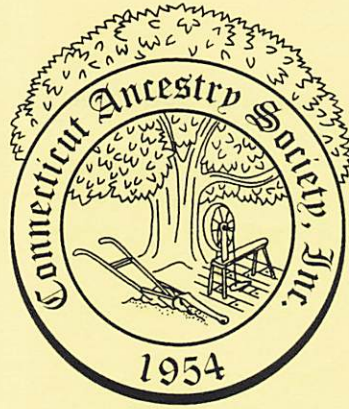


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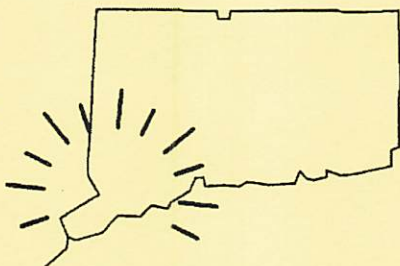
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May 18 – 1:00pm – Annual Meeting – Fairfield Historical Society, Elizabeth Rose, Library Director will discuss how Fairfield was a major center of Colonial settlement, plus an additional talk to be announced. Museum exhibit on 375th anniversary of the founding of Fairfield will be open to attendees.

June 7 – Stamford Historical Society, Workshop on beginning genealogy.

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April 9 – Francoise Lampe, French-American Research.

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This issue of your journal begins with Ken Rockwell's extension of the Rockwell families from Ridgefield. Here he has further identified and extended the families of nine of the ten "unplaced" Rockwells in Jacobus's *Families of Old Fairfield*. He challenges us to do the same for other unplaced individuals from Jacobus, and this could certainly be a worthwhile project for our journal and its readers.

This is followed by my article on the large family of Alexander Black who came from England to Bridgeport about 1820. At least one of his children married into an older New England family, the French family of Seymour.

Paul Keroack has contributed two articles from Norwalk, one on deaths, 1807 to 1851, from the 1st Congregational Church records, and the second on burials, 1832 to 1848, from the records of the Norwalk Hearse Association. Since few deaths are in the town records before about 1850, both of these are valuable additions to Norwalk records.

Fred Hart's article on a wife named Mary exemplifies the frustrations of even the most thorough research in trying to identify those wives whose maiden names are unknown to us.

Finally, this issue includes sketches of two families from the 1790 census, both ancestors of the contributor, Bob Smith. Interestingly, both were cited by the respective towns as potential Tories. While the accusation of Gideon Lounsbury of Stamford was specifically retracted, there is no record that Gershom Raymond of Norwalk ever disputed the charge against him.

We have just a few more of these sketches waiting for editing and publication, and we would welcome your further contributions. We recognize that many of you do not have ready access to some of the Connecticut sources which should be consulted, but we are willing to complete that research for otherwise well-prepared articles.

Harlan R. Jessup

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Unplaced People in Jacobus' *Families of Old Fairfield*: the Rockwells

Kenneth W. Rockwell

Donald L. Jacobus' *Families of Old Fairfield*¹ serves as a valuable dictionary of early families who lived in the greater Fairfield area. The town of Fairfield, founded in 1639, originally included the present towns of Easton, Redding, Weston, and Westport. Unfortunately, some of its early records were destroyed in 1779, during a raid by the British during the Revolutionary War. Jacobus tackled the difficult task of reconstructing early Fairfield families from the records that survived. In working out the relationships of people of a given surname, Jacobus sometimes had individuals left over that he couldn't immediately trace to a known family. These he listed in "unplaced" sections, following any other listings for a given surname.

In the decades that followed, some of these unplaced people have been identified through subsequent genealogical research. It might be a valuable exercise for Connecticut Ancestry to publish a catalog of these solutions for the sake of those who encounter the listings in Jacobus' work and want to know more about these people. The following discusses the Rockwells, listed in Volume 2, part 2 page 789. In my research for a genealogy of the Rockwells of Fairfield County², I found the documentation that places most—though not all—of them. For the remaining individuals, I put forth my best guess as to how they fit in. With this article, I hope to encourage other members of the Connecticut Ancestry Society to provide similar reports on other surnames or on individuals that they have researched.

The listing of unplaced Rockwells, from Jacobus

Lt. Jonah, m. 22 Oct. 1778, Betty Monroe. [Weston Church]
 Mary, m. 22 Nov. 1778, Jonathan Godfrey [Weston Church]
 John, m. at Wilton, 15 Feb. 1758, Miriam Higgins, and had a child bapt. Weston:
 Anna, bapt. 24 June 1759; m. Lyman Monroe.
 Jonah, m. at Wilton, 5 Aug. 1766, Mary Higgins; and had children bapt. Weston:
 Molly, bapt. 31 July 1768.
 Justin, bapt. 29 May 1774.
 Jonah, 2d, m. 4 Mar. 1791, Urane Elwood. Children, bapt. Weston:
 Esther, bapt. 8 Aug. 1794;
 Joseph, bapt. 4 Oct. 1795;
 Alfred, bapt. 15 July 1798;
 George Elwood, bapt. 13 July 1800;
 Fanny, bapt. 14 July 1805.

¹Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and genealogy of the families of old Fairfield* (Fairfield, Conn, 1930–1932; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co. 1991)

²Kenneth W. Rockwell, *The Rockwell family in Fairfield County, Connecticut, and beyond: some of the descendants of John Rockwell, an early settler of Stamford* (North Salt Lake, Utah: DMT Publishing, 1st ed., 2006; 2nd ed., 2007; 3rd ed., 2008).

Jonah, m. 5 Jan. 1797, Huldah Green. [Weston Church]

Joseph had children bapt. Weston:

Lynde, bapt. 24 Mar. 1771.

Sarah, bapt. 20 Sept. 1777.

Miriam, m. 12 Feb. 1798, Thomas Rogers. [Weston Church]

Tamasin, m. 14 Mar. 1799, Levi Thorp. [Weston Church]

Noah, m. Apr. 1789, Esther Westcott. [Easton Church]

The source for most of these records was the "Weston Church," that is, the records of Norfield Congregational Church. Norfield was a parish of the Town of Fairfield, established in 1757 so that the residents of this remote section of town could have their own church services and not be required to travel to the center of town for Sabbath or other business. Norfield became the Town of Weston in 1787.

Among the petitioners for a new parish were men living in the adjacent section of Norwalk. The area that became Wilton was the home base of the Rockwell family, and it is there that one finds the roots of those found in the Norfield records. The Wilton Church records mention the baptisms of brothers John and Jonah Rockwell, sons of another Jonah. When Jonah Rockwell, Senior, died, his widow Dorothy married David Wood. Probate records show that Wood became the guardian of two of his step-children, including John Rockwell, "a minor living in Fairfield."³

A summary of the Norfield church's founding, from the Family History Library's catalog record: "Norfield Society in Fairfield and Norwalk was established May 1757 by division of Green Farms and Greenfield Societies in Fairfield and Wilton Society in Norwalk. A small part of Greenfield Society was added in October 1757. Part of Fairfield including that part of this society was incorporated October 1787 as Weston. Part of Norwalk including that part of this society was incorporated May 1802 as Wilton." John Rockwell and Miriam Higgins, who had married at Wilton in 1758, were accepted into full communion at the Norfield church on 24 July 1759.⁴ Jonah Rockwell and Mary Higgins were married at Wilton in 1766, and they joined the Norfield church on 31 April 1768.⁵ While John and Miriam had one child (Anna) baptized there on the same day as their joining, they appear to have returned to the Wilton church, where other children were baptized, including a son named Jonah, baptized. 7 January 1762.⁶ He is in all likelihood the one who married "Urane" [Urania] Elwood at Norfield in 1791 and had several children baptized there.

³Fairfield (Conn.) probate packets, files 5255 and 5266; viewed on Family History Library film number 1018776.

⁴Norfield Congregational Church records, vol. 1, p. 13; viewed on FHL film no. 6243, item 1.

⁵Norfield Church records, 1:13.

⁶Wilton (Conn.) Congregational Church records, volume 1, page 62, viewed at the Wilton Public Library History Room during a research trip in 2004. Also recorded in David Van Hoosear's Wilton Church notebook number 2, p. 55; FHL film no. 1015121, item 2.

Jonah and Mary (Higgins) Rockwell actually settled in the Norfield parish, and had two children baptized there. They probably became inactive in the church, as there is evidence that they had other children who were not baptized at Norfield or elsewhere.

Both Higgins sisters died before their father, Samuel Higgins. His will, signed 24 March 1788, named as heirs three living daughters and the children of deceased daughters “Mariam, late wife of John Rockwell” and “Mary late wife to Jonah Rockwell,” as well as the children of a deceased son also named Samuel.⁷ Though a resident of Norwalk, Higgins owned land in both Norwalk/Wilton and Weston, and the property was probably distributed among the heirs based on their residence. Thus, those Rockwell grandchildren who received and sold land in Wilton—including Dorothy Bowen and Jonah, Uriah and Noah Rockwell—are likely the children of John and Miriam (Higgins) Rockwell of Wilton, while those selling in Weston—including Justus and William Rockwell—were children of Jonah and Mary (Higgins) Rockwell of Weston. The exception is Mary Bedient (baptized Molly Rockwell, daughter of Jonah of Weston), who married a Wilton man and received land there. Other heirs named in the distribution made in 1795 were daughters Sarah Gilbert [wife of Benjamin], Abigail Hurlburt [wife of John], Anna “Rowe” [Monroe or Munrow, wife of Lyman], and Martha Osborn [wife of Isaac]; and grandsons John Higgins, Abner Higgins, William Higgins, Michael Higgins, Samuel Higgins, and Ebenezer Gilbert.⁸

Jonah of Norfield served in the Fairfield militia. The Connecticut Archives collection at the State Library has a few records of his activity. In a pair of records dated 17 and 18 September 1777, Lt. Jonah Rockwell gave an account of payment to “soldiers under my command now ordered to march & join the Army in the Northern Department under the command of General Gates.”⁹ His company was no doubt among the reinforcements to General Horatio Gates’s troops who fought at the Battle of Bemis Heights, or the “second Battle of Saratoga,” on 7–8 October, and was present at the surrender of British General John Burgoyne at Saratoga on 17 October 1777—a turning point in the fortunes of the Americans. His company was also called out in response to the burning of Fairfield in 1779, according to the pension application of a local soldier, Joseph Gray.¹⁰

In 1778, Lieutenant Jonah Rockwell married his second wife, “Betty Rowe.”¹¹ Jacobus identifies her as the daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Monroe (sometimes spelled “Munrow”), and notes the baptisms of two children of Elizabeth at Norfield—one a boy named Simmons in 1771, when she was only 16 and unwed, and he was offered by his grandmother.¹² He grew up to be

⁷Fairfield District probate records, volume 24, p. 206–207.

⁸Fairfield probate records, 26:645–652; FHL film no. 4282.

⁹Connecticut Archives Revolutionary War papers, Series 1, vol. 6, p. 547a-b.

¹⁰Revolutionary War pension application files at the U.S. Bureau of Pensions, Roll 1115, frame 595, FHL film no. 911115.

¹¹Norfield church records, 1:131.

¹²Jacobus, F.O.O.F., v.2, p. 660, footnote.

known as Simmons Rockwell, and descendants assumed that he was adopted by Jonah Rockwell after his mother's marriage. But the Rockwell DNA Project of 2002 revealed something interesting: Simmons was already a Rockwell, his Y-chromosome signature matching other Rockwells of known ancestry. The likely father: Jonah, who after his wife Mary's death did the honorable thing, and married the mother of his first child.¹³

The 1790 census indicates several children in the Jonah Rockwell household in Weston. The household has 2 males 16 or older, 4 males under 16, and 4 females. That there are no baptism records for them indicates the parents' continued inactivity in the church. The baptism of Elizabeth Rockwell in 1795, again at the instigation of Mary Munrow, may have occurred after the death of Elizabeth (Munrow) Rockwell.

In 1797, Jonah Rockwell married for the third time, to Huldah Green. Huldah may have been a widow, if she was the Huldah Squire who married William Green on 10 November 1779 in Weston. Huldah Squire was baptized 3 June 1759 at Norfield, daughter of Thaddeus and Margaret (Sloan) Squire.¹⁴ While I find no record of the death of this William Green, I note that he was in the 1790 census of the area, but not in 1800.

After this, Jonah and Huldah Rockwell became associated with an Episcopalian mission in the area. The Reverend Philo Shelton, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Southport, also served as pastor for the Weston Episcopal Society, which had a meeting house in the Gilberttown area (now part of the Town of Easton). Shelton kept a private register, and among the baptisms recorded were three Rockwell children, two of them identified as children of Jonah Rockwell, including one named Charles Green—the middle name clearly suggesting Huldah Green as the mother. The third child has the middle name of Squires, which also points to Jonah's wife Huldah as the mother.¹⁵

To finish the story of Jonah Rockwell, he is likely the one whose death was reported in the Norfield Church record, on 12 December 1823.¹⁶ Jonah's widow, Huldah Rockwell, was still living in 1850, according to that year's census. She was 91 years old and living with daughter Pamela's family in Wilton. She died there on 6 February 1853, aged 94 years, 10 months.¹⁷

The above record accounts for most of the "unplaced" Rockwells named by Jacobus. The last holdout is Mary Rockwell, who married Jonathan Godfrey on 22 November 1778.¹⁸ A study

¹³For details on the Rockwell DNA Project, see my article, "Early Rockwell settlers of Connecticut: DNA analysis shows a relationship," *New England Ancestors*, v. 4, no. 2 (Spring 2003), 51–53.

¹⁴Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield*, 2:414, 904.

¹⁵A transcript of the register appears as an appendix in Edmund Guilbert, *Annals of an old parish: historical sketches of Trinity Church, Southport, Connecticut, 1725 to 1898* (New York: T. Whittaker, 1898).

¹⁶Norfield church records, 1:147.

¹⁷Wilton vital records, vol. 3, p. 32; FHL film no. 1435805.

¹⁸Norfield church records, 1:131.

of the Rockwell families in Wilton and Weston shows no stray Mary Rockwell of the expected age, around 18 to early 20s. One stray Mary Rockwell is the daughter of Jonah and Dorothy (Wood) Rockwell baptized at Wilton in 1741. As that Mary would have been around 38 years of age in 1778, this is unlikely, for two reasons, one being that she would have been considerably older than Jonathan, who was only 23.¹⁹ Secondly, in the following years, from 1779 to 1797, six children of Jonathan Godfrey were baptized at Norfield.²⁰ The record does not give his wife's name, and there is a long gap between 1781 and 1787 baptisms, so it is possible that Mary died and he married again, but I have found no record of either.

Another suggestion is that Mary (baptized 1741) was the daughter of John and Miriam (Higgins) Rockwell of Wilton. But there is no evidence for such a daughter, and a major problem with this idea is that Mary Godfrey (or her children if she were dead) should have been mentioned as an heir in the probate records of the estate of Samuel Higgins, which they are not. So for now, the wife of Jonathan Godfrey remains unplaced.

Genealogical summary of the Rockwells associated with Norfield/Weston

Jonah Rockwell³ (*Joseph*², *John*¹), m. **Dorothy Cole**; died before 27 Feb. 1743/44, when his widow married David Wood.²¹ Children of Jonah and Dorothy (Cole) Rockwell:

1. John Rockwell, born about 1732.
2. Stephen Rockwell, born about 1734. He later settled at Providence, Saratoga Co., New York.
3. Joseph Rockwell, born about 1736, baptized at the Wilton Congregational Church, 19 June 1741, along with two siblings, Mary and Jonah.²²
4. Mary Rockwell, born late 1730s or early 1740s, baptized at Wilton Church 19 June 1741. Possibly the wife of Jonathan Godfrey, but only if she was the mother of only two of his children.
5. Jonah Rockwell, born about 1740, baptized at Wilton Church 19 June 1741.

¹⁹Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield*, 2:368.

²⁰Norfield church records, 1:54, 56, 57, 59, 60.

²¹Wilton church records, 1:25, Van Hoosear notebook 2, marriages listed by bride, p. 16; also notebook 4, numbered list of marriages, no. 423.

²²*Ibid.*, 1:12; Van Hoosear notebook 3, baptisms, p. 55.

1. **John Rockwell**, born about 1732, married on 15 Feb. 1758, at Wilton Congregational Church, **Miriam Higgins**.²³ Children of John and Miriam (Higgins) Rockwell:
 - a. Anna Rockwell, baptized at Norfield, 24 June 1759.²⁴ She is called "Ann, wife of Lyman Rowe" in the Samuel Higgins estate distribution of 1795. Jacobus identifies her husband as a son of David Munrow.²⁵
 - b. Jonah Rockwell, baptized 7 January 1762 at Wilton Church. He married Urania Elwood at Norfield on 2 March 1791²⁶, and had at least the five children baptized at Norfield²⁷:
 - i. Esther Rockwell, bapt. 8 Aug. 1794.
 - ii. Joseph Rockwell, bapt. 1795.
 - iii. Alfred Rockwell, bapt. 15 July 1798.
 - iv. George Elwood Rockwell, bapt. 13 July 180.
 - v. Fanny Rockwell, bapt. 14 July 1805.
 - c. Dorothy Rockwell, baptized 26 Jan. 1764 at Wilton.²⁸ She was identified as the wife of Michael Bowen in the 1795 distribution of the estate of her grandfather, Samuel Higgins. They moved to Fredericksburgh, Dutchess Co., New York, where they resided on 23 Oct. 1792 when they sold the inherited land in Wilton to Uriah Rockwell.²⁹ Fredericksburgh split into the towns of Carmel and Franklin; the latter was renamed Kent, and the Michael Bowen home was located there in the 1810 census.
 - d. Noah Rockwell, possibly the child baptized in November of 1766.³⁰ He is likely the one who married Esther Westcott at Easton in April of 1789, as noted by Jacobus.³¹ He lived at Redding in 1792 when he sold his Higgins land in Wilton to Uriah Rockwell.³² He later lived in Weston, but may be the Noah Rockwell who died at Franklin, Dutchess County [now Kent, Putnam County] in 1802.³³
 - e. Uriah Rockwell, probably the unnamed child baptized on 7 Feb. 1769³⁴, as his headstone at Orange, Schuyler Co., N.Y., gives his birth year as 1768. He purchased the Higgins land of several of his relatives; then on 13 Feb. 1802, he sold the Wilton land³⁵ and moved to Butternuts, Otsego Co., N.Y.

²³Wilton church records, 1:32, recorded in Van Hoosear's notebook 2, marriages listed by bride, p. 9; also notebook 4, numbered list of marriages, no. 327.

²⁴Norfield church records, 1:47.

²⁵Jacobus, Families of old Fairfield, 2:2:659.

²⁶Norfield Church records, 1:132.

²⁷Norfield Church records, 1:59, 61, 62.

²⁸Wilton church records, 1:64; Van Hoosear notebook 3, baptisms, p. 55.

²⁹Norwalk Land records, 17:278; FHL film no. 5008.

³⁰Wilton church records, 1:67; absent from Van Hoosear's transcription.

³¹Source: Easton Congregational Church records, vol. 2, p. 61, on FHL film no. 4191.

³²Norwalk land records, vol. 17, p. 225; FHL film no. 5008.

³³Dutchess Co. (N.Y.) Surrogate's Court, Letters testamentary and administration, Book B, p. 184; viewed on FHL film no. 913694.

³⁴Wilton Church records, 2:22; absent from Van Hoosear's list.

³⁵Norwalk land records, 20:194, FHL film no. 5009.

- f. A child of “John Rockwell Junior” baptized 23 Dec. 1772.³⁶ Possibly this child, not the one baptized in 1766, was Noah Rockwell.
2. **Joseph Rockwell**, born about 1734. He married at Wilton, on 14 April 1762, **Sarah Mead**³⁷, and they had several children baptized at the Wilton Church. The family later moved to Saratoga County, New York. One of their known children was Sarah Rockwell, who married Jonathan Swan at Ballston, Saratoga County, on 28 Feb. 1795. Her birth was on 11 July 1777, according to family records published in James Boughton’s Rockwell genealogy, but she was not baptized at Wilton, as most of her siblings were. Therefore, she appears to be the Sarah Rockwell baptized at Norfield two months after her birth. Joseph Rockwell was mentioned once in the Norfield Ecclesiastical Society minutes, when, at a meeting on 10 December 1776, he was put on the School Committee.³⁸
3. **Jonah Rockwell**, born about 1740, died 12 Dec 1823. He married, first, on 5 Aug. 1766, at Wilton church, **Mary Higgins**,³⁹ who died ca. 1777; married, second, on 22 October 1778 at Norfield, **Elizabeth Munrow**;⁴⁰ married, third, 5 January 1797 at Norfield, **Huldah (Squire) Green**.⁴¹ Children of Jonah and Mary (Higgins) Rockwell:
- a. Molly [i.e., Mary] Rockwell, baptized at Norfield on 31 July 1768.⁴² She married on 21 Dec. 1783, Mordecai Bedient of Wilton.⁴³ Mordecai purchased the inherited land of Justus and William Rockwell⁴⁴, and on 3 Feb. 1802, he sold the combined parcel to William Hurlbutt.⁴⁵ On the same date, Mordecai and Mary sold her land in Wilton to William Hurlbutt.⁴⁶ The Bedients later settled in Butternuts, Otsego Co., N.Y.
 - b. “Lynde” Rockwell, baptized at Norfield, 24 March 1771.⁴⁷ Jacobus listed him as the child of a Joseph, I note that the original church record originally read “Joseph” but was changed to “Jonah.” Jacobus went with the original, but I note that the only Joseph associated with Norfield (several years later) was in Wilton. Also, the name of the original church record appears to consist of four letters, either “Lind” or “Liud,” i.e., “Eliud.” With no other records of this individual, we

³⁶Wilton church record, Van Hoosear notebook 3, list of baptisms, p. 55.

³⁷Wilton Church records, 1:32. Van Hoosear (see FHL film 1015121, item 2) calls her “Mary,” but the original record clearly calls her “Sarah.” Van Hoosear also transcribed in his “Notebook no. 1,” several births found in the original records, including Sarah (not Mary) as a child of Jeremiah Mead, born on 4 December 1740.

³⁸Norfield Ecclesiastical Society minutes, vol. 2, p. 33; FHL film no. 6243, item 2.

³⁹Wilton church records, 1:33; Van Hoosear notebook 2, marriages listed by bride, p. 9; also notebook 4, numbered list of marriages, no. 329.

⁴⁰Norfield church records, 1:131.

⁴¹Norfield church records, 1:134.

⁴²Norfield church records, 1:50.

⁴³Original record not found, but reported in: Donald E. Bedient, *Bedient genealogy* (Privately printed, 1998). Reported to me via e-mail by Gaylord Rockwell of Killingly, Connecticut, another Rockwell researcher.

⁴⁴Weston land records, 4:60 and 5:187; FHL film no. 6233.

⁴⁵Ibid., 7:103; FHL film no. 6234.

⁴⁶Norwalk land records, vol. 20, p. 190; FHL film no. 5009.

⁴⁷Norfield church records, 1:51.

cannot say which version is correct. As this child is not mentioned in the probate of Samuel Higgins' estate, he probably died young.

- c. Justus Rockwell, baptized 29 May 1774 at Norfield. Jacobus interpreted the name as "Justin," but the original appears to me to be "Justice"⁴⁸, and that agrees with his name as given in the Higgins distribution. As "Justus Rockwell," he sold his inherited Higgins land to Mordecai Bedient, his brother-in-law, on 24 March 1796.⁴⁹ I believe that this man later settled at Spring Garden, Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania. An online tree for that man show a son with the middle name of "Higgins."
- d. William Rockwell, born ca. 1776–77. Unlike his older siblings, William is not found in a baptism record at Norfield Church. William is known as an heir of Samuel Higgins. He sold his inherited Higgins land to Mordecai Bedient on 27 Nov. 1798.⁵⁰ As this land lay in Weston, I am placing him in the family that lived in Weston. Further grounds for this assignment comes from the identification of this person with the War of 1812 volunteer living at Montrose, Susquehanna Co., Pennsylvania. In his enlistment record, William, then aged 38 years old, listed his birthplace as Weston, Connecticut.⁵¹ He would thus be one of the 4 younger males in the 1790 household. If born in 1777, complications connected to his birth could have contributed to Mary (Higgins) Rockwell's death.

Children of Jonah and Elizabeth (Munrow) Rockwell:

- e. Simmons Rockwell, probably, born ca. 1771, and baptized at the Greens Farm Congregational Church, 28 Jan. 1775.⁵² He later lived at Roxbury, Delaware County, and Mina, Chautauqua County, New York.
- f. Abraham Rockwell, one of three sons under the age of 16 in the 1790 household. I place him here because he married Deborah Holt at the Norfield Church on 22 Sept. 1800.⁵³ This may be the Abraham Rockwell found at Norwalk in the 1810 census, but what became of him after that is uncertain. Placing him in the Jonah Rockwell family also makes sense when also considering the next two proposed children. Their presumed elder brother, Simmons Rockwell, named three sons after the Biblical patriarchs—possibly with these siblings in mind.
- g. Isaac Rockwell, probably one of the other two sons in the 1790 household. There is no other record of him as a child, but he is known from a handful of records as an adult. The Whitney genealogy mentions him as the father of a woman who

⁴⁸Norfield church records, 1:52.

⁴⁹Weston land records, vol. 4, p. 60; FHL film no. 6233.

⁵⁰Ibid., 5:187; FHL film no. 6233.

⁵¹"Record of men who enlisted in the U.S. Army prior to the peace establishment, May 17, 1815," vol. 20, p. 253, National Archives Microcopy 233, roll 11, vol. 21, p. 38; FHL Film no. 350317.

⁵²The original comes from "The First Book of Records of the West Parish of Fairfield", page 49-B (baptisms), held in the library of the Fairfield Historical Society, which I viewed during a research trip in 2004.

⁵³Norfield church records, 1:137.

married a Whitney descendant, and says nothing further about him⁵⁴; but the research notes of David Williams Patterson, the primary genealogist for the Whitney work, include an informant's reference to "Isaac Rockwell of Norwalk, son or grandson of Jonah." In fact, as the son of this Jonah Rockwell, his grandfather was a Jonah as well.⁵⁵ Isaac is found in the 1810 through 1830 census listings at Norwalk.

- h. Jacob Rockwell, possibly, another of the young sons of 1790. He enlisted as a War of 1812 volunteer on 26 September 1814, at New Haven, Connecticut. His enlistment record gives his age as 30, and his place of birth as "Worster, Fairfield [county]." ⁵⁶ As no place of that name exists in Fairfield County, I believe it to be a corruption of "Weston," and Jonah and Elizabeth Rockwell are the likely parents. He may be the one whom the U.S. Census shows living at Woodbury, Conn. (1820 and 1830); Oxford, N.Y. (1840); Brooklyn, N.Y. (1850); and Milburn, N.J. (1860).
- i. Nathan Rockwell, possibly, born 27 June 1785, according to a Family Bible owned by grandson Walter Rockwell Clark in 1935.⁵⁷ His first known residence was in Weston, so he might be a son of Jonah and Elizabeth, though it is possible that he moved in from elsewhere.
- j. Miriam Rockwell, probably one of the three females other than Elizabeth in the 1790 household of Jonah of Weston. On 12 Feb. 1798, she married Thomas Rogers at Norfield.⁵⁸
- k. Tamasin Rockwell, another of the three females from 1790, who married 14 Mar. 1799, Levi Thorp.⁵⁹ The third daughter remains unidentified, unless she was:
- l. Elizabeth Rockwell, baptized 2 Nov. 1794 at Greens Farms Congregational Church in Fairfield (now Westport), "presented by her grandmother Mary Manrow." It is possible that she was born before the 1790 census, and baptized later at Greens Farms. On the other hand, her birth in 1794 could have been associated with complications leading to Elizabeth (Munrow) Rockwell's unrecorded death. Further record of this child has not been found.

⁵⁴S. Whitney Phoenix, *The Whitney family of Connecticut, and its affiliations* (New York, 1878), p. 591.

⁵⁵D. Williams Patterson research journal, vol. 2, pp. 159–160, viewed at the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford, Connecticut, during my research trip in 2004.

⁵⁶"Record of men who enlisted in the U.S. Army prior to the peace establishment, May 17, 1815," vol. 20, p. 104, National Archives Microcopy 233, roll 10. FHL #350316.

⁵⁷*Family Records (heretofore unpublished) collected in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Connecticut* (published by the Connecticut Chapter of the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America, 1935), p. 207–208; FHL film no. 1307612, item 4.

⁵⁸Norfield church records, 1:134.

⁵⁹Norfield church records, 1:135.

Children of Jonah and Huldah (Squire?) (Green) Rockwell:

- m. Pamela Rockwell, son of Jonah Rockwell, baptized by Rev. Philo Shelton, probably at the Weston Episcopal Society meeting house, on 15 March 1800. A 1911 Sanborn genealogy calls her "Permelia," and lists her marriage to Edwin Drew on 1 Feb 1832.⁶⁰ The 1850 census calls her "Pamelia; 1860 says "Permelia."
- n. Charles Green Rockwell, son of Jonah, baptized by Rev. Philo Shelton, probably at the Weston Episcopal Society meeting house, on 16 October 1802. He later lived at Ridgefield, Connecticut, and Oakland County, Michigan.
- o. Joseph Squires Rockwell, baptized by Rev. Philo Shelton on 26 June 1808. No further record of this child has been found.

⁶⁰Carlton E. Sanford, *Thomas Sanford, the emigrant to New England: Ancestry, life and descendants* (New York, 1911), 319. This book also gave her date of birth as 7 July 1779 at Weston, but it probably should have been 1799.

Alexander BLACK Family of Bridgeport Harlan R. Jessup

About 1820 Alexander Black came from England to New York with his wife Mary and their first child, also Mary. A shoemaker by trade, he moved with his growing family to Fairfield by 1830 and to Bridgeport by 1840. His wife Mary died in 1852, and in 1860 Alexander married Mary Ann, the widow of Bernard Cook, whose family had come from England to Bridgeport only about 1850. By his first wife Alexander had eight children who survived to adulthood. We have identified Connecticut marriages and children for seven of these, including the first four who also married English immigrants.

Edwin French was the husband of Harriet Louise, the youngest of Alexander Black's children. His lineage to many early New England immigrants was found—primarily in published accounts from the Connecticut State Library. See the summary of his immediate family following that of the Black family.

BLACK Family

First Generation

1. Alexander Black, b. England, ca 1797, d. Bridgeport, 26 Dec 1869, æ 72, of old age,¹ bur. Mt. Grove Cem., Bridgeport, m(1) **Mary _____**, b. England, ca 1799, bur. Mt. Grove Cem., 25 Aug 1852, æ 53,² m(2) Bridgeport, 27 Feb 1860, **Mary Ann (____) Cook** (2nd m. for both),³ b. England ca 1812. In the 1860 census, Alexander Black resides in Bridgeport with Thomas Cook, 18, b. England, and Matilda Cook, 8, b. CT. In 1855 Alexander Black declares bankruptcy, but in his probate record of 1870 his estate totals \$8125 and he makes bequests to wife Mary Ann, sons Peter J. and George, and children of daughters Charlotte, Hattie, and Elizabeth E.⁴

Mary Ann was first married to Bernard Cook, baker, b. England, ca 1812. Their children, born in England, include George, b. ca 1843; John, b. ca 1846; Mary A. (or N.), b. ca 1849; and Matilda, b. ca 1851.⁵ In the 1870 census, Mary "N." Black, 58, resides with Mary N. Cook, 22, b. England, and Matilda Cook, 19, b. CT.

¹ Bridgeport Deaths 1855-70:97.

² Both Alexander and first wife Mary in Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Bridgeport, p. 295.

³ Bridgeport Marriages 1855-70:60.

⁴ Bridgeport Probate Estate Papers #736 and #737.

⁵ Bernard Cook family in 1850 Federal Census of Bridgeport, Matilda with her mother Mary in 1870 census of Bridgeport.

Alexander Black's children by (1):⁶

- 2 i. Mary, b. England, ca 1818, m(1) John N. A. Lewis, m(2) Francis May.
- 3 ii. Peter J., NY, ca 1822, m. Maria _____.
- 4 iii. Jane Rebecca, b. NY, ca 1823, m. Henry May.
- 5 iv. Alexina, b. CT, ca 1831, m. John L. North.
- 6 v. George, b. ca 1833. Possibly the George Black, policeman, age 26, b. CT, in a large boarding house headed by Andrew Fowley, in the 1860 Federal Census of New York City.
- 7 vi. Charlotte, b. CT, ca 1836, m. William H. Conger.
- 8 vii. Margaret Elizabeth, b. Mar 1838, m. Henry W. Hart.
- 9 viii. Harriet Louise (Hattie), b. CT, ca 1840, m. Edwin Howard French.

Second Generation

2. Mary Black, b. England, ca 1818, d. 1894, m(1) Bridgeport, 3 Jul 1837, **John N. A. Lewis**,⁷ m(2) bef. 1842, **Francis May**, b. England, 1821, d. 1907. Mary, Francis, and their son Francis H. buried Mt. Grove Cem., Bridgeport.⁸ Francis May, miner, appears in the 1860 census of Chips, Sierra Co., CA in 1860 and as shoemaker, in the 1870 census of San Francisco. By 1880 he has returned to live with his wife and other family members, and in 1900 the widowed Francis May is with his sister-in-law M. Elizabeth Hart and her son Robert in Bridgeport. Child by (2):

- i. Francis H. May, b. 1842, d. 1843.

3. Peter J. Black, b. New York, ca 1822, m. say 1846, **Maria** _____, b. England, ca 1821. Children, b. NY:⁹

- i. Joseph A. Black, b. Nov 1846, m. Gertrude E. _____, b. Jan 1848. Three children including: Edwin N., b. Jan 1880, Frank L. b. Sep 1881.¹⁰
- ii. Mary A. (May) Black, b. ca 1848.
- iii. James M. H. Black, b. ca 1850. Called Isaac M. Black in 1870 census.

⁶ Last four from 1850 Federal Census of Bridgeport.

⁷ Bridgeport Marriages 1833-55, p. 26.

⁸ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Bridgeport, p. 297.

⁹ 1860 1870, and 1880 Federal Census of Bridgeport.

¹⁰ 1900 Federal Census, Bridgeport, which lists Joseph Black as a coal dealer.

4. Jane Rebecca Black, b. New York, ca 1823, prob. the Mrs. Henry May, æ 68, who d. Bridgeport, 19 Feb 1882 of pneumonia,¹¹ m. Bridgeport, 31 Dec 1848, **Henry B. May**, bootmaker,¹² b. England, 29 Oct 1823, d. 27 Sep 1875, bur. Mt. Grove Cem., Bridgeport.¹³ Children:¹⁴

- i. Francis H. May, b. 1849, m. Elizabeth W. _____, b. NY, ca 1854. Child: Ida B., b. NY, ca 1877.¹⁵
- ii. George E. May, b. ca 1852, m. Mary _____, b. NY, ca 1854. Children: George D., b. ca 1872, William H., b. ca 1874, Jennie, b. ca 1877.¹⁶

5. Alexina Black, b. CT, ca 1831, m. Bridgeport, 18 Mar 1850(?),¹⁷ **John L. North**, b. England, ca 1829. In the 1860 census John and Alexina are in Derby with the family of Joseph Booth. In 1870 they have their own home in Derby and have the two younger children. Children:¹⁸

- i. Mary J. North, b. Bridgeport, May 1851,¹⁹ d. 25 Jul 1857, æ 6, bur Mt. Grove Cem. with Alexander and Mary Black.²⁰
- ii. J. Francis North, b. Sep 1864, m. Josephine _____, b. CT, Jun 1868. Children, b. IL: Louis C., b. Jun 1891, Gertrude I., b. Oct 1894, Ralph H. b. Dec 1895.²¹
- iii. Sarah E. North, b. ca 1868.

7. Charlotte Black, b. CT, ca 1836, d. bef 1900, m. Bridgeport, 21 May 1856, **William H. Conger**, b. Newark, NJ, ca 1836,²² d. 26 Dec 1900. William Conger, carriage trimmer in the 1860 census of CT and 1870 and 1880 censuses of New York City, was widowed and living with his son William in the 1900 census of North Plainfield, NJ. Children, first three b. CT, last three b. NY:²³

- i. William A. Conger, b. ca 1856. (12 Dec 1856), m. ca 1877, Eliza J. _____. Children, b. NY: Mabel W., b. Sep 1878, William A., b. Jul 1894.²⁴
- ii. Stephen Marshall Conger, b. ca 1858. (3 Mar 1859, d. 20 Jan 1931) m(1) Evelyn A. Holly, m(2) Evelyn Conger

¹¹ Bridgeport Deaths 1878-88:154.

¹² Bridgeport Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1847-54, p. 62, and Bridgeport Marriages 1833-55, p. 97.

¹³ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Bridgeport, p. 297.

¹⁴ 1860 Federal Census of Bridgeport.

¹⁵ 1880 Federal Census of New York City. Family at 279 Third Ave., and Francis is a telegrapher.

¹⁶ 1880 Federal Census of Derby, New Haven Co., CT. George is a clerk.

¹⁷ Bridgeport Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1847-54, p. 86.

¹⁸ Family in 1880 Federal Census of Derby, CT.

¹⁹ Bridgeport Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1847-54, p. 120.

²⁰ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Bridgeport, p. 295.

²¹ 1900 Federal Census Elgin, Kane Co., IL.

²² Bridgeport Marriages, 1855-1870, p. 16.

²³ 1860 Federal Census of Bridgeport, 1870 and 1880 Census of New York.

²⁴ 1900 Federal Census, North Plainfield, Somerset Co., NJ.

- iii. George, b. ca 1860. (16 Sep 1857)
- iv. Jerome, b. ca 1868.
- v. Francis W., b. ca 1869
- vi. Charlotte E. Conger, b. Bridgeport, 1 Oct 1874.

8. Margaret Elizabeth Black, b. Mar 1838, m. Bridgeport, 14 Oct 1862,²⁵ **Henry W. Hart**, b. New Britain, CT, ca 1832, d. bef 1900. In the 1900 census of Bridgeport M. Elizabeth Hart lives with her brother-in-law Francis May and her son Robert Hart. William Hart is married and lives on Fairfield Ave. with his wife and child. Children, b. CT:²⁶

- i. William H. Hart, b. CT, Jun 1867, m. ca 1895 Mary M. _____, b. CT, Sep 1871. Child: William C., b. Jul 1895.²⁷
- ii. Robert H. Hart, b. CT, Sep 1877.

9. Harriet Louise Black,²⁸ b. CT, Feb 1841,²⁹ m. Bridgeport, 30 Aug 1859,³⁰ **Edwin Howard French**, b. Seymour, CT, Feb 1837, d. Chicago, Jul 1892 [See French Family, below]. The 1860 census of Waterbury, CT, shows Edwin French, 24, mechanic, with wife Harriet S., 19, and son Edwin, 8 mo. Children:³¹

- i. Charles B. (Edwin?) French, b. Bridgeport, 28 Oct 1859, birth record lists only as male child, parents then res. of Whitneyville, N.H. (New Haven).³²
- ii. Lineaus P. French, b. Canada, ca 1861.
- iii. Frank T. French, b. Canada, ca 1864, m. Carrie F., b. NY, Aug 1863. Children: Grace M., b. IL, May 1887, one deceased before 1900.³³
- iv. George E. French, b. Illinois, ca 1867.
- v. William, b. Illinois, ca 1869.
- vi. Arthur W. French, b. Illinois, ca 1875.
- vii. Frederick Herbert French, b. Chicago, 14 Jan 1877, d. Los Angeles, 9 Oct 1953.
- viii. Harriett M. (Hattie) French, b. Illinois, Oct 1878, m. ca May 1900, Frederick G. Haltenhoff, b. IL, Mar 1874.³⁴

²⁵ Bridgeport Marriages 1855-70, p. 92.

²⁶ 1870, 1880, and 1900 Federal Census of Bridgeport.

²⁷ 1900 Federal Census, Bridgeport

²⁸ Bridgeport Marriages 1855-70, p. 52.

²⁹ In the 1900 Federal Census of Chicago, Harriett French lives with her newly married daughter Harriett and her husband Frederick G. Haltenhoff.

³⁰ Bridgeport Marriages, 1855-70, p. 52. Marriage by A. N. Benedict, Pastor, 2nd Baptist Church. Groom listed as Edmund [*sic*] H. French.

³¹ 1870 and 1880 Federal Census of Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

³² Bridgeport Births 1855-64:145.

³³ 1900 Federal Census, Chicago, IL.

³⁴ 1900 Federal Census, Chicago, IL.

FRENCH Family

Donald Lines Jacobus's *Families of Ancient New Haven* is confused on the published marriage, on 1 Feb 1829, of Caroline, dau. of Daniel Tolles, to Jared [*sic*] French³⁵ in that he does not know to which generation of Daniel Tolles he is to assign Caroline. This is clarified by the will of Daniel⁵ Tolles (*Daniel*^{4,3}, *Henry*^{2,1}), dated 23 Dec 1845, in which he names a daughter Caroline French.³⁶ That it is Israel (not Jared) French to whom she is married is confirmed by Israel's will dated 1 May 1872 which names his wife Caroline.³⁷

Sixth Generation

Israel⁶ French (*Enoch*⁵, *Israel*⁴, *Francis*^{3,2}, *William*¹), b. Seymour, CT, 29 Jan 1805 [calc.], d. Seymour, 4 May 1872 of consumption,³⁸ m. **Caroline Tolles**, b. Jan 1803 [calc.], dau. of Daniel and Mary (Hine) Tolles, d. 26 Aug 1886, both bur. Union Cemetery, Seymour.³⁹ In 1850 census of Seymour, Israel and Caroline live with seven children, with his mother, Comfort, æ 85, and with Delia and Geo. E. French, listed later and perhaps not children. Israel's will dated 1 May 1872, leaves all to wife Caroline and names no other heirs. Though Caroline is named executrix, son Hobart E. is bonded administrator on 9 May 1873.⁴⁰ Identified children:

- i. Wales S., b. ca 1830, m. Delia H. _____, b. ca 1832 (perhaps the Delia of the 1850 census). In 1870 census of Seymour they are living with daughter Kate, 6.
- ii. Daniel, b. ca 1833, d. 30 Jun 1860, bur. Union Cem., Seymour, æ 27 yrs. [Hale Se:25].
- iii. Mary, b. ca 1835.
- + iv. Edwin Howard, twin, b. Feb 1837, m. Harriet Louise Black (see Black family).
- v. Ellen, twin, b. Feb 1837.
- vi. Charles, b. ca 1841, m. Mary ?Judd?. In 1870 census, living with Mary, 20, children George, 3, and Nellie, 1, and Sarah JUDD, 46, probably his mother-in-law.
- vii. Hobart E., b. ca 1845.

³⁵ Marriage reported in the *Columbian Register*.

³⁶ New Haven Probate Estate Papers #10494.

³⁷ New Haven Probate Estate Papers #17961.

³⁸ Seymour Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1869-1904:472.

³⁹ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Seymour, p. 25.

⁴⁰ New Haven Probate Estate Papers #17961.

Department of Corrections

Additions and Corrections to Vol. 56, No. 2 (November 2013)

Ancestry and Descendants of James⁶ Arnold of New Canaan, CT

On p. 59 Priscilla Hoyt is listed as the wife of Benedict Arnold for two Benedicts. She was the wife of Benedict, son of #5 Jacob Arnold, and *not* the wife of Benedict, son of #4 Bowley Arnold.

Footnote 23 on p. 59 from the list of Jacob Arnold's children cites a reference note from the card index at New Canaan Historical Society, "F.R.N. 19-412." The reference has now been identified as "Family Records of Norwalk, Conn., not in Hall's History of Norwalk, 1743-1824," a manuscript at the New York Public Library, Schwartzman Building.

The Irish Come to Newtown (and Fairfield)

On p. 64, on 16 Apr 1829, Daniel Conley and Sally Clark of Newtown are married, Daniel is 29 years old and Sally (*not* Margaret) is 35.

**Deaths in the First Church of Norwalk, 1807-1851,
from the Manual of the First Church, 1851
Extracted by Paul Keroack**

At the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. Roswell R. Swan in 1807, the original records of the church, founded in 1652, were found to have been destroyed by neglect. A new listing of members was begun, which included those still living at that date. While admissions and dismissals were also noted, this lists only the deaths with the date as listed in the record.

Since recording of deaths by the town did not resume until 1847, as instructed by the state legislature, the following alphabetized list of 157 names may partially compensate for the omission. Some of these persons may also have their headstones recorded in the Hale Collection, now online at ancestry.com. The original published Manual of the First Church of Norwalk (1851) along with a subsequent 1885 edition is in the archive at the Norwalk History Room, Norwalk Public Library.

Name	Death	Age	Remarks
Barnum, Noah S.	29 March 1844	—	
Bartram, Daniel S.	23 March 1843	67	
Bartram, Job	19 July 1813	78	
Benedict, Jane, Mrs.	22 April 1828	54	Paralysis
Benedict, Mary	11 Aug. 1814	—	
Benedict, Nathan	3 Feb 1832	69	
Benedict, Nathaniel	24 Feb 1833	89	Old age
Benedict, Nathaniel Jr.	20 May 1834	60	
Benedict, Polly w of Raymond	— Aug. 1819	38	
Bessey, Betsey	24 Sept. 1816	32	
Bessey, Samuel	19 April 1850	73	[duplicate entry]
Bessey, Samuel H.	19 April 1850	73	
Betts, Amaryllis	23 May 1813	25	Consumption
Betts, Dr. Thaddeus	22 March 1807	82	He fell at the table and expired instantly
Betts, Eliza S.	1 Sept. 1849	52	
Betts, Elizabeth A.	_____ 1844	—	
Betts, Esther	_____ 1833	—	
Betts, Grace, w of Hezekiah	28 March 1840	75	
Betts, Helen, w of Dr. Thaddeus	23 March 1825	95	Old age
Betts, Hezekiah	31 May 1837	77	Soldier of the Revolution
Betts, Lucretia, Mrs.	_____ 1831	—	
Betts, Rebecca, widow	24 Jan. 1850	80	
Betts, Thaddeus	16 April 1840	51	U.S. Senator
Betts, William M.	31 July 1832	73	
Bissell, Betty, widow	22 July 1850	91	
Bissell, Emery	16 Nov. 1849	59	
Bouton, William	31 May 1828	79	

Bradley, Mary Ann, Mrs.	_ Nov 1841	27	
Brown, Jedediah	8 Sept. 1843	71	
Butler, Dinah	4 April 1813	—	
Cameron, Robert	18 July 1848	77	Cholera – sick 30 hours
Camp, Araty, Mrs.	2 April 1846	—	
Camp, Arete	_ April 1846	—	
Carey, Elizabeth	16 Oct. 1848	90	
Chapman, Betsey, w of Joseph	_ Jan. 1838	—	
Chapman, Elizabeth, widow	18 Feb. 1831	80	
Chichester, Deborah	7 Jan. 1835	73	Lingered long – cancer
Chichester, Emeline	_ Aug. 1840	30	Married J.A. Weed
Close, Esther, widow	24 Oct. 1837	96	Old age
Comstock, Phebe	16 May 1817	85	Fever
Conklin, Mary, Mrs.	18 Aug. 1832	24	
Crosby, Esther	19 Jan. 1847	58	Widow of Edward Crosby
Demerest, Samuel	27 Sept. 1821	80	(colored)
Downs, Horatio N.	7 Aug. 1830	23	
Edmond, Abigail, Mrs.	11 Jan. 1844	—	
Eells, Martha, Mrs.	1 July 1848	75	
Eells, Ruth, widow	1 July 1848	75	“removed”
Finch, Ann, widow	6 April 1807	70	Putrid fever
Fitch, Esther, widow	6 May 1817	—	
Fitch, James	29 March 1818	92	
Greenman, Betty	25 Oct. 1839	81	Burnt to death
Greenman, Sarah	17 Feb. 1839	82	
Gregory, Betsey, widow	_____ 1841	—	
Gregory, Mercy, Mrs.	28 Oct. 1839	100	
Griffeth, Mrs. __, w of James	31 Aug. 1848	—	
Grumman, Clark M.	_____ 1850	—	“removed”
Hanford, Abijah	7 Feb. 1823	48	Fever
Hanford, Charles	25 July 1828	42	
Hanford, Hannah, w of Abijah	24 Dec. 1816	39	Consumption
Hanford, Hezekiah	2 May 1812	90	A cold - infirmities of age
Hanford, John	21 Sept. 1825	86	Old age
Hanford, Mehitable, w of John	14 March 1825	81	Inflammatory rheumatism
Hanford, Stephen	20 Nov. 1838	90	
Hoyt, Phoebe Ann	_ Jan 1849	—	Married H.B. Jennings
Hubbell, Esther, Mrs.	9 July 1850	65	
Hyatt, Angeline	17 June 1832	20	Married John Brown
Hyatt, Esther, Mrs.	1 March 1844	—	
Hyatt, Isaac	14 Dec. 1834	77	
Jarvis, Jesse, Mrs.	11 Dec. 1849	77	
Joyce, Maria, Mrs.	4 Nov. 1841	—	
Keeler, Deborah, w of Isaac	_____ 1838	—	
Keeler, Isaac	26 March 1814	—	Consumption

Keeler, Mary P.	28 March 1817	—	
Kellog, Enos	20 May 1832	86	Old age
Kellog, Epinetus	26 Oct 1825	80	Old age
Kellog, Hannah w of Jarvis	19 June 1832	89	Old age
Kellog, Jarvis	22 March 1815	84	Old age
Kellog, Rebecca w of Epinetus	18 Nov 1830	78	
Kellogg, Jane, Mrs.	13 Feb. 1840	—	
Kellogg, Jarvis Jr.	18 July 1831	64	
Kellogg, Mercy, w of Jarvis	23 April 1850	79	
Knight, Jonathan	13 April 1829	71	Apoplexy. Surgeon in the Revolutionary Army
Lockwood, Betsey, Mrs.	10 July 1818	—	
Lockwood, Capt. Stephen	13 Feb. 1830	75	
Lockwood, Ebenezer	20 Oct. 1811	59	
Lockwood, Ebenezer Jr.	7 Jan. 1811	—	
Lockwood, Eliphalet	19 March 1814	72	Apoplectic palsy
Lockwood, Hannah	18 Feb. 1817	40	
Lockwood, Hezekiah	5 July 1816	60	Gradual decay
Lockwood, Isabel, w of Joseph	20 Aug. 1819	64	Died suddenly
Lockwood, Joseph	27 Sept. 1824	74	Long confined by dropsy
Lockwood, Joseph Jr.	12 Jan. 1847	68	
Lockwood, Martha, widow	23 May 1815	72	Dropsy
Lockwood, Mary, widow	22 Nov. 1809	90	Death caused by a fall
Lockwood, Polly E.	20 Oct. 1850	67	Wife of Col. Buckingham
Lockwood, Rebecca	3 Aug. 1849	68	w. of Joseph, Jr.
Lockwood, Sarah, w of Stephen	27 Aug. 1848	90	
Lockwood, Susan	14 Sept. 1832	—	Married George St. John
Lockwood, Susannah	21 Jan. 1810	70	w of Eliphalet
Lounsbury, Nancy	21 June 1816	37	
Lyon, Mariette	_____ 1841	—	Married M.O. Banks
Mallory, Anna	3 July 1848	76	
Mallory, Harriet	1 April 1836	—	Married Rev. G.H. Hulin
Mallory, Lewis	21 July 1848	70	
Marvin, Anna, w of Clerk	31 Dec. 1812	—	Consumption
Marvin, Ozias	29 April 1807	70	Palsy for seven years
Marvin, Sarah, w of Ozias	19 July 1828	82	
Marvin, Sarah, widow	19 July 1828	82	[duplicate entry]
Mason, Rachel	— Jan. 1849	—	
McNeil, Isabel, widow	2 April 1847	76	
Meeker, Joseph S.	2 Nov. 1846	70	
Meeker, Rebecca	30 Oct. 1841	56	
Mills, Sally	5 Oct. 1850	42	Married Matthias Rotherforth
Olmstead, Maria	8 July 1841	21	
Olmsted, Abigail	_____ 1845	—	
Phillips, Ebenezer	5 Aug. 1829	76	Officer of the Revolution

Phillips, Mary, w of Ebenezer	25 Feb. 1850	87	
Quintard, Henry	12 Oct. 1847	40	
Raymond, Capt. Uriah	26 Dec. 1821	77	Old age
Raymond, Hezekiah	9 July 1824	81	Old age – death accelerated by a fall
Raymond, Lydia, Mrs.	11 Aug. 1814	63	Gradual decay
Raymond, Mrs., w of Nathaniel	1 March 1834	81	
Raymond, Nathaniel	11 Feb. 1829	88	Fever
Raymond, Uriah Jr.	20 May 1834	—	
Rogers, Catherine A.	23 Sept. 1835	35	
Rogers, Esther. Mrs.	2 July 1834	70	
Rogers, Theodosia	10 June 1817	—	
Scott, Mehitable, widow	27 Dec. 1842	51	
Scribner, Betty, w of Enoch	19 April 1835	60	
Scribner, Enoch	21 Sept. 1816	66	Suddenly – nervous fever
Scribner, George	12 Oct. 1841	53	
Scribner, Martha, widow	11 March 1813	93	
Selleck, Mary	11 July 1812	—	Suddenly
Seymour, Ann, widow	3 Jan. 1812	82	Old age and gradual decay
Seymour, James	11 Dec. 1834	82	
Seymour, Polly, Mrs.	19 Nov. 1823	55	
Seymour, Rebecca, w of James	13 Oct. 1840	88	
Smith, Amelia E.	7 Feb. 1839	21	
Smith, Asa	2 May 1829	59	
Smith, Eunice, widow	7 Aug. 1807	—	Suddenly
St. John Stephen	30 Sept. 1849	76	
St. John, David	6 June 1840	78	
St. John, Josiah	27 May 1830	86	
St. John, Mary, w of Josiah	26 Dec. 1822	78	Old age - found dead in bed
Taylor, Abigail	26 July 1829	56	
Taylor, Aurinda	_____ 1845	—	
Taylor, Jonathan	9 Feb. 1818	81	Fell on Sat. – d. on Mon.
Thatcher, Capt. Josiah	9 March 1807	78	Apoplexy
Wasson, Charlotte	6 Jan. 1819	26	
Wasson, Robert	18 Aug. 1832	89	Old age
Wasson, Sarah, Mrs.	27 Sept. 1828	78	
Waters, Deborah, widow	_ March 1832	—	
Watson, Rhoda Ann, Mrs.	1 July 1832	—	
Weeks, Charles	9 Nov. 1849	31	
Whitney, Ebenezer	3 April 1808	—	Suddenly – paralytic shock
Whitney, Lewis	30 July 1848	61	Cholera – sick 48 hours
Whitney, Timothy	15 June 1825	81	Old age
Wood, Capt. Stephen	13 Sept. 1830	70	
Wood, Hannah, w of Stephen	28 Nov. 1826	61	Fever

**For Whom the Hearse was Used:
Persons Buried by the Norwalk Hearse Association, 1832-1848
Paul Keroack**

“We the subscribers being fully impressed with the belief that it has become necessary that means be provided whereby the dead may in a suitable manner be conveyed to their respective place of internment have agreed to pay the several sums hereunto annexed for the purpose of procuring a hearse ... for the accomplishment of so laudable a purpose.” – Norwalk, December 12th, 1831.

Within the geographical limits described in the pages of the association’s ledger, the use of the hearse was to be free to residents, though a charge would be levied if it needed to be driven out of town.

The remaining pages of the ledger were used principally to record the names of the “persons for whom the hearse was used.” While the list was carefully handwritten, its purpose seems not to have been primarily to record names of the dead, but to enable the drivers to be paid – (by whom is not stated). Following each entry is the name of the driver and the amount (fifty cents) for each body conveyed in-town, and a larger amount (one dollar twenty five cents) for each drive to another town. In several cases when the name of the deceased was omitted, a date and amount is given.

Since deaths were not recorded in this period, the list of names is of genealogical value, and is here supplemented by headstone inscriptions from the Hale Collection and citations from newspaper accounts of deaths, where found. It is clear from the numbers that relatively few used the hearse service. Perhaps it was seen as a modern, urban innovation or because many graveyards were close to homes or churches.

An alphabetized listing of the above was compiled by the late Joan G. Robideaux in 1991 and donated to the then Norwalk Historical Library of Lockwood House, the precursor of the Norwalk Museum. The museum’s archive is now in the Norwalk History Room of the Norwalk Public Library, where I found the manuscript. I have checked each entry against the original ledger and the Hale Collection, making corrections where needed, and have added columns for citations from the Norwalk Gazette and the Hale Collection of obituaries from state newspapers, the latter now available online from ancestry.com.

While bound editions of the *Norwalk Gazette* (1818-1899) are on the shelves of the Norwalk History Room, the newspaper is not yet available on microfilm and browsing the pages is discouraged. Fortunately, locally relevant information was extracted onto file cards some years ago. Citations refer to volume, page and column. In the Hale Newspaper Collection, editions covering Fairfield County are in volumes 59, 61 and 62 – from Stamford, Danbury and Bridgeport newspapers. Citations were found in the first two of these along with one mention in a Hartford paper (v. 36).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hale headstones</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Gazette newspaper notices</u>	<u>Hale newspaper notices</u>
	[To] Danbury	1834, Oct	78		
	"Mr., from S. Gray's house."	1838, Dec. 11	85		
	stranger from boat to church	1843, Dec.			
	stranger to Bridgeport	1843, 25 Sept.	91		
	"from s. boat to Westport."	1846, 19 Nov.	94		
		1837, 28 Dec.	84		
		1837, Nov.	84		
		1837, 25 Dec.	84		
	"A hatter."	1838, 14 May	85		
	"coloured woman"	1839, July	86		
	"black man"	1839, 8 Feb.	86		
	To Redding	1840, 15 Oct.	87		
	[child]	1837, 19 Sept.	84		
	Mrs. To Bethel	1836, 3 May	83		
	Mrs.	1836, 22 July	83		
	"2 black women at the bridge - Seth Crofut to pay."	1834, April			
	[To] Darien	1847, Oct.	95		
Allen, Dillazan, child of		1842, May	89		
Ambler, _____, child of		1844, 10 March	92	Ambler, Mary Elizabeth, age 3 1/2, dau. of Aaron Ambler, 13 March 1844, v. 13, 3:2	
Armatiage, Mrs.	To Danbury	1833, 28 Nov	77		
Bartram, D. S.		1843, 23 March	90		

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Beard, Edwin	Hale p. 45: "Edwin L. d. 27 Oct 1835, son of Algernon E. & Mary E., age 6 years, 8 months, 18 days."	1835, 28 Oct	80		
Beard, Mrs. (Betsey)	Hale p. 45: "Betsey, wife of Daniel, d. 26 August 1833, age 54."	1833, 26 Aug	77	age 54, 2 Sept. 1833, v. 5, 3:3	
Beddle, Miss		1844, 25 May	92		
Beebe, "Beebe" Mrs.		1839, 7 Jan.	86		
Beers, Jonth'n [Jonathan]		1836, 12 Dec.	83		
Belden, J.	To Wilton	1834, 13 Sept.	78		
Bened[ict], R., "4 children of"		1842, Oct.	90		
Benedict, Amos		1835, 7 Dec.	82		
Benedict, Catherine E.	Hale p. 370: "Catherine E., dau. of James & Susan d. 19 Jan. 1843, age 19 years, 4 months."	1843, 22 Jan.	90	age 19, dau. of James Benedict, 25 Jan. 1843, V. 12,	
Benedict, Esther	Hale, p. 370: "d. 22 May 1843, widow of Nathaniel, age 64."	1843, 24 May	90		
Benedict, Nath'l [Nathaniel]		1834, 21 May	78		
Benedict, Sarah Jannette	wife of G. Benedict	1847, 20 Feb.	94	Benedict, Sarah Jennette, 24 Feb. 1847, v. 14, 3:2	
Benedict, Susan		1836, 14 April	82		
Benedict, T. Seymour		1847, 11 June	94	age 39, 30 June, 1847, v. 14,	

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Benedict, William H., child of		1845, April	93	Benedict, Arabella Frances, age 1 yr, 11 mos., dau. of William H. & Mary Benedict, 23 April, 1845, v. 16, 3:1	
Bennitt, Mr.		1841, 12 Jan.	88		
Betts, Esther	Hale, p. 8: "Dau. of Seth & Mary, d. 20 Dec. 1832, age 70."	1832, Dec.	77		
Betts, Henry, wife of		1838, 13 June	85		
Bill, Hiram, child of		1843, April	90		
Bishop, Jacob		1843, 14 Aug	91		
Bishop, Mrs.		1836, 5 April	82		
Bouton, Mary	Hale, p. 377: "Dau. of John & Hannah, d. 20 Nov. 1833 age 17."	1833, 20 Nov.	77		
Bouton, Mary, child of		1835, 8 May	80		
Bouton, Mrs. John [Hannah]	Hale, p. 377: "Hannah, wife of John d. 7 May 1832 age 40 years."	1832, 8 May	77		
Bouton, Samuel	Hale, p. 459: "b. 14 July 1763 d. 4 April 1833. Revolutionary War."	1833, 5 April	77		
Bouton, Sarah	Hale, p. 372: "d. 26 Aug. 1844, widow of William, age 92."	1844, 26 Aug.	92	age 74, relic of William Bouton, 4 Sept. 1844, v. 13, 3:2	
Brooks, Hannah	Hale, p. 380: "Hannah, 3d wife of Lemuel d. 30 Dec. 1844 age 54."	1845, 1 Jan.	92	age 52, wife of Capt. Lemuel Brooks, 15 Jan. 1845, v. 13, 3:3	

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Brooks, Lemuel	Hale, p. 380: "d. 11 March 1847."	1847, 16 March	94	age 80, 17 March 1847, v. 14, 3:2	v. 61, p. 250. age 80.
Brooks, Mrs. Hannah "ae 97"		1841, 13 Nov.	89	age 96, 24 Nov. 1841, v. 11, 3:3	
Brown, Mrs. Amanda M.		1841, 2 Dec.	89	Brown, Mrs, wife of Philip H. Brown, 8 Dec. 1841, v. 11, 3:4	
Brown, Mrs. Polly "ae 91"		1839, 18 Dec.	87	Brown, Mrs. Mary, age 90, "wife of Jeremiah Brown" [9], 25 Dec. 1839, v. 8 [9], 3:4	
Brown, Mrs. Samuel		1841, 20 July	89		v. 61, p. 224. Maria, wife of Samuel, d. 10 July, age 45
Bryant, Doct'r.		1835, April	80		
Bull, John, child of		1834, Sept.	78		
Burr, Mr.		1840, 10 April	87	Burr, Talcott, age 36, 22 April, 1840, v. 9, 3:2	
Burrall, Elizabeth M.		1834, 28 Jan.	78		
Bursk, William		1846, 13 March	93		
Bussing, Thomas, child of		1844, April	92		
Byxbee, James, Mrs. (Halmina)	Hale, p. 92: "Halmina Byxbee d. 5 May 1840 age 39 years, 1 month, 20 days."	1840, 7 May	87		
Byxbee, John	Hale, p. 363: "d. 23 Sept. 1839 age 52 years, 1 month, 13 days."	1839, 24 Sept.	87		

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Byxbee, Mrs. Anna	Hale, p. 379: "wife of Hopkins, d. 5 June 1834 age 65 years."	1834, June	78		
Byxbee, Mrs. Giles		1840, Dec.	88		
Cannon, Elizabeth		1835, 17 Nov.	82		
Cannon, Mrs.		1835, 29 May	80		
Casey, Michael		1833, 29 Oct.	77		
Chapman, Sarah Jane	Hale, p. 329: "dau. of William I. & Clarissa A., d. 29 July 1847, age 22 years, 5 months."	1847, July	94		
Charter, Mrs. Cynthia		1837, 16 Feb.	83		
Chichester, Deborah "ae 72"	Hale, p. 354: "d. 7 Jan. 1835, wife of Henry, age 71."	1835, 9 Jan.	80		
Chichester, Delia Abby, child of A. C.		1845, 13 March	93	age 4, dau. of Alfred & Susan Chichester, 19 March 1845, v. 16, 3:3	
Chichester, Henry Jr.	Hale, p. 73: "d. 2 Jan. 1847, age 48 years, 8 months, 15 days."	1847, 4 Jan.	94	age 48, 13 Jan. 1847, v. 14, 3:3	
Chichester, Ward		1833, 15 Oct.	77		
Church, Ebn [Ebenezer]		1841, 30 May	88		v. 59, p. 28. d. 28 May, age 82; also v. 61, p. 223.
Church, Ebn [Ebenezer]		1844, 12 April	92		
Church, J.		1839, 29? Feb.	86		
Cl[u?]ss, Mrs.		1837, 26 Oct.	84	Close, Esther, 1 Nov. 1837, v. 7, 3:3	
Clinton ____		1835, 13 Nov.	82		
Cook, H.		1836, 13 Oct.	83		

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Cooley, Mrs.		1838, 7 April	85		
Coon, Jefferson		1833, 2 Nov.	77		
Craw, Mrs.		1846, 27 May	94		
Crawford, David		1844, 15 Aug.	92		
Croper, Mr.		1842, 25 Oct.	90	Cropper, Frederick, age 36, 2 Nov. 1842, v. 11, 3:3	
Crosman, Mr.		1840, 14 June	88	Crosman, Edson, age 20, 17 June 1840, v. 9, 3:3	
Crosman, Walter		1839, 19 Nov.	87		
Cunningham, J.		1835, 8 April	80		
Curt[e?], J.		1837, 23 Dec.	84	Curtis, Jesse, age 59, 27 Dec. 1837, v. 7, 3:4	
Curtis, Mrs.	To Danbury	1834, 4 Aug.	78		
Daskum, William, 2 children of	Hale, p. 436: "Edward, son of William & Ruah, b. 1 Jan 1843 d. 13 Feb. 1844." Hale, p. 436: "Martha S., dau. of William & Ruah d. Feb 10, 1841 [sic] age 2 months 28 days [sic]."	1844, 13 Feb.	91	Daskam, Edward, age 1, Daskam, Martha, age 6, children of William Daskam, 14 Feb. 1844, v. 12, 3:3	
Day, Absalom	Hale, p. 364: "d. 6 May 1843, Rev. Absalom Day, age 72."	1843, 8 May	90		
Day, James	Hale, p. 376: "James A., son of George & Mary Ann, d. 26 June 1838 age 18 years, 9 months."	1838, 28 June	85		
Day, Jane "ae 20"	Hale, p. 376: "d. 23 Feb. 1835, dau. of Absalom & Betsey, age 20 years, 10 months, 13 days."	1835, 25 Feb.	80		

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Denney, Mr., child of		1848, Jan.	95		
Dibble, "Dible" child of (Henry)	Hale, p. 351: "Henry A., child of John & Amanda, d. 14 Feb. 1840 age 8 months, 21 days."	1840, 15 Feb.	87		
Dibble, child of John (Henry)	Hale, p. 351: "Henry O., child of John & Amanda, d. 24 May 1842, age 1 year, 1 month, 12 days."	1842, May	89		
Dickinson, Miss	To New Milford	1838, 14 April	85	Dickinson, Elizabeth, age 15, 18 April, 1838, v. 8, 3:3	
Dikeman, Mrs.	To Bedford	1847, 12 Jan.	94		
Dile, Mrs. Mariah		1841, 5 Nov.	89		
Dingee, "Dingey" John, child of (Marietta)	Hale, p. 344: "Marietta dau. Of John & Charlotte d. 27 April 1840 age 5 years, 4 months, 3 days."	1840, 29 April	87	age 5, dau. of John Dingee, 5 May 1840, v. 9, 3:2	
Dingee, "Dingey" Mrs. (Abigail)	Hale, p. 344: "Abigail, wife of Elijah d. 27 Nov. 1838 age 77 years, 6 months."	1838, 29 Nov.	86	age 78, 29 Dec. 1838, v. 9, 3:2	
Dingee, John [Elijah?]	Hale, p. 344: "Elijah Dingee, d. 8 August 1847, age 89 years, 9 months, 5 days."	1847, 8 Aug.	94	Dingy, John, age 93, 11 Aug. 1847, v. 14, 3:3	v. 61, p. 253. d. 1 Aug., age 93. [6 other papers list 8 Aug. as d. date]
Dobbs, Mr.	To Danbury	1833, 29 Aug.	77		
Donelson, Mr.		1836, March	82		
Downs, Bradley	Hale, p. 352: "d. 1 April 1845 age 47."	1845, 3 April	93		

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Downs, H. B., child of (George Henry)	Hale, p. 352: "George Henry, son of Henry B. & Julia, d. 31 Jan. 1848, age 11 months 4 days."	1848, Feb.	95		
Downs, Mrs. Ransom		1834, 1 Nov.	80		
Drake, Rob't [Robert]		1845, 29 Aug.	93		
Ele, Mrs.	To Danbury	1833, 19 July	77		
Eversley, John	Hale, p. 409: "d. 22 Feb. 1836, age 69."	1836, 23 Feb.	82		
Feu?, Mr., child of		1841, 14 Nov.	89		
Fisher, Mr. [Fish?]		1838, 19 Dec.	86		
Foss, Mr., child of (Clement Campbell)	Hale, p. 378: "Clement Campbell Foss, son of Rev. Cyrus & Anne, d. 2 Aug. 1839, age 2 years 22 days."	1839, 3 Aug.	86		
Fowler, Mr.	[To] Darien	1845, 25 Jan.	92		
Gaylord, Mrs.		1838, 20 March	84	Gaylor, Mrs. Anna, age 45, 21 March 1838, v. 8, 3:4	
Gibbs, Mr.	[To] Wilton	1842, 13 April	89		
Gray, Mrs.	[To] South Salem	1839, 27 Jan.	86		
Gray, Sam'l [Samuel]	Hale, p. 8: "d. 17 April 1836 age 52 years 6 months."	1836, 18 April	82		v. 59, p. 16. d. 17 April 1836.
Gregory, Charles		1843, 29 May	91		
Griffith, Thomas, child of		1848, Feb.	95		
Gu[e]nn, Mrs.		1836, 25 June	83		
Hallack, Warren, child of		1845, 13 May	93		

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Hanford, Mrs.		1836, March	82		
Hatheway, (Hiram)	Hale, p. 328: "Hiram d. 10 Nov. 1840 age 54 years 5 months."	1840, 12 Nov.	88		v. 59, p. 26. d. 26? Nov, age 34; v. 61, p. 37. d. 10 Nov, age 34.
Hazard, Wm.		1835, 11 Oct.	80	age 15, 13 Oct. 1835, v. 6, 3:3	
Hotchkiss, Augustus	Hale, p. 363: "d. 19 Feb. 1845 age 51."	1845, 18 Feb.	93	age 54, 12 March 1845, v. 16, 3:3	
Hoyt, Aaron G.	Hale, p. 459: "d. 22 Nov. 1836 age 52 years 2 months 18 days."	1836, 22 Nov.	83		
Hoyt, Daniel	Hale, p. 376: "d. 3 July 1843 age 84 years 4 months 6 days."	1843, 4 July	91		
Hoyt, Francis	Hale, p. 388: "d. 17 June 1842 age 44 years 4 months 14 days."	1842, 18 June	89	Hoyt, Capt. Francis, age 44, 22 June 1842, v. 11, 3:3	
Hoyt, Geo. [George], child of		1837, Aug.	83	Hoyt, Jane, 3 y, 10 mo., dau. of George Hoyt, 30 Aug. 1837, 3:3	
Hoyt, Harriet A.	Hale, p. 459: "Harriet A, wife of James M., d. 7 July 1842 age 27 years 7 months 1 day."	1842, 6 July	89	Hoyt, Harriet Amelia, wife of James Hoyt, 13 July 1842, v. 11, 3:3	
Hoyt, Hiram, wife of (Catherine Ann)	Hale, p. 366: "d. 3 Sept. 1857 [sic], Catherine Ann wife of Hiram H., dau. of Andrew & Catherine Byxbee, age 23."	1837, 3 Sept.	84		
Hoyt, John "ae 72"	Hale, p. 380: "d. 9 Feb. 1832 [sic], age 83."	1839, 11 Feb.	86		

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Hoyt, Melancthon	Hale, p. 434: "d. 2 Nov. 1845 age 75 years 1 month 17 days."	1845, 3 Nov.	93		
Hoyt, Mrs. Daniel		1848, 18 Jan.	95	Hoyt, Esther, age 42, 18 Jan. 1848, v. 16, 3:4	v. 61, p. 256. d. 15 Dec. 1847, age 42.
Hoyt, Mrs. Dan'l (Mary)	Hale, p. 376: "Mary wife of Daniel d. 7 Jan. 1839 age 80 years 10 months 21 days."	1839, 8 Jan.	86		
Hoyt, Mrs. J.W.		1838, 10 Aug.	85	Hoyt, Sarah Ann, age 36, wife of Joseph W. Hoyt, d. in N.Y., burial In Norwalk, 15 Aug. 1838, v. 8, 3:3	
Hoyt, Mrs. Molly		1841, 9 Oct.	89		
Hoyt, Ralph	Hale, p. 455: "d. 4 May 1835 age 45, War of 1812."	1835, 6 May	80		
Hoyt, Susan I.		1845, 14 Jan.	92	age 19, (dau. Of Ira Hoyt), 15 Jan. 1845, v. 16, 3:3	
Hoyt, Wm. [William] S.	Hale, p. 367: " d.1 Dec. 1839, son of William A. & Mary A., age 5 years 10 months."	1839, 2 Dec.	87	Hoyt, William Seth, age 6, scarlet fever, 4 Dec. 1839, v. 9, 3:2	
Hutchings, Mr. Thomas		1839, 29 Jan.	86	age 21, 9 Feb. 1839, v. 8, 3:4	
Isaacs, Wm. [William]		1837, 6 May	83		
Jelliff, child of		1836, 10 April	82		
Jelliff, child of		1836, 13 April	82		
Jennings, "Genings" Goold, child of		1843, Nov.	91		

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Jennings, Isaac	Hale, p. 436: "d. 11 Oct. 1844 age 72."	1844, 20 Oct.	92	age 72, 13 Oct. 1844, v. 13, 3:3	
Johnson, Amelia M.		1846, 7 March	93	age 33, wife of G.M. Johnson, 11 March 1846, v. 15, 3:4	
Johnson, Benjamin [crossed out]		1842, April	89		
Johnson, Miss		1840, 3 Oct.	88		
Johnson, Sarah		1844, 31 Aug.	92	age 64, wife of Jonathan Johnson, 4 Sept. 1844, v. 13, 3:2	
Johnson, Uriah		1842, 29 Dec.	90	4 Jan. 1843, v. 12, 3:4	
Jones, Gershom	Hale, p. 383: " d. 19 March 1846, son of John & Sally, age 21 years 1 month 7 days."	1846, 21 March	94		
Jones, Mrs.	[To] Ridgefield	1838, 28 May	85		
Keeler, Margaret	Hale, p. 371: "d. 15 May 1838 [sic], Margaret wife of Stephen, age 76."	1833, 16 May	77		
Kidney, Catherine	Hale, p. 382: "d. 9 April 1836, Catherine Ann dau. of Henry & Sarah A., age 4 years 10 months."	1835, 15 April	80		
Knapp, Anson	Hale, p. 383: "d. 5 April 1840, Anson H., son of John & Betsey, age 27 years 7 months 21 days."	1840, 7 April	87	Knapp, Anson H., age 27, son of Capt. Anson H. Knapp	
Knapp, Anson, child of		1845, 13 March	93		

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Knapp, Charles M.		1841, July	89		v. 61, p. 225. d. 15 Aug., age 31.
Knapp, Chauncey	Hale, p. 195: "b. 1819, d. 1846."	1845, 30 May	93	age 26, 4 June, 1845, v. 16, 3:3	v. 36, p. 457. d. 29 May, age 26.
Knapp, George	Hale, p. 383: "d. 6 Nov. 1836, son of John & Betsey, age 21 years 11 months 20 days."	1836, 8 Nov.	83		
Knapp, Jonathan		1847, 12 July	94	age 84, 14 July 1847, v. 14, 3:3	v. 61, p. 252. d. 12 July, age 84
Knapp, Miss		1836, 8 April	82		
Knapp, Mrs. Nathan		1845, 24 Sept.	93		
Knapp, Rebecca	Hale, p. 383: "d. 16 Dec. 1835, dau. of John & Betsey, age 13 years 8 months 28 days."	1835, 17 Dec.	82		
Leach, Mary Ann		1841, 26 Dec.	89		
Limeburgh, Jacob	Hale, p. 438: "Jacob Linburgh [sic] d. 9 June 1839 [sic], age 56."	1840, 10 June	87		
Limeburgh, Mrs.		1844, 3 April	92		
Lockwood, Alfred		1844, 5 March	92		
Lockwood, David		1835, 6 Dec.	82		
Lockwood, Edwin, child of		1838, 1 March	84	Lockwood, Elizabeth, age 4 y, 10 mos., 7 March, 1838,	
Lockwood, Edwin, child of		1838, 8 March	84	Lockwood, Edwin, Jr, age 3, son of Edwin Lockwood, 14 March, 1838, v. 8, 3:4	

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Low, George		1844, 15 Sept.	92		
Mabury, Mr.		1838, 23 Dec.	86		
Mallory, Dan'l [Daniel]	Hale, p. 386: "d. 7 July 1838, son of John & Hannah, age 21 years 10 months 9 days."	1838, 9 July	85		
Marvin, David		1841, 4 Oct.	89		v. 59, p. 30. d. 3 Oct. age 83; also v. 61, p. 227.
McCluer, Mrs. William		1837, 12 March	83		
McEwen, Chs [Charles]		1836, 7 Jan.	82		
Mead _____		1837, 11 Nov.	84		
Merchant, Mr.		1840, 11 Dec.	87		
Merrill, Mrs. Cynthia		1833, 13 Sept.	77		
Mills, Mr.		1841, 16 Nov.	89		
Mills, S.F., child of		1839, 13 Dec.	87		
Mills, S.F., child of		1842, 31 Dec.	90		
Mills, Stephen F.	Hale, p. 433: "d. 18 Jan. 1844 age 51 years 8 months."	1844, 21 Jan.	91	age 62, 24 Jan. 1844, v. 12, 3:3	
Morrill, Mrs.	"in May."	1838, 13 June	85		
Mors, Mrs. Polly		1833, 8 Nov.	77		
Nash, Aaron	Hale, p. 429: "d. 15 Sept. 1835 age 52."	1835, Aug. [sic]	80		
Nash, Arnot A. "ae 37"	Hale, p. 353: "Arnit [sic] A. d. 22 Feb. 1837 age 37 years 11 days."	1837, 24 Feb.	83		

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hale headstones</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Gazette newspaper notices</u>	<u>Hale newspaper notices</u>
Nash, Clarissa	Hale, p. 377: "Clarissa, wife of Nathan d. 25 Feb. 1838 age 19 years, 5 months 6 days."	1838, 26 Feb.	84	age 19, spouse of Nathan Nash, Jr., 28 Feb. 1838, v. 8, 3:4	
Nash, Dan		1838, 19 Sept.	85	Nash, Daniel, age 50, 26 Sept., 1838, v. 8, 3:2	
Nash, Jacob	Hale, p. 367: "d. 8 Sept. 1845 age 73 years 6 months 20 days."	1845, 8 Sept.	93		
Nash, Stephen C.	Hale, p. 353: "d. 30 Aug. 1838, Stephen Comstock Nash, age 5 years 11 months, son of Arnit A. & Deborah C.."	1838, 1 Sept.	85		
Nash, Theodore	Hale, p. 367: "d. 13 May 1844, Theodore C. Nash, son of Daniel K. & Sally, age 14 years 10 months 16 days."	1844, 15 May	92		
Olmstead, Miss M.		1841, 9 July	88	Olmstead, Maria, age 22, dau. of Noah Olmstead, 14 July 1842, v. 11, 3:3	
Olmstead, Mrs. Wm. [William]		1846, 29 Oct.	94		
Olmstead, Noah		1839, 5 Dec.	87		
Parmely, A.R.		1843, 20 Jan.	90		
Penoyer, Mrs.		1844, 22 Dec.	92	Penoyer, Anne Jeannette, age 42, wife of Capt. Sam Penoyer, 1 Jan. 1845, v. 13, 3:3	
Pitman, Mrs.	[To] Danbury	1834, 3 March	78		
Price, Miss		1843, 15 Jan.	90	Price, Nancy Ann, age 16, 18 Jan. 1843, v. 12,	

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Price, Mrs. David		1848, March	95		
Quintard, Evert "ae 71"	Hale, p. 382: "d. 12 Aug. 1833 age 71."	1833, 13 Aug.	77	age 71, 20 Aug. 1833, v. 5, 3:3	
Quintard, Mr. J. [James]	Hale, p. 359: "James d. 29 Feb. 1848 age 61 years 4 months 17 days."	1848, 2 March	95		v. 61, p. 258. d. 19 Feb., age 61.
Quintard, Peter "ae 67"	Hale, p. 374: "d. 11 April 1832 age 67."	1832, 12 April	77		
Raymond, Anna		1836, 31 May	83		
Raymond, Augusta		1833, 11 Feb.	77		
Raymond, Deborah		1843, Oct.	91	18 Oct. 1843, v. 12, 3:2	
Raymond, Dolly	Hale, p. 357: "d. 27 Feb. 1834, wife of Nathaniel, age 80."	1834, 3 March	78		
Raymond, Elias	Hale, p. 443: "d. 16 April 1843 age 64."	1843, 17 April	90	Age 61, 26 April 1843, v. 12, 3:3	
Raymond, George	Hale, p. 378: "Capt. George d. 4 May 1844 age 85."	1844, 7 May	92	age 85, Capt. George Raymond, 8 May 1844, v. 13,	
Raymond, George, dau. Of		1846, 1 April	94		
Raymond, George, son of		1844, 4 Oct.	92		
Raymond, Henry, child of		1842, 21 Aug.	90		
Raymond, Hezekiah, child of		1844, April	92		
Raymond, Hezk'h [Hezekiah]		1832, 20 Aug.	77		
Raymond, Lewis		1838, 11 Feb.	84		
Raymond, Lewis		1844, 16 Feb.	91		
Raymond, Martha		1845, 24 Aug.	93		v. 61, p. 237. d. 23 Aug., age 69.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hale headstones</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Gazette newspaper notices</u>	<u>Hale newspaper notices</u>
Raymond, Mary	Hale, p. 443: "wife of Gershom, d. 22 Feb. 1836 [sic] age 68."	1838, 23 Feb.	84	age 76, 28 Feb. 1838, v. 8,	
Raymond, Miss		1840, 8 Nov.	88	Raymond, Julia, age 19, 11 Nov, 3:2 1840	
Raymond, Molly		1846, 9 March	93		
Raymond, Mrs. Nancy	"widow of George."	1847, 8 April	94		
Raymond, Mrs. Paul		1839, 25 Sept.	87		
Raymond, Murzy, child of		1841, Oct.	89		
Raymond, Nath'l [Nathaniel] Jr.	Hale, p. 378: "d. 11 April 1836 age 61."	1836, 13 April	82		
Raymond, S.W., child of		1847, Oct.	95		
Raymond, Sally	Hale, p. 86: "d. 31 Oct. 1843, wife of John, age 71."	1843, 4 Nov.	91		
Raymond, Simeon		1844, 1 Jan.	91	age 60, 3 Jan. 1844, v. 13, 3:1	
Raymond, Thomas		1841, 5 Nov.	89		
Raymond, Uriah	Hale, p. 374: "d. 28 May 1834 age 55 years 8 months."	1834, 28 May	78		
Reed, B.P., child of		1841, 22 Feb.	88		
Reed, Carnelia M.	Hale, p. 382: "d. 7 Feb. 1846, Cornelia Mason Reed, wife of James M. age 19 years 9 months."	1846, 7 Feb.	93	age 20, wife of James M. Reed, 11 Feb. 1846, v. 15,	v. 61, p. 239. d. 7 Feb., age 21.
Reed, Eli		1835, 9 April	80		
Reed, Mrs. E.		1848, Feb.	95		
Reed, Mrs. Eli		1839, 16 Feb.	86		
Reed, Mrs. George		1839, 22 Aug.	87		

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Reed, Ruth	Hale, p. 456: "d. 10 April 1838 [sic], Ruth Reed, wife of Roswell, age 39."	1839? ____	86		
Richard, Rufus, child of		1834, 5 July	78		
Richards, Mrs.		1840, 8 July	88		
Richards, Sam'l [Samuel]		1840, 4 Oct.	88	Richards, Sam, age 71, 14 Oct. 1840, v. 9, 3:3	v. 59, p. 25. d. 2 Oct., age 70
Rusco, "Rucso" Doct'r		1838, 6 July	85		
Russell, Mrs.	"Dau. Moses Byxbee."	1847, 10 Sept.	95		
Sacket, James		1846, 19 March	94		
Sage, Mr. [Kenneth]	Hale, p. 417: "Kenneth Sage d. 19 March 1837 age 53 years 1 month 3 days."	1837, 19 March	83		
Samis, Ruth		1838, 23 Sept.	85		
Sanford,		1840, 2 Oct.	88		
Sanford, Mr. Elijah	To Danbury	1833, 3 Dec.	77		
Sanford, Mrs.	To New Milford	1833, 16 July	77	Sanford, Amelia S., age 24, wife of D.C. Sanford, 16 July 1833, v. 5, 3:3	
Sanford, Mrs.		1839, 18 Aug.	86	Sanford, Mrs. Sarah, age 63, 21 Aug. 1839, v. 8, 3:1	
Saunders, Charles	"in May"	1838, June	85		
Saunders, Mrs. Francis (Sarah E.)	Hale, p. 361: "d. 20 April 1842, Sarah E. wife of Francis Saunders, age 25 years 6 months 14 days."	1842, 22 April	89	Saunders, Sarah, age 26, wife of Francis Saunders, 27 April 1842, v. 11, 3:2	

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Saunders, Steph'n [Stephen]		1843, 10 Aug.	91		
Scofield, Mrs. [Scofuld?]		1835, 14 April	80		
Scribner, Joseph, child of		1838, Sept./Oct.	85		
Selleck, Charles		1846, 2 Oct.	94		
Selleck, Hinman		1846, 1 Sept.	94		
Seymour, Alfred	Hale, p. 372: " d. 3 Feb. 1841 age 49."	1841, 3 Feb.	88		
Seymour, Charles		1840, 15 Sept.	88		
Seymour, Charles, child of		1834, 29 Oct.	78		
Simmons, John		1842, 22 Aug.	90		
Smith, Austin		1835, Aug.	80		
Smith, Francis		1834, 22 Aug.	78		
Smith, G.B		1838, 15 May	85		
Smith, Lydda	Hale, p. 378: "Lydia wife of Eliakim, b. 1749, d. 1836."	1836, 11 June	83		
Smith, Miss		1839, 9 Feb.	86		
Smith, Mrs.	Mother of J.L. Smith	1844, 18 Jan.	91		
Smith, Mrs. Eunice		1834, 4 Dec.	80		
Smith, Mrs. Hutton (Phebe)	Hale, p. 386: "Phebe, wife of Hutton d. 4 June 1836 age 72."	1836, 5 June	83		
Smith, Mrs. John		1836, 25 Feb.	82		
St. John, Mrs.		1841, 3 April	88		
Starr, Mariah		1834, 12 Dec.	80		
Stevens, Mrs.		1835, 7 Dec.	82		
Stevens, Mrs.		1838, Nov.	85		

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Street, Mrs. Eli		1840, 1 June	87	Street, Esther, age 21, wife of Eli K. Street, 3 June 1840, v. 9, 3:2	
Suly, Hanford		1836, 20 Dec.	83		
Suly, Mr.		1837, 27 Jan.	83		
Taylor, David		1842, April	89		
Taylor, Mrs.		1833, 27 Aug.	77		
Taylor, Rebecca	Hale, p. 359: " Rebecca Quintard, wife of Horace Taylor b. 1802, d. 1846."	1846, 30 Jan.	93	age 44, wife of Horace Taylor, d. 28 Jan. 1846, 15 Feb. 1846, v. 15, 3:3	v. 61, p. 239. d. 28 Jan, age 44.
Taylor, Sabra "ae 82"		1840, 26 April	87	age 83, formerly of Ridgebury, 13 May 1840, v. 9, 3:2	
Thomes, Mr.		1848, 5 Feb.	95		
Thorn, Jacob	age 90	1835, 21 Feb.	80		
Trowbridge, Mrs.		1838, 20 Oct.	85		
Tuttle, Lewis, child of		1846, 10 Oct.	94		
Velie, G., child of		1838, 8 Feb.	84		
Vincent, Miss (Ann)	Hale, p. 442: "Ann Z. dau of Nicholas & Willie H. d. 23 Sept. 1838 age 19."	1838, 25 Sept.	85		
Vincent, Miss (Louisiana)	Hale, p. 442: "Louisiana dau. Of Nicholas & Willie H. d. 13 March 1838 age 34."	1838, 15 March	84		
Vincent, Mrs.		1837, 16 March	83		

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hale headstones</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Gazette newspaper notices</u>	<u>Hale newspaper notices</u>
Vincent, Nicholas	Hale, p. 442: " d. 7 June 1845 age 77."	1845, 8 June	93	age 77, at Five Mile River, 18 June 1845, v. 16, 3:3	
Warner, Mary		1842, 24 Aug.	90		
Warren, Jesse		1839, 23 Nov.	87		
Warren, Mr.	[To] Darien	1847, 5 Oct.	95		
Warren, Mrs. Lydia	Hale, p. 458: "Lydia, wife of Samuel R. d. 8 Jan. 1841 age 59."	1841, 10 Jan.	88		
Warren, Samuel B.	[To] Darien	1847, Aug.	94		
Weed, Emeline	Hale, p. 63: "Emeline Chichester Weed, wife of John A., d. 5 Aug. 1840 age 29."	1840, 7 Aug.	88	age 30, wife of J.A. Weed, 12 Aug. 1840, 3:4	
Weed, Sarah Ann		1834, 8 Aug.	78		
White, Charles L. 2d		1834, 17 Jan.	78		
White, Henry L.	Hale, p. 384: "d. 1 Nov. 1837, son of John P. & Eliza, age 6 years 8 months 16 days."	1837, 6 Nov.	84		
White, S.F. "ae 58"		1839, 20 Dec.	87	White, Samuel F., age 58, 25 Dec. 1839, v. 8, 3:4	
Whitney, Mr., child of		1836, 13 April	82		
Wilcox, Delia	Hale, p. 379: " Adelia wife of Noah d. 15 Dec. 1843 age 41."	1843, 17 Dec.	91		
Wilcox, Jerrym'h [Jeremiah]	Hale, p. 415: "d. 1 Dec. 1836 [sic] age 56."	1835, 3 Dec.	82		
Wilcox, Mrs. Susan		1834, 24 Aug.	78		
Wilcox, Noah J.	Hale, p. 380: "d. 16 Oct. 1843 age 17."	1843, Oct.	91	Wilcox, Noah Jr., age 17, 18 Oct. 1843, v. 12, 3:2	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hale headstones</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Gazette newspaper notices</u>	<u>Hale newspaper notices</u>
Wilcox, Sarah Esther	Hale, p. 380: "d. 13 Feb. 1837, dau. of Noah & Adelia, age 2 years 2 months 19 days."	1837, 15 Feb.	83		
Wilcox, W.H. [Ward Hoyt]	Hale, p. 355: "Ward Hoyt, son of William H. & Jane d. 6 Feb. 1838 age 2 years 11 months 11 days."	1838, 7? Feb.	84		
Wilcox, Wm. , child of (Ruth Ann)	Hale, p. 355: "Ruth Ann, dau. of William H. & Jane d. 8 July 1834 age 6 months 16 days."	1834, July	78		
Woolsey, Gilbert		1845, 28 July	93		
Youngs, Mrs. D.	age 90	1846, 12 Oct.	94	Young, Dorothy, age 90, 14 Oct. 1846, v. 15, 3:2	

**A Doubtful Angell:
Examining Attempts to Identify Mary _____,
Wife of (1) John Miller and (2) Obadiah Seeley**

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Introduction, February, 2014

In 1998 and 1999 I had the pleasure and privilege of assisting the Seeley Genealogical Society (SGS) with some of its research. Because of my interest in the Stamford families in general, they had asked me to investigate several aspects of the life of Obadiah Seeley who died in Stamford in 1657, leaving many descendants including many present members of the SGS, and probably many also of Connecticut Ancestry Society (including myself).

Although this article (as well as copies of my other reports) has been available to the public on the SGS web site (www.seeley-society.net) for several years, your editor and I thought that it might be useful and interesting to make it available to *Connecticut Ancestry* readers in print form. It has therefore been reformatted, with this introduction included, and with the kind permission of the SGS leadership, for presentation in this issue. The contents are essentially unchanged, but so is the prevailing theory regarding Mary (____) (Miller) Seeley's identity that it examined. Hopefully, a wider exposure of this identity question will lead to additional research into Mary's true identity.

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As requested by the Seeley Genealogical Society, the writer has been studying the early records, and making further efforts to resolve the identity of Obadiah Seeley, who died in Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut on 25 August 1657. The identity of his wife Mary, whom he married at Stamford sometime after the death of her first husband John Miller in 1642, is felt to be a potentially important source of information on Obadiah himself. Unfortunately for their descendants, Mary's identity has turned out to be just as elusive as Obadiah's. Several theories of her origin have been advanced over recent decades, some of which have reached a general level of acceptance, and are often repeated in the secondary sources. This present article reports on an examination of the background of these theories, attempts to follow the threads of their development, and examines the facts upon which they are based, wherever that could be determined.

Starting with the present time, there now seems to be general acceptance that Mary (____) (Miller) Seeley was born Mary Angel or Angell.¹ To a slightly lesser level of acceptance, there is also much written today that calls her the daughter of James Angell and Ann or Anna Elliott, and gives her date of birth as approximately 1623, probably in England. These facts are all given in the Seeley Genealogical Society's own publication as recently as 1997,² and in numerous entries in the Family Search Collection of the Family History Library, and in the IGI.

Search for Source(s) of SGS Information

I began my investigation with the compilers of the SGS volume, who informed me that their source of these specific facts had been one of their own members, whom I will call researcher "A," as part of an undated computer printout document entitled, "Descendants of William Seely." Researcher A had identified as his sources, two other researchers, B and C, and a relatively recent book that includes genealogies of Stamford families.³

The compilers of the *Seeley Descendants* also provided me with the additional information that the 1977 version of the same publication had also given the name of Mary Angell, but without naming her parents. They also noted that a 1993 submission by researcher D had given the same information, but that two previous (undated) family group sheets for other members, researchers E and F, had not identified Mary's maiden name.

Researchers B and C were both known to the writer, and I contacted them for additional information. Researcher B provided a reference to a "chart," compiled by researcher G, that called Obadiah's wife "Mary Husted Miller, sister of Robert Husted and widow of John Miller." This chart had been published by the Orange County (NY) Genealogical Society in 1977.⁴

¹ The spelling "Angell" will be used for consistency in the remainder of this article.

² Madeline M. Mills and Katherine M. Olsen, *Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) & Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)* (The Seeley Genealogical Society, 1997), 1 (Obadiah Seeley section), hereafter, *Seeley Descendants*.

³ Jeanne Majdalany, *The Early Settlement of Stamford, Connecticut 1641 - 1700* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1990), 187. The genealogies in this secondary source are attributed to Edith M. Wicks and Jeanne Majdalany, but the contribution of each is not clear, and the genealogies are not documented. The authors did place a question mark after the maiden name of "Mary Angell? Miller," whom they named as Obadiah Seeley's wife.

⁴ Orange County Genealogical Society [Newsletter], 7[August, 1977]:10. This compilation goes on to make the statement that "Obadiah arrived in Stamford, Conn., 25 August 1637," which is quite impossible, given that Stamford was not purchased from the Indians until July, 1640, nor settled by Denton and his party from Wethersfield

Researcher C gave two sources: first, a family group sheet (H) in the archives of the Family History Library, that cited in turn the “Seeley – Vail Ancestry, page 42.” I located a copy of this latter book, and discovered that neither Mary’s maiden surname nor her parents’ names were given therein.⁵ The second source given by researcher C was a family group sheet (I) compiled by researcher J, who had gotten the information from researcher K. Since I knew researcher J personally, I contacted him and asked for his assistance in obtaining information from his cousin, researcher K, which he readily did for me. He also sent me a printout from his own database which called Mary “perhaps Mary Angell, sister in law of Robert Husted, the father of Angell Husted of Greenwich, Connecticut.” He gave as his source for this information another undocumented compilation of Stamford area families.⁶

Researcher J eventually received a reply from researcher K, with the information that her source had been a family page on the Internet, and gave the identification of the web site, compiled by researcher L. When I found the web site, I discovered that the information was in fact contained there, so I wrote to the compiler and asked if they would mind sharing the source of the Angell information. This was done readily, and I found that their source had been, of all things, the 1997 book of *Seeley Descendants*, mentioned at the very beginning of this sequence!

And so, in this process of directly contacting each researcher in turn, it was found that the inquiry had come full-circle, and wound up back at the place of beginning. I must say that all of the researchers were extremely cooperative, and ready to share their source information with me. But in the entire process, not one single primary source was cited, or one single salient fact presented that would lead to the identity of a person called Mary Angell – let alone one that would give her parents’ names as well.

Family Search Results

The Family Search capability of the Family History Library was then used to find entries for the marriage of Obadiah Seeley, hoping to find additional clues. Unfortunately, these results were even more disappointing. About 15 researchers (so far) have submitted data for marriages of Obadiah Seeley to Mary Angell or Mary Miller. The content of some of these submissions is so obviously defective that it is unlikely that any meaningful information can be obtained from this method.⁷ One example of the data in these entries is as follows (transcribed exactly from a pedigree chart printout from Family Search® Ancestral File):

“Mary ANGELL, b. 1623, Stamford, Fairfield, New, Yrok, d. aft. 7 1666 Nov . . CT, m. 1644/1645 Stamford, Westchester, New, York Obadiah SEELEY, b. 5 Jun 1614 Stamford,

until 1641.

⁵ William Plumb Bacon, *Ancestry of Daniel James Seely St. George N.B., 1826, and of Charlotte Louisa Vail Sussex, N.B. 1837 – St. John, N.B., 1912 with a List of Their Descendants* (New Britain, CT: Connecticut Historical Society, 1914[?]), 42.

⁶ Ronald B. Reynolds, *Bedford Genealogy, Descendants of the Original Settlers, Bedford Historical Records, Volume 9* (Bedford Hills, NY: Town of Bedford, 1978), 91, hereafter *Bedford Genealogy*. It must be acknowledged that this source also said only that “she may have been Mary Angell, sister in law of Robert Husted...” (emphasis added), and therefore was being cited appropriately by researcher J.

⁷ Of course, it is quite possible that one or more of these submissions will have meaningful supporting data, but it does not seem practical at his time to request full copies of each submission for analysis.

Fairfield, Connecticut, d. 25 Aug 1657 Stamford Fairfield, New, York , [parents names given as] James ANGELL, b. < 1597, Providence, Providence, Rhode Island, m. 1621 Providence, Providence, Rhode Island, Anna ELECT, b. <1601, Providence, Providence, Rhode Island.”⁸

To repeat, the entire text of the above entry (including spelling) has been transcribed exactly. Stamford is seen to float between Fairfield County New York, Fairfield County Connecticut, and Westchester County New York. Persons are being born and married in Rhode Island before any white settlers were there at all, and Obadiah Seeley's birth in Stamford would have been almost a generation prior to the English settlement of that place! Even the potential maiden name of Anna Elliott has been changed to Anna Elect!

Similarly, the IGI entries are not useful in this case. The place of marriage of Obadiah Seeley and Mary Angell is given variously in the IGI as England; “Middlesex, of London, England;” Stamford, Westchester, New York; and New York City and County, as well as in Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut which we know to be the actual case.

Anatomy of a Speculation

Why did all this speculation happen, and where did it all begin? The earliest mention that I can find in any source for the maiden name of Obadiah Seeley's wife is in a query to the *Boston Transcript's* genealogical column of 6 January 1926, in which E.H.J.C. asked for information on John Miller of Wethersfield and Stamford who married “Mary Angell(?)”⁹ On 1 March 1935, the same column published a query by A.M.W.I. that asked “Has anything been learned to prove or disprove the theory that he [John Miller of Stamford and Wethersfield] was a brother of Elizabeth (Miller) Husted, who came with her husband, Robert Husted to Massachusetts in 1635....etc.” The query goes on to ask, “Has anyone ever found proof of his wife's name? Some of his descendants believe that he married a Mary Angell in Wethersfield in 1638.”¹⁰

These queries give us a feel for the relationship that was being proposed at the time by some researchers, but we may never know where the speculations actually started. It appears that the presence of John Miller in Wethersfield and Stamford with Robert Husted, whose wife was supposed to have been named Miller, gave rise to a speculation that the two men were related by marriage. Elizabeth Miller, supposed wife of Robert Husted was felt to be the child of Laurence Miller and Joan Smith, *daughter of Angell Smith*. This gave the researchers an explanation for the name of Husted's first child (Angell Husted). It now seems that this assumption regarding the name Angell was somehow distorted so that it became the maiden name of John Miller's wife – probably by a simple confused exchange of the relationships implied by the term brothers in law as applied to John Miller and Robert Husted.

A similar discussion took place slightly later in another newspaper column, carried in the *Hartford Times* in (at least) 1941 and 1943, primarily concerning the Husted side of the question.¹¹

⁸ Family Search Individual Record ID #7210789.

⁹ *Boston Transcript*, 6 Jan 1926, Query #3724.

¹⁰ *Boston Transcript*, 1 Mar 1935, Query #9973.

¹¹ *Hartford Times*, 29Mar 1941, Query #8568 and 5 Jun 1943, Answer # AA2258, both as cited by Remington in his article, discussed further below.

Sanity Prevails

Fortunately for the cause of truth, George E. McCracken, F.A.S.G. wrote a brief article for *The American Genealogist* in 1956, in which he called the identity of Elizabeth (____) Husted into question, and concluded that she was not named Miller after all.¹²

The Husted family has recently been explained in detail in an extended article for *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.¹³ In that article, Gordon L. Remington, F.U.G.A. came to the same conclusion as McCracken, but for slightly different and more compelling reasons. Since his focus was on the Husteds, he did not attempt to discover an alternative identity for Husted's (second) wife, and Elizabeth (____) Husted is simply an unknown quantity at the present time

Since it was apparently the names themselves (Miller and Angell) that led to this speculation about brother-in-law relationships in Stamford, and since the recent research has shown that the speculations about those names were incorrect, it follows that the relationship between Robert Husted and John Miller is also unfounded. Since there is no longer any reason to call Robert Husted and John Miller brothers-in-law, it seems to me that now there is no longer any reason for speculating anything about the name of Angell in connection with Miller's wife (or therefore, Seeley's wife, as well.)

Parents' Names for Mary Angell

The provision of names for the parents of Mary Angell is a relatively recent development. The earliest dated mention I have been able to find is the *Seeley Descendants* book itself, for which the introduction was written in April 1997. Clearly, the information from researcher A had been received prior to that time, but was unfortunately not dated. I had felt that the process of retracing the sources as outlined above would lead to a particular introduction of these names, but that turned out not to be the case.

In 1992, Dean Crawford Smith and Melinde Lutz Sanborn published an outstanding multi-family genealogy, which included detailed notice of many Angell families in England. They identified a Mary Angell, daughter of James Angell and Anna Elliott, baptized at All Hallows, Bread Street, London, England on 26 March 1626.¹⁴ This source also placed the family in two other parishes in London in the 1630's, namely Enfield St. Andrew (1635-1638) and St. Stephen Coleman Street (briefly, in 1631). The connection with St. Stephen Coleman Street alerted the writer to the possibility that this Mary Angell might be part of a family that *could* have been associated with Robert Seeley during his own time at St. Stephen Coleman Street, and could therefore, ultimately, provide a substantial clue to Obadiah Seeley's origin. If this Mary Angell

¹² George E. McCracken, "Elizabeth Wife of Robert Husted of Greenwich, Connecticut," *The American Genealogist*, 32[1956]: 147.

¹³ Gordon L. Remington, "Robert² Huestis of Westchester County: His Ancestry and Descendants," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 129[1998]:1-12, 97-108, 191-206, 276-84, 130[1999]:54-60, especially 129:192-93.

¹⁴ Dean Crawford Smith and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Ancestry of Emily Jane Angell 1844 – 1910* (Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1992), 25, hereafter *Angell Ancestry*.

was in fact the wife of (1) John Miller and (2) Obadiah Seeley, several unsolved problems would have fallen into place.

St. Stephen Coleman Street

It is well known to Seeley family researchers that Captain Robert Seeley was a parishioner at St. Stephen Coleman Street Church from late in 1626 until 1630, when he joined the Winthrop migration to the Massachusetts Bay.¹⁵ I have studied the churchwardens accounts of the Church on microfilm¹⁶ to see if there are any Angell families there in the Parish at the same time, that could have formed an association with Robert Seeley, and therefore been candidates for some kind of a connection with Obadiah (a long shot, at best!). There is *no Angell family at all* in the Parish during the time Robert Seeley is listed (1626/27 through 1629/30). One William Angell does appear in 1630/31 and thereafter. From the recent *Angell Ancestry*, this William Angell appears to be the one baptized at Peakirk on 7 September 1595, who married Elizabeth Holland and had two children baptized at St. Stephen Coleman Street in 1632 and 1633. This William Angell was a first cousin of James Angell who married Ann Elliott and had a child baptized at St. Stephen Coleman Street in 1631 (although James Angell's family did not settle there in the Coleman Street parish long enough to appear on the churchwardens accounts.)¹⁷ Even though this circumstantial evidence is tantalizingly close, there is no significant overlap in time with the Seeley residence at Coleman Street, and no other reason is seen at this time for a definite connection. Without more compelling evidence, these Angell proximities must be considered as only coincidence.¹⁸

Other Angell Considerations

I then studied the will of James Angell given in the *Angell Ancestry*, and tried to make things fit. He did not mention any of his children by name. He was buried on 6 April 1638, when Mary would have been only 12 years old (and 3 years after John Miller's first child was probably born, say 1635). There was no mention of any connection with New England. I discussed the family with one of the *Angell Ancestry* authors, and she told me that her own research led her to believe it was extremely unlikely that any members of this family ever came to America.

But I was also tempted by another related statement in secondary materials. The *Slason Family Genealogy*, written in 1946, proposed without definite proof that the mother of George Slason, another early settler of Stamford, was one Anne Angell, who was married at St. Saviours Church in Southwark, Surrey, England on 13 May 1610 to Richard Slason.¹⁹ No birth record for

¹⁵ See, for example, Ralph M. Seeley, "The English Life of Robert Seely," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 116[July, 1962]: 159-65.

¹⁶ FHL Microfilm #577566, St. Stephen Coleman Street Churchwardens Accounts, London, England, Part 2, MS 4457 2, years covered 1586 to 1640.

¹⁷ *Angell Ancestry*, 12-25.

¹⁸ Note added for this article in 2014: Since this analysis was written in 1999 it has been shown using DNA evidence that Captain Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley were not closely related as was previously thought possible (Frederick C. Hart Jr. and Anita A. Lustenberger, "DNA Testing Results Settle a Long-Standing Question in the Seeley Family," *New England Ancestors*, 6:2[Spring, 2005]: 46-7, 51. Also reprinted in, *Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter*, 2005-02(May, 2005): 1, 3, 10.

¹⁹ George C. Slawson, *The Slason - Slawson - Slosson Family* (Waverly, NY, 1946), viii. St. Saviours Parish is immediately across the Thames from downtown London.

George Slason was found, and the identity was clearly described as circumstantial. But it was a fact that George Slason (and John Holly) appraised the inventories of *both* John Miller and Obadiah Seeley in Stamford in 1665/66! Was it therefore possible that George Slason's mother was indeed named Anne Angell, and that she was somehow related to our Mary Angell, of a later generation?²⁰

Because of these possibilities, I hesitated to dismiss any of these claims that appeared in the recent secondary sources, not knowing if one or more of the researchers had finally found "the answer," and had been able to successfully document the identity of Mary Angell, at last.

But my own attempts to retrace these claims has not led me to a single useful primary source. Even if the identity of George Slason's mother turned out to be correct, there would be no reason to identify Mary ____, wife of John Miller and Obadiah Seeley as an Angell, any more than to identify her as a Slason. Remington has effectively broken the cycle of Husted "connections." To disprove the Mary Angell theory, one must find that it was based on error (which I have not been able to do), or fraudulent (for which there seems to be no motive), or on the other hand to prove Mary's identity to be something else, and by some other more conclusive means. None of these alternative solutions have yet been available. I must therefore conclude this report with the following summary statement, describing the status of the situation as I believe it exists today:

It is unlikely that Mary ____, the wife of (1) John Miller and (2) Obadiah Seeley was named Mary Angell, since no primary source documentation of that fact is evident, since the original assertion cannot be found using reasonable means, and since it has recently been demonstrated that no relationship with Robert Husted should be assumed. More specifically, Mary was certainly not the daughter of James Angell and Ann Elliott of London, who would have been only about 9 years old at the time of the birth of John Miller's first child (probably about 1635, place unknown), and for whom there is no evidence of a later life in New England.

²⁰ This association was also made by Reynolds in his *Bedford Genealogy*, 158.

Gershom Raymond of Norwalk in 1790

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RAYMOND, GERSHOM

Norwalk

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GERSHOM RAYMOND was born 18 Jan 1724/5,² son of John (1693-1774) and Catherine (Hanford) Raymond (ca 1694-1741)³ who were married 24 Dec 1719 in Norwalk.⁴ Gershom died 18 May 1806, and is buried in the Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk.⁵

Gershom married on 12 Apr 1749 **ABIGAIL TAYLOR**,⁶ born 06 Oct 1726, daughter of John Taylor (1680-1747/60) and Abigail Hopkins (1686- aft.1747)⁷ who were married 03 Sep 1713 in Eastham, MA.⁸ Abigail Raymond died 07 Sep 1803, and also is buried in the Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk.⁹

On 29 Sep 1747 John Raymond of Norwalk conveyed to "my son Gershom Raymond" one-half part of a tract of 30 acres at "Rheaton (Rowayton) neck."¹⁰ Gershom was grantor or

¹ 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Norwalk and Stamford, p. 306, NARA microfilm M637, Roll 1. Gershom resided in what is now the Tokeneke section of Darien.

² Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, 1926, Norwalk, 101, citing Norwalk Land Records 4:8.

³ Samuel Edward Raymond and Louvera Horn Raymond, *Raymond Genealogy, Descendants of Richard Raymond*, 1969, Seattle, WA, Vol. 1, p. 47-48. Data from this book available at "Raymonds of New England" <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=raymondhow&id=I2394>

⁴ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 102, citing Norwalk Land Records 4:8.

⁵ Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, ca. 1934, vol. 96, Norwalk, p. 442, Raymond Cemetery. This source called "Hale Collection" hereinafter.

⁶ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, p. 101, citing Norwalk Land Records 18:5.

⁷ See Robert Smith, "Ancestry of Abigail Taylor, wife of Gershom Raymond of Darien," *Connecticut Ancestry*, Aug. 2009, Vol. 52, p. 5, which identifies Gershom's wife with the Cape Cod family.

⁸ *Mayflower Families through Five Generations*, Vol. 6, Stephen Hopkins, p. 109 (#98, Abigail Hopkins).

⁹ Hale Collection, Norwalk, 442.

¹⁰ Norwalk Land Records, 10:4.

grantee in some two-score later Norwalk deeds, and it is said that he owned almost all of lower Five Mile River.¹¹ In 1790 he lived at what is now 26 Wilson Ave., Rowayton.¹²

Gershom Raymond was appointed to the Norwalk Committee of Safety and chosen a town representative to the newly formed Fairfield County Congress on 4 Dec 1774.¹³ He was among the “householders within the bounds of [Capt. Bell's] company in Lt. Col. John Mead's Regt. who kept watch and ward – according to orders from Major-Genl. Wooster” in a list dated 24 Dec 1776.¹⁴ In spite of these early indications of his acceptance of the Revolutionary cause, his name was presented on 20 Apr 1781 as one of some 25 Norwalk residents listed as “Inimical and Dangerous to the Liberties and Independence of the United States of America.” These were notified to appear to the committee “to show Reason, if any they had, why their names should not be Enrolled as afore s^d.”¹⁵ No record was found that Gershom might have disputed this indictment but no record of further action such as confiscation of property was found.

Gershom's will was written 15 Mar 1787 and proved 28 Jun 1806. He named as beneficiaries sons Paul, Edward, and Gershom Raymond and daughters Catherine Raymond, Azubah Selleck, and Anne Raymond. The executors were his sons Paul, Edward, and Gershom.¹⁶

¹¹ http://www.colonialsense.com/Antiques/Auction_Results/November_2012.php – “*The important Raymond Family Connecticut Queen Anne Cherry Highboy, Darien-Rowayton Area, C. 1770*” pictures the highboy sold at auction for \$31,860 in November 2012, and describes the Raymond family as follows: “On the banks of the Five Mile River, a Connecticut coastal estuary, the Raymond family began its long association with the oyster industry. Harvesting the area's plentiful oyster beds and later 'seeding' and farming oysters led to a thriving business supplying New York City and parts of Europe, reaching its peak in the late nineteenth century when Rowayton and Norwalk were the “Oyster Capital of the World.” Richard Raymond, the family's early ancestor, was involved in coastal trade with the Dutch and English in Manhattan and around 1662, purchased land in the Norwalk area. His great-great grandson, Gershom Raymond (1725-1806) owned almost all of lower Five Mile River. He married Abigail Taylor in 1749 and by the time their youngest child was born in 1762, they were living on Rowayton's main street, which came to be known as Oystermen's Row. During the Revolutionary War period, Gershom, a member of the 3rd Connecticut Regiment, was elected to the Committee of Safety and the Fairfield County Congress. In 1790 he built an eight-room house on Wilson Ave. for his son, Gershom II and daughter-in-law, a house that still stands today.”

¹² Rowayton Historical Society presents, “Honor Our Veterans From the American Revolution.”

<http://blog.ctnews.com/johnson/files/2013/05/Veterans-from-Rowayton-2013.pdf>

¹³ Jolene Roberts Mullen, *Connecticut Town Meeting Records during the American Revolution*, 2011, p. 103, citing Norwalk Town Proceedings, vol. 2, p. 157.

¹⁴ *Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution*, Hartford, 1889, p. 490, where Gershom is listed among some thirty Norwalk heads of household. On the basis of these records a number of Gershom's descendants have been admitted to the Daughters of the American Revolution, beginning with Miss Angeline Scott in 1894, member #5236, DAR Lineage Book, vol. 6. But see the following indictment.

¹⁵ Norwalk Land Records, vol. 14, p. 409. It is possible that the indictment was meant for Gideon's son, but this seems unlikely as the son was only 19 at the time and no “Jr.” is appended to his name on the list.

¹⁶ .Norwalk Probate Court Record, vol. 1, p. 116. Neither inventory nor estate distribution was recorded.

Children of Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond, all births recorded Norwalk:¹⁷

- i. PAUL RAYMOND, b. 28 Jun 1750;¹⁸ d. 22 Jan 1828;¹⁹ m. in Norwalk 11 Jan 1776²⁰ ELIZABETH REED b. Norwalk 07 Jun 1753, daughter of Nathan and Mary (Peck) Reed;²¹ d. 02 Nov 1826. Paul and Elizabeth buried Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk.²² They had eight children all registered Norwalk.²³
- ii. KATHARINE (CATHERINE) RAYMOND, b. 01 Jul 1752;²⁴ d. Norwalk, 20 Dec 1831.²⁵ She never married, but had a daughter Wille Halmina (Wilhelmina) Raymond b. 1781, probably in New York.²⁶ Wille Halmina (1781-1862) and her husband Nicholas Vincent (d. 7 Jun 1845, age 77) are buried with several of their children in the Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk.²⁷
- iii. EDWARD RAYMOND, b. 20 Feb 1755;²⁸ d. in Norwalk 11 Mar 1813; ²⁹m. 09 Dec 1783 in Norwalk DEBORAH WHITING,³⁰ b. Stamford, 09 Jul 1761, daughter of Charles and Mary (Kellogg) Whiting,³¹ d. Norwalk, 24 Sep 1832. Edward and Deborah are buried Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk.³² They had three children all registered Norwalk.³³
- iv. AZUBAH RAYMOND, b. 25 Mar 1758;³⁴ d. 01 Dec 1831; bur. Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk;³⁵ m. in Norwalk 25 Mar 1778 NATHANIEL SELLECK,³⁶ b. Norwalk ca. 1754, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Selleck) Selleck,³⁷ d. after 1820, probably in Fairfield County Connecticut.³⁸ They had five children all registered in Norwalk.³⁹

¹⁷ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 100-105, citing Norwalk Land Records 18:5.

¹⁸ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 104, citing NLR 18:5

¹⁹ Hale Collection, Norwalk, Raymond Cemetery, 441.

²⁰ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 104, original Norwalk Land Records, 18:5.

²¹ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 106, original NLR 4:14. Reed-Peck marriage: Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 107, original NLR 4:14.

²² Hale Collection, Norwalk, Raymond Cemetery, p. 441.

²³ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 100-105, citing Norwalk Land Records 18:5.

²⁴ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 103, citing Norwalk Land records 18:5.

²⁵ Hale Collection, Norwalk, Raymond Cemetery, 441.

²⁶ Raymonds of New England Web site, citing vol. 1, part 3, p. 5. (see footnote 3)

²⁷ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Norwalk, Raymond Cemetery, p. 442.

²⁸ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 100, citing Norwalk Land Records 18:10.

²⁹ Hale Collection, Norwalk, 443.

³⁰ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 101, citing Norwalk Land Records 18:10.

³¹ Her parents: Raymonds of New England Web site (see footnote 3) Mary's birth: Barbour Collection, Stamford, 247, citing original Vital Records 2:63.

³² Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Norwalk, Raymond Cemetery, p. 442.

³³ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 100-105, citing Norwalk Land Records 18:10.

³⁴ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 100, original 18:5.

³⁵ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Norwalk, Raymond Cemetery, p. 441.

³⁶ Norwalk Land Records, 18:13.

³⁷ Descendants of David Selleck; see http://www.lockwoodons.webspace.virginmedia.com/SGL_Selleck%20Family%20Tree.htm#ns5

³⁸ 1820 US Census, Fairfield County, CT, Norwalk, p. 267, Nathaniel Selleck, NARA microfilm M33, Roll 1. He was not listed in the 1830 census.

³⁹ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 100-105, citing Norwalk Land Records 18:13.

- v. ANNA RAYMOND, b. 02 Sep 1760;⁴⁰ d. Norwalk 01 Jun 1837, probably in what is now the Tokeneke section of Darien, buried in the Raymond Cemetery.⁴¹ She may be one of the three females listed at home with her parents in the 1790 census. Did not marry.
- vi. GERSHOM RAYMOND, b. 13 Nov 1762;⁴² d. Norwalk 23 Apr 1813;⁴³ m. Norwalk 04 Jan 1787 MARY WHITING,⁴⁴ b. Stamford, 17 Apr 1768, daughter of Charles and Mary (Kellogg) Whiting;⁴⁵ d. Norwalk, 22 Feb 1836. Gershom and Mary are buried in the Raymond Cemetery.⁴⁶ They had eight children all registered in Norwalk.⁴⁷

⁴⁰ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 100, original NLR 18:5.

⁴¹ Robert Smith, "Burials in the Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk," *Connecticut Ancestry*, Aug. 2009, Vol. 52, No. 1, which lists the headstone for Anna and for many other family members.

⁴² Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 101, original NLR 18:5.

⁴³ Hale Collection, Norwalk, 441.

⁴⁴ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 101, citing Norwalk Land Records, 18:10.

⁴⁵ Her parents: Raymonds of New England Web site (see footnote 3) Mary's birth: Barbour Collection, Stamford, 247, citing original Vital Records 2:63

⁴⁶ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Norwalk, Raymond Cemetery, p. 441.

⁴⁷ Barbour Collection, Norwalk, 100-105, citing Norwalk Land Records 18:10.

Gideon Lounsbury of Stamford, Connecticut, in 1790

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LOUNSBURY, GIDEON
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GIDEON LOUNSBURY was born ca. 1721 and died 1 June 1792, age 71.² He was the son of Henry (b. 1684, d. 1749-1751) and Mercy (Scofield) Lounsbury (b. 1690, d. 1749-1751).³ He married **DEBORAH BUXTON** 14 January 1747/8 in Stamford.⁴

Deborah was born 30 May 1729 in Stamford,⁵ and died 29 Mar 1804, age 75. Both Gideon and Deborah are buried at the Turn of River Cemetery, Stamford.⁶ Deborah's parents were Samuel (b. 15 Jul 1699,⁷ d. aft 16 Oct 1746⁸) and Hannah (Bell) Buxton (b. 30 Apr 1705,⁹ d. bef. 16 Oct 1746). They married 23 February 1726/7 in Stamford.¹⁰

Gideon was a party to a number of Stamford deeds including one dated 9 Mar 1749/50 in which, for £140, his father-in-law Samuel Buxton sold him 35 acres at the "lower end of Scofield's Ridge, so called, on the west side of the mill river."¹¹

The Stamford Town Meeting of 30 August 1781, following the directive of the General Assembly to identify individuals in Connecticut who were judged to be "Dangerous and Inimical . . . to the Liberties & Independence of the United States of America," included Gideon Lounsbury in a list of 19 residents who they believed met these criteria. However, the Town Meeting reversed its decision: "Upon application of the s^d Lounsbury, together with a large Number of the Respectable Inhabitants . . . this day upon Reconsideration & further Examination into s^d Lounsbury's Character, Adjudged that . . . Lounsbury is not a proper Subject to be Enrolled as Aforesaid. 10 Dec 1781"¹²

¹ 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Norwalk and Stamford, p. 317, NARA microfilm M637, Roll 1.

² Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Stamford, p. 154, Turn of River Cemetery.

³ Winifred Lovering Holman, "Pennoyer and Lounsbury Notes," *The New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, 108 (1954), 291. This article outlines the Lounsbury family down to Gideon.

⁴ Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, v. 109, Stamford, 1641-1852, p. 126, citing original vol. 1, p. 84; Photostat copy, Connecticut State Library, Hartford. Also available at americanancestors.org.

⁵ Barbour Collection, Stamford, 31, original 1:84.

⁶ Hale Collection, Stamford, p. 154, Turn of River Cemetery.

⁷ Barbour Collection, Stamford, 33, original 1:121. This date is calculated from the Barbour record which says, "Buxton, Samuel, s. Clement & Judeth, was on July 15, 1713, 14 yrs. old".

⁸ On this date, he married 2nd Rebecca Weed. Another death date, "aft. 20 Mar 1761," is seen in Web-based genealogies but without documentation.

⁹ Barbour Collection, Stamford, 12, original 1:144.

¹⁰ John Valentine Hecker, "Genealogy of the Bell Family," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 28 (1897):153. Barbour names the bride in this marriage as "Susannah" Bell, saying the name came from the Arnold copy and suggesting it should be Hannah. Neither Barbour nor we checked the original record.

¹¹ Stamford Land Records, vol. E, p. 273.

¹² Jolene Roberts Mullen, *Connecticut Town Meeting Records during the American Revolution*, Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 2011, Vol. II, p. 363, citing original Stamford Town Meeting Records, p. 298.

Gideon's will, dated 22 June and proved 10 July 1792, named his wife Deborah, sons James, Gideon, Elijah, Amos, and John Lounsbury, and daughters Hannah, wife of Obadiah Stevens, and Sally, wife of John Knap.¹³ The order of distribution dated 15 Feb 1799 lists personal estate of £261/0/3, of which £205/8/7 was available for distribution, plus real estate of £545/4/6. Distribution was made on 29 Mar 1799.¹⁴

Children of Gideon and Deborah (Buxton) Lounsbury, all recorded in Stamford, and baptized at the Stamford Congregational Church.

- i. JAMES LOUNSBURY, b. 14 Sep 1749¹⁵ and bap. 16 Nov 1749,¹⁶ d. 1814 in Stamford;¹⁷ m. in Stamford 05 May 1773 ABIGAIL LOCKWOOD,¹⁸ b. 25 Jul 1750, daughter of John and Sarah (Scofield) Lockwood;¹⁹ d. 17 Nov 1832, buried Turn of River Cemetery, Stamford.²⁰ Five children all born Stamford.²¹
- ii. GIDEON LOUNSBURY, b. 07 Aug 1751;²² and bap. 18 Aug 1751;²³ d. 19 Mar 1825, age 75.²⁴ His first wife some call Margaret b., say, 1760, d. before 1810.²⁵ He m. second, after 02 Mar 1811, ABIGAIL BISHOP,²⁶ b. ca. 1858, died 29 Jan 1830, age 72. Gideon and Abigail are buried in the Noroton River Cemetery, Darien.²⁷ He had nine children with his first wife all probably born in New York State.²⁸
- iii. JOHN LOUNSBURY, b. 18 March 1753;²⁹ b. 29 Apr 1753;³⁰ d. before 27 Apr 1764,³¹ probably in Stamford.
- iv. ELIJAH LOUNSBURY, bap. 13 Oct 1754,³² d. before 21 Oct 1757.³³

¹³ Stamford Probate Court Record, vol. 8, p. 246.

¹⁴ Stamford Probate Court Record, vol. 9, p. 156, 188.

¹⁵ Barbour Collection, Stamford, 127, original 1:84.

¹⁶ Stamford Congregational Church Records, vol. 3, p. 71.

¹⁷ *Republican Farmer*, 25 May 1814. Some on-line genealogies give a death date of 3 May 1814 without documentation..

¹⁸ Barbour, Stamford, 127, original 1:182.

¹⁹ Abigail's birth: Barbour, Stamford, 119, original 1:88. Parents' marriage: Barbour, Stamford, 167, original 1:33.

²⁰ Hale Collection, Stamford, p. 154.

²¹ Barbour, Stamford, 125, 127, 129, citing originals 2:3 and 1:190.

²² Barbour of Vital Records, Stamford, 126, original 1:106.

²³ Stamford Congregational Church Records, vol. 3, p. 60.

²⁴ Hale Collection, Darien, p. 248.

²⁵ Census of 1810 shows no adult females over 25 years of age. 1810 US Census, Delaware County, New York, Delhi, p. 438 (stamped), Gideon Loonsbury [sic]; Family History Library Film: 0,000,234.

²⁶ Spencer P. Mead, *Abstract of Probate Records for the District of Stamford...1803-1848*, Vol. 2 reads: "Lounsbury, Gideon, formerly a resident of the County of Delaware, NY, and now residing in his home town of Stamford, CT, and Abigail Bishop of said Stamford, Mar. 2, 1811, antenuptial agreement." No records were found for a birth of Abigail Bishop, and she is likely the widow of a Bishop.

²⁷ Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Darien, p. 248. The inscriptions contain dates of death and age.

²⁸ Stamford Probate Court Record, vol. 13, pp. 88ff. Will dated Oct. 27, 1823, probated Apr. 13, 1825, mentioned his wife Abigail, and ante-nuptial agreement, and children James, John, Zabud, Gideon, Harvey, Hannah Ferris, Deborah Ketcham, and Maria Heroy."

²⁹ Barbour, Stamford, 127, original 1:106.

³⁰ Stamford Congregational Church Records, vol. 3, p. 62.

³¹ When a second child named John was born.

³² Stamford Congregational Church Records, vol. 3, p. 63,

³³ When another child named Elijah was born.

- v. HANNAH LOUNSBURY, b. 31 Mar 1756;³⁴ bap. 09 May 1756;³⁵ m. 05 Nov 1773 in Stamford OBADIAH SEELEY,³⁶ born 03 Mar 1753, son of Obadiah and Abigail (Crissey) Seeley.³⁷ They had at least eight children all born Stamford.³⁸
- vi. ELIJAH LOUNSBURY, b. 21 Oct 1757;³⁹ bap. 04 Dec 1757;⁴⁰ d. before 23 May 1805 in Stamford;⁴¹ m. first 06 May 1784 in Stamford CLARA (OF CLARISSA) HOYT,⁴² daughter of Joseph and Jane (King) Hoyt, b. 27 or 28 Jan 1766.⁴³ She d. 02 April 1790.⁴⁴ Elijah m. 2nd, MARTHA JUNE.⁴⁵ Three children with Clarissa; five children with Martha.⁴⁶
- vii. AMOS LOUNSBURY, b. 14 Jul 1759;⁴⁷ bap. 26 Aug 1759;⁴⁸ d. Stamford in 1823, æ 60 [sic].⁴⁹ He m. in Stamford 14 Jun 1781 ELIZABETH LOCKWOOD.⁵⁰ Amos and Elizabeth had seven children all born Stamford.⁵¹
- viii. JOHN LOUNSBURY, born 27 Apr 1764;⁵² bap. 10 Jun 1764;⁵³ d. 17 Jul 1828;⁵⁴ m. in Stamford, 12 Jan 1786, JERUSHA WEBB,⁵⁵ who was bap. 15 Aug 1764. She was a daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (White) Webb who married 05 Sep 1755 in Stamford.⁵⁶ John and Jerusha had twelve children all born Stamford.⁵⁷
- ix. SAMUEL LOUNSBURY, born 31 May 1767,⁵⁸ d. before 22 Jun 1790.⁵⁹

³⁴ Barbour, Stamford, 127, original 1:161.

³⁵ Stamford Congregational Church Records, vol. 3, p. 64.

³⁶ Barbour, Stamford, 127, original 2:44.

³⁷ Birth: Barbour, Stamford, 173, original 1:108. parents' marriage: Barbour, Stamford, 173, original 1:108.

³⁸ Barbour, Stamford, 170-175, all listed in original 2:44.

³⁹ Barbour, Stamford, 126, original 1:161.

⁴⁰ Stamford Congregational Church Records, vol. 3, p. 66.

⁴¹ Stamford Probate Court Record, vol. 10, p. 189,366,404, estate of Elijah Lounsbury. Letters of administration granted to John Lounsbury on 23 May 1805. Inventory taken 07 June 1805 by Reuben Scofield and Seth Weed, and filed, page 366. Real estate ordered sold to pay debts, and report of sale. On 05 Apr 1808 the estate was distributed to his widow, Hannah (another name for Martha or possibly a third wife?) and to his children Elijah, Clarissa or Clara, Benjamin, Anna, Elizabeth, Ezra, and Martha,

⁴² Barbour, Stamford, 126, original 2:35.

⁴³ Barbour, Stamford, 83, for 27 Jan, original 1:203, for 28 Jan original 1:163. Hoyt-King marriage 06 Apr 1749: Barbour, Stamford, 88, original 1:81.

⁴⁴ Barbour, Stamford, 126, original 2:35.

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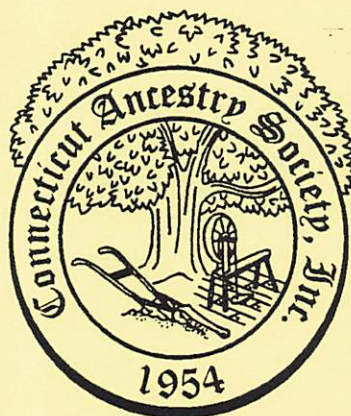
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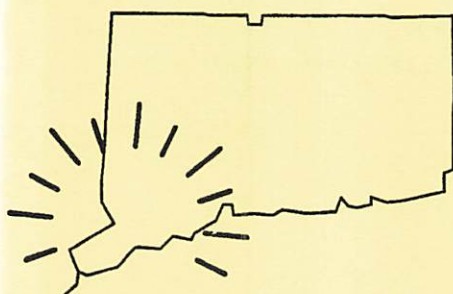
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Editorial Notes

This issue begins with Fred Hart's article on David Austin of Stamford and his progeny, many of whom settled in Pound Ridge, NY. In this comprehensive article he demonstrates the relation of David to the Greenwich immigrant John of Greenwich. He also proves that David is *not* related to neighboring New York Austins who were from Rhode Island families. This analysis, plus his distinguishing of the two separate Austin families of Greenwich and Stamford, has taken many years of Fred's research with final proofs through quite recent DNA analysis. The results of his sorting of the earlier John Austin families appear in the April 2014 issue of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* which is also most interesting reading.

This is followed by a description of the family, both children and grandchildren, of Edward and Lydia Ann Elwood (Barnes) of Westport and Norwalk by Paul Keroack and Merry Park. While Lydia's parents have been identified, there is only a tempting clue as to Edward's parentage.

As in each of this year's journals we have included sketches of families from the 1790 census, this time including Heth Peck of Newtown and Ezra Stevens of Danbury. We hope readers will continue to contribute articles on these families.

Finally, we present an index for the four issues of this journal volume, which includes some 3200 names!

In this, my last note as editor, I must say that, though it has consumed many hours of my time, I have much enjoyed both your contributions and the editorial process itself. I'm not going away, and I will continue to contribute and to support our new editor Nora Galvin, but perhaps without the pressure of quarterly deadlines!

Harlan R. Jessup

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**Descendants of
David and Margaret (Stuart) Austin of Stamford,
Including the Austins of Pound Ridge**

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A previous article in this journal mentioned an Austin family of Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York, and asked some questions about identities.^[1] The Austins were well represented in Pound Ridge throughout the 19th Century but they don't seem to have been covered by any published genealogy. With one possible exception, they were all descendants of David and Margaret (Stuart) Austin who were married in Stamford on 10 November 1746. Although many of its members have appeared in one form or another in Internet reports, this article is probably the first attempt to collect all of David and Margaret's children plus 2 more generations into a single genealogical summary format. It is admittedly still weak in several areas because of the various migrations that took place soon after David's death.

As a descendant of one of these Pound Ridge Austin families myself, I had not originally pursued their origin, having been misled by a notation in William Webster Austin's Family Bible that his grandfather Samuel Austin of Pound Ridge had been "born in Scotland."^[2] When I did pick up the chase, I quickly found that one of Samuel's census entries said that he had been born instead in "CT," and the door was opened to a new understanding of the family. Family bibles are helpful for research, but can be just as misleading as any other single source of genealogical "facts."

Austin family researchers are fortunate to have a very active genealogical society working on this surname, and its web site contains a massive amount of genealogical information readily searchable by the public. Edith Austin Moore (1882 - 1979) and Janet Austin Curtis (1920 - 1991) and other dedicated researchers in the Austin Family Association of America (AFAOA)^[3] have collected a prodigious amount of primary source data on every possible Austin family line.

Since our subject David Austin appeared in Stamford records a connection with the earlier John Austin whose death was recorded there in 1657 was suspected, but no line of connection was found between those two persons using conventional methods. However, thanks to the DNA Project results on the AFAOA web site, one of David's male-line descendants was seen to have an identical DNA test result (37 marker level) with 3 other male-line descendants of the John Austin who died in 1657, making it virtually certain that David was also part of that same Austin clan.

¹ Judith Green Watson [and Harlan R Jessup], "Jonathan Austin of Pound Ridge: A Stray 1862 Letter to His Parents," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 48[November 2005]: 92.

² William Webster Austin Family Bible, transcription in the New Canaan Historical Society (NCHS) vertical files. That reference says that Samuel Austin (the head of the Pound Ridge Family) was born in Scotland, that he "was 99 years old when he died" (but does not give a date), and that he had a wife whose first name was Prudence who was born "in England." This bible was essentially the record of the family of Samuel's son Henry Austin, born 18 August 1793 and his wife Matilda Avery born 26 January 1798. William Webster Austin was one of the sons in that family, therefore Samuel's grandson.

³ <http://www.afaqa.org/>

An analysis was then conducted of all persons named Austin in earlier records of the Stamford - Greenwich area of Fairfield County, Connecticut to see where David might fit in. The positive results of that investigation have already been reported in another journal.^[4] With David's ancestry covered in that earlier report, his own family will be discussed in more detail in this present article. Before presenting a genealogical summary, however, several other interesting aspects of the investigation will be discussed.

Early Austin evidence in Pound Ridge

Since the entry point for this investigation was the Austin family of Pound Ridge, let us review their appearances in the early Pound Ridge Censuses.

<i>Astin/Austin Family Heads in Pound Ridge, NY Censuses</i>						
Given Name	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840
Holmes	X	X				
Charles		X				
Samuel		X	X	X	X	X (70-80)
Thomas			X			
Henry				X	X	X (40-50)
Samuel Jr.				X	X	X (50-60)
Selleck				X	X	
Edward					X	
Matthew						X (20-30)
William						X (20-30)
Seth						X (20-30)

The first three Austins in Pound Ridge were Holmes Austin, Charles Stuart Austin and Samuel Austin, seen below to be brothers, all on the 1800 census and also found on the town's 1799 Highway Assessment List.^[5] Holmes and Charles had moved away before 1810 leaving Samuel as the progenitor of those branches that remained in Pound Ridge. Selleck and Edward began their own families in Pound Ridge but had moved back over the state line into Long Ridge (part of Stamford, Conn.) before 1840. The Thomas Austin who appeared only briefly in 1810 has not yet been identified.

The 1820 census of Pound Ridge listed the three families of Samuel Austin, Samuel Austin Jr., and Henry Austin together.^[6] The elder Samuel Austin and his wife were both over 45 years, therefore born before 1775, with others in the household still unaccounted for -- a second male age 45+, a boy and a girl both age 10-16, and another boy under 10 years. Samuel Austin Jr. and his wife were both age 26-45, and they had a boy and a girl both under 10 years. Henry Austin

⁴ Frederick C. Hart Jr., "Early Austins of Greenwich and Stamford, Connecticut," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 168(2014): 85-100.

⁵ Richard L. Major, 3rd, "Pound Ridge, NY Assessment of the Highway in April 1799," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 45(Feb 2003): 121, 122, 124.

⁶ 1820 census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N.Y., NARA microfilm M33: 75, sh. 450.

was age 26-45, his wife was in the 16-26 age category and they had also had a boy and a girl under 10 years.

The proximity of these families in 1820 suggested that Henry Austin and Samuel Austin Jr. were both sons of the elder Samuel Austin who came to Pound Ridge between 1790 and 1800. Later censuses listed Samuel Austin Jr. as being born in Connecticut, and there was indeed one head of family named Samuel Austin in Stamford, Connecticut at the time of the 1790 census. This elder Samuel must have been the “Samuel Austin of Pound Ridge” who sold a dwelling house and ½ acre homelot in the Stanwich Society of Stamford to Edward Jenkins of New York City on 22 February 1797, “reserving to the Wid^w Margaret Austin the priviledge of Living on the premises during her natural Life at her Option.”^[7] Here was evidence that the Samuel Austin who appeared in Pound Ridge between 1790 and 1800 had come there from Stamford and not (at least not directly) from Scotland. Furthermore, this land record implied that he was a son of the widow Margaret Austin and an adult by 1797, and therefore that he could be a son of David Austin and Margaret Stuart who were married at Stamford on 10 November 1746.^[8]

Although none of the children of David and Margaret (Stuart) Austin were recorded in the Stamford civil registers, they had four children baptized at the Congregational Church there between 1748 and 1755, and another four children baptized at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Stamford from 1759 to 1764 (all described further below). But Samuel was not one of them, and more evidence was therefore required before Samuel, and therefore the other Pound Ridge Austins, could finally be included in this family.

Enter: the Land Case over Lot #73 in Township #17 of the NY Military Tract

Clues to the necessary evidence were found in the extensive online databases of the AFAOA. Mention is made there of a set of land records regarding the estate of a Jeremiah Austin who had died in battle as a Revolutionary War soldier in 1777. Jeremiah had left as his only heir a brother David Austin, who had also died near the end of the War, that is, about 1783. Lot #73 in Genoa (formerly Milton), Cayuga County, New York^[9] was a 600-acre parcel of New York’s “Military Tract” set aside to compensate soldiers as bounty land, and was granted posthumously to Jeremiah Austin on 13 September 1790 for his service in [Edward] Lounsbury’s Company of [Col. Philip Van Cortlandt’s] 2nd Regiment, New York Line.^[10] Jeremiah’s date of death was given as 31 September 1777. Although Jeremiah may possibly have been a widower, there is no other evidence that he was ever married.

⁷ Stamford Land Records, N: 342. On 31 March 1797 in a deed recorded on this same page of the Stamford Land Records (N: 342) there is a deed from Enoch Hoyt to the same Edward Jenkins (called here Capt. Edward Jenkins) for an additional unconnected 17 acres plus at “the Den” in Stamford. Edward Jenkins was the husband of Samuel’s sister Mary, see below.

⁸ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 74, Barbour Index used. It would also be found, see below, that the grantee, Edward Jenkins, was by this time the husband of Samuel’s sister, Mary Austin.

⁹ The town name is Genoa, notwithstanding that several secondary sources have transcribed it incorrectly as Geneva.

¹⁰ _____, *The Balloting Book, and Other Documents Relating to Military Bounty Lands in the State of New-York* (Albany: Packard & Van Benthuysen, 1825), 68, 102, 131, at 102, hereafter New York Balloting Book. The year is often given incorrectly as 1778, including in the Supreme Court Case abstract, see below. Since there was no 31 September, probably 30 September was meant.

Because the land was not granted until after the recipient soldier (Jeremiah) and his only heir (his brother David) had both died, there was confusion over the ownership.^[11] A legal case was brought before the New York State Supreme Court of Judicature for resolution at its session of October 1817.^[12] The Court found that David Austin, Jeremiah's brother and only heir, had died "about the close of the War, leaving six sons and two daughters, his [David's] heirs at law." Deeds presented in evidence before the Court identified four of these children as follows: daughter Mary Jenkins, son Charles S. Austin, the eldest son Holmes Austin who had deeded to Shadrack Austin (relationship not mentioned), and son Samuel Austin, all of whom had a share in the ownership because they were heirs of David and therefore also of Jeremiah.^[13] While this list of David's descendants was only a starting point, the names of Charles S. Austin and Holmes Austin were unique enough to suggest that this was the same David Austin whose children by those names were baptized in Stamford, Connecticut. This turned out to be true and, eventually, a major portion of the family of David and Margaret Austin of Stamford was found to be represented in some fashion in the land records associated with this case in central New York State.

The land in question, Lot #73 in township #17 (Milton, later Genoa, later Lansing) of the Military Tract of upstate New York, was part of that portion of Cayuga County that was set off to the newly-formed Tompkins County in April, 1817. At that time the township name was also changed from Genoa, Cayuga County to Lansing, Tompkins County. Several additional deeds were therefore found recorded in Tompkins County for additional transfers from the Austin heirs, none of whom themselves actually moved to the tract.

Taken together, these land records regarding Lot #73 in Milton / Genoa / Lansing, New York constituted a case study in land records research -- furnishing the only means with which to reconstruct a family that had started in Stamford, Connecticut before the Revolutionary War, but that had migrated far and wide soon afterward.

The Strange Case of Jeremiah Austin of Dutchess County, New York

One Jeremiah Austin of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York played a central role in the Lot #73 land case. He was the grantor in three deeds for Lot #73, two of which became evidence in the Supreme Court Case and one that did not for some reason. In the earliest of these deeds, dated December 1805, he described the Lot #73 as land, "which is or was drawn to me containing six hundred acres..." and that he was entitled to the land as his bounty land as an "enlisted soldier enduring the Revolutionary War."^[14] His wife Ruth Austin was also named as a grantor and signed with her X mark. A couple of months later in February 1806 he again sold

¹¹ J. H. French, *Gazetteer of the State of New York*.... (Syracuse: R. Pearsall Smith, 1860; repr. as *Historical and Statistical Gazetteer of New York State*, Interlaken, NY: Heart of the Lakes Publishing, 1980, etc), 654, 658.

¹² An abstract of this case is in William Johnson, *Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Judicature*..., volume 14 (Albany: E. F. Backus, 1818), 405, 406, 405, 406 (4 pages, second two numbered incorrectly in the original). Some later printings of these *Reports* omitted the pages with duplicate numbers and are therefore incomplete for this case abstract.

¹³ The legal case was quite complicated and one of the questions was whether or not all of David's (surviving) children had an equal share in the title, and the decision was that they did so share the title. Unfortunately the published transcript is preoccupied with the legal details and not with the genealogical relationships.

¹⁴ Cayuga County Land Records, G: 295.

Lot #73, now called five hundred acres, to another person saying that the lot had been, “given granted or patented to Jeremiah Austin formerly a soldier in the New York Line in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” but did not specifically say that he was that soldier as he had done only 2 months before.^[15] Some doubt had obviously crept into his thinking, but not enough to prevent him from making another sale. His third sale in 1811, to Gerit Haring, Abraham Haring and Martin Howe, was one of the two deeds in evidence before the Supreme Court and it appears that at least one of the grantees of this third deed (Martin Howe) eventually became a defendant in the Supreme Court case. This deed has not yet been located in the records of Cayuga, Tompkins or Seneca Counties, but the Supreme Court Case abstract says that it was dated 15 April 1811 and was meant to convey (only) 200 acres of Lot #73.^[16]

Just who was this Jeremiah Austin? There was no record of his birth or baptism or earlier residence in either Stamford or Pound Ridge. Some Austin family researchers had concluded that he was a later son of David and Margaret Austin of Stamford, born say about 1770 since his name appeared in the Land Case, and since another son, Samuel, was already known from that same Land Case to belong in the family even though his baptism or birth had not been recorded at Stamford.

But additional evidence from Dutchess County and other sources leads to another conclusion -- that this Jeremiah Austin was not a member of the Stamford family after all:

- Other than his appearance in the Land Case, there is no other evidence of any connection with the Stamford Family.
- In 1800 Jeremiah Austin was age 45+ living in the town of Washington adjoining Amenia in Dutchess County, with a wife and family.^[17] This implies a birth year of before 1755, therefore old enough to have served in the Revolutionary War himself, but certainly too old to have been a late child of David Austin of Greenwich born say about 1770. Furthermore there were both male and female children age 16-26 in his household in Dutchess County in 1800, indicating that he had been married at least as early as 1784 and probably several years earlier, say by 1778, since there were 3 children in that category.
- On 22 Jan 1795 Jeremiah Austin, weaver, of Washington, Dutchess County with the consent of **his wife Ruth Austin** regarding her thirds (emphasis added) sold for \$700 Spanish Milled Dollars his share in the estate of his deceased brother David Austin late of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, leaving land in Exeter, Washington County, Rhode Island.^[18] (This was certainly not the same David Austin who died in or near Stamford, Connecticut near the end of the Revolutionary war.)
- Edith Austin Moore identified a Jeremiah Austin, born 16 March 1741 in Exeter, Rhode Island who settled in Cambridge, Washington County, NY and married by 22 Jan 1795 (the date of the above Exeter, RI deed) Ruth ____ of Washington, Dutchess County.^[19]

¹⁵ Cayuga County Land Records, H: 497-8.

¹⁶ Supreme Court Case Abstract, 14: 405-6.

¹⁷ 1800 census of Washington, Dutchess Co., New York, NARA microfilm M32: 21, sh. 102.

¹⁸ Exeter, R.I. Land Evidence, 4[new series]: 288.

¹⁹ Edith Austin Moore, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, Rhode Island* (St

This Jeremiah Austin had a brother David Austin who died in 1792 leaving a wife Martha but no children so that his siblings were entitled to portions of his estate.

- This Jeremiah Austin's father was Pasco Austin who died in Rhode Island just before the Revolutionary War in 1773, leaving a large family and a small estate.^[20] It would not be unreasonable to expect that the son Jeremiah did indeed serve in the Revolutionary War, especially under the promise of some bounty land.
- One reference states (without original source citation) that only soldiers from specific NY Regiments were granted these lands.^[21] It would not be likely that Jeremiah Austin of Exeter, Rhode Island had enlisted in one of those Regiments solely for that purpose.

I've therefore concluded that the Jeremiah Austin who sold rights to Lot #73 in Cayuga County, New York was not a member of the family of David Austin of Stamford that was entitled to this land. And, of course, he was certainly not the soldier who had died in 1777. One interpretation could be that he found that Lot #73 had been assigned to someone named Jeremiah Austin and assumed or was told – at least at first -- that this was meant to be his own grant. When it was made clear that the soldier who received the grant was one who had actually died in battle in 1777, those persons who had purchased rights from a living Jeremiah Austin appeared to have been in possession of a faulty title. Furthermore, the rightful owners pursued their interest in the State Supreme Court and eventually won their case. This Jeremiah Austin of Dutchess County with wife Ruth is therefore not considered here to be part of the family of David and Margaret Austin of Stamford.

The Stephentown Connection

There was confusing evidence regarding Isaac Austin of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York. Fortunately this difficulty was satisfactorily resolved using various records, again with the assistance of the Austin Family research materials online.

One record said that Holmes Austin conveyed his interest and rights to Lot #95 in the Military Tract in Marcellus, Onondaga County, NY (this was his own bounty land, see below) to Isaac Austin of Rensselaer County (and James Peatt of Pound Ridge) in 1786.^[22] Other sources said that this was the same Isaac Austin who died at Stephentown, Rensselaer County in 1803 leaving a widow named Deborah (nee Reynolds) and several small children, many of whom were later recorded as selling their rights to the Jeremiah Austin bounty land (that is, Lot #73 in Cayuga / Tompkins County). On this evidence alone, it would be very likely that Isaac Austin who lived at Rensselaer County from at least 1786 to 1803 was a member of the David and Margaret Austin Family of Stamford, Connecticut, and was probably one of their children.

Petersburg, FL: the author, 1951), 13-4.

²⁰ Ibid., 13.

²¹ "The Military Tract," <http://www.flls.org/WEEDSPORT/military.html>. The complete statement there is as follows: "Only men who were members of infantry regiments commanded by Colonels Philip Van Cortlandt and Goose Van Schaick; Colonel John Lamb's regiment of artillery and a corps of Sappers and Miners were eligible to receive land bounties in the Military Tract."

²² Cayuga Co. Filed Deeds, 1: 436, see additional detail below.

The 1790 census showed an Isaac Austin resident in Stephentown with a family of 2-4-4.^[23] The 1800 census of Stephentown showed the family of Isaac Austin with himself and his wife both age 26-45 and a family of 3 boys and one girl under 10 years plus 1 older boy and one older girl both age 10-16.^[24] The family of a still-unidentified Edward Austin, also age 26-45, was also listed on the same page of the census, 3 doors away from Isaac. So far, so good, even though the two censuses did not agree very well regarding the ages and numbers of the children.

The problem came when it was realized that Pasco Austin of Exeter, Rhode Island (already noted above as the father of Jeremiah Austin of Dutchess County) also had a son named Isaac Austin, born 10 March 1737, who married Rhodinah or Dinah Vaughn, had a large family of ten sons and four daughters, and was also said to have migrated to Stephentown, New York. This Isaac Austin served in the Revolutionary War from Rhode Island (Col. Hancock's Regiment) and migrated to Stephentown via Providence, RI, and Hancock, Massachusetts.^[25] Since there was only one Isaac Austin in either the 1790 or 1800 census of Stephentown, which one was it??

The answer was found in the 1800 census of neighboring Pittstown, Rensselaer County, where Dinah Austin age 45+ was listed as the head of a family of five boys and three girls of ages that would be appropriate for the family from Rhode Island.^[26] Where was her husband Isaac? Family tradition had it that from "Stephentown," NY (probably in error for Pittstown), "he blazed a trail through the forest to that part of Argyle, N.Y., called the Hook. Bought land and built a log cabin home. Then went back the next year for his family."^[27] He had apparently purchased the property of 270 acres on 23 August 1794 from Rogers Savage and Phebe his wife of Argyle.^[28] Sure enough, in the same 1800 census this Isaac Austin from the Rhode Island family was listed in Argyle, Washington County, New York with himself and his wife both age 45+ and 3 boys and one girl, living next to his son Rehoboam Austin already married with a young family.^[29] The family was apparently still separated in 1800 with Dinah managing part of the family in Pittstown and Isaac managing the other part at the new home in Argyle. Both censuses appear to have listed both spouses as if they were living at the same location. Isaac and Dinah were both buried in Argyl in a small family cemetery. Dinah died on 10 January 1816, age 70 years and Isaac died there almost 9 years later on 21 November 1824, age 89 years.^[30]

No records were found connecting these two Isaac Austin families except for their coincidental residence in Rensselaer County in the 1800 time period. The evidence showed that the one who was a member of the family from Stamford was in fact the one who probably died in Stephentown in 1803, while the one from Rhode Island only passed briefly through Pittstown on his way to Argyle, NY, and probably never lived in Stephentown at all.

²³ Heads of Families in 1790, 46. The adjacent name on the listing is that of Henry Reynolds, probably a relative of Deborah's, but neither Deborah nor Henry has yet been identified in any Reynolds genealogy.

²⁴ 1800 census of Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., NY, NARA microfilm M32: 26, sh. 929.

²⁵ All from Moore, Robert Austin (note 19), 20-1.

²⁶ 1800 census of Pittstown, Rensselaer County, NY, NARA microfilm M32: 26, sh. 810.

²⁷ Moore, Robert Austin (note 19), 20-1.

²⁸ Washington County Deeds C-2: 235, cited in the AFAOA database for Robert Austin of Rhode Island, Isaac Austin individual, based on Maude E. Baker, *Genealogical Record of Robert Austin and His Lineal Descendants, 1634 - 1881*.

²⁹ 1800 census of Argyle, Washington County, NY, NARA microfilm M32: 26, sh. 495.

³⁰ All from gravestone information in Charles B. Moore, *Cemetery Records, the Town of Argyle, Washington County, New York* (Glens Falls, NY: Historical Data Services, 1999), 1.

Summary of Lot 73 Transactions by Heirs

The transactions regarding Lot #73 in Milton / Genoa / Lansing which are so important to the understanding of this family will now be summarized to complete this introductory material. The New York Supreme Court of Judicature determined, in its October 1817 session,^[31] that each of the heirs of David Austin who had been living at the time of his death was entitled to an equal share. They identified the number of six sons and two daughters for eight equal shares, but until the original Court papers are located it is impossible to determine from the published abstract the exact names of the children who made up the Court's list of eight total.^[32] Long before this time, however, the heirs had begun to sell their rights to others both within and outside of the family, often without mentioning any fractional amount. The following summary of the known transactions is organized first in a genealogical manner, and then secondly as a timeline. Jeremiah Austin of Dutchess County is only included below in the chronological listing but not in the genealogical listing.

- Mary (Austin) Jenkins sold her interest to Cyrus M. Wheeler on 27 December 1806.^[33]
- Holmes Austin sold his interest to Shadrack Austin, presumed to be his son, on 30 September 1808.^[34] Shadrack Austin accumulated other rights to Lot #73 but apparently never lived there and no record of his sale of any rights has yet been found.
- Charles Stuart Austin sold his original interest to Cyrus M. Wheeler on 30 December 1806.^[35] He also sold another (?) "three and one-half eighth parts" of Lot #73 to Edmund Lewis of Marcellus, Onondaga County, NY on 15 June 1811.^[36]
- ? Hannah Austin (either she or Prudence probably died before the Court found only two daughters)
- Isaac Austin died in 1803 before selling any rights. His rights therefore descended in equal 1/6 parts to his six children:
 - Isaac Austin Jr. sold his interest to Richardson Havens Jr. on 2 March 1817.^[37]
 - Joel Hobby Austin – not yet found but presumably sold directly to Benjamin Reynolds
 - Seymour Austin sold his interest to Benjamin Reynolds on 8 October 1817.^[38]

³¹ The date of final decision was 1 Nov 1817.

³² As already noted above, only 4 children (Mary, Holmes, Charles and Samuel) were specifically named in the court case abstract. Many previous researchers have included Jeremiah Austin of Dutchess County on the list of David's children, a conclusion that is challenged herein. It will also be noted that Isaiah, Prudence and Sarah have not been found as parties to any of these transactions, and so the numbers cannot (yet) be matched exactly with the full list of David's children as proposed herein.

³³ Cayuga County Land Records, G: 530.

³⁴ Cayuga County Land Records, K: 95.

³⁵ Cayuga County Land Records, G: 531.

³⁶ Cayuga County Land Records, M: 21-2.

³⁷ Tompkins County Land Records, A: 127.

³⁸ Tompkins County Land Records, O: 495-6.

- Stuart Austin sold his interest to Richardson Havens, Jr. on 21 June 1817.^[39]
- William Austin sold his interest to Richardson Havens, Jr. on 29 Mar 1817.^[40]
- Sarah Austin and her husband Richardson Havens Jr., after obtaining the rights of her brothers Isaac Jr., Stuart and William, sold 4/6 or 2/3 share of 1/8 interest in Lot 73 (that is, the shares of four out of six children in this family) to Benjamin Reynolds on 29 Sep 1817.^[41]
- Isaiah Austin not yet found.
- ? Prudence Austin (either she or Hannah probably died before the Court found only two daughters).
- Samuel Austin sold his interest to Charles S. Austin on 8 July 1809.^[42]
- Frederick Austin sold his interest to Shadrack Austin on 14 October 1823.^[43]

Lot #73 Transactions – Chronological

<i>Date</i>	<i>Grantor</i>	<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Fraction</i>	<i>Record at:</i>
29 Dec 1805	Jeremiah Austin	B. Cornell & L. Barton	600 acres	CCLR, G: 295
4 Feb 1806	Jeremiah Austin	John Odell	500 acres	CCLR, H: 497
27 Dec 1806	Mary Jenkins	Cyrus M Wheeler	n.s.	CCLR, G: 530
30 Dec 1806	Charles S. Austin	Cyrus M. Wheeler	n.s.	CCLR, G: 531
7 Oct 1807	Patent Issued			
30 Sep 1808	Holmes Austin	Shadrack Austin	n.s.	CCLR, K: 95
8 Jul 1809	Samuel Austin	Charles S. Austin	n.s.	CCLR, K: 94
15 Apr 1811	J. Austin	Harring, Harring & Howe	200 acres	not found ^[44]
15 Jun 1811	Charles S. Austin	Edmund Lewis	3 ½ eighths	CCLR, M: 21
2 Mar 1817	Isaac Austin Jr.	R. Havens Jr.	n.s.	TCLR, A: 127
29 Mar 1817	William Austin	R. Havens Jr.	n.s.	TCLR, A: 127
21 Jun 1817	Stuart Austin	R. Havens Jr.	n.s.	TCLR, A: 127
29 Sep 1817	Sarah+ R. Havens	Benjamin Reynolds	2/3 of 1/8	TCLR, O: 496-7
2 Oct 1817	Seymour Austin	Benjamin Reynolds	1/6 of 1/8	TCLR, O: 495-6
1 Nov 1817	Supreme Court Decision			
21 Jan 1818	Cyrus M. Wheeler	S. Strong & Shadrack Austin	1/8 plus 1/8	TCLR, A: 403
14 Oct 1823	Frederick Austin	Shadrack Austin	1/8	TCLR, F: 475

County Jurisdictions

For reference, the dates of formation of the various New York Counties involved in the Bounty Lands of interest were:^[45]

- Cayuga County was formed from Onondaga County on 8 March 1799.
- Tompkins County was formed from Cayuga and Seneca Counties on 17 April 1817.

³⁹ Tompkins County Land Records, A: 127.

⁴⁰ Tompkins County Land Records, A: 127.

⁴¹ Tompkins County Land Records, O: 496-7

⁴² Cayuga County Land Records, K: 94-5.

⁴³ Tompkins County Land Records, F: 475.

⁴⁴ Cited in the Court case but not found in the County records.

⁴⁵ French, Gazetteer (note 11), 197, 654.

Genealogical Summary

1. **DAVID⁴ AUSTIN**, (probably *David³, Thomas², John¹*)^[46] brother of Revolutionary War soldier Jeremiah Austin, born say about 1725, baptized as an adult at Stamford on 5 January 1759,^[47] died between November 1777 and the end of the Revolutionary War,^[48] married **MARGARET STUART** at Stamford on 10 November 1746.^[49] Daniel Stuart had died before 7 August 1744 when his widow Sarah Stuart was appointed guardian of their two youngest children Charles and Mary, with Sgt. Jonathan Clason as surety.^[50] On 2 October 1738, this same Jonathan Clason had sold land in Stamford to "my sister Sarah Steward" that had belonged to their father Samuel Clason, late of Stamford deceased.^[51] Sarah (Clason) Stuart married secondly Daniel⁴ Lockwood of Stamford, whose will of 17 August 1775 mentioned, among others, "the children of my present wife, James Stuart, Charles Stuart and Margaret Austin, wife of David Austin."^[52] Margaret was therefore the daughter of Daniel Stuart and Sarah Clason of Stamford. Margaret, wife of David Austin, owned the Covenant at the First Congregational Church of Stamford on 3 December 1749,^[53] the same date as the baptism of their second child.

Several researchers have felt that Sarah (Clason) Stuart was identical with that Sarah Clason for whom a marriage to "James" Stuart is recorded at Stamford on 29 March 1726/27.^[54] Various writers have noted this record, but without explanation.^[55] There is also a death record in Stamford for "Daniell son to ~~Daniel~~ James and Sarah Stuard dyed march ye 13th 1727/8,"^[56] and a Clason Genealogy that claims that Samuel Clason's daughter Sarah married "James Steward,"^[57] possibly just relying on the Stamford vital record already noted. Unfortunately, there is no Stamford marriage record for any *Daniel* Stuart. We must consider the possibility that Sarah did in fact marry James Stuart in March 1726/27, but whether she had this earlier marriage or not, a Stamford land record of 17 December 1730 makes it certain that Sarah, daughter of Samuel Clason, was married to Daniel Stuart by that time. On that date Hannah Clason (her h mark) sold land in Stamford to "my brother Daniel Stuard" that had belonged to "my honored father Samuel Clason late of Stamford, deceased."^[58] It is therefore clear from these land records that the Sarah (Clason) Stuart who was the mother of Margaret (Stuart) Austin and later married

⁴⁶ David's ancestors are covered in more detail in my recent article, Hart, Early Austins (note 4).

⁴⁷ S. P. Mead, "Abstracts of Stamford, Conn. Church Records," 198, St. John's Episcopal Church, Connecticut Ancestry microfilm Reel #35, part A.

⁴⁸ As proven by the court record regarding the Cayuga County Land Case.

⁴⁹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 74, original copy viewed at the Government Center.

⁵⁰ Stamford Probate Records, 1: 249.

⁵¹ Stamford Land Records, D: 342.

⁵² Stamford Probate Records, 5: 429-31.

⁵³ Stamford First Congregational Church Records, 3: 35, microfilm of original used at the Connecticut State Library.

⁵⁴ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 12, original original copy viewed at the Government Center.

⁵⁵ See, for example, Harriet Woodbury Hodge, *Some Descendants of Edmund Lockwood (1594-1635) of Cambridge, Massachusetts and his son Edmund Lockwood (c. 1625-1693) of Stamford, Connecticut* (New York: Philip V. Lockwood, 1978), 29-30.

⁵⁶ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 10, original copy viewed at the Government Center. The father's name Daniel was clearly crossed out at an early date and intentionally replaced with the name of James in the original volume.

⁵⁷ William B. Lapham, *Stephen Clason of Stamford, Connecticut, in 1654 and Some of His Descendants* (Augusta [Maine]: Kennebec Journal Print, 1892), 19-20.

⁵⁸ Stamford Land records, C: 247.

Daniel Lockwood was the widow of *Daniel* Stuart, not James Stuart, when she married Lockwood.

David Austin was probably the person of that name who served in the French and Indian War as a private soldier in Capt. Thomas Hobby's Company from 16 April to 5 December 1759,^[59] since that company was made up of men from Greenwich and Stamford. Wicks & Olsen reported that he had served as a corporal in the French and Indian War,^[60] but without naming a unit or date.

On 3 March 1767 David Austin of Stamford sold a 1-acre parcel in Stanwich Society to William Gale for £25.^[61] No buildings were mentioned and Gale's relationship to the Austins, if any, has not been determined. But this land later came back into the possession of the Austin family and was owned successively by three of David and Margaret Austin's children.^[62]

David Austin was taxed in Stamford in (at least) 1754, 1765, 1766, 1771 and 1777,^[63] and died there sometime between 1777 and the end of the Revolutionary War, as already noted. Although there are records of his having owned at least two parcels of land in Stamford, both in Stanwich Society, there are no deeds at all for him as a grantee in the Stamford Land Records. His wife Margaret is not named as a grantor in any records, so it's unlikely that any of David Austin's lands were hers by inheritance. Discovering how David obtained his title to these two Stanwich properties might provide additional confirmation of his origin.

Children of David and Margaret (Stuart) Austin, all born at Stamford:^[64]

- i. SYLVANUS⁵ AUSTIN, bapt. 25 Feb 1748 at First Congregational Church of Stamford to Margaret "privately."^[65] The facts of a private baptism and no further mention of him in later records suggest that he may have died young and without issue.
- ii. MARY AUSTIN, bapt. 3 Dec 1749 at First Congregational Church of Stamford,^[66] m. aft. 14 Nov 1774^[67] but bef. 31 Mar 1797 CAPT. EDWARD JENKINS of New York City. It appears that she was the Mary Austin who purchased a 1-acre lot with a house and fruit trees in the Stanwich Society

⁵⁹ _____, *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War 1755 – 1762*, 2 volumes, Volume 2: 1758 – 1762 (Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1905, repr. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1994), 2: 148, hereafter F&I War Rolls.

⁶⁰ Edith M. Wicks and Virginia H. Olsen, *Stamford's Soldiers* (Stamford: Ferguson Library and Stamford Historical Society, 1976), 6-7.

⁶¹ Stamford Land Records, H: 36.

⁶² See the details for Mary, Charles S. and Isaiah in the Genealogical Summary below.

⁶³ Ronald M. Marcus, "Stamford, Connecticut Grand Lists," Stamford Historical Society Transcriptions, copies at Ferguson Library, Stamford.

⁶⁴ The basic framework of this family was given most completely in the Janet Austin Curtis Notebook, Vermont, page 514, online transcription at AFAOA Web Site, page 24 of the transcription. Many sources report incorrect dates for the recorded baptisms and also combine all baptisms into one of the two churches. The family clearly changed their church membership before 1759.

⁶⁵ Stamford ICC Records, 3: 57.

⁶⁶ Stamford ICC Records, 3: 58.

⁶⁷ When she sold property to her brother Charles S., see below.

of Stamford (back) from William Gale on 3 April 1773 for £15.^[68] The deed was interesting in that Gale reserved to himself "all metals, mines & minerals which is or may be found in said land." Mary Austin sold this property to her 19-year-old brother Charles Stuart Austin on 14 Nov 1774 at the same price of £15, now reserving the right to the metals, etc. to herself.^[69] In another 10 years, Charles Stuart Austin would sell this same property to another brother, Isaiah (see below.) Edward Jenkins purchased the ½ acre homestead of David and Margaret (Stuart) Austin, also in Stanwich Society, in 1797 as already noted above (see note 7 and its main text.) He must have died prior to 27 December 1806 when Mary Jenkins sold her interest in Lot #73 in Cayuga County, New York to Cyrus M. Wheeler,^[70] with no mention of her husband being made at that time.

2. iii. HOLMES AUSTIN, bapt. 10 May 1752, m. _____.
3. iv. CHARLES STUART AUSTIN, bapt. 29 Jun 1755, m. HANNAH SCOFIELD.
- v. HANNAH AUSTIN, bapt. 5 Jan 1759 at St. John's.^[71] Either she or her sister Prudence died before their father did ca. 1780 since only two daughters survived their father.
4. vi. ISAAC AUSTIN, bapt. 16 Apr 1762, m. DEBORAH REYNOLDS.
- vii. ISALAH AUSTIN (twin), bapt. 24 Jun 1764 at St. John's,^[72] possibly m. bef. 18 Apr 1787 RUTH SMITH, dau. of Joshua and Elizabeth Smith of Stamford,^[73] living in Stamford on 4 Feb 1784 when Charles S. Austin sold to "my brother Isaiah Austin" an acre of land with a dwelling house on "the highway that goes from Newman's Mill to Stanwich."^[74] In this deed Charles S. Austin reserved to himself the rights to "the mine of silver or gold or any other kind of mettle on s^d one acre if any there is." Isaiah was listed in Norwalk/Stamford in the 1790 census with 1-2-1, indicating that he was married with two young male children, but his children have not yet been identified. No transactions were found for him regarding the Lot #73 land distribution and he may have died before that time.
- viii. PRUDENCE AUSTIN (twin), bapt. 24 Jun 1764 at St. John's.^[75] Either she or her sister Hannah died before their father did ca. 1780 since only two daughters survived their father, and one was certainly Mary.
5. ix. SAMUEL AUSTIN, b. abt. 1767, m. PRUDENCE SHERWOOD.
- x. FREDERICK AUSTIN, b. 22 March 1771,^[76] d. 27 May 1847^[77] probably in Stamford,^[78] m. __ Nov 1797 at the Stanwich Congregational Church in

⁶⁸ Stamford Land Records, I: 28. The land was "near Joshua Smith's dwelling house," and was bounded east in part by a highway and in part by Joshua Smith, north by Benjamin Newman, west in part by Benjamin Newman and in part by a highway, and south by a highway. As noted above, this land was previously owned by Mary's father David Austin, who sold it to William Gale in 1767.

⁶⁹ Stamford Land Records, I: 188.

⁷⁰ Cayuga County Land Records, G: 530.

⁷¹ St John's Church Records (S.P. Mead Abstracts), 198.

⁷² St John's Church Records (S.P. Mead Abstracts), 209.

⁷³ Greenwich Land Records, 12: 193. This Ruth Smith is not in Robert Louer's Henry Smith genealogy, however, and must be investigated further.

⁷⁴ Stamford Land Records, K: 348.

⁷⁵ St John's Church Records (S.P. Mead Abstracts), 209.

⁷⁶ Calculated from age at death as recorded on his gravestone at the Ingersoll Cemetery in Greenwich, see next.

Greenwich^[79] SUSANNAH LONGWELL, b. at Stamford 31 Jan 1775,^[80] d. 15 Feb 1868 in Hartland, Huron Co., Ohio.^[81] He was “of Greenwich” on 5 April 1802 when he purchased a four-acre lot and buildings from Henry Hubbard, mortgaging the property back to Hubbard on the same day.^[82] On 24 December 1806, he obtained a release from Hubbard and sold the property,^[83] probably moving back to Stamford at that time. They were living in Stamford in 1823 when they quit-claimed 1/8 share of rights to property of Lot #73 in Lansing, Tompkins Co., NY to Shadrack Austin of Bedford, Westchester Co., NY. for \$200.^[84] No other records have been found to prove Frederick’s place in this family, but his age and 1/8 share of Lot #73 seem sufficient to place him here. The 1820 census appears to list as many as nine children in this family. On 8 Apr 1833, one child, George Austin of Stamford, quit-claimed to “my father Frederick Austin of said Stamford” the land and buildings where he now resides, for his lifetime.^[85]

2. **HOLMES⁵ AUSTIN** (*David⁴, David³, Thomas², John¹*), was born at Stamford about 1752 and baptized at the First Congregational Church there on 10 May 1752.^[86] He was still living in Westchester County, New York on 26 September 1820 when he made an affidavit in regard to his military service for pension purposes. I have not been able to find him as a family head in any censuses later than 1800, and he was therefore probably living with a child or other relative after that time. His given name suggests a connection with the Holmes family, not yet evident. No clues to either the given name or family name of his wife have been found, except that the naming of Selleck Austin, a probably son, suggests a connection with the Selleck Family of Stamford.

He had a household of 1-2-4 in 1790, suggesting two boys under 16 years and three girls of various ages along with himself and his wife.^[87] In 1800 he and his wife were both over 45 years and he had no daughters still at home, one boy under 10 years and one boy age 16-26.^[88]

⁷⁷ Gravestone, Ingersoll Cemetery, Stanwich section of Greenwich, giving his age as 76-2-5, Hale Collection of Connecticut Gravestone Inscriptions, Greenwich, page 294.

⁷⁸ He was still living in Stamford at the time of the 1840 census – probably in the Stanwich Society spanning the border of the two towns.

⁷⁹ S. P. Mead, “Abstracts of Greenwich, Conn. Church Records,” online at www.americanancestors.org and also on Connecticut Ancestry microfilm #24.

⁸⁰ Barbour Collection, Stamford, 125, citing original Stamford Vital Records, 2: 7.

⁸¹ Ruth Hamdorf, “Wagamon & Long Ancestor Tree,” online at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com, Family Trees section.

⁸² Greenwich Land Records, 15: 98-9.

⁸³ Greenwich Land Records, 16: 341-2.

⁸⁴ Tompkins County Deeds, F: 475.

⁸⁵ Stamford Land Records, Y: 56.

⁸⁶ Stamford Congregational Church (note 53), 3: 61.

⁸⁷ 1790 Census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., NY, NARA microfilm M637: 6, vol. 4, sh. 193.

⁸⁸ 1800 Census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., NY, NARA microfilm M32: 27, sh. 161.

Holmes Austin served in the Revolutionary War as a private in the New York 2nd Regiment for 6 years and three months, receiving a badge of merit for six years of meritorious service, and being discharged in June 1783 by General George Washington.^[89]

He made a claim to the State of New York for military bounty land on 4 May 1785.^[90] On 8 July 1790, he was formally granted 600 acres^[91] of military land called Lot #95, in the township of Marcellus, Onondaga County, NY, based on his own service in Capt. Hamtramck's Company of the 2nd New York Regiment.^[92] Back on 10 April 1786 at South Salem (now Lewisboro), Westchester County, New York, he had signed over all of his rights to 600 acres of land [to be] awarded to him for his service to James Peatt and Isaac Austin. He confirmed this sale or gift (no price was mentioned) again on 30 December 1791, after the formal grant had taken place.^[93] On the same date as the latter confirmation, 10 December 1791, Holmes Austin quit-claimed the same rights to Timothy Benedict of Salem, Westchester County, NY, who had already acquired the rights of James Peatt.^[94] On 28 November 1801, Isaac Austin of Stephentown, Rensselaer County sold his ½ interest to Reuben Murray of Florida, Montgomery County, New York.^[95] At one point Charles Stuart Austin was also involved with the distribution of rights to this same Lot #95 in Marcellus,^[96] but his transactions have not been analyzed in detail. (These transactions regarding Lot #95 in Marcellus should be studied entirely separately from those relating to lot #73 in Milton / Genoa / Lansing.)

There is also a record that he was issued an unspecified amount of Federal Bounty Land on 24 February 1791, Warrant Number 6723.^[97] There is no other information in this file and it may simply have been a federal confirmation of the grant already made by New York State.

In 1808 Holmes Austin sold his rights in Lot #73 in Genoa, NY (that is, those rights he held as an heir of Jeremiah Austin) to his son Shadrack Austin of South Salem, NY.^[98]

He also applied for a pension under the rules in effect in 1818 and was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 10 April 1818.^[99] This Pension file contains an affidavit of 26 October 1820 in which he described his Revolutionary War service as being for and during the

⁸⁹ _____, "Revolutionary Discharges," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 30[1899]: 235. The discharge itself was transcribed into the Cayuga Co. Filed Deeds, 1: 436, on 17 April 1786.

⁹⁰ E. B. O'Callaghan, *Calendar of N.Y. Colonial Manuscripts - Indorsed Land Papers 1643 - 1803* (revised reprint, Harrison, NY: Harbor Hill Books, 1987), 669, citing original, 38: 101.

⁹¹ The nominal grant was for 600 acres, of which 100 acres were to be reserved for common use - hence these grants are sometimes referred to as only 500 acres.

⁹² New York Balloting Book (note 10), 36, 123.

⁹³ All from Cayuga Co. Filed Deeds, 1: 436.

⁹⁴ Onondaga County Land Records, CF1: 436.

⁹⁵ Onondaga County Land Records, B: 129. Isaac had actually sold these rights earlier to Thomas W. Roberts on 30 Mar 1793 (Onondaga County Land Records, E: 230) and Roberts had then sold his interest to the same Reuben Murray in the meantime. Isaac Austin was clarifying the title to Murray by this deed of 1801.

⁹⁶ Onondaga County Land Records, A: 320-3, B: 232-3, K: 177-9,

⁹⁷ Revolutionary War Pension Applications, NARA microfilm M805: 32, Bounty Land Warrant Record Card for Holmes Austin, Private, New York.

⁹⁸ Cayuga County Land Records, K: 95.

⁹⁹ Pension Applications (note 97), File #S45220, Holmes Austin of New York.

War, until he was discharged at Snake Hill at the time of Peace in 1783. He stated that he served at the taking of St. John and the Battles of York Island and White Plains.

Children of Holmes Austin, probably incomplete, order uncertain and very tentative:

- i. (probably) SHADRACK⁶ AUSTIN, b. abt. 1784 or 1790, d. 16 Mar 1837 at Andover, Allegany County, New York,^[100] m. prob. at Stamford or South Salem, NY say abt. 1810 MARY (POLLY) MILLER,^[101] b. abt. 1785 or 1790, still living in 1850 and 1855. He was living at South Salem, NY on 30 September 1808 when Holmes Austin, presumably his father, sold him rights to the land in Lot #73 in Cayuga County.^[102] He was a resident of Bedford, NY on 14 October 1823 when Frederick and Susanna Austin of Stamford sold him their rights in Lot #73 of the Bounty Land in (then) Tompkins County.^[103] Nathan Palmer and Betsey his wife of Pound Ridge sold a property in Pound Ridge to Shadrack Austin of Bedford on 20 Oct 1823 for \$200.^[104] The family apparently moved briefly to Pound Ridge since on 7 Dec 1825 Shadrack Austin "of Pound Ridge" sold a small parcel a little over an acre for \$56 to Selleck Austin of said Pound Ridge^[105] (no relationship stated in the deed.) Shadrack Austin and wife Mary were residents of Stamford on 27 Feb 1829 when they sold 1¾ acres at Pound Ridge to James Scofield for \$205,^[106] probably the same parcel they had purchased from the Palmers in 1823. They were still residents of Stamford on 18 March 1831 when he purchased land in Allegheny County. He accumulated many of the family's rights to Lot #73 in Cayuga County, later Tompkins County, but there is no indication that he ever went there to live, and the later disposition of those accumulated rights has not been investigated. Children:^[107]
 1. Betsey⁷ Austin, m. Brinton K. Baker.
 2. Stephen Marvin Austin, b. 1818, d. aft. 1886, m. Elmira _____. His (widowed) mother Mary Austin, age 65, was living with his family in Andover, Allegany Co., NY at the time of the 1850 census.
- ii. (probably) SELLECK AUSTIN, b. 17 Dec 1787, d. 14 Feb 1855,^[108] m. 8 Nov 1827 LAURA SMITH who was b. at Stamford 21 Mar 1806, d. 1884, daughter of William Smith and Polly Whitney of Stamford.^[109] Selleck

¹⁰⁰ Gravestone, isolated Cemetery on Pingrey Hill Road, Andover, photo and transcription online at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com; also online at www.alleganyhistory.org/research/cemeteries.

¹⁰¹ Her identity is from the cemetery notice online at www.alleganyhistory.org (note 100).

¹⁰² Cayuga County Land Records, K: 95.

¹⁰³ Tompkins County Land Records, F: 475-6.

¹⁰⁴ AFAOA Archive Document Series, Edith Austin Moore Miscellaneous #3: part 1, online version used, 46, citing Westchester County Deeds, W: 445.

¹⁰⁵ Stamford Land Records, 27: 59.

¹⁰⁶ AFAOA Archive Document Series, Edith Austin Moore Miscellaneous #3: part 1, online version used, 46, citing Westchester County Deeds, 35: 350.

¹⁰⁷ All from AFAOA archives Janet Austin Curtis notebook, "Vermont," Connecticut section.

¹⁰⁸ S. Whitney Phoenix, *The Whitney Family of Connecticut*, 3 volumes (New York: Bradstreet Press, 1878), 1: 714.

¹⁰⁹ Phoenix, Whitney Family (note 108), 1: 714; Robert Louer, "The Smith Families of Stamford, Connecticut,"

and Laura Austin are both buried at the Long Ridge Cemetery in North Stamford.^[110] On 1 April 1840 Selleck Austin of Stamford sold two properties in North Stamford, one of 6 acres with buildings and the other of 1½ acres, to George W. Smith of Stamford for \$600.^[111] They were living in Stamford at the time of the 1850 census, he age 62 and she 44.^[112] She m. (2) Aaron Thomas Brown and (3) Walter Smith Clawson.^[113] Children, b. at Pound Ridge:^[114]

1. Henry Selleck⁷ Austin, b. 27 Mar 1829, m. 25 Feb 1851 at Stamford to Jane Darrah, dau of Isaac and Catherine Darrah of New York City.
2. John William Austin, b. 27 April 1835, d. 1912, m. 22 Jun 1856 Clarissa Jane Searles, b. 1839, d. 1924.

3. **CHARLES STUART⁵ AUSTIN** (*David⁴, David³, Thomas², John¹*) was born probably 1755, baptized 29 Jun 1755 at the First Congregational Church of Stamford,^[115] and died sometime after 1811,^[116] probably at Stamford. He married 15 January 1782 at Stamford **HANNAH SCOFIELD**,^[117] daughter of Richard Scofield and Mercy Buxton, born at Stamford about 1756 and baptized at the Congregational Church there on 21 March 1756.^[118] Charles Stuart Austin and his wife Hannah Austin (her X mark) quit-claimed land in Stamford on 6 January 1787 to Jeremiah Palmer that was formerly owned by "her father" Richard Scofield late of Stamford deceased.^[119] On 9 March 1826 Enos Scofield and Hannah Austin conveyed their interest in the estate of (their brother) the late Moses Scofield of Pound Ridge, New York to Griffith Thomas.^[120]

His uncle and namesake, his mother's brother Charles Stuart, served in the French and Indian War as a sergeant in Capt. Joseph Hait's Company from 4 April to 7 December 1761.^[121] The published list of men in this Company also includes a "Daniel Stuaad," who may have been another relative, or possibly even his father if David Stuart was meant.

He served in the Revolutionary War from Connecticut, first in the 5th Continental Regiment during 1775 and then as forage master for Col. David Waterbury's State troops for 141 days in 1776. He had several persons refuse to accept the payment he had to give them and bring personal suits against him. He became destitute as a result of this assignment, needing to petition

Part 4, *Connecticut Ancestry*, 45(May, 2003): 159.

¹¹⁰ Hale Collection of Conn. Gravestone Inscriptions, Stamford, Long Ridge Cemetery #14, 104, hereafter Long Ridge Cemetery inscriptions.

¹¹¹ Stamford Land Records, 26: 112.

¹¹² 1850 US Census of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Connecticut, NARA microfilm M432: 38, sh. 312.

¹¹³ Louer, *Smith Families* (note 109), 45: 159.

¹¹⁴ Phoenix, *Whitney Family* (note 108), 2: 1522-3.

¹¹⁵ Stamford Congregational Church (note 53), 3: 64 (not 3: 63 as sometimes given.)

¹¹⁶ The latest record seen for him is the 1811 deed for Cayuga County land, see below.

¹¹⁷ Stamford Vital Records, 2: 6 as cited by Blair Scofield database, copy in the writers possession..

¹¹⁸ Stamford Congregational Church (note 53), 3: 64.

¹¹⁹ Stamford Land Records, L: 64.

¹²⁰ Westchester County Land Record, no volume or page, collected by Guy Austin and copy at the NCHS.

¹²¹ F&I War Rolls (note 59), 2: 281.

the State for reimbursement. He was eventually reimbursed with the substantial sum of £ 1,000-10-9 in 1791.^[122]

In the 1790 census of Norwalk/Stamford Charles Austin was listed with 1-2-3 indicating that he and his wife probably had 2 young sons and 2 daughters by that time.^[123] Only one daughter, probably their oldest child, was recorded at Stamford. He spent a brief time as a resident of Pound Ridge and was there at census time in 1800 with himself and wife both age 45+, one female child under 10 years and 2 boys and one girl all age 10-16.^[124]

He was back in Stamford for the 1810 census when he was enumerated as Ch. S. Austin in the Long Hill area with himself and wife both age 45+ and only one child still at home, a boy age 10-16.^[125]

Only known child of Charles Stuart and Hannah (Scofield) Austin, probably among others not yet identified:

- i. HANNAH⁶ AUSTIN, b. 21 Dec 1783 at Stamford,^[126] n.f.i.

4. ISAAC⁵ AUSTIN (*David⁴, David³, Thomas², John¹*) was born at Stamford about 1762, baptized at St. John's Episcopal Church there on 16 Apr 1762,^[127] and drowned at Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York 23 or 26 February 1803,^[128] age "35" years.^[129] He married **DEBORAH REYNOLDS**, probably the daughter of Joel Reynolds and Amy Hobby of Greenwich, Connecticut and Chatham, Albany County (now Columbia Co.), and later of Kortright, Delaware County, New York.^[130]

As already mentioned above, his brother Holmes Austin conveyed his interest and rights to Lot #95 in the Military Tract in Marcellus, Onondaga County, NY to Isaac Austin of Rensselaer County. Isaac's interest in Lot #73 in Milton / Genoa / Lansing was inherited by his children and eventually sold to Benjamin Reynolds either directly or through their sister Sarah and her

¹²² Wicks and Olsen, *Stamford's Soldiers* (note 60), 6-7.

¹²³ _____, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Connecticut* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1980), 25.

¹²⁴ 1800 census of Pound Ridge, Westchester County, NY, NARA microfilm M32: 27, sh. 159.

¹²⁵ 1810 census of Stamford, Fairfield County, CT, NARA microfilm M252:1, sh. 335.

¹²⁶ Stamford Vital Records, 2: 6 as cited by Blair Scofield (note 117).

¹²⁷ St John's Church Records (S.P. Mead Abstracts), 204.

¹²⁸ AFAOA North Unplaced Individual database for Isaac Austin.

¹²⁹ Newspaper account mentioned briefly in NCHS Austin file – original source not cited.

¹³⁰ Marion H. Reynolds, *The History and Descendants of John and Sarah Reynolds (1630? – 1923) of Watertown, Mass., and Wethersfield, Stamford and Greenwich, Conn.* (Brooklyn: The Reynolds Family Association, 1924), 95, hereafter Reynolds Genealogy. Deborah's placement in this family is proposed based upon the naming of their son Joel Hobby Austin and the fact that this Reynolds family moved from Greenwich to this location in upstate NY (Chatham) which was adjacent to Stephentown (although in a different county today.) Furthermore, the children of Joel Reynolds had both a grandfather and an uncle named Reuben Reynolds and probably a sibling named Reuben as well. It is therefore very plausible that a Reuben Reynolds took care of some of the children of Isaac and Deborah (Reynolds) Austin after their deaths (see below), but the exact Reuben Reynolds has not yet been identified.

husband Richardson Havens, Jr., as already described above. This Benjamin Reynolds was undoubtedly a relative of Deborah's, perhaps her brother.^[131]

Children of Isaac and Deborah (Reynolds) Austin:^[132]

- i. Isaac⁶ Austin Jr, b. ca. 1787, m. Ann Sherwood, was living in Hector, Seneca County, NY on 2 Mar 1817 when he sold his interest in Lot #73 to Richardson Havens Jr.^[133] (Hector became part of Tompkins County when it was formed about a month later in April, 1817.) He later lived at Tioga Co., Penn. Children, all but Daniel born in Penn.:^[134]
 1. Daniel⁷ Austin, b. N.Y. 1817, m. Harriet ____.
 2. William Austin, b. 1826, m. Mary ____.
 3. Anna Austin, b. 1829.
 4. Adam J. Austin, b. 1834.
 5. Edmund Austin, b. 1838.
 6. Mary M. Austin, b. 1842
- ii. Seymour Austin, b. 1792, d. unm. near Reynoldsville, NY. (a village in the township of Hector), a wagon maker and Methodist Episcopal minister. He was living in Hector, Tompkins County on 2 Oct 1817 when he sold his interest in Lot #73 to Benjamin Reynolds.^[135]
- iii. Joel Hobby Austin, b. 30 Jan 1793 in Nassau, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., d. Tioga C., Penn. 8 Feb 1883, m. (1) Dorothy ____, m. (2) Martha Waters. He was called both Joel and Hobby at different times. Child with Deborah:
 1. Ruth⁷ Austin, b. 1808, d. 21 Jul 1813 age 2 years.

Children with Martha:

 2. William Austin, b. ca. 1821.
 3. John M. Austin, b. 3 Jan 1823, d. 23 Jan 1825, age 2 years.
 4. Jane Eliza Austin, b. 1825, d. 2 May 1890.
 5. Joel Hobby Austin [Jr.], b. 4 Oct 1826.
- iv. SARAH AUSTIN, b. say 1794, m. (1) RICHARDSON HAVENS JR., no known Havens children, m. (2) ROBERT NEAL, three Neal children, m. (3) SMITH REYNOLDS. Children with Robert Neal:
 1. Charles Neal.
 2. Eunice Neal.
 3. Reuben Neal.

Children with Smith Reynolds:

 4. Lineman Reynolds.
- v. WILLIAM AUSTIN, b. Rensselaer Co. 9 Nov 1795, d. Mount Pleasant Township, Whiteside County, Il. d. 22 Oct 1859, m. abt. 1815 MARGARET

¹³¹ The children of Joel and Amy (Hobby) Reynolds are not identified by name in the Reynolds Genealogy (note 130), and there is no other Benjamin Reynolds listed there as a close relative.

¹³² Unless otherwise noted, all information is from AFAOA research paper, "David & Jeremiah Austin of New York," 10/16/2010, 4-9, available online at www.afaoa.org. This branch of the family has been especially well documented by the AFAOA.

¹³³ Tompkins County Land Records, A: 127.

¹³⁴ 1850 census, Sullivan Twp, Tioga Co., Penn., NARA microfilm M432: 830, sh. 28B.

¹³⁵ Tompkins County Land Records, O: 495-6.

“PEGGY” LIVINGS, b. 2 Apr 1799 in New Jersey, d. 3 Oct 1877 in Mount Pleasant. His residence was not stated when he sold his rights in Lot #73 to Richardson Havens Jr on 29 March 1817.^[136] He was a soldier in the War of 1812 at the age of 18 years. Children:

1. Ezra Chase⁷ Austin, d.y.
 2. Maria Austin, b. 27 Jan 1820 in NY, d. 3 Oct 1877, m. Joseph Myers.
 3. Miranda Austin, b. ___ Mar 1822, m. (1) Silas Richmond, m. (2) Henry Murphy, m. (3) Thomas Rock. In 1901 she wrote that her father’s father (Isaac senior) “while drawing saw logs was drowned – when father was a little boy. Father’s mother [Deborah] soon died leaving him [and?] a young sister in the care of Uncle Reuben Renles [Reynolds].” Another source says that this Reuben Reynolds lived in Oneida Co., NY when the children were sent there. He has not been further identified but was perhaps Deborah (Reynolds) Austin’s brother.
 4. Daniel Livings Austin, b. 22 Oct 1823, d. 3 Oct 1909, m. (1) 1846 Myra A. Gary, m. (2) unknown.
 5. Dennis Austin, b. Switzerland Co., Ind, 30 Dec 1825, d. 19 Feb 1915, m. 17 Sep 1848 Harriet Gary, b. 4 Jun 1831 in Allegheny Co., NY
 6. Jonathan Austin, b. 1828, d.y.
 7. Silas Richmond Austin, b. 6 Dec 1830, d. 17 Nov 1904, m. 1860 Fanny McGee.
 8. Martin V. Austin, b. 2 Sep 1834, d. 3 Dec 1885, m. 1857 Hannah McGee.
 9. Georgiana Austin, b. 4 Jul 1837, m. Homer Olmstead of Ordway, Colo.
 10. William Stuart Austin, b. 30 Mar 1842, d. 4 Jan 1909, m. 1867 Eliza Harris, res. Unionville, IL.
- vi. STUART AUSTIN, b. 1798 (age 52 in 1850), d. Illinois betw. Abt. 1870 and 1875, m. ELIZA LOUISA (or LYDIA) REYNOLDS. Stuart Austin was living in Ulysses, Tompkins Co., NY when he sold his rights in Lot #73 to Richardson Havens Jr.^[137] and later lived in Tioga Co., Penn and Whiteside Co., Ill. Children.
1. Hiram H.⁷ Austin, b. 4 Sep 1828.
 2. William Austin, b. ca. 1832.
 3. Isaac Austin, b. Tioga Co., Penn. 4 Sep 1833, d. Lyndon, Whiteside Co., Ill. 10 Feb 1910, m. 1859 Cornelia Smith, m. (2) 1869 Lodema Anson.
 4. Lenora Austin, b. ca. 1836.
 5. Amanda Austin, b. ca. 1839.
 6. Sarah Austin, b. ca. 1842.

¹³⁶ Tompkins County Land Records, A: 127.

¹³⁷ Tompkins County Land Records, A: 127.

5. **SAMUEL⁵ AUSTIN** (*David⁴, David³, Thomas², John¹*), progenitor of the Austin families of Pound Ridge, was born at Stamford about 1766 or 1767 and died at Pound Ridge sometime after 1860 at an advanced age.^[138] On the basis of age alone he should not be confused with the Loyalist Samuel Austin of Greenwich whose estate was confiscated on 7 May 1779 for "going over to the enemy."^[139] He married say about 1789 **PRUDENCE SHERWOOD**, born 11 February 1767 at Stamford,^[140] daughter of Matthew Sherwood.^[141] From the birth places given in the censuses for their two oldest known children they probably moved from Stamford to Pound Ridge between 1791 and 1793.

As noted above, he sold a dwelling house and ½ acre homelot in the Stanwich Society of Stamford to Edward Jenkins of New York City on 22 February 1797, "reserving to the Wid^w Margaret Austin the privilege of Living on the premises during her natural Life at her Option."^[142]

Children of Samuel and Prudence (Sherwood) Austin, possibly among others:

- i. **SAMUEL⁶ AUSTIN JR.**, b. 15 Feb 1791 in Connecticut probably at Stamford, d. 11 Feb 1876 at Pound Ridge age 84-11-26,^[143] m. before 1820^[144] **ESTHER/HESTER JAMES**, b. at Smithtown, NY 1793, d. at Pound Ridge 16 April 1883, dau. of John and Polly James.^[145] **ESTHER AUSTIN**, widow, age 87, "mother," was living with John and Angeline Scott in Pound Ridge in 1880.^[146] Children, born at Pound Ridge:
 1. (possibly) **Prudence⁷ Austin**, b. abt. 1814. She was living in the household of Samuel Austin (Sr.) at the time of the 1850 census, age 36, along with the family of Matthew and Betsey Austin and their five children.^[147]
 2. (probably) **William Austin**, b. say 1815-1819 (age under 10 years in 1820 and 10-15 in 1830), age 20-30 and married in 1840, living next to Samuel Austin (Jr.) family in Pound Ridge,^[148] m. 2 Jan 1839 **Harriet Stevens of New Canaan**.^[149]
 3. **Betsey Elizabeth Austin**, b. 7 Dec 1821, d. 18 Sep 1901, m. at Pound Ridge 1 Oct 1838 **Sands Selleck**, b. Pound Ridge 9 May 1816, d.

¹³⁸ He was age 94 in the 1860 census, living with the Matthew Austin family in Pound Ridge, see below. He was possibly "99 years" old at his death as claimed in the William Webster Austin family bible (note 2).

¹³⁹ Stamford Probate Records, Spencer P. Mead Abstracts, 1: 101, citing original 4: 185, 350, Connecticut Ancestry microfilm Reel #16 used.

¹⁴⁰ Barbour Collection, Stamford, 180, citing original Stamford Vital Records, 1: 163.

¹⁴¹ Her identity is proven by Stamford Land Record R: 594 in which the heirs if Matthew Sherwood including Prudence Austin of Pound Ridge conveyed their interest in Matthew's estate to Anna Sherwood on 1 Oct 1813.

¹⁴² Stamford Land Records, N: 342. It is not yet evident how he obtained title to this property.

¹⁴³ Russell Hall and Brother Burial Books, NCHS, 2: 83. Birth date calculated from age at death.

¹⁴⁴ 1820 census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N.Y., NARA microfilm M33: 75, sh. 450.

¹⁴⁵ All from Hall Burial Books (note 143), 3: 20.

¹⁴⁶ 1880 census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N.Y., NARA microfilm T9: 946, sh. 205.

¹⁴⁷ 1850 census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N.Y., NARA microfilm M432: 614, sh. 149B-50A.

¹⁴⁸ 1840 census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N.Y., NARA microfilm M704: 353, sh. 263.

¹⁴⁹ Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan and Mrs. Frank W. Seth, "Marriage Records 1838-1871 of Aaron B. Fancher, Justice of the Peace, Pound Ridge, N. Y.," typescript, copy at the CSL, 1.

- New Canaan 25 Aug 1897, son of Thomas and Lydia (Slason) Selleck.^[150] They are both buried at the Selleck's Corners Cemetery in New Canaan.^[151] Their son George Bennett Selleck (1841-1862) served briefly in Co. B of the 13th Connecticut Volunteers from 17 Dec 1861 until his death in a New Orleans hospital of fever on 27 or 30 Dec 1862. Several of his letters home to his family have previously been published in this journal.^[152]
4. John J. Austin, b. abt. 1827, d. 26 Jul 1898,^[153] m. Mary D. Lee, b. 1829, d. 1906. They are both buried at the Selleck's Corners Cemetery.^[154]
 5. Nancy Maria Austin, b. 11 Mar 1828, d. 1909, m. 7 Jan 1859 at New York City Gould Scott of Lewisboro, b. 12 Jan 1830.^[155] They are both buried at the Selleck's Corners Cemetery.^[156]
 6. Angeline Austin, b. 16 Dec 1833, d. 1925, m. 9 Dec 1857 at New York City John Scott of Lewisboro,^[157] b. 1827, d. 1910. They lived at NYC and Brooklyn before returning to Pound Ridge about 1870. They are both buried at the Selleck's Corners Cemetery.^[158]
 7. Jonathan Austin, b. abt. 1833, Civil War Soldier, unm. and living at home in 1860, age 27,^[159] m. 5 July 1866 at Pound Ridge Deborah Ann Thorn of Darien.^[160] He was the writer of the Civil War Letter published in 2005.^[161] As observed in that article, he was probably the Jonathan Austin, veteran of Company B of the 13th Connecticut Volunteers, who died 30 Mar 1911 "age 79 years" and was bur. in the Union Cemetery in Stratford (not Stamford) Connecticut.^[162]
- ii. HENRY AUSTIN, b. 18 Aug 1793^[163] in New York, probably in Pound Ridge, d. 4 Sep 1869 at Pound Ridge,^[164] bur. at the Beck Hill Cemetery in Lewisboro, m. bef. 1820^[165] MATILDA AVERY, b. 26 Jan 1798, dau. of Henry Avery and Elizabeth Pellam^[166] who were m. 28 June 1791 at

¹⁵⁰ All from Judith Green Watson, "Samuel Selleck (ca. 1754 – ca. 1818) of Stamford, Connecticut and Pound Ridge, New York," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 46(2003-2004): 53-74, 97-124, 153-179, at 120-1.

¹⁵¹ Barbara Kaye, "Selleck's Corners Cemetery," n.p., inscriptions online at www.ctgenweb.org.

¹⁵² Judith Green Watson, "Private George Bennett Selleck of Pound Ridge: Letters Home from the War of the Rebellion, 1862," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 46:2(Nov 2003): 79-83.

¹⁵³ Pound Ridge Deaths, Book 4, age 74, son of Samuel Austin and Esther Austin.

¹⁵⁴ Kaye, Selleck's Corners (note 151), n. p.

¹⁵⁵ Phoenix, Whitney Family (note 108), 3: 1851-2.

¹⁵⁶ Kaye, Selleck's Corners (note 151), n.p.

¹⁵⁷ Phoenix, Whitney Family (note 108), 1851.

¹⁵⁸ Kaye, Selleck's Corners (note 151), n.p. Dates of birth and death are from those inscriptions.

¹⁵⁹ 1860 census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N.Y., NARA microfilm M653: 882, sh 102.

¹⁶⁰ _____, "Poundridge Presbyterian Church Marriages Performed by Rev. William Patterson 1837 – 1886" (typescript, 1939), 27.

¹⁶¹ See note 1.

¹⁶² Charles R. Hale Collection of Connecticut Gravestone Inscriptions, Connecticut State Library, Stratford, 29.

¹⁶³ Austin Family bible (note 2).

¹⁶⁴ Hall Burial Books note 143), 1: 94, which gives his age at death as 77-0-17, probably off by one year.

¹⁶⁵ 1820 census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N.Y., NARA microfilm M33: 75, sh. 450.

¹⁶⁶ Henry Avery family records, courtesy of Mrs. John Coutermarsh of Pound Ridge, unpublished transcription by the writer dated 2 April 1986.

South Salem, NY.^[167] On 11 Feb 1870 the following children of Henry Austin sold a half-acre parcel in Pound Ridge to (their sister) Betsey Ann Wood and her husband Abraham Wood for \$20: Israel W. Austin, Henry A. Austin, Michael S. Austin, Seth Austin, W. W. Austin, Prudence wife of William S. Jones of Stamford, and Cynthia L. wife of Lewis Raymond of New Canaan.^[168] Children, all probably born at Pound Ridge:^[169]

1. Betsey Ann⁷ Austin, b. 14 or 25 Apr 1817, d. 11 Jun 1872 age 55, m. 8 Sep 1836 Abraham Wood son of Isaac and Sally Wood.^[170]
 2. Seth Austin, b. 14 Jun 1819, d. 16 Aug 1902 at Pound Ridge,^[171] m. bef. 1840 Eliza Dann.^[172]
 3. Prudence S. Austin, b. 23 May 1821, m. Lewis Jones.
 4. Israel Austin, b. 17 Aug 1823, d. 12 Sep 1828 age 5 years.
 5. Harriet Austin, b. 13 Apr 1826, m. 10 Jan 1849 Charles H. Hoyt.^[173]
 6. William Webster Austin, b. 22 Aug 1828, d. 13 April 1924, m. 5 June 1851 Rachel Ann Jones.^[174]
 7. Cynthia L. Austin, b. 11 Jun 1831, m. 10 Feb. 1850 Lewis Raymond.^[175] At the time of the 1870 census (the year after Henry Austin's death) Cynthia's mother Matilda (Avery) Austin was living with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Raymond in Pound Ridge.^[176]
 8. Henry Austin, b. 16 Jun 1833, d. bef. 1839.
 9. Samuel Austin, b. 1835, supposed to have gone to Rome, New York.
 10. Henry A. Austin, b. 5 Mar 1839, also supposed to have gone to Rome, New York.
 11. Michael S. Austin, b. 18 Oct 1841.
- iii. EDWARD AUSTIN, b. abt. 1797 in New York probably in Pound Ridge, d. 29 Mar 1876, age 79 years, bur. at the Long Ridge Cemetery in North Stamford, m. MARY ANN _____, b. abt. 1804, d. 1 Feb 1881 age 76 years, also bur. at Long Ridge Cemetery.^[177] Children of Edward Austin, probably all born at Pound Ridge:^[178]

¹⁶⁷ "Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 31[1900]: 241.

¹⁶⁸ Westchester County Land Records, 755: 73.

¹⁶⁹ All from William Webster Austin Family Bible, NCHS (note 2), unless otherwise noted. The bible's owner was child #6 in this family.

¹⁷⁰ See Frederick C. Hart Jr., "Two Abraham Wood Families of Pound Ridge," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 49(Aug 2006): 15-19 for more information on this family.

¹⁷¹ Pound Ridge Deaths, Book 4, age given as 86 years and 3 months, parents Henry and Matilda Austin.

¹⁷² They were married before the time of the 1840 census and living in the East Woods section of Pound Ridge.

¹⁷³ Jordan and Seth, Fancher Marriages (note 149), 6.

¹⁷⁴ Patterson Marriages (note 160), 12.

¹⁷⁵ Jordan and Seth, Fancher Marriages (note 149), 6.

¹⁷⁶ 1870 census, Pound Ridge, Westchester County, NY, NARA microfilm M593: 1115, sh. 135b.

¹⁷⁷ All data from gravestones at the Long Ridge Cemetery, Stamford, Hale Collection used at the Connecticut State Library, Stamford page 97.

¹⁷⁸ Basic framework from 1850 Census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., NY, NARA microfilm M432: 614, sh. 145.

1. Emily R.⁷ Austin , b. abt. 1832, d. 1855.
 2. Catherine O. Austin, b. abt. 1833
 3. Mary E. Austin, b. abt. 1835
 4. Charles E. Austin, b. abt. 1838
 5. Ambrose L. Austin, b. abt. 1840, d. 28 Jan 1907 age 67.
 6. Theodore Austin, b. abt. 1846.
- iv. (probably) MATTHEW AUSTIN, blacksmith, b. abt.1813, named for his maternal grandfather. Even though his mother would have been about 46 years old at the time, this birth is not impossible. He was living at the same residence with Samuel Austin Sr., age 83 (probably his father) and Prudence Austin, age 36 (probably his niece) in Pound Ridge at the time of the 1850 census,^[179] and earlier censuses confirm a child of his age in the elder Samuel Austin's family. Samuel Austin, age 94 years, was still living with Matthew and Betsey Austin in 1860.^[180] Matthew m. 21 Aug 1834 at Pound Ridge BETSEY SELLECK, b. 25 Jan 1816, d. 11 Oct 1905, daughter of Major Selleck and Nancy Jump.^[181] Children, all probably born at Pound Ridge,^[182] all except Nancy buried at Selleck's Corners.^[183]
1. James L.⁷ Austin, b. 1837, d. 10 May 1866.
 2. George Austin, b. 21 Aug 1839 (calc), d. 21 May 1879 age "39-9-0," bur. Selleck's Corners 24 May `1879.^[184]
 3. Eri Austin, b. abt. 1841, d. 26 Jan 1872 age 31 years, also bur. Selleck's Corners..^[185]
 4. Nancy J. Austin, b. ca. 1844, n.f.i.
 5. Benjamin F. Austin, b. ca. June 1846, d. 19 Dec 1866, "age 20 years and 6 months," bur. Selleck's Corners.^[186]
 6. _____ Austin, (female) child of Matthew and Betsey Austin, b. 13 Dec 1850,^[187] n.f.i., prob. d.y.
 7. Josephine Austin, b. Dec 1851 (calc.), d. 23 Mar 1873, age "21-3-3," bur. Selleck's Corners.^[188]

¹⁷⁹ 1850 Census, Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., NY, NARA microfilm M432: 614, sh. 149B-150A.

¹⁸⁰ 1860 Census, Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., NY, NARA microfilm M653: 882, sh. 137.

¹⁸¹ All from Watson, Samuel Selleck (note 150), 101. It is sometimes claimed that she married first Squire Dan, but I don't see how that can be if she was only 18 when she married Matthew Austin.

¹⁸² Unless otherwise noted all information is from Watson, Samuel Selleck (note 150), 101-2.

¹⁸³ Kaye, Selleck's Corners (note 151), n.p. Some minor differences appear in the listings, probably because of difficulty in transcribing the inscriptions.

¹⁸⁴ Kaye, Selleck's Corners (note 151), n.p.; Hall Burial Books (note 142), 2: 167.

¹⁸⁵ Kaye, Selleck's Corners (note 151), n.p.

¹⁸⁶ Kaye, Selleck's Corners (note 151), n.p.

¹⁸⁷ Richard L. Major, III, "Pound Ridge, NY, Births and Deaths, 1847 to 1852," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 46:2(Nov 2003): 84.

¹⁸⁸ Kaye, Selleck's Corners (note 151), n.p.

Edwin Barnes and Lydia Ann (Elwood) Barnes of Westport and Norwalk, Connecticut

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Edwin Barnes, born 1826 or 1827 probably in the part of Norwalk which was to become Westport in 1835, was not included in "A Barnes Family of Norwalk, Wilton and Westport, Connecticut," in *Connecticut Ancestry* (v. 54, no. 3, February 2012, p. 111-118), as I could not find evidence to place him in that family.

Although it is still unproven that he was a member of that family, our research since then, has uncovered facts favoring such a connection, as well as additional information about his descendants sufficient for an independent article.

The earliest known fact about Edwin is his 29 January 1846 marriage to Lydia Elwood at the Presbyterian Church in Pound Ridge, NY. Both were residents of Westport.¹⁸⁹ Many Connecticut residents were married at that church during the long pastorate of Rev. William Patterson, including others from Westport. One of the few Presbyterian churches nearby, it seems to have attracted many from a wide area who subscribed to the tenets of that faith.¹⁹⁰

While I have no direct evidence for the names of Lydia's parents, by a process of elimination the only Elwood family in Westport in the 1840 census to have a daughter in the 10-14 age range was that of William.¹⁹¹ In the 1850 census, William & Abby J. (Brotherton) Elwood resided not far from Edwin and Lydia.¹⁹²

In that census Edwin was a laborer, age 24, and Lydia was age 20. Their children were George E., age 3, and Josephine, age 1. Four houses away lived Abby Elwood's elder brother Eli Brotherton, his wife Hester/Esther, and their children Caroline, Benjamin and Jerusha. The next residence was that of Sanford Barnes, 29, with his children James, Sarah E., and Jane. He was the widower of Jane Brotherton, daughter of Eli and Hester.¹⁹³ Listed near the Elwoods were James and Olive Barnes, ages 51 and 47 respectively. While only one of the latter's children has been positively identified, they are possibly parents also of either Edwin or Sanford Barnes.¹⁹⁴

¹⁸⁹ *Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church, Westchester County, NY: Marriages performed by Rev. William Patterson, 1837-1886*, by Mable L. Jordan, 1990, p. 6, <www.ancestry.com>, online database, 2004.

¹⁹⁰ Selleck, Charles, *Norwalk*, The Author, 1896, p. 458 (notes), "Patterson ... a man of high standing in his profession, he was universally respected, while his goodness and geneality, and his fine nature-humor caused him to be beloved by young and old." He married Mary Thatcher of Norwalk before taking up his post. Her father, a Lockwood, had resided in Pound Ridge NY.

¹⁹¹ 1840 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Westport, roll 22, p. 342. In their 1830 census entry (roll 6, p. 253B), there was one male and one female below the age of 5.

¹⁹² 1850 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Westport, roll 38, p. 79B, 80A.

¹⁹³ *Ibid.* p. 78A. Sanford and Jane's marriage recorded in Westport, 24 Feb. 1842, *Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records*, Westport, p. 22.

¹⁹⁴ As noted on p. 112 in the Barnes article cited above, James and Olive "had three girls and a boy," so it seems they could not be parents of both Edwin and Sanford. Cynthia, wife of Abraham Allen, has been shown by her death record to be one of their daughters (Westport vital records, 1887-1897, p. 218). It may be also significant that Cynthia and Abraham [later Abram] were also married at Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church, in 1851 (p. 12).

In the 1860 census, Edwin, age 33, and “Lidia” A., age 30, lived in Norwalk. He was a day laborer. Their children were George E., 13, Emily F., 9, Joseph H., 6 and “Caty,” 3 months. In the next dwelling lived Clark Brown, age 40, wife Elizabeth, 33, and their six children.¹⁹⁵ As mentioned in the Barnes article, p. 117, Elizabeth was a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Harrison) Barnes.

Surviving voting records of Norwalk show that Edwin was listed on the rolls as early as 1852, and in each succeeding year through 1861.¹⁹⁶ Edwin enlisted on 13 August 1862 in the 17th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, organized in Norwalk. Why a man in his thirties with a number of children chose to enlist seems puzzling, but he was not unique. Perhaps the prospect of steady pay, boredom with civilian work or simply patriotism led to such a decision by a number of family men. His son William’s birth was recorded in October 1862, his father’s occupation entered as “soldier.” Edwin served until mustered out in late 1865.¹⁹⁷

Shortly after his return, Edwin’s eldest daughter Emily married recent Norwegian immigrant Oscar Seymour, an iron-worker. The record lists her age as 19, but if the census is reasonably accurate she could not have been more than 16 – about the same age her mother had to have been at her marriage. The Barnes’ last child was born in late 1867, her father then employed as an oysterman, perhaps influenced by his neighbor and probable cousin-in-law Hiram [Clark] Brown, who with his eldest son then worked in that trade.

In the 1870 census, the family consisted only of Lydia, age 40, George E., 23, an oysterman, Katie, 10, William, 7 and Lydia, 2. Their immediate neighbors were Oscar and Emily Seymour, their child Anna and the Brown family.¹⁹⁸ Edwin has not been found in either the 1870 or 1880 census.¹⁹⁹ Early surviving city directories of Norwalk beginning in 1871 have few listings of Barnes men, Edwin not appearing until the directory dated 1882-84, printed in 1883 and probably compiled in 1882. He resided at the same address as his son Joseph, neither listed with an occupation.²⁰⁰ Edwin filed a petition for a soldier’s invalid pension, dated June 16, 1881.²⁰¹ His name appears on voting records dated Nov. 6, 1883, but unlike Joseph, his name is not checked off in pencil, likely indicating he did not vote.²⁰²

His military-issue tombstone in the East Norwalk Cemetery bears the date of March 7, 1882, but no record of his death was found in Norwalk, nor was his name found in city burial records.²⁰³ A clue to his death was found in the Norwalk Town Report of 1883, an entry for

¹⁹⁵ 1860 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Norwalk, roll 74, p. 764. The Elwoods moved to Norwalk by 1860 (p. 634), but were not found in the 1870 census. Abby Jane Elwood’s death at age 52 was recorded in Norwalk records, 1862-1878, p. 160.

¹⁹⁶ Norwalk Voting Records, 1837-1899, Norwalk History Room, Norwalk Public Library.

¹⁹⁷ *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the War of the Rebellion, 1861 to 1865*, 1889, p. 654.

¹⁹⁸ 1870 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Norwalk, roll 98, p. 772A.

¹⁹⁹ Edwin Barnes is listed in the Assessments of the Town of Norwalk, 1870, p. 235, as owning one dwelling house worth \$300. By 1880 there was apparently no property; see note 18 for probate sale.

²⁰⁰ *Boyd’s Norwalk Directory ... for the years 1882-84*, printed by J.F. Morris, 1883, p. 36.

²⁰¹ Invalid application 423162, Civil War Soldiers’ Pension Index, <www.fold3.com> The full National Archives record describes Edwin as 5 ft. 6 in., with light hair and blue eyes, age 54 in 1881. He signed with a mark. He claimed injury while laboring to build a road in the District of Columbia in Sept. 1862.

²⁰² Norwalk Voting Records, op. cit.

²⁰³ Van Hoosear, D.H., *A Complete Copy of the Inscriptions ... in the Oldest Cemetery in Norwalk, Conn.*

payment of \$17 to the town of Stratford for "burial of E. Barnes."²⁰⁴ A *Norwalk Gazette* article described the circumstances of Edwin's sudden death while visiting a son in Stratford.²⁰⁵ That town's death register has 1882 written prominently on the top of the page, although the March death of Edwin Barnes is clearly placed in proper order among the 1883 deaths beginning partway down the page.²⁰⁶ Perhaps a misreading of that date accounted for the error of a year on his tombstone.²⁰⁷

Lydia Elwood Barnes died before Edwin, on 7 Feb. 1875, of paralysis, age 44. The probated estate was in her name. Her eldest daughter, Emily Barnes Seymour, died later that month, of cancer at age 24, leaving three young daughters.²⁰⁸

Genealogical summary:

1. EDWIN BARNES, born probably Norwalk ca. 1826 or 1827. He died Stratford 6 March 1883. He married Pound Ridge NY 29 Jan. 1846, LYDIA ELWOOD. She was born probably Norwalk ca. 23 Feb. 1830, died Norwalk 7 Feb. 1875.²⁰⁹

Children of Edwin and Lydia:

- i. George E., b. probably Westport 1 Apr. 1848, d. Norwalk 7 June 1916,²¹⁰ m. (1.) Norwalk 28 Sept. 1871, Emma F. Britto, (2.) Norwalk 30 Sept. 1878, Anna Bush.²¹¹

Child of George & Anna:

- a. Evalina, b. Sept. 1879,²¹² d. Fitchburg MA 13 July 1941,²¹³ m. Norwalk 16 Nov. 1902, Edwin S. Clark.²¹⁴
- ii. Josephine, b. probably Westport, ca. 1849, d. before 1860.²¹⁵

September 1892. A more recent transcription is, Martin, Harold S., "*The Record of the inscriptions ... in the East Norwalk Historical Cemetery*," 1971, p. 16.

²⁰⁴ *Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norwalk for the year ... 1883*; entry #329, p. 9. Also in that report, \$5 to Wm. E. Quintard, "hearse for E. Barnes' funeral"; entry #424, p. 12, and, in the "Alphabetical List of the Poor outside of the Alms House," was Barnes, Edwin, \$5. Barnes was not otherwise listed in the reports on file in the Norwalk History Room, which from 1881 to 1891 include names of these poor.

²⁰⁵ *Norwalk Gazette*, Tues. March 13, 1883, p. [2]. "Edwin Barnes, a veteran soldier of the late war and an old resident of Norwalk, died at Stratford on Tuesday last of heart disease ... his remains were brought to Norwalk and buried in the downtown cemetery." City burial records indicate that since 1886 that cemetery has been called the East Norwalk Cemetery.

²⁰⁶ Stratford vital records, v. C, p. 488. "Barnes, Edward, died 1883, March 6, age 60, widower, born Westport, resident of Norwalk; father, not listed; mother, Abigail," Eugene Morehouse, coroner.

²⁰⁷ Van Hoosear, op cit.

²⁰⁸ Probate record book describes property to be sold for debts as "One building lot with an old shanty" and contents, appraised at \$730.91. The last entry on 15 Nov. 1875 reports its sale for \$550. Norwalk Probate Court Record, vol. 18, pp. 54, 112. Thanks to Harlan Jessup for his transcription of the record.

²⁰⁹ Edwin's probable birth year estimated from his military pension application and the 1850 and 1860 censuses, as noted above. Lydia's age at death calculated from Norwalk death record (vol. 1862-1878, p. 221) which gave her age as 44-11-15. Lydia's middle name was found in the probate record.

²¹⁰ Norwalk vital records, deaths 1909-1923, p. 133. Birth date calculated from age given as "68-2-6," place listed as Westport, parents unknown.

²¹¹ Norwalk vital records marriages, 1870-1909, p. 12, 1st marriage; p. 52, 2nd marriage.

²¹² No birth record found in Norwalk records, date estimated from 1880 census (roll 96, p. 9A), where she was named Anna. Spelling of Evalina as found in marriage record. Other records show varied spellings.

²¹³ Obituary 14 July 1941, *Norwalk Hour*.

²¹⁴ Norwalk vital records, marriages 1870-1909, p. 284.

²¹⁵ 1860 census, Westport, op. cit.

- iii. Emily F., b. probably Westport, ca. 1851, d. Norwalk 23 Feb. 1875,²¹⁶ m. Norwalk 12 Oct. 1866, Oscar Seymour.²¹⁷

Children of Oscar and Emily:

- a. Anna, b. Norwalk 21 June 1868, d. Norwalk 14 Feb. 1934,²¹⁸ m. (1.) Norwalk 28 March 1901, Andrew Gustafson, who d. Norwalk 12 March 1920,²¹⁹ m. (2.) Norwalk 23 Feb. 1923, Leonard Johanson [i.e., Johnson], who d. 17 Jan. 1926²²⁰.
 - b. Ida Josephine, b. Norwalk 21 July 1870,²²¹ d. Norwalk 30 Jan. 1939,²²² m. (1.) Norwalk 20 Oct. 1890, William H. Kling (div.),²²³ m. (2.) probably Norwalk, ca. 1910-1920, Charles Knudsen.
 - c. Harriet Elizabeth, b. Norwalk 5 Jan. 1873, d. Norwalk 22 July 1949,²²⁴ m. ca. 1893, Philip L. Brundage.
 - d. [unnamed stillborn male], b. and d. Norwalk 15 Nov. 1874.²²⁵
- iv. Joseph, b. Norwalk 5 Jan. 1854,²²⁶ d. Norwalk 21 Aug. 1929.²²⁷
- v. Kate Jane, b. Norwalk 26 March 1860, d. Norwalk 10 March 1925.²²⁸ She m. ca. 1881, James J. Morris.²²⁹

Children of James & Kate Morris:

- a. James J., b. probably Norwalk Aug. 1884.
- b. Dora May, b. Norwalk 19 May 1890,²³⁰ d. Stamford 23 June 1938,²³¹ m. ca. 1910, Samuel Goldberg.

²¹⁶ Norwalk vital records, deaths 1862-1878, p. 222.

²¹⁷ Norwalk vital records, marriages 1862-1869, p. 121.

²¹⁸ Norwalk vital records, deaths 1929-1935, p. 386; birth date as given in death record. Norwalk vital records, births 1862-1878, p. 32 lists an unnamed female child b. 3 Feb. 1868 to an Augustus Seymour, farmer, age 30, age of mother 29. This was the only Augustus listed in the records in that era but it is unknown if the name was mistaken for Oscar, who was not a farmer, and the ages of the parents do not correspond to those in births to Oscar and Emily.

²¹⁹ Norwalk vital records, marriages 1870-1909, p. 256. In the record, the groom was named Andrew Gustafson, son of Gustave Johnson, using the patronymic system. At age 42, this was his 3rd marriage.

In the 1910 Census (roll 130, p. 13A) he is listed as Andrew Gustavson. Norwalk vital records, deaths 1909-1923, p. 214, as Andrew Gustafson, age 69-9-4.

²²⁰ Norwalk vital records, marriages 1910-1923, p. 138.

²²¹ Norwalk vital records, births 1870-1904, p. 48, as Josephine, to Oscar, 24, moulder, and Emily, 19.

²²² Norwalk vital records, deaths, 1936-1942, p. 242.

²²³ Norwalk vital records, marriages 1870-1909, p. 132.

²²⁴ Norwalk vital records, deaths, 1948-1953, p. 142. no birth record found in Norwalk, birth date as given in death record..

²²⁵ Norwalk vital records, births 1862-1878, p. 76.

²²⁶ Norwalk vital records, births 1853-1861, p. 192.

²²⁷ Norwalk vital records, deaths 1929-1935, p. 53. He appeared sporadically in Norwalk city directories and voting records, sometimes as an oysterman. He died at Naramake House, a residence for the poor. Informant was his nephew Samuel Goldberg. Obituary 22 Aug. 1929 *Norwalk Hour*, lists as survivors William of Buffalo NY, "Mrs. Jacob Morris of Stamford" and "Dora O'Hara of Bridgeport," - despite the fact that by 1929 neither sister was living.

²²⁸ Norwalk vital records, deaths, 1923-1928, p. 27. No birth record found in Norwalk; birth date as given in death record.

²²⁹ Marriage record not found in Norwalk. In the 1880 census (roll 96, p. 109B) James J. Morris was listed in Norwalk with his parents, Kate not found in 1880 census. In the 1900 census (roll 134, p. 13A) the family was in Norwalk. By 1910 (roll 128, p. 3B), Kate J. Morris was living in Bridgeport with her daughter and son-in-law. Her husband and son lived at another Bridgeport address, according to the 1910 census (roll 129, p. 58). Her death record notes her as, "widow of James Morris."

²³⁰ Norwalk vital records, births, 1879-1899, p. 216.

- vi. William Eugene, b. Norwalk 17 Oct. 1862,²³² d. Buffalo NY 22 July 1935.²³³ He m. ca. 1884, Julia Ann Wilmarth, a native of Amityville NY.²³⁴ They moved to Buffalo by 1910 where he was employed by the railroad. Julia d. Buffalo NY 09 July 1926, buried in Norwalk.²³⁵
 Children of William & Julia:
- a. Earnest William, b. Wilton 05 Feb. 1886, d. Wilton 29 Aug. 1886.²³⁶
 - b. George P., b. Norwalk 06 May 1887,²³⁷ d. Buffalo NY 28 March 1947.²³⁸
 - c. William Earl, b. Norwalk 13 March 1903,²³⁹ d. Tonawanda NY May 1971.²⁴⁰
- vii. Dora Lydia, b. Norwalk 2 Dec. 1867,²⁴¹ d. Bridgeport 16 Dec. 1928,²⁴² m. New York City 17 Sept. 1892, Randall O'Hara, a factory supervisor, native of Ireland.²⁴³
 Children of Randall & Dora:
- a. Henry James, b. Norwalk 23 March 1894²⁴⁴, d. Allingtown, 11 Oct. 1918.²⁴⁵
 - b. Leroy, b. Norwalk 29 Oct. 1895,²⁴⁶ d. Bridgeport 26 Sept. 1957.²⁴⁷
 - c. John R., b. New Haven 29 July 1898, d. Bridgeport 23 Nov. 1954.²⁴⁸

²³¹ Death information from <www.findagrave.com>, #71825757, Independent Stamford Lodge Cemetery, Darien.

²³² Norwalk vital records, births 1862-1878, p. 5.

²³³ Obituary 23 July 1935 *Buffalo Evening News* <buffalonydeaths.com/notices/v10AB.htm>

²³⁴ In the 1880 census (roll 120, p. 280C) William was a farm laborer boarding with his employer in Wilton. Their marriage record not found in Norwalk or Wilton.

²³⁵ Obituary 10 July 1926 *Norwalk Hour*, p. 6.

²³⁶ Wilton vital records, births, v. 5, p. 226. Norwalk burial records (1880-1920), pt. 1, p. [19], lists his name as William Earnest.

²³⁷ Norwalk vital records, births, 1879-1899, p. 152.

²³⁸ Obituary 2 April 1947 *Norwalk Hour*, p. 2.

²³⁹ Norwalk vital records, births, 1899-1904, p. 88. His mother's birthplace is given as Amityville L.I.

²⁴⁰ Death information from SSDI.

²⁴¹ Norwalk vital records, births, 1862-1878, p. 31, as unnamed female. In the 1870 census (roll 99, p. 9) she was listed as "Lydia A." In the 1880 census, Bedford NY (roll 945, p. 31C) she was probably the "Dora L. Jones," age 12, adopted daughter of Aaron and Cordelia Jones. Her adoption by Bedford residents suggests a connection to the nearby Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church where her parents were married.

²⁴² Bridgeport vital records, deaths Oct.-Dec. 1928, p. 370, age "55-0-14." Her death record lists "Barnes" as father, no mother's name given.

²⁴³ New York Marriages, 1686-1980, Manhattan. GS film 1452331 <www.familysearch.org>. Her name listed as Dora L. Jones.

²⁴⁴ Norwalk vital records, births 1879-1898, p. 324.

²⁴⁵ Bridgeport vital records, deaths Oct. 1918, p. 108. He died at USA General Hospital #16, now West Haven Veterans' Hospital.

²⁴⁶ Norwalk vital records, births 1879-1898, p. 368, as "Le Roy."

²⁴⁷ Bridgeport vital records, deaths Sept. 1957, p. 160.

²⁴⁸ Bridgeport vital records, deaths Nov. 1954, p. 123. Birth information from death record.

Heth Peck of Newtown, Connecticut, in 1790

Kathryn Downs Wolff

Peck, Heth
Newtown

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HETH PECK was born in Milford, Connecticut, 03 Oct 1703, son of Joseph and Mary (Camp) Peck.² He died in Newtown on 04 May 1797.³

Heth Peck married **HANNAH CAMP** 26 February 1729/30 in Milford.⁴ Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Baldwin) Camp, was baptized 03 July 1709,⁵ in Milford. She was still alive in 1781 when Heth wrote his will, but was deceased by the time Heth's will was proved in 1797.⁶

Heth and Hannah lived in Milford for about 10 years. Their fourth child was born there in April, 1738; their fifth was born July, 1740, in Newtown.⁷ Thus, the family moved to Newtown in the 2-year period between the births. Heth's father Joseph had been a proprietor of Newtown by 1714⁸ and several of Heth's older brothers lived there before he moved there.⁹

Heth Peck's first land transaction took place 13 April 1739 when, still a resident of Milford, he purchased two parcels of land, a house and barn on Walnut Hill.¹⁰ This further narrows the date of the family's removal to Newtown.

Heth was in the first group of Newtown men to take the Freeman's Oath in 1742.¹¹ He was also involved in trying to settle the differences of opinion that arose in 1742 about the minister of the Presbyterian (now Congregational) society in Newtown.¹² In 1743, he was on the committee to call a new minister.¹³ Once the issue of a minister was settled, the town turned to the problem of

¹ 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Newtown, p. 208, NARA microfilm M637, Roll 1. Heth's sons Heth junior and Samuel Peck, his son-in-law Abraham Bennett, and his daughter-in-law, widow Sarah Peck, all appear on the same page as Heth.

² Lucius Barnes Barbour, compiler, *Connecticut Vital Records to 1870*, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, 1928, v. 71 (Milford), p. 122 for birth, citing original OL (Old Long Book): 48, VR1:23; p 123, for Joseph Peck-Mary Camp marriage citing original OL:33 and VR1:16. Hereinafter called Barbour Collection. Also found in Susan Woodruff Abbott, compiler, and Jacqueline L. Ricker, editor, *Families of Early Milford, Connecticut.*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979, pp. 528, 529, 531.

³ Newtown Deeds, Vol. 19, frontispiece.

⁴ Newtown VR 1: 29, (marriage date 26 February). Milford (marriage date 19 February): Barbour Collection, Milford, 122, citing original 1:89 for Peck-Camp marriage.

⁵ Connecticut Church Records, Milford First Congregational Church, 1639-1926, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, Hartford, 93, citing original 1:37. "Baldwin" as maiden name from Abbott, 176.

⁶ Danbury Probate District, Heth Peck, 1797, #3653. The probate inventory refers to "Hannah Peck, Decd."

⁷ All the children's births are listed with the towns of birth noted in Newtown VR 1:29.

⁸ John Neville Boyle, *Newtown: 1708-1758, Historical Notes and Maps*, Newtown: Bee Pub Co, 1945, 19.

⁹ Newtown Land Records, Index to vol. 5 lists Joseph, Moses, John and Ephraim.

¹⁰ Newtown Land Records, 3-4: 411, Stephen Burwell to Heth Peck; microfilm reel 3379 (FHL 0,114,967), CSL

¹¹ Ezra Levan Johnson and Jane Eliza Johnson, *Newtown's History and Historian*, Newtown: 1917, 119. This source says though this was some 30 years after the founding of the town, it appears to have taken that long for the town to want representatives at the General Court.

¹² *Ibid.* 66.

¹³ *Ibid.* 70.

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having a suitable building for the church, and Heth was on the committee to oversee the building program.¹⁴

Heth's involvement in community affairs was not limited to the religious aspect of the town. In 1758, he was on the committee that solidified the border between Newtown and Danbury.¹⁵ The Grand Levy of 1767 shows Heth had become quite prosperous, assessed at £111, 6s, 0d.¹⁶

Heth's will is dated 24 April 1781. The signature on it is somewhat shaky compared to the text of the document, which looks like it might be a different handwriting, possibly that of one of the witnesses, Ezra Booth. Perhaps Heth was ill and dictated it but then recovered since he lived another 16 years. The will left half his house to his "well beloved wife Hannah" and the other half to his daughter "Hepsiba." He also left Hannah one-third the livestock for use during her natural life and to Hepsiba, one cow. He left various amounts "agreeable to hard money"¹⁷ to daughter Hannah, to heirs of daughter Mary, to daughter Sarah, to Zalmon, son of his deceased son David, and to sons Heth, Samuel, Amiel, and Amos.

He named his four sons executors though Amos died before he could perform this duty. Heth's estate was inventoried at £369, 14s, 3p, with most of the value being in land. The debts against the estate included expenses for his sons for his support both "before he broke up housekeeping," as well as a total of five years and five months of support "keeping him," presumably in their homes. All of Heth's real estate, except that specifically devised to Amos and Hepsiba, was sold by 10 Apr 1798 to settle debts and provide funds for cash distributions.

Members of the household in 1790: The adult male is Heth. The adult female could be his wife, Hannah, if she was still alive, or his unmarried daughter Hepsibah.

Children of Heth and Hannah(Camp) Peck:¹⁸

- i. HETH PECK junior, b. 29 May 1731 in Milford, d. 04 Jan 1816,¹⁹ m. MARY SKIDMORE.²⁰ Two sons.²¹ Heth junior was a head of household in Newtown in 1790²² and is the subject of a separate sketch.
- ii. HANNAH PECK, b. 05 July 1733 in Milford; d. 22 or 29 May 1819,²³ m. ABRAHAM BENNETT,²⁴ son of Abraham and Christian (Botsford) Bennett.²⁵ Six children. Abraham was a head of household in 1790 in Newtown.²⁶

¹⁴ *Ibid.* 36, 71.

¹⁵ *Ibid.* 46-47.

¹⁶ *Ibid.* 219.

¹⁷ This is likely a reference to the fact that currency was not yet standardized in 1781.

¹⁸ Newtown Vital Records, 1:29. This includes the children born in Milford.

¹⁹ Newtown Vital Records 2: 157.

²⁰ Newtown First Congregational Church Records, 5:25; CSL microfilm 441, FHL 0,004,991. Mary's last name is spelled "Schidmore."

²¹ Ira B. Peck, *A Genealogical History of the Descendants of Joseph Peck, Appendix: The Connecticut Pecks, Joseph of Milford, Conn.*, Boston: 1868, 297.

²² 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Newtown, 208.

- iii. MARY PECK, b. 31 Dec 1735 in Milford; d. 31 Jan 1770,²⁷ m. 24 Mar 1755,²⁸ JABEZ BALDWIN, son of Nathan,²⁹ five children.³⁰ Her gravestone was inscribed: "Safely inter'd here lies/ the remains of Mrs. Mary,/ the amiable consort/ of Mr. Jabs. Baldwine,/ who made her exit Jan-/ uary ye 1770, in the/ 36th year of her age leav-/ ing behind her, 5 children./ 'When a fond mother's care/ has nursed her/ Babes to manly size, she/ Must with us'ry pay/the grave.'"³¹ Jabez remarried after Mary's death, had more children, and moved to New Hampshire.³² Jabez Baldwin was a head of household in Stratford, Grafton (now Coos³³), New Hampshire, in 1790. Their son Heth is enumerated immediately above Jabez as "Heath" Baldwin.³⁴
- iv. SARAH PECK, b. 14 Apr 1738 in Milford; d. New York, 19 Nov 1829,³⁵ m. 21 May 1761,³⁶ EZRA BRYAN, five children.³⁷ Ezra was a 1790 head of household in Dutchess County, New York: "Bryant," Ezra 5-2-5-0-0.³⁸
- v. AMIEL PECK, b. 24 July 1740 in Newtown; d. Brookfield, 19 July 1829,³⁹ m. HEPSIBAH "HEPPY" CAMP.⁴⁰ Eight children of whom six lived to adulthood.⁴¹ Amiel

²³ Newtown VR 2:154 (May 29), Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, abt. 1934, Vol. 36, Newtown, 56, (May 22). This corrects the typographical error of '22 Mar' in my article "Descendants of Abraham Bennett and his wife, Christian Botsford, of Newtown, Connecticut" which follows this family extensively. (*Connecticut Ancestry*. Vol. 54, No. 4, May 2012. 150.)

²⁴ Newtown Cong. Church records 5:24.

²⁵ Newtown Land Records 2:353.

²⁶ 1790 US Federal Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Newtown, p. 208.

²⁷ Newtown Cong. Church records 5:33.

²⁸ Newtown CC 5: 24. Also, Barbour Collection, Newtown, 4 citing original VR1:6.

²⁹ Charles Candee Baldwin, *The Baldwin Genealogy from 1500 to 1881*, Cleveland: Leander Printing Co., 1881, 426.

³⁰ Jabez and Mary's marriage and five children's births are recorded in Newtown VR 1:6. The children's baptisms are recorded in Newtown CC 5:14, 15, 16, and 17. The youngest son's death is recorded Newtown CC 5:34, "Jabez, his son, d. 25 June 1773, age about 6". Charles Baldwin misread the name of this child (Amiel) in this record as "Anna". Jabez and Judith named another son Amiel, but he only lived a few months in 1775. Mr. Baldwin incorrectly read his name as "Daniel." "Amiel" is unusual to our modern ears, and it's recorded with many spelling variations during this time period. However, it is a Biblical man's name, seen in Numbers 13:12, as "Ammiel."

³¹ Johnson & Johnson, *Newtown's History*, 195.

³² Marriage: 30 Aug 1770 Jabez Baldwin-Judith Brace, Newtown Cong. Church records, 5:27. Baptisms of children: e.g., Newtown CC records 5:20, 21. Two sources for Jabez are: *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*. Syracuse: W.A. Fergusson & Co, 1888. 776; Also *Northern New Hampshire Graveyards and Cemeteries*. Salem, Mass: Higginson Books, 1985. 271.

³³ "History", www.cooscountynh.us/index.php?MENUID=2&ITEMID=8 accessed 8 Dec 2013.

³⁴ 1790 US Census, Stratford, Grafton, New Hampshire. Roll 5, Page 76.

³⁵ Lawrence Van Alstyne, *Burying Grounds of Sharon, Connecticut, Amenia and North East, New York, Amenia, NY*: Walsh, Griffen & Hoystadt Printers, 1903. Not paginated, "Bryan Burying Ground". Sarah's listed age of death, 92y, 7m, 7d, computes slightly off to 12 Apr 1737.

³⁶ Newtown Congregational Church, 5:26

³⁷ Newtown VR 1:6 lists the marriage and the birth of their first two sons by Sep 1764. Those two and 3 others are named in Isaac Hunting, *History of Little Nine Partners of North East Precinct, and Pine Plains, New York, Dutchess County, Amenia, NY*: Chas. Walsh & Co., 1897. 320. "[Amos] ...youngest of five children": *Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Dutchess and Putnam, New York*. Chicago: J.H. Beers & Co., 1897. 496.; Van Alstyne records son Amos and some of his family buried along with Ezra and Sarah.

³⁸ 1790 US Census, Armenia, Dutchess, New York, Roll 6, page 128.

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was a 1790 Brookfield head of household (Peck, Miel)⁴² and is covered in a separate sketch.

- vi. HEPZIBAH Peck, b. 23 July 1742,⁴³ d. unmarried, Newtown, 11 Aug. 1797.⁴⁴
- vii. SAMUEL PECK, b. 20 Aug 1744,⁴⁵ d. Newtown, 12 May 1832, ae 88.⁴⁶ He first married SARAH SKIDMORE and had five children. He married widow SARAH BURRETT late in life.⁴⁷ Samuel was a 1790 Newtown head of household,⁴⁸ and is covered in a separate sketch.
- viii. AMOS PECK, b. 12 Jan 1746/47, d. by 26 Feb 1784, when his brothers Amiel and Samuel were bonded administrators of his estate.⁴⁹ His widow SARAH (LOBDELL) PECK was a 1790 Newtown head of household⁵⁰ and is treated in a separate sketch. Six children of whom two definitely lived to adulthood.⁵¹
- ix. DAVID PECK, b. 17 Nov 1748,⁵² d. before 15 Feb 1779, when Amos Northrop was named administrator of his estate.⁵³ David m. 14 Oct 1772, DAMARIS (___?___),⁵⁴ and had one son, Zalmon.⁵⁵ His estate was inventoried at £140 and was distributed one-third to Damaris and two-thirds to Zalmon.⁵⁶ Zalmon lived in Brookfield as an adult.⁵⁷

³⁹ Hale Collection, Brookfield, 68.

⁴⁰ Amiel's marriage and the birth of seven of his children, plus the death of two, are recorded in Brookfield VR p. 5.

⁴¹ The eight child is listed in Hepziba Peck's will. Newtown Probate District, #1485, Hepziba Peck of Brookfield.

⁴² US 1790 Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Brookfield, p. 79.

⁴³ Barbour Collection, Newtown, 126, citing VR 1:29.

⁴⁴ Barbour Collection, Newtown, 126, citing LR Vol. 19, frontispiece.

⁴⁵ Barbour Collection, Newtown, 130, citing VR 1:29.

⁴⁶ Ibid.

⁴⁷ Ira Peck, Peck genealogy, 298.

⁴⁸ 1790 US Federal Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Newtown, p. 208.

⁴⁹ Danbury Probate Estate Papers, 1784, #3618, Amos Peck of Newtown.

⁵⁰ 1790 US Federal Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Newtown, p. 208.

⁵¹ Ira B. Peck *A Genealogical History of the Descendants of Joseph Peck, Appendix: The Connecticut Pecks, Joseph of Milford, Conn.*, Boston: 1868, 298.

⁵² Barbour Collection, Newtown, 125, citing VR 1:29.

⁵³ Danbury Probate Estate Papers, 1779, #3632, David Peck of Newtown

⁵⁴ Barbour Collection, Newtown, 125, citing VR 1:86.

⁵⁵ Birth, Barbour Collection, Newtown, 131, citing VR 1:86. He was the only child mentioned in David's probate.

⁵⁶ Danbury Probate Estate Papers, 1779, #3632, David Peck of Newtown.

⁵⁷ US census records 1800-1830

Ezra Stevens of Danbury, Connecticut, in 1790

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STEVENS, EZRA

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Danbury

EZRA STEVENS,⁵⁹ one of the youngest sons of Nathaniel and second wife, Ruth (Hoyt) Stevens,⁶⁰ was born in Danbury 25 May 1724 and died 5 February 1825, aged 98 years, 8 months and 10 days.⁶¹ Marked by a headstone reading "Lieut. Ezra J. Stevens," his grave is found in the Upper Burying Ground, also called North Main Street Cemetery, Danbury.⁶²

He married first, probably about 1746, **ANNA BARNUM**, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Forward) Barnum, granddaughter of Richard and Mary (Hurd) Barnum and great granddaughter of the first Thomas Barnum who was one of the first eight settlers of Danbury in 1684-5. She died before 1777.⁶³ The will of Benjamin Barnum, dated 09 Jan 1779 and proved 17 Feb 1779, names among his heirs the "children of my daughter Ann, deceast."⁶⁴

Ezra Stevens married second, **ELIZABETH (HOW) BURT**, whose parents and first husband are unknown. This marriage probably took place about the close of 1776 or early 1777.⁶⁵ Elizabeth Stevens died 22 December 1828, age 82, and is buried in the Pembroke Cemetery, Danbury.⁶⁶

Ezra "Stephens" served in 1756 in the French-Indian War as Sergeant, Capt. John Wood's 8th Co., Col. Andrew Ward, Jr's Regt., "sick at Albany," and in 1758 as 2nd Lieutenant, Col. and Capt. David Wooster's Brigade and 1st Co.⁶⁷ He served in the Revolution as Lieutenant in Capt. Noble Benedict's 6th Co., Col David Waterbury's 5th Regt., from 1 May to 29 Oct 1775.⁶⁸

⁵⁸ 1790 US Census Fairfield County, Conn., Danbury, p. 41.

⁵⁹ Editor's note: Much of the information outlined in this sketch is from the 1891 published genealogy and the 1921 typescript described in the following two footnotes, neither of which cites the original sources. In each case where the facts could be verified from sources now available, the family description has proven accurate.

⁶⁰ Frederick S. Stevens, *Genealogy of the Stevens Family from 1635 to 1891, Tracing the various branches from the earliest settlers in America*, Bridgeport, Conn., ca 1891; online at:

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE87233; hereafter F. S. Stevens.

⁶¹ Casimir Pulaski Stevens, *The Stevens Family of Fairfield County, Conn., descendants of Thomas and Ann Stevens of Stamford-Darien 1649 to 1658*, Shawnee, OK: typescript, 1921, 260 pp., online at:

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE69697; p. 45-46; hereafter: C.P. Stevens.

⁶² Specific age cited in *Catalogue of Veterans Buried in Danbury*, Danbury Veterans Council. "Age 98" and date of death in Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, Hartford: Connecticut State Library, abt. 1934, Vol. 30 Danbury, p. 406.

⁶³ C. P. Stevens, p. 45-46.

⁶⁴ Danbury Probate Estate Papers #288.

⁶⁵ C. P. Stevens, p. 45-46.

⁶⁶ Hale Collection, Danbury, ⁴⁴⁶. "Elizabeth Stevens, relict of Lieut. Ezra Stevens"

⁶⁷ "Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War," *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*, vols. IX and X, Hartford, 1903 and 1905.

⁶⁸ Col. David Waterbury's 5th Regt. *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution*, Hartford, 1889, p. 68.

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Ezra Stevens was grantee in nine Danbury deeds. In the first of these, on 11 May 1779, the proprietors laid out to him two parcels, 75 acres and 5 acres, both in the Pembroke district of Danbury.⁶⁹ He was grantor in some 35 deeds including deeds of gift to each of his sons. No probate record has been found.

Children of Ezra Stevens and 1st wife, Ann (Barnum):⁷⁰

- i. EZRA STEVENS, b. about 1747; m. in New Fairfield, Conn. 10 Feb 1773, ABIGAIL FAIRCHILD. He was a head of household in Danbury in 1790.⁷¹ Likely the Ezra Stevens who served in the "4 Alarm List Company" from Danbury on the expedition to Norwalk on 7 July 1779.⁷²
- ii. RACHEL STEVENS, b. about 1749; m. EZRA PECK.
- iii. SAMUEL STEVENS, b. about 1752; m. 13 January 1774 ESTHER HOYT, daughter of Comfort and Anna (___?___) Hoyt. He was a head of household in Danbury in 1790.⁷³ He was living in Harpersfield, NY, on 10 October 1812 when he and his wife sold Danbury land that she had inherited from her parents.⁷⁴
- iv. ELI STEVENS, b. probably about 1756; m. ABIGAIL KNAPP, daughter of David Knapp and lived in New Fairfield, Connecticut.
- v. ANNA STEVENS, b. probably about 1759; m. PAUL HAMILTON, brother of her sister Hannah's husband John Hamilton.
- vi. FORWARD STEVENS, named for his mother's brother, b. 01 May 1762; died 01 September 1847, age 85; m. 11 April 1782 RACHEL KNAPP, daughter of David Knapp of Danbury;⁷⁵ d. 12 July 1820. Both are buried in North Main Street Cemetery, Danbury.⁷⁶ Head of household in 1790.⁷⁷
- vii. PETER STEVENS, b. about 1765; m. PHEBE BOOTH of Newtown, Connecticut. He was given Danbury land by his father Ezra on 11 May 1791 and was living in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, 20 April 1795 when he sold this land to his brother Forward.⁷⁸
- viii. ELIJAH STEVENS, b. about 1768; m. BETSEY GRISS, possibly after 1790 as he does not appear as a head of household in the US census of that year. He was living in Danbury when his father sold him land there, 11 May 1791.⁷⁹
- ix. HANNAH STEVENS, b. about 1772; m. JOHN HAMILTON, brother of her sister Anna's husband, Paul Hamilton.

Child of Ezra Stevens and 2nd wife, Elizabeth (How) (Burt):⁸⁰

- x. Zadock Stevens, b. 8 November 1777; d. in Knoxville, Illinois 13 1838; m. 05 October 1800 Phebe White, daughter of Thomas White of Danbury.⁸¹

⁶⁹ Danbury Land Records, vol. 1, p. 418.

⁷⁰ C. P. Stevens, p. 45-46, except as otherwise noted.

⁷¹ 1790 US Census Fairfield County, Conn., Danbury, p. 41.

⁷² *Rolls and Lists of Connecticut Men in the Revolution*, Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, vol. VIII, Hartford, 1901, p. 200.

⁷³ 1790 US Census Fairfield County, Conn., Danbury, p. 42.

⁷⁴ Danbury Land Records, vol. 15, p. 466.

⁷⁵ Danbury Vital Records, vol. 1, p. 399.

⁷⁶ Hale Collection, Danbury, p. 400.

⁷⁷ 1790 US Census Danbury, Fairfield County, Conn., Danbury, p. 41.

⁷⁸ Danbury Land Records, vol. 2, p. 380; vol. 8, p. 109.

⁷⁹ Danbury Land Records, vol. 2, p. 379.

⁸⁰ F. S. Stevens, p. 11.

⁸¹ Danbury Vital Records vol. 1, p. 362.

Book Review

Barbara Jean Mathews, *Descendants of Gov. Thomas Welles of Connecticut*, vol. 1, 2nd edition, Welles Family Association, 2013, 650 pp.; hardcover, \$49.00, paperback, \$29.99, both available at discounts from Lulu.com.

Barbara Mathews and her colleagues are to be congratulated for the publication of this long-awaited update to the Welles genealogy. It addresses both the known ancestry of Thomas Welles, Governor of Connecticut in 1655 and 1658, and of his wife Alice Tomes. And it documents their descendants through five generations, offering quite complete descriptions of the lives of 232 descendants through the fourth generation with vital records of another 858 in the fifth generation.

This volume is labeled "2nd edition" with reference to the volume of only about 200 pages published in 1990 by now-deceased genealogist Donna Holt Siematkoski. Correcting a few errors and adding a handful of descendants, the principal benefit from this new work is the addition of much more detail on each family, largely from the examination of deeds and particularly of probate records.

With a wealth of material, the arrangement of this volume takes some getting used to. It begins with the usual introduction by the new compiler with an addition by the book chairperson of the sponsoring Welles Family Association. This is followed by a reprint of the ten-page introduction to the first edition by its compiler, Donna Holt Siematkoski. This is well worth reading as it describes her process of creating that edition both from original sources and from earlier published works on the family, many of which contained significant errors.

Following the introductions is a "Key to References" which, amazingly, covers 106 pages and something more than 800 reference sources. Giving full citations of each reference within the text would have added many pages with repetitive material, but it does seem rather strange to occupy so many pages before beginning a discussion of the family.

The family description then begins, first with reprints of two articles covering the English ancestry of the Welles and Tomes families, published in 1927 and 1930 in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. And each of these articles is preceded with commentary from the current editor. There are then a few pages of photographs of English sites and of early documents.

Finally, on page 180 (a left-hand page, annoyingly), the expected description of the family begins, starting with Gov. Thomas Welles, the immigrant patriarch. The descriptions of the first three generations are quite complete, Gov. Welles himself taking 23 pages and several of his children each taking six or seven pages. At the end of each family description there is a listing of relevant published works with annotations on their accuracy. And throughout the volume there are footnotes with further commentary.

The volume concludes with two appendices and an every-name index. The first appendix is on "Errors in Earlier Literature," originally published in the first edition. And the second appendix gives detailed (and interesting) documentation on "The Murder Trial of Abigail Thompson," whose husband, Thomas³ Thompson (*Anne² Welles, Thomas¹ Welles*), had died from infection of a wound to his head inflicted by a pair of shears thrown by his wife in a family dispute.

All descendants of Gov. Thomas Welles will welcome this more complete description of the early families, and they will eagerly await the planned Volume 2, to cover the sixth and seventh generations of his descendants.

Harlan R. Jessup

Department of Corrections

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Gideon Lounsbury of Stamford, Connecticut, in 1790

On p. 147 the will of Gideon Lounsbury is cited, naming among his children Hannah, wife of Obadiah *Stevens*, and Sally, wife of John Knap.

On p. 148 Hannah is listed as the wife of Obadiah *Seeley*. This marriage and the births of eight children are listed Stamford Vital Records 2:44. It seems apparent that the will was transcribed incorrectly in the probate record book and that Hannah's husband was indeed Obadiah Seeley, *not* Stevens.

Then, our list of Gideon Lounsbury's children did not include Sally. No birth record for her has been found, but it was likely between Amos in 1759 and John in 1764. She was married in Stamford on 25 Dec 1788 to John Knap, Jr., by Rev. John Shepard. The marriage and births of two children are recorded in Stamford Vital Records 2:39.

When our 1790 sketches are finally published in book form, the corrected sketch for this family will be included.

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