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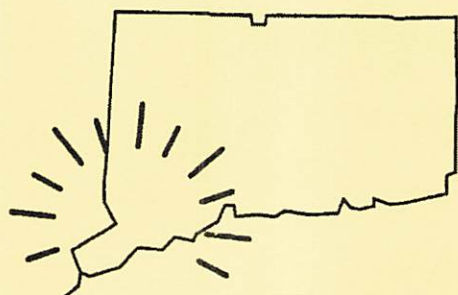
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## Genealogy Events Schedule

**INTRODUCTION OF A NEW FAIRFIELD COUNTY RESOURCE:** Missy Wolfe of the NYG&B will speak about her new book, *Hidden History of Colonial Greenwich*, March 20, 2018, at a book talk and reception at 7 pm at the Saugatuck Congregational Church, Westport. She has transcribed all the early Greenwich records that are extremely difficult to read now even in person at the Town Hall. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/ybravwb7>.

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Held on Saturday mornings, 10:30 am.

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| <b>Feb</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>10:30-12:00</b>                 |
|            | <b>Roundtable Discussion</b>   | <b>Stamford Historical Society</b> |
|            | Here's your opportunity to discuss your genealogy research with other researchers. This will be a DNA discussion group. Anyone wishing to discuss other genealogical problems will have an opportunity to meet separately.   |                                    |
| <b>Mar</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>10:30-12:30</b>                 |
|            | <b>Workshop</b>  | <b>Danbury Public Library</b>      |
|            | DNA, DNA, DNA. This 2-hour workshop will have you downloading your raw data, uploading to Gedmatch.com and working with your segment data, identifying cousins. This is a true hands-on workshop for people who have tested but are stuck on using the information. Nora Galvin, CG.           |                                    |
| <b>Apr</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>10:30-12:00</b>                 |
|            | <b>Lecture/demonstration</b>   | <b>Trumbull Public Library</b>     |
|            | Did you know you can import your own maps and overlay them onto Google Maps? Did you know you can create a travelogue of places your ancestors lived or visited? Nora Galvin, CG, will talk about maps and Google Earth, how the twain can meet, plus other cool map websites. Nora Galvin, CG |                                    |
| <b>May</b> | <b>Annual Meeting    Fairfield Museum and History Center    Saturday May 5, 1-4</b>  |                                    |
|            | <i>Genealogy Publishing Made Simple: Sharing Your Stories [or Research] in as Few as Four Pages</i> Painter, graphic artist, illustrator and book designer Shelley Lowell will inform us about the easy steps for putting together your family's story in your own book.                       |                                    |

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Sydney J. Harris

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## Editorial Notes

This issue contains Part 3 of the excellent study of Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Wood of Long Island and Norwalk and his descendants by Matthew Wood and Fred Hart. This installment includes Jonathan's fifth son Obadiah, and five grandsons who were sons of Jonathan<sup>4</sup>.

Our second article is another in our series accounting for the heads of household and their families found on the 1790 federal census of Fairfield County. Kathryn Downs Wolff reports on her kinsman Amiel Peck of Brookfield.

Barbara Dempsey's transcription of the Greens Farms Congregational Church records continues to anchor our scholarship. In this issue we continue the list of marriages, 1770-1805.

Do you enjoy reading about the research of others? Do you like the historical nuggets hidden in the genealogical reports? **We want to read about your ancestors, too.** Your editor offers assistance with writing, anything from general editing to helping with citations. Please contact us with your research stories so our journal can continue to thrive. We've published 21 sketches about county residents in 1790, which means there are 6,275 still to go. What about your ancestors who arrived after the Revolutionary War? What about a simple story about immigration, or life in Fairfield County? Or, if you don't have ancestors who were Fairfield County residents, pick a family, any family.

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*Nora Galvin, CG*

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|------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| DEADLINES: | July 1      | October 1     | January 1     | April 1  |
| For Issue  | #1 (August) | #2 (November) | #3 (February) | #4 (May) |



## **Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Wood of Norwalk, Connecticut, and his Early Descendants**

Matthew Wood and Frederick C. Hart, Jr.

### **Part III: Generation 4 concluded; Generation 5: five sons of Jonathan<sup>4</sup>**

*Please see pp. 98-99 for a list of abbreviations for commonly cited sources.*

**6. OBADIAH<sup>4</sup> WOOD** (*Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born on Long Island about 1699 and came to Norwalk with his parents in 1706. He married first about 1723 Mary (\_\_\_?\_\_\_) who was probably the mother of most or all of his children. He married second Sarah Abbot. Obadiah lived in Norwalk, Ridgefield, and Redding, Connecticut, and South Salem, Westchester, New York, where he died on 7 February 1791 in the 93<sup>rd</sup> year of his age [Barbour, Ridgefield, 132]. The South Salem Church Records give the date as 16 February 1791, possibly his burial date [NYG&BR, 33:115].

Obadiah was made executor of his father's estate in 1727 and charged with the care of his mother, widowed sister Experience Biddick, and unmarried sister Mary. His mother died in 1729 and the following year he sold the old Jonathan Wood Sr. homestead at Pimpewaug. He moved a half a mile down the Norwalk River into the bowl of more fertile land around Wilton church. He remained here until 1744, when he purchased a farm at "Limestone" in Ridgefield. In 1750 he sold this to his brother Titus and bought a farm that straddled the Ridgefield/Redding line. The house was at Umpawaug Pond in Redding. In 1754 he removed to Salem, New York, just west of Ridgefield. He and his son Ebenezer had a farm there, in the modern town of Lewisboro. (The present town of Lewisboro was known as Salem or Lower Salem before 1806, then officially South Salem in 1806, and then Lewisboro in 1840 [J. H. French, *Historical and Statistical Gazetteer of New York State* (1860), 701].) He kept most of the property at Umpawaug Pond, later passing it to his other heirs, Obadiah Jr., Michael, James, Mary, and Mindwell.

Evidently an archive of family records was possessed by descendants of Obadiah Wood who remained on the farm at South Salem. This cache contributed to the works of historians Judge Ezra Lockwood, Robert Bolton, Walter Wood, and Charles Selleck. All these authors give accounts of the Obadiah Wood family that are in agreement, usually including mistakes. All (except Judge Lockwood, who did not mention a first wife) identify the first wife of Obadiah Wood Sr. as Anna Roe, when she was actually the wife of Obadiah Jr. These family records also omit mention of a daughter Mindwell, though she is identified in the Ridgefield Land Records, and was presumably the Mindwell Wood who married a cousin Jacob Wood of South Salem (see #18 below). These mistakes give us the impression that the Wood family trove of records in South Salem was assembled well after the deaths of Obadiah Sr. and Mindwell Wood in 1791 and 1780 and presumably after the death of Ebenezer, son of Obadiah Sr., in 1824. They were known to Ebenezer's nephew, Judge Ezra Lockwood (1777-1853), and to Robert Bolton (1849).

#### **Obadiah Wood's chronology**

Obadiah Wood received his patrimony on 23 July 1723, when Jonathan Wood Sr. conveyed to him an 18-acre slice of his farm at Pimpewaug, "with the Buildings and meadow, viz. Dwelling House and Barn," bounded east and north by other land Jonathan Sr. sold to him [see following], east by Danbury Road, south by Jonathan Wood, and west by the mountain. Witness, John Belden, John Copp. Signed, Jonathan Wood, his X mark. On the same day



Jonathan Sr. sold for £30 to his son Obadiah a parcel on both sides of Norwalk River, 5 ½ acres of land bounded southwest by Danbury Road, north by Danbury Road and common, east and south by common, also 5 acres bounded south and east by Danbury Road, southwest by land that his father had previously given to him, west by the mountain and common, north by "my own land" [NLR, 5:560, 566].

On 25 October 1723 Jonathan Wood Sr. and Obadiah Wood conveyed by two separate deeds to Edward Biddick and his wife Experience, Jonathan's daughter, 10 acres at Pimpewaug. The whole piece is described as bounded east by John Belden and common, south by John St. John, west by Lt. Samuel Marven and Danbury Road, north by Jonathan Wood Jr. Obadiah conveyed 2 acres for "Love and Goodwill," and Jonathan conveyed 8 for "love." Obadiah signed with his O mark [NLR, 5:464]. The Biddicks sold the 10-acre piece and it was purchased back by the family on 29 November 1724 when Samuel Betts Sr. for £15 sold to Obadiah Wood 10 acres at Pimpewaug with the same bounds mentioned in the last deed. A few days later, on 1 December, Obadiah exchanged this parcel with his father for a different 10 acres at Pimpewaug bounded north by Jonathan Wood Jr. [NLR, 5:561-2].

On 24 March 1726/7 Obadiah Wood of Norwalk for £4 10s sold to John St. John of Norwalk 3 acres of land to be taken up in Norwalk at any place. Signed, Obadiah Wood, his O mark [NLR, 6:204].

Obadiah's father died in 1726 and his mother in 1729. After this he began to make preparations to break up the family farm in Pimpewaug and move out. The first conveyance occurred in advance of the major sale. On 24 May 1729 Obadiah Wood of Norwalk for £40 sold to William Belden of Norwalk, 4 acres of land at Pimpewaug bounded north by his brother Jonathan Wood, south by land "bequeathed by Mr. Jonathan Wood deceased, in his will to my sisters Mary and Experience," west by the mountain, east by Danbury Road [NLR, 6:325]. To facilitate the sale of the old Jonathan Wood Sr. homestead, Mary Wood and her sister Experience Biddick, widow, of Norwalk, conveyed on 13 March 1730 to their brother Obadiah Wood of Norwalk, for £100, the 20 acres of land at Pimpewaug given them by their father, containing the old Jonathan Wood homestead. It was bounded south by Jonathan Wood, north by William Belden (see above deed), east by Danbury Road, west by the mountain [NLR, 6:325]. On the same day, Obadiah exchanged land with his brother Jonathan. He received 4 acres on a hill on the east side of the river, surrounded by commonage, for 2 acres at Pimpewaug bounded east by the river, north and south by Obadiah Wood, west by Danbury Road [NLR, 7:73-4].

Shortly thereafter, Obadiah made his major sale. On 31 March 1730, Obadiah Wood and his wife Mary, of Wilton Parish, conveyed to Nathaniel Slason of the same, for £600, a group of tracts including: (1) 60 acres with two dwelling houses and a barn, bounded south by Jonathan Wood, west by the mountain, east by Danbury Road, north by William Belden, (2) 2 acres on the east side of Norwalk River bounded west by Danbury Road, (3) 4 acres on a hill on the east side of the River, (4) 3 acres on both sides of the river, bounded north by Jonathan Wood, east by common, west by Danbury Road, south by common, (5) 1 acre on the south side of the road that passes over the river, bounded east by the river, west and north by road, south by Jonathan Wood, and (6) a £50 right of undivided commonage in Norwalk. Witness, Ralph Isaacs and John Copp. Signed, Obadiah Wood, Mary Wood, her X mark [NLR, 7:75]. Nathaniel Slason shortly conveyed this farm to William Belden. The latter and his son Azor held the property, called "Egypt" or "Split Rock," through most of the eighteenth century.



In his account of Obadiah Wood, Selleck refers to the last deed for proof that the name of the first wife of Obadiah Wood was Anna. However, we checked the microfilm of the original deed twice and found both times that it clearly gives her name as Mary. She was the first wife of Obadiah Wood Sr., and the mother of all the children born before 1740.

Between 1730 and 1734 Obadiah Wood owned a farm in Ridgefield. All the deeds describe him as a resident of Norwalk rather than Ridgefield, though one deed does mention "Said Woods home lott." The first transaction relating to the Ridgefield property occurred two days after the sale of the old Jonathan Wood Sr. homestead to Nathaniel Slason. The next involves the acquisition of an additional 2 acres for the farm, then the sale of the entire tract.

- On 2 April 1730, David Whitlock of Ridgefield for £260 sold two tracts to Obadiah Wood of Wilton Parish in Norwalk. The first consisted of "twenty acres of plowland," lying on "Coppl. mountain," bounded east by commons, south by "Milford Samuel Smith" and Richard Olmsted, north by Thomas Hyatt, and west by common or highway. The second consisted of 6 acres of meadow and Upland "lying a little above y upper end of Titicus plain on both Sides Titicus River," bounded east and north by Deacon Smith, south by Daniel Sherwood, and west by highway. Witness, Thomas Hauley and Jonathan Abbott Junr. Signed, David and Margaret Whitlock [RLR, 2:109].
- On 15 January 1734 Thomas Hyatt of Ridgefield for £10 sold to "Obadiah Wood of Wilton Parish in Norwalk," 2 acres in Ridgefield "lying on the west end of Said Woods home lott," at "Coppl. Mountain" [RLR, 2:13].
- On 22 January 1733/4 Obadiah Wood of Norwalk for £220 sold to John Belden of Norwalk, "two tracts or parcells of land" in Ridgefield. One consisted of 27 ½ acres of land "at a place called Coppl. Mountain . . . on the west side," with "a Dwelling house and barn," bounded east by common, north by Thomas Hyatt, west by Jo. Hyatt and highway, south by Samuel Smith and Richard Olmstead. The second piece consisted of 6 acres of upland and meadow on both sides of the Titicus River, bounded as per the original deed. Witness, Ebenezer Hyatt and Theophilus Fitch. Signed, Obadiah Wood [RLR, 2:165].

There are several inconsistencies in this account. The original deed speaks of 20 acres of plow land and 6 acres on the Titicus River. The second deed adds 2 acres alongside the homelot. The third deed speaks of 27 ½ acres, including the homelot and 6 acres on the Titicus River so the plot grew by 5 ½ unrecorded acres during the tenure of Obadiah Wood; it also sprouted a house and barn. In addition, it seems rather strange that Obadiah should have purchased this property for £250, added to it with a £10 purchase and the construction of a house and barn, then sold it for £220. John Belden later sold the property for £255. The likely explanation for this is that the currency was different. There is also a question of whether Obadiah actually lived here at all. Though mention is made of his dwelling house and barn, he is never described as a resident of Ridgefield. Meanwhile, he did have a son baptized at Wilton Parish in July, 1731. We have wondered whether the Ridgefield farm, if not occupied by Obadiah Wood, was in some way connected to the estate he was to provide for his sister Mary.

It also appears that when Obadiah sold the old Jonathan Wood homestead to Nathaniel Slason in March, 1730, he purchased a farm that lay to the south of Pimpewaug about a half mile. The record of this purchase, unfortunately, is not filed in the Norwalk Land Records, but we have the record of its sale, piece by piece, between 1737 and 1744. These transactions show



that Obadiah owned 67 ½ acres in the valuable bottom-lands along the Norwalk River, valued at over £700. The transactions involving this land also seem a bit strange: after the original, unrecorded purchase, the land slowly dwindles away, in various sales, without being offset by the addition of new property. Possibly Obadiah, as executor of his father's estate, was still paying off debts. The deeds for this tract read as follows [NLR, 8:122, 260, 346, 175; 9:178, 196, 355, 386]:

- On 17 April 1736 Obadiah Wood of Norwalk for £130 sold to David Deforest of Norwalk 16 acres of land at Pimpewaug, bounded west by Danbury Road, north by his own land and "my sister" Experience Biddick's land, east by the East Branch of the Norwalk River, south by John Belden. Witness, John Copp, John Belden. Signed, Obadiah Wood.
- On 11 March 1737/8 Obadiah Wood of Norwalk, for £92, sold to David Deforest of the same two acres at Pimpewaug, bounded east and north by widow Biddick, south by David Deforest, west by Danbury Road, east by the River, and 9 ½ acres "on pimpewaug great Plain," bounded east by River, west by Biddick, north by Biddick and commons, south by said David Deforest. Witnesses, Samuel Betts, Dorothy Betts, her 8 mark. Signed, Obadiah Wood.
- On 23 March 1738/9 Obadiah Wood of Wilton Parish, Norwalk, for £43 10s sold to William Starling of Fairfield seven acres and one rod of land "off of ye North East Corner of My land" on the east side of the River, bounded north by highway, east by Samuel Belden, west by his own land. Witness, Ephraim Jackson, Thomas Morehouse. Signed, Obadiah Wood.
- On 12 November 1739 Obadiah Wood of Norwalk, for £20 sold to Benjamin Hickox of the same ten acres of land at Pimpewaug, bounded east and south by the River, north by a Brook, east by a Rocky Valley and said Woods land, south by Hickocks, west by the River. Witness, Joseph Platt, Joseph Platt Jr. Signed, Obadiah Wood.
- On 29 March 1742 Obadiah Wood of Norwalk, for £16 5s, sold to Benjamin Hickox of Norwalk three acres and one rod on the east side of the River, bounded north and east by his own land, west and south by Hickox. Witness, Tho. Hanford, El Hanford. Signed, Obadiah Wood.
- On 22 July 1742 Obadiah Wood of Norwalk, for £168 10s, sold to William Starling of Fairfield two acres and nine poles of land in Wilton, bounded south and east by highway, north by his own land, west by David Deforest, south and west by Deacon Benja. Hickox, and south and east by Samuel Belden. Witnesses, Saml Betts, Mathew Marvin. Signed, Obadiah Wood.
- On 6 September 1744 Obadiah Wood of Ridgefield for £128 sold to Saml. Starling of Norwalk nine acres at Pimpewaug on the east side of the River, including a dwelling house, bounded north by Joseph Patchin and highway, east by highway, south by William Starling and highway, west by the River. Witnesses, William Starling, Elna Hanford. Signed, Obadiah Wood.
- On 9 March 1744/5 Obadiah Wood of Ridgefield for £110 sold to William Starling of Norwalk 8 ½ acres of land bounded east, southeast and south by

Starling, south by John Belden, west by highway, north by highway. Witness, Saml. Betts, Saml. Betts Junr. Signed, Obadiah Wood.

In the final deed in the series above, dated 9 March 1745, Obadiah was already credited as a resident of Ridgefield, and he had purchased a farm in that town earlier in the year. On 13 January 1743/4 David Osburn of Ridgefield for £300 sold to Obadiah Wood "of Norwalk," two parcels of land at Limestone in Ridgefield. The first consisted of 24 acres of land with the "houses and Barn," bounded north and east by highway, south and west by John Sturdevant, west by highway, while the second consisted of two acres bounded south by commons, on other side by highway or commonage. Witnesses, Jonathan Ingersoll and Samull Smith the 3rd. Signed, David Osburn [RLR, 3:125].

On 6 April 1744, Obadiah Wood "of Norwalk" for £18 10s 3p sold to Samuel Cluckston and Joseph St. John, both of Norwalk, a part of the first parcel at Limestone, consisting of 4 acres with the "house and barn thereon," bounded north, west and east by highway, east by commons, south and west by the land of John Sturdevant. Witness, Samll. Hanford, Isabel Hanford, her A mark. Signed, Obadiah Wood [RLR, 2:163]. We can find no other reference to Samuel Cluckston or Joseph St. John in the Ridgefield Land Records, and our suspicion is that this deed was nullified because records show that the whole tract at Limestone continued in the ownership of Obadiah Wood. On 24 January 1749/50 Obadiah Wood of Ridgefield sold the whole place to his brother Titus [RLR, 3:268].

After this, Obadiah Wood moved to the vicinity of Umpawaug Pond on the Ridgefield-Redding line. We did not transcribe the many deeds relating to this property since it is quite complicated. The farm lay on both sides of the town boundary. According to family records Obadiah removed to Salem, N.Y., about three miles away, and purchased a farm which subsequently belonged to his son Ebenezer. He retained ownership of the land at Umpawaug Pond, which subsequently belonged to his other heirs, Obadiah Jr., Michael, James, Mary, and Mindwell Wood.

Records of the children of Obadiah Wood are quite good. There seems to have been a family record kept at the homestead in South Salem since shortly after settlement. One fact only needs to be added to traditional statements. All writers omit a daughter named Mindwell. However, we know of her existence from deeds filed at Ridgefield. On 8 November 1772 Obadiah Wood [Jr.] of Redding for £20 sold land in Ridgefield to Mary Wood and Mindwell Wood of Redding. This property is later described as "Lying undivided between ye sd Mary Wood & her Sister Mindwell Wood." Each separately conveyed her share to their brother Michael Wood [RLR, 5:193, 213, 6:19].

The birth or baptismal dates for some of the children in this family are found in the Wilton church records. However, as noted previously, all baptisms from February, 1732/33, to February, 1738/39, are missing.

Children: The last three children may have been by the second wife, Sarah Abbott.

19.
  - i. Obadiah<sup>5</sup>, b. Wilton, 8 Jul 1725.
  - ii. Deborah, b. 4 Sep 1729; m. at Ridgefield on 18 May 1752 Abraham Whitlock [*Ridgefield vital records*]. They were neighbors of Daniel, son of Jonathan Wood Jr., in the Bennet's Farms District of Ridgefield.
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  - iii. Ebenezer, b. Wilton, 8 Jul 1731.



- 21. iv. Lemuel, b. c. 1733.
- 22. v. Michael, b. c.. 1736.
- 23. vi. James, bapt. Wilton 8 May 1739.
- vii. Mary (Molly), m. after 1772, "a Whitlock and went to Ridgebury," north of Ridgefield [Norwalk, 473].
- viii. Mindwell, m. at South Salem 25 Sep 1777 Jacob Wood (her first cousin); d. 27 Feb 1780 without issue.
- ix. Sarah, m. Paul Keeler, "and lived at South Salem, N.Y." [Norwalk, 473].

### *Generation 5*

7. **DAVID<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Ridgefield, 7 January 1718 [Ridgefield, 453]. He married, first, on 27 February 1743 Dorothy, widow of Jonah Rockwell of Wilton, and second, Hannah (\_\_\_?\_\_\_). Dorothy (Cole) Rockwell, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, 27 November 1714, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Kingsbury) Cole [Ewers, *John Wood of Rhode Island*, 4:11. The Barbour Collection for Hartford, 73, leaves the year blank, implying that it was missing or not legible on the surviving original record.] According to their descendent Bryon Wood, Dorothy was the mother of all of David's children. This seems likely from the known dates of birth. (Samuel Cole moved to Wilton before 1730, when he purchased part of the old Jonathan Wood Sr. farm at Pimpewaug from Isaac Wood. He was the father of Jonathan Cole, who married Sarah, apparent widow of David's brother John.) David Wood lived in Ridgefield, New Patent, until 1754, when he moved to Sharon. In 1777 he sold his farm there and removed with most of his sons to Milton, Saratoga Co., N.Y, where he died in 1805. He was survived by his widow Hannah.

#### **David Wood's Chronology**

David Wood is first mentioned in a Norwalk record on 24 June 1741 when he sold for £60 to Moses St. John of Norwalk land "on ye West Rocks," being ½ of "Row's lower Field," consisting of 9 acres bounded north by Eliphalet Lockwood, east by Moses St. John, south by James St. John, west by Jonathan Wood and John Darrow. Witnesses, Joseph Platt Sr. and Jr. Signed, David Wood, his X mark [NLR, 9:139]. This was probably an inheritance from his grandfather, David Row or Munroe. David Wood was the eldest grandson and was named for this grandfather. David Wood's residence is given as Norwalk in this deed; within a few months he removed to Ridgefield.

On 10 November 1741 David Wood of Norwalk purchased for £76 from Lemuel Abbott of Ridgefield, 19 acres of land in Ridgefield "New Pattent," bounded east by the Danbury line, north by Recompence Thomas, west by Lemuel Abbott, south by highway. Witnesses, Jabez Rockwell, Samuell Smith Jr. (Lemuel Abbott was married to David's sister Martha). On the same day David Wood also purchased for £33 from Jabez Rockwell of Ridgefield 11 acres of land in New Patent, bounded east by Danbury, north by highway, west by Rockwell's land, south by Timothy Benedict. Witnesses, Lemuel Abbott, Samuel Smith Jr. [RLR, 3:70]. David added to this by the purchase on 5 February 1742/3 from Jabez Rockwell for £9 "ten Acres of Land in Ridgefield in ye New Pattent," bounded north by highway, east by the previous purchase, south by Theophilus Benedict of Danbury, west by Jabez Rockwell. Witnesses, Lemuel Abbott, Nathan Whitne. [RLR, 3:100]. He sold off 4 acres adjoining "Theophilus Benedicts home Lott" to Joshua Barnum of Danbury, for £50, on 17 December 1743 [RLR, 3:109]. A few years later

he was again adding to the property. On 2 September 1748 Thomas Starr Jr. of Danbury for £110 sold to David Wood of Ridgefield 10 acres in Ridgefield "North Patent," bounded south by Theophilus Benedict, west by said David Wood, other sides by highway and commonage [RLR, 3:246].

David still had an interest in his parents' farm in Pimpewaug. On 1 April 1754 David Wood of Ridgefield conveyed for £225 to Ezekiel Wood of Norwalk 12 acres of land at Pimpewaug, "Reserving to my honored father and mother Jonathan Wood and Elizabeth Wood the use and Improvement" of the same "during their Natural Lives." Witness, Moses Kent. Signed, David Wood [NLR, 11:177]. The price must have been speculative, since the parents still had full use of the land. From what we know of him Ezekiel could not possibly have raised these funds, and, as a doctor, was probably not interested in farmland.

That same Spring, David sold his holdings in Ridgefield [RLR, 4:61, 103] and removed to Sharon. A daughter Abigail was born there on 18 June 1754 [Lawrence Van Alstyne, *Births, Marriages and Deaths in Sharon, Connecticut, 1721-1879* (Sharon, 1897), 140].

When his sons had reached maturity, David looked further afield for promising land. He found it in Milton, Saratoga County, N. Y., where there were large expanses of flat, stone-free soil. In 1777 he sold his farm in Sharon to Israel White of Danbury, and removed to Milton with several adult sons [Ewers, *John Wood of Rhode Island*, 4:11; Byron Wood letter, April 1873].

Many other descendants of Jonathan Wood removed to Saratoga County, including Samuel Wood Jr., Hezekiah Wood, Obadiah Wood Jr., and Michael Wood, all first cousins of this David Wood. English settlement in the region began in earnest about 1760. The district of Ballston was designated in 1775, at that time within Albany County. Ballston was designated as a township in 1788 and its boundaries at that time contained the areas that eventually became the later towns of Ballston, Milton, Charlton, Galway, Providence, Edinburgh and a part of Greenfield [J. H. French, *Historical and Statistical Gazetteer of New York State* (1860), 584-94]. This Ballston district was originally named "Balls Town" in honor of the Rev. Eliphalet Ball, a Yale graduate and Presbyterian minister who had served the Church in Bedford, Westchester County since 1754 but was dismissed and left there for Saratoga in 1769, perhaps to join those of his former parishioners who had already found the region to be a good place to settle down with good farmland.

Birth data and marriage data for the following children is taken from Sharon vital records and a letter of April, 1873, written by Byron Wood.

Children:

- i. Dorothy<sup>6</sup>, or Dolly, b. 1744/5; d. 14 Apr 1844, aged 99; m. 11 Feb 1777, Thomas Kennedy.
- ii. Stephen, b. c. 1746; m. 2 Mar 1769, Hannah Sprague.
- iii. Benjamin, b. 23 Jul 1748; m. 16 Nov 1768, Sarah Pardee.
- iv. Caleb, b. c. 1750; d. at Sharon, 1776. "Burst a blood vessel in fit of ague," i.e., malaria [Byron Wood].
- v. David, b. c. 1752; "taken prisoner at Ft. Washington 1776," and "d. in prison ship in N.Y." [Byron Wood].
- vi. Abigail, b. at Sharon 18 Jun 1754; m. 2 Nov 1775, James White.
- vii. Elijah, b. at Sharon 26 Feb 1757.
- viii. Nathan, b. at Sharon 16 Sep 1761; m. at Sharon 21 Jul 1783, Zilpha Sprague.



- ix. Enoch, b. 24 Dec 1763; m. (1) at Sharon 30 Nov 1784, Sibble Sprague of Sharon; m. (2) Elizabeth Taylor; m. (3) Widow Rockne.

**8. JOHN<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Norwalk on 28 June 1722 and was listed with his parents on the Wilton census of 1733. This is the only absolutely certain information we have found about him. However, there is a date of death for a John Wood in Wilton on 8 December 1745; mention of a widow Sarah Wood in Wilton shortly thereafter; and evidence of a son John, all of which we believe apply to this John<sup>5</sup> Wood. If the John Wood who died in 1745 was this man, he died at age 23.

The reason for hesitation on automatically making this identification is that Selleck identified John, son of Jonathan Wood Jr., as the John Wood (d. 1798) who lived in Ridgefield and had sons John, Titus, and Daniel. However, that John almost certainly was the son of Titus Wood of Ridgefield and has been so placed in this genealogy.

An alternative biography for John<sup>5</sup>, son of Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, has been assembled by Matthew Wood, Bill Moore, and Fred Hart. Briefly, John married c. 1742-3 Sarah (\_\_\_?\_\_\_), who was born about 1720 and died in 1810. John died on 8 December 1745 leaving a son John. Another possible son of John, Azor Wood, who was known to be a son of widow Sarah Wood, will be discussed below. John's widow Sarah married Jonathan Cole in 1749 and had a family with him, living at Pimpewaug until her death. A minor named John Wood chose Jonathan Cole to be his guardian in 1762. More detail on all of these events follows.

The 1733 census of Wilton Parish shows John<sup>5</sup> as a child in the Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Wood (Jr.) family, so we know he was living at that time. On 20 September 1739 Jonathan Wood (Jr.) and his wife Elizabeth conveyed their share in the David Row/Munroe estate [NLR, 8:391]. One of the witnesses was named John Wood. Their son John would only have been seventeen at the time, but there is no other John Wood in the vicinity of Norwalk at this time that can be identified as this witness. It is not, of course, necessary to identify the witness on this deed, but John, son of Jonathan Jr., is the only reasonable identification that can be suggested. The 1744 list of Wilton parishioners does not list a John Wood but the death of a John Wood is recorded there on 8 December 1745. No residence, parentage, or age is given. Shortly afterward, a widow Sarah Wood appears in the Wilton parish records. It seems fairly clear that she was the widow of this John Wood. No other Wilton resident named Wood died at this time who can be identified as the spouse of the widow Sarah Wood.

On 2 October 1748 Azor Wood, son of Sarah Wood, widow, was baptized at Wilton Parish [WCCR]. It is possible that this was an illegitimate son of the young widow Sarah Wood. A lesser possibility is that this was a posthumously born son that Sarah had with her husband John. Such a child would have been born circa 1746 but not baptized until two years later. A delay in baptizing the new child could have occurred if Sarah had lived elsewhere than Wilton Parish until 1748. Whatever was the case, we have not found this Azor in any later records and he may have died young.

On 15 November 1749 Jonathan Cole and the widow Sarah Wood were married in Wilton Parish [WCCR; Bailey, *Early Connecticut Marriages, Prior to 1800*, 3:64]. Jonathan Cole was the son of Samuel Cole, originally from Stratford, who purchased the southernmost part of the Jonathan Wood Sr. farm from Isaac Wood in 1730. Samuel was also the father of Dorothy (Cole) (Rockwell) Wood, who married David Wood, the next older son of Jonathan Wood Jr. (See previous profile, #7.) Jonathan and Sarah Cole had at least six children: Thomas Cole,

baptized 3 June 1753; Albin Cole, baptized 25 May 1755; Ama (a daughter) Cole, baptized 14 April 1757 “at Samuel Cole’s house;” Sarah Cole, baptized 24 February 1763; and Tabitha Cole, baptized 8 August 1765 [WCCR, and Frederick John Kingsbury, *The Genealogy of the Descendants of Henry Kingsbury, 1905, Gregory, 607.*]

On 6 May 1761 Jonathan Wood of Norwalk, “for the Consideration of Love and good Will which I bear unto my Grandson John Wood of sd. Norwalk” (i.e., John<sup>6</sup>), conveyed to him a parcel in Wilton Parish “at a place called Pimpewalk,” containing 10 acres, bounded east and south by William Starling, north by Tim Cole and Daniel Cole, west by highway, “together with the appurtenances thereto belonging.” Witnesses, Jonathan Person and Elias Betts. Signed, Jonathan Wood, his X mark. This deed was not entered in the records until 12 November 1767 [NLR, 20:13]. Presumably this John was the son of John Wood who had died in 1745 and Sarah Wood, his widow, who had married Jonathan Cole in 1749. That son would have been reaching his majority at about the time this deed was recorded. On 22 September 1762 the Fairfield District Probate Court approved the request of a minor named John Wood of Norwalk (Wilton Parish was a part of Norwalk until 1802) to have Jonathan Cole of Norwalk be his guardian [FPR, 14: 502]. It is difficult to suggest that this could be anyone other than a child of John<sup>5</sup> Wood, Sarah’s first husband. Guardianship was certainly appropriate given John’s gift of land from his grandfather. Although the land and probate evidences are certainly limited, these facts are consistent with our present subject John Wood having died sometime before 1761, and most likely in 1745.

No further mention of the son Azor Wood (bapt. 1748) has been found. It is interesting to note there was an Azor Belden born nearby in Wilton at about the same time (age 79 years when he died on 27 November 1828), son of an older Azor Belden (1723- ca. 1786) who had grown up near the Jonathan Wood neighborhood [Allen Belden, *A Belden Lineage 1066-1976*, 1976, 93-101]. With the unique given name of Azor, and born in the same place at almost the same time, there may be some relationship between these two little Azors, Wood and Belden.

Widow Sarah Cole died in Wilton Parish in 1810, aged 90 [WCCR]. The Hubbard papers state (without further explanation) that she was the Sarah Cole “of revolutionary war fame.”

One known child:

- i. John<sup>6</sup>, b. 1745-6.

**9. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 23 January 1724. He married about 1747 Mary Guire, daughter of Luke Guire Jr. of Westport [Old Fairfield, 2: 421-2]. They lived at Pimpewaug for a few years, but in 1750 he exchanged his inheritance there for land in Ridgefield belonging to his brother Solomon. Daniel developed a farm on that land and died there in 1783. He was survived by his widow Mary and several children.

#### **Daniel Wood’s chronology**

Daniel Wood first appears in the records on 2 December 1746 when he registered a cattle-mark [Norwalk Town Records, 1:31a, original volume at the Town Hall, now bound with Town Proceedings, volume 2]. Shortly afterward, he received an inheritance of land from his father. On 22 February 1747/8 Jonathan Wood of Norwalk for £100 conveyed to Daniel 4 acres



of land in Wilton Parish, bounded east by William Starling, west by his own land, north by Samuel Fitch, south by his own land and William Starling [NLR, 10:284]. The records do not disclose when Daniel had obtained the adjoining land but together with this conveyance he owned a 10-acre tract. Thus, on 3 April 1750 Daniel Wood exchanged a 10-acre parcel with his brother Solomon. The former received a tract of land in Ridgefield, the latter received several pieces from Daniel and their father in Pimpewaug. The deed, recorded at Norwalk, says that Daniel Wood of Norwalk, for £100, sold the above 10 acres to his brother Solomon Wood of Norwalk. Witnesses, Jonathan Wood, his X mark, Samuel Betts. Signed, Daniel Wood [NLR, 10:287]. The Ridgefield deed states that Solomon Wood of Ridgefield, for consideration of other land lying in Norwalk, "Conveyed to me by my Brother Daniel Wood of Said Norwalk," sold to the latter a tract of 60 acres at "Bennets farm" in Ridgefield, bounded east by said Bennet's farm and commonage, west by Abigail Whitlock and highway, north by commonage, and south by Abraham Whitlock. Witnesses, Jonathan Wood, his + mark, Samll. Betts. Signed, Solomon Wood [RLR, 3:288]. This land was apparently in the Bennett's Farm District.

Daniel Wood lived among kinfolk. Abraham Whitlock married Deborah Wood, daughter of Obadiah Sr., about two years after this transaction took place. Daniel's son Andrew later married Sarah Wood, granddaughter of Obadiah Sr. There were also several connections to the Olmstead family, who owned land in common with Daniel Wood to the north of Bennett's Farm. Daniel's daughter Betty married Justus Olmstead, and in 1794 they sold a farm in Bennett's Farm to John (Titus, Jonathan) Wood. Daniel's farm had earlier been purchased by Solomon Wood from Samuel Lobdell (father-in-law of Timothy and John, sons of Titus Wood) and Joseph Smith of Stamford (whose son Joseph Jr. later married one of Daniel's daughters).

Daniel Wood made no other purchases of land for many years. However, in 1774 the town began to divide the land immediately north of Bennet's farm, and Daniel augmented his estate by the purchase of additional land nearby as follows [RLR, 5:206, 258, 6:2]:

- On 20 January 1774, Benjamin Hayt of Ridgefield, for £12 "New York money," sold to Daniel Wood of Ridgefield one half of the 15<sup>th</sup> allotment in the 20-acre division granted by the proprietors "above Bennits farm," the "whole Lott Contains forty acres," bounded south by Joseph Keeler, east by Benjamin Hickock, Thomas Smith's heirs and commonage, west by Matthew Benedict's, north by commons and said Hickocks. Witnesses, Samuel Smith, David Hayt. Signed, Benjamin Hayt.
- On 19 May 1775 the Proprietors of Ridgefield conveyed to Daniel Wood of Ridgefield 18 acres "Northerly of sd. Woods farm where he now Lives," bounded west by his land and John Olmsted, north east by Samuel Bennet, south by his own land and Israel Mead.
- On 25 April 1776 John Olmsted and Ann Olmsted, his wife, and Daniel Wood of Ridgefield, agreed to divide among themselves, 40 acres of land lying "Northward of Bennets farm" which was being laid out in the town division. Daniel was to receive the eastern half. Witnesses, Adam Whitlock, Daniel Coley. Signed, John Olmsted, Anne Olmsted, her X mark, Daniel Wood.

Daniel Wood died between 13 March 1783 when he made his will and 1 July 1783 when it was presented for probate. He named his well-beloved wife Mary, a son Andrew Wood and

daughters Susannah Lee, Ann Wood, Martha Bradley, Betty Olmsted and Ruth Smith, a granddaughter (unnamed "heir of my don Nathan Wood deceased," a granddaughter Betty Townsend. His executors were to be "my Sons Andrew Wood and Ezekiel Bradley" [all from Danbury Probate District Records, 5: 88-9].

On 2 August 1785 Stephen Bennett of Ridgefield, for consideration of a quit-claim, conveyed to Andrew Wood of Ridgefield, 24 acres on Pisgah Mountain, "being the eastern half of Land lately undivided between Daniel Wood, Decd., and Sd. Bennit," bounded south by Bennett, north by Joseph Keeler, east by Samuel Bennett and Mary Wood [RLR, 6:175]. This is clearly the ½ share in the 15<sup>th</sup> lot which Daniel Wood purchased of Benjamin Hayt in 1774. In 1802 Andrew made an agreement to provide his mother Mary Wood with fire wood. His sister Ann Townsend is mentioned [RLR, 8:305]. Other documents pertaining to the estate mention shares belonging to the widow Mary Wood, Andrew Wood, Anne Townsend, Susanna Lee and Ruth Smith Wood [RLR, 7:100, 145-6]. The latter was a granddaughter.

Children: 7 The first six births were recorded in Ridgefield [Barbour, Ridgefield, 131-2.]

- i. Susannah<sup>6</sup>, b. 20 Apr 1748; m. 31 Mar 1772, William Lee of Ridgefield [Ridgefield, 503]. Five children, surnamed Lee.
- ii. Anne, b. 24 Nov 1749;—still single in 1783 but apparently married \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Townsend before 1802.
- iii. Martha, b. 20 Sep 1752; m. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Bradley.
- iv. Nathaniel, b. 24 Nov 1754; d. c. 1777; m. Susannah Smith and had a daughter Ruth, b. 9 Mar 1776 [Ridgefield, 493]. Susannah was the daughter of David Smith of Ridgefield, and after the death of Nathaniel Wood she m. (2) 7 Apr 1779 Abraham Pullen/Pulling of the Bennett's Farms district in Ridgefield [Barbour, Ridgefield, 88]. The "Ruth Smith Wood" mentioned in the above deeds was evidently their daughter.
- v. Ruth, b. 20 Apr 1757; m. 18 Jan 1781 Joseph Smith Jr. [Stamford church records, FW].
- vi. Betty or Betsey, b. 26 Sep 1759; m. Ridgefield 7 Jan 1777, Justus Olmstead (1753-1843), of Ridgefield and Cattaraugus, New York, son of Justus Sr., grandson of Richard and great-grandson of Lt. John Olmstead [Henry King Olmstead, *The Olmstead Family in America* (New York: DeLamar, 1912), 207]. Lt. John Olmstead was the father-in-law of Titus Wood. In 1794 Justus and Betty sold a farm in the Bennet's Farm District to John Wood of Danbury, son of Titus.
- vii. Andrew, b. c. 1762. He is listed on the Federal census of 1790 in Ridgefield, with 1 male (himself) and 2 females. His next door neighbor was Jonathan Wood (son of Solomon). These farms were in the Bennett's Farm district of Ridgefield. According to Frederick Wood, Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer Wood of South Salem, married on 31 Dec 1801, Andrew Wood, "a relative." She was born about 1765.

**10. SOLOMON<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) Wood was born in Norwalk on 23 May 1726 and died during the French and Indian War, probably in New York, in 1758-9. He married about 1749 Sarah (\_\_\_?\_\_\_), who survived him. Solomon Wood was a bit of an adventurer, a fact that may have cost him his life. He was continually on the move for the ten years before his death. He may have been the Solomon Wood who was granted a cattle mark ("a

Crop on the off Ear and a Slit in the Same and a happeny under the Near Eare”) at Huntington, Suffolk County (Long Island), New York, on 2 December 1747 [*Huntington Ear Marks*, 10]. There is no other Solomon Wood with whom this record can be associated. In 1749 he purchased an undeveloped tract of land in Ridgefield, but sold out and removed back to Norwalk the following year. On a 1754 deed he is listed as a resident of Danbury. In the spring of 1755 he purchased part of the John Copp farm in the northeastern corner of Norwalk, at the intersection of Ridgefield and Redding lines. He built a house and lived there until the fall of 1756. The next spring (1757) he was a resident of Salem, N. Y. The following spring (1758), he enlisted in a Westchester County militia during the French and Indian War. He died during the hostilities in 1759, leaving an estate in South Salem as well as land on which his parents still lived in Wilton Parish. The latter was occupied by his widow for many years. “Widow Sarah Woods” is mentioned at Wilton in the Federal census of 1800. Because of the many moves he made, the history of Solomon Wood has not previously been well established. Let us, therefore, examine records pertaining to him closely.

### **Solomon Wood’s chronology**

On 19 January 1748/9 Solomon Wood of Norwalk purchased from Samuel Lobdell of Ridgefield and Joseph and Mary Smith of Stamford for £400 “old tenor” a 60-acre tract of land in Ridgefield “Near Bennets farm,” bounded east by said Bennets farm and commonage, west by Abigail Whitlock and highway, north by commonage, and south by Abraham Whitlock [RLR, 3:239]. Solomon Wood and his wife lived here during the following year, but on 3 April 1750 Solomon exchanged this tract for a piece in Norwalk received from his brother Daniel [RLR, 3:288]. By a deed of the same day, Jonathan Wood of Norwalk, for paternal love, conveyed to his son Solomon Wood of the same a tract in Wilton Parish, consisting of 24 acres at “Egypt” (i.e., Pimpewalk), it being “One half of my homested Land,” including a dwelling house and barn, fruit trees, etc., bounded north by Samuel Cole, north by his own land, west by Joseph Lockwood Jr., east by Danbury Road. Witnesses, Samuel Betts and Daniel Wood. Signed, Jonathan Wood, his X mark [NLR, 10:284]. On the same day, Daniel Wood of Norwalk conveyed to his brother Solomon, for £100, a 10 acre tract at Wilton, bounded east by William Starling, south by Starling, north by the estate of Samuel Pitch, west by a highway and Samuel Cole. Witnesses, Jonathan Wood, his X mark, and Samuel Betts. Signed Daniel Wood [NLR, 10:287]. Shortly after, on 19 April 1750, Jonathan Wood added to the above gift, conveying “for parental love” to his son Solomon Wood of Norwalk, several tracts of land in Wilton Parish, at a place called Egypt, consisting of: (1) 10 acres bounded east by highway, west by the heirs of Capt. Marvin, north by Samuel Coles, (2) 15 acres bounded west by highway, north by highway, south by Mr. David Deforest’s heirs, east by Joseph Patchin, Edmond Waring, and Samuel Coles, and (3) 4 acres bounded north by Samuel Cole, on the other sides with commonage. Witnesses, Samuel Betts and Samuel Betts Jr. Signed, Jonathan Wood, his X mark [NLR, 10:284]. By a separate indenture dated the same day, an agreement was framed between Solomon Wood and his parents, that Solomon would rent to his parents, for one “Camel” of wheat per year, the twenty-four acres of land at Egypt for which he had received title from them on 3 April. Witnesses, Samuel Betts, John Cole. Signed, Jonathan Wood, his X mark [NLR, 10:287]. Although it was not a normal English usage, a ‘camel’ was a unit of weight measurement based on the load that one camel could carry in those areas of the Middle East and Africa where they were regularly used for such transportation; equal to about 450 pounds.] On 30 January 1750/1 Solomon conveyed back to his father the 10 acres he had received from his brother Daniel the year before [NLR, 10:348]. Thus, the estate he received from his parents added up to about 53



acres. The valley in which it lay was one of the most productive in the area so this was a substantial inheritance.

This did not, however, tie Solomon down. Apparently, he moved for a time to Danbury. On 18 June 1754, Solomon Wood of Danbury sold for £90 to Hezekiah Deforest of Wilton, Norwalk, one of the parcels received from his father on 19 April 1750, the 4 acres "above Pimpewaug upon Danbury Road," bounded south by the heirs of David Deforest [NLR, 11:209]. Shortly afterward, Solomon bought into a new arrangement on the Redding-Ridgefield-Norwalk border with his brother Ezekiel.

On 2 Mar 1755, Justus Bush of Greenwich and John Belden and Samuel Belden of Norwalk for £150 sold to Solomon Wood and Ezekiel Wood of Norwalk, and Joseph Jackson of Ridgefield, ½ of a tract of land at "Honey Hill" in Norwalk, being part of the farm called "Docr. Cops Farm," the whole being 285 acres. It was bounded north by Joseph Jackson's land in Ridgefield, east by the Fairfield line or highway and the land of John Belden, south by John Belden, west by James Olmstead, south by various natural landmarks. Witnesses, Ralph Isaacs, Thomas Belden, Nathan Reynolds, and Thomas Belden. Signed, Justus Bush, John Belden, Saml Belden [NLR, 11: 178]. Three weeks later on 24 Mar 1755 Jonathan Copp "of Stoning Town [Stonington] Connecticut," through his attorney John Belden, sold for £150 his ½ share in the above tract to Joseph Jackson, Solomon Wood and Ezekiel Wood. Witnesses, Saml Belden, Thomas Belden. Signed, Jonathan Copp by Thomas Belden [NLR, 11:187-8]. This land lay in the extreme northeastern corner of what was then Norwalk, in what is now Georgetown.

On 10 April 1755 the three buyers drew up an agreement among themselves for division of the land. Joseph Jackson received 90 acres on the northern side of the tract, contiguous with his own land in Ridgefield, Solomon received the middle 150 acres, and Ezekiel took the southern 50. Witness, Joseph Platt and Elna Hanford. Signed, Joseph Jackson, Solomon Wood, Ezekiel Wood [NLR, 11:189]. Then, by additional deeds, Joseph Jackson and Solomon Wood exchanged land within the tract. Jackson sold to Wood, for £50, 28 acres bounded east by the Fairfield line, north by the Ridgefield line, west and south by the River, while Wood conveyed to Jackson, for £40, 40 acres of the southerly part of his share in the middle of the tract, bounded south by his brother's 50 acres, north by his own land, east by the Fairfield line and west by land lately laid-out [NLR, 11:190]. Thus, Solomon ended up with 138 acres, Jackson with 122 and Ezekiel with 50.

Except for portions of the 28 acres lying along the river, most of this land is steep and hilly. The 28-acre parcel between the river and the Fairfield and Ridgefield lines contained a house where Solomon Wood and his family lived for a year and a half. Then he sold out by two separate deeds.

On 10 March 1756 Solomon Wood conveyed for £51 to Noah St. John of Ridgefield, part of Copp's farm, 51 acres bounded south by Jackson's land, east by highway, north by Wood's land, west by newly laid-out land. Witnesses, Joseph Jellet and Gideon Betts. Signed, Solomon Wood [NLR, 11:248]. On 30 September 1756 Solomon Wood of Norwalk for £160 sold to James Morgan 28 acres and 3 rods "where I now Live," bounded north by the Ridgefield line, east by Fairfield, south and west by the River, with the dwelling house, and also 71 acres and a rod, bounded south by Jackson, east by Fairfield line, south by Noah St. John, west by Samuel Fitch and James Olmstead. Witnesses, Sarah Smith and Stephen Smith. Signed, Solomon Wood [NLR, 11:234]. After selling out, Solomon Wood moved his family to South Salem, NY.

At this time, Solomon also disposed of part of his patrimony at Wilton. On 6 February 1756 he conveyed for £8 2s to Samuel Starling of Norwalk 4 acres in the upper part of Pimpewaug, bounded east by Starling's land and Isaac Wairing, north by his own land, west by Danbury Road, south by the cross road and the River. Witnesses, Solomon Noble and Moses Gilbert. Signed, Solomon Wood [NLR, 11:213].

Sometime in 1757, Solomon Wood had received land in Salem, New York ["Descriptive inventory of the Mead Family Papers," Westchester County Historical Society, 4. The deed does not seem to have been recorded in the County land records.] On 23 May 1757 Solomon Wood, now of Salem, N. Y., sold for £100 to John Trusdall of Redding, land "Near the Settlement of Jonathan Wood the first," consisting of 4 acres bounded east by Danbury Road, south by Samuel Cole's home lot, west and north by "my own land," with house, barn, etc., also 1 ½ acres across the road, against the 4 acre tract, bounded west by Danbury Road, north by "my own land," east by the River, south by Samuel Starling, also 2 acres "a little below at the Saw Mill place," bounded west by Danbury Road, north by highway, east by Joseph Patchin, south by Josiah Marvin. Witnesses, Sam Smith, Saml Wiatt. Signed, Solomon Wood [NLR, 11:368]. This still left in his possession the old home place at Wilton where his parents lived.

The birth of a son, Solomon Jr., on 15 January 1758 is recorded at South Salem, but the father was not long to enjoy the new arrival. On 11 April 1758 he enlisted in a Westchester County militia, listing his occupation as laborer, age as 32, and birthplace as Norwalk. He died later that year during the hostilities of the French and Indian War [*New York Historical Society Collections, Muster Rolls*, 24:98, 529].

Shortly after his enlistment, Solomon Wood made a will. This has been mistakenly abstracted as the will of "Solomon Ward," but the correct identity is obvious from the details of the will itself and the name "Solomon Wood" is correctly recorded in an unpublished index shelved at the Genealogy Room of the New York Public Library. Quoting from the abstract [WNYHS, 29:287], we have the following:

In the name of God, Amen. I, SOLOMON WARD, of Salem, in Westchester County, being in health. I leave to my wife Sarah 1/3 of all my real and personal estate in Salem and in Norwalk, Connecticut, while she remains my widow, and the use of the 2/3 until all the heirs comes of age. I leave to my sons Jonathan and Solomon all my lands and houses in Salem and in Norwalk. I leave to my daughter Sarah £40, and to my daughter Betty £40. These are to be paid when my son Solomon comes of age. I make my wife, and Timothy Gilbert, and Joseph Meade, of Ridgefield, Conn., executors.

Dated 19 May 1758. Witnesses, Ezra Rundell, Jacob Rundell, Theophilus Crane. Proved, 12 January 1759.

On 12 June 1759 Joseph Hawley of Redding, Conn., conveyed to his son Ezekiel Hawley land in Salem, N. Y., bounded by the land of the heirs of Solomon Wood, deceased [WCD, G:471; abstract in NYG&BR, 53:326].

The estate of Solomon Wood continued to possess the old home place in Wilton for many years. Solomon's parents lived there at first, and later his widow Sarah. She resided there when the Federal census of 1800 was undertaken. Transactions involving the estate were made by Solomon's son Jonathan, with permission of the probate court at Fairfield. Selleck mistakenly confused the Jonathan Wood in these records with his grandfather, Jonathan "2<sup>nd</sup>" (i.e. Jonathan<sup>3</sup>

in this compilation). However, deeds show the person involved in the probate proceedings to have been a resident of Ridgefield. Solomon's son Jonathan lived in Ridgefield. Solomon's father Jonathan was much too old to have been involved in these transactions, if he was even still living.

Children:

- i. Sarah<sup>6</sup>, bapt. Ridgefield, 21 Jun 1750.
- ii. Jonathan, b. c. 1752-5, is listed in Ridgefield on the Federal census of 1790 with 1 male under 16, one over, and 4 females. On this census he is shown as a neighbor of Andrew Wood (son of Daniel). He married at Ridgefield, 7 Mar 1775, Hannah Whitlock [Barbour, Ridgefield, 127]. They had a son Seth Whitlock Wood, b. 19 Jul 1778 [Barbour, Ridgefield, 132, which gives the year unrealistically as "1798"]; m. 12 Apr 1801, Elizabeth Wilson. Jonathan and his son Seth appear frequently in the Ridgefield Land Records. Seth and Elizabeth (Wilson) Wood eventually moved to the town of Sullivan in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, where he died 21 Jul 1847 and she died 13 Jun 1845 [Find-a-Grave Memorials #132725070 and 132725081].
- iii. Betsey.
- iv. Solomon, bapt. South Salem, 15 Jan 1758. We have not been able to trace him further in the Norwalk-South Salem-Ridgefield area.

11. **EZEKIEL<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1732/3, according to an array of records. Some earlier records spelled his name, "Ezekial" but his own signature on a 1767 deed was clearly recorded as Ezekiel [NLR, 13:62]. He died "of fever" at West Point in January, 1782, aged 49, while serving as a surgeon in the Continental Army (see the military records cited below). He married at the Congregational Church of Wilton, \_\_ April 1752, Mary Collins, who was born in 1734 and died 3 April 1821 [WCCR, and Norwalk, 475]. There is a single gravestone for both of them in the East Street Cemetery in Easthampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. [www.findagrave.com, which also reports that after Ezekiel's death Mary married David Clark (1729-1810)]. Whether Ezekiel was actually buried in New York or in Easthampton is still unknown.

Selleck gives the birth date of Ezekiel Wood as c. 1733. Military records give his age as 48 years in May 1781 and 49 years in January, 1782. The former indicates that he was born by May, 1733, and the second that he was born by January, 1733. Additional records support a date before 1 April 1733. Therefore, he may have been born shortly before or during the gap in the Wilton Parish records (February, 1733, to February, 1739, previously discussed). A year of 1732/33 is certain.

**Ezekiel Wood's chronology**

On 30 March 1751 Jonathan Wood of Norwalk, for parental love, conveyed to his son Ezekiel Wood 25 acres at Pimpewaug including a dwelling house, bounded north by William Belden's farm, east by Danbury Road, south by land he gave to his son Solomon Wood, also 1 acre bounded north by William Belden, east by the river, south by highway, west by Danbury Road. Witnesses, Joseph Platt and Hannah Platt, Jr. Signed, Jonathan Wood, his X mark [NLR, 11:88]. There doesn't seem to be any way that Ezekiel could actually have been twenty-one at



the time of this conveyance. This 25 acre homestead plot corresponds roughly to the 21 acres he had to forfeit in 1767, see below.

On 1 April 1754 David Wood of Ridgefield for £225 conveyed to his brother Ezekiel Wood of Norwalk 12 acres of land at Pimpewaug, bounded south by William Belden, east by Danbury Road, north and west by a mountain, "Reserving to my honored father and mother Jonathan Wood and Elizabeth Wood the use and Improvement" of the land "during their Natural Lives." Witness, Moses Kent. Signed, David Wood [NLR, 11:177]. On 24 March 1755 Ezekiel Wood of Norwalk sold this 12 acre tract to Azor Belden of Norwalk for only £50 [NLR, 11:177]. The difference in valuation may be explained by the life estate of Ezekiel's parents.

On 2 April 1759, Ezekiel Wood of Norwalk sold the outlying acre in the 1751 deed to John Trusdal of Norwalk for £3. Witnesses, James Birchard, Elias Betts. Signed, Ezekiel Wood [NLR, 11:369].

On 2 March 1755, Justus Bush of Greenwich and John Belden and Samuel Belden of Norwalk, for £150 sold to Solomon Wood and Ezekiel Wood of Norwalk, and Joseph Jackson of Ridgefield, half of a tract of 285 acres at "Honey Hill" in Norwalk, called "Docr. Copps Farm," bounded north by the Ridgefield line and east by the Fairfield line or highway [NLR, 11: 178]. On 24 March 1755 Jonathan Copp of "Stoningham," Conn., through his attorney John Belden, sold for £150 his ½ share in the above tract, to the same grantees. Witnesses, Saml Belden, Thomas Belden. Signed, Jonathan Copp [NLR, 11: 108]. Note that this deed is dated on the same day Ezekiel sold land to Azor Belden for £50. The John Copp farm lay in Norwalk, on the boundary with Ridgefield and Danbury, along the Danbury Road (the modern US Route 7), then and now (2017) the main artery running north from Norwalk and Wilton. Copp himself (who had died in 1751) had been a medical doctor and it is possible that the location was suitable for a doctor's office.

On 10 April 1755 the three buyers drew up an agreement among themselves for division of the land, with Ezekiel taking the southern 50 acres. This appears to have included the house. Signed, Joseph Jackson, Solomon Wood, Ezekiel Wood [NLR, 11: 189]. No deed of sale for Ezekiel's share is known, and it was not included in Ezekiel's "bankruptcy" filing.

On 12 August 1767 an agreement was reached in which Ezekiel would turn over all of his remaining assets to three court-appointed trustees. This was accomplished by making a deed to Matthew Dunning, Samuel Deforest and Matthew Merwin for "all my Estate of what Nature or kind Soever, both real & personal in Law and Equity and all books Vouchers and Sureties relating to the same" [NLR, 13: 62]. By 12 March 1770 the trustees had auctioned off Ezekiel's real estate and sold it to the highest bidder, Hooker St. John, for £60-12-11. Two parcels are mentioned: 21 acres bounded east by the Norwalk – Danbury Road, north by Azor Belden, west by Joseph Lockwood (called the "mountain" in other deeds), and south partly by Solomon Wood's heirs and partly by Seth Hall, with the encumbrance of Jonathan Wood's use and improvement still being a part; plus another 10 acres without a boundary description [NLR, 13: 367]. This description was clarified by the trustees on 10 May 1775, making it clear that only 21 acres were involved, with the following description: "East in part by Danbury Road and in part by land belonging to the heirs of Solomon Wood dec'd and in part by Jedediah Nash's land, North and West by Azor Belden's land and West in part by the said Matthew Merwin land, and South in part by Josiah Merwin's land, in part by land belonging to the heirs of Solomon Wood, dec'd, and in part by Joseph Jackson's & Joseph Romsey's land [NLR, 14: 290]. This was necessary because the ten acres had been conveyed to a different heir (see John, son of Jonathan Jr.)

These deeds do not mention the “Copp farm,” which also lay in Norwalk but was on the other (east) side of the Danbury road. We therefore don’t know when that portion of Ezekiel’s land was sold, whether Ezekiel lived there, or whether he remained on the property belonging to his parents. However, his youngest daughter was baptized at Wilton parish in 1770, which suggests that he stayed until the farm was auctioned that year. His youngest child was born in Southampton, Massachusetts, in 1774, by which time he probably had removed to Easthampton, Mass. (see family record below).

Ezekiel Wood, enlisted in Hampshire County, Mass., to serve in the Continental Army, for a term of three years as a private in Capt. Luke Day’s company of Lieut. Col. John Brooks’s (7<sup>th</sup>) regiment, first Massachusetts Brigade. He was described as age 48, 5’ 11” tall, with a dark complexion and the occupation of surgeon, according to muster rolls dated at West Point, May to August, 1781. He also appears on muster rolls from September, 1781 at Camp Continental Village, and from the following two months at Yorktown Heights. He reported sick on muster rolls for December, 1781, and January, 1782, at hospitals in Fishkill and Windsor, both in the West Point area in the Hudson River Valley. He died in January, 1782, at Windsor (West Point), of fever, aged 49 [Secretary of the Commonwealth, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, Boston: Wright & Potter Printing, 1908, 17: 735].

An early account published in 1866 by an historian who was in a position to have known the children in this family personally reports that, “Ezekiel Wood was the first person bearing the name of Wood who lived in Easthampton. He was connected with the Army of the Revolution as surgeon and died at West Point while in the service. He had seven children, viz.: Daniel, David, Seth, Ezekiel, Stephen, Polly, Tamisind.” [Payson W. Lyman, *History of Southampton: Its Settlements and Growth ...*,” [Southampton: Trumbull & Gere, 1866], 191.]. This account then goes on to add first-hand information on some of the children which will be included with their individual entries below.

This Ezekiel Wood is recognized as Revolutionary War Ancestor #127882 by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, though their records still (in 2017) incorrectly say that he was born on 29 October 1724 in Northampton, Mass. [DAR Genealogical Records System, online at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)]. His descendants are also eligible for membership in the National Society Sons of the Revolution [Applications database online at [www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com)].

The identification of Ezekiel Wood of Norwalk as Ezekiel Wood of Easthampton, Hampshire Co., Mass., is primarily based on the facts that the children and wives of both men have the same names, and also that there is no further mention of the Ezekiel Wood family in Wilton after he relinquished his property there. Multiple references give 1724 and 1781 as the birth and death dates for Ezekiel Wood but these do not fit the military records, which are consistent with the life of Ezekiel of Wilton.

Children: Baptismal entries for the first eight children are found in Wilton Congregational Church records.

- i. Ezekiel<sup>6</sup>, bapt. 18 Mar 1753; d. 1778. “Ezekiel was shot accidentally by one of his neighbors while they were hunting deer.” [Lyman, Easthampton, 192].
- ii. Stephen, bapt. 22 Jan or Jun 1755; prob. d. y.
- iii. Daniel, bapt. 18 Apr 1757; d. 23 Dec 1846; bur. East Palmyra Cemetery, Wayne County, New York, with a Revolutionary War military headstone

[www.findagrave.com]. The headstone was provided in June, 1928, upon the request of Mrs. Newell Reena of Palmyra [Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, www.ancestrylibrary.com]. The Easthampton historian said of these brothers that "Daniel and David were also soldiers in the Revolutionary War. David afterwards settled in Southampton. Daniel moved to Palmyra, New York, where he died in the 98<sup>th</sup> [sic] year of his age. The following notice of him was published at the time of his death: 'He entered the service in early life, and was one of those hardy veterans who penetrated the wilderness of Quebec with Col. Arnold in April 1775. He remained before Quebec through the following winter. He was also one of the soldiers at Saratoga, and served throughout the War.'" [Lyman, Easthampton, 191-2.]

- iv. David, bapt. 1 Apr 1760. [see comments in previous paragraph.]
- v. Betsey or Betty, bapt. 18 Apr 1762.
- vi. Polly, bapt. 8 Aug 1765.
- vii. (prob.) Seth, bapt. 22 Feb 1769 (the name is not recorded in the transcriptions [WCCR]. "Seth lived for a time in Easthampton, and was the father of E. T. Wood who now resides in Northampton." [Lyman, Easthampton, 192].
- viii. Tamasind, bapt. 21 Feb 1770; d. 22 Nov 1843 in Easthampton; m. 1796 Thaddeus Clark, son of Obadiah Clark, b. 14 Aug 1768; d. 17 Nov. 1843. Both are buried in the East Street Cemetery in Easthampton [www.findagrave.com].
- ix. Stephen (again), b. Southampton, Mass. 7 Jul 1774; d. 10 Oct 1854 at Easthampton. "Stephen married Jemima, daughter of Obadiah Clark, by whom he had four children, Gaius, Stephen, Jemima and Mary. He afterwards married Sally Braman. Their children were Ezekiel, Enoch E., Newton, S. Chapin and Sarah." [Lyman, Easthampton, 192]. Stephen and his wives Jemima (Clark) (1773-1821) and Sally (Braman) (1799-1881) are also buried in the Easy Street Cemetery in Easthampton [www.findagrave.com].

**To be concluded with Generation 5: sons of Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Titus<sup>4</sup> and Obidiah<sup>4</sup>.**

#### SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS USED

| <i>Abbreviation</i> | <i>Source</i>   |
|---------------------|---|
| Barbour             | Barbour Collection of Connecticut Births, Marriages and Deaths to About 1850, Connecticut State Library, Hartford. When used, the name of the town will follow, along with the page of the Barbour index for that town. |
| BCLR                | Berkshire County, Massachusetts Land Records at the County Records Office or on microfilm.  |
| BTR                 | Donald W. Marshall, town historian, editor, <i>Bedford Historical Records</i> , multiple volumes, 1966-1978).   |
| ConnAn              | <i>Connecticut Ancestry</i>   |



| <i>Abbreviation</i> | <i>Source</i>  |
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| DLR                 | Danbury Land Records. Our citations are to the original documents at the Town Hall or on microfilm.  |
| FPR                 | Fairfield Probate District Records, multiple volumes at the Fairfield Town office building, and on microfilm.  |
| FW                  | Frederick Wood Manuscript, Donald L. Jacobus Collection, New Haven Colony Historical Society   |
| HBLD                | Rufus B. Langhans, <i>Huntington Babylon Land Deeds</i> , two volumes (Huntington: the town, 1985).  |
| HTR                 | Charles R. Street, <i>Huntington Town Records, Including Bsbylon, Long Island, New York</i> , three volumes (Huntington: the town, 1887). Our citations are to the pages in this source, not to the original documents.  |
| JTR                 | Josephine C. Frost, ed., <i>Records of the Town of Jamaica Long Island, New York</i> , three volumes (Brooklyn: the Long Island Historical Society, 1914.) Our citations are to the pages in this source, not to the original documents.   |
| Kelloggs            | Timothy Hopkins, <i>The Kelloggs in the Old World and The New</i> , three volumes (San Francisco: Sunset Press, 1903).   |
| NLR                 | Norwalk Land Records. Our citations are to the original documents at the Town Hall or on microfilm.  |
| Norwalk             | Charles M. Selleck, <i>Norwalk, Volume 1 and Supplement</i> (Norwalk: the author, 1896)  |
| NYG&BR              | <i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i>   |
| NYHS                | New York Historical Society  |
| NYPL                | New York Public Library  |
| Old Fairfield       | Donald L. Jacobus, <i>History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield</i> , 2 volumes in 3 (Fairfield, CT: Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, NSDAR, 1930-32, repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1991)  |
| QCD                 | Queens County, New York Deeds and Conveyances, official handwritten transcription, Libers A & B, FHL microfilm #1414477.   |
| Ridgefield          | George Lincoln Rockwell, <i>The History of Ridgefield, Connecticut</i> (Ridgefield: 1927, repr. Harrison, NY: 1979).   |
| RLR                 | Ridgefield Land Records. Our citations are to the original documents at the Town Hall or on microfilm.   |
| Saratoga            | Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester, <i>History of Saratoga County, New York</i> (Philadelphia: 1878; repr. Interlaken, NY: 1979).  |
| SCD                 | Saratoga County Deeds, at the County Records Office or on microfilm.   |
| SLR                 | Stamford Land Records. Our citations are to the original documents at the Town Hall or on microfilm.   |
| St. John            | Orline St. John Alexander, <i>The St. John Genealogy</i> (New York: The Grafton Press, 1907).  |
| TAG                 | <i>The American Genealogist</i>  |
| WCCR                | Wilton Congregational Church Records, images of originals at the Wilton Public Library; and/or typewritten transcription by Robert H. Russell, 1989, n.p. (Later published by <i>The Connecticut Nutmegger</i> , 1991), and/or David H. Van Hoosear, "Wilton Congregational Church Records," manuscript, Connecticut State library, also on FHL microfilm. |
| WCD                 | Westchester County Deeds at the County Record Office or on microfilm.  |
| WCM                 | Westchester County Mortgages at the County Record Office or on microfilm.  |
| WNYHS               | <i>New York Historical Society Collections, Abstracts of Wills</i> , multiple volumes. Volume numbers cited are for the Collections, along with the year of publication. Volume 25 of the <i>Collections</i> equals Volume 1 of the <i>Abstracts</i> .   |

## *Fairfield County, Connecticut, Families in 1790*

### Amiel Peck of Brookfield

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PECK, AMIEL (enumerated as "Miel")  
Brookfield

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AMIEL PECK was born in Newtown on 24 July 1740, son of Heth and Hannah (Camp) Peck. His birth occurred shortly after the family moved<sup>2</sup> from Milford to Newtown. His name appears in records variously spelled as "Ammiel," "Amiel," "Miel," and "Amial," He died in Brookfield 19 July 1829 at age 89, and is buried in Old South Cemetery.<sup>3</sup>

Amiel married on 8 Jan 1764 HEPSIBAH "HEPPY" CAMP. She was born in Newtown 28 May 1741, daughter of Lemuel and Alice (Leavenworth) Camp. She was Amiel's mother's half-first cousin.<sup>4</sup> She died 23 Dec 1835, age 95, and is also buried in Old South Cemetery.<sup>5</sup> She wrote her will on 19 December 1827 and signed her name as "Hepsiba".<sup>6</sup>

Amiel served eighteen days in 1757 in Captain Barnum's Company at the time of the relief of Fort Henry during the French and Indian War.<sup>7</sup> He took the Freeman's Oath in Newtown in 1762.<sup>8</sup> He is recorded as being one of the men of the Newtown area of what would become part of Brookfield who took the Oath of Fidelity in 1777. On January 21, 1785, he became one of the charter members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.<sup>9</sup> In 1788, part of his land assessed originally to New Milford was transferred to Brookfield.<sup>10</sup> He also recorded his ear mark on June 11<sup>th</sup> of that year.<sup>11</sup> In 1794 he was part of the committee to plan the seating in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.<sup>12</sup> He shows up on St. Paul's Rate Bill of 1814 listing a valuation of \$155.50.<sup>13</sup> He was a deacon of that church for many years.<sup>14</sup> Amiel's estate inventory was dated 5 November 1829 and valued at \$2,751.21, of which \$2,547.38 was real estate.<sup>15</sup> The largest portion of real estate value was labelled as "vineyard land." The estate was court-ordered to sell \$1,285.66 worth of land, which

<sup>1</sup> 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Brookfield, p. 79; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M637, Roll 1.

<sup>2</sup> Newtown Vital Records, 1:29. This page lists the date of the Peck-Camp marriage and the births of all their children. It is entered in one hand at the same time. After Sarah's birth (1738) is written "these names above written was (sic) born at Milford," then a line followed by the remaining children, the next Amiel, "born in Newtown".

<sup>3</sup> Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, (Hartford: Connecticut State Library, 1934), Vol. 7, Brookfield, 68.

<sup>4</sup> Susan Woodruff Abbott, compiler, and Jacquelyn L. Ricker, editor, *Families of Early Milford, Connecticut*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co. 1979, pp. 176-178; digital image, CD#515 *Connecticut Local and Family Histories, 1600's-1800's*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000.

<sup>5</sup> Hale, Brookfield, 68.

<sup>6</sup> Newtown Probate District, Town of Brookfield, 1836, #1485, Hepsiba Peck.

<sup>7</sup> *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, Vol. IX: Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War 1755-1867, Vol. I, 1755-1757*, Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1903, 237-238.

<sup>8</sup> Ezra Levan Johnson and Jane Eliza Johnson, *Newtown's History and Historian*, Newtown: 1917, 120.

<sup>9</sup> Harlan R. Jessup, "Guide & Index to the Genealogical Records," Brookfield: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1995, 4.

<sup>10</sup> Hawley, Emily C. *Annals of Brookfield, Connecticut*. Brookfield: 1929. 22-23.

<sup>11</sup> Hawley. *Annals of Brookfield*. 21.

<sup>12</sup> Hawley. *Annals of Brookfield*. 194, 91.

<sup>13</sup> Jessup, "Guide and Index", 5.

<sup>14</sup> Ira B. Peck, *A Genealogical History of the Descendants of Joseph Peck: Appendix, The Connecticut Pecks, Joseph of Milford, Conn.*, Boston: 1868, 297. Hereinafter referred to as "the Peck genealogy".

<sup>15</sup> Newtown Probate District, Town of Brookfield, 1829, #1448, Amiel Peck.

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it did privately, and the dower of \$833.62  $\frac{2}{3}$  was set off, but there is no distribution listed for the remainder of his estate.

Members of the household in 1790: One of the adult males is Amiel, the second is his son, Julius, age 25. The third is uncertain, but might be Amiel's nephew, Zalmon.<sup>16</sup> The male under sixteen is his son Lemuel, age 15. One of the females is Hepsibah. Three of the females are daughters Alice, age 15, Hannah, age 9, and Chloe, probably 6. The fifth female is likely daughter Mary/Polly, age 19, if she was still unmarried as of August, 1790.

Children of Amiel and Hepsibah:<sup>17</sup>

- i. JULIUS PECK, b. 9 Apr 1765; d. Sharon, Litchfield, Conn., 1823; m. SARAH DUNNING. Nine children definitely identified who lived to adulthood. Possibly more children who died young.<sup>18</sup>
- ii. HANNAH PECK, b. 7 or 17 Oct 1766, d. 17 Aug 1775.
- iii. LEMUEL PECK, b. 23 Dec 1768, d. 23 July 1775.<sup>19</sup>
- iv. "MARY "POLLY" PECK, b. 15 Dec 1771, d. Canfield, Mahoning, Ohio, 19 Sep 1828,<sup>20</sup> m. 1790, AZOR RUGGLES. They moved to Ohio in 1813. Six children.<sup>21</sup>
- v. ALICE PECK, b. 2 Jan 1774. The Peck genealogy lists her married to a MR. BENNETT. No further information found. Presumably deceased before 1827.<sup>22</sup>
- vi. LEMUEL PECK, b. 25 Sept. 1777, d. Brookfield, 21 Sep 1836, m. AMY SHERMAN. Both are buried with Amiel and Hepsibah in Old South Cemetery. No children. The Peck genealogy says he was an inventor. His estate inventories totaled \$7,992. On one inventory it says: "A good man, one of the Salt of the Earth."<sup>23</sup>
- vii. HANNAH PECK, b. 11 Mar 1781, d. Bridgewater, Litchfield, Conn., 1 Mar 1858,<sup>24</sup> m. CYRUS WARNER as his second wife. Cyrus's son, Lyman, married her niece, Amanda.<sup>25</sup>
- ix. CHLOE PECK, probably the daughter b. 6 July 1784. She married, as his second wife, JOSEPH BASSETT, who was a resident of Canfield, Ohio, where the Ruggles lived.<sup>26</sup> Chloe probably died before 1850 when Joseph Bassett is enumerated with three young adults, children from his first marriage.<sup>27</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Zalmon was the son of Amiel's deceased brother David, and he turned 16 at the end of 1789. Zalmon lived in Brookfield as an adult (US Census records 1800-1830).

<sup>17</sup> Brookfield VR p. 5 for all but Chloe, who is named in her mother's will. The vital record lists an unnamed daughter b. 6 July 1784. A general idea of where to look for the children as adults is found in the Peck genealogy on page 297, and then Julius's family is extended on pp. 311-312.

<sup>18</sup> Hawley states they had twelve children and gives details on six. The Peck genealogy lists nine by name, and they are the nine listed in Julius's probate record (Sharon Probate Court, 1823, #2495). Lemuel left bequests to the eight children still living; Amanda had died in 1832. In addition, Lemuel's will specified that Polly Cathcart was the wife of Robert Cathcart. (See note 23 for Lemuel's probate details)

<sup>19</sup> Lemuel must be the deceased child of Amiel Peck, 'age under 14', in Newtown Cong. Church records 5:35.

<sup>20</sup> [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), memorial #38845149, gravestone pictured, accessed 30 January 2018.

<sup>21</sup> *History of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, Ohio, Vol. II*, Cleveland: H.Z. Williams & Bro., 1882. 55.

<sup>22</sup> Hepsibah does not mention Alice in her bequests.

<sup>23</sup> Newtown Probate District, Town of Brookfield, 1836, #1499, Lemuel Peck; inventory dated 1 Aug 1840.

<sup>24</sup> Hale Collection, newspaper notices, vol. 29, p. 1574. Hannah must have been married to Cyrus by 1827: Hepsibah's bequests specify "Hannah, wife of Cyrus Warner".

<sup>25</sup> Lucian C. Warner and Josephine Genung Nichols., *The Descendants of Andrew Warner*, New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., 1919, 246, 247.

<sup>26</sup> *History of Trumbull*, 25. The Bassett Family Assn. [www.bassettbranches.org/tng/](http://www.bassettbranches.org/tng/) reference a manuscript history of Trumbull County with an 1829 marriage date which is after Joseph's first wife's death in 1828.

<sup>27</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Mahoning Co., Ohio, population schedule, Canfield, p. 491 (stamped), dwelling 551, family 551, Joseph Bassett; NARA microfilm M432, Roll 707.



## Greens Farms Church Records, 1742 – 1851; Marriages, 1770-1805.

Transcribed by Barbara Dempsey

This is the eleventh installment of the records from this Fairfield church. In this issue we continue to publish the 1742-1822 marriages, covering the years 1770-1805.

These records have not previously been indexed, transcribed or microfilmed. Donald Lines Jacobus included the records in *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, but this is the first time they have been published as a set (though they are serialized—over several years since there are so many). The original records are found in two volumes which are housed at the Fairfield Museum and History Center. We thank them for permission to print the transcriptions. Previous installments of this transcription can be found in Volumes 58 and 59, and in the last issue.

### Marriages, 1770 through 1805

A note about these marriage records: There are a number of people who have no surname. Many of them are noted to be “Negro” or “Person of Color” or a “servant of” a member of the church, who is then named. These individuals are assumed to be enslaved people though there is no clear statement of the status of most of them. One is called “free woman” and several have no comments at all. The names of their owners or sponsors are included for context.

| Date        | GROOM    |              |            |              | BRIDE    |            |              |                |
|-------------|----------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------------|
|             | Surname  | Given Name   | Residence  | Servant of   | Surname  | Given Name | Residence    | Servant of     |
| 21 Jan 1770 | Marvin   | Stephen      | Norwalk    |              | Disbrow  | Lois       | Greens Farms |                |
| 08 Mar 1770 | Holister | Joseph       | Glassonbry |              | Handford | Anna       | Greens Farms |                |
| 12 Apr 1770 | [none]   | Titus        |            | Col. Smedley | [none]   | Lidia      |              | Gideon Wakeman |
| 10 Jun 1770 | Baker    | Avery        |            |              | Bourn    | Hannah     |              |                |
| 27 Jul 1770 | Pulling  | Augustus     | Grn Farms  |              | Perry    | Ester      | Greenfield   |                |
| 26 Aug 1770 | Hill     | William Ward |            |              | Hull     | Grace      | Greenfield   |                |

| Date        | GROOM      |            |              |                     | BRIDE      |            |               |                   |
|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
|             | Surname    | Given Name | Residence    | Servant of          | Surname    | Given Name | Residence     | Servant of        |
| 30 Aug 1770 | Stratten   | Jonathan   |              |                     | Godfrey    | Mary       |               |                   |
| 02 Sep 1770 | Bradley    | Moses      | Greenfield   |                     | Chapman    | Molly      | of this place |                   |
| 06 Sep 1770 | Scribner   | John       | Norwalk      |                     | Lion       | Lidia      | of this place |                   |
| 11 Oct 1770 | Banks      | Benjamin   | Greenfield   |                     | Wakeman    | Sarry      | Grns Farms    |                   |
| 15 Nov 1770 | Bur        | Tolcut     | Greens Farms |                     | Banks      | Mindwell   | Greenfield    |                   |
| 16 May 1771 | Andrews    | Simon      |              |                     | Handford   | Elisabeth  | [illegible]   |                   |
| 13 Jun 1771 | Gilbert    | Gershom    |              |                     | Buckingham | Rachel     | Grnfield      |                   |
| 19 Sep 1771 | Gorham     | Jabez      | Greenfield   |                     | Osterbanks | Mary       | of this place |                   |
| 03 Oct 1771 | Elwood     | Joseph     |              |                     | Batterson  | Naomi      |               |                   |
| 20 Oct 1771 | Buckingham | Ebenezer   |              |                     | Bradley    | Esther     | Greenfield    |                   |
| 19 Feb 1772 | Perry      | Daniel     | Reading      |                     | Gorham     | Elisabeth  | Greenfield    |                   |
| 20 Feb 1772 | Sherwood   | Moses      |              |                     | Chapman    | Mary       | of this place |                   |
| 02 Apr 1772 | Couch      | Thomas     |              |                     | Nash       | Sarah      | of this place |                   |
| 23 Apr 1772 | Bebee      | Gideon     | Fairfield    |                     | Gray       | Rebecka    | Greenfield    |                   |
| 24 Apr 1772 | Johnson    | Joseph     |              |                     | Patchen    | Rhuana     |               |                   |
| 20 Sep 1772 | Handford   | Joseph     |              |                     | Bradley    | Abigail    |               |                   |
| 20 Sep 1772 | Beers      | Jonathan   | Norfield     |                     | Cahoon     | Olive      | of this place |                   |
| 14 Oct 1772 | Banks      | Hezekiah   | Greenfield   |                     | Couch      | Sarah      | of this place |                   |
| 18 Oct 1772 | Bur        | John       |              |                     | Godfrey    | Martha     | of this place |                   |
| 21 Oct 1772 | Rowland    | Daniel     | Greenfield   |                     | Beers      | Esther     | of this place |                   |
| 22 Oct 1772 | Lockwood   | Stephen    | Norwalk      |                     | Alen       | Rebecca    | of this place |                   |
| 02 Nov 1772 | Allen      | Moses      |              |                     | Hendrick   | Ann        | of this place |                   |
| 05 Nov 1772 | [none]     | Tom        |              | John Hide           | [none]     | Till       |               | Ebenezer Ogden    |
| 07 Jan 1773 | [none]     | Titus      |              | Ens Stephen Wakeman | [none]     | Tamar      |               | Wid Jane Sherwood |

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| 10 Jan 1773 | Couch     | Benjamin      |                 |                    | Couch      | Naomi          | of this place |                   |
| 14 Jan 1773 | [none]    | Cersar        |                 | Thomas Nash        | [none]     | Dina           |               | Nathaniel Andrews |
| 14 Mar 1773 | Kent      | Moss          | Dutchess Cty NY |                    | Hazard     | Mary, Widow    | of this pl.   |                   |
| 03 Jun 1773 | Bulkley   | Gershom       |                 |                    | Chapman    | Elisabeth      | of this pl.   |                   |
| 29 Jul 1773 | Disbrow   | John          |                 |                    | Wix        | Jemima         | of this place |                   |
| 30 Sep 1773 | Disbrow   | Justus        |                 |                    | Sherwood   | Elisabeth      | of this pl.   |                   |
| 14 Oct 1773 | Philips   | John          |                 |                    | Bennet     | Molly          | of this place |                   |
| 20 Oct 1773 | Canfield  | Ezekiel       |                 |                    | Jecox      | Anne           | of this place |                   |
| 24 Oct 1773 | Morehouse | Thaddeus      | Wilton          |                    | Bennet     | Abigail, Widow | of this pl.   |                   |
| 09 Nov 1773 | Bradley   | Justus        |                 |                    | Bradley    | Mable          | of this place |                   |
| 21 Nov 1773 | Hurlbut   | Gideon, Capt. |                 |                    | Couch      | Hannah, Widow  | of this pl    |                   |
| 19 Dec 1773 | Morehouse | Joseph        |                 |                    | Buckley    | Mary           | of this place |                   |
| 21 Jan 1774 | [none]    | Tom           |                 | Dr. Ebenezer Jesup | [none]     | Rose           |               | Nathan Adams      |
| 24 Mar 1774 | Ross      | Robert, Rev.  | Stratford       |                    | Bartram    | Eulalia        | Fairfield     |                   |
| 11 May 1774 | Mills     | Joseph        | Greenfield      |                    | Osterbanks | Amelia         | of this pl.   |                   |
| 24 Apr 1774 | Jesup     | Ebenezer, Dr. |                 |                    | Squire     | Abigail        |               | [out of sequence] |
| 18 Aug 1774 | Canfield  | Ichabod       |                 |                    | Batterson  | Mary           |               |                   |
| 19 Oct 1774 | [none]    | Ned           |                 | John Hide          | [none]     | Dinah          |               | Abraham Andrews   |
| 15 Jan 1775 | Seymour   | Daniel        | Norwalk         |                    | Allen      | Phebe          | of this place |                   |
| 23 Feb 1775 | Buckley   | Hezekiah      |                 |                    | Blackman   | Abigail        | Greenfield    |                   |
| 12 Mar 1775 | Carson    | Walter        |                 |                    | Squire     | Sarah          |               |                   |
| 02 Apr 1775 | Whitlock  | Thaddeus      |                 |                    | Bur        | Grace          |               |                   |

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| 06 Apr 1775 | Jennings    | David             |                    |                      | Bur       | Eunice         |               |                                   |
| 09 Jul 1775 | Bur         | John              |                    |                      | Sturges   | Mary           |               |                                   |
| 31 Dec 1775 | Adams       | Nathaniel Jr.     |                    |                      | Hide      | Salome         |               |                                   |
| 07 Jan 1776 | Couch       | Simon Jr.         |                    |                      | Nash      | Elenor         |               |                                   |
| 18 Jan 1776 | Fanton      | John              | North<br>Fairfield |                      | Bur       | Ann            | of this place |                                   |
| 25 Feb 1776 | Bennet      | Elias             |                    |                      | Crossman  | Abigail        |               |                                   |
| 07 Mar 1776 | Bets        | Moses             | Wilton             |                      | Sturgis   | Anne           | of this place |                                   |
| 07 Apr 1776 | Hide        | John              |                    |                      | Jennings  | Abigail        |               |                                   |
| 06 Jun 1776 |             | Cato              | Mr. Kent           |                      |           | Vine[?]        |               | Mr. Kent                          |
| 24 Aug 1776 | Raymond     | Jabez             | Norwalk            |                      | Morehouse | Abigail, Widow |               |                                   |
| 15 Dec 1776 | Bennet      | Andrew            |                    |                      | Couch     | Elisabeth      |               |                                   |
| 19 Dec 1776 | [none]      | Quash<br>(Negro)  |                    | Jeremiah<br>Sherwood | [none]    | Rose (Negro)   |               | Lt. Jedidiah<br>Hull of<br>Gnflid |
| 20 Dec 1776 | Mills       | Daniel            | Norwalk            |                      | Roberts   | Abigail        | of this place |                                   |
| 22 Jun 1777 | Williams    | Zebulon           | Long Island        |                      | Parruck   | Abigail        | [illegible]   |                                   |
| 03 Aug 1777 | Jecox       | Jesse             |                    |                      | Hendrick  | Deborah        |               |                                   |
| 17 Aug 1777 | Disbrow     | Russel            |                    |                      | Godfrey   | Eunice         |               |                                   |
| 16 Oct 1777 | Elwood      | Thomas            |                    |                      | Barlow    | Susanna        | Fairfield     |                                   |
| 16 Nov 1777 | Lewes       | Jonathan          |                    |                      | Burr      | Elisabeth      | Fairfield     |                                   |
| 07 Dec 1777 | Sturges     | Judson            |                    |                      | Squire    | Abigail        | Fairfield     |                                   |
| 11 Jan 1778 | Oisterbanks | Joshua            |                    |                      | Sturges   | Sarah          |               |                                   |
| 08 Feb 1778 | Godfrey     | Isaac             | Norfield           |                      | Couch     | Abigail        | of this place |                                   |
| 05 Mar 1778 | Thatcher    | Stephen G.        |                    |                      | Platt     | Anna           | Norwalk       |                                   |
| 27 May 1778 | Andrews     | Daniel            | Norfield           |                      | Hide      | Betsey         | of this place |                                   |
| 24 Sep 1778 | Gold        | Hezekiah,<br>Rev. | Cornwall           |                      | Sherwood  | Abigail, Widow | of this place |                                   |
| 07 Oct 1778 | Bennet      | Daniel            |                    |                      | MunRoe    | Mary           |               |                                   |

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| 08 Oct 1778 | Disbrow   | Caleb Jr.         |           |            | Morehouse | Rhoda               |               |            |
| 19 Nov 1778 | Wood      | Samuel            |           |            | Lion      | Rebecca             |               |            |
| 26 Nov 1778 | Chapman   | Denny Jr.         |           |            | Godfrey   | Mable               |               |            |
| 17 Jan 1779 | Disbrow   | Elias             |           |            | Green     | Susanna             |               |            |
| 03 Mar 1779 | Hurlbutt  | James             |           |            | Pearsall  | Nancy               |               |            |
| 04 Mar 1779 | Chapman   | James, Lt         |           |            | Sherwood  | Abigail             |               |            |
| 04 Mar 1779 | Batterson | Joseph Jr.        |           |            | Hendrick  | Tammy               |               |            |
| 29 Apr 1779 | Persall   | John S.           |           |            | Handford  | Polly               |               |            |
| 16 May 1779 | Disbrow   | Isaac             |           |            | Gray      | Elizabeth           |               |            |
| 23 May 1779 | Batterson | George Jr.        |           |            | Coley     | Mary                |               |            |
| 16 Jun 1779 | Morehouse | Jesse             |           |            | Mills     | Hannah              |               |            |
| 24 Jun 1779 | Fairchild | Gilbert           | Norwalk   |            | Bennet    | Hannah              | of this place |            |
| 15 Jul 1779 | Couch     | Joshua            |           |            | Patchon   | Patty               |               |            |
| 21 Jul 1779 | Green     | Joseph            | Norfield  |            | Couch     | Rachel              | of this place |            |
| 12 Sep 1779 | Godfrey   | Christopher       | Norfield  |            | Ogden     | Sarah               | Greenfield    |            |
| 22 Sep 1779 | Morehouse | Ebenezer,<br>Ens. |           |            | Andrews   | Temperence,<br>Wid. |               |            |
| 23 Sep 1779 | Inglish   | Hudson            |           |            | Couch     | Hannah              |               |            |
| 25 Nov 1779 | Couch     | Lymon             |           |            | Chapman   | Abigail             |               |            |
| 30 Dec 1779 | Chapman   | Lovel             |           |            | Buckley   | Ellenor             |               |            |
| 22 Feb 1780 | Hurlbut   | Gideon            |           |            | Lion      | Hannah,<br>Widow    |               |            |
| 24 Feb 1780 | Moyar     | George            |           |            | Allen     | Asenath             |               |            |
| 16 Mar 1780 | Osborn    | John              | Fairfield |            | Buckley   | Jerusha             | of this place |            |
| 13 Apr 1780 | Ogden     | Nathan            | Norfield  |            | Goodsell  | Hannah              | of this pl.   |            |
| 03 May 1780 | Scribner  | Thomas            | Norwalk   |            | Webb      | Elizabeth           | of this place |            |
| 04 May 1780 | Brush     | Zopher            |           |            | Bennet    | Sarah               |               |            |



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| 24 May 1780 | Guyer       | Joseph     | Reading       | [surname "Quyer"] | Burcham   | Polly          | Norwalk       |             |
| 29 May 1780 | Godfrey     | Stephen    |               |                   | Davis     | Eunice         |               |             |
| 08 Jun 1780 | Meeker      | Seth Jr.   |               |                   | Beers     | Abigail        |               |             |
| 05 Oct 1780 | Raymon      | Lemual     | Norwalk       |                   | Saterly   | Mary, Widow    | of this pl.   |             |
| 12 Nov 1780 | Handford    | Noah T.    |               |                   | Morehouse | Hannah         |               |             |
| 19 Nov 1780 | Couch       | Nehemiah   |               |                   | Baker     | Abigail, Widow |               |             |
| 04 Jan 1781 | Banks       | Talcut     | Greenfield    |                   | Chapman   | Eunice         | of this place |             |
| 07 Mar 1781 | Elwood      | Isaac      |               |                   | Batterson | Elizabeth      |               |             |
| 07 Mar 1781 | West        | Richard    | Long Island   |                   | Hamlet    | Ann            | Norwalk       |             |
| 14 Mar 1781 | Gregory     | Silas      | Norwalk       |                   | Bennet    | Sarah          | of this place |             |
| 15 Apr 1781 | Plat        | Daniel     | Long Island   |                   | Betts     | Mary           | Norwalk       |             |
| 18 Apr 1781 | Lincoln     | Elisha     |               |                   | Crossman  | Rhuama         |               |             |
| 19 Apr 1781 | Meeker      | Joseph     | of this place |                   | Hilton    | Sally          | Norfield      |             |
| 06 May 1781 | Oysterbanks | Moses      |               |                   | Bennet    | Sarah          |               |             |
| 07 Jun 1781 |             | Tom        |               | Simon Couch       |           | Sarah          |               | Simon Couch |
| 29 Jul 1781 | Whitlock    | Justus     | Greenfield    |                   | Meeker    | Abigail        | of this place |             |
| 24 Sep 1781 | Fry         | Richard    | Fairfield     |                   | Spears    | Sarah          | Fairfield     |             |
| 04 Oct 1781 | Smith       | George     | Smithtown LI  |                   | Beers     | Lucy           | Stratford     |             |
| 04 Nov 1781 | Redfield    | Ebenezer   |               |                   | Sturges   | Sarah, Widow   |               |             |
| 29 Nov 1781 | Perry       | Abraham    | N. Hampshire  |                   | Downs     | Mary           |               |             |
| 20 Dec 1781 | Banks       | Jonathan   |               |                   | Wakeman   | Mary           | Greenfield    |             |
| 26 Dec 1781 | Couch       | Gideon     | of this place |                   | Wakeman   | Elenor         | Greenfield    |             |
| 27 Jan 1782 | King        | Samuel     |               |                   | MunRoe    | Sarah          |               |             |
| 07 Feb 1782 | Squire      | Thomas Jr. |               |                   | Bennet    | Naomi          | of this place |             |

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| 20 Feb 1782 | Benedict   | William    |            |            | Fitch      | Nancy      | Norwalk       |            |
| 21 Feb 1782 | Brotherton | Samuel     |            |            | Batterson  | Patience   |               |            |
| 27 Feb 1782 | Couch      | John       |            |            | Bennet     | Rhoda      |               |            |
| 03 Apr 1782 | Avery      | John, Rev. |            |            | Hazard     | Anne       |               |            |
| 23 Apr 1782 | Haise      | Joseph     |            |            | Bradley    | Sarah      | Greenfield    |            |
| 27 Jun 1782 | Sturges    | Aaron      | Greenfield |            | Morehouse  | [unnamed]  | Norwlc        |            |
| 05 Sep 1782 | Brotherton | Daniel     |            |            | Batterson  | Rachel     |               |            |
| 26 Sep 1782 | Hawkins    | Zachariah  | Lng Island |            | Hill       | Esther     | Greenfield    |            |
| 21 Nov 1782 | Gorham     | Samuel     |            |            | Buffet     | Phebe      |               |            |
| 21 Nov 1782 | Perry      | Thomas     |            |            | Bradley    | [unnamed]  | Greenfield    |            |
| 09 Feb 1783 | Raymong    | William    |            |            | Sherwood   | Mary       |               |            |
| 23 Feb 1783 | Morehouse  | Samuel     |            |            | Bradley    | Mary       |               |            |
| 01 May 1783 | Alderman   | Gad        | Simsbury   |            | Buckley    | Happy      | Greenfield    |            |
| 12 Jun 1783 | Fairchild  | Philo      | Newtown    |            | Beers      | Lois       | Norfield      |            |
| 12 Jun 1783 | Bradley    | Thaddeus   |            |            | Burr       | Elen       | Norfield      |            |
| 29 Jun 1783 | Plat       | Daniel     |            |            | Nash       | Polly      | Norwalk       |            |
| 20 Jul 1783 | Taylor     | Thomas     | Norwalk    |            | Morehouse  | Mary       | of this place |            |
| 23 Jul 1783 | Bennet     | Ezekiel    | Newtown    |            | Perry      | Sarah      | Greenfield    |            |
| 04 Sep 1783 | Chub       | William    | Ashford    |            | Down       | Rachel     | Greenfield    |            |
| 14 Sep 1783 | Sherwood   | Asa        |            |            | Philips    | Molly      |               |            |
| 09 Oct 1783 | Andrews    | John       |            |            | Gorham     | Lidia      |               |            |
| 10 Oct 1783 | Bully      | William    |            |            | Raymont    | Isabel     |               |            |
| 16 Oct 1783 | Man        | Jabez      |            |            | Osterbanks | Ruhamah    | Gmflid        |            |
| 23 Oct 1783 | Squire     | Asa        |            |            | Wakeman    | [unnamed]  | Gmflid        |            |
| 13 Nov 1783 | Adams      | Stephan    |            |            | Gorham     | Abigail    |               |            |
| 16 Nov 1783 | Jennings   | Aaron      |            |            | Taylor     | Eunice     |               |            |
| 04 Dec 1783 | Bennet     | John       |            |            | Chapman    | Grissel    |               |            |
| 08 Dec 1783 | Wakeman    | Gideon Jr. |            |            | Stratten   | Clarina    |               |            |

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| 09 Dec 1783 | Reside      | William           |           |                          | Obviant  | Elizabeth  |               |                        |
| 18 Jan 1784 | Bradley     | Joseph            |           |                          | Burr     | Rachel     | Greenfield    |                        |
| 02 Feb 1784 | Downs       | Samuel            |           |                          | Sturges  | Elizabeth  |               |                        |
| 04 Mar 1784 | Adams       | Aaron             |           |                          | Handford | Rhoda      | Norwalk       |                        |
| 17 Mar 1784 | Adams       | Peter             | Norwalk   |                          | Hurlbutt | Melesiant  |               |                        |
| 31 Mar 1784 | Darrow      | Daniel            |           |                          | Downs    | Hannah     | of this place |                        |
| 31 Mar 1784 | Rumsey      | Hezekiah          |           |                          | Wood     | Aletheia   | of this place |                        |
| 04 Apr 1784 | Wakeman     | Seth              |           |                          | Stratten | Mary       | of this place |                        |
| 05 May 1784 | Sherwood    | Moses             |           |                          | Couch    | Mary       |               |                        |
| 14 Jun 1784 | [none]      | Cesar             |           | Col. Moses<br>Sherwood   | [none]   | Allice     |               | Col. Moses<br>Sherwood |
| 27 Jun 1784 | Bennet      | Jabez             |           |                          | Bennet   | Abigail    |               |                        |
| 05 Aug 1784 | Morehouse   | Banks             | Norfield  |                          | Sturges  | Jane       |               |                        |
| 24 Oct 1784 | Lockwood    | John              |           |                          | Smith    | Eunice     | Norfield      |                        |
| 10 Nov 1784 | [none]      | Peter             |           | Deacon<br>Thomas<br>Nash | [none]   | Lid        |               | Ebenezer<br>Jesup Esq. |
| 16 Dec 1784 | Thorp       | Peter             |           |                          | Faunton  | Anne       | Norfield      |                        |
| 23 Dec 1784 | Bennet      | Hayns             |           |                          | Right    | Keziah     |               |                        |
| 03 Jan 1785 | Chapman     | Daniel            |           |                          | Meeker   | Deborah    |               |                        |
| 10 Mar 1785 | Beers       | Noah              | Fairfield |                          | Lewis    | Elizabeth  | of this place |                        |
| 24 Mar 1785 | Allen       | William           |           |                          | Green    | Rebeckah   |               |                        |
| 05 May 1785 | Weatherhead | Edmund            |           |                          | Patchen  | Comfort    | Greenfield    |                        |
| 09 Jun 1785 | Nash        | Thomas,<br>Deacon |           |                          | Nicols   | Mary       | New York      |                        |
| 29 Sep 1785 | Lockwood    | Reuben            |           |                          | Raymond  | Elizabeth  |               |                        |
| 05 Oct 1785 | Morehouse   | Abraham           |           |                          | Taylor   | Mary       |               |                        |

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| 06 Oct 1785 | Plat      | Alexander Smith | No. Ffld   |            | Wakeman     | Ann        | of this place |                 |
| 20 Nov 1785 | Dunkum    | William         | Stratfield |            | Sturges     | Sarah      | of this place |                 |
| 23 Nov 1785 | Canfield  | David           | Wilton     |            | Godfrey     | Abigail    | of this place |                 |
| 08 Dec 1785 | Thorp     | John            | Norfield   |            | Sturges     | Ruth       | of this place |                 |
| 29 Dec 1785 | Elwood    | Nathan          |            |            | Smith       | Abigail    |               |                 |
|             |           |                 |            |            |             |            |               |                 |
| 13 Jan 1786 | Cloverick | Jesup Darling   |            |            | Morehouse   | Lidia      | Norwalk       |                 |
| 25 Jan 1786 | Wakeman   | Joseph          |            |            | Hide        | Rachel     | of this place |                 |
| 05 Feb 1786 | Plat      | Jabez           | Norwalk    |            | Bennet      | Gillen     | of this place |                 |
| 23 Feb 1786 | Mervin    | Ozaias          | Norwalk    |            | Bennet      | Mary       | of this place |                 |
| 16 Apr 1786 | Beers     | Isaac           |            |            | Fountain    | Ruhama     | Norfield      |                 |
| 20 Apr 1786 | Davies    | Thomas          |            |            | Wakeman     | Abigail    | of this place |                 |
| 30 Apr 1786 | Hanford   | George          |            |            | Wright      | Elizabeth  |               |                 |
| 28 May 1786 | MnRow     | Ebenezer Jr.    |            |            | Bennet      | Ruth       |               |                 |
| 13 Aug 1786 | Sherwood  | Samuel          |            |            | Burr        | Priscilla  | Greenfield    |                 |
| 06 Sep 1786 | Cable     | Thomas Jr.      |            |            | Guyer       | Charlotte  |               |                 |
| 15 Oct 1786 | Bets      | Peter           |            |            | Wright      | Bathsheba  | Norwalk       |                 |
| 26 Oct 1786 | Batterson | John            |            |            | Alling      | Sarah      |               |                 |
| 03 Dec 1786 | Edson     | Adam            |            |            | Hazard      | Mercy      |               |                 |
| 20 Dec 1786 | Patterson | John            |            |            | Raymong     | Molly      |               |                 |
| 31 Dec 1786 | Morehouse | Stephen         |            |            | Morehouse   | Elen       | Norwalk       |                 |
| 02 Jan 1787 | [none]    | Henry           |            | John Bets  | [none]      | Gin        |               | Samuel Pearsall |
| 15 Mar 1787 | Green     | Samuel          |            |            | Batterson   | Tamzin     |               |                 |
| 21 Mar 1787 | Sherwood  | Daniel          | Greenfield |            | Bur         | Catherine  | of this place |                 |
| 22 Aug 1787 | Cuffee    | Harry           |            |            | [illegible] | Norwalk)   |               |                 |

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| 17 Nov 1787 | Smith    | Elnathan        | Fairfield  |            | Thorp     | Mary       | Fairfield     |            |
| 18 Nov 1787 | Tuttle   | Edmund          | Norwalk    |            | Phillips  | Salome     | of this place |            |
| 29 Nov 1787 | Elwood   | Abraham         | Saratoga   |            | Johnson   | Sarah      | of this place |            |
| 19 Dec 1787 | Taler    | Robert Williams | Norwalk    |            | Bennet    | Rhoda      | Greens Farms  |            |
| 24 Feb 1788 | Lockwood | Daniel          |            |            | Tuttel    | Elizabeth  | Norwalk       |            |
| 01 Mar 1788 | Raymong  | David Jr.       |            |            | Sherwood  | Abigail    |               |            |
| 27 Apr 1788 | Thorp    | Eliphalet       | Fairfield  |            | Jenning   | Esther     | Greens Farms  |            |
| 15 May 1788 | Willson  | Charles         | Norwalk    |            | Allen     | Olive      | of this place |            |
| 18 May 1788 | Allen    | Gershom         |            |            | Crossman  | Ann        |               |            |
| 13 Jul 1788 | Cable    | Samuel          |            |            | Nash      | Charity    |               |            |
| 10 Aug 1788 | Crossman | Trowbridge      |            |            | Bradley   | Eunice     | Norwalk       |            |
| 21 Aug 1788 | Sherwood | Ralf            |            |            | Gorham    | Abigail    |               |            |
| 21 Aug 1788 | MnRowe   | John            |            |            | Batterson | Anne       |               |            |
| 24 Aug 1788 | Bennet   | Thomas Jr.      |            |            | Stratten  | Sarah      |               |            |
| 16 Sep 1788 | Mills    | John            | Weston     |            | Frasier   | Eunice     | of this place |            |
| 21 Sep 1788 | Allen    | Eliphalet       |            |            | MnRowe    | Abigail    |               |            |
| 29 Sep 1788 | Mills    | Eli             | Greenfield |            | Meeker    | Ann        | Greens Farms  |            |
| 16 Oct 1788 | [none]   | Edward          |            | John Hide  | [none]    | Florio     |               | John Hide  |
| 17 Oct 1788 | Barns    | John            |            |            | Baker     | Molly      |               |            |
| 19 Oct 1788 | Pearsall | Samuel Jr.      |            |            | Wakeman   | Rachel     |               |            |
| 16 Nov 1788 | Nash     | Thomas Jr.      |            |            | Cable     | Grace      |               |            |
| 30 Nov 1788 | Godfrey  | Jonathan        |            |            | Whitehead | Esther     |               |            |
| 18 Dec 1788 | Poor     | Jonathan        |            |            | Handford  | Susanna    |               |            |
| 21 Dec 1788 | Roberson | John            |            |            | Thorp     | Sarah      |               |            |
| 31 Dec 1788 | Allen    | Stephen         |            |            | Thorp     | Waighty    |               |            |
| 17 Feb 1789 | Cooley   | Morehouse       | Weston     |            | Ogden     | Abigail    |               |            |



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| 21 Feb 1789 | Meeker      | Murwin      |               |            | Hull      | Sarah         |               |                |
| 22 Feb 1789 | Prise       | Nathan      | Weston        |            | Downs     | Hulda         |               |                |
| 08 Mar 1789 | Lockwood    | Thomas      | Norwalk       |            | Bennet    | Lidia         |               |                |
| 19 Mar 1789 | Disbrow     | Jabez Jr.   |               |            | Godfrey   | Esther        |               |                |
| 22 Mar 1789 | Taylor      | John        | Norwalk       |            | Bennet    | Esther        | of this place |                |
| 18 Apr 1789 | Finch       | John Jr.    | Norwalk       |            | Ogden     | Hulda         | of this place |                |
| 29 Jun 1789 | Wakeman     | Stephen Jr. |               |            | Whitehead | Sarah         |               |                |
| 03 Oct 1789 | Little      | William     |               |            | Loveman   | Martha        | Stratfield    |                |
| 25 Oct 1789 | Buckley     | William     | Fairfield     |            | Redfield  | Sarah         | Greenfield    |                |
| 27 Nov 1789 | Gregory     | Samuel      | Norwalk       |            | Ogden     | Rhoda         | Greenfield    |                |
| 24 Dec 1789 | Babet       | Abiel       | New Stratford |            | Sturges   | Abigail       |               |                |
| 06 May 1780 | Ogden       | John        |               |            | Couch     | Comfort       |               |                |
| 13 May 1790 | Cooly       | John        |               |            | Morehouse | Eunice        |               |                |
| 27 Jun 1790 | Morehouse   | Solomon     |               |            | Meker     | Elenor        |               |                |
| 23 Jul 1790 | Godfrey     | Ebenezer    |               |            | Taylor    | Mary, Widow   |               |                |
| 26 Aug 1790 | Disbrow     | Jason       |               |            | Gray      | Anne          |               |                |
| 31 Oct 1790 | Parsons     | Timothy     | Reading       |            | Hurlbutt  | Hannah        | of this place |                |
| 21 Nov 1790 | Oysterbanks | Adam        |               |            | Morehouse | Abigail       |               |                |
| 16 Dec 1790 | Hide        | Joseph Jr.  |               |            | Jesup     | Arete         |               |                |
| 16 Jan 1791 | Thorp       | Burr        |               |            | Nash      | Rebeckah      |               |                |
| 20 Jan 1791 | Morehouse   | Stephen     |               |            | Taylor    | Estar         | Norwalk       |                |
| 27 Jan 1791 | Morehouse   | Daniel      | Norfield      |            | Morehouse | Eunice, Widow |               |                |
| 17 Feb 1791 | [none]      | Tim         |               | Jo Bennet  | [none]    | Lill          |               | Asahel Disbrow |
| 03 Mar 1791 | Rayment     | Daniel      |               |            | Sturges   | Hannah        | Greenfield    |                |
| 08 May 1791 | Burr        | Jonathan    |               |            | Redfield  | Sarah         |               |                |
| 08 May 1791 | MnRowe      | Lockwood    |               |            | Batterson | Mary          |               |                |

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| 05 Jun 1791 | Jennings | Joshua Jr.       |            |                                      | Morehouse | Sarah             |               |                         |
| 03 Jul 1791 | Gorham   | Joseph           | Greenfield |                                      | Gorham    | Abigail           | Norwalk       |                         |
| 08 Sep 1791 | Patrick  | Halsey           |            |                                      | Lockwood  | Phebe             | Norwalk       |                         |
| 02 Oct 1791 | [none]   | Amos             |            | Wid.<br>Abigail<br>Osborn            | [none]    | Sell              |               | Wm Pike -<br>Mill River |
| 07 Dec 1791 | Jennings | Burr             |            |                                      | Morehouse | Mercy             |               |                         |
| 18 Jan 1792 | Beers    | David            |            |                                      | Ogden     | Molly             |               |                         |
| 22 Jan 1792 | Jesup    | Ebenezer,<br>Dr. |            |                                      | Winekoop  | Anna              |               |                         |
| 02 Feb 1792 | Disbrow  | Joshua           |            |                                      | Jeacocks  | Deborah,<br>Widow |               |                         |
| 18 Apr 1792 | Gregory  | Abraham          | Norwalk    |                                      | Disbrow   | Dameres           | of this pl.   |                         |
| 06 May 1792 | Gray     | Elijah           | Norwalk    |                                      | Disbrow   | Rhoda             | of this place |                         |
| 30 May 1792 | Sword    | Libbeus          |            |                                      | Batterson | Ruhamah           |               |                         |
| 01 Jul 1792 | Jennings | Peter            |            |                                      | Wakeman   | Sarah             |               |                         |
| 26 Aug 1792 | Wilson   | John             | Norwalk    |                                      | Shute     | Elizabeth         |               |                         |
| 06 Nov 1792 | Osborn   | Jeremiah         |            |                                      | Osborn    | Abigail           |               |                         |
| 01 Dec 1792 | Guyer    | Thaddeus<br>Burr |            |                                      | Disbrow   | Mary              |               |                         |
| 13 Jan 1793 | Cooly    | Michael          |            |                                      | Hide      | Eunice            |               |                         |
| 13 Jan 1793 | Bennet   | David            |            |                                      | Disbrow   | Charity           |               |                         |
| 28 Mar 1793 | Seeley   | James            |            |                                      | Smith     | Betty             |               |                         |
| 05 May 1793 | Plat     | Justus           |            |                                      | Smith     | Hannah            |               |                         |
| 01 Aug 1793 | Baker    | Ebenezer         |            |                                      | Batterson | Rebeckah          |               |                         |
| 01 Aug 1793 | [none]   | Amos             | Norwalk    | Deacon<br>Benedict                   | [none]    | Luss              |               | free woman              |
| 05 Aug 1793 | [none]   | Primus           |            | Hezekiah<br>Bradley of<br>Greenfield | [none]    | Nance             |               | Lt. James<br>Choppin    |

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| 09 Aug 1793 | Olmstead  | Samuel               | Norwalk   |            | Disbrow     | Betty           | of this place    |            |
| 18 Aug 1793 | Allen     | Joseph               |           |            | Nichols     | Molly           |                  |            |
| 19 Sep 1793 | Wood      | Elizur               |           |            | Jesup       | Eleanor         |                  |            |
| 20 Oct 1793 | Sherwood  | Abraham              |           |            | Burr        | Abigail         |                  |            |
| 03 Nov 1793 | Ripley    | Hezekiah<br>Augustus |           |            | Mossey      | Hannah          | Windham          |            |
| 10 Nov 1793 | Gorham    | Joseph<br>Barlow     |           |            | Stratten    | Abigail         |                  |            |
| 05 Dec 1793 | Hurlbutt  | Taylor               |           |            | Bennet      | Betty           |                  |            |
| 11 Dec 1793 | Taylor    | Seymour              |           |            | Bennett     | Mercy           |                  |            |
| 17 Dec 1793 | Cable     | Lewis                |           |            | Bryon       | Sally           |                  |            |
| 22 Dec 1793 | Gray      | Amoss                |           |            | Burr        | Mary            |                  |            |
| 12 Mar 1794 | Baker     | Lockwood             |           |            | Raymond     | Betty           |                  |            |
| 19 May 1794 | Nichols   | Hezekiah             |           |            | Burr        | Abigail         | Fairfield        |            |
| 20 Aug 1794 | Smith     | Ebenezer             | Norwalk   |            | Disbrough   | Rachel Winton   | of this<br>place |            |
| 03 Sep 1794 | Disbrough | Ebenezer<br>Squire   |           |            | Bulkley     | Clary           |                  |            |
| 11 Nov 1794 | Young     | Joseph               |           |            | Oysterbanks | Rhoda           |                  |            |
| 01 Jan 1795 | [none]    | Ned (Negro)          |           |            | [none]      | Priscilla Negro |                  |            |
| 01 Feb 1795 | Sherwood  | John Jr.             | Reading   |            | Sherwood    | Abigail         | of this place    |            |
| 26 Mar 1795 | Forbs     | William              |           |            | Baker       | Salome          |                  |            |
| 07 May 1795 | Handford  | Stephen B.           |           |            | Burr        | Esther          |                  |            |
| 09 Jul 1795 | Godfrey   | Stephen              |           |            | Elwood      | Salome          |                  |            |
| 03 Sep 1795 | Star      | Christopher<br>H.    | Middlet'n |            | Taylor      | Betsey          | Norwalk          |            |
| 17 Sep 1795 | Lockwood  | Seymour              |           |            | Godfrey     | Mary            |                  |            |
| 13 Dec 1795 | Batterson | Selek                |           |            | Batterson   | Molly           |                  |            |
| 20 Dec 1795 | Whitehead | Joseph               |           |            | Jennings    | Grace           |                  |            |

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| 24 Dec 1795 | Bradley  | Eli        |               |            | Sherwood  | Eleanor              | Greenfield    |            |
| 31 Dec 1795 | Meeker   | Daniel     | of this place |            | Downs     | Elizabeth            | Greenfield    |            |
| 11 Feb 1796 | Smith    | William B. |               |            | Stratton  | Eunice               | Greenfield?   |            |
| 06 Mar 1796 | Burr     | Silas      | of this place |            | Banks     | Charity              | Greenfield    |            |
| 16 Mar 1796 | Sherwood | Hezekiah   |               |            | Ogdon     | Eleanor              |               |            |
| 28 Apr 1796 | Marchant | Benjamin   | Reading       |            | Bradley   | Sarah                | of this place |            |
| 08 Jun 1796 | Jarrard  | Moses      | Long Island   |            | Canfield  | Elizabeth            | of this pl.   |            |
| 23 Jun 1796 | Taylor   | Moses      |               |            | Morehouse | Abigail              |               |            |
| 20 Nov 1796 | Wakeman  | Banks      |               |            | Jinnings  | Eleanor              |               |            |
| 27 Nov 1796 | Sherwood | David      | Greenfield    |            | Meeker    | Abigail              |               |            |
| 25 Dec 1796 | Jennings | David      |               |            | Meeker    | Abigail              |               |            |
| 05 Jan 1797 | Folliot  | Seaborn    | Norwalk       |            | Forbs     | Sarah, Widow         |               |            |
| 05 Jan 1797 | Partrick | Stephen    | Norwalk       |            | Bennett   | Kezia                |               |            |
| 15 Jan 1797 | Burr     | Zalmon     |               |            | Hide      | Abigail              |               |            |
| 24 Jan 1797 | Allen    | David      |               |            | Sherwood  | Hannah               |               |            |
| 21 Mar 1797 | Hurd     | Abijah     |               |            | Wynekoop  | Grizzle              |               |            |
| 27 Apr 1797 | Disbrow  | Daniel     |               |            | Morehouse | Elizabeth<br>Bulkley |               |            |
| 13 Jul 1797 | Bulkley  | Bradley    |               |            | Burr      | Molly                |               |            |
| 27 Jul 1797 | Baker    | Joseph     |               |            | Jesup     | Sarah                |               |            |
| 13 Aug 1797 | Nichols  | William    |               |            | MnRow     | Eunice               |               |            |
| 20 Aug 1797 | Merchant | John       | Reading       |            | Bradley   | Eunice               | Greenfield    |            |
| 27 Aug 1797 | Ogdon    | Jonathan   |               |            | Adams     | Rebeckah             |               |            |
| 10 Sep 1797 | Austin   | John P.    | New Haven     |            | Rogers    | Susan                | Greenfield    |            |
| 08 Oct 1797 | Folliot  | Thaddeus   | Ridgefield    |            | Bradley   | Olive                | Greenfield    |            |
| 22 Oct 1797 | Hull     | Lyman      |               |            | Bulkly    | Amelia               | Greenfield    |            |
| 22 Oct 1797 | Squire   | Joseph     | Weston        |            | Batterson | Data                 | of this place |            |
| 02 Nov 1797 | Russicue | Samuel     | Southeast     |            | Disbrow   | Freelove             | of this place |            |

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| 05 Nov 1797 | Cooley      | Hezekiah        |            |                                 | Burr       | Anna       |               |            |
| 05 Nov 1797 | MunRow      | Henry           |            |                                 | [unknown]  | Lyzett     |               |            |
| 07 Jan 1798 | Banks       | Lyman           | Greenfield |                                 | Sherwood   | Charity    | Greenfield    |            |
| 14 Jan 1798 | Middlebrook | Oliver          | Greenfield |                                 | Bradley    | Mary       | Greenfield    |            |
| 18 Feb 1798 | Wakeman     | Hezekiah        |            |                                 | Godfrey    | Mary       |               |            |
| 28 Feb 1798 | Bradley     | Jesse           | Weston     |                                 | Buckley    | Abigail    | Greenfield    |            |
| 01 Apr 1798 | Hull        | John            |            |                                 | Price      | Betsy      | Greenfield    |            |
| 10 Apr 1798 | Gregory     | Abraham Jr.     | Norwalk    |                                 | Allen      | Polly 2nd  | of this place |            |
| 15 Apr 1798 | Allen       | Joseph          |            |                                 | Thorp      | Patty      |               |            |
| 08 May 1798 | Nash        | William Johnson | Norwlk     |                                 | Allen      | Polly      | of this place |            |
| 09 May 1798 | Taylor      | Thomas Hart     | New York   |                                 | Fitch      | Nancy      | Norwalk       |            |
| 17 May 1798 | Goodsell    | John Jr.        |            |                                 | Meeker     | Rachel     |               |            |
| 17 May 1798 | Beers       | Uriah           | Weston     |                                 | Goodsell   | Chariann   | of this pl.   |            |
| 31 May 1798 | Taylor      | Jesup           |            |                                 | Coley      | Sarah      |               |            |
| 16 Sep 1798 | Drury       | Joseph          | Stonington | [surname<br>parially<br>illeg.] | Sturges    | Elizabeth  | of this place |            |
| 22 Nov 1798 | Whitehead   | Benjamin        | Greenfld   |                                 | Hesternock | Mary       | of this place |            |
| 26 Nov 1798 | Thorp       | Aaron           | Weston     |                                 | Hull       | Betsy      | of this place |            |
| 20 Dec 1798 | Bennett     | Isaac           |            |                                 | Wood       | Lidia      |               |            |
| 23 Dec 1798 | Burr        | Ezra Jr.        | Fairfield  |                                 | Burr       | Abigail    | of this place |            |
| 17 Jan 1799 | Disbrow     | John Jr.        |            |                                 | Mallory    | Priscilla  |               |            |
| 27 Jan 1799 | Jennings    | Jesse           |            |                                 | Morehouse  | Sarah      |               |            |
| 28 Feb 1799 | Hull        | Hezekiah        |            |                                 | Goodsell   | Sarah      | of this place |            |
| 20 Mar 1799 | Gorham      | Stephen         |            |                                 | Cable      | Rhoda      | New York      |            |
| 03 Apr 1799 | Burr        | Aaron           |            |                                 | Morehouse  | Hulda      |               |            |
| 16 Jun 1799 | Comstock    | Jabez           | Wilton     |                                 | Ogilvie    | Amelia     | of this place |            |



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| 04 Jul 1799 | Bennett   | James        |                 |            | Burr      | Mary           |               |            |
| 08 Sep 1799 | Gorham    | Shubael      | Weston          |            | Raymont   | Abigail , Wid. | of this place |            |
| 29 Sep 1799 | Curtiss   | Phineas      | Farmington      |            | Toby      | Phebe          | Norwalk       |            |
| 06 Oct 1799 | Bradley   | Stephen      |                 |            | Downs     | Betty          | Greenfield    |            |
| 26 Nov 1799 | Sears     | Isaac        | South East town |            | Bennett   | Priscilla      | of this place |            |
| 05 Jan 1800 | Sherwood  | William Jr.  | Grnfld          |            | Couch     | Abigail        | of this place |            |
| 11 Jan 1800 | Ogdon     | Hezekiah Jr. | Greenfld        |            | Meeker    | Hulda          | of this place |            |
| 23 Jan 1800 | Bartlet   | Seth         | Lebanon         |            | Ripley    | Aletheia       | of this place |            |
| 16 Feb 1800 | Philips   | Hezekiah     |                 |            | Chapman   | Anna B.        | of this pl.   |            |
| 16 Feb 1800 | Hull      | Eliphalet    |                 |            | Burr      | Eunice         | Greenfield    |            |
| xx Mar 1800 | Williams  | Squire       |                 |            | Elwood    | Betty          | of this place |            |
| 08 May 1800 | Disbrow   | Jesse        |                 |            | Patchen   | Abigail        | of this place |            |
| 27 Jul 1800 | Burn      | Ralph        | Millford        |            | Morehouse | Polly          | Norwalk       |            |
| 07 Sep 1800 | Sherwood  | Justus       |                 |            | Bradley   | Sally          | Greenfield    |            |
| 05 Oct 1800 | Lyon      | Eliphalet    |                 |            | Perry     | Polly          | Greenfield    |            |
| 26 Oct 1800 | Disbrow   | Solomon      |                 |            | Bennet    | Isibil         |               |            |
| 09 Nov 1800 | Fillow    | Elijah       | Norwalk         |            | Disbrow   | Elizabeth      | of this pl.   |            |
| 10 Nov 1800 | Rumsey    | Aaron        | of this place   |            | Burr      | Sarah          | of this place |            |
| 02 Dec 1800 | Alvord    | David        | Greenfield      |            | Jennings  | Abigail        | of this place |            |
| 04 Dec 1800 | Gray      | Sturges      | Lansingburg     |            | Wood      | Betty          | of this place |            |
| 23 Dec 1800 | Godfrey   | Lyman        | Fairfield       |            | Lockwood  | Rebeckah       | of this pl    |            |
| 25 Dec 1800 | Marvin    | Joseph       | Norwalk         |            | Meeker    | Clarina        | Greenfield    |            |
| 02 Feb 1801 | Jennings  | Pomp (Negro) |                 |            | Wakeman   | Dorcas (Negro) |               |            |
| 15 Mar 1801 | Sherwood  | Aaron        |                 |            | Sherwood  | Mary           |               |            |
| 24 Mar 1801 | Fairchild | Hezekiah     | Ridgefld        |            | Allen     | Rhoda          | of this place |            |
| 21 May 1801 | Ovitt     | Joseph       | Milford         |            | Disbrow   | Ellen          | of this place |            |

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| 26 Jul 1801 | Couch    | Will              |            |            | Freeman   | Annis      |               |            |
| 18 Aug 1801 | Squire   | Aaron             |            |            | Godfrey   | Eunice     |               |            |
| 24 Sep 1801 | Disbrow  | Justus Jr.        |            |            | Baker     | Damores    |               |            |
| 27 Sep 1801 | Nicols   | Elihu             |            |            | Bradley   | Amelia     | Greenfield    |            |
| 04 Oct 1801 | Ripley   | David             |            |            | Avery     | Anna       |               |            |
| 04 Oct 1801 | Smith    | Samuel Jr.        |            |            | Elwood    | Eunice     |               |            |
| 24 Nov 1801 | Bulkly   | Zalmon            |            |            | Meeker    | Elenor     |               |            |
| 26 Nov 1801 | Davis    | Daniel            |            |            | Sherwood  | Ulilly     | Greenfield    |            |
| 10 Dec 1801 | Sherwood | Sturges           |            |            | Meeker    | Abigail    |               |            |
| 15 Dec 1801 | Squire   | Jabez             |            |            | Lockwood  | Mary       |               |            |
| 25 Dec 1801 | Morse    | George            | Stratford  |            | Mills     | Nabby      | of this place |            |
| 24 Jan 1802 | Handford | Isaac             |            |            | Chapman   | Albacinda  |               |            |
| 01 Feb 1802 | MnRow    | David             | Ridgefield |            | Blackman  | Mary       | Greenfield    |            |
| 21 Feb 1802 | Lee      | Daniel            | Ridgefield |            | Sherwood  | Anna       | Greenfield    |            |
| 25 Apr 1802 | Nicols   | Joel              | Wilton     |            | Batterson | Roxy       | of this place |            |
| xx Aug 1802 | Taylor   | Clap              | Norwalk    |            | Squire    | Margery    | of this place |            |
| 12 Sep 1802 | Dimon    | William B.        |            |            | Andrews   | Temperance |               |            |
| 12 Oct 1802 | Rayment  | Lewis             |            |            | Allen     | Patty      |               |            |
| 18 Oct 1802 | Jennings | Gershom           |            |            | English   | Sarah      |               |            |
| 26 Oct 1802 | Godfrey  | Jonathan          |            |            | Persons   | Hulda      |               |            |
| 16 Nov 1802 | Bradley  | Noah W.           |            |            | Bennett   | Charity    |               |            |
| 28 Nov 1802 | Disbrow  | Samuel            |            |            | Handford  | Sarah      |               |            |
| 09 Jan 1803 | Guire    | Hezekiah R.       | Delaware   |            | Disbrow   | Lidia      | of this place |            |
| 15 Feb 1803 | Sturges  | Banks             |            |            | Sturges   | Deborah    | Greenfield    |            |
| 15 Feb 1803 | Burr     | Ebenezer          | Fairfield  |            | Burr      | Clarina    | of this place |            |
| 23 Feb 1803 | Smtih    | Samuel<br>Sturges | Gnflid     |            | Couch     | Elizabeth  | of this place |            |
| 10 Mar 1803 | Gorham   | John              |            |            | Ogdon     | Ruth       |               |            |

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| 24 Mar 1803 | Couch      | Joseph             |           |                   | Couch      | Abigail       |               |                |
| 26 Mar 1803 | Mills      | Joseph             |           |                   | Bebee      | Anner         |               |                |
| 28 Mar 1803 | Burr       | Alva               |           |                   | Taylor     | Almira        | Norwalk       |                |
| 24 Apr 1803 | Jennings   | Gershom            | Greenfld  |                   | Meeker     | Abigail, Wid. | of this place |                |
| 24 Apr 1803 | Betts      | Elias              | Wilton    |                   | Gorham     | Rebeckah      | of this place |                |
| 24 Apr 1803 | Perry      | Joseph             |           |                   | Pike       | Eunice        | Fairfield     |                |
| 04 Sep 1803 | Mills      | Daniel             |           |                   | Persons    | Charry        |               |                |
| 25 Sep 1803 | Duncomb    | Nathaniel          |           |                   | Taylor     | Nancy         |               |                |
| 02 Oct 1803 | Lion       | Samuel             | So. East  |                   | Bennett    | Martha        | of this place |                |
| 25 Oct 1803 | Sturges    | Increase           |           |                   | Hull       | Deborah       |               |                |
| 30 Oct 1803 | Warran     | William            | Stamford  |                   | Scribner   | Phebe         |               |                |
| 24 Nov 1803 | Edwards    | Fortune<br>(Negro) |           |                   | Seymour    | Peg (Negro)   |               |                |
| 01 May 1804 | Hutinock   | David              | Weston    |                   | Gorham     | Sally         | of this place |                |
| 05 May 1804 | Downs      | Joseph             |           |                   | Downs      | Elizabeth     | Greenfield    |                |
| 27 May 1804 | [none]     | Asher              |           | Ebenezer<br>Coley | [none]     | Gin           |               | Simon<br>Couch |
| 30 May 1804 | Bennett    | Thomas             |           |                   | Moyer      | Betsy         |               |                |
| 28 Jun 1804 | Jennings   | John B.            |           |                   | Meeker     | Esther        |               |                |
| 15 Jul 1804 | Sanders    | Jabez              | Norwalk   |                   | Lockwood   | Rebeckah      | of th. pl.    |                |
| 21 Sep 1804 | Higgins    | Samuel             |           |                   | Bulkley    | Elizabeth     |               |                |
| 14 Oct 1804 | Bradley    | David              |           |                   | Perry      | Eunice        |               |                |
| 21 Oct 1804 | Allen      | Hezekiah           |           |                   | Comstock   | Deborah       |               |                |
| 11 Nov 1804 | Stevens    | Benjamin           | New Ffld  |                   | Gray       | Mary          | of this place |                |
| 17 Dec 1804 | Brotherton | David              |           |                   | Brotherton | Hannah        |               |                |
|             |            |                    |           |                   |            |               |               |                |
| 01 May 1804 | Hutinock   | David              | Weston    |                   | Gorham     | Sally         | of this place |                |
| 05 May 1804 | Downs      | Joseph             |           |                   | Downs      | Elizabeth     | Greenfield    |                |

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| 27 May 1804 | [none]     | Asher            |           | Ebenezer Coley | [none]     | Gin        |               | Simon Couch |
| 30 May 1804 | Bennett    | Thomas           |           |                | Moyer      | Betsy      |               |             |
| 28 Jun 1804 | Jennings   | John B.          |           |                | Meeker     | Esther     |               |             |
| 15 Jul 1804 | Sanders    | Jabez            | Norwalk   |                | Lockwood   | Rebeckah   | of th. pl.    |             |
| 21 Sep 1804 | Higgins    | Samuel           |           |                | Bulkley    | Elizabeth  |               |             |
| 14 Oct 1804 | Bradley    | David            |           |                | Perry      | Eunice     |               |             |
| 21 Oct 1804 | Allen      | Hezekiah         |           |                | Comstock   | Deborah    |               |             |
| 11 Nov 1804 | Stevens    | Benjamin         | New Ffld  |                | Gray       | Mary       | of this place |             |
| 17 Dec 1804 | Brotherton | David            |           |                | Brotherton | Hannah     |               |             |
| 07 Jan 1805 | Nash       | James            | Norwalk   |                | Mills      | Hulda      | of this place |             |
| 25 Mar 1805 | Meeker     | Benjamin Jr.     |           |                | Bradley    | Mary       |               |             |
| 14 Apr 1805 | Turner     | Isaac Jr.        |           |                | Chapman    | Mary       |               |             |
| 14 Apr 1805 | Hilten     | Allen            |           |                | Bennett    | Dolly      |               |             |
| 26 May 1805 | Bennett    | Samuel           | Wilton    |                | Handford   | Lidia      | Norwalk       |             |
| 27 May 1805 | Higgins    | Ebenezer         | New Haven |                | Alvord     | Sally W.   | Greenfield    |             |
| 04 Jul 1805 | Whitlock   | Bradley          | Weston    |                | Goodsell   | Polly      | of this place |             |
| 04 Aug 1805 | Saunders   | Thomas           | Norwalk   |                | Cable      | Charity    | of this place |             |
| 08 Sep 1805 | Ogden      | Ebenezer Bradley |           |                | Meeker     | Abigail    |               |             |
| 24 Sep 1805 | Banks      | Daniel C. A.B.   |           |                | Siliman    | Martha Ann |               |             |
| 24 Sep 1805 | Cooley     | Sturges          | Norfield  |                | Chapman    | Abigail    | of this place |             |
| 17 Nov 1805 | Rowland    | Thomas F.        |           |                | Woodward   | Lucy       |               |             |
| 17 Nov 1805 | Whiting    | Fredrick         | Middlsen? |                | Raymond    | Ann        | of this place |             |
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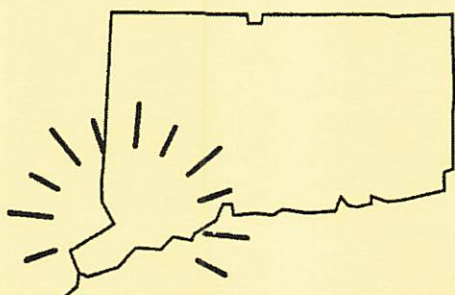
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## Editorial Notes

In this issue we publish the conclusion of the excellent study of Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Wood of Long Island and Norwalk and his descendants by Matthew Wood and Fred Hart. The two worked separately on various branches of Jonathan's family for years, then met and began to collaborate, ending up with this report of their long research effort. We've been fortunate to have such an important article published in *Connecticut Ancestry*. Fairfield County had some of the earliest European settlements in New England, and we continue to prove and record the county's history with stories such as this.

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In the final issue of each volume year, we publish a full index of the names of all the people in all the articles published in that volume. To be sure it is done correctly, the index is created by a professional indexer. In this issue we bid farewell to our longtime indexer Jill Adams. Jill's earliest CAS contract was for the Anniversary Edition, the double-edition journal published in October and December 2004. That was the beginning of Volume 47, and the current issue closes out Volume 60—14 years of excellent indexing from Jill. Many thanks, Jill. Best wishes in your future endeavors.

We welcome our new indexer Laura Erickson and look forward to having as happy a relationship.

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## Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Wood of Norwalk, Connecticut, and his Early Descendants

Matthew Wood and Frederick C. Hart, Jr.

### Part IV (conclusion): Generation 5 concluded

*Please see pp. 140-141 for a list of abbreviations for commonly cited sources.*

12. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> WOOD (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Norwalk in August, 1718 [NLR, 1:4]. He probably moved to Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York, with his parents about 1741. In 1763 he appeared as a freeholder in Pound Ridge, and still appeared in a Westchester County record of 12 September 1776 when Jonathan Miller Jr., Jesse Miller, weaver, and Samuel Wood witnessed the will of William Robinson Sr. of Bedford [WNYHS, 37(1904):371]. He was not listed in Westchester County for the 1779 tax list or the 1790 census.

From 1776 on, no certain records have been found for this Samuel Wood. Since his children were all associated with families that moved northward in New York State it may be that he migrated with them, although no property ownership is evident for him in those places. No death record or burial record or probate proceeding has been found. It appears, therefore, that he may have died in Westchester County sometime between 1776 and 1779.

For a time, he was identified with a Samuel Wood who, "...was an early pioneer on the east side of the [Saratoga] lake" in Saratoga County, New York [Saratoga, 247]. This report may have been based on a gift of Saratoga County land that Hezekiah Wood gave in 1775 to two grantees. The document can be interpreted to say either "Samuel Wood and John Wood his Son" or "Samuel Wood and John Wood his Sons" [SCD, A:139]. If the former wording is correct then the document would fit an older Samuel matching Samuel<sup>5</sup> of Pound Ridge, and would indicate he had moved to New York. If the latter wording is correct, then it would fit a younger Samuel. Our examination of this document leads us to believe that the gift was from Hezekiah to his own sons John and Samuel—a best fit with the latter wording. Hezekiah's sons Samuel and John are well-documented in Saratoga County as will be described in Hezekiah's section, next below.

There is a gravestone at the Boyce Cemetery in Milton, Saratoga County, for one Martha Wood, "consort of Samuel," who died 15 February 1808, aged 87 years (therefore born c. 1720). The age of this Martha, whoever she was, was certainly contemporary with that of Samuel<sup>5</sup> Wood of Norwalk and Pound Ridge, and she was buried in the same cemetery in Milton as several of his descendants. She may indeed have been his widow, whether they moved together to Saratoga with their (presumed) children, or whether she alone went with them after Samuel's death.

But the possibility that Samuel<sup>5</sup> Wood, born in 1718, was himself an early settler of the Saratoga Region now appears very unlikely. There is no mention of any title Jr. or Sr. being used with the name Samuel Wood in any of these early times in Saratoga County. Only one Samuel was enumerated there in 1790 and that was Hezekiah's son. Therefore, the old reference to a Samuel Wood who "was an early pioneer on the east side of the lake" must have referred to that younger Samuel, Hezekiah's son, born about 1750.

We developed the following list of children of Samuel Wood based upon the above considerations and the Saratoga records, and there is no other place for these individuals in the

Jonathan Wood Sr. line. As further evidence, note that on 19 June 1782, Bettee and Robert, children of Samuel's son Joseph Wood, were baptized at the South Salem Presbyterian Church in Westchester County [NYG&BR, 32:242], in which many descendants of Samuel, Titus and Obadiah Wood were also recorded, confirming, at least, the son Joseph's family migration from Westchester to Saratoga as these children are listed in his will in Saratoga.

Samuel appears to have been the father of the following children:

- i. Joseph<sup>6</sup>, b. 24 May 1754; d. 16 Jul 1830 in Saratoga County and buried at the Boyce Cemetery in Milton. We have found no other place to assign this Joseph. Although he went to Saratoga County there is no evidence that he received initial land there from Hezekiah as did his (Joseph's) cousins Samuel and John. His connection with Saratoga was more likely through his wife's family, the Crawfords. He m. 24 Sep 1778 his first cousin Martha Ann Crawford, b. 29 Feb 1756, d. 29 Nov 1817. Martha's mother, Martha (Wood) Crawford (wife of Robert Crawford and sister of Samuel<sup>5</sup> Wood), died in 1756, probably in childbirth or as a result. Robert Crawford m. (2) Elizabeth Armstrong later in 1756. Joseph Wood left a large family, partially defined by the extensive detail in his will, written on 1 Oct 1829, naming his children (and daughters' husbands) as: Betty Weed, wife of John Weed; Robert Wood; Samuel Wood; Joseph Wood; Nancy Richards, wife of Jacob Richards, Jr.; Sarah Belden, wife of Aaron Belden; "Abi" Wood; and the children of Priscilla Kellogg, deceased, formerly the wife of Jacob Kellogg [Saratoga County Wills, B:315-7; Kelloggs, 1:327]. Some accounts add; James, Martha, Phebe and Joel. Martha, dau. of Joseph and Martha Wood, b. c. 1790 and d. 26 Jan 1812, age 22 years, is buried at the Boyce Cemetery in Milton.
- ii. Jonathan, b. 4 Feb 1757; d. Saratoga County 16 Oct 1823; m. bef. 1790 Susannah Kellogg, bapt. 2 Oct 1763, d. Saratoga 12 May 1824. He was known as Deacon Jonathan Wood and two of his children became ministers. Eight children: Asahel, Joseph Selah, Zenas, Elizabeth, Rev. James, Rev. Jeremiah, Elias and Lewis [Kelloggs, 1:356].
- iii. Mary, b. 8 May 1762; d. Saratoga 31 Aug 1796; m. Ezra Wescott, b. 18 Sep 1762, d. 31 Aug 1798 [www.findagrave.com memorials #19606493 (Mary) and #19403708 (Ezra)].
- iv. Elizabeth, b. ca. 1765; m. 21 Apr 1791 Enoch Kellogg, a Revolutionary War soldier and pensioner, b. 2 Dec 1761, d. Erie County, New York 1843. Eight children: Patty, Mary, Daniel, Abigail, Enos, Sarah, James Wood Kellogg, and Eliza [Kelloggs, 1:355].

**13. HEZEKIAH<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Stamford or Norwalk on 9 February 1720, and died at Ballston, Saratoga County, New York, on 18 January 1809, aged 88 years, 11 months and 9 days [gravestone, Boyce Cemetery, Milton, NY, that calls him "Mr. Hezekiah Wood"]. He lived in "Old Pound Ridge," or North Castle East Patent, from 1742 to at least 1763. After that, he seems to have moved back and forth between there and Milton, eventually relocating to the latter community.

Based upon the ages of his children, Hezekiah appears to have had a first marriage sometime before about 1750, but that wife has not yet been identified. He married (2), at the Presbyterian



Church of South Salem on 2 April 1760, Deborah Clugston [NYG&BR, 31:86]. She was a daughter of John Clugston and Elizabeth Welles, born in Stamford on 18 September 1729 [Old Fairfield, 2:230-1]. On 31 October 1765, "Hezekiah Wood and Deborah Wood, Husband and Wife of old poundridge in West Chester County" sold land she had probably inherited in the Long Lots section of Fairfield to John Clugston, probably her brother [Fairfield Land Records, 16:106-7].

Some authors, however, have identified Deborah as being a widow of \_\_\_\_ Clugston and the daughter of Benjamin Kallam of Old Pound Ridge. The reason for that identification seems to have resulted from Benjamin Kallam's will, dated 6 December 1766 and proved 2 March 1769. One very condensed published transcription of that will called Benjamin's children, "Benjamin, Abraham, and Deborah, wife of Hezekiah Wood" [Pelletreau, *Wills of Early Residents of Westchester Co.*, 271]. However, a more complete transcription in another publication reveals that Kallam mentioned his "eldest son Benjamin" and his "second son Abraham," and then went on to mention bequests to Hezekiah Wood and his wife Deborah Wood without calling them a son (in-law) or daughter. Hezekiah Wood was also named to be his executor [WNYHS, 31(1898):250]. Hezekiah and Deborah Wood may have provided some close support to the Kallams or possibly cared for one or both of them in old age, or may have otherwise been creditor(s). It is also possible that Hezekiah's first wife and mother of his earlier children had been a daughter of Benjamin Kallam. No reliable Kallam sources have been found to shed light on this possibility.

### Early land records

On 18 March "1742," Reuben Lockwood of North Castle (East Patent), yeoman, for £30 current money of New York, sold to Hezekiah Wood of the above said North Castle, yeoman, 50 acres of land in Canaan (Parish) in the northern part of Stamford, bounded on the northeast corner by the Norwalk town line, north by Eliphalet Slason. Witnesses, Zach Mills and Zabediah Mills. Signed, Reuben Lockwood. Shortly afterwards, the East Patent of North Castle became part of the town of Pound Ridge. On 10 February 1749/50, Hezekiah Wood of Old Pound Ridge, for £40 current money of New York, sold to Reuben Lockwood of the same, 50 acres of land in Stamford, "which belonged to the heirs of Mr. [Rev. John] Davenport, deceast," and is bounded west by the land of said Reuben Lockwood and Francis Dan, south by the land of Eliphalet Slason, east by a highway, north by Reuben Lockwood and William Bolt. Witnesses, Jonathan Dibble and Lewis McDonald. Signed, Hezekiah Wood [SLR, D:421, E:254]. In spite of the different descriptions, this was probably the same piece of land.

### Other records

Hezekiah Wood appears on "A Roll of his Majesty's Fourth Company of Melitia in the Uper Batalion In the County of West Chester" in 1760 [NYG&BR, 37:266].

In 1763 Hezekiah Wood, yeoman, is listed as a freeholder of Pound Ridge [*New York Historical Society, Quarterly Bulletin*, 35:312]. He lived next to Robert Crawford and Samuel Wood, on the western edge of Old Pound Ridge (or North Castle East Patent), next to the Bedford line, where he owned land on both sides of the town boundary.

### **To Ballston, back to Pound Ridge, then to Ballston again**

About a decade later, Hezekiah Wood and Robert Crawford were both in Ballston, Saratoga County. On 11 March 1775, "Hezekiah Wood of the one part & Samuel Wood and John Wood of the other part witnesseth that the said Hezekiah Wood for and in Consideration of the Natural Love and Affection which he hath and beareth unto the said Samuel Wood and John Wood his Son [*sic*] hath given, Granted, Released, Bargained and Confirmed unto the said Samuel and John Wood his Sons [*sic*] all that Messuage or Tenement of Land ... in Ballston ... One hundred and Sixteen Acres... with Houses thereon ..." [SCD, A:139]. The witnesses were Robert Crawford and Archibald Crawford, and Hezekiah Wood signed with his signature. Given that the deed was written in the third person and that the grantees received the land jointly and equally we can only conclude that this major gift was from a father to "his" (two oldest) sons, and not from a brother to a brother and a nephew, as had earlier been suspected. Moreover, the only Samuel Wood in Saratoga records up to and through the 1790 census is the one who died in 1792 in his 42<sup>nd</sup> year and could not, on the basis of age, have been John Wood's father, but was his brother instead.

Interestingly, that 1775 deed did not mention places of residence for the grantor or the grantees. Hezekiah was on the list of founding members when the Presbyterian Church of Ballston Center was organized under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Eliphalet Ball on 22 September 1775 [Saratoga, 254]. Hezekiah's name does not appear on later lists [Vosburgh Collection], but the names of Samuel Wood and John Wood, both with their (unnamed) wives, appear in 1780. The list for 1783 has John Wood and his wife Sarah Wood. Hezekiah had apparently gone to Saratoga only to establish his two oldest sons there, and then returned to Westchester County. Samuel had apparently changed his church membership. Robert Crawford, the neighbor in Pound Ridge and witness in Saratoga, also returned to Pound Ridge, where he became "very sick and weak in body" and made his will on 11 October 1776, leaving 150 acres "in the Patent of Kayadrossora in Albany County" to his two oldest sons John and Henderson "when they are of age" [WNYHS, 36(1903): 222]. These are only some of the multiple connections between the Wood and Crawford families.

It appears that Hezekiah and Deborah Wood had maintained their residence in Pound Ridge where he appeared on the 1779 tax list. On 28 April 1779, John Holms of Bedford sold to Richard Holms Jr. of the same, two pieces of land in Bedford, one of which was bounded "eastwardly by the pattend line" (the boundary between Bedford and Pound Ridge running north/south), and "southwardly by land lately belonging to Hezekiah Wood" [BTR, 4:100].

On 24 May 1784, Hezekiah Wood and Deborah his wife of Pound Ridge, in consideration of £532 conveyed to Jonathan Scofield of the same place, two tracts of land consisting of 100 acres in Pound Ridge, on the Bedford-Pound Ridge road. One piece lay on the south side of the road, bounded west by Robert Crawford and Caleb Hill, south by Epenetus Miller, east by said Miller, Ebenezer Lockwood, Esqr., and widow "Dabroah" Smith. The other piece, including the house, lay north of the road, bounded east by the land of Robert Crawford, deceased, northerly "by stone hills" west by the land of Archibald Crawford and Robert Crawford, deceased, excepting one quarter of an acre used as a burying ground. Witnesses, Richard Armstrong and Ebenr. Lockwood. Signed, Hezekiah Wood, "Dabroah" Wood [WCD, D:114; abstract, NYG&BR, 55:178]. (Richard Armstrong was a neighbor of John and Samuel Wood in Ballston).

After this sale, Hezekiah moved (at last) to Saratoga County to join his older sons Samuel and John in Ballston and probably to live with one of them. Their presence in Ballston is demonstrated in land records (see below). Hezekiah was not listed in the Ballston tax list of 1780, but was enumerated there in the census of 1790. His younger sons, Hezekiah Jr. and Benjamin, are listed on Westchester County schedules in 1790.

On 3 November 1786, Samuel Wood of Ballston conveyed for £90 to John Wood of the same, 25 acres and 3 roods of land "Lying Near the South East Corner of said Township of Ballston," bounded north by Richard Armstrong and south by the township line. Witnesses, James Whelpley and Daniel Crawford. Signed, Samuel Wood [SCD, A:140]. On 1 May 1789, Samuel Wood of Ballston conveyed for £35 to John Wood of the same, 12 acres and 3 roods of land in Ballston bounded north by Richard Armstrong, east by John Wood, south by the town line, and west by Benjamin Evans. Witnesses, Daniel Crawford and Elnathan Scofield, Junr. Signed, Samuel Wood [SCD, A:137].

On 28 July 1789, Beriah Palmer of Ballston, and Mary Dunham, widow, executors of the will of the late John Kirby of Ballston, gentleman, conveyed for £59 17s. to "Samuel Wood of the Same place Gentleman," lot C within lot number 2 in the subdivision of lot number 7 in the general partition of Kayaderoseras Patent, consisting of 133 acres of land with timber, woods, and underwoods. Witnesses, Seth Baldwin and Ruth Baldwin. Signed, Mary Dunam, Beriah Palmer [SCD, A:120]. Robert Crawford also had a lot in Kayaderoseras Patent.

The Federal census of 1790 lists the following names in Ballston, in this order: Samuel Wood (1-0-5), James Armstrong, John Armstrong, Isaac Armstrong, Elijah Avery, and John Wood (1-2-5). Note that the 1786 deed calls Richard Armstrong a neighbor of Samuel Wood. Hezekiah Wood was also enumerated in Ballston but at a different location.

On 1 May 1793, John Wood of Ballston for £13 conveyed to the heirs of Samuel Wood, deceased, a tract of 17 acres in the Patent of Kayaderoseras purchased from the estate of John Kirby by Samuel Wood. This appears to have been a piece of the abovementioned lot, cut off from the rest by a highway. Witnesses, Wallis Crawford and Ireneus How. Signed, John Wood [SCD, A:140].

Judge Lockwood cited Hezekiah as the father of Hezekiah Jr. and Benjamin Wood. An unknown source of Charles Staubach states that Hezekiah and sons Hezekiah Jr. and Benjamin, went to Ballston, and that both sons "died without issue."

There is a note in the *Scudder Mss.* that Hezekiah Wood, d. 1801, of Ballston, had sons Michael and Jonah, who had David and Lewis. "Info. from Mrs. J. C. Tarkington, of Indianapolis." This appears to be a jumbled account. Hezekiah died in 1809, and the names Michael and Jonah should probably be associated with other families. Michael (son of Obadiah Wood Sr.) was a cousin, and Jonah Wood was the son of an unrelated Halsey Wood (b. c. 1737) of Greenwich, Connecticut. Michael and Jonah Wood appear in Ballston on the Federal census of 1790.

#### Children with an unknown first wife:

- i. Samuel<sup>6</sup>, b. ca. 1750; d. 14 Jul 1792 "in the 42<sup>nd</sup> year," bur. Armstrong or East Line Union Cem., Ballston Center, where his original gravestone and a later NSDAR stone commemorating his "Continental Line" service in the Revolutionary War are both standing in 2016 [www.findagrave.com]. He is not, however, listed as a Revolutionary War ancestor for DAR membership purposes, although that service appears probable, most likely

somewhere on an unrecorded list of Albany County Militia. No record of a wife has been found, but he was the Samuel Wood in the 1790 census of Ballston with five females in the household, probably a wife and four daughters. His land transactions in Saratoga County have been detailed above. He died intestate and administration of his estate was granted to (his brother) John Wood on 8 Aug 1792.

- ii. John, b. ca. 1753, d. 23 Jun 1804 "in the 52<sup>nd</sup> yr" [g/s now unreadable but transcribed in 1874-1878 by Saratoga historian Cornelius E. Durkee; later information that he was b. 17 Nov 1753 has not been confirmed], bur. East Line Union Cem., md. c. 1778, Sarah Howe, b. c. 1760, d. 5 Oct 1798, aged 38. His weathered original gravestone and a NSDAR commemorative stone were both still standing in 2016. He apparently married a second Sarah (\_\_\_?\_\_\_) since a Sarah Wood, widow of John Wood, renounced administration on his estate in July 1804. He has been recognized as DAR ancestor #A128012 based upon his service as a private soldier and Sergeant in the Albany County 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Militia [NSDAR Genealogical Records System, online at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org); also, application Record Copy for member #106177, Marion Wood Kent; and DAR Lineage Book, volume 107 (1914), 52-3].\* Children: John, Eri, Rachel, Ruth, Epenetus, Lewis, Elizabeth and Ira [from DAR application record copy of member #106177]. Another listing adds Mary and Deborah.

Children with second wife Deborah Clugston:

- iii. Hezekiah, b. say 1762; m. Jemima Briggs; was of Pound Ridge in the 1800 Federal census, which shows that he and his wife were both born 1756-74 and had no children in the household.
- iv. Phebe, b. c. 1764; d. 7 Jul 1823, aged 59; unmarried.
- y. Benjamin, b. c. 1768; d. 20 Oct 1820, aged 52 years [gravestone, Boyce Cem., North Milton]; m. (1) Greenfield, N.Y. 14 Jan 1795 Elizabeth Kellogg, b. New Canaan, Conn. 31 Jan 1766, bapt. 9 Feb 1766, d. Saratoga County 8 Feb 1796 [Kelloggs, 168]. Benjamin m. (2) (\_\_\_?\_\_\_), and had a son Hezekiah, b. c. 1806, d. 4 Apr 1813 age 7 years, bur. at the Boyce Cemetery in North Milton [gravestone].

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\* Except for his apparent young age at the time, there are two 1770 records in Westchester County that may refer to this John Wood. We are not certain that they refer to him, but if not, we feel that the connections with Pound Ridge, Bedford, and the Crawford and Miller families imply that these records are for a John Wood somewhere among the descendants of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Wood. On 3 Feb 1770, Benjamin Miller, Robert Crawford and John Wood witnessed the will of Israel Smith of Pound Ridge [Pelletreau, *Wills of Early Residents of Westchester Co.*, 303]. On 21 Aug 1770, Nehemiah Gregory of Bedford for £100 conveyed to John Conklin and Jesse Lyon of the same, two tracts of land in Bedford, containing 40 acres, "one of the tracts whereon the house stands bounded westerly by highways northerly by highway & land belonging to James Miller easterly by highway & partly by a den spot belonging to Richard Coter & his wife, the other tract of land easterly by highway northerly to James Millers land, westerly by Davids Brook southerly by Cornelius Smith [Jr] land." This was the farm "I bought of John Wood as may now fully appear by said deed being dated March the fifth 1770" [BTR, 3:250]. This farm lay north of Bedford village, about a mile west of where Samuel, Hezekiah, and Nathan Wood lived.

14. NATHAN<sup>5</sup> WOOD (*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, (*Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>2</sup>, *Edmund*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1731-2, according to enlistment records (see below), and died after 1810 in Pound Ridge where he appeared in the 1800 and 1810 censuses. He was listed next door to his son Daniel Wood in Pound Ridge in 1810, both of them over 45 years of age at that time. He is identified as a son of Samuel Wood Sr. by Judge Ezra Lockwood and the Albin papers. This identification is confirmed by the fact that Nathan owned contiguous land with Hezekiah Wood, Samuel Wood Jr., and their father Samuel Wood Sr., in Pound Ridge, on the town line with Bedford. Nathan owned land in both townships and appear to have resided first in Bedford and then later in Pound Ridge.

Information on Nathan Wood was laboriously collected by Matthew Wood and Fred Hart over a period of twenty years. Primary sources have been used to confirm statements in the Albin papers, which is defective at many points. It was descendants of Nathan Wood who compiled the Albin papers with hopes of claiming an estate in England. The present location of these papers is unknown, but they were examined by Walter A. Wood and Charles Staubach. The latter garbled everything he came in contact with and all his writings must be checked against other sources or noted as belonging to his archive alone. Walter A. Wood is a reliable author.

Enlistment records from the French and Indian War give us the approximate birth date and early residence of Nathan Wood. Transcriptions of New York militia muster rolls during that war were published in the *New York Historical Society Collections* in 1891, and in 1892 by the State Historian of New York. The latter is the more complete and accurate account. On 31 March 1758, "Nathl. Wood," aged 26, born in "Old pound ridge," laborer, enlisted in a Westchester Co. militia under Capt. Reuben Lockwood. The following year he re-enlisted in a Westchester Co. militia under Col. James Holmes. (Both of these officers were members of families associated with the Samuel Wood clan.) In the second enlistment Nathan Wood, aged 28, born in North Castle, laborer, is recorded to have volunteered on 5 April 1759, having served in Capt. Lockwood's militia. He was 5'11", had light eyes and brown hair [NYHSC, *Muster Rolls*, 24:96; *Second Annual Report of the State Historian of New York*, 1907, *Muster Rolls*, 1:930]. The 'birthplace' seems to refer to the current place of residence in these records, not the actual place of birth.

It should be noted that nowhere, except in the first of these two enlistment records, do we find primary sources referring to Nathan as Nathaniel and in fact the "Nathll" recorded in 1758 may represent "Nathn." It was Nathan's son who was consistently named Nathaniel. Nathan's name is given as Nathaniel in the Albin papers, but these were written down many years after his death.

On 2 April 1760, Nathan Wood and Mary Lockwood were married at the Presbyterian Church in South Salem. On the same day and at the same church, Hezekiah Wood married Deborah Clugston. In an article published in 1989, Fred Hart showed that Nathan's wife was very probably the Mary Lockwood born at Stamford on 3 March 1741/2, daughter of James and Mary (Norton) Lockwood [ConnAn, 32:53-7]. They removed from Stamford to Pound Ridge before 1755.

Baptisms of two of the children of Nathan and Mary Wood are recorded at St. John's Episcopal Church in Stamford. This is unusual because most descendants of Jonathan Wood Sr. were Congregationalists or Presbyterians. Edmund Wood, grandfather of Jonathan Sr., was a puritan and his descendants tended to remain Congregationalists. However, the James Lockwood family were associated with St. John's. Nathaniel, "son of Nathan and Mary Wood of Bedford,"

was baptized on 8 July 1761. On 31 August 1763, Rachel daughter of "Nathan and Mary Wood of Old Pound Ridge" was baptized.

In the 1763 list of Westchester County freeholders, the name Nathan Wood appears twice. "Nathan Wood, yeoman," is listed in both Bedford and South Salem. There is no other evidence of a Nathan Wood in Salem, so the record may be in error.

The names Nathan and Nathaniel Wood appear in various militias levied in Westchester Co. Both appear in the Westchester Co. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nathan in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nathaniel in the 4<sup>th</sup> [Mather's *Refugees*]. It cannot be assumed that all of these records refer to Nathan Wood of Bedford and his son Nathaniel. There was also a Nathan Wood of Cortlandt Manor. He was the Nathan Wood captured in 1783 at Spiten Dijvel [NYG&BR, 104:5]. He was a son of Jeremiah Wood of Cortlandt Manor, and therefore not a descendent of Jonathan Wood of Norwalk.

In addition to the entries at St. John's Church, a family record preserved in the Albin papers comes down to us through Charles Staubach. Unfortunately, this does not correlate exactly with the Stamford record. Staubach confuses different generations. We are also assisted by Walter A. Wood, who evidently saw the Albin papers (or a derivative source) before Staubach got to them. He says that "Nathaniel Wood" was the father of Nathaniel, Rachel, David, Hannah, Jacob, Betty, and Polly. Staubach's best list gives the names as Nathaniel, Rachel, Hannah, Daniel, Christian, Polly, Jacob, and Betsey.

On 16 February 1792, Elizabeth Crawford of Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York was mortgagee of a farm in Pound Ridge formerly belonging to Robert Crawford, and Nathan Wood is mentioned as a neighbor [WCM, E:15-6]. On the Federal census of 1800 Nathan is listed elsewhere in Pound Ridge but we find Daniel Wood listed where this Crawford land lay, so it appears that Nathan's second son, Daniel, was the head of family there at the time of this census. This mortgage has already been referred to under Samuel Wood Sr., since it shows that Hezekiah and Nathan Wood held contiguous land in Pound Ridge [ConnAn, 60:51]. That earlier mention should have identified Fancher as the mortgagor, not Elizabeth Wood.

Children: 8

- i. Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, bapt. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, Conn. 8 Jul 1761 [S. P. Mead Abstracts]. He married at South Salem Presbyterian Church, 27 Sep 1781, "Doritha Pellum" [NYG&BR 31:177]. Her name is more commonly given as Dorothy Pellam. Nathaniel Wood is listed in Bedford on the census records of 1790, 1800, and 1810, but he was deceased by 1813, when a road is mentioned running past the house of the widow of Nathaniel Wood, at the Bedford-North Castle town line [BTR, 5:292]. This would be somewhere close to the hamlet of "Middle Patent" in modern North Castle. The widow Dorothy Wood is listed on the Federal census of 1850 as aged 95. This puts her birth about 1755. An article by Fred Hart provides additional information on some of Nathaniel's descendants ["Two Abraham Wood Families of Pound Ridge, New York," ConnAn, 49: 15-19].
- ii. Rachel, bapt. St. John's Church, 11 Aug 1763. She married a Griffen, and had an only daughter, Sallie. Staubach writes, "dau Sallie, b 1786 d Feb 19, 1838, ae 52; m Stephen Waterbury (1777-1854)." They are both buried in the Waterbury Cemetery in Pound Ridge [Jordan and Seth *Tombstone Records of Eighteen Cemeteries in Pound Ridge*, 14]. This

- confirms the statements by Staubach except for reporting that the gravestone gives Sally's year of death as 1839, not 1838.
- iii. Hannah, b. "Aug. 3, 1761" (according to Staubach, but this obviously is not correct since it overlaps with the birth date recorded in primary records for the son Nathaniel). She died 1850. She md. 1788, James Voorhees, who d. 1790. They had twins: James (d. infancy) and Nancy (md. James Lockwood of Pound Ridge, son of Jacob). Hannah md. (2) Jonathan Albin. "They lived in Wilton; house still standing" in 1942 [Staubach, correspondence with Lester Card]. Staubach reported Hannah's Albin children as, Elizabeth, Nathan, Isaac, Maria, Samuel and Samantha. It must have been Hannah's children who compiled the "Albin papers" on Samuel Wood Sr. and his sons, Samuel, Hezekiah, and Nathan.
  - v. Daniel, b. 12 Sep 1766; d. Pound Ridge 3 Jul 1835; m. Sarah Avery, b. 23 Sep 1764, d. 3 Apr 1848 [Pat Wardell, "Early Bergen County Families," online at [www.njbsgc.org](http://www.njbsgc.org). This source is undocumented and assigns Daniel to a different Wood family than we do here, but these dates and names of the children below appear to have come from a knowledgeable family source.] Daniel lived in Pound Ridge, where he was enumerated next to his father Nathan in the 1810 census. According to one family account he had "no family," but this conflicts with another family record which says he had children "including Daniel of New Canaan" [Staubach]. Another source gives their children as, Azuba, Hezekiah, Rhoda, Abigail, David, Elijah, and Betsey [Pat Wardell, just cited above].
  - v. Christian, d. young [Staubach; Walter A. Wood].
  - vi. Polly (Mary), b. ca. 1779; d. 7 Mar 1847 age 68; m. David Avery of Pound Ridge [Staubach; Walter A. Wood], b. 1777, d. 1 Jun 1865, age 88-4-8, both bur. Sarles Corners Cem. in Pound Ridge [Struble & Seth, *Pound Ridge Cemeteries* (1983), 38].
  - vii. Jacob; was married and had a daughter; removed to Twiggs, Georgia, and owned a plantation with slaves, and died in 1835 [Staubach; Walter A. Wood].
  - viii. Betsey (Betty); said to have m. Crissey Coggeshall [Staubach; Walter A. Wood]. If so she would have been Crissey's first wife, possibly having d. bef. abt. 1829 by which time Crissey had md. (2?) Phebe Walton. Crissey (d. 1857) and Phebe (d. 1849) are both bur. in the Trinity Pass Cemetery in Pound Ridge [Struble & Seth, *Pound Ridge Cemeteries* (1983), 34].

**15. STEPHEN<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>2</sup>, *Edmund*<sup>1</sup>) married at the First Presbyterian Church of South Salem, 24 March 1768, Rachel Westcott. He was a carpenter, according to the Caleb Green affidavit (see below) and lived in Bedford according to a number of primary records. Stephen Wood is listed in Bedford on the Westchester County tax list of 1779, with real property worth £65. He is also listed in the Westchester County 2<sup>nd</sup> militia during the Revolutionary War. In the 1790 Federal census he appears in Bedford with 2 males 16 years or over, 5 males under, and 3 females. He is not listed in the 1800 census in Bedford.

Stephen's possible placement in the Samuel Wood family is indicated by an affidavit that was preserved among the Albin papers. Since it purports to be a legal document, given



within quotation marks by Staubach, perhaps we can feel more confidence in its contents than we would with other information provided by that writer. It also seems to be the basis of the claim of the Albins to the estate of Clement Wood of England.

On 4 November 1854, Caleb Green of Bedford, aged 84, stated that "he was well acquainted with Clement Wood, reputed son of Stephen Wood of Pound Ridge, brother of Nathaniel [sic] Wood; he and Clement were boys together at school, Clement left his father Stephen, carpenter, between the ages of 12 and 16, saying he was going to England."

Stephen Wood (m. 1768) was indeed a contemporary of Nathan (m. 1760), son of Samuel Wood Sr. There is no evidence that the latter was ever called Nathaniel during his lifetime, though his son Nathaniel certainly was.

Child (unconfirmed):

i. Clement<sup>6</sup>.

**16. TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Titus<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1723 (age 39 in 1762, see below), probably in Norwalk. He appears as the eldest child in his father's family in the Wilton Parish census of 1733. He married at Ridgefield 22 November 1749 [Barbour, Ridgefield, 132] Rebecca (Lobdell) Morehouse, widow of Gabriel Morehouse who had died in 1748, leaving her with four fatherless children [Old Fairfield, 1:427]. She was the daughter of Samuel Lobdell of Ridgefield, and sister of Abigail, first wife of Timothy's brother John. On 3 December 1771, "Timothy Wood & Rebeckah his wife of Goshen in Orange County & Province of New York," quit-claimed all their interest in the estate of "our Hon<sup>rd</sup> Father Sam<sup>ll</sup> Lobdell of Ridgefield Dec<sup>th</sup>" to Josiah Gilbert of Ridgefield [RLR, 5:132]. They had moved to Orange County sometime before 15 April 1762 when Timothy Wood "weaver," age 39 and born in Connecticut, enlisted in Capt. Peter Lent's Company [NY State Historian's Report (1897), 708].

An earlier article has already distinguished Timothy Wood of Ridgefield and Goshen from two other Timothy Woods of Orange Co. [NYG&BR, 132:284]. Also see a short query response in this present journal [ConnAn, 49:100]. Through an odd confluence, three great-grandsons of Timothy Wood (1622-59) of Long Island, all named Timothy, ended up in the same county and almost in the same town. It is not clear whether the two born there would have recognized the one born in Ridgefield as a kinsman.

They had one known child:

i. Rebecca<sup>6</sup>, b. Ridgefield 15 Aug 1750 [Barbour, Ridgefield, 132].

**17. JOHN<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Titus<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Norwalk c. 1725-30 (c. 1726 for short) and is listed with his parents in the Wilton Parish census of 1733. We have identified him as the John Wood who died in Ridgefield in 1798. We think it likely that John (with his new wife and family) lived with his father Titus at the Limestone farm in Ridgefield because that property had two houses (see under Titus and Obadiah, Sr.) Later, he apparently lived in New Milford, Connecticut, for a time, but he and his second wife removed to the John Pickett farm, at Starr's Plain, Danbury, helping to settle the Pickett estate. They then removed to a nearby farm in Ridgefield bought from the heirs of Daniel Wood, son of Jonathan Jr. The John Pickett and Daniel Wood farms were both within a short distance of the Limestone farm so John spent most of his career in this small area, despite involvement in numerous land transactions.

He seldom owned a farm outright but was usually involved in farms with multiple owners and residences.

### **Distinguishing among several men named John Wood**

As already mentioned above, Selleck, and others, perhaps following him, have identified this John Wood (d. 1798) as the son of Jonathan Jr. of Norwalk. However, that John, son of Jonathan Jr., had quite a different career. Moreover, this present John (d. 1798) of Ridgefield was intimately associated with the Titus Wood family. We believe, therefore, that this Ridgefield man should be identified as John, son of Titus, and not John son of Jonathan, Jr., for the following additional reasons.

We have already noted that Titus<sup>4</sup> Wood bought a farm in the Limestone District of Ridgefield on 24 January 1749/50 from his brother Obadiah, who removed to Westchester County, New York, and also that Titus remained there in Ridgefield until 21 May 1761, when he disposed of that property. It was during this time that our subject John Wood (c. 1726-98) married Abigail Lobdell, daughter of Samuel Lobdell of the neighboring Bennett's Farms district. She was the sister of Rebecca, wife of Timothy Wood, another son of Titus<sup>4</sup>. The births of four children of John and Abigail are recorded in the Ridgefield Vital Records over the period 1752 – 1756. Abigail died, time unknown, and John married secondly, about 1758, Susannah Pickett (c. 1740-1802), who was connected with the Pickett's Ridge district in Redding and the Starr's Plain district in Danbury. These two areas, though in different towns, were next to each other and very close to the Limestone district and Bennett's Farms. John lived in all these locations at different times, except for Pickett's Ridge. His second wife, Susannah Pickett, was related to another Susannah Pickett, wife of Jacob Wood, another son of Titus<sup>4</sup> Wood. Considering all these ties and relationships, the only sensible place for this John Wood is as a son of Titus.

Another person with whom this John Wood could be confused is Dr. John Wood (1739-1801) of Danbury. Frederick Wood's research comes in handy here, however: he has firmly identified this Dr. John as a grandson of Dr. Samuel Wood of Danbury [FW, and confirmed by Selleck in Norwalk, 478]. This Dr. John Wood lived in the town of Danbury, not Ridgefield [E. R. Case, *An Account of Tyron's Raid on Danbury in April 1777, and the Career of Gen. David Wooster* {Danbury, 1927}, 26].

### **John Wood's chronology**

Returning now to our subject John Wood's marriages, he married first, about 1751, Abigail Lobdell, daughter of Samuel Lobdell of Ridgefield. Abigail is proven to be a daughter of Samuel Lobdell by a deed involving two of her sons, see below.

Abigail died about 1757, and John married secondly a wife named Susannah (\_\_\_?\_\_\_). Selleck was of the opinion that she was the daughter of John (John, James, James, John) Pickett of the Pickett's Ridge District, in the northwestern corner of Redding township [Norwalk, 474]. Walter A. Wood gives her name as "Mrs. Susannah Pickett," implying that she was a widow, but provides no further information. John Pickett did have a natural daughter named Susannah who married this John Wood's brother, Jacob Wood, see below. Both Susannah Pickett, wife of Jacob Wood, and Susannah (\_\_\_?\_\_\_), wife of John Wood, seem to have been associated with the same farm at Starr's Plain in Danbury adjacent to Pickett's Ridge in Redding Deeds from some of Jacob Wood's children illustrate their ownership or inheritance of some of the Starr's Plain

farm. Deeds involving John Wood and his wife Susannah also show that they lived on and disposed of the farm piece by piece. Although Jacobus said that John Pickett's daughter Susannah married John Wood and died in 1802 [Old Fairfield, 2:764], he contradicted himself on the same page by reporting that the same daughter Susannah (Pickett) Wood was called "deceased" in 1788. Proof that John Pickett's daughter Susannah was Jacob's wife is described more fully in Jacob's section below. We have been unable to identify Susannah (\_\_\_?\_\_\_), the second wife of this John Wood. She must have had some relationship to the Pickett family, but that relationship is a mystery yet to be solved.

### Land records

John Wood removed from Ridgefield, and by 1771 he was living in New Milford, Litchfield Co., Connecticut. In that year, he bought a lot in Lanesboro, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, north of Pittsfield, which he provided for his sons and conveyed to them in 1794 (see below). On 27 June 1771, Seth Keeler of Pittsfield, Berkshire Co., Massachusetts, for £20, conveyed to John Wood of New Milford, "Lott No: thirty in the Second Division of Lotts in Lanesborough." Witnesses, Ebenezer Keeler and John Sprague Young. Signed, Seth Keeler [BCLR, 10:128]. On 23 October 1794, John Wood of Ridgefield, "for the love and affection I bear my sons, John Wood, Titus Wood, and Daniel Wood," of Lanesboro, conveyed to them lot 30 in the second division of Lanesboro, consisting of 100 acres. One quarter went to John, one quarter to Titus, and half to Daniel [original record sent by Mrs. Julia Adams to Byron Wood; she gives the source as *Lanesboro Deeds*, 25:292, but the reference was probably to the BCLR].

The sons John and Titus (born in 1755 and 1756) were living in Lanesboro by 3 February 1778 when they quit-claimed their interest in the estate of their grandfather, Samuel Lobdell in Ridgefield [RLR, 6:45]. One story is that Titus Wood and his wife arrived in Lanesboro on the back of a horse, their sole possession.

On 21 July 1779, Charles Goodrich of Pittsfield, for £50 silver money, sold to "John and Titus Wood Both of Lanesborough,"  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of lot number 62, a 200 acre lot in the Lanesboro Second Division. Witnesses, Nehemiah Bull and Andrew Squire. Signed, Charles Goodrich [BCLR, 20:290].

The youngest son of John Wood also appears in Lanesboro. On 15 April 1781, Daniel Wood of Lanesboro, yeoman, for £180 "in hard money," sold to Barnabas Allen of the same, yeoman, 50 acres, the north half part of lot 27 in the Second Division of Lanesboro, bounded north west upon the town line, south by lot number 88, east by a highway, and upon a "short mountain." Witness, Valentine Bowen, Caleb Maby. Signed, Daniel Wood [BCLR, 19:90].

All Danbury land records before 1777 are lost, having been destroyed during the British raid of the town in April of that year. It appears from subsequent records that John and his second wife Susannah lived on a part of the Pickett farm, and were involved in the settlement of that estate. John Wood is mentioned as an abutter in the first (surviving) deed involving the Pickett estate at Starr's Plain, dated 1786, from the children of Jacob Wood of Salem (see reference under Jacob, below). Therefore, we know that by 1786, John Wood Sr. owned land in Danbury. This was just north of the Pickett farm in Redding, about a mile northeast of the old Titus<sup>4</sup> Wood farm at Limestone, in Ridgefield.

On 8 September 1788, Eleazar Olmsted and Grace his wife of Redding for £23 conveyed to Susanna Wood of Danbury, land "near Starr's plain so called" in Danbury. This included three parcels: (1) 3 acres bounded north by land formerly belonging to David Osborn, east by James

Betty, south and west by highway; (2) 3 acres bounded north by John Dean, east by highway, south by highway, west by Isaac Platt and Nancy Platt; and (3) 3 acres bounded north and west by highway, south by "sd Eleazar Olmsted Land," east by "Phebe Ruscow Land." Witnesses, Elijah Olmsted and Philip B. Bradley. Signed, Eleazar Olmstead, Grace Olmsted, her X mark [DLR, 5:253]. The grantee was clearly Susanna, wife of John Wood, since this land was later sold by both of them in 1794. Grace Olmstead was a daughter of John Pickett.

On 20 October 1790, Phebe Rusco of Salem, Westchester County, New York, for £11 10s. sold to John Wood of Danbury, (1) 6 acres of land bounded east by Joseph Platt, north and west by James Beaty, and south by highway, and (2) ½ acre bounded south by said John Wood, west by John Dean, north on highway, east on public road or burial ground. Witnesses, James Mead and Matthew Mead, Jr. Signed, Phebe Ruscho [DLR, 5:263]. It may be presumed that Phebe Rusco was an heir of the John Pickett estate. John Wood is listed in Danbury on the 1790 Federal census with one male over 16 (himself) and four females.

The following two deeds show that in 1794 John and Susanna sold out the land in Danbury and moved to a farm in Ridgefield that they purchased from Justus and Betty (Wood) Olmsted. The latter was a daughter of Daniel Wood of Bennett's Farm. It was about a half mile north of the old Titus<sup>4</sup> Wood farm at Limestone, near the old Samuel Lobdell homestead in Bennett's Farm, and now belonged to the heirs of Daniel Wood. It is interesting to note that many of the neighbors at Starr's Plain in Danbury were also neighbors at the new farm in Ridgefield.

On 3 February 1794, "John Wood and Susanna his wife of Danbury," for £160 sold to James Beaty, Nathaniel Selleck, and Daniel Beaty, all of Danbury, a collection of parcels at Starr's Plain, as follows: (1) "One certain piece of land lying in Danbury at Starr plain so called Containing thirty Acres . . . with the Buildings Standing Thereon," bounded east by Joseph Sturges and the heirs of Joseph Platt, dec'd, north by highway and land of John Dean, west by highway, south by Redding line; (2) 2 acres bounded east and south by highway, north and west by John Dean; (3) 4 acres "with the building standing on the same," bounded east and north and west by highway, and south by Redding line; (4) 4 acres bounded south and west by highway, north by the heirs of Joseph Platt, and east by James Beaty; (5) 6 acres bounded south by highway, east by heirs of Joseph Platt, north by James Beaty, west by David Osborn and the heirs of Joseph Platt and James Beaty. Witnesses, Hezekiah Smith, Ezekiel Wilson. Signed, John Wood, Susanna Wood, her + mark [DLR, 6:545].

On 5 March 1794, Justus Olmsted and Betty his wife of Ridgefield, for £200 sold to John Wood of Danbury, four tracts of land in Ridgefield: (1) 17 acres with "Buildings standing thereon," bounded east by highway, north by Daniel Dykeman, west by Joseph Mead, south by Joseph Mead and Olive Bradley; (2) some acres bounded east, north and south by Nathaniel Selleck, and west by highway; (3) 30 acres bounded west by highway, Joseph Mead and William Resiquie, south by said Resiquie, Thomas Sherwood and highway, east by Thaddeus Whitlock, Preserved Taylor and highway; (4) 32 acres with buildings thereon, bounded west by highway, south by former Redding line, east by John Dean, Daniel Dykeman, James Beaty, north by John Dean, Daniel Dykeman, James Beaty and Nathaniel Selleck [RLR, 8:30].

The two farms described in the above two paragraphs, though in different towns, were so close that many of the neighbors were the same. Both farms had two houses.

John Wood lived in Ridgefield until he died in 1798. Letters of administration were granted to the widow Susannah at Danbury [Norwalk, 474]. The widow Susannah Wood is listed in the Federal census of 1800 in Ridgefield. She died at Ridgefield on 22 April 1802 "in the 62<sup>nd</sup>

y.” [Barbour, Ridgefield, 132.] On 11 December 1802, Susannah Wood of Ridgefield sold a right inherited from the estate of her father John Wood, deceased, being “that part of said Decd. Estate which was set off to my Deceased Mother Susanna Wood as Dowrie” [RLR, 8:310].

Between 1800 and 1804 the widely-dispersed children and heirs of John Wood sold their shares in their father's estate at Ridgefield. Their names and locations are given in various deeds as John Wood and Daniel Wood, of Swanton, Franklin County, Vermont; Titus Wood of Lanesborough, Massachusetts; Ephraim Spaulding and his wife Ruhamah or Ruama, of Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont; Jacob Cadwell Burr and Eunice Burr, of Redding; Susanna Wood of Ridgefield; Chloe Wood of Ridgefield and Redding; John Cole and Abigail his wife, of Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut; William and Ruth Smith, of Jericho, Chittenden County, Vermont; and Anna Wood [RLR, 8:231, 297-299, 309-10, 9:35, 170].

With the genealogical information from these deeds, the identities of the children of John Wood may be considered complete. Selleck omits the daughter Susannah, perhaps having confused her with the widow. He also gives the name “Ruhannah” for one daughter. The deeds mentioned above give this name as Ruhamah or Ruama. This peculiar name appears in Redding vital records as early as 1745, and seems to have come into the family through the Pickett connection.

- Children: 10 (from land records cited in second-last paragraph, and as noted below)  
 (with first wife [see Barbour, Ridgefield, 131-2])
- i. Abigail<sup>6</sup>, b. 9 Dec 1752; m. John Cole of Cornwall, Conn.
  - ii. Anna, b. 13 Feb 1754; unmarried; living in Ridgefield in 1802.
  - iii. John, b. 27 Apr 1755; removed from Lanesboro, Mass. to Swanton, Vermont between 1794 and 1798.
  - iv. Titus, b. 6 Nov 1756; settled with his wife in Lanesboro.
- (with second wife )
- v. Ruth, b. c. 1759; m. William Smith of Jericho, Vermont.
  - vi. Daniel, b. c. 1760 (sold land in 1781); removed from Lanesboro to Swanton, Vermont.
  - vii. Eunice, m. Jacob Cadwell Burr, of Redding, Conn.
  - viii. Ruhamah, m. Ephraim Spaulding, of Middlebury, Vermont.
  - ix. Chloe, unmarried; living in Ridgefield (1802) and Redding (1804).
  - x. Susanna, unmarried; living in Ridgefield (1802).

**18. JACOB<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Titus<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1734 and died 14 October 1808. He married first, about 1754, Susannah Pickett. Her first name is provided by a South Salem Church record of the baptism of one of her children [NYG&BR, 32:75], and her surname may be inferred from the fact that they named a son Pickett. She was a daughter of John Pickett of Redding and had died before 1788 according to her father's estate proceedings [Old Fairfield, 2:764, which incorrectly calls her husband “John” Wood, and then says that she died “22 Apr 1802,” uncharacteristically confusing the issue on both counts]. Their eldest child was baptized in the Presbyterian Church of South Salem on 27 August 1755 [NYG&BR, 32:15]. The “wife and child of Jacob Wood” drowned somehow on 21 June 1776 [NYG&BR, 33:42]. Jacob married second, at the same church on 25 September 1777, Mindwell Wood [NYG&BR, 31:176], who died 27 February 1780 [NYG&BR, 33:114]. She was a daughter of Obadiah

Wood—the couple were first cousins. Jacob married third, at the same church, 29 July 1781, Sarah Hoyt or Hait [NYG&BR, 31:177]. All children were with the first wife, Susannah.

Judge Ezra Lockwood's Journal identifies Jacob Wood four times as a son of Titus Wood. Judge Lockwood (1777-1853) is a reliable source on most of his information, since he gives an extensive treatment of the Jacob Wood family, was about the same age as Jacob's younger children, was related to them, probably knew them personally, and appears to have had correspondence with one of them. He would not have otherwise known of Titus Wood, since Titus and his other descendants lived in Connecticut, not Westchester County, and so we consider this to be a reliable statement. There is also the fact that Jacob Wood married a sister-in-law of John Wood, son of Titus. Since Jacob is not listed in the Titus Wood family on the Wilton Parish census of 1733, he must have been born after that date. Since he married about 1754 his birth date can be estimated as about 1734.

The 1763 list of Westchester Co. freeholders lists Jacob Wood, carpenter, as a freeholder in Pound Ridge.

By 1768 he was a resident of Salem. On 29 October 1768, Jacob Wood of Salem, Westchester County, New York, disposed of his "right Estate Interest and Demand" in "a certain piece of land lying in Norwalk at rhoten Hill so Called being a piece of land Called Mimes pasture," to Eliakim Waring of Norwalk, for 5s. Witnesses, Theophilus Fitch Sr. and Jr. Signed, Jacob Wood [NLR, 13:197]. The exact significance of this transaction is uncertain, but it seems possible that Jacob was liquidating a piece of land he had inherited. "Roton Hill," as it is now called, was not in the vicinity of Rhoatan Brook, where the estate of Ezekiel Canfield and the land of Isaac and Patience (Canfield) Wood was situated. If this sale were to be connected to that family we would consider it more likely that Jacob Wood was a son of Isaac and Patience. It is also possible that "rhoten Hill" should read "Bouton Hill," where Titus Wood owned land. If this were so, we would consider this independent verification that Jacob was the son of Titus. However, the deed very distinctly says "rhoten."

During the Revolution Jacob Wood and his sons, Jacob Jr., Philip and Jared, all served in the Westchester Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> militias [*New York in the Revolution as a Colony and State*, 1:213, 217]. The 1779 tax list of Westchester Co. shows that Jacob Wood Jr. of Salem was taxed £1 10s. on an estate of £30. Jacob Sr. is not mentioned on this list.

On 19 March 1786, "Jacob Wood Jur. Jared Wood, Smith Scofield & Sara his wife all of Westchester County," for £23 sold to John Dean of Danbury, 14 acres of land lying in Danbury at Starr's Plain, bounded south and west by a highway, north by the heirs of Nathan Hawley dec'd, and east by "highway in part and by John Wood's land in part." Witnesses, John Benedict, Thaddeus Keeler. Signed, Jacob Wood Jur, Smith Scofield, Jared Wood, Suse Scofield [DLR, 8:128]. This was a tract that descended to the children of Jacob Wood through their mother, Susannah Pickett, from the estate of her father, John Pickett. (Note that their daughter "Suse" Scofield signed her own name that way, even though she was incorrectly called "Sara" in the body of the deed.)

Walter A. Wood includes the following quotation among his collections, although no primary source is given. "Jared Wood made an affidavit February 14, 1845, in which he gave his age as 82 years - residence, Renselaerville, Albany County, New York; birthplace, Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York, and that he resided in the town of Salem, Westchester County, New York, upward of forty (40) years; that his sister, Susanna married, Smith Scofield, December 1785."

On 20 May 1791, Jacob Wood of Salem deeded to his son Jacob Jr. of the same place, a 60-acre tract with a dwelling house, barn and orchard in Salem, bounded east by the land which he had sold to Jared Wood, the land of Nathan Olmstead and Jacob Wood Jr., north by land lately belonging to James Brown, west by land "which I sold to Henry Scofield and the cross pond," south by "the twenty mile line," Jared Wood and highway. Witnesses, Ebenezer Wood, Alexander Ressequie, and Jared Wood. Signed, Jacob Wood, his + mark. By another deed of the same date, Jacob Wood conveyed land to his son Jacob Wood Jr., and Alexander Ressequie [WCD, M:76-7]. Jacob Wood (Sr.) was also mentioned as owner of a piece of land in Ridgefield which bordered on the New York line and was contiguous with his land in Salem [RLR, exact citation lost].

An entry in an unpublished family bible in the New York D.A.R. Collection in Albany [82:101] says "Jacob Wood deceased October 14th day 1808." This is probably Jacob Sr. The bible record is associated with a Scofield family that was related to Smith Scofield, son-in-law of Jacob Sr.

The family record of Jacob Wood is complete, based on South Salem Church records [NYG&BR] and the family register given by Judge Lockwood, a contemporary of the younger children.

Children: 9

- i. Jacob<sup>6</sup>, bapt. South Salem, Aug. 27, 1755 (as "Job"); m. Dutch Church of N.Y.C., 26 Nov 1791, Rebecca Lockwood; of South Salem [Purple, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church – Marriages* (1890), 266].
- ii. Elizabeth, bapt. 31 Oct 1756; m. South Salem, 24 Aug 1775, Daniel Keeler Hait [NYG&BR, 31:175].
- iii. Moses, bapt. 4 Feb. 4 1759; d. young.
- iv. Philip, bapt. 15 Mar, 1761; m. 17 Dec 1778, Elizabeth Whitney [NYG&BR, 31:176. Also, S. Whitney Phoenix, *The Whitney Family of Connecticut* (1878), 1:1:60]. He appears in the 1779 tax list of Westchester Co. in Bedford with an estate valued at L 75 and taxed at L3 15s. He does not appear on the census of 1790, nor in family deeds of 1786 and 1791. It seems likely that he removed and the estate was settled without him.
- v. Jared, bapt. 27 Mar 1763; m. South Salem, 4 Oct 1781, Rachel, daughter of Jacob Lockwood [NYG&BR, 31:177]. He was listed in Salem in the 1800 Federal census.
- vi. Susan/Susannah. bapt. 1 Dec 1765; m. bef. 19 Mar 1786 Smith Scofield [DLR, 8:128, already cited above]. He was presumably the son of a Smith and a Scofield living in the area of Old Pound Ridge, where these two families converge about 1750.
- vii. Lydia, bapt. 21 Dec 1767.
- viii. Pickett, bapt. 9 Aug 1772; d. 31 Jan 1773 [NYG&BR, 33:41].
- ix. Hannah, bapt. 4 Oct 1774; d. 21 Jun 1776 [NYG&BR, 33:42].

**19. OBADIAH<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Obadiah<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Wilton Parish of Norwalk on 8 July 1725 [Norwalk, 473]. He married, about 1752, Anna Roe. "He had a home lot near his father's on the borders of Umpewaug Pond in Redding in 1753," writes Selleck. Shortly after this he removed to Salem. On 7 July 1754, Obadiah and Anna Wood were



admitted into membership at the South Salem (now Lewisboro) Presbyterian Church [NYG&BR, 31:83]. About twenty years later they moved back to Redding. On 23 October 1774, "Obadiah Wood Jur and his wife" were received in communion at Redding church. The death of a child was recorded at Redding earlier that year on 31 July 1774. Late in life they moved up to Ballston, Saratoga County, New York, and lived with their daughter Deborah Seeley. This is according to their great-granddaughter, the late Ruth Seeley Hutchins.

Ruth Seeley Hutchins determined that Anna ("long hunted for under surname Roe") was born in Norwalk on 21 April 1731, the daughter of Amos and Sarah ( \_\_\_?\_\_\_ ) Manrow or Monroe, grand-daughter of David and Elizabeth (Ted) Monroe. This family has been mentioned previously in the present work as connected with Jonathan Wood Sr. in Huntington, Long Island, and with his descendants in Norwalk. Amos Monroe removed to Ridgefield and died there in 1756. Two years later, the widow Sarah released her dower interest in lands in Norwalk to her son Amos Manrow of East Jersey, her daughter Sarah Manrow of Ridgefield, and Obadiah and Anna Wood of Salem, Westchester County [Ruth Seeley Hutchins, correspondence with Ruth Tanner, 31 March 1961]. On 21 Mar 1758, Obediah Wood and Anna his wife, of Salem, Westchester Co., for £18 10s. 1p. sold to Evan Cameron of Norwalk, 79 rods of land at Sticky plain with house and well, bounded by highway and Sarah Monrow. Witnesses, Saml Smith, Benjm. Smith. Signed, Obediah Wood, Anna Wood, her X mark [NLR, 11:308].

Although Obadiah and some of his children left Westchester County, his son William remained in Bedford and members of the family continued to live there into the late nineteenth century. They communicated with Robert Bolton (1848) and were well recorded by Ruth Seeley Hutchins.

Children: 7

- i. Anna<sup>6</sup>, bapt. South Salem, 7 Jul 1754 [NYG&BR, 32:14]; died young.
- ii. William, bapt. South Salem, 18 Jan 1756 [NYG&BR, 32:15]; d. 25 Mar 1825 age 69 [*Wood Family Index*, 549]. Dr. William Wood was a surgeon's mate with the 4<sup>th</sup> New York Regiment in 1777, and later lived on Cherry Street in the Katonah section of Bedford [Duncombe, *Katonah* (Katonah Village Improvement Society, 1961), 62, 72, 467]. He apparently married Abigail Smith and left only one child, a son Squire Wood, b. 1782, d. 25 Jul 1858, age 76, bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Mount Kisco [www.findagrave.com; *Wood Family Index*, 502; *Katonah*, 467].
- iii. Deborah, bapt. South Salem, 19 Mar 1758 [NYG&BR, 32:16]; d. Ballston, NY, 16 Aug 1795; m. 1778, as his first wife, Nehemiah Seeley, bapt. Fairfield, Conn., 6 Mar 1757, d. Ballston, June 11, 1822, son of Hezekiah and Joannah (Beardsley) Seeley. Deborah died following the birth of her sixth child, Ezra, on 9 Jun 1795, and Nehemiah married (2) in 1796, Mabel Horton (1768-1833), by whom he had two sons. "Ezra told my father that the only mother he knew was his step mother and he adored her," wrote Ezra's granddaughter, Ruth Seeley Hutchins.
- iv. Milley, bapt. South Salem, 13 Jul 1760 [NYG&BR, 32:72], no further information.
- v. Mary, bapt. South Salem, 13 Jun 1762 [NYG&BR, 32:73]; m. Oct. 24, 1782, Jesse Howe [NYG&BR, 31:238].
- vi. Sarah, no further information.

- vii. Squire, b. say Jan 1772, bapt. Redding 3 May 1772; d. Redding, 31 Jul 1774, aged 2 ½ years [Old Fairfield, 2:1063]. The name Squire was passed on among the descendants of Dr. William Wood and Deborah (Wood) Seeley, having come into the family from the Row/Manrow family.

**20. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Obadiah<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Wilton on 18 July 1729 and died in South Salem on 20 October 1824. He married at the Presbyterian Church of Salem, 17 May 1759, Rachel Lockwood, born 30 January 1739, died 21 July 1825, daughter of David Lockwood of Pound Ridge, and sister of the antiquarian, Judge Ezra Lockwood. They were admitted into membership at that church on Jan. 31, 1762 [NYG&BR 31:84, 86].

Ebenezer Wood, cordwainer, is listed as a freeholder of Salem in 1763 [NYHS, Quarterly Bulletin, 35:320]. The 1779 tax list of Westchester Co. included Ebenezer with an estate of £260 (real) and £562 (personal). His farm lay in what would later be South Salem (and still later, Lewisboro). He is listed in a Westchester County militia during the Revolution [Mather, *Refugees*].

Selleck writes, in 1896, "Mr. Wood lived on the South Salem farm (his father's before him) until his death, October 20, 1824. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood are buried in the Salem Presbyterian churchyard. Several of his descendants are living in South Salem at the present time, among which are Daniel J. Wood and Margaret Louisa Wood. The last named resides at the old Obadiah Wood homestead" [Norwalk, 475].

South Salem Church records, Judge Lockwood's Journal, Charles Selleck's *Norwalk*, and Frederick Wood's charts give a detailed account of the children in this family. Byron Wood's letter of April 1873 mentions that he had personally conversed with Ebenezer Wood Jr. of Lewisboro, and learned from him facts about the Obadiah Wood family. Still, there are no birth or death dates for Ebenezer's siblings or for his own children in Byron Wood's letter or in Selleck's *Norwalk*.

Children: 6

- i. Prudence<sup>6</sup>; died young; unmarried.
- ii. Sarah, m. 31 Dec 1801, Andrew Wood [NYG&BR, 32:13], "a relative." This must have been Andrew Wood of Ridgefield, son of Daniel<sup>5</sup> who is listed as #9 above.
- iii. Rachel, m. a Conkling.
- iv. Molly, m. 14 Feb 1790, Nathaniel Close of North Salem [NYG&BR, 31:241]. They had children: Nathaniel, Ebenezer, John, Amzi, and Rachel Close.
- v. Ebenezer, b. 21 Dec 1773; d. 7 Jan 1862; veteran of the War of 1812 [gravestone, South Salem].
- vi. Joseph, d. in infancy.

**21. LEMUEL<sup>5</sup> WOOD** (*Obadiah<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1733, and married at Fairfield 4 June 1760, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Whitlock [Old Fairfield, 2:1064]. Judge Lockwood says Lemuel married a Whitlock, lived in Wilton, and had children, Lemuel "late of Lewisboro," Obadiah, and Thomas. Frederick Wood gives more detail. The following is combined from his work and from Jacobus [Old Fairfield, 2:1064].

## Children: 6

- i. Rachel<sup>6</sup>, b. Fairfield 6 Sep 1761; bapt. 20 Sep 1761; d. 16 Jan 1765.
- ii. Lemuel, b. Fairfield 16 Nov 1764; bapt. 4 Dec 1764; d. 25 Jan 1837; m. 6 Mar 1798 Sarah Smith. She was b. 19 Jul 1772, and d. 18 Aug 1852. They had three or four children.
- iii. (possibly) Styles. Said to have lived in "Brooklyn" (probably New York City) but is not listed by Jacobus.
- iv. Obadiah, bapt. 3 Aug 1766; m. 4 Sep 1788, Mary Sherwood, of Weston, Conn. They had sons Samuel and Sherwood Wood.
- v. Thomas, b. 14 Nov "1770" (*sic*). – Weston vital record cited by Jacobus and appearing in [Barbour, Weston, 58], bapt. 25 Dec 1768 (clearly one of these dates is incorrect, but Jacobus did not take sides); d. Weston Parish of Fairfield 1 Mar 1854 at age 87; m. 3 Mar 1792 Sarah Rowland, dau. of Daniel Rowland, and lived at Weston, Conn. Eight children.
- vi. Sarah, bapt. Oct. 25, 1770; n.f.i.

22. MICHAEL<sup>5</sup> WOOD (*Obadiah*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>2</sup>, *Edmund*<sup>1</sup>). Family records sometimes refer to him as Micah, but land and church records use the name Michael. The Ridgefield Land Records show that Michael Wood bought out the shares in his father's estate at Umpawaug Pond from his siblings. Some of this land lay in Ridgefield and some in Redding. Michael Wood and his wife (not named), were admitted into communion at Redding church on 20 September 1772. According to Judge Lockwood, Micah Wood married a Scribner, removed to Ballston Springs, Saratoga County, New York, and had sons Abraham, Uriah, and David. These names appear in the Saratoga County Land Records, but those deeds have not been investigated further. The Walter A. Wood Collection gives a fairly complete record, with dates, of the children.

The first five children were baptized at Redding Church. The first one was baptized on the day his parents were admitted into the church, a year or so after his birth.

## Children: 6

- i. Abraham<sup>6</sup>, b. 1771/2, bapt. 20 Sep 1772.
- ii. Phebe, bapt. 13 Apr 1773.
- iii. Uriah, bapt. 3 Feb 1775.
- iv. Esther, bapt. 13 Apr 1777.
- v. Mary, bapt. 20 Jun 1779.
- vi. David.

23. JAMES<sup>5</sup> WOOD (*Obadiah*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>2</sup>, *Edmund*<sup>1</sup>) Wood was baptized at Wilton on 8 May 1739. He married by about 1765, Eunice, daughter of Seth Barnum, of Danbury [DLR, 2:61]. They lived in Redding for some years, then in Danbury. The Federal census of 1790 places James Wood in Danbury with 1 adult male, 3 males under 16, and 4 females.

During the French and Indian War, James Wood, age 21, birthplace Westchester Co. (actually this was his residence), occupation cordwainer, enlisted in a Westchester Co. militia on 1 April 1760 [*NYHS Collections, Muster Rolls*, v. 24].

Eunice, wife of James Wood, renewed her covenant with Redding church on 16 September 1767, and they had two children baptized here 1767-68. In 1770 a child of James Wood was baptized at Salem, "on mothers acct."

According to Judge Lockwood, James Wood married a Barnum and had sons James, Seth, and Levi. These names later appear in the Danbury Land Records.

Children: 6, order uncertain. [Redding baptisms from Old Fairfield, 2:1063]

- i. Esther<sup>6</sup>, bapt. Redding, 6 Sep 1767.
- ii. James, bapt. Redding, 23 Oct 1768.
- iii. Eunice, bapt. South Salem, 14 Oct 1770
- iv. Joseph Prindle, bapt. Redding, 9 Jun 1776; apparently d.y.
- v. Seth.
- vi. Levi, b. 1786; d. 23 Aug 1850.

### SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS USED

| <i>Abbreviation</i> | <i>Source</i>  |
|---------------------|--|
| Barbour             | Barbour Collection of Connecticut Births, Marriages and Deaths to About 1850, Connecticut State Library, Hartford. When used, the name of the town will follow, along with the page of the Barbour index for that town.                  |
| BCLR                | Berkshire County, Massachusetts Land Records at the County Records Office or on microfilm.   |
| BTR                 | Donald W. Marshall, town historian, editor, <i>Bedford Historical Records</i> , multiple volumes, 1966-1978).  |
| ConnAn              | <i>Connecticut Ancestry</i>  |
| DLR                 | Danbury Land Records. Our citations are to the original documents at the Town Hall or on microfilm.  |
| FPR                 | Fairfield Probate District Records, multiple volumes at the Fairfield Town office building, and on microfilm.  |
| FW                  | Frederick Wood Manuscript, Donald L. Jacobus Collection, New Haven Colony Historical Society   |
| HBLD                | Rufus B. Langhans, <i>Huntington Babylon Land Deeds</i> , two volumes (Huntington: the town, 1985).  |
| HTR                 | Charles R. Street, <i>Huntington Town Records, Including Bsbylon, Long Island, New York</i> , three volumes (Huntington: the town, 1887). Our citations are to the pages in this source, not to the original documents.                  |
| JTR                 | Josephine C. Frost, ed., <i>Records of the Town of Jamaica Long Island, New York</i> , three volumes (Brooklyn: the Long Island Historical Society, 1914.) Our citations are to the pages in this source, not to the original documents. |

| <i>Abbreviation</i> | <i>Source</i>  |
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| Kelloggs            | Timothy Hopkins, <i>The Kelloggs in the Old World and The New</i> , three volumes (San Francisco: Sunset Press, 1903).   |
| NLR                 | Norwalk Land Records. Our citations are to the original documents at the Town Hall or on microfilm.  |
| Norwalk             | Charles M. Selleck, <i>Norwalk, Volume 1 and Supplement</i> (Norwalk: the author, 1896)  |
| NYG&BR              | <i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i>   |
| NYHS                | New York Historical Society  |
| NYPL                | New York Public Library  |
| Old Fairfield       | Donald L. Jacobus, <i>History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield</i> , 2 volumes in 3 (Fairfield, CT: Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, NSDAR, 1930-32, repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1991)  |
| QCD                 | Queens County, New York Deeds and Conveyances, official handwritten transcription, Libers A & B, FHL microfilm #1414477.   |
| Ridgefield          | George Lincoln Rockwell, <i>The History of Ridgefield, Connecticut</i> (Ridgefield: 1927, repr. Harrison, NY: 1979).   |
| RLR                 | Ridgefield Land Records. Our citations are to the original documents at the Town Hall or on microfilm.   |
| Saratoga            | Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester, <i>History of Saratoga County, New York</i> (Philadelphia: 1878; repr. Interlaken, NY: 1979).  |
| SCD                 | Saratoga County Deeds, at the County Records Office or on microfilm.   |
| SLR                 | Stamford Land Records. Our citations are to the original documents at the Town Hall or on microfilm.   |
| St. John            | Orline St. John Alexander, <i>The St. John Genealogy</i> (New York: The Grafton Press, 1907).  |
| TAG                 | <i>The American Genealogist</i>  |
| WCCR                | Wilton Congregational Church Records, images of originals at the Wilton Public Library; and/or typewritten transcription by Robert H. Russell, 1989, n.p. (Later published by <i>The Connecticut Nutmegger</i> , 1991), and/or David H. Van Hoosear, "Wilton Congregational Church Records," manuscript, Connecticut State library, also on FHL microfilm. |
| WCD                 | Westchester County Deeds at the County Record Office or on microfilm.  |
| WCM                 | Westchester County Mortgages at the County Record Office or on microfilm.  |
| WNYHS               | <i>New York Historical Society Collections, Abstracts of Wills</i> , multiple volumes. Volume numbers cited are for the Collections, along with the year of publication. Volume 25 of the Collections equals Volume 1 of the Abstracts.  |

## **President Bob Hall Resigns and Volunteer Help is Needed**

Our Society has experienced the loss of two presidents in the span of eight months. No, we're not wearing them out. The first moved out of state in September. The second, Bob Hall, tendered his resignation as president and Board member at a Board meeting following the Annual Meeting this month, citing personal reasons. There was no candidate for the position of Vice President at the Annual Meeting, so now both of those positions are vacant.

Your Society needs more help. As the old adage says, many hands make light work. The current members of the Board are ably performing their jobs: secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, editor, webmaster-publicity, membership, historian-sales, genealogist, and are unable to take on more volunteer work at this time. We would like to have some back-up Board members who can do small tasks as they come up. Additional Board members will also provide more input from membership about the direction the Society needs to go in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We have identified some projects that would benefit the Society. The main one, and it is important, is to scan the entire run of our journal which started publication in 1956. The digital images will be put online in the members' area of the Connecticut Ancestry Society website so that all members have free access to all past issues. (All the ones that were produced digitally are already there.) They will also be packaged for sale to the public.

We need one or more volunteers to head up this project. The volunteer will identify a local company to do the scanning, collect the journals from the Society historian, deliver them to the company, and generally oversee the project. Multiple people could work on this project either as a team or individually in segments. We envision getting the scanning done on 25-50 issues at a time. We think about 300 individual issues have been published (inventory under way). The manager of this project will not be doing the scanning, just working with the company that will be doing it.

In addition, there are occasional projects that can be done remotely—by people who do not live in Fairfield County. One that comes to mind is to investigate the possibility of broadcasting our programs via the internet so that distant members can benefit from our educational events. We have had requests for this several times and we would like to know if it is feasible. Another is for someone to take care of the website. We are currently paying a professional to do updates because no one on the Board has the expertise or time to do this important work. The Society cannot exist without a website. The webmaster does not create content, but rather updates content sent by various Board members. Help with design and organization would be useful.

Please contact the Board if you are able to help. The Society needs you! Please give back to the community some of the benefits you have received from your membership.

Email Nora Galvin: [editor@connecticutancestry.org](mailto:editor@connecticutancestry.org).

Thanks. You will have a great time working with us.

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