁷ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Newtown, p. 64, which lists the adjacent graves of Zachariah and Hannah Clark, Daniel and Sally Clark Connolly, and Margaret C. McAllister, wife of Rev. Alex in Newtown’s Village Cemetery.

⁸ 1860 Federal Census of Danbury.

⁹ Danbury Probate Estate Papers #1285.

¹⁰ Data for the Irish in Fairfield censuses of 1850, 1860, and 1870 have been compiled by Barbara Dempsey, whose extracts from the 1850 census appear elsewhere in this issue.

Curiously, of the 350 Irish in Fairfield, 22 had no surnames listed, conforming to the anonymity of the “Irish girl” or “Irishman” of that generation’s culture. The Newtown lister gave surnames to every person, whether native or foreign-born.

The population of these two towns in 1850, noting those born in Ireland, is summarized as follows:

	<u>Newtown</u>	<u>Fairfield</u>
Total population	3338	3614
Born in Ireland	186	350
	5.6%	9.7%
Households	686	745
Irish heads of household	27	35
	3.9%	4.7%

Continuing from 1850 many more Irish came to Newtown, many of them to work at the New York Belting and Packing Company, known as the “Rubber Mill.” Safety standards were not what they are today, both in the mills and on the railroads, and the following violent deaths among the Irish occurred in the next two decades:¹¹

- 20 May 1853 – John Reagan, 25, laborer, res. Maine, killed by Rail Road.
- 16 Apr 1854, John Burke, 30, killed in Rubber Mill.
- 30 Oct 1855 – John O’Harra, 40, laborer, married, Murdered by Stabbing.
- 7 Aug 1855 – Thomas Riley, 21, killed on Rail Road.
- 1 Oct 1858 – James Degan, 32, laborer, married, killed by Cars (on the Rail Road).
- 5 Jul 1860 – John Bradley, 32, laborer, killed (caught by a belt in the rubber factory).
- 22 Nov 1862 – Patrick Cavanaugh, 36, operative, boiler explosion (in the rubber mill).
- 25 Nov 1866 – Michael Kelly, 32, rubber operative, married, killed by a stone.
- 3 Jun 1868 – Dennis O’Brien, 45, laborer, RR accident.
- 10 Sep 1869 – John Qualey, 26, laborer, married, RR accident.
- 19 Dec 1869 – Martin Kayton, 37, single, RR hand, explosion.

By 1900 some 44% of the Newtown population of 3276 were either born in Ireland or children of Irish immigrants, with 185 of them working at the Fabric Fire Hose Company which had taken over the rubber mill. In the census of 2000, a hundred years later, some 5869 Newtown residents, about 24% of the total population, proudly identified themselves as Irish. Though they have continued to influence local politics and culture, their stories, including that of St. Rose Church, are beyond the scope of this article.

¹¹ Newtown Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1852-1869.

Irish Residents of Fairfield in the 1850 U.S. Census

Barbara Dempsey

The Irish are generally an elusive lot when tracking down ancestors, whether individuals emigrated or remained in Ireland. In the case of my own research, we're still searching for the ancestral family in Ireland, but the emigration of my great-great grandfather with his wife and children in the mid-19th century to Scotland was fairly well documented. And, a generation later, records confirm that he and two of his sons left the iron mines of Ayrshire to find a new life in Millerton, NY (near the northwestern Connecticut border).

By 1850, individuals born in Ireland accounted for approximately 7.6% of Fairfield's population; that does not include children born in the U.S. of Irish parents. The creation of a list of Irish residents from the Fairfield census came from an idea that it could be helpful to other researchers if Irish individuals were listed separately from the general population of the town. The names have been transcribed as they appear in the Census; Heads of Household were also listed if the Irish were not the head. Entire family units were transcribed even if only the head or his wife (supposed wife, since relationships were not noted) was an Irish immigrant. In many cases, children were subsequently born in Connecticut. In other cases, immigration dates can be estimated based on the birthplaces and ages of the children in the family. If no birthplace is noted for an individual, that person was born in Ireland.

Printed copies of the Fairfield 1850 "Irish Residents" transcription, along with 1860 and 1870 transcriptions, are housed and available for review at the library of the Fairfield Museum and History Center in Fairfield, CT.

No.	Name	Age	Occupation	Head of Household	R/E Value	R/W?	Comments
3	Conney, Bridget	18		Ezra Wheeler			
10	Brady, Mary	26		David Wheeler		No	
19	Cummings, John	22	Labourer	Ira B. Wheeler			
19	Munham, Mary	25		Ira B. Wheeler			
20	Murphy, Anthony	23	Gardener	Horace Butler			
21	Monagan, Ann	19		Phineas T. Barnum			
21	Maleesey, Mary	20		Phineas T. Barnum		No	
21	Sally, Ann	25		Phineas T. Barnum		No	
23	Hayse, Mary	11		William W. Naramore			
26	[Unlisted], Catherine	45		Mary Burr			
27	Kearn, John	45	Farmer		2500		
	Mary	40					b. CT; school
	Mary J.	15					b. CT; school
	John A.	13					b. CT; school
	James H.	9					b. CT; school
	Thomas G.	7					b. CT; school
	Hellin M.	1					b. CT
31	Wood, James	25		Fanny Sherwood			
33	McMahan, Margaret	21		Frederick Curtis		No	
39	McCarrick, Patrick	47	Gardener			No	
	Mary	37					b. CT
	James	15	Coach Lace				b. CT
	Patrick	13	Weaver				b. CT
	Matthew	8					b. CT

No.	Name	Age	Occupation	Head of Household	R/E Value	R/W?	Comments
	Bryan	8					b. CT
	Mary A.	6					b. CT
	Ellen	3					b. CT
	Margaret	1					b. CT
40	Kelley, Matthew	30	Labourer				
	Jane	28				No	
	Mary A.	2					b. CT
40	Culligan, Mary	30		Matthew Kelley			
45	Huges, Ann	14		Jessup Banks			
	Edward	20	Farm Labourer				
48	[unlisted], Joanna	14		John Barstow		No	
	James	20	Labourer				
51	Beckett, Ellen	14		Israel Blackman			
55	Welch, William	30	Labourer	Verdine D. Ellsworth			
55	Riley, Ann	46		Verdine D. Ellsworth		No	
55	Reynolds, Rose	22?		Verdine D. Ellsworth		No	
63	Barden, Michael	22	Labourer	William Wheeler			
64	Dean, Margaret	22		Sturges Seeley			
73	McMaNarrow, Elizabeth (McNamara?)	23		Joseph Bartram		No	
74	Dean, Christopher	12		Mary B. Nichols			school
74	McCain, Mary	25		Mary B. Nichols		No	
78	Doudle, Bridget	32		Benjamin Penfield			
	Patrick	12					school
85	Cull, Patrick	38	Labourer			No	
	Ann	34				No	
	Ann Eliza	2					b. CT
	Mary Getty	4/12					b. CT
88	Dean, Mary	50				No	
	Robert	26	Peddler				
	William	14					school
	John	10					school
	Eliza	8					school
89	Fagan, Ellen	30		Eliza Holdrege			
89	Dean, William	13		Eliza Hodrege			school
95	McKerron, Mary	17		Charles Chinmook			
97	McMullen, Edward	51	Labourer			No	
	Nancy	40					
	Jane	17					
	Mary	14					
	Thomas	9					school
103	Murray, William	21	Labourer	Thomas B. Bartram			
111	[Unlisted], Ann	45		David Wakeman			
	[Unlisted], Owen	14					Child of Ann?
115	Gargan, Mary	21		Isaac DeForrest		No	
117	Chartness, Catherine	32		John Gould		No	
118	[Unlisted], Edward	17	Labourer	Albert Turney			
121	[Unlisted], Philip	32	Labourer	Andrew Turney			
	[Unlisted], Joanna	25					
126	Seeley, Thomas	36	Labourer				
	Mary	25					school
	John	10					school
	Patrick	6					
	Catherine	2					b. CT

No.	Name	Age	Occupation	Head of Household	R/E Value	R/W?	Comments
127	Nash, Luke Catherine Bridget Mary Michael Catherine Jane	38 36 12 11 9 7 6	Labourer			No	school school school school
129	Dean, Prudence	16		Dr Stephen PVR Ten Broeck			
138	Smith, Margaret	24		Fannette Benson			
140	Fox, Michael Margaret Mary Ann James H. Margaret [Unlisted], Michael	40 33 5 4 2 18	Blacksmith Labourer		1,000		b. CT; school b. CT b. CT
154	Simonson, John Julia Christiana	24 7					b. CT b. Ireland b. NY
154	Ash, Mary	50		[mother of Julia Simonson?]			
156	Clinton, John Julia	22 30	Labourer			No No	m. within the year
157	Smith, Gamaliel Martha John H.	24 22 1/12	H. Carpenter				b. CT b. Ireland b. CT
157	McCullum, Mary	26		Gamaliel Smith		No	
159	Daily, Mary	30		James B. Thompson			
159	Johnson, Margaret	22		James B. Thompson			
159	Ash, John	20	Gardener	James B. Thompson			
160	Martin, Catherine	22		Mary D. Steenburgen		No	
161	Quinn, Francis Anna Honora Sarah James F.	44 30 13 3 2/12	Gardener			No	school b. CT b. CT
163	Davenport, Mary	25		William S. Smith			
163	Morissey, Patrick	22		William S. Smith			Pauper; handicap
164	Cummings, Sarah	16		James Dimon			
164	Moghan, Patrick	24	Gardener	James Dimon		No	
165	Monahan, Judith	18		Catherine Mills			
166	Kennedy, Julia	30		Cynthia M. Knapp		No	
167	Tucker, Mrs. [no name]	60		Eliza Hull		No	
168	Calhuly, Sarah	20		Edward Hobart		No	
168	Otis, Eliza G.	22		Edward Hobart			
170	O'Mara, Mary	22		Jeremiah T. Dennison			
170	Maginn, Patrick	18	Labourer	Jeremiah T. Dennison			
171	Phillips, Ransom Mary Mary E. Martha John Harriet Alice Hawley	32 35 12 10 8 5 3 1	H. Carpenter			No No	b. CT b. Ireland b. CT; school b. CT; school b. CT; school b. CT; school b. CT; school b. CT
172	Murphy, Ann	20		Debby Ann Glover			
172	Barney, James	22	Coachman	Debby Ann Glover			

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173	Bunker, John Fanny Sarah Ellen Mary	54 35 15 13 8	[none listed]		3,000		b. MA b. Ireland b. NY; school b. NY; school b. CT; school
173	Moore, Mary	24		John Bunker		No	
174	O'Brien, Mary	24		Daniel S. Bartram		No	
174	Grace, Michael	23	Ostler	Daniel S. Bartram			
174	McMahan, Larry	25	Ostler	Daniel S. Bartram			
174	North, James[?]	18	None	Daniel S. Bartram			Theft/Jail
174	Smith, John	40	Labourer	Daniel S. Bartram			Theft/Jail
177	[Unlisted], Margaret	19		Lyman H. Atwater			
178	Monegan, Margaret	22		Mary S. Dimon			
179	Drew, Ellen	40		George A. Phelps			
179	Neville, Ellen	18		George A. Phelps			
179	O'Neal, Mary	55		George A. Phelps			
180	Edmonson, Jane	28		Joseph G. Allen		No	
180	Kelley, Bridget	10		Joseph G. Allen			
181	Linan, Bridget	23		Obediah W. Jones			
182	[Unlisted], Ann	19		Sarah Rowland			
184	Monagan, Catherine	30		Thomas B. Osborn			
185	Costellow, Catherine	18		Stephen Roe (hotel keeper)			
185	Costellow, Julia	22		Stephen Roe (hotel keeper)			
185	Knee, Thomas	30	Ostler	Stephen Roe (hotel keeper)			
185	Rogers, Mary	22		Stephen Roe (hotel keeper)		No	
185	[Unlisted], Susan	20		Stephen Roe (hotel keeper)		No	
186	McKinney, James Bridget Peter	30 25 10	Farmer		500		
190	Maloney, Patrick Bridget Michael Daniel Mary Ann	35 32 7 6 3 3	Labourer			No	b. CT; school b. CT b. CT b. CT
191	Otis, Patrick Eliza Catherine Margaret Margaret	25 27 2 4/12 13	Labourer			No	b. CT b. CT b. Ireland; school
192	Kelley, Thomas Bridget Ellen	25 21 11/1 2	Labourer			No	
192	Herran, Thomas Mary James	45 16 35	Labourer Labourer	Thomas Kelley			
192	Koosie, Roger	35	Labourer	Thomas Kelley			
193	[Unlisted], Thomas	30	Labourer	Samuel A. Nichols			
195	Kennedy, Ellen	40		Charles W. Thorp		No	
195	Boyle, James	30	Labourer	Charles W. Thorp			
195	Kelly, John	18	Labourer	Charles W. Thorp			

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197	Smith, Thomas Margaret William Charles Thomas Carr, James Anna M.	38 35 11 5 1 8/12 13 9	Labourer		500		school b. CT b. CT b. Canada; school b. NY; school
198	Roberts, Joseph Margaret William H. Cornelius Mary A.	36 33 11 8 4	RR Track Repairer				b. England b. Ireland b. CT b. CT b. CT
199	Kirk, Mary A.	22		Ellen Bennet			
202	Toris, Bridget	21		John Buckingham			
204	Brady, Mary	30		Rufus Knapp		No	
208	Flanagan, James Sally Edward Jane	32 30 10 3	Labourer			No No	
209	Gallooley, Mary	25		Lothrop L. Sturges		No	
211	Boardman, Samuel	23	H. Carpenter	Moses Sturges			
211	Learey, James	25	Mason	Moses Sturges			
218	Duffy, Ann	16		Mary Jennings			
218	Drew, Cornelius	23	H. Carpenter	Mary Jennings			
219	Murphy, Thomas	45	Labourer	Henry A. Knapp			
233	Buller, Walter [Butler?]	30	Labourer	Ephraim Burr			
238	Quirk, Margaret	25		Judson Sturges		No	
245	Furnace, Charles	15	Labourer	Thaniel P. Beers			
246	Kennedy, Letitia	20		Henry S. Thorp		No	
250	Carhill, Patrick	30	Labourer	Morris Wakeman			
250	Donaldson, Hannah	25		Morris Wakeman		No	
251	Crosby, Margaret	30		Joseph B. Wakeman			
252	Doughty, Elizabeth	25		Ebenezer Jessup Jr.		No	
256	Gould, Orrin B. Ann Frederick Sarah M. Abram Mary E	34 35 6 5 3 8/12	Miller		800		b. CT b. Ireland b. CT b. CT b. CT b. CT
257	Kinsala, Patrick	24		Moses J. Taylor			
260	Shea, Bridget	30		Joseph W. Davis			
263	Sullivan, Catherine	17		Zalmon B. Wakeman			
264	Begley, Margaret	13		Allan Nichols			
267	[Unlisted], Bridget	30		Charles Perry		No	
268	Kett, Mary	20		Henry Sturges		No	
271	Begley, Bridget	26		Julia Taylor		No	
277	Story, Mary A.	21		William W. Wakeman			
278	Shea, Ann	28		Justus Sherwood		No	
292	Ferguson, Mary	20		Charles Bulkley			
293	Shanley, Margaret	34		Moses Bulkley			
294	Furnace, Joseph Mary Joseph Sarah A.	50 42 17 22	Labourer Farmer				b. CT b. CT
300	McIntyre, Thomas Catherine	50 37	Labourer				

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300	Owens, Eugene William Mary	9 4 50		Thomas McIntyre		No	b. CT b. CT
301	Oatis, Elizabeth	20		Samuel Bunnell			
304	Sheda, Bridget	20		Austin Perry			
305	Faughan, Margaret	24		Oliver H. Perry		No	
305	Riley, Ann	18		Oliver H. Perry			
305	Finnerty, Lawrence	27	Labourer	Oliver H. Perry			
306	Morton, Maria	18		Gurdon Perry			
309	Mulville, Elsa	22		Andrew Bulkley		No	
310	Coughlan, Salina	17		Benjamin Pomeroy			
311	Henderson, Catherine	30		Jonathan Bulkley			
316	Leddey, Patrick Mary Daniel Ellen Mary A. Francis	40 38 7 4 2 7/12	Labourer			No	b. CT; school b. CT b. CT b. CT
318	Leonard, Mary	19		George Bulkley			
320	Riley, Patrick Delia Mary F. George Delia	36 33 14 8 8	H. Carpenter		1000		b. CT b. CT; school b. CT; school b. CT; school
322	Griffin, Patrick Abigail Baker, Henry G.	40 35 13	Truckman		2000		b. CT b. CT; school
328	Taggart, Britta	22		Ann R Pray		No	
329	Matthews, Ann	24		Jonathan Godfrey		No	
329	Ash, Bridget	14		Jonathan Godfrey			school
332	Whitten, Eliza	35		Nathan E. Cornwall			
334	Taylor, Ann	19		Francis D. Perry			
335	Boyce, John	40	Gardener	Frederick Marquand			
335	Campbell, Mary	28		Frederick Marquand			
338	Learey, Barney	29	RR Track Repairer	Sarah Allen			
338	[Unlisted], James	25	Labourer	Sarah Allen			
338	[Unlisted], Michael	25	Labourer	Sarah Allen			
338	[Unlisted], John	25	Labourer	Sarah Allen			
338	[Unlisted], John	55	Labourer	Sarah Allen			
339	McDonald, Catherine	16		Henrietta Perry			
341	Ray, Ellen	21		Paschal Sheffield			
343	Toland, Mary	25		William Bulkley			
344	Rattighan, Bridget	21		Joseph Jennings		No	
345	[Unlisted], Cordelia	20		David Bradley			
346	[Unlisted], Ellen	21		Hezekiah Davis		No	
350	Butler, Mary	27		Augustus Jennings		No	
352	Rock, John	18		John Henrietta			
354	Bolon, Eliza	14		George Mills			
356	Fay, Mary	16		Walter Thorp			
365	Dolan, Bridget	25		John Squire		No	
368	Keeler, James	23	Labourer	Hull Sherwood			
370	Brown, Robert	45	Labourer	Mary Sherwood			
380	Manahan, Margaret	21		Alfred Perry			
399	Connolly, Matty	22		Thomas B. Sturges		No	
400	Smith, Rodger	40	Labourer	Samuel Betts			
401	Niel, Margaret	73		Hezekiah Banks			
404	Langden, Catherine	30		William Bradley			

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405	Bayne, Mary	25		Gideon Tomlinson			
408	Magee, Margaret	30		Samuel Nichols		No	
426	Clifford, John	40	Labourer	Boston Smedley			
438	Fitzpatrick, Dennis	45	Farm Labourer				
	Rosannah	45					
	Ellen	9					school
438	Duffy, Mary	32		Dennis Fitzpatrick			
440	McCoy, Richard	37	Gardener		1400		
	Frances	37					
	Richard S.	12					b. NY; school
	Frederick W.	1					b. CT
440	Wright, Margaret	28		Richard McCoy		No	
440	Connor, Thomas	45	Labourer	Richard McCoy		No	
440	Real, Michael	30	Labourer	Richard McCoy			
440	Kief, John	22	Labourer	Richard McCoy			
440	Cull, John	35	Labourer	Richard McCoy		No	
	Ellen	28					
	Mary	3					b. CT
	John	2					b. CT
440	Harbert, Honora	20		Richard McCoy		No	
454	Ward, William	22	Labourer	Cyrus Sherwood			
482	McCann, Thomas	40	Labourer			No	
	Bridget	30					
	Matthew	13					school
	Peter	11					school
	John	7					b. CT; school
	Michael	4					b. CT
	Christopher	2					b. CT
483	McGlachlan, Ann	27		Mary Bronson		No	
488	Judd, John	17	Labourer	George Morehouse			
490	Mooney, Michael	30	Labourer			No	
	Mary A.	29				No	
	Peter	2					b. CT
	Mary A.	10/1					b. CT
		2					
490	Glancey, Margaret	14		Michael Mooney			
491	Mooney, William	30	Labourer			No	
	Ellen	27					
	James	1					b. CT
	Anna	1/12					b. CT
493	Finn, John	38	Labourer		400	No	
	Bridget	26					
	Matthew	11					school
	William	7					b. CT; school
	Thomas	5					b. CT; school
	John	3					b. CT
	Michael	1					b. CT
	James	2/12					b. CT
494	Finn, Thomas	70	Labourer		500	No	
	Ann	75				No	
	Michael	40	Labourer		400	No	
496	Burke, Ann	20		William H. Bibbins		No	
515	Bahon, James	37	Mason		1,500	No	
	Ellen	54					
	Mary	18					
	Ellen	16					
561	Riley, Bridget	25		George B. Kissan		No	
592	Canfield, Mary	26		Erastus B. Fisher		No	
625	Hughs, Mary	2		James Hopkins			

No.	Name	Age	Occupation	Head of Household	R/E Value	R/W?	Comments
644	[Unlisted], Patrick	22		Bradley H. Nichols			
691	O'Callahan, Michael Julia Edwin Thomas	25 23 3/12	Burr Mill S. Maker			No	b. CT
691	McElroy, Charles Margaret	25 22		Michael O'Callahan			m. within year
711	Burr, Amos Frederick Burr, Mary Amos S. William S. Simmons, Frederick N.	81 44 23 2 5/12 6	None Farmer		8,000		b. CT b. CT b. Ireland b. CT b. CT b. CT; school
711	[Unlisted], Thomas	25	Farmer	Amos Burr			

Why English Parish Registers Begin in 1538

Harlan R. Jessup

In the New England colonies vital records have been kept from the early 17th century. We owe this record-keeping to the English practice of recording baptisms, marriages, and burials in the parish registers. And this practice began with an edict dated 5 September 1538 from Thomas Cromwell, Lord Privy Seal to Henry VIII.

The edict begins, "In the name of God Amen. By the authorite and commission of the most excellent prince Henry...I Thomas lorde Crunwell...do for the avauncement of the trewe honor of almighty God...geve and exhibite unto yow these Iniunctions folowing..."

Following the preamble are ten items related to church administration, including the provision of a Bible in each church, encouragement of the reading of the Bible, examination of all parishioners to make sure they can recite the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed, prohibition of pilgrimages and image worship, and reporting of the activities of Roman Catholic clergy.

And then: "Every parson vicare or curate within this diocese shall for every churche kepe one boke or registre wherin ye shall write the day and yere of every weddyng christenyng and buryeng made within your parishe for yowr tyme... And shall there inserte euey persons name that shalbe so weddid chirstened or buried...Whiche boke ye shall every sonday take futhe and in the presence of the said wardens...write and recorde in the same all the weddyngs christenynges and buryenges made the hole weke before. And that done to lay vpp the boke in the said coffer as afore."

The Edict of 1538 is cited more fully in "How It All Began" in *The American Genealogist*, vol. 42 (1966), p. 152. A more complete history of parish registers beyond this initial edict can be found on the website: <http://joinermarriageindex.co.uk/history-of-parish-registers/>.

Immigrant Wondolowski Family Finds Opportunity in Bridgeport

Paul Keroack

Boleslaw Wondolowski arrived in the United States in 1903 at the age of 19 from Poland. According to the passenger list, he was headed to join his cousin in Springfield MA.¹ While I have not found him in that city or in the 1910 census at all, he was definitely a resident of Bridgeport at the time of his 1913 marriage to Mary Adasko, also an immigrant. He applied for citizenship papers, and was naturalized on Feb. 5, 1918.²

He worked as a bench hand in local metal factories and later ran a dry goods or variety store during the 1920s, though forced by the depression to return to metalwork in the early 1930s. By 1940 he was living in a rooming house with one of his adult sons in Bridgeport while his wife and younger children remained at the family home across town.³ During World War II he lived in Stamford while working at Yale & Towne.⁴ He died in Bridgeport, May 1973, aged 89.

Boleslaw and Mary's surviving children advanced with Bridgeport's industrial growth to reach middle-class status, and several achieved professional and technical distinction in other locations.

Genealogical summary:

1. Boleslaw "William / Bill" Wondolowski, born Las, Poland, Jan. 1883, son of Szczepan [Stephen] and Josephine Wondolowski. He died Bridgeport 15 May 1973.⁵ He was married Bridgeport 26 May 1913 to Maryanna "Mary," Adasko, born Poland 14 Jan. 1894, daughter of Michael and Margaret Adasko, born Klimaszewnica, Poland.⁶

Children of Boleslaw and Mary:

- i. Stanislaw "Stella," b. Bridgeport 11 March 1914,⁷ d. Easton, 7 March 1993, m. Bridgeport 2 Aug. 1937, Walter E. Janowski. She graduated from the New York School of Finance, worked in partnership with Dean Witter, and in the finance department at Chase Manhattan, both in New York.⁸

¹New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957<ancestry.com> T715, roll 333, p. 316, 30 March 1903, ship Mongolian. Origin: Lomza, Poland – destination: to cousin Alex Herman, 79 Ferry (?) Street, Springfield Mass. City directories show an Alexander Herman and a Balestaw Wendolowski at separate addresses that year in Worcester MA.

²U.S. Dept. of Naturalization, certificate, Vol. 13, no. 3003. Official photocopies of his declaration of intention, 1913 and petition, 1915, are mostly unreadable, but do confirm place of origin and U.S. arrival date.

³1940 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Bridgeport, roll 530, p. 2B: 161 W. Liberty St.; Wondolowski, Mary, roll 533, p. 5A, 198 William St.

⁴World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 <ancestry.com>, #2155.

⁵Bridgeport vital records, deaths, 1973, p. 116. Although 13 Dec. is the birth date listed on his death record, two dates he gave in person, for the World War 1 and 2 draft registrations, list January - the former with no day, the latter as 20 Jan. There is a village named Czarny Las in northeast Poland, in Podlaskie (formerly Lomza) district, near Bialystok. Obituary *Bridgeport Post* 16 May 1973.

⁶Bridgeport vital records, marriages, 1913, p. 25. In it her name was written Mary Udeszka. The name was also anglicized as Adasko or Adaska. I have not found her or her parents in immigration or census records. Her village of origin is in Podlaskie district, not far from that of her husband.

⁷Bridgeport vital records, births, 1914, p. 213.

⁸Death and career information from obituary, *Connecticut Post*, 9 March 1993, (with correction from W.D. to Dean Witter). Bridgeport vital records, marriage, 1937, p. 107.

- ii. Henrietta, b. Bridgeport 15 Oct. 1915,⁹ d. Milford 2 Nov. 2006, m. Bridgeport 23 Feb. 1946, Walter A. Golembeski. She was a graduate of Columbia University School of Dental Hygiene and worked locally in that profession.¹⁰
- iii. Karol "Carl," b. probably Trumbull 25 Dec. 1917, d. Bridgeport 20 Jan. 1920.¹¹
- iv. Charles Alphons, b. Bridgeport 5 Dec. 1921,¹² d. Oakville, Ontario 20 Jan. 2000, m. probably Ontario ca. 1950, Lois Doxsee (Keillor).¹³ From mid-1939 through mid-1940 Charles worked as a chauffeur and gardener for psychoanalyst Dr. Trigant Burrow at the latter's Greens Farms, Westport summer home. Burrow encouraged Charles' interest in mechanics and aviation, continuing contact with him by correspondence after the youth's decision to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. Thousands of Americans, eager to fight for the allies, took this route before U.S. entry into the war, often forfeiting their U.S. citizenship. Promoted to flight lieutenant and sent to England, C.A. Wondolowski was awarded the DFC twice for his exploits as a navigator, along with his pilot, in bombing runs over Europe. He made his home in Canada following the war, later marrying the widow of his pilot who was accidentally killed in a peacetime crash.
- v. Elizabeth, b. Bridgeport 11 Nov. 1925, m. Bridgeport 22 Sept. 1945, Edward Skowronski.¹⁴
- vi. Francis Rudolph, b. Bridgeport 3 Oct. 1928,¹⁵ d. Livermore CA 1 Dec. 1994, m. ca. 1951 Elfrieda Senn.¹⁶ He received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in the class of 1950. After service in Germany and completing his graduate education, he spent his career in classified scientific work on nuclear weapons production at Livermore National Laboratory in California.¹⁷

⁹Bridgeport vital records, births, 1915, p. 153 ½: "created by affidavit by mother, Mary, 21 June 1948."

¹⁰Death and career information from obituary, Connecticut Post, 3 Nov. 2006. Bridgeport vital records, marriages, 1946, p. 162.

¹¹Bridgeport vital records, deaths, 1920, p. 126. Birth date from death record. No birth record found in Bridgeport. His parents may have been still residing in Trumbull on that date. World War 1 Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 <ancestry.com>, #735, RFD #1, Trumbull, Conn, 12 Sept. 1918.

¹²Bridgeport vital records, births, 1921, p. 439.

¹³Death notice, *Toronto Star*, 24 Jan. 2000. Lois Wondolowski, obituary, *Montreal Gazette*, 18 Dec. 2004. Career information from obituaries and, Burrow, Trigant, *A Search for Man's Sanity: Selected letters...*, New York: Oxford, 1958, p. 448; "Britain gives DFC to two Americans," in *New York Times*, 21 Jan. 1945, p. 18; *RCAF Overseas: The Fifth Year*, Toronto: Oxford, 1945.

¹⁴Bridgeport vital records, births, 1925, p. 94. Bridgeport vital records, marriages, 1945, p. 125.

¹⁵Bridgeport vital records, births, 1928, p. 247.

¹⁶California death index, 1940-1997 <www.ancestry.com>; billiongraves.com/pages/record /FrancisRWondolowski/3931171 (accessed via ancestry.com index).

¹⁷Career information from family sources; "West Point Graduates," *Bridgeport Post*, 3 June, 1950, p. 2.

How I Discovered Some Notable Ancestors

Robert Spiers

My Mother's parents were Richard Milton (Dick) Clark (1871-1932) and Clara Louisa (Louise) Baldwin (1876-1972). They were married in 1900 and later that year their first child, Dorothy Frances Clark was born. They had a second daughter, Amy Irene, in 1905.

In the 1970's Mom was curious about her local ancestors and discovered the small family cemetery where her Grandmother Baldwin's parents were buried. That started her on a quest and she soon had me involved as well. She obtained the Clark family Bible from her mother and we began discovering more ancestry from the B-M-D pages in the Bible.

Her father Dick Clark was born in Higganum (Haddam) Connecticut the son of Charles Allen Clark (1849-1918) (born in Haddam, CT) and Irene Amy Dewey (1850-1919) (also born in Haddam). There were other entries in this list as well. Charles Allen was the son of Samuel C Clark (1816-1898) (born in Haddam) (later we discovered his middle name was Chauncy) and Henrietta A Willard (1822-1899) born in Chester, Middlesex, CT. The parents of Samuel were not given and remained a mystery for many years. Also listed were the parents of Irene Dewey; Milton B Dewey (1822-1865) (born in Granby, Hartford, CT) and Louise Bailey (b1828 in Haddam, Middlesex, CT) I am still looking for more on Louise Bailey. She likely remarried after Milton died.

Some years later I was in the NEHGS library in Boston looking for the English ancestry of our Clement Buxton And getting nowhere. In my frustration I turned to one of the Librarians. He told me to stop wasting my time on difficult problems and look for solutions to solvable problems. He asked me for some family names of other lines so I gave him Clark, Baldwin, Dewey, Holcomb, and Willard. He found nothing on my Clark line but he brought out published ancestries on the other four where I was able to find connections to my family. I was very excited and spent the rest of my time there copying material from all four. (Back then we didn't have hint leaves from Ancestry.com so had to travel to find the information and do the copying by hand)

The Holcomb ancestry was very interesting if hard to read because of small print and a different numbering system to get used to. That author, a woman, was very thorough and complete. She showed Holcomb ancestry back through Ralph Downe to Isabelle de la Bruer who is descended from King Henry 1 of England.

My next important discovery was some years later at the Godfrey Library in Middletown, CT. I was visiting there one day looking for more information on my Clark family and noticed that a volunteer was keying information into a laptop from some very large journals. I asked her what she was doing and she told me that they had received several very old undertaker records from the area and were computerizing them. She said she was going to take a break so I could search through them to see if I could find anything helpful. After about a half an hour there it was!! The burial record for Samuel C Clark, mentioning his wife Henrietta and his *parents*, Joseph Clark and Clarissa Dickenson, was right there in front of me. That is the clue I was looking for!

Next I went to the Connecticut State Library and pulled out the Barbour collection for Haddam and found neither of them, but I did find their marriage in the Church records for Haddam. I checked birth records for surrounding towns and found no sign of them. I was about to check the microfilm court records when a librarian offered to search the Web for me. He came up with 2 records for Joseph Clark. One was from Spirit Lake, Dickinson, Iowa, and after much review and discovery I felt this was my Joseph but he had a different wife. After more discoveries I found that Clarissa died leaving Joseph with three children. He later married Louisa Miller and had eleven more children while they were moving west ending up in Spirit Lake.

After reviewing the information about the other Joseph Clark from Brooklyn, Cuyahoga, Ohio (later Cincinnati, Ohio) I realized he was the father of the Joseph of Spirit Lake who had married Clarissa Dickenson. Joseph, the father, married Hannah Cole in East Haddam where they had many children before moving west. It seems that this part of the Clark family didn't bother with registering births making it very hard to trace them now. My file for researching the Clark family is quite large.

Now fast forward to 2012 with the current Family Tree Maker and Ancestry.com on my computer and hint leaves all over the place. Those hints confirmed much of the information I discovered earlier and made me comfortable with what I had done so far.

Going on with other parts of my research; Milton B Dewey was the son of Samuel Dewey who married Sabra Holcomb and Samuel's father David married Lovina Holcomb (distant cousins). It appears that the Dewey line goes back to Sir Simeon Dewey who was born 1555 in Sandwich, Kent, England. Also the Holcomb line goes back through Sir John, Lord of Holcomb b. 1394 in Hole, Devon, England who in 1419 Married Isabel Downe. Her grandfather, Sir Ralph Downe (b. 1320) married Isabelle de la Bruer whose mother was Beatrice DeValle daughter of Reginald Fitz Roy the son of Henry I who was the son of William I The Conqueror who was the son of Robert I The Magnificent, Duke of Normandy, born 1 July 1000 in Rouen, Seine Inferior, Normandy, France. This is amazing to have found connections this far back. The earliest Holcomb found is Walter De Holcomb b.1230 in Hole, Devon, England

My 21st Great-grandfather was Clark of Woodchurch b. 1266 in Woodchurch, Kent, England. His son Peter alias Woodchurch de Clarke was born 1291. Then there was Thomas de Clarke I born 1315, and Thomas Clarke II b.1350, and Sir Thomas III Esquire Clarke, then after him Sir John I Forde Hall Clarke b.1394 in Forde Hall, Wrentham, Kent, England.

Not all of my ancestry is this interesting and I don't believe there is any more royalty in my family but I thoroughly enjoyed doing the research.

Early 19th Century Norwalk Voting and Tax Lists Found in Norwalk History Room

Paul Keroack

Voting and tax records for Norwalk surviving from as early as 1837 may help determine the place of residence and perhaps the social status of ancestors who lived in that town between censuses and before the first city directory was published there in 1871. Following this article is an index to the persons whose 1837 property tax records are found in the History Room.

As with many manuscripts rescued from municipal repositories, these papers are far from complete. The earliest manuscript voting lists name those who qualified as electors for the state legislature and executive officers in elections each April between 1837 and 1847. Included in this period are the November presidential elections of 1840 and 1844. Also available are voting lists of April state elections from 1850 through 1854 and from 1858 through 1865, which include presidential balloting lists for 1852, 1860 and 1864.

From the November 1860 election on, Norwalk was divided into first and second districts. In some of the subsequent lists, one or another of the district lists is missing. While the collection also includes later lists from 1877 through 1896, these will not be discussed in this article.

The documents from 1837 through 1839 begin, "List of persons voting on the first Monday of April ...," in no particular name order. In 1839, the legislature introduced a registration procedure in which town clerks were to draw up, at least ten days before the election, an alphabetical list of persons qualified to vote, which could be more rapidly checked for corrections on election day itself.¹ So from 1840, each was headed, "An alphabetical list of persons qualified to vote ..." Pasted on the back sheet of the 1845 list is a notice clipped from a newspaper designating the last Monday in March, 1845 as the occasion, "to perfect the list of electors."

Most of the lists comprise 16 pages (some bound together), each with at least 300 voters' names carefully written in ink. That the lists did not grow lengthier despite the population growth may have been due to the requirement of property ownership to be eligible to vote until 1845,² as well as the logistical difficulties of assembling in a single location on election day until district voting became the norm.

The earliest surviving property tax list illuminates the particular circumstances of those fortunate enough to be voters by virtue of being property owners. The original 1837 list consists of unbound sheets with the taxpayer's name entered at the head, and a printed checklist of ratable items below. The headings were, "Description of property – Actual Value – Rate per ct. – Taxable Am't. [in] Dolls., Cents." Unfortunately, all surnames beginning with A and almost all with B are missing. Those between Q and W are also absent. Bound photocopies of the 180+ originals are numbered and indexed by taxpayer name.

¹Morse, Jarvis M. *A Neglected Period of Connecticut's History, 1818-1850*, New Haven: Yale U. Press, 1933, p. 307.

²*Ibid*, p. 323; Jarvis notes that "party leaders had often secured the enfranchisement of landless residents by conferring upon them titles to worthless swamp tracts or scrubby acres unfit for cultivation."

A typical 1837 tax sheet begins, "List of Ratable Estate Belonging to – Stephen Hoyt, P[olar] Plain - October 1, 1837." Preprinted items included dwelling house, acre of land, store, distillery, building used for manufactories – real property assessed at 3%. Some seventeen other classes of personal property were assessed at 6%; included were silver plate, turnpike stock at its fair value, horse, coach, "chaise, chair, gig or sulky," clock, watch, "other time-piece," bank stock and insurance, and "money at interest." Hoyt's real estate was one dwelling house, \$160, taxed at \$3.00. His taxable personal property was one "neat Cattle 1 year old or more," \$12, taxed at 72 cents. Added to this was a poll tax for persons "over 21 and under 70 years," a flat fee of \$20 (reduced to \$10 in 1843).³ His total annual tax bill was \$23.72 – the bulk of it being the poll tax [dollar signs added.]

Tax lists from the 1850s, similarly formatted, survive only for certain ranges of surnames: 1850, surname T; 1853, surname F; 1854, surnames O-R; 1856, surnames B and H-J, 1856.⁴ In these, the tax rate for all property was 3%. A pre-printed designation for poll tax seems to have been crossed out, with no amount assessed.⁵

Another set of manuscripts headed, "List of polls for the year ...," names men (ages 21-70) who would be assessed the poll tax. While no further information is given, the numbers indicate the growth of city population from 1852 through 1862. Totals were:

1852 – 675	1858 – 888	1861 – 840
1853 – 705	1859 – [not totaled]	1862 - 980
1857 - 834	1860 – 1019	

The Norwalk History Room archive has complete bound tax lists from 1860, 1870, 1875, 1885 and 1896. All except the first of these are name-indexed. In this period, the lists begin to resemble modern practice in which the amount of the property assessments is given, but not the tax rate or charges.⁶

The Norwalk History Room is located in the Norwalk Public Library. Paul Keroack, Archive Manager, may be reached at norwalkhistoryroom@norwalkpubliclibrary.org.

³Ibid, p. 316.

⁴For the surname B, one of the most numerous at least locally, I counted 130 sheets. Surname H totals 78 and J, 27. Assuming these to be complete, I would estimate that entire alphabetical list for that year would have comprised about 1200 sheets.

⁵The poll tax seemed to have gradually been lowered and combined with general property taxation. As noted in a form found in these books, filled out by the town clerk for the state, "List of Polls and Taxable Property in the Town of [Norwalk] ratable by law on the 1st day of October, 1867," 961 polls were included at \$1 each.

⁶"The Act passed May Session, A.D. 1860, for the assessment and collection of taxes, provide that all real and personal property liable to taxation, shall be set in the list at its actual valuation, and not as heretofore at three per cent, of such valuation." - Leaflet from Comptroller's Office, Hartford, Nov. 1st, 1867.

Alphabetical index of the surviving 1837 Norwalk property tax records
found in the Norwalk History Room

Butler (& Crosby)	T.B	16	Hanford	William	8
Cameron	Robert	3	Hatheway	Gilbert	71
Camp	Abraham	5	Hayes	Stephen	44
Camp	Jonathan	9	Hendricks	William	84
Camp	Jonathan Jr	1	Hill	Ebenezer	82
Camp	Richard	11	Hinman	Bennett	43
Camp	Samuel	12	Holly	Ezra	61
Cannon	John	7	Hooker	James	72
Cannon	Rebus	38	Hotchkiss	Augustus	39
Chapman	William J	14	Hoyt	Aaron G	73
Chase	Henry	13	Hoyt	Abby	69
Chichester	Henry	15	Hoyt	Betsey	57
Chichester	Henry Jr	32	Hoyt	Charles	68
Church	Ebenezer	17	Hoyt	Charles	64
Church	Isaac	4	Hoyt	Daniel	67
Church	John	34	Hoyt	Edwin	75
Clark	Henry	19	Hoyt	Ezra	74
Clark	Joseph	20	Hoyt	Francis	41
Clark	Levi	23	Hoyt	Francis 2 nd	47
Clark	Samuel E	22	Hoyt	George	53
Clark	William	8	Hoyt	George 2 nd	50
Clock	Charles W	21	Hoyt	Goold	63
Comstock	David	28	Hoyt	Ira	77
Comstock	David Jr	31	Hoyt	James A	45
Comstock	Esther	25	Hoyt	James W	70
Comstock	John	6	Hoyt	John	79
Comstock	Phebe	27	Hoyt	Melancton	86
Comstock	Samuel	18	Hoyt	Mercy	51
Cooney	Michael	29	Hoyt	Monson	66
Corker	Joseph R	2	Hoyt	Stephen	48
Cornwell	William	33	Hoyt	Stephen	58
Craw	William T	30	Hoyt	Ward	54
Craw	William	26	Hoyt	William T	40
Crosby (& Butler)	Esther	16	Hubbell	Elisha W	40
Crossman	Ira N	37	Hubbell	Mathias	81
Crow	Martin S	24	Hubbell & Co		59
Curtis	Jesse	10	Hyatt	Ebenezer	85
Curtis	Styles	35	Hyatt	James W	60
Hall	Peter	42	Hyatt	Lanclot	62
Hallock	William	56	Hyatt	Silas P	49
Hand	William	52	Mallory	Alfred	98
Hanford	Charles	78	Mallory	Charles	105
Hanford	Daniel	55	Mallory	James	103
Hanford	Dennis	46	Mallory	John	102
Hanford	Joseph P	76	Mallory	Lewis	101
Hanford	Stephen	40	Mallory	William	88
Hanford	Thomas C	65	Marvin	Henry	92

Marvin	Joseph S	97	Quintard	James	132
Marvin	William	96	Quintard	James	136a
Maybury	William	93	Warner	David H	138*
Mc Lean	John A	106	Warner	James	161
Mead	Cyrus	88	Warner	Klevin	138*
Meeker	Joseph S	100	Warner	Thomas Jr	138*
Meeker	Samuel	89	Warren	Isaac	165
Merrill	Thomas	95	Warren	Jesse	167
Merrill	Valentine Jr	90	Warren	Samuel B	168
Merwin	Timothy T	107	Warren	Samuel G	170
Mills	Stephen T	104	Wasson	John	143
Mitchel	James	87	Wasson	Samuel	146
Moore	George	84	Webb	Moses	166
Morehead	John	91	Weed	(_____)	169
Mott	Stephen	99	Weed	John A	160
Odell	Nathan	114	Weed	Lewis	154
Olmstead	Asa	110	Weed	Stephen	141
Olmstead	Charles	112	Weeks	William	159
Olmstead	Jesse	113	Wellington	Thomas	142
Olmstead	Nathan	115	Wheeler	Eldridge G	137
Olmstead	Noah	108	White	Samuel F	149
Olmstead	Peter	111	Whitney	Ann	156
Parmelee	Alfred R	125	Whitney	Ebenezer	139
Parmely	Henry K	133	Whitney	Lewis	149
Parsons	Samuel G	120	Whitney	Mercy	158
Partrick	Charles	116	Whitney	Polly	155
Partrick	Henry	126	Wilcox	Martha	163
Partrick	John	119	Wilcox	Nelson	162
Partrick	Lewis	130	Wilcox	Noah	164
Peck	Elijah	117	Wilcox	William H	172
Pennoyer	Henry	131	Williams	R A	140
Pennoyer	James	109+	Williams	Gilbert P	150
Pennoyer	Samuel	118	Wilson	Lewis	151
Perry	Heriot	122	Wilson	William	157
Phillips	Mercy	124	Wiseman	James	145
Platt	Joseph	109+	Wood	Esther	147
Platt	Joseph	123	Wood	William	157
Price	David	127	Woodruff	Lyman	138*
Prince	Edmund	129	Woolsey	John	153
Price	Philo	121	Young	Abraham	171
Price	William	128	Young	George	173
Quigley	John	134			
Quintard	Anson	136			
Quintard	Evert	135			

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*summary entries together on p. 138

WRITING TIPS FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

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Whenever I tell someone I'm a genealogist or family historian, one or both of the following questions are almost certain to follow:

1. Are you writing a book? Or,
2. Are you using the Internet and/or a computer program?

--Outline only--
Full text and references are
available to members at
www.connecticutancestry.org

It seems that the public generally associates family history with writing. And yet, many of us put writing way down on our priority list -- at least down below our research activities (including the subject of question No. 2: using the Internet and our computerized filing systems). Hopefully, today's talk will serve to raise the priority level we attach to writing down our results in proper sentences and paragraphs -- for a whole variety of reasons.

Several Reasons Why Writing is Important for Family Historians

There are several benefits to genealogy and family history writing, even if you never "write a book:"

- Organizing research material or family collections
- Explaining research results, conclusions, or discrepancies
- Sharing information within the family
- Sharing information with other researchers

Types of Output - Books, Articles, Letters and Reports

You may be surprised to learn the broad range of possible writing formats that you can consider. Most materials will fall into one of the following categories:

- Articles - for organizing your own research
- Articles - for publication, whether in print or in electronic form
- Books - likewise
- Letters and Reports

Things that Work Well

Most good family history articles and books have several things in common:

- “*Register Format*”
- Source citations
- Evaluation of information and conclusions
- “Stories” and a modest historical perspective
- Illustrations
- Correct usage and style

. . . . And Things That Don't

As you may have guessed, there are also things that are usually not good ideas for this kind of writing. A partial list of these pitfalls might be:

- Unique or obscure numbering and formatting schemes
- Dependence on charts
- Scatter-gun relationships - impossible to follow
- Speculations
- “Travelogues,” clichés, personal opinions, historical “trivial pursuit,” etc.

The Computer - Today's Writing Medium

- Use a full-featured word processor - not a scaled-down version.
- Only use genealogical software that is capable of keeping track of your source citations as well as the facts themselves.
- Don't assume anything about the programs. Try online before you buy, or get a demonstration disk to use at home for a while first.

How About Publishing?

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Philo Curtis of Newtown, Connecticut, in 1790

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CURTIS, PHILO (enumerated as "Filo")
Newtown

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PHILO CURTIS was born 27 June 1760, in Newtown, the eldest child of Benjamin Curtis and his first wife, Phedima (Nichols) Curtis.² Benjamin Curtis was the head of another 1790 Newtown household,³ covered in a separate sketch. Philo died 7 March 1818 in Newtown⁴ and is buried in Sandy Hook Cemetery.⁵

He married in 1781 HULDAH HUBBELL, who was born 1758, daughter of Nehemiah and Hannah (Treadwell) Hubbell of Fairfield.⁶ A Newtown death record reads: "[Curtis,] Huldah, wid., her negro girl d. Mar 30, 1819."⁷ Huldah was enumerated with her son Philo on the 1850 census in Newtown at age 93, one of a dozen nonagenarians in town. She reportedly owned \$1,000 in real estate.⁸ She died 25 Jan 1853, age 95 years,⁹ and is buried next to her husband in Sandy Hook Cemetery.¹⁰

Philo's great-grandfather Josiah Curtis was one of the men who received land in the original 'pitches' for distribution of land in Newtown in 1712.¹¹ Philo took the Oath of Fidelity¹² at age 24 in 1784 and the Freeman's Oath at age 30 in 1790.¹³

¹ 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Newtown, p. 201, col. 2, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm M637, Roll 1.

² Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Hartford: Connecticut State Library (CSL), 1926, vol. 79 Newtown, 51, citing original Newtown Vital Records, 1: 25, for both Philo's birth and his parents' marriage.

³ 1790 US Census, Newtown, p. 200, Benjamin Curtis.

⁴ Newtown Vital Records, 2:155; Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 1,435,629, CSL. The original record says "7 May" and is in a list called "Bill of Mortality for 1818." The list appears to have been written all at the same time in the same hand (not contemporaneously with the deaths). Philo's headstone says he died "7 March" (see next footnote), and his will was proved 8 April (see footnote 16), supporting the March death date.

⁵ Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Vol. 36*, Newtown, Hartford: CSL, about 1934, 139; also, personal visit to cemetery, 1979.

⁶ Donald Lines Jacobus, compiler, *Families of Old Fairfield*, New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, 1932, 2:491-2.

⁷ Barbour, Newtown, 50, citing original 2:154.

⁸ 1850 US Census, Fairfield Co., Conn., Newtown, population schedule, p. 35 (stamped) verso, dwelling 527, family 591, Philo Curtis; digital image, Ancestry.com, accessed 29 October 2013, NARA microfilm M432, Roll 46.

⁹ Barbour, Newtown, 50, citing original 4:14.

¹⁰ Hale, Newtown, 139; also, personal visit to cemetery, 1979. Headstone adds "8 mos" to age.

¹¹ Ezra Levan Johnson and Jane Eliza Johnson, *Newtown's History and Historian*, Newtown: 1917, 29-30.

¹² Charles J. Hoadly, transcriber, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, [vol.:] October, 1778, to February, 1778*, Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., 1894; reprinted La Crosse, Wisconsin: Northern Micrographics, 2001, p. 4-5. Legislation was passed by the General Assembly in October, 1776, requiring the oath of fidelity (to the government of Connecticut) to be taken by freemen and officers of the State of Connecticut.

¹³ Johnson & Johnson, 123, 125. According to this source, the oath of allegiance continued to be administered in Newtown until at least 1790.

A published sketch about Philo's grandson Julius B. Curtis states that Philo was "an Episcopalian in religion, a Federalist in politics, and for many years he held the office of selectman in his town."¹⁴ His farm was near Bennett's Bridge.¹⁵

A list of expenses incurred by the executor of Philo's will, his son Nichols, gives some insight into Philo's life. Nichols spent time sorting through his father's affairs and doing tasks such as hiring a man to dress flax in a rented machine, surveying the property, buying sheep, repairing a fence, thrashing corn, carrying corn to the Bridgeport market, removing and selling stock, cutting and getting grain, driving cattle to market, getting a horse shod, transportation to Bridgeport and purchasing articles for the widow, travelling to several towns to "settle" with various individuals (Philo's inventory lists debts as well as loans owed to him), and paying for brandy for the widow. The inventory of Philo's estate was extensive, and included several books on such subjects as arithmetic and prayer.¹⁶

Philo's will named his wife Huldah, sons Nichols, Carlos and Philo, and "five daughters" though only two were identified: Phedima Beers and Polly Glover. Those two were named because they had received furniture from Philo and the value of the furniture was to be included in their inheritance. Son Nichols had previously received land and son Carlos, who was living in Ohio when the will was written, had previously received money. The gifts to the sons were also to be considered when calculating the distribution of Philo's estate.¹⁷

The 1818 distribution of Philo's estate is more specific in identifying his children. Legatees were his wife Huldah, his eldest son Nichols, second son Carlos, youngest son Philo, eldest daughter Phedima Beers, wife of Thomas Beers, second daughter Polly Glover, wife of John Glover, third daughter Huldah (no surname given and no husband named), fourth daughter Betsey Beers, wife of Amariah Beers, and youngest daughter Julia Curtis.¹⁸

The widow's dower was distributed in 1853 after Huldah (Hubbel) Curtis died. All the same children were named, but daughter Huldah was called "Huldah Hatch." Distribution was made to the heirs of two daughters, Polly Glover and Julia Curtis, indicating that they had died. Nichols had also died by that time. Both of the distributions included several parcels of land in Newtown and give details of the homelot and surrounding land (outbuildings and an orchard).¹⁹

Members of the household in 1790: The adult male was Philo. Two of the three males under sixteen were sons Nichols and Carlos. The third male is not determined. One of the females is Huldah, his wife, and two others are their daughters, Polly and Phedima. The fourth female is not identified.

¹⁴ "Hon. Julius B. Curtis", sketch in *Commemorative Biographical Record of Fairfield County*, Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1899, 124.

¹⁵ Philo Curtis probate packet, distribution of estate, "Danbury Probate District Packets 1756-1880," FHL microfilm 1,016,227, CSL.

¹⁶ Philo Curtis probate packet, expenses submitted by Nichols Curtis, administrator, 31 May 1919, and inventory.

¹⁷ Philo Curtis probate packet, will of Philo Curtis, dated 06 Sep 1815, proved 08 April 1818.

¹⁸ Philo Curtis probate packet, first distribution of the estate, dated 14 Nov 1818.

¹⁹ Philo Curtis probate packet, second distribution of the estate, dated 08 April 1853. The names of the sons-in-law were not provided in this document. Nichols had sold his previous portion to James Nichols "before he died."

Children of Philo Curtis and Huldah Hubbell:²⁰

- i. NICHOLS CURTIS, b 27 Sep 1784;²¹ d. 20 Apr 1852 Æ 63;²² m. 3 Nov 1803 SARAH ANN BENNETT.²³ Three children, of whom two lived past infancy. Nichols and Sarah are buried in Zoar Cemetery.²⁴
- ii. CARLOS CURTIS, b. Newtown, d. Coles Co., Ill., 1844. Carlos removed first to Ohio, before his father wrote his will, and then to Illinois—Sangamon County in 1835 and on to Coles County the next year.²⁵ Six children.
- iii. PHEDIMA CURTIS, b. 20 Sep 1787; d. 16 July 1855; m. THOMAS BEERS. One daughter. Phedima and Thomas are buried in Newtown Village Cemetery.²⁶
- iv. POLLY CURTIS, d. 10 May 1819;²⁷ m. abt. 1813, as his second wife, JOHN GLOVER. Two daughters.²⁸

²⁰ The names of the children and the sons-in-law are verified by probate records (note 18). None of the births were recorded in Newtown Vital Records. Two published genealogies discuss this family: Frederic Haines Curtiss, *A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family*, Boston: 1903, 88; and Harlow Dunham Curtis, *A Genealogy of the Curtiss-Curtis Family: A Supplement to the 1903 Edition*, 1954, 93, 94, 186, 187. Neither provides documentation. In these sources the birth dates of the first five children are all September 20-29 which seems suspicious. Any facts from these genealogies that lack corroborating proof have not been included here.

²¹ This full date appears in F. H. Curtiss, 88, (with no documentation) and in "Hon. Julius B. Curtis" sketch; other support for 1784 as the year: 1-Nichols took Freeman's Oath in 1805 (Johnson & Johnson, 127); 2-1850 US Census, Fairfield Co., CT, Newtown, p. 5 (stamped) verso, dwelling 64, family 73, Nicholas [sic] Curtis, age 66; NARA film M432, roll 37.

²² Death: Barbour, Newtown, 51, citing original 4:13.

²³ Marriage: Barbour, Newtown, 51, citing original 2:30.

²⁴ Hale, Newtown, 107; personal visit to cemetery, 1979. Headstone says "age 70," death record implies age 62 which would have him marrying at age 14. Using the 27 Sep 1784 birthdate, he was actually age 67 at death.

²⁵ No records were found in Newtown VRs for Carlos' birth or marriage or the birth of any of his children. A biographical sketch of his son Ira provides some information about Carlos that is also found in F. H. Curtiss: William E. Nelson, "Dr. Ira B. Curtis," *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, V5, No. 3, Oct 1912, 350. This source reports Carlos' birth in Connecticut, moves to Ohio and Illinois and his death.

²⁶ Birth, death dates and Thomas as spouse on her tombstone: Hale, Newtown, 49; also, Mary Louise Regan, *The Beers Genealogy: Volume Two: The Descendants of Anthony Beers of Fairfield, Connecticut, Through His Son John*, Palatine, Ill.: Francis A. Regan, 1974, 54 (no documentation but dates agree).

²⁷ Barbour, Newtown, 75, citing original 2:154; listed as "w." of John.

²⁸ Rebecca Beach, *Reverend John Beach and his Descendants*, New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Press, 1898, 232. Three wives are listed for John Glover (whose mother was a Beach). 1. 'Lucy' (should be Esther) Beers 2. Polly Curtis (names her parents) 3. Betsey (Hard) Whitney, with no dates for any of the wives. Then it names his children who lived to adulthood (one son by first marriage, two girls by Polly). All the children appear as adults on the 1850 census at the appropriate age with the appropriate spouses. John Glover's timeline: Son by first wife was born Feb 1811; two daughters by Polly were born March 1814 and Feb 1816. His first wife (a Beers, also in Beers genealogy) died 13 Feb 1812 (Regan, 54). So Polly would have married him sometime after Feb, 1812, and before her daughter was born in 1814. Polly was the (unnamed) wife of John Glover who died in 1819 (Newtown VR 2:154) and Betsey was ultimately his widow.

- v. PHILO CURTIS, b. 1791; d. 1872; m. 23 Jan 1825 SALLY MARIA BIRCH,²⁹ daughter of Lamson and Polly (Nichols) Birch.³⁰ Two daughters. Philo, Maria, and both daughters are buried in Zoar Cemetery.³¹
- vi. HULDAH CURTIS, b. 22 Sept 1793; d. 31 Mar 1876; m. 21 Oct 1841³² as his second wife (she was 48), CHAUNCEY M. HATCH. They lived in Oxford. No children. Huldah is buried in Saint Peter's Episcopal Cemetery in Oxford.³³
- vii. BETSEY CURTIS, b. 14 Nov 1795; d. 25 Apr 1858; m. 20 Sep 1818, AMARIAH BEERS, half-brother of Thomas who married her sister Phedima. One son. Betsey and Amariah are buried in Newtown Village Cemetery.³⁴
- viii. JULIA CURTIS, b. 1798 or 1799; d. 3 Jan 1835;³⁵ unmarried. She is buried in Sandy Hook Cemetery next to her parents.³⁶

²⁹ Marriage: Barbour, Newtown, 51, citing original 3:16. Philo married "Mariah" Birch.

³⁰ Sally Maria Birch birth: Barbour, Newtown, 19, citing original 2:25; Birch-Nichols marriage: Barbour, Newtown, 19, citing original 2:86.

³¹ Hale, Newtown, 100, record gives Philo's birth and death years. The following inscription is Smaria [S. Maria?] followed by Cornelia and Jane, all with birth and death years. *Comm. Biograph. Record of Fairfield County*. 986.

³² Marriage: Barbour, Newtown, 50, citing original 3:107; birth and death dates on tombstone—see next footnote.

³³ www.findagrave.com, memorial #39369934, photo of stone shows her birth and death dates.

³⁴ Hale, Newtown, 55, stone has birth and death dates; also, Regan, 64, 98-99.

³⁵ Barbour, Newtown, 50, citing original 2:131, "[Curtis,] July, d. Jan 3, 1835, Æ 36"

³⁶ Hale, Newtown, 140. "Curtis, Miss Julia, died Jan. 3, 1835, age 37 yrs."; www.findagrave.com, memorial #43458968, photo of stone includes (at right) the corner of Huldah's stone, which is now lying flat.

Benjamin Curtis of Newtown in 1790

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CURTIS, BENJAMIN
Newtown

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BENJAMIN CURTIS was born in Newtown, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Birdsey) Curtis who had moved there from Stratford after their marriage.² He died 20 Feb 1817 at age 81, and is buried in Zoar Cemetery.³ He was known as "Benjamin, Jr."⁴

He married, first, on 28 Nov 1758 **PHEDEMA NICHOLS**,⁵ daughter of Nathaniel and Ann (Booth) Nichols.⁶ She was born 9 Feb 1736/7,⁷ died 15 Feb. 1773⁸ and is buried in Zoar Cemetery next to Benjamin's second wife.⁹ Phedima had five children with Benjamin before her death at age 36.

He married, second, in 1774, **MARY DEVINE**.¹⁰ She died 25 Aug, 1795 and is buried in Zoar Cemetery.¹¹ Mary had five children with Benjamin before her death at age 49.

He married, third, on 6 May 1801 **PHEBE (BEERS) FERRIS**,¹² widow of Samuel Ferris,¹³ when he was 66 and she was 59. She was born 14 Aug 1741 to John and Mary Beers.¹⁴ She died 10 July 1832, age 91,¹⁵ and is buried in Newtown Village Cemetery next to Samuel Ferris.¹⁶ Samuel was also a 1790 Newtown head of household¹⁷ and is the subject of a separate sketch.

¹ 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Newtown, p. 200, NARA microfilm M637, Roll 1.

² Birth not recorded in Newtown. Curtis-Birdsey marriage 17 Aug 1727: Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, v. 112 Stratford, 1926, 41, citing Stratford Land Records 2:477. Benjamin Curtiss probate packet (1782, #1447), Will, "Danbury Probate District Packets 1756-1880," Family History Library microfilm 1,016,227, CSL. (Benjamin is named as a son.) Also, family is discussed in Frederic Haines Curtiss, *A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family*, Boston: Rockwell & Churchill Press, 1903, 26, 51. (This source has some known errors in dates.) It lists Benjamin as the fifth of nine children. All but two of the nine births, Benjamin and the last child Sarah, are found in Newtown VRs.

³ Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, abt. 1934, Vol. 36 Newtown, 93, "age 81 years"; also, personal visit to the cemetery 1979; also, Newtown vital records 2:156.

⁴ In Newtown vital records and on his tombstone among others.

⁵ Barbour, Newtown, 49, citing original 1: 25.

⁶ Nichols-Booth marriage, Barbour, Newtown (v. 79), 115, citing originals 1:70 and 2:87.

⁷ Barbour, Newtown, 115, citing original 2:87.

⁸ Barbour, Newtown, 51, citing original 1:25.

⁹ Hale, Newtown, 93, "age 36"; also, personal visit to the cemetery 1979.

¹⁰ Barbour, Newtown, 49, citing original 2:27. Her name is given here as "Divine []."

¹¹ Hale, Newtown, 93. "Mary Curtis, wife of Benjamin, died Aug. 25, 1795, age 49 years."

¹² Barbour, Newtown, 49, citing original 2:27.

¹³ Ferris-Beers marriage, Barbour, Newtown, 67, citing original 1:10; death of Samuel Ferris is not in Newtown records but see footnote 16.

¹⁴ Barbour, Newtown, 14, citing original 1:27.

¹⁵ Barbour, Newtown, 51, citing original 2:138.

¹⁶ Hale, Newtown, 21. Her tombstone reads in part "wife of Benjamin [Curtis] and wife of Capt. Samuel Ferris." Also discussed in Mary Louise Regan, *The Beers Genealogy, V. 2: The Descendants of Anthony Beers of Fairfield, Connecticut, Through His Son John*, Palatine, Ill.: Francis A. Regan, 1974, 17, 19. (No documentation.)

¹⁷ 1790 Census, Newtown, p. 204, Samuel Ferris.

Benjamin took the Freeman's Oath in 1762.¹⁸ He was assessed £90 2s. 6d. in Newtown's Grand Levy (real estate and personal property tax list) for 1767.¹⁹ He enlisted in Capt. David Smith's Company on 21 April 1776.²⁰ He is likely the Benjamin Curtis who later "rode on Horseback" to Fairfield and Norwalk with Capt. Richard Barnum's "4 Alarm List Company" of Danbury on 7 July 1779.²¹ He was one of sixteen men who purchased land to be set aside for Berkshire (now Zoar) Cemetery in 1767.²² In 1783, he received a distribution of land from the estate of his father.²³ In 1789, he pledged and paid 1s. 6d. for the support of Rev. Samuel Seabury, the first American Episcopal bishop, showing Benjamin's religious affiliation.²⁴

His will, dated 28 March 1810 and proved 18 April 1817, named his wife Phebe, all four sons, his five living daughters and his four sons-in-law. A codicil, dated 07 Feb 1812, named the child and spouse of daughter Sarah who had married and died in the interim. In the will Benjamin gave Phebe "one good cow, which is all I mean to allow to her in my Will, having made to her a jointure in Bar of her Dower chargeable on my estate prior to my marriage with her."²⁵

Members of the household in 1790: The adult male is Benjamin. Two of the males under sixteen were sons Alfred Devine, age 7, and Epenetus, age 3. The third male is not identified. Four of the five females were his wife Mary, and presumably his three youngest unmarried daughters, Sarah, age 15; Artemisia, age 12; and Aurilla, age 9. The fifth could be either Phedima, age 28, or Anna, age 19, who were also single at the time.

Children of Benjamin with first wife Phedima Nichols:

- i. PHILO CURTIS, b. 27 June 1760,²⁶ d. 7 March 1818,²⁷ m. HULDAH HUBBELL.²⁸ Eight children. Philo, enumerated as 'Filo', was also a 1790 Newtown head of household and is covered in a separate sketch.
- ii. PHEDIMA CURTIS, b. 16 Dec 1761,²⁹ d. Southbury, 22 May 1819 Æ 57, m. 9 Nov 1791 in NEWTOWN DANIEL CLARK of Southbury. Both are buried in George's Hill Cemetery

¹⁸ Ezra Levan Johnson and Jane Eliza Johnson, *Newtown's History and Historian*, Newtown: 1917, 120.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 218.

²⁰ Henry P. Johnston, ed., *The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of the Revolution 1775-1783*, Hartford: Clearfield, 1889, 116-117. (At books.google.com.) "Benjamin Curtis, Jr."

²¹ *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, Vol. VIII, (Supplement to the Record of Connecticut Men During the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783)*, Hartford, CT Historical Society, 1901, 200.

²² Johnson & Johnson, 190.

²³ Benjamin Curtiss probate packet (1782, #1447), distribution of the estate, "Danbury Probate District Packets 1756-1880," Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 1,016,227, CSL..

²⁴ "Newtown, CT Episcopal Society Subscription List for Support of Bishop Seabury - 1789" www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ctgcn/SeaburySupport.htm, accessed 2 Oct 2013.

²⁵ Benjamin Curtiss probate packet (1817, #1448), will of Benjamin Curtis.

²⁶ Barbour, Newtown, 51, citing original 1: 25.

²⁷ Hale, Newtown, 139.

²⁸ Donald Lines Jacobus, compiler, *Families of Old Fairfield*, New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, 1932, 2:491-2.

²⁹ Birth: Barbour, Newtown, 49, citing original 1:25 (unnamed daughter born to Benjamin Jr and wife Phedima).

- in Southbury.³⁰ One daughter who died in infancy and four sons³¹ who moved to Morrow County, Ohio.³²
- iii. ELIZABETH BIRDSEY CURTIS, b. 21 Sep 1766, d. 15 Aug 1824 age 58 years, buried South Cemetery, Woodbury,³³ m. EPHRAIM PECK, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Porter) Peck.³⁴ Four children.³⁵ Ephraim Peck was a 1790 Newtown head of household with statistics 2-2-1-0-0.³⁶
- iv. ANNA CURTIS, b. 1769, d. Wakeman, Huron, Ohio, 19 Feb 1849 Æ 80;³⁷ m. 22 Dec 1794,³⁸ SILAS FRENCH. They lived first in Southbury and then moved to Ohio in 1821.³⁹ Six children can be attributed to them through vital records and cemetery stones;⁴⁰ five more are listed in the French genealogy.⁴¹
- v. BENJAMIN CURTIS, b. 10 Sep 1772,⁴² d. 17 Mar 1856, buried Zoar Cemetery,⁴³ m. POLLY BENNETT, daughter of Abel and Ann (Stilson) Bennett.⁴⁴ Benjamin is sometimes referred to as Benjamin 3rd. Four sons: Benjamin B, George, Philo and Charles; seven daughters: Phedima; Ann, wife of Zera Blackman; Maria, Amelia, Polly, Sarah and Eliza.⁴⁵

³⁰ Death and burials: Hale, Volume 44 Southbury, 32; marr: Barbour, Southbury (v105), 5, citing original 1:130. Also in William C. Sharpe, *South Britain Sketches and Record*, Seymour, Conn.: Record Print, 1898, 131.

³¹ Births: Barbour, Southbury, 5-6, citing original 1:121; death of daughter: Hale, Southbury, 23.

³² W. H. Perrin and J. H. Battle, *History of Morrow County and Ohio*, Chicago: O.L. Baskin & Co. Historical Publishers, 1880, pp. 677, 452, 456, 457. Phedima and her sons are mentioned in this source.

³³ Birth: Barbour, Newtown, 49, citing 1:25; death and burials: Hale, Vol. 58, Woodbury, 6; Cothren, 260.

³⁴ Peck-Curtis marriage not recorded. Peck-Porter marriage: Barbour, Newtown, 126, citing original 1:11.

³⁵ Ira B Peck, *A Genealogical History of the Descendants of Joseph Peck, Appendix: The Connecticut Pecks, Joseph of Milford*, Boston: 1868, pp. 295, 306. She is called "Elizabeth B. Hall." I have no explanation for this.

³⁶ 1790 US census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, p. 200.

³⁷ www.findagrave.com, memorial #39639875, Wakeman Twp. Cemetery, Huron County, Ohio, accessed 28 Sept. 2013, gravestone pictured.

³⁸ Barbour, Southbury, 8, citing original 1:130.

³⁹ W. W. Williams, *History of the Firelands Comprising Huron and Erie Counties, Ohio*, Cleveland: Leader Printing Company, 1879, 186. Available at books.google.com.

⁴⁰ 3 births: Barbour, Southbury, 8, citing original 1:122; 3 separate deaths: Hale, Southbury, 32.

⁴¹ Mansfield Joseph French, *Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel French the Joiner of Stratford, Connecticut*, Ann Arbor, Michigan: Edwards Brothers, Inc., 1940, 325.

⁴² Barbour, Newtown, 49, citing original 1:25.

⁴³ Hale, Newtown, 94.

⁴⁴ Abel Bennett's probate record (Newtown Probate Court, Vol. 3, p. 550) gives a bequest to his daughter Polly, wife of Benjamin Curtis.

⁴⁵ Curtis, Benjamin. Newtown Probate District, 1856, #592; He leaves bequests to daughters Anna Blackman and Eliza Curtis 'as long as they remain single', plus his four sons. Phedima, is buried with her parents. Polly's will is listed in the Newtown Court record book (Vol. 8, p. 20) giving bequests to Ann, wife of Zera Blackman; Maria, Amelia, Polly, Sarah and Eliza. A married Polly Curtis Atwood is attributed to them: Skilton, John Davis. *Doctor Henry Skilton and His Descendants*. New Haven: Press of S.Z. Field, 1921. 71. Looking at Newtown vital records, Maria could be the Mariah who married David Stilson; no possible spouses were found for Amelia or Sarah. Elizabeth/Eliza died single in 1880.

Children of Benjamin Curtis with his second wife Mary Devine:

- vi. SARAH CURTIS, b. 24 Nov 1774,⁴⁶ d. 12 Jan 1812, buried in the Old Derby Uptown Burying Ground,⁴⁷ m. after June, 1809, as his second wife, JOHN COE.⁴⁸ One son, Julius Curtis Coe.
- vii. ARTEMISIA CURTIS, b 5 May 1778,⁴⁹ d. 7 Jan 1846,⁵⁰ m. LINUS SHERMAN. Seven children of whom four lived to adulthood.⁵¹
- viii. AURILLA CURTIS, b. 30 Nov 1780,⁵² d. 23 Apr 1796. Buried in Zoar Cemetery with her parents.⁵³
- ix. ALFRED DEVINE CURTIS, b. 24 Jan 1783,⁵⁴ d. 30 Sep 1850, of dysentery,⁵⁵ m. his cousin, SARAH HARD, daughter of Niram/Nirom and Sarah (Curtis) Hard. Ten children.⁵⁶
- x. Epenetus CURTIS, b. 4 Oct 1786,⁵⁷ d. Bridgeport, 05 Dec 1823,⁵⁸ m. SALINA HARD. She died October, 1823, in Bridgeport.⁵⁹ They are buried at Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport.⁶⁰ Three children.

⁴⁶ Barbour, Newtown, 52, citing original 2:27.

⁴⁷ www.findagrave.com, memorial #19356328; spouse and child specifically listed in Benjamin's 1812 codicil.

⁴⁸ Hale, Derby (v. 34), 255. First wife died 7 June 1809, Sarah named as second wife.

⁴⁹ Barbour, Newtown, 48, citing original 2:27.

⁵⁰ Barbour, Newtown, 150, citing original 2:115.

⁵¹ *Commemorative Biographical Record of Fairfield County*, Chicago: J.H. Beers & Co., 1899, 1273.

⁵² Barbour, Newtown, 48, citing original 2:27.

⁵³ Hale, Newtown, 93.

⁵⁴ Barbour, Newtown, 48, citing original 2:27.

⁵⁵ Harlan R. Jessup, transcriber, "Vital Records of Newtown, CT, by School District: Deaths," *Connecticut Ancestry*, Vol. 53, No. 4, May 2011, 175.

⁵⁶ *Commemorative Biographical Record of Fairfield County*, 1313.

⁵⁷ Barbour, Newtown, 49, citing original 2:27.

⁵⁸ Hale, Bridgeport (v. 12), 299, Mountain Grove Cemetery. Epenetus Curtis, d 03 Dec 1823, age 37. There is no death record in Bridgeport or Stratford.

⁵⁹ *Connecticut Church Records*, Bridgeport United Congregational Church, 1687-1889, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, 1951, death of Epenetus Curtis p. 78 (citing original 1:224), death of Selina Curtis, wife of Epenetus Curtis p. 79 (citing original 1:224); digital image, "Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920," Ancestry.com, accesses 19 Nov 2013.

⁶⁰ Hale, Bridgeport, 299. "Curtis, Salina, wife of E., died Oct. 6, 1823, age 27." No death record was found.

Salina's parentage is a mystery. Several sources list that she was the daughter of Amos Hard; the earliest I found being *American Ancestry*, Vol. IX, Albany: Joels Munsell's Sons, 1894, 240. There are two men named Amos Hard in Newtown. In their probate records, Amos Sr mentions his granddaughter, "Celina", daughter of deceased son, Abijah. Amos Jr. does not mention any Celina/Salina. Salina was born about 1795 and Abijah died in 1796, so it is possible she is the granddaughter mentioned in Amos Sr.'s probate. For a record of Salina's death, see: Palmer, Charles Ray. *The Bicentennial Celebration of the First Congregational Church and Society of Bridgeport, Connecticut*. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor Press, 1895. 181.

1790 Census Project: Progress Report

We are pleased with the response to our 1790 census project. You will find sketches for a Newtown father and son in this issue, bringing the total published to four. Several other sketches have been submitted and are awaiting editing, while others have been promised. We are looking forward to receiving many more sketches. So far we have subjects from Greenwich, Norwalk, Stamford, Newtown and Brookfield. Some submitters are writing about numerous households in extended families. The references to other census households helps us to understand the social fabric of Fairfield County.

We are beginning to straighten out the mess created when the enumerator combined Norwalk and Stamford households into a single group. We have also received a sketch about a Greenwich family that was included in the Norwalk-Stamford enumeration. So, we are pleased to be achieving one of the goals of the project.

The submission guidelines call for brief sketches, but we have seen some sketches that are lifeless in their brevity. We hope that some personality of the subjects will shine through their stories. We are also interested in details that help to show the reader something about life in the 1790s and early 1800s. With that in mind, we reiterate the need to look at probate and land records. If no records exist, please say so in the sketch.

Probate records often identify family members in situations where no vital records exist. Land records may tell where an individual came from or where he went. Inventories and notes or expenses from executors give us insight into the way of life of the times.

A reminder about good documentation: We have received sketches with Web pages as the source of information. These have been pages from USGenWeb for the most part. Information from these pages is usually transcribed, which means the possibility of error, or at the very least some confusion, has been introduced. One sketch included information from a book of probate abstracts that had been copied onto USGenWeb. Not only were the references to the original probate records left out, but the volume and page number of the published abstracts had also been scrambled, so the footnote did not point back to the original source. It was useful to know that the subject had a probate record, though, and your editor consulted that record to add interesting information to the sketch.

Images of documents found on the internet are acceptable sources of information, as long as they are properly identified and their original documentation is intact.

We are asking for writers to consult original sources, such as vital records or probate records, whenever possible. Some derivative sources may be acceptable. The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records is known to be an excellent transcription of the originals, with very few errors. Family genealogies by Donald Lines Jacobus are also renowned for their accuracy even though they contain no documentation. On the other hand, many genealogies written in the late 19th century do not compare to Jacobus and cannot be relied upon. The facts in them need to be verified in original sources.

Nora Galvin
Editor

1790 Fairfield County Census Project

Connecticut Ancestry Society

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See the website for dates, topics, and speakers:
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- **Fairfield County residents in the 1790 census**

An ongoing project of the Society is to document the families of those heads of household who appear in the 1790 census of Fairfield County. All members and readers are urged to contribute sketches for their own families or from towns of interest. Samples will be regularly published in this journal. And it is hoped that coming months will see enough contributions to merit their publication in book form.

See the sample sketches and brief instructions in this month's journal.

- **“One-pager” –descriptions of area families for any time period**

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