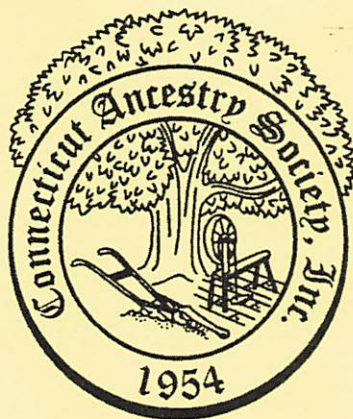


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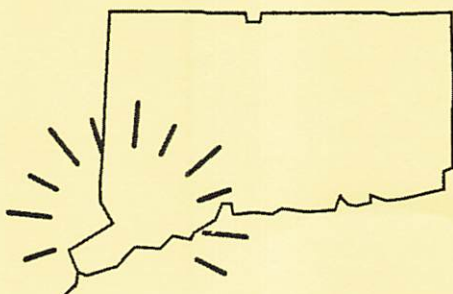
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| Sept | 15 th
Lecture | 10:30-12:00 | <p style="text-align: center;">**Cos Cob Library, 5 Sinawoy Rd., Cos Cob, CT**
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Sydney J. Harris

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Editor's Notes

This issue has several articles featuring women, which is a nice change.

Many records from Ireland that were once found only in Dublin or Belfast are now easily researched online. Your editor demonstrates research in several important databases of Irish records in her article about Nellie (Kiely) Halverson of Bridgeport. The Irish records provide evidence for identifying Nellie's birthplace, parents, and seven siblings.

Our 1790 United States census sketches continue with an article about Widow Catherine Olmsted by her kinswoman Patricia Haslam who has contributed several articles to *Connecticut Ancestry*. Catherine lived a long life after the early death of her husband.

Thomas Mindrum previously published in this journal a 1790 sketch of Jeriel French of Huntington. Tom had 25 ancestors living in Fairfield County 1690-1699. In this issue he provides the stories of eight of them: Francis Andrews and his wife Ann, and three generations of Luke Guires and their wives. The first Luke Guire has a single record that names him; he's further defined by records pertaining to his wife Mary (Adams) Guire. We look forward to publishing the stories of additional Mindrum ancestors.

Greens Farms Parish marriage records are concluded in this issue. Look for death records next time. The original registers, held at Fairfield Museum and History Center, have been transcribed by Barbara Dempsey.

Your editor welcomes comments, and submission of articles. Remember that **your research can be preserved by publishing** the results in a journal. Besides general articles, we have three series to which you can submit short sketches: Fairfield County residents on the 1790 census, immigrants to Fairfield County, and the One-Page Challenge (bet you can't write just one!). Longer articles are welcome, too.

Nora Galvin, CG

We appreciate submission of articles by our readers whether CAS members or not. Sharing your research is what keeps the publication going, and it preserves your work. Reports on work in progress are encouraged—reader response to such an article may advance your research.

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Finding Home and Parents in Ireland for Ellen “Nellie” (Kiely) Halverson of Bridgeport

Nora Galvin, CG

Records in the United States show that Ellen (Kiely) Halverson was born in Ireland about 1865-1870. What research steps should be followed to identify her place of birth in Ireland, confirm the names of her parents and identify siblings?

Nellie in United States records

“Nellie Kiley” married Henry W. Halverson in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Connecticut, on 14 January 1894. At that time the names of the parents of the bride and groom were not requested on the license. Nellie was 24 years of age and born in Ireland. It was her first marriage.¹ Her birth year calculated from her age in this record is 1869-1870.

Nellie died 18 June 1950 in Bridgeport. This record also reports a birth in Ireland. It adds three facts not previously known: birthdate 24 June 1865; father’s name Patrick Kiely; and mother’s maiden name Margaret “Kellaher.” The informant was her daughter Mrs. Harry M. Quinn.² An obituary named her birthplace as “Ireland,” and listed as survivors son Harry Halverson of Bridgeport, and daughters Mrs. I. Silvera of Los Angeles, Mrs. Harry M. Quinn of Bridgeport, and Mrs. Paul McElroy of Stratford, and a brother Timothy Kiely in Ireland.³

Nellie was buried in St. Michael Cemetery, Stratford, Connecticut. There is no marker on her grave which eliminates that potential source of information about her place of origin.⁴

A number of individuals with the surname Kielely, Kiely, Kiley or Keily lived in Bridgeport, but no one named “Ellen” or “Nellie” was listed under those surnames 1880-1895 in the Bridgeport City Directory.⁵

Reported ages and immigration years

Often the ages of 19th-century Irish immigrants vary across records. The ages reported for Nellie in US records, the birth years calculated from those ages, and the reported years of immigration were collected into a table for comparison. The span of possible years is fairly small.

Table 1. Study of ages reported for Ellen (Kiely) Halverson

Event	Year	Age	Calc. Birth Year	Imm. Year
Marriage	1894	24	1870	n/a ⁶
Census	1900	31	Aug 1868*	1886 ⁷

¹ Bridgeport, Connecticut, Vital Records, Marriages June 1893-/September 1899, p. 31, Halverson-Kiley; Office of Vital Statistics (OVS), Bridgeport.

² Bridgeport VRs, Deaths June 1950, p. 90, death of Ellen Halverson; OVS, Bridgeport.

³ “Obituary,” Mrs. Henry W. Halverson, *The Bridgeport Telegram*, 19 June 1950, p. 15; microfilm, Bridgeport Post and Telegram, June 11-20, 1950, film #90, Historical Collection, Bridgeport Public Library.

⁴ Visit to St. Michael Cemetery office and gravesite (Section 7, Plot 73) by author 8 August 2018. The office records do not have places of birth.

⁵ “U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995,” database, Ancestry.com, accessed 12 July 2018, citing microfilm held by the Library of Congress. Search terms: surname: Kiely (no given name); place Bridgeport, Fairfield, Conn. (exact); date 1885 +/- 5, then 1893 +/- 2. Several spelling variations were included in the hits, including Kelly.

⁶ Bridgeport VRs, Halverson-Kiley marriage.

Census	1905	40	1865	1880 ⁸
Census	1910	40	1870	1879 ⁹
Census	1915	47	1868	1885 ¹⁰
Census	1920	50	1870	1884 ¹¹
Census	1930	62	1868	1887 ¹²
Census	1940	75	1865	n/a ¹³
Death	1950	84	24 June 1865**	n/a ¹⁴

* Birth month and year reported on 1900 US census

** Birth date reported on death record

Immigration/Naturalization

Sometimes immigration and naturalization records can provide helpful information about a research subject. In the time period covered by the 8-year range reported for Ellen's arrival, ship passenger lists contained only names, ages, *country* of origin, marital status, and sometimes occupations for immigrants. They usually did not include a place of origin in Ireland or a destination in the United States. Several young women with the name were found on passenger lists of ships arriving in Boston and New York. It was not possible to identify which (if any) of these women was the Ellen under study due to vague ages, general occupations, lack of information about origins, and unknown year of arrival.¹⁵

Ellen became a citizen of the United States upon her marriage to Henry Halverson, and there was no document generated to prove her citizenship or to shed light on her origins.

Church records in the US

The genealogical proof standard requires a reasonably exhaustive research.¹⁶ This would include birth, marriage, death, and baptism records of all of Ellen's children. Roman Catholic church records of Ellen's marriage and the baptisms of her children should provide the names of witnesses and godparents who could be friends or relatives from Ellen's home in Ireland. A request to St. Augustine Parish for those records has not received a response. Because

⁷ 1900 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Bridgeport, population schedule, p. 82 (stamped), dwelling 115, family 134, Henry Halverson; digital image, Ancestry.com, citing NARA microfilm publication T623.

⁸ 1905 New York State Census, Kings County, Brooklyn, Enumeration District 11, Block P, Assembly District 14, pg. no. not legible, 761 Manhattan Ave., Henry Halvorson; digital image, "New York, State Census, 1905," Ancestry.com, acc. 26 Feb 2018, citing original at New York State Archives, Albany.

⁹ 1910 US Census, Kings Co., N.Y., Brooklyn Ward 17, p. 6 (stamped) verso, dw. 47, family 134, Henry Halverson; Ancestry.com, acc. 26 Feb 2018, citing NARA microfilm publication T264, roll 966.

¹⁰ 1915 NY State Census, Kings Co., Brooklyn, ED 9, Block 3, Ward 17, AD 15, pg. 46, Henry Halvorson; digital image, "New York, State Census, 1915," Ancestry.com, acc. 26 Feb 2018, citing original at NYS Archives, Albany.

¹¹ 1920 US Census, Kings Co., NY, Brooklyn, p. 125 (stamped), dw. 43, fam. 212, Henry Halvorson; Ancestry.com acc. 26 Feb 2018, citing NARA microfilm publication T625, Roll 1176.

¹² 1930 US Census, Fairfield Co., Conn., Bridgeport, p. 18 (stamped) verso, dw. 14, family 24, Henry Halvorson; digital image, Ancestry.com, acc. 26 Feb 2018, citing NARA microfilm publication T 626, Roll 254.

¹³ 1940 US Census, Fairfield Co., CT., Bridgeport, p. 520 (stamped), SD 4, ED 9-165, fam. 26, Harry Quinn, Ellen Halverson, mother-in-law; dig. image, Ancestry.com, acc. 12 July 2018, citing NARA mfilm pub. T627, roll 533.

¹⁴ Bridgeport VRs, death of Ellen Halverson.

¹⁵ https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/img_passlists/?name=ellen_kiely&birth=1865&arrival=1890_1895&count=50

¹⁶ Board for Certification of Genealogists, *Genealogy Standards*, fiftieth-anniversary edition (Nashville, TN: Ancestry, 2014).

the point of this article is to use available records from Ireland, the vital records of the children were not examined.¹⁷

Record of a sister in the US

The 1900 US census provides a clue worth investigating. A 22-year old woman named Alvina Kiley, sister-in-law to the head of household (Henry), was enumerated with the Halverson family in Bridgeport. She had immigrated in 1896 and was employed as a label printer. Her birth month and year were reported to be March, 1878.¹⁸ “Alvina” is a highly unusual name for a young Irish woman from that time period, so her actual name may have been misunderstood by the enumerator. Another Irish immigrant, Edward Sweeney, born in 1878 and immigrated in the same year as Alvina, boarded with the Halversons in 1900. His possible relationship to the family was not pursued.

No marriage or death record was found for a woman matching Alvina Kiely over the next decade in Bridgeport vital records. She was not identified in an index to New York City brides in the same time period.¹⁹ Nor was she identified in the index of deaths in Kings County (Brooklyn) 1900-1910.²⁰ Alvina was not found on the 1905 census of New York State (when the Halversons lived in Brooklyn) or on the 1910 US census anywhere in the country. Still, given her stated relationship to Henry Halverson, Alvina was a sister of Nellie. We now have three children of Patrick and Margaret Kiley to investigate: Ellen, Timothy (named in obituary), and Alvina.

Records in Ireland

A closer look at the dates in Table 1 shows not only the six-year range in birth years, but also that Ellen’s birth date from the 1900 census is different from the date on Ellen’s death record—a different month and three years difference in the year. Still, the range of years for Ellen’s birth puts that event just after the country began civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths. Unless Ellen routinely underreported her age, and as long as her parents conformed to the new law for reporting births, we should find Ellen in the civil registration. Then, if the parish records are extant, we should find a record of her baptism. Those records will provide a townland of residence for Ellen’s parents. Armed with the knowledge from those records, we can search for siblings and fill out Ellen’s family tree.

Civil Registration of Births

A search was done of Irish birth records, starting in the earliest records available—1864. A birth record was found for Ellen “Kielly” who was born 25 June 1865 in Millstreet Registration District in County Cork to Patrick Kielly, farmer, and Margaret Kielly, formerly Kelleher, who lived in the townland of Moher. The birth was reported by the father, Patrick Kealy (different spelling) of Moher. (N.B. Spelling of names was quite variable in Ireland in the 19th century as seen in this record. A different spelling cannot be interpreted as a different person.)

¹⁷ They could provide a specific location in Ireland (though this is unlikely). That evidence would need to be examined along with all other evidence, and accepted or rejected when the conclusions were drawn.

¹⁸ 1900 US census, Bridgeport, Henry Halverson household.

¹⁹ Italiangen.org. Search using surnames Kiley, Kiely and Kieley. Doing a wild card search brings up many hits with the surname “Kelly.”

²⁰ Ibid.

No.	Date/ place	Name	Sex	Father & Residence	Mother Maiden	Father Occupation	Informant
327	25 June 1865 Mohor Par. Cullin	Ellen	Female	Patrick Kiely Muhur	Margaret Kiely Kelleher	Farmer	Patrick Kealy Father Moher

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[transcription Note two different spellings of the surname and residence.]

No.	Date/ place	Name	Sex	Father & Residence	Mother Maiden	Father Occupation	Informant
327	Twenty Fifth June 1865 Mohor Par. Cullin	Ellen	Female	Patrick Kiely	Margaret Kiely formerly Kelleher	Farmer	Patrick Kealy Father Moher

In this record we see the expected names for the parents, and we see the birthdate of 25 June 1865 which is a single day off from that found on Ellen's death certificate (where the date is 24 June 1865). Therefore we have high confidence this is the correct Ellen. No other child's birth record came close to matching.

Roman Catholic Parish Registers

A corresponding baptism was recorded in Dromtarriffe Roman Catholic parish which lies within the boundaries of the Millstreet Civil Registration District (see image). Ellen Keily, daughter of Patrick Kiely and Margaret Kelleher, residence Moher, was baptized 2 July 1865. The godparents were John Kiely and Ellen Keily.

Julii		1		1865	
Catharina Sullivan	Ego	1	Summy Bap. Catharinae fil leg. Dominici	Catharinae	1865
Ellen Keily	Sullivan et Mariae Martine	2	Idem Bap. Catharinae fil leg. Roberti Keily	Margarita Keily	
	et Margarita Keily		Mohor	Moher	

[Top of page: Julii ([month] of July) 1 1865 (date of first baptism on page). Ellen is the second entry: 2 [July] Ellenam [Ellen] Keily, Idem Bap. Ellenam fil. leg. [legitimate daughter] Patritii [of Patrick] Keily et Margarita [Margaret] Keleher. [Residence] Muhur [Mohor]. [Godparents] Johannis [John] Keily, Ellenam Keily.]²²

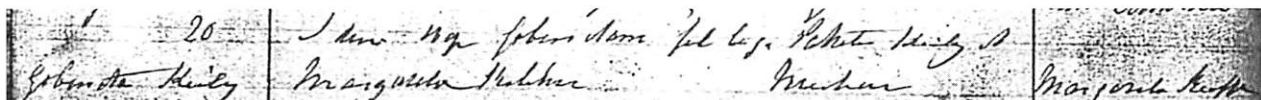
²¹ Ireland, Civil Registration of Births, Millstreet RD, 1865, Group Reg. ID 7476305, p. 02310213/498 (stamped/penned), record #237; digital image, https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1865/03558/2310213.pdf, accessed 23 Feb 2018. For legibility, the image was cropped to eliminate the date of registration (8 July 1865) and the name of the registrar (Jeremiah O'Sullivan).

²² Baptisms, Aug. 1, 1851 – Dec. 26, 1880, Parish Register, vol. 2, Dromtarriffe Roman Catholic (RC) Parish, Cork, Diocese of Kerry, n.p., Ellen Keily, 2 July 1865; "Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915," database,

Dromtarriffe Roman Catholic parish is located in the northwest part of central County Cork, near the border with Counties Kerry and Limerick.²³ The location of the townland of Moher can be seen on a map at the website Townlands.ie.²⁴

Siblings

A search was conducted for Nellie's sister "Alvina Kiley" who was enumerated in the US in 1900. No Kiely child met the criteria in a search of the Irish civil registration index.²⁵ An odd index entry on the second page of hits in the Roman Catholic baptism records caught the eye of the researcher: Jebendam Keily. The record image revealed a transcription error—the baby's given name was "Gobinata."²⁶



This is Latin for "Gobnait," a saint from County Cork. Other names for Gobnait include Abigail,²⁷ and a nickname for Abigail is Abina, a name known to be used in Ireland at this time. Gobnait's mother was Margaret Kelleher and her father was Patrick Kiely; their residence was "Muhur." This must be the "Alvina" seen on the census in Bridgeport two decades later. The baptism date is 20 February 1875, three years and a month earlier than the birth information reported on the census.

Searches of the civil registration and Catholic parish registers turned up the Kiely-Kelleher marriage and the baptisms of six more children of parents named Patrick and Margaret (Kelleher) Kiely, including a son named Timothy. (See genealogical summary for the list.) In each case the townland of residence was Moher, the same as when Ellen was born. The surname was spelled several ways (Kiely, Keily, Keely, Keley, Kealy, Kiley) but as stated earlier spelling variation was not unusual in 19th-century Ireland. The parents' given names were consistent. The children were spaced about every three years with no significant gaps over a period of 22 years.

Other Irish records of this family

Griffith's Valuation

No 19th-century censuses of Ireland survive. However, a tax record called Griffith's Valuation lists all of the legal occupiers of property in Ireland in the years 1847-1864. The survey of Co. Cork for Griffith's was completed in 1853. There is no Patrick Kiely listed who lived in Moher townland, or in either of the civil parishes encompassed by the Dromtarriffe RC

Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland (NLI) microfilm 04264/05. NB. Spelling "Keily" had to be used in the search for this record to be returned. No combination of other information, e.g., mother's maiden name, month and year of baptism, etc., brought this record up, either.

²³ Brian Mitchell, *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*, 2nd ed., Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2002, 53.

²⁴ <https://www.townlands.ie/cork/duhallow/cullen/keale/moher/>

²⁵ Ireland, Civil Registration of Births, Search terms: surname Kiely (+ spelling variations), (no given name), Millstreet RD, birth years 1870-1880. Each returned record of a female birth was viewed for the names of the parents. None fit the description of "Alvina."

²⁶ Dromtarriffe RC Parish, register of baptisms August 1851-March 1881, unpaginated, date order, baptism of Gobinata, daughter of Patrick Kiely and Margaret Keleher, 21 Feb 1875. Search terms: (surname only) Kieley, father Pat*, mother Marg*, birth month March, year 1878. The godparent was Margaret Keefe.

²⁷ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gobnait>

parish.²⁸ This likely means simply that Patrick was not the primary occupier—the person who held the lease—at that time. He had married in 1851 and may still have been living with a relative when this survey was done. There are several other Kiely men listed in the area in Griffiths, some of them with the same names as the godfathers of Patrick and Margaret’s children. Research in Dublin might turn up an updated tax record from after 1853 which would show where Patrick’s land lay.

1901 Census

Except for the civil registration of vital records, no other types of records are available in Ireland until the 1901 census. (Previous censuses and many other records were destroyed by fire in 1922.) There are two Censuses of Ireland that are available to the public: 1901 and 1911.

In 1901 Margaret Kiely, age 60, widow, was living in Moher with Timothy Kiely, 21, whose relationship to her is given as “son.” This must be her youngest son who was baptized in 1871, though his age is incorrect by about 10 years. Margaret’s occupation was “Farmer’s Wife” and Timothy’s was “Farmer Son” (even though there was no “farmer” in the household). A third person in the household, Daniel Bradley, seems unrelated. He was a farm laborer, age 84.²⁹

Death of Ellen’s father

A death record was found for Patrick Kiely, 85, who died 1 July 1894 in Moher of old age. The informant was Abina Kiely, daughter.³⁰ This was surely the young woman “Alvina” seen on the 1900 census in Bridgeport, so now we have a more dependable report of her name. Patrick’s age at death calculates to a birth year of 1809. This may not be completely accurate since the age “85” could be a rounded number or guess, but it is realistic in relationship to the date of his marriage and the dates of his children’s births. Irish death records do not name parents, only the person present at death, so we have no help identifying an earlier generation.

Death of Ellen’s mother

Margaret Kiely died 1 July 1901 of obstruction of the bowel. She was age 60. Timothy Kiely, son, of Moher, was present at the death.³¹ This is the same age for Margaret given on the census earlier that year, and it calculates to a birth year of about 1841. With a marriage in 1851, this is cannot be correct. She was probably about 70 at the time of her death, born about 1830. With Gobnait/Abina born in 1875, though, when Margaret would have been about 45 years old, it’s not likely Margaret was born much before 1830.

1911 Census of Ireland

Timothy Kiely, 36, was listed in Moher in 1911. He was head of a family that included

²⁸ “Ireland, Griffith’s Valuation, 1847-1864,” database, Ancestry.com, acc. 26 Feb 2018.

²⁹ 1901 Census of Ireland, Form A, County of Cork, District Electoral Division of Keale, Townland of Moher, Margaret Kiely household; digital image, National Archives of Ireland (<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/>), acc. 30 July 2018.

³⁰ Ireland, Civil Registration of Deaths, Millstreet RD, 1894, Group Reg. ID 3982935, p. 04692227/289 stamped, record #239; digital image, https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1894/05954/4692227.pdf, acc. 23 Feb 2018.

³¹ Ireland, Civil Registration of Deaths, Millstreet RD, 1901, Group Reg. ID 4521478, p. 04609992/305 (stamped), record #181; digital image, https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1901/05707/4609992.pdf, acc. 23 February 2018.

his wife of nine years Bridget and four children: Margaret, Patrick, Mary and John.³² The names of the first two children indicate they are grandchildren of the Kiely couple we have been studying. This means Timothy married within a year of his mother's death. It appears he stayed on the farm which is unusual because commonly the oldest son inherited. It's possible the older boys emigrated or died. His age here is closer to correct, but still too young by about four years.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Ellen Kiely was born 25 June 1865 in Moher, Dromtarriffe Roman Catholic parish, County Cork.
2. Ellen (Kiely) Halverson's parents were correctly named in her death record.
3. They have been identified in Irish vital records and church records.
4. Seven siblings have also been identified in Irish records, including one who lived in Bridgeport in 1900 and another who was named in Ellen's obituary.

Genealogical Summary

Patrick Kiely was born about 1809 and died 1 July 1894.³³ He married Margaret Kelleher 4 March 1851 in Dromtarriffe Roman Catholic Parish, County Cork. The witnesses were Denis (Latin=Dionysius) Murphy and Arthur Keefe.³⁴ Often the fathers of the bride and groom were the witnesses to the marriage, but given the surnames in this case, it did not happen here, and perhaps the fathers had died. Margaret died 1 July 1901, reportedly at the age of 60, which calculates to a birth in 1840. That would mean she married Patrick Kiely at age 11 and had her first child at age 13, so it is likely the age on the death certificate is underestimated by as much as ten years. If she was born about 1830, she would have been age 21 when she married, her first child would have been born when Margaret was 23 years old, and her last one when she was age 45. This aligns with biological expectations.

Children of Patrick and Margaret (Kelleher) Kiely, all born in Moher (townland), Cullen (civil parish), Co. Cork. (The first four were born before Ireland kept birth records. All were baptized in Dromtarriffe Roman Catholic parish.)

- i. JOANNA KIELY, bp. 28 August 1853. Godparents were Jeremiah Kiely and Abigail Kiely.³⁵ No marriage or death record found in civil registration.
- ii. DANIEL KIELY, bp. 1 May 1856. Godparents were Jeremiah McAuliffe and Maria or Mary FitzPatrick.³⁶ No marriage or death record found in civil registration.
- iii. PATRICK KIELY, bp. 9 October 1859. Godparents were Eugene M[illegible] and [illegible] Keefe.³⁷ No marriage or death record found in civil registration.

³² 1911 Census of Ireland, Cork, Keale, Moher, Form A, household 10, Timothy Kiely; digital image, 1911 Census of Ireland, <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai002002567/>, acc. 23 Feb 2018.

³³ Ireland, Civil Registration, death of Patrick Kiely, 1894.

³⁴ Marriages, 25 Jan 1832-17 July 1852, Parish Register, vol. 1, Dromtarriffe RC Parish, Cork, Diocese of Kerry, n. p., Kiely-Keliher; "Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915," database, Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland microfilm 04264/04.

³⁵ Baptisms, Aug. 1, 1851 – Dec. 26, 1880, Parish Register, vol. 2, Dromtarriffe RC Parish, Cork, n.p., Joanna Keily, 28 August 1853; "Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915," database, Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland microfilm 04264/05.

³⁶ Baptisms, Aug. 1, 1851 – Dec. 26, 1880, Parish Register, vol. 2, Dromtarriffe RC Parish, Cork, n.p., Daniel Keily, 1 May 1856; "Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915," database, Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland microfilm 04264/05.

- iv. CORNELIUS KIELY, bp. 9 May 1862. Godparents were Bartholomew Moynihan and Julia Keefe.³⁸ No marriage or death record found in civil registration.
- v. ELLEN KIELY, b. 25 June 1865; bp. 2 July 1865; m. Henry Halverson 14 January 1894 at Bridgeport, Fairfield, Connecticut;³⁹ d. 24 January 1950 at Bridgeport;⁴⁰ imm. to the United States in the 1880s. Six children.
- vi. JEREMIAH KIELY, b. 18 February 1868, birth registered on 10 March 1868;⁴¹ bp. 16 February 1868. Godparents were Daniel Kiely and Johanna Kiely.⁴² Note that his baptism date is two days before his registered birth date. This is an example of a late registration with a false (later) birth date reported in order to avoid paying a late fine.
- vii. TIMOTHY KIELY, 15 October 1871, birth registered 10 November 1871;⁴³ bp. 24 April 1871. Godparent was Catherine Keefe;⁴⁴ m. Bridget Rahilly 11 Feb 1902 at Coolclough, Co. Cork.⁴⁵ This couple was enumerated with four children on the 1911 Census of Ireland.⁴⁶ This is an even later birth registration—months late. This is the brother named as a survivor in Ellen Halverson’s obituary.
- viii. GOBNAIT KIELY, bp. 20 Feb 1875. Godparents were Margaret Keefe and Jeremiah Kiely.⁴⁷ She appeared as “Alvina Kiley” in the household of her sister Ellen on the 1900 US census in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She was the official “person present” at the death of her father in 1894, called “Abina.” She immigrated to the US in 1896.⁴⁸ No civil registration was found for her birth, or for marriage or death 1900-1911 in Ireland or the United States.

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³⁷ Baptisms, Aug. 1, 1851 – Dec. 26, 1880, Parish Register, vol. 2, Dromtarriffe RC Parish, Cork, Patrick Keily, 9 Oct 1859, n.p.; “Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915,” database, Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland microfilm 04264/05..

³⁸ Baptisms, Aug. 1, 1851 – Dec. 26, 1880, Parish Register, vol. 2, Dromtarriffe RC Parish, Cork, n.p., Cornelius Keily, 9 May 1862; “Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915,” database, Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland microfilm 04264/05.

³⁹ Bridgeport VRs, Marriages June 1893-/September 1899, p. 31, Halverson-Kiley; OVS, Bridgeport.

⁴⁰ Bridgeport VRs, Deaths June 1950, p. 90, Ellen Halverson; OVS, Bridgeport.

⁴¹ Ireland, Civil Registration of Births, 1868, Millstreet SRD, Cullen RD, p. 02265935/608 (stamped), record #363; digital image, https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births, acc. 30 July 2018.

⁴² Baptisms, Aug. 1, 1851 – Dec. 26, 1880, Parish Register, vol. 2, Dromtarriffe RC Parish, Cork, n.p., baptism of Jeremiah Keily, 16 February 1868; “Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915,” database, Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland microfilm 04264/05.

⁴³ Ireland, Civil Registration, SR District Millstreet, Cullen District, Group Reg. ID. 10738718, Births, 1871, p. 01297736/543 (stamped), Timothy Kiley line 124; acc. 30 July 2018.

⁴⁴ Baptisms, Aug. 1, 1851 – Dec. 26, 1880, Parish Register, vol. 2, Dromtarriffe RC Parish, Cork, n.p., Timothy Keily, 24 April 1871; “Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915,” database, Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland microfilm 04264/05.

⁴⁵ Ireland, Civil Registration, Group Registration ID, Kanturk SRD, Boherbue RD, marriages 1902, p. 05737088 / 192 (stamped), Kiely-Rahilly, line 78; acc. 30 July 2018.

⁴⁶ 1911 Census of Ireland, Cork, Keale, Moher, Form A, household 10, Timothy Kiely.

⁴⁷ Baptisms, Aug. 1, 1851 – Dec. 26, 1880, Parish Register, vol. 2, Dromtarriffe RC Parish, Cork, n.p., Gobnait Keily, 20 Feb 1875; “Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915,” database, Ancestry.com, acc. 23 Feb 2018, citing National Library of Ireland microfilm 04264/05.

⁴⁸ 1900 US census, Fairfield County, Conn., Bridgeport, Henry Halverson household.

Widow Catherine Olmsted of Norwalk in 1790

Patricia L. Haslam, CG retired (1973-2008)

OLMSTED, CATHERINE

0-0-3-0-0¹

Norwalk (listed by Assistant Marshal as "Norwalk and Stamford")

CATHERINE OLMSTED was born c.1722-1726 place unknown, but probably at or near Bristol County, Rhode Island / Bristol County, Massachusetts,² or in Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, where her likely father first appeared in Norwalk records in 1724.³ No original record exists that would confirm her date or place of birth or christening. Her probable parents are **RICHARD PA(R)TRICK** and his wife **MARY (MUNROW)**⁴ who were married 19 Dec 1718 at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts,⁵ and who were in Norwalk by 30 May 1724 when Richard recorded his cattle mark.⁶ She married c. 1750 **DAVID OLMSTED** probably at Norwalk.⁷ Catherine Olmsted's death date and place of burial are unknown, and there is no probate record for her. Norwalk land records contain no records regarding any Olmsted land having been Partrick land and passed to Catherine's dowry.

Some support for Catherine's maiden name is found in her husband David Olmsted's probate papers in which John Patrick of Norwalk, her probable brother (c.1719-Aug. 1808), was appointed as one of two administrators of David Olmsted's estate.⁸ John Patrick was also named guardian of two of Catherine and David Olmsted's children. On 12 Jan 1767 Aaron Olmsted of Norwalk, a minor, chose John Partrick as his guardian, eight years after the death of his father.⁹ And on 7 Aug 1770 Darius Olmsted of Norwalk, a minor, chose John Partrick of Norwalk, to be his guardian.¹⁰

The 1790 Federal census locates her in Norwalk at Cranberry Plain/Poplar Plain as a neighbor of other known Olmsted and Partrick families whose land records confirm that location. Families listed nearby are Samuel Olmsted, James Olmsted, William Fitch, and Widow

¹ 1790 US Census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Norwalk/Stamford, p. 312 (penned), col. 1, Wd. Catherine Olmsted; database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed 5 August 2018, citing National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M637, Roll 1.

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bristol_County%2C_Massachusetts. Part of this Massachusetts county was ceded to Rhode Island in 1746.

³ Norwalk Town Proceedings Vol. 2:16 (1718-1800) upside down in back of the book.

⁴ "Genealogies" on FamilySearch list several entries about David Olmsted and his wife Catherine Patrick with the dates above and with the names of her probable parents. Sources given in these genealogies are "CD #44 and CD #7," as submitted by Olmsted descendants.

⁵ H. L. Peter Rounds, transcriber, *Vital Records of Swansea, MA to 1850*, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, p. 230.

⁶ Norwalk Town Proceedings Vol. 2:16 (1718-1800) recorded upside down in back of the book.

⁷ H. K. Olmsted, *Olmsted genealogy of Essex, England*, 1912, p. 197. "Descendant #3994- David⁴ Olmsted, Norwalk, CT, born 6 Feb 1725; died. 1759; married Catherine Patrick."

⁸ Index File on Estate of Deceased Persons, Connecticut State Library (CSL), Vol. 4681, p. 206, 288, May 1761. See also Probate Estate Paper File #4681 at CSL on microfilm. Fairfield County Probate Court, Vol. XIV p. 487. The other administrator was Nathan Burwell, junior.

⁹ Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, Vol. XV, p. 366.

¹⁰ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. XVII, p. 242.

Ellen Pa(r)trick (wife of Stephen Partrick who died in July 1779), and Asa Patrick (son of Stephen and Ellen).

Catherine Olmsted is not listed as a head of household in the 1800 Federal census of Norwalk. One of two records likely concerning her is dated 30 August 1804, when her son David quit-claimed his share of his mother's dower land.¹¹ This does not necessarily imply that Catherine had died. The second record is for "Cath^e Olmstead" over age 45, living alone, in the 1810 Federal census of Norwalk, though she does not have the title "widow" there.¹² If this is the same woman, she had remained a widow for over 50 years.

Catherine's husband

David Olmsted was born 6 Feb 1724 at Norwalk, the son of John Olmsted and Mary Small. He was age 35 years *if* he was killed in 1759 while serving in the Northern Army, as a boatman on Lake Champlain. This was at the time of the French and Indian War, when he served in the Fairfield militia company under Col. Nehemiah Beardsley.¹³ However, despite this report that he died in 1759, he may have actually passed away after 5 Mar 1760 when he was a grantee to John Husted¹⁴ and before 6 Jan 1761 when administrators were appointed for his estate.

John Partrick and Nathan Burwell, Jun., both of Norwalk, were appointed administrators of the estate of David Olmsted on 6 Jan 1761,¹⁵ and the inventory taken, which was approved 5 May 1761.¹⁶ These papers indicate that he left his widow Catherine and 6 minor children, "the oldest age 10 years, and the youngest a newborn." Most of these children had married before 1790, so that one of the females living with Catherine in 1790 may have been her daughter Mary. The inventory of David Olmsted's estate lists shoemaker's tools, gauges, and knives, indicating his occupation. Real estate as listed in the inventory at that time was:

- Lands in the homestead lying on the East side of the highway containing about 21 acres appraised at £4-8-s. per acre.
- The house and the barn ...
- Lands on the West side of the highway containing about 27 acres.
- The swamp called Lockwood swamp containing about 6 acres.
- Salt meadow at Fruitful Spring "lying for 3 roods."

Distribution of David Olmsted's estate did not occur until 27 Jan 1774, 15 years after his death.¹⁷ Property was set off first to David Olmsted, eldest son, who received 2/3 part of the house plus 2 acres and 108 poles of land the southern boundary of which was land set off to Catherine Olmsted, widow of the deceased. This included "a previledge [*sic*] of the well and

¹¹ Norwalk Land Records (NLR), 25:113.

¹² 1810 U.S. Census, Fairfield County, Conn., Norwalk, p. 147 (stamped), Cath^e Olmstead; NARA microfilm publication M252, roll 1.

¹³ Remarks on p. 195 of *Connecticut Revolutionary War Military Lists 1775-83* state: "Pay Roll for horse travel while on alarm at Fairfield."

¹⁴ NLR, 11:398.

¹⁵ Fairfield District Probate Court, Vol. XIV p. 487.

¹⁶ *Ibid* p. 390-391; and Probate Estate Papers, Estate of David Olmsted 1761, File #4681, CSL.

¹⁷ Probate Estate Papers, CSL, File #4681.

other necessary preivilidges thereof..." Other siblings' distributions in order are: Aaron, Darius, Asa, and Mary Olmsted.

Lastly, is the Norwalk deed Vol. 25:113, dated 30 Aug 1804, referred to above, in which David Olmsted of Rush, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, for the consideration of \$45 received of "my brother Darius Olmsted of Norwalk, County of Fairfield, CT," have quit-claimed in "all right which I have in one-sixth part of a certain piece of land with a dwellinghouse thereon lying in Norwalk at Chestnut Hill so-called, being the same as was set out to our mother Catherine Olmsted in the settlement of our Father's estate as her Dower during her natural life, the same being in quantity 15 acres... bounded West by highway, North by Samuel Gregory, East by Grumman's land, and southerly by the heirs of James Olmsted, deceased..." One boundary on the piece acquired by Darius Olmsted is the North boundary on Richard Partrick's land. This Richard must be Catherine's nephew, son of John and Bethia Partrick. born 29 Mar 1743 and who died in July 1831 at Schoharie County, New York.¹⁸

Children of David and Catherine (Partrick) Olmsted listed in the order in which they appear in the real estate distribution of their father. The number for each is the "Descendant number in the Olmsted genealogy.

- i. David Olmsted, #4078, "eldest son;" b. 1748 at Norwalk; m. Sarah Waller; d. Susquehanna, Pennsylvania.
- ii. Aaron Olmsted, # 4080; m. Hannah Peat; d. Eastport, Maine.
- iii. Darius Olmsted, #4081; m. Esther Gregory; d. 22 Feb 1832.
- iv. Asa Olmsted, #4082; m. Elizabeth Stuart at New Canaan, Connecticut; occupation: shoemaker.
- v. Mary Olmsted, #4083; m. William Rider.
- vi. Moses Olmsted, #4079; m. Hannah Marshall; died 27 Jan 1838 at Virgil, Cortland Co., New York.¹⁹

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¹⁸ Schoharie County Surrogate petition, Book 9, 1-1, undated.

¹⁹ J. W. Marshall, *Moses & Hannah Olmsted*, Seattle: self, 1982, p. 26.

Francis¹ Andrews of Fairfield, Connecticut

Thomas L. Mindrum

FRANCIS¹ ANDREWS was born presumably in England and died in Fairfield, Connecticut, before 5 March 1662/3 when his will was proved. A wife, ANNA, is mentioned in his will¹ but it is not known if she is the mother of his children. Anna married, second, Henry Smith² and died in June 1685.³

There is no record of when Francis immigrated to New England but he was living in Hartford, Connecticut, by 1639. His name is listed in Original Distribution of the Lands in Hartford as being one of the 163 settlers before February, 1640.⁴ The name of Francis Andrews is also listed on the Founders Monument in Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground, erected in 1986 by the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford to replace the original monument that had been erected in 1837.⁵

In Hartford Proprietors Records dated February, 1639, Francis was named as a grantee on six deeds, having purchased a total of fourteen acres of land in transactions with Richard Butler, Nath. Ward, William Andrews and James Ensign. He was also named as a grantor on six deeds, selling twenty-four acres of land to William Holton, John Willcock, James Ensign, Thomas Bull, William Hill and Richard Fellows.⁶ One of his purchases was for the north part of Richard Butler's lot on the corner of the present Elm and Trinity streets in Hartford,⁷ including a dwelling house that with other out houses, yards and gardens contained about one acre and one rood.⁸

He was a member of the First Church, Hartford where his first two sons were baptized.⁹ He removed to Fairfield about 1648.

Francis Andrews wrote his will on 6 Jun 1662 and died sometime between then and 5 March 1662/3 when the will was proved.¹⁰

The will of Francis Andrews of Bankside, near Fairfield.

I give and bequeath ... and my son Thomas my five acres ... and half of it from the highway to the ... Thomas to have the other half next to Daniel Frost's meadow in the upland.

¹ Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, Vol. 1, p. 79, will of Francis Andrews; microfilm 1162 (FHL film 0,004,287), Connecticut State Library (CSL), Hartford.

² Stamford Town Meeting Records, 1630-1723, transcribed 1886, 1:86; CSL microfilm 4240.5, CSL.

³ Stamford Town Meeting Records, 1:108.

⁴ *Original Distribution of the Lands in Hartford among the Settlers, 1639*, Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, 1912.

⁵ <http://josfamilyhistory.com/stories/founders-monument.htm>.

⁶ Hartford Proprietors Records, 1639-1688; CSL microfilm 1559 (FHL microfilm 0,004,510), CSL.

⁷ John V. Beck, *Elisha S. and Lavina (Locke) Andrus, their ancestors and descendants*, J. V. Beck (1985).

⁸ Hartford Proprietors Records, 1639-1688, 254.

⁹ John V. Beck, *Elisha S. and Lavina (Locke) Andrus, their ancestors and descendants*, 1985, p. 22.

¹⁰ Fairfield Probate Records, Book 1, 1648-1664, Hobart Copy, 1880, citing Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, 1:79; Fairfield Museum and History Center, Fairfield, Connecticut. Originals of both the will and the inventory have suffered acid damage since this transcription was made, making parts illegible.

Also I give to my son John three acres of my homelot at the lower end and a piece of land 4 rods wide to the cross fence with the house that is upon it conditionally that he is to set his mother up another house as good as that and to make and maintain a sufficient 5 rail fence to the cross fence.

Also I give unto him three acres of meadow called the Hether bite.

Also I give unto son John a gun and to my son Thomas a gun barrel and a stock. Also I give unto my son Thomas a piece of land to set a house on: from my house chimney to John Cromtons land and so to the cross fence.

Also that they shall not sell any part of their land but to their mother or their own brothers. And they are to have their portions at twenty one years of age unless their mother die or marry. And then they are to have their portions at eighteen years of age.

Also I give to my son Jeremiah a rapier staff and twenty shillings. And to my son Abraham twenty shillings.

Also I give to my daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Hester, Rebecca and Ruth ten shillings apiece at eighteen years.

Also I give to John Cromton with my daughter Hanna three rood of land next his house which he is to fence around in particular to himself with five rails and to maintain it.

Also I give to his daughter Hanna ten shillings to be improved for her use till she is eighteen years of age.

Also I give to my well beloved wife my house and the rest of my land and estate and privileges now or hereafter shall be— And make her whole executrix and desiring Mr. Pell to be overseer of this my will after my decease.

Witness my hand,
Francis Andrews

Witness
Steven Beckwith
Ann Green

Also I give to my son Thomas Andrews that piece of meadow which lies on this side of the bridge on the north side of the ...

Francis Andrews

Witness hereunto Steven Beckwith his hand
Witness Ann Green her hand

At a court held at Fairfield this 5th Mar 1662/3 the will of Francis Andrews was presented and the court approved hereof.

William Hill, Sec.

An inventory of Francis' estate was presented when the will was proved in court on 5 March 1662/3.¹¹

	[£]	[s]	[p]
Item His wearing apparel	04	10	00
Item the bed	05	10	00
Item the brass	02	10	00
Item the trammels	01	10	00
Item the tubs &	02	00	00
Item 2 sickles	00	03	00

¹¹ Fairfield Probate Records, Book 1, Hobart copy, citing Fairfield District records, 1:80.

	[£]	[s]	[p]
Item axes, wedges, irons	00	14	00
Item leather	00	10	00
Item meal	00	10	00
Item wheat 6 bushels.....	03	10	00
Item wheat.....	00	04	00
Item ... and staff	00	16	00
Item Indian corn.....	03	03	00
Item a warming pan, shot molds and bullet molds	00	03	00
Item swine.....	04	00	00
Item a Cowe a two year old and yearling.....	08	10	00
Item hay	00	16	00
Item robes	00	03	00
Item 1 gun 1 barrel 1 stock	01	10	00
Item a mare & colt	12	00	00
Item a cart & plows & yoke.....	01	06	00
Item the house & 5 acres of land more or less	20	00	00
Item 5 acres of meadow & 5 upland	15	00	00
Item 2 spades	00	02	00
(Total Personal.....	55	15	00)
(Total Real Estate.....	35	00	00)
(Total.....	90	15	00)

Item 2 parcels of land in the homelot and to the cross fence & one piece 4 rod wide
3 acres of meadow in the first bite and 3 acres at the rear of the lot, 2 acres & half upland in the
upland. These are given to John Andrews and to Thomas Andrews a piece of land from the
highway to the cross fence. And from the chimney to Cramp fence and 2 acres & half of land in
the upland & 2 Acres of meadow at bridge

Due from Robert Beachem	01	10	00
Due from Goodman Smith 2 bushels of corn	00	05	00
Due from Samuel Smith half a bushel corn			

This Inventory taken by us Daniell Frost
Samuell Drake

The widow took oath that this is a true Inventory according the best of her knowledge
5 March 1662/63
William Hill

With a total estate of 90£ 15s, Francis was one of the least prosperous of thirteen of the
author's ancestors examined in Fairfield County from 1652-1663. Although Francis' estate
inventory indicates that he owned fifteen acres of land, no Fairfield deeds survive showing the
purchase of the land. His will indicates that he lived in "Bankside, near Fairfield" which is the
name that was used to describe modern Greens Farms, Connecticut.

About 1664, Ann Andrews married second, Henry Smith of Stamford. A prenuptial
agreement dated 21 January 1664 (1663/4?) concerned legacies to her three children Rebecca,

Ruth and Abraham.¹² Anna Andrews sold the housing and land that she had inherited to Simon Couch on 14 March 1663/4,¹³ presumably because she would now be living with Henry Smith in Stamford. Ann Smith died in Stamford "the second week of June 1685."¹⁴ Henry Smith wrote his will in Stamford on 4 July 1687¹⁵ and died sometime after that.

When Francis Andrews died in 1662/3, his oldest son, John, was only about sixteen years of age and too young to own the land that was left to him in Andrews' will. On 28 February 1673, a deed was recorded in Fairfield for four parcels of land that John had "by legacy from his deceased father Andrews."¹⁶

Children: Francis¹ Andrews and perhaps Anna (___?___) Andrews had ten children. All were named in his will¹⁷ and listed with details in Jacobus' account of the family.¹⁸

- i. HANNAH² ANDREWS, m. John Crampton of Norwalk. They had a daughter, HANNAH CRAMPTON, who was mentioned in Francis Andrews' will.¹⁹
- ii. ELIZABETH ANDREWS
- iii. JOHN ANDREWS, baptized in First Church, Hartford, 27 September 1646. He married Bethia Kirby. She was born in Middletown, Connecticut, 14 February 1658/9, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Kirby. John died prior to 20 December 1683 when an inventory of his estate was prepared. He left a son and a daughter under age, John and Sarah.
- iv. THOMAS ANDREWS, baptized in First Church, Hartford 2 January 1647/8. He married Elizabeth Porter. She was born in Farmington, Connecticut, 11 January 1653/4, the daughter of Robert Porter. Their children were Elizabeth, Mercy, Thomas, Hannah, Mary, John, Sarah, Ruth, Rebecca, Abigail. Thomas died in Milford, Connecticut, about 1718.
- v. MARY ANDREWS, perhaps married first, Peter Norton of Fairfield and second, after 1670, Hugh Griffin.
- vi. ESTHER ANDREWS
- vii. REBECCA ANDREWS, lived in the Groves family, Stratford, prior to 1673, married 7 July 1678, as his second wife, Samuel Benedict.
- viii. JEREMIAH ANDREWS, married Hannah Gold in Stamford on 8 September 1697, Connecticut. He died by 5 August 1713. Their children were John, Ann, Jeremiah and Jeremiah.
- viii. ABRAHAM ANDREWS, married Rebecca Carrington. They lived in Waterbury where he was a deputy in 1712. Their children were Rebecca, Mary, Hannah, Abraham, Sarah, Rachel, John and Thomas. Abraham died in 1729.
- ix. RUTH ANDREWS

¹² Stamford Town Meeting Records, 1:86

¹³ Fairfield Proprietors Records, Vol. A1, p. 346

¹⁴ Stamford Town Meeting Records, 1:108

¹⁵ Fairfield Probate District, Packet No. 5931, Henry Smith of Stamford, 1687; digital image, "Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999," database, ancestry.com, accessed 31 July 2018.

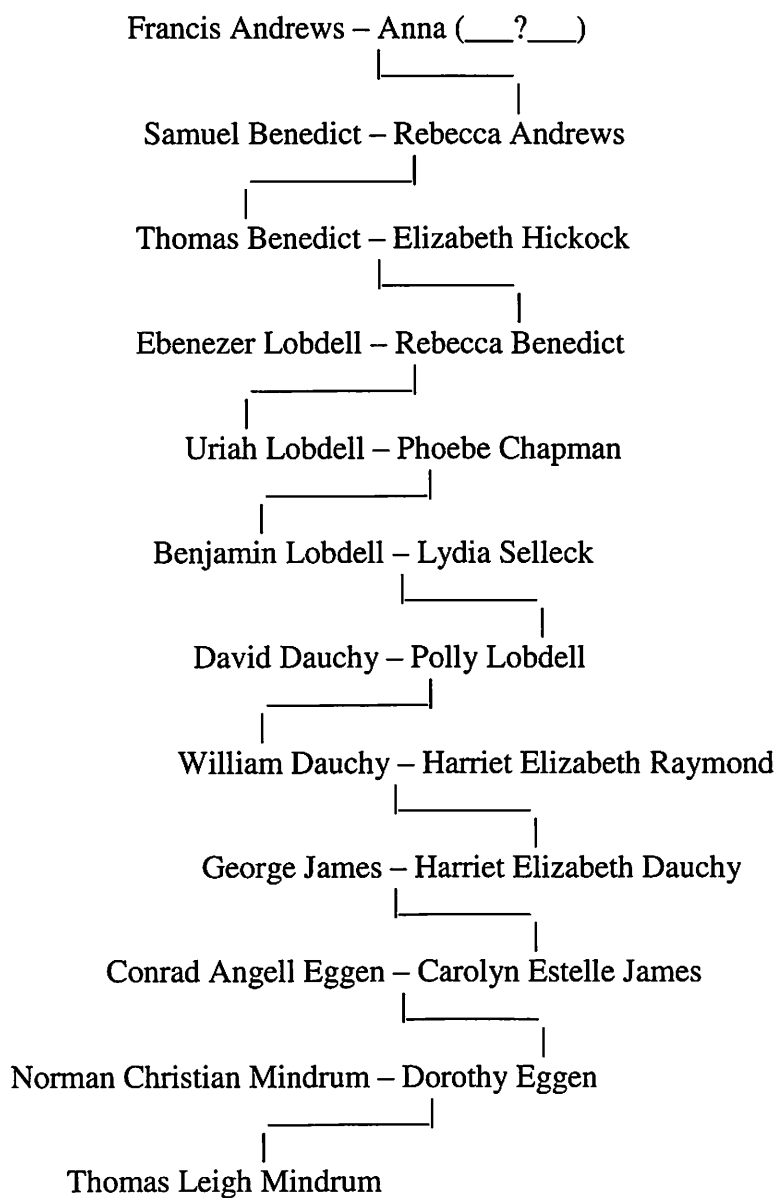
¹⁶ Fairfield Proprietors Records, Vol. A1, p. 349

¹⁷ Fairfield Probate District, 1:79.

¹⁸ Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., New Haven, CT, 1943, 1:18-19.

¹⁹ Fairfield Probate District, 1:79.

ANDREWS Descent to the Author



Three Early Guire Generations: Luke, Luke and Luke, and their wives Mary Adams, Rebecca Odell and Mary Adams, of Fairfield

Thomas L. Mindrum

Little is known about the life of LUKE GUIRE, senior, including where or when he was born or died. No birth or baptism record has been found but he married MARY ADAMS on 23 or 25 February 1663¹ so presumably was he born by 1643 or so. He died before 7 August 1671 when his wife (with a different surname) and son were named in the will of his father-in-law EDWARD ADAMS.²

No land records have been discovered for Luke Guire in Fairfield deed books. It is possible that Luke and Mary lived in a dwelling on the land of Mary's father. Luke's name is not mentioned in records of early Fairfield landowners, including "A list of the lots drawn for Sasqua Land in the New Field 8 February 1668/9," "Names of persons who shared in the second division of Sasqua Lands 30 January 1668/9," "A list of the inhabitant's proportions of lands in the commons granted to the inhabitants in the year 1670/1," and "A list of the building lots, pasture lots, and long lots granted the inhabitants of the town January 1670/1."³ Nor is he named in "A list of the names of the freemen of the town of Fairfield October 1669."⁴ No death record, will, or inventory has been discovered for him.

Mary (Adams) Guire

Mary Adams was born about 1647⁵ and died before 7 May 1712⁶ when her will was proved. Mary's father and brothers are identified in records generated for them but which contain her name. The earliest, dated 7 August 1671, is the will of Edward Adams of Fairfield who named his daughter, Mary "Murwin," and her son, Luke Guire.⁷ This document is evidence that Luke Guire senior had died at an earlier date and that Mary Guire had remarried. The will also names Edward's sons Samuel, Abraham, Nathaniel, John and Nathan Adams, who are connected to Mary in later documents, and a wife Mary.

Mary had received a gift of four acres of land in Barlow Plain from her father in 1668⁸ and was to trade that land for a different lot according to a subsequent deed in 1673.⁹ No surname is provided for Mary in the 1668 document.

¹ Clarence A. Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985, p. 330.

² Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, Vol. 2, pp. 60-61, will of Edward Adams; Microfilm 1162 (Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 0,004,287), Connecticut State Library (CSL), Hartford.

³ Elizabeth Hubbell Schenck, *The History of Fairfield, Fairfield County Connecticut*, published by the author, New York, 1889, Vol. 1, pp. 328-329, 334-335. Schenck cites these sources for each list: "List of lots . . .": Fairfield Town Records (FTR), B:15; "Names of persons . . .": FTR, B:31; "List of inhabitants . . .": FTR, B:66; "List of the buildings . . .": FTR, B:70.

⁴ Charles J. Hoadly, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from May, 1665 to November, 1677*, Hartford: Press of Case, Lockwood and Brainard, 1868, p. 521.

⁵ Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield* (hereafter *Families of Old Fairfield*), Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., New Haven, CT, 1943, p. 1:7-8.

⁶ Connecticut Probate Court Fairfield Probate District records, Vol. 5, pp. 201, 201a, 202.

⁷ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 2, pp. 60-61, will of Edward Adams.

⁸ Fairfield Land Records, A:126.

Marriages

Torrey wrote that Mary Adams “m. 1, Luke Guire on 23 or 25 Feb 1663, m. 2, _____ Merwin, m. 3, Stephen Sherwood.”¹⁰ Paul Prindle, FASG, wrote that Mary Guire married, second, Samuel Robinson and, third, Thomas Merwin, citing a manuscript on the Adams family compiled by Edward Bradford Adams and deposited with the Fairfield Historical Society.¹¹ The usually reliable Prindle apparently misread the Adams source. This manuscript actually states that Mary Guire “m. 1 Sam. Robinson (Jacobus omits), 2. Luke Guire, 3. Thomas Merwin, 4. Stephen Sherwood.” No sources are cited.

Jacobus does not mention Samuel Robinson in *Families of Old Fairfield*. Other accounts of Mary's life do not mention a marriage to Samuel Robinson or the given name of her husband, Mr. Merwin. It is apparent, however, that she married Merwin before her father wrote his will (since she already had the surname Merwin). Mary married last, Stephen Sherwood, as his third wife.¹² Sherwood had married first, Rebecca Turney, daughter of Robert Turney and Mary Odell. He married second, Hannah Jackson Galpin, widow of Philip Galpin and daughter of Henry Jackson.¹³

Mary (Adams) inherited from her brothers

Mary's brother, John Adams, died intestate in late 1693. An inventory of his estate along with a “writing card the uncupative will” (should be “nuncupative,” i.e. oral) was presented at the County Court in Fairfield on 7 November 1693. The will named his brothers Samuel, Abraham and Nathan, and his sister Mary. John's inventory included £123 in real estate and £22 10s in “moveables” (personal estate). The court accepted the inventory but disallowed the will, and ordered that the estate be divided into fourths, with the three surviving brothers (Samuel, Abraham and Nathan) dividing the real estate equally. Mary was to receive the moveables, with her brothers paying her the difference between her one-fourth share and the value of the moveables.¹⁴ With the total estate valued at £145 10s, a quarter share was worth £36 7s 6p. Thus Mary's brothers owed her £13 7s 6p.

In 1694, Abraham Adams, as administrator for the estate of Samuel Adams, received £8 15s as a debt owed by the estate of John Adams¹⁵ and Nathan Adams similarly received £10 17s 7d from John's estate.¹⁶ So it appears there was sufficient money available to pay Mary her share. Abraham Adams died with an estate that totaled over £1,630. But for reasons that were certainly not financial, the payment came into dispute. One year later on 6 November 1694, Mary brought suit against her brothers in Fairfield and was awarded £6 16s 6d.¹⁷

⁹ Fairfield Land Records, A:304.

¹⁰ Torrey, 330.

¹¹ Paul W. Prindle, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie (Mrs. William Sperry Beinecke)*, Summit, N.J. : P.W. Prindle c1976, p. 447, p. 475.

¹² *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. 1:8.

¹³ Edgar J. Bullard, *Bennett and Allied Families, Addenda to Bullard and Allied Families*, Detroit, Mich., 1931, p. 35.

¹⁴ Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, Vol. 4, p. 90; Microfilm 1162 (FHL microfilm 0,004,287), CSL.

¹⁵ Connecticut Archives, “Private Controversies,” Vol. VI, p. 29; CSL.

¹⁶ Connecticut Archives, “Private Controversies,” Vol. VI, p. 30; CSL.

¹⁷ Connecticut Archives, “Private Controversies,” Vol. VI, p. 26; CSL.

On 4 September 1696, Joseph Seeley and Samuel Lyon testified that they had appraised 9.5 acres of land owned by Nathan Adams at £9 10s, and that Nathan had agreed that Mary's son, Luke Quire, should have the land in payment of his debt to Mary.¹⁸ Three months later, on 26 Feb 1696/7, Mary appointed her son, Luke Quire, "my agent or attorney to demand and receive of the Administrators of my deceased brother John's estate, one fourth part of said estate."¹⁹ Five years later, on 1 March 1700/1, Abraham and Nathan Adams were once again in court to answer Stephen Sherwood, now the husband of Mary (Adams) (Merwin), and were ordered "to pay the fourth part of the inventory which is thirty six pounds and eight shillings."²⁰ Later that year on 4 November 1701, Abraham and Nathan appealed the case in Fairfield County Court, but lost yet again and were ordered to pay £14 5s 8p and cost of court.²¹ Finally on 5 May 1702, "Mary Murwin now Sherwood did declare to Abraham Adams that she did withdraw her review and that he should not now go to Hartford about that case which we understood was the case in which she sued Abraham Adams and Nathan Adams as administrators to John Adams his estate for her part of the same."²² Apparently, Mary had brought suit in Hartford against her brothers who had still refused to pay her share. Whether Mary simply dropped the suit or whether the brothers finally paid her is unknown, but for a dispute over a relatively small amount of money to last nearly nine years indicates some kind of breakdown in the relationship between Mary and her brothers.

Mary's will

Mary Sherwood wrote her will on 22 March 1711/2. The will, along with an inventory of her estate dated 14 April 1712, was proved in Fairfield Probate Court on 7 May 1712, so she died sometime between those two dates. Her will and inventory are reproduced below.

I Mary Sherwood being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory God be thanked therefor knowing the mortality of human nature and that it is appointed for all once to die and being under the apprehensions of approaching death do desire to set my house in order before I go hence to be here no more do make and ordain this as my last will and testament. First of all I commit my soul into the hands of God that created it hoping through the grace of God and the meritorious satisfaction of ... Jesus Christ at the great and general resurrection to be raised unto a glorious life my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred by my friends & relations. My worldly estate which God hath merciful lent me I dispose of as followeth

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my loving grandson Luke Quire six pair of sheets and six napkins and my sermon book, sundry titles, one title is of the fall of man and a pewter basin and one porringer.

2. I give and bequeath unto my loving granddaughter Hellinah Quire six pair of sheets and six napkins and a good pewter basin and one new porringer and I give her my little brass kettle and my little iron kettle and my best feather bed & one of my wrought cover lids and the other coverlid to Mary.

¹⁸ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 32; CSL.

¹⁹ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 31; CSL.

²⁰ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 33; CSL.

²¹ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 33; CSL.

²² Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 36; CSL.

3. I give and bequeath unto my loving granddaughter Mary Quire my bible, six pair of sheets and six napkins and one of my great pewter basins and one new porringer any my great iron kettle & great iron pot & my great chest, my best feather bed.

4. I give and bequeath unto my loving granddaughter Hannah Quire six pair of sheets and six napkins and one of my ~~great~~ basins and one new porringer and my great brass kettle and little iron pot & my great coverlid and another coverlid.

5. I give and bequeath unto my grandson Ebenezer Quire six pair of sheets one pair being cotton and six napkins and a pewter basin and a pair of cotton pillow beers being half linen also I give him ~~my~~ one of my narrow brimmed platters. Also my will is that what I have give to ~~my grand~~ Ebenezer shall be disposed of to my grandson Luke in case said Ebenezer doth not return from ...

6. I give also unto my said granddaughter Hellinah the choice of my two pair of cotton & linen pillow beers and the other of the two pillow beers to my granddaughter Mary.

7. Also I give unto my afore named grandchildren to each of them two pairs of pillow beers but my said Hannah one of her part to be laced.

8. Also I give unto my grandson Luke Quire one pair of cotton pillow beers and one of my narrow brim platters & towards my burial expenses I give him five yards of ... Also one of my coverlids. Also I give unto each of my fore named granddaughters two pewter platters, a pair of pillow beers that I may have not disposed of to each of them a pair. Also I give to my granddaughter Mary my new scarf and my blue stuff coat.

9. I give unto my afore named grandchildren any table cloths and towels to be equally divided between them also I give to my above said granddaughter Hellinah my new chest and to Hannah my old chest.

Also I give unto my fore named grandchildren nine pair of ~~pillow-beers~~ sheets to be equally divided between them. Also I give unto my granddaughter Mary my pint and quart pot & I give unto Hannah aforesaid my pint pot and my half pint cup my warming pan I give also to Mary. To Hellinah above said I give my frying pan & tongs and my trammel I give to Hannah.

Also my will and meaning is that in case either of my aforementioned granddaughters die before they are married then what I have given to her ~~shall~~ that shall decease she return to the surviving sisters to be equally divided among them.

Furthermore my will is that if either of my other afore named grandchildren shall contend about what I have given them they shall lose ~~my~~ their part which I gave and that to be equally divided among the rest.

Finally my will is ordain and constitute afore named grandson Luke Quire to be the whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament. And also I appoint John Gold to be helpful to my said grandson in the execution of my will ~~in~~ for the more satisfying performance and confirmation of this my last will & testament. I have signed hereunto this 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord 1711/12.
Mary Sherwood, M her mark

Signed in the presence of
Daniel Adams
John Gold

Daniel Adams and John Gold appeared before the Court of Probates held in Fairfield May the 7th 1712 and made oath that they were witnesses to the above will and testament of Mary Sherwood and that they saw the said Mary Sherwood the testator sign ... the ... will and testament and in their observation they judged her said Mary to be in her right mind and understanding at the time of so doing

The last will and testament of Mary Sherwood late deceased being exhibited to the Court of Probates held in Fairfield May 7th 1712 for and unto of settlement said will being proved is by this Court approved and ordered to be recorded.

April 14, 1712. The inventory of the widow Mary Sherwood.

	£	s	d
One brass kettle of 16 gallons 2£10s 1 brass kettle 3s one iron pot 1£.....	03	13	00
One iron kettle 10s 1 iron pot 10s 1 brass kettle 1£ one iron pot 15s			
2 basins p...9s.....	03	04	00
4 small platters 1£ 2 ... pewter platters 15s 3 basins 13s6d 2 bigger basins 10s.	02	18	06
3 porringers 9s 3 old porringers 6s 1 pint pot 2 cups 8s 1 warming pan 15s			
1 ... 8s.....	02	6	00
1 pair of tongs 5s 1 feather bed with ... 3£10s	03	10	00
1 feather bed 2£10s 2 feather pillows one bolster belonging to the	03	10	00
1 bolster 3 small pillows 16s 1 colored coverlid 1£ one ... coverlid 1£.....	02	16	00
2 bed blankets 2£ one checkered coverlid 1£ 2 old coverlids 10s 2 old	04	03	00
1 great chest 1£8s 1 small chest 10s 1 old chest 5s one bible 6s one book 2s ...	02	05	00
6 sheets 1£16s 10 pair of tow sheets 15£ 17 pillow cases 3£8s			
4 pair of tow sheets 6£	26	04	00
9 towels 10s 4 tow table cloths 16s one pair cotton petticoats			
one linen one 13s	01	19	00
36 napkins 7£4s 11 pairs tow sheets 16£ one pair cotton and linen 13s			
petticoats	24	14	00
4 cotton pillow cases 1£ one pair ... petticoats cotton 1£ 3 petticoats linen 9s...	02	09	00
10 pair of sheets 15£ one pair cotton and linen sheets 3£			
2 pair cotton sheets 5£.....	23	00	00
one pair cotton and linen petticoats 1£2s			
2 pillow cases one cotton 8s five ... 5s.....	01	15	00
4 table cloths 1£9s one pair of linen petticoats 5s 2 nap ... 6s 6 capes 1£2s.....	03	02	00
one apron 3s 4 handkerchiefs 1£ one pair of ... 3s one old c... 5s one c... ..	02	01	00
1/1 of a thousand of pence 1s3d 2 b... apparel 4s 2 old petticoats 8s.....	00	13	03
1 flannel coat 1£ one flannel gown 1£ one riding hood 1£ one ... gown 15s.....	03	15	00
1 pair of st... 10s 1 trammel 7s one small tub 3s one fan 1s6d 1 earthen pan.....	01	02	00
2 pots 6s 1 small basin 3s 2 other basins 1s ... 1s 2 ch... 6s	00	16	03
1 bushel wheat m... and half 9s 1... tray 1s8d 1 glass b... 1s.....	00	10	08
2 barrels 3s 1 small wheel 9s 10 ... 1s 1 ... 1£11s6d	02	04	06
one remnant of s... 1£10s : a house and homelot 40£ : 2 spones 2s be...			
2 bed cords 5s			
1 pair of sheets 10s			
Joseph L. Sh...			

Samuell Lyon
Apprizers

Luke Guire appear for the Court of Probates held in Fairfield May 7, 1712 and gave oath to the truth of the above inventory and if anything belonging to the estate he will cause it be inserted.

As Mary's inventory refers to her as Widow Mary Sherwood, it is evident that her husband, Stephen, preceded her in death. Her only known son, Luke Guire died prior to 11 April 1699 when his inventory was taken and her daughter-in-law, Rebecca (Odell) Guire had remarried Robert Turney by about 1701, so the only heirs named in her will were her five Guire grandchildren, Luke, Helena, Ebenezer, Mary and Hannah. Each grandchild was to receive six pair of sheets and six napkins along with other assorted linens and household items. Although Mary's house and home lot were listed in her inventory, she had previously given them to her grandson Luke Guire 3rd on 3 March 1711/2. She had also given him her interest in her father Edwards Adams' long lot that she had inherited from him.²³ Thus, she died owning only the personal effects in her home.

Luke Guire and Mary Adams had one known child:

2. i. Luke Guire

2. **LUKE GUIRE** was born before 7 August 1671 when he was named in the will of his grandfather, Edward Adams,²⁴ and died a young man, probably around age 30, before 11 Apr 1699 when an inventory was taken of his own estate.²⁵ He married REBECCA ODELL about 1686 in Fairfield.²⁶ Rebecca was probably born by 1670. After the death of Luke Guire, she married, second, Robert Turney, about 1701. She died before 11 January 1741/2 when her son Robert Turney was appointed administrator of her estate.²⁷

Luke is mentioned twice in Fairfield Land Records and Deeds. First, in December 1673, a deed was recorded that mirrored Edward Adams' will. Edward gave to his daughter Mary Murwin, and after her decease to her son Luke Guire, two acres of land in Barlow's Plain.²⁸ Since Luke died before his mother, he never inherited this land. The second mention came on 5 November 1690. "John Seeley of Fairfield ... sell to Luke Wire of same place ... that part of Sgt. George Squire's long lot which I had of said Squire ... the whole breadth of it forty rods long the said land lying in Fairfield near the Mill River by the saw mill ... for the same consideration sell the dwelling house that stands on the said land ..."²⁹ Since Luke's son, the third Luke Guire, was born about this time, it seems likely that Luke and Rebecca Guire wanted a home of their own to raise their family.

²³ Fairfield Land Records, Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 294.

²⁴ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 2, pp. 60-61, will of Edward Adams.

²⁵ Fairfield Probate District Records, Vol. 4, pp. 203-203a, Luke Guire Inventory; CSL microfilm 338, (FHL microfilm 1,018,775), CSL.

²⁶ Clarence A. Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985, p. 330.

²⁷ Fairfield Connecticut Probate Vol. 7, p. 272.

²⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 304.

²⁹ Fairfield Land Records and Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 18 and Vol. 3, p. 114.

Rebecca Guire renewed her covenant at Fairfield First Congregational Church on 14 June 1696, the same date as her children Luke and Mary were baptized.³⁰

Luke Guire left no will. His inventory, taken by Matthew Sherwood and James Bennett and dated 7 April 1699, is summarized below.

	£	s	d
Apparel.....	2	12	0
Arms and ammunition.....	2	0	0
Food and provisions, crops on the ground.....	26	11	0
Animals.....	48	15	0
Tools.....	13	16	0
Household goods.....	5	5	3
Beds, bedding and linens.....	15	5	0
Miscellaneous.....	3	2	0
Total Personal Estate.....	117	6	3
Total Real Estate: Buildings and lands.....	117	0	0
Total Estate.....	234	6	3 ³¹

Of twenty-five Mindrum ancestors studied in Colonial Connecticut between 1690-1699, their inventory values ranged from £44 to £1719. With an estate of £234, Luke was eighteenth on the list, but he had not had a lot of time to accumulate wealth by the time he died.

The names and ages of Luke's children were noted in the inventory: "Luke the eldest son near 10 years of age, Elenah near 7 years & a half old, Ebenezer about 6 years old, Mary 4 years old, Hannah about two years old, John 9 months old."

Finally, the court noted at the bottom of the inventory document:

Luke Guire deceased, he dying intestate, an inventory of his estate being exhibited to the Prerogative Court held in Fairfield 11 April 1699 in order to a settlement. The Court do approve the said inventory and do order it to be recorded and do appoint and empower the widow Rebecka Guire with her brother John Odell to administer the said estate to pay and receive all just debts due to and from the said estate and make return of the clear estate when called for.

John Odell, Jr. and widow Rebecka Guire, the above named administrators, do acknowledge themselves bound in a bond of two hundred twenty pounds for a faithful discharge of their administration on the estate and to return a true account of the estate to the Court when called for.

Acknowledged before me this 2 day of May 1699, Nathan Gold, Clerk.

In cases of a person dying intestate, as did Luke Guire, the Probate Court would normally determine the distribution of the deceased's estate, with the widow receiving one-third of both

³⁰ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 1, 17.

³¹ Fairfield Probate District Records, Vol. 4, pp. 203-203a, Luke Guire inventory; CSL microfilm 338, (FHL microfilm 1,018,775), CSL.

real and personal estate (the widow's dowry) and the children each receiving an equal portion (sometimes the eldest son received a double portion) of the balance. No record of Luke's estate distribution has been found, but it is evident that one was made from the following court documents.

Some of the heirs of Luke Guire being come of age to receive their portion the Court of Probate was held in Fairfield January 3, 1710 do therefore desire and appoint Capt. Joseph Wakeman and Sargt. Gideon Allen to make distribution of the estate of Guire according to a former order of Court for distribution of said estate. Hannah Guire makes choice of their brother Luke Guire to be her guardian and the said Luke Guire acknowledges himself bound to the Court in the recognizance of forty pounds for a faithful discharge of his guardianship according to law.³²

Since Luke Guire 3rd was born about 1689, he reached the age of 21 by 1710, and petitioned the Court to make distribution of his portion of his father's estate. At the same time, his sister Hannah needed an adult male to be her guardian and chose her brother Luke.

In 1716, at age nineteen or so, Hannah Guire chose her mother's second husband, Robert Turney (her "father in law"), to be her new guardian, freeing her brother Luke of the responsibility, as he was married and raising his own family by this date.

Hannah Guire makes choice of her father in law, Robert Turney, to be her guardian which the Court of Probate held in Fairfield January 3, 1716, do approve. And the said Robert Turney acknowledged himself bound to the Court in the recognizance of forty pounds for faithful discharge of his guardianship according to law.³³

Rebecca Odell Guire, who had six children by Luke Guire, went on to have six more children by her second husband, Robert Turney. Two of her children were to become direct ancestors of the author: Luke Guire 3rd, and John Turney, son of her second husband Robert Turney.

Children of Luke and Rebecca:³⁴ (birth years calculated from the ages in the inventory)

3.
 - i. LUKE GUIRE, b. ca 1689.
 - ii. HELENA GUIRE, b. ca. 1691; bp. 18 Apr 1697 in Fairfield. She died after 1752. Called also Ellen and Eleanor, she married James Stewart, of Norwalk and Kent.
 - iii. EBENEZER GUIRE, b. ca. 1693, bp. 18 Apr 1697 in Fairfield.
 - iv. MARY GUIRE, b. ca. 1695, she was baptized 14 Jun 1696 in Fairfield. She married Jonah Turney who was born about 1690.
 - v. HANNAH GUIRE, b. ca. 1697, she was baptized 18 Apr 1697 in Fairfield. She married (1) Samuel Hall; m. (2) after 1730, Jonathan Squire.
 - vi. JOHN GUIRE, bp. 21 Aug 1698 in Fairfield. He died before 1712.

³² Fairfield Probate District, papers, packet #2617, 1699, Luke Guire; CSL microfilm 315 (FHL 1,018,752), CSL. Also, Fairfield Probate District records, 5:391, Luke Guire; CSL microfilm 338, (FHL 1,018,775), CSL.

³³ Luke Guire inventory, p. 390.

³⁴ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. 1:248.

3. LUKE GUIRE was born about 1689 in Fairfield and baptized there on 14 June 1696. He died in Fairfield on 10 May 1751.³⁵ He married MARY ADAMS, his first cousin once removed, about 1711.³⁶ Mary was born about 1698 in Fairfield and baptized there on 2 Oct 1698,³⁷ daughter of NATHAN ADAMS and MARY JAMES. She died before 10 Jun 1767 when her will was proved.³⁸ Nathan was a son of Edward Adams and brother of Mary (Adams) (Guire) (Merwin) Sherwood, this Luke's grandmother.

Luke was identified as a carpenter in a 1717 land deed when he was about 28 years of age. However, the inventory of his estate taken after he died in 1751 revealed only a few tools (hand saw, tennant [tenon] saw, square & compass and two chisels) that would be thought of as carpenter's tools, so it is quite possible that he had abandoned carpentry and become a farmer and manager of his large estate.

Luke renewed his covenant at Fairfield First Congregational Church on 23 November 1712, the same date that his first child, Sarah, was baptized. His second child, Ebenezer, was baptized on 27 April 1718 and his third child, Johannah, was baptized on 28 February 1719/20.³⁹ No baptismal records have been found for his eight children born after Johannah. As Luke's uncle Abraham Adams was a founder of Trinity Episcopal Church and his father-in-law, Nathan, was a vestryman there,⁴⁰ it is quite possible that Luke and family removed to Trinity. Unfortunately, Trinity's early church records (if they existed at all) were all lost when the British burned Fairfield in 1779, so no church records of baptism, marriage or burial can be found.

Despite his relatively humble beginnings, Luke was involved in at least 38 real estate transactions recorded in Fairfield deed books, 23 as the grantor and 15 as the grantee. He died a wealthy man, with a total estate of £5,547 of which £4,211 was real estate. He first acquired land in 1712 at about the age of 22 when his mother gifted him the part of the long lot that she had inherited from her father, Edward Adams. She also gifted him the two-acre home lot and house in Barlow's Plain that she lived in.⁴¹

Luke received additional land on 21 January 1713/4 in an agreement with his uncles Abraham and Nathan Adams and cousins Daniel, Abraham, Junr., David and John Adams. This deed divided part of Edward Adams long lot in Fairfield into seven parcels, each 40 rods in length, 20 rods in width, a total of 6.25 acres per parcel.⁴²

Luke appears to have sold the house and lot he received from his mother to Joseph Wakeman in 1717,⁴³ shortly before he bought a 1.5 acre lot from his cousin Nathan Adams,

³⁵ Greens Farms Congregational Church, Parish Register, v. 1, Deaths, 1744-1822, unpaginated; manuscript, Fairfield Museum and History Center, Fairfield, Connecticut. Transcription by B. Dempsey held by CAS.

³⁶ Date based on 1712 baptismal date of eldest child, Sarah.

³⁷ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 18.

³⁸ Fairfield Probate District Packet #2620, 1767.

³⁹ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 1, 24, 28, 29.

⁴⁰ Rev. Edmund Gilbert, D.D., *Annals of an Old Parish, Historical Sketches of Trinity Church, Southport, Connecticut, 1725 to 1898*, published by Thomas Whittaker, 2 and 3 Bible House, New York, 1898, pp. 36, 165.

⁴¹ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 294.

⁴² Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 227.

⁴³ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 280.

Junr.⁴⁴ Also in 1717, "John Adams of Greenwich, blacksmith, for forty-eight pounds [sold] to Luke Guire, carpenter ... one full sixth part of two long lots, one formerly belonging to Edward Adams, the other formerly belonging to Joseph Patchin and bought by my father [Samuel Adams]".⁴⁵ In February 1720/1, Luke's fortunes improved dramatically when his father-in-law sold him half of John Tompkins long lot for fifty pounds and gave the other half to Luke's wife (Nathan's daughter) Mary.⁴⁶ Nathan and Abraham Adams had bought the long lot from Tompkins in 1715 and then Nathan acquired Abraham's half portion in 1720. In March 1720/1, Luke sold twelve acres in Fairfield to John Morehouse for 140 pounds, on a deed that recorded the consent of Robert and Rebecca Turney. Rebecca was Luke's mother and the widow of Luke's father. Apparently she had inherited property as part of the "widow's dowry" and Luke desired her affirmation that this property was not part of her dowry.

Then in September 1720, Luke expanded his holdings substantially by acquiring John Fitch's long lot from Robert Silliman for 130 pounds.⁴⁷ Then in 1722/3 Luke bought for 150 pounds from Thomas Williams, Junr., one third of the long lot originally laid out to Francis Bradley.⁴⁸ Then in early 1724/5, he traded a fifty-one acre parcel of his land to Ephraim Bradley for Ephraim's portion of the Francis Bradley lot.⁴⁹ Then in late 1735, he traded a parcel of land in the Fitch long lot to Samuel Smith for the "whole right" of the Thomas Staples' lot.⁵⁰

From 1726 to 1751, Luke sold land for cash on eight occasions. He did a land exchange with son Ebenezer Guire in 1742,⁵¹ sold fifty acres in the Staples lot in Reading to son-in-law Enos Lee for £318 in 1744,⁵² did a trade of highways with the town of Fairfield in 1749,⁵³ and gifted 24 acres to son John Guire in 1750.⁵⁴

Luke died sometime prior to 4 June 1751 when his wife, Mary Guire, was named administratrix of his estate. Mary, as principal, and son Nathan Guire, as surety, posted bond of two thousand pounds for a proper accounting of Luke's estate.⁵⁵

On 6 June 1751 Joseph Wakeman, John Andrews and Nathaniel Adams took an inventory of Luke's estate, summarized below.⁵⁶

June 6th 1751 here followeth the inventory of Luke Wire of Fairfield deceased taken by us whose names are underwritten being appointed & sworn according to law (Joseph Wakeman, John Andrews, Nathaniel Adams, prizers) & is as followeth, viz.

⁴⁴ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 295.

⁴⁵ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 293.

⁴⁶ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 256, 257.

⁴⁷ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 110.

⁴⁸ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 356.

⁴⁹ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 651.

⁵⁰ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 5, p. 487.

⁵¹ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 7, p. 338.

⁵² Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 216.

⁵³ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 176.

⁵⁴ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 10, p. 102.

⁵⁵ Fairfield Probate District Packet #2619, 1751.

⁵⁶ Fairfield Probate District Packet #2619, 1751.

	£	s	d
Apparel.....	25	3	0
Arms and ammunition.....	8	0	0
Food and provisions, crops on the ground.....	211	8	0
Animals.....	553	10	0
Tools.....	119	9	0
Household goods.....	84	3	0
Beds, bedding and linens.....	324	10	0
Miscellaneous.....	10	0	0
Total Personal Estate.....	1336	3	0
Total Real Estate: Buildings and lands, 314 acres.....	4211	0	0
Total Estate.....	5547	3	0

With an estate of £5547, Luke Guire was by far the wealthiest of nine Mindrum ancestors who died in Fairfield County between 1726 and 1751.

Because Luke left no will, his estate was distributed on 6 December 1751 by Joseph Wakeman and John Andrews, two of the men who had recorded his inventory. Expenses incurred after Luke's death and debts of £436 owed to 36 debtors had reduced his personal estate from £1336 to £756.

Mary Guire, Luke's wife, received the customary "widow's third" of the personal estate, £251, and real estate, £1327. The distributors then divided the balance of the estate into eleven equal parts. Ebenezer Guire as the eldest son received a double share of £826 14s 4d. The other nine children each received £413 7s 2d. Ebenezer and John Guire had each received gifts of land from their father during his lifetime and the value of this land was deducted from their settlement. Likewise, the married daughters Sarah Raymond, Hannah Lee and Mary Wood, had each previously received approximately £240 from their father, perhaps as a wedding gift, and this amount was deducted from their settlement.⁵⁷

Three of Luke's children, Luke (4th), Ruth and Stephen, were minors when Luke died. Their mother, Mary Guire, was appointed as their guardian and posted bond of £1,000 on 18 November 1751 that she "shall well, truly and faithfully execute and discharge her office of guardian."⁵⁸

After Luke's death, Mary had numerous real estate dealings of her own, eight as grantor and twelve as grantee. In 1752, she bought land that her children Johanna, John and Rebecca had received in their father's estate distribution.⁵⁹ She also sold land to Samuel Barlow and Daniel Beers that year, perhaps to fund the payments to her children.⁶⁰ In 1755 she bought the one-third interest in the house and barn that had been given to daughter Abigail in her father's estate distribution.⁶¹

⁵⁷ Fairfield Connecticut Probate District Packet #2619, 1751.

⁵⁸ Fairfield Connecticut Probate District Packet #2618, 1751.

⁵⁹ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 10, p. 520, 521; Vol. 11, p. 334.

⁶⁰ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 11, p. 50, 104.

⁶¹ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 12, p. 96.

On 7 May 1753, the Guire family signed two agreements among themselves regarding Luke Guire's estate distribution document. Perhaps to avoid future legal challenges to the estate distribution document by Mary or any of the children, they all agreed to sign a document signifying that they accepted the terms of the estate distribution—with one exception. The first agreement among Ebenezer Guire, Nathan Guire, John Guire and Widow Mary Guire, stated they accepted the terms of the estate distribution except that Ebenezer would receive the salt meadow, the Saw Mill lot in Fairfield and two acres lying in Tomkin's and Bradley's long lots.⁶² The second agreement, among Widow Mary Guire, Nathan Guire, John Guire, Enos and Joanna Lee, Daniel and Mary Wood, Rebecca Guire, Abigail Guire and Daniel and Ruth Sturgis (everyone except Ebenezer Guire), stated that they accepted all the terms of the estate distribution.⁶³

Also in 1753, all members of the Guire family were named as purchasers of a parcel of unspecified size from Daniel Bradley for 100 pounds located in Tomkins long lot where they already owned much land.⁶⁴ Daniel Sturgis, Junr. who had married Ruth Guire on 11 December 1752, purchased three acres in Tomkins long lot from Mary Guire in June, 1753 for 110 pounds. Mary also gave Daniel ten acres of land in Tomkins lot that Ruth had received from her father's estate distribution while she was a minor.⁶⁵ Tragically, Ruth died on 29 September 1755, still a very young woman.⁶⁶ On 9 July 1756, Sturgis sold for 5 pounds to "my mother-in-law Mary Guire all my title in Tomkins long lot."⁶⁷

In 1754, Mary sold ten acres in Tomkins long lot to son, Ebenezer Guire, for 200 pounds.⁶⁸ In 1758, she gave son Luke Guire (4th) a lot of unspecified size in Tomkins lot.⁶⁹ In April 1767, she gave youngest son Stephen seven acres in Tomkins lot in return for the use of eleven acres that Stephen had received in father Luke's estate distribution.⁷⁰

Mary died in 1767. Her probate case is a curious one.

- Back on 6 December 1751, Mary Guire was granted the "widow's third" of Luke Guire's real estate, approximately 52 acres valued at £1,327.
- Over fifteen years later, on 14 April 1767, Mary Guire wrote her last will and testament. Shortly after that, probably in early June of 1767, she died. On 10 June 1767, administration was granted to Nathan Guire and Stephen Guire for the estate of Mary Guire and on that same date, Mary's will was proved in Probate Court and Stephen Guire was appointed sole administrator of the will.⁷¹

⁶² Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 12, p. 23.

⁶³ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 12, p. 147.

⁶⁴ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 14, p. 444.

⁶⁵ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 11, p. 311, 312.

⁶⁶ Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Connecticut State Library (Hartford, 1924-1934), Fairfield section, p. 48 [1-M, p. 37].

⁶⁷ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 14, p. 35.

⁶⁸ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 11, p. 419.

⁶⁹ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 13, p. 82.

⁷⁰ Fairfield Land Records Deeds, Vol. 16, p. 179.

⁷¹ Fairfield Probate District Packet #2620, 1767.

- On 11 June 1767, the Probate Court ordered that the real estate of Luke Guire that was set off to the widow Mary Guire to use and improve during the term of her natural life, was to be divided in the following manner—a double share to the heirs of Ebenezer Guire, the eldest son, and a single share to the other children or heirs, including the "heirs of Sarah Raymond deceased, late wife of Lemuel Raymond of Norwalk." On 22 June 1767, the distribution of the land to the children/heirs was recorded, approximately 84 acres valued at £1,549. Interestingly, this estate distribution was found filed in the second Luke Guire's probate packet that was prepared in 1751.⁷²
- On 22 July 1767, an inventory of Mary's estate was taken by Ebenezer Banks and Cornelius Hull. Stephen Guire, as administrator of the estate, exhibited the inventory in Probate Court where it was approved and ordered to be recorded. Interestingly, the inventory included approximately 100 acres of real estate, 16 acres more than the previous estate distribution, but valued the real estate at just £223-- £1,326 less than the estate distribution.⁷³
- Two days later, on 24 July 1767, the Probate Court ordered the real estate of Mary Guire to be divided among the children according to the last will and testament of the deceased. This action presumably voided the estate distribution that was recorded on 22 June 1767.⁷⁴

Mary's will may provide a clue about the two documents differing approaches to distributing her estate:⁷⁵

In the name of God amen, this 14th day of April ADom 1767, I Mary Guyre of the town & county of Fairfield being weak and sick but of sound mind & memory do make & ordain this my last will & testament.

Imprimis I will & order all my just debts & funeral charges to be paid out of my moveable estate.

Item I give & devise unto my son Stephen Guyre and to his heirs forever all my land & right and interest of land in the homestead land where I now dwell. Said homestead is bounded southeasterly on highway, northwesterly on land of John Roberd, northeasterly on Staples long lot; also all my right & title in the buildings thereon; also all my right & title that I have in the saw mill lott so called; also all my right & interest in the lot called Sherwood side adjoining to Stephens own land; also seven acres of land at or near where Ephraim Beers now lives in Bradley & Tomkins long lots.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Abigail the sum of thirteen pounds New York money out of my moveable estate to be paid by my son Stephen and to enable him to pay said legacy, I give him all my livestock on condition of his paying said legacy to his said sister.

Item I give & devise unto my daughter Rebecca and to her heirs forever all my right & title in & unto that land where she now lives near Thomas Whitlocks.

⁷² Fairfield Probate District Packet #2619, 1751.

⁷³ Fairfield Probate District Packet #2620, 1767.

⁷⁴ Fairfield Probate District Packet #2620, 1767.

⁷⁵ Fairfield Probate District Packet #2620, 1767.

Item I give & devise unto my daughter Joanna and to her heirs & assigns my land in the den lying in the ten rod lot so called and to begin at the southerly end of her land there in Bradleys lot and to run northerly so far as her land runs.

Item All the remainder & residue of my real estate I give & devise unto my sons Nathan, John, Luke & Stephen to them & their heirs & assigns forever to be equally divided between them they conveying to their sister Rebecca the land where she now lives.

And as to my grandchildren, the children of my deceased son Ebenezer, he having had his full proportion, I make no further additions to them.

Finally I hereby constitute ordain & make my said son Stephen sole executor of this my last will & testament declaring this and no other to be my last will & testament revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & date first before written.

Mary Guyre, her mark

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Mary Guyre to be her last will & testament in presence of
Isaac Oysterbank
Abigail Sherwood
David Burr, Jun'r

Mary gave specific parcels of land to children Stephen, Rebecca and Joanna, and then directed that all the rest of her real estate be divided among sons Nathan, John, Luke & Stephen. (No mention of Ebenezer).

Specifically addressing the heirs of her deceased (eldest) son, Mary stated, "And as to my grandchildren, the children of my deceased son Ebenezer, he having had his full proportion, I make no further additions to them."

It was a common practice at the time for men to leave real estate to their widow "for the term of her natural life" at which point the real estate would be distributed among her heirs. It seems possible that Ebenezer's heirs, perhaps knowing that they had been excluded from the will, tried to persuade the Probate Court to distribute Mary's real estate according to the custom of the time—a double portion for the eldest son (or heirs of the eldest son) and a single portion for the other children. On 11 June 1767, the court did just that, but then reversed the decision, honoring the terms of Mary's will a month later on 24 July 1767.

The inventory of Mary's estate was exceptional only in its simplicity and is summarized below.⁷⁶

	£	s	d
Apparel.....	6	0	6
Food and provisions.....	1	0	0
Animals.....	8	19	60
Household goods.....	10	18	9

⁷⁶ Fairfield Probate District Packet #2620, 1767.

Beds, bedding and linens	17	1	2
Total Personal Estate.....	43	19	11
Total Real Estate: Buildings and lands	223	4	9
Total Estate	267	4	8

Other than real estate, she owned a few dresses, her bed and some linen, a few pieces of kitchenware, five sheep and one horse. Since youngest son, Stephen, inherited the "homestead where I (Mary) dwell," it seems likely that she was living with son Stephen Guire and his family at the time of her death, which would account for her having so little in the way of worldly possessions.

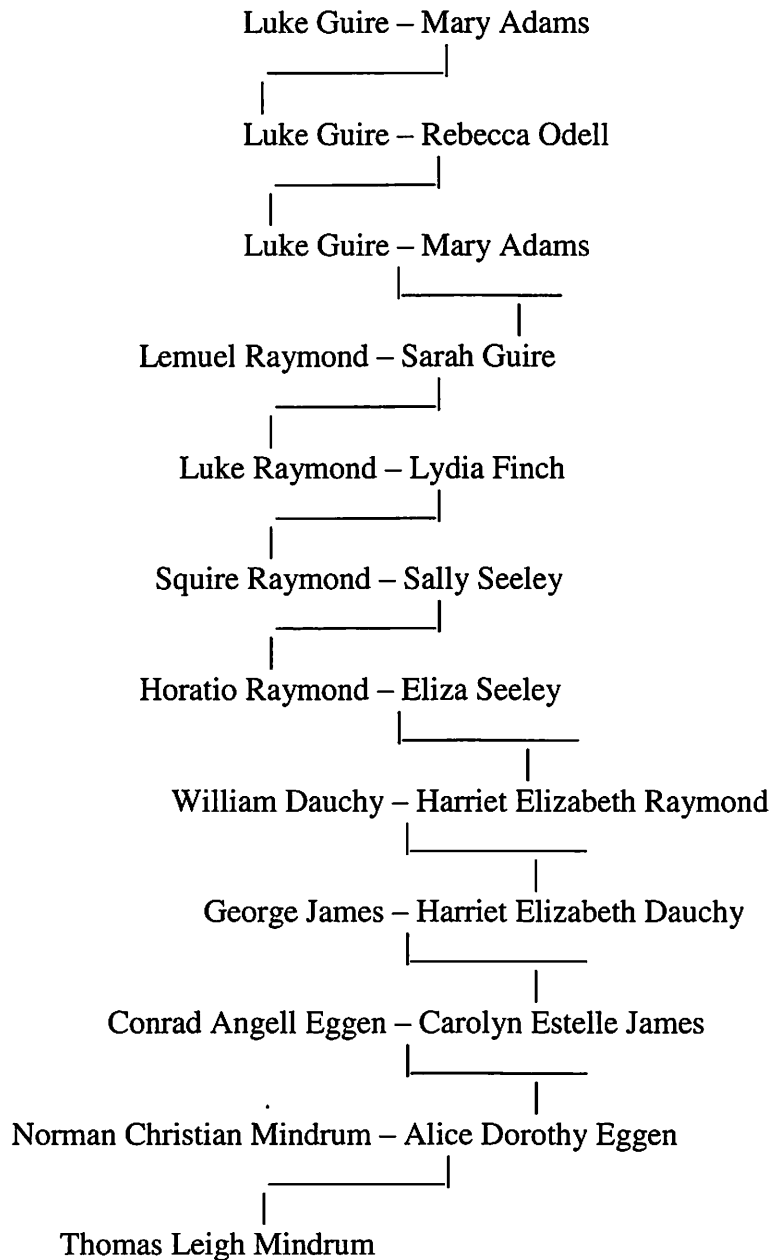
Children of Luke and Mary:⁷⁷

- i. Sarah Guire, b. 12 Nov 1712; bp. in Fairfield 23 November 1712; m. Lemuel Raymond in 1730.
- ii. Ebenezer Guire, bp. 27 Apr 1718 in Fairfield; d. by 1765; m. 20 April 1742 Sarah Beers who was b. about 1719 and buried 5 May 1807, ae 88, at Trinity Church, Southport.
- iii. Joanna Guire, bp. 28 Feb 1719 in Fairfield and d. in 1798; m. Enos Lee on 1 Oct 1740.
- iv. Mary Guire, m. Daniel Wood of Ridgefield by 1748.
- v. Nathan Guire, m. Elizabeth Darling on 1 Mary 1748/9 in Westport.
- vi. John Guire, m. Sarah Brinsmade. She d. 16 Jun 1795 in Redding.
- vii. Rebecca Guire, d. 19 Nov 1808; m. Abel Seeley.
- viii. Abigail Guire, m. Nehemiah Seeley, Junr., 11 Apr 1755
- ix. Luke Guire, m. Elizabeth Bedient on 14 Apr 1757.
- x. Ruth Guire, d. 29 Sep 1755; m. Daniel Sturges, Junr., 11 Dec 1752.
- xi. Stephen Guire, m. Rebecca Burr 21 Feb 1764 in Westport. She was b. about 1740.

⁷⁷ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:422

The author's descent from the first Luke Guire:

GUIRE



Greens Farms Church Records, 1742 – 1851; Marriages, 1805-1821

Transcribed by Barbara Dempsey

This is the twelfth installment of the records from this Fairfield church. In this issue we complete the publication of the 1742-1822 marriages, covering the years 1805-1821.

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, 1806 through 1821

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
13 Jan 1806	Swift	Eliphalet			Jesup	Abigail		
23 Feb 1806	Cable	Aaron			Bulkley	Sally		
19 May 1806	Bennett	Gershom			Wilson	Salomy		
13 Aug 1806	Stratten	Eliphalet	of this place		Morehouse	Susan	Norwalk	
21 Sep 1806	Raymond	Lewis			Judah	Patty		
01 Oct 1806	Gray	Samuel			Ogdon	Hannah	Norfield	

Date	GROOM				BRIDE			
	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of
02 Nov 1806	Couch	Simon Jr.			Hide	Betty		
30 Nov 1806	Meeker	Hezekiah			Hall	Abigail		
30 Nov 1806	Risvan[?]	William			Disbrow	Damaris		
02 Feb 1807	Gilbert	Nathan	Huntington		Squire	Data	Trumbull	
03 Feb 1807	Alvord	Elisha			Bradley	Betty		
12 Feb 1807	Smith	David	St. of New York		Goodsel	Elen	of this place	
15 Feb 1807	Handford	John W.			Pearsall	Polly		
25 Mar 1807	Allen	Joseph	Fairfield		Hickok	Sally	Fairfield	
25 Oct 1807	Morehouse	Aaron			Bulkley	Eunice		
03 Dec 1807	Allen	James			Allen	Polly		
17 Jan 1808	Andrews	John Jr.			Morehouse	Laurinda		
31 Jan 1808	Banks	David	Greenfield		Adams	Salome	of this place	
11 Feb 1808	Squire	Robin (Negro)			Fortune	Pegg (Negro)		
14 Feb 1808	Rowbird*	Jeremiah Esq.	Norfld	[*Rowland?]	Andrews	Abigail, Wid.	this pl.	
13 Mar 1808	Burrutt	Isaac			Sherwood	Elizabeth		
24 Apr 1808	Meeker	Burr	of this place		Finch	Huldah	Norwalk	
08 May 1808	Craft	David			Morehouse	Eleanor		
17 Jul 1808	Lockwood	Joseph			Barlow	Eunice		
07 Aug 1808	Disbrow	William			Way	Nancy		
04 Sep 1808	Hurlbut	James			Allen	Charity		
25 Sep 1808	Mallory	Daniel			Parrot	Elenor		
18 Oct 1808	Brotherton	Daniel	Weston		Allen	Laurony		
02 Nov 1808	Smith	Aaron			Batterson	Salome		
13 Nov 1808	Phillips	Hezekiah			Wood	Irenia		
13 Dec 1808	Osborn	Gershom Jr.	Fairfield		Burr	Anna	of this place	
25 Dec 1808	Bulkley	Gershom	Greenfield		Morehouse	Esther	Fairfield	

Date	GROOM				BRIDE			
	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of
26 Feb 1809	Disbrow	Joseph			Gray	Eleanor		
08 May 1809	Andrews	Thomas	New York		Banks	Mary	of this place	
11 Jun 1809	Nash	Lewis N.	of this place		Jennings	Fanny	of this place	
13 Aug 1809	Sherman	Ebenezer	Weston		Thorp	Anna	Weston	
03 Sep 1809	Dewey	Nathaniel	of this place		Jennings	Eunice	of this place	
27 Sep 1809	Burritt	Wakeman	New York		Burr	Grace	of this place	
12 Nov 1809	Pearsall	Samuel	of this place		Cable	Esther	Oxford	
30 Jan 1810	Moyer	George	of this place		Burr	Debby	Greenfield	
28 Feb 1810	Bennett	Silas	of this place		Hilten	Betsey	Norfield	
04 Mar 1810	Whitney	Lewis			Hurlbut	Hannah		
11 Mar 1810	Banks	Abraham			Banks	Eunice	Greenfield	
08 Apr 1810	Meeker	Burr	of this place		Finch	Areee	Norwalk	
07 May 1810	Dikeman	William			Gray	Hannah	Norfield	
30 May 1810	Andrews	Joseph H.			Thorp	Clary	Norfield	
24 Jul 1810	Jarred	Zopher			Elwood	Susa		
11 Oct 1810	Ogden	John			Mills	Ann		
19 Aug 1810	Dimon	Ebenezer	Fairfield		Sherwood	Catherine	of this pl.	
28 Oct 1810	Hurlbut	John			Allen	Rebeckah		
02 Nov 1810	Baldwin	Abraham L.			Grant	Mary	Greenfield	
08 Nov 1810	Bets	William G.	Norwalk		Judah	Sally	of this place	
18 Nov 1810	Whitney	Levi			Sherwood	Harriot	Greenfield	
01 Jan 1811	Stevens	Eliphalet	Danbury		Bennett	Esther	of this place	
03 Mar 1811	Sturges	Samuel	Greenfield		Redfield	Ann	Greenfield	
09 Mar 1811	Elwood	Eliakim			Bennett	Lidia		

Date	GROOM				BRIDE			
	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of
28 Apr 1811	Bissell	Clarke	Norwalk		Sherwood	Sally	of this place	
08 Sep 1811	Williams	David			Redfield	Sally	Greenfield	
16 Sep 1811	Allen	Joseph			Street	Sally	Greenfield	
02 Oct 1811	Phillips	Hezekiah			Hill	Anna		
03 Nov 1811	Jennings	Joshua 3rd			Wakeman	Solome		
10 Nov 1811	Adams	Jabez	Norwalk		Bennett	Anna	of this place	
10 Dec 1811	Coley	Livi	Lansingburg		Coley	Mary	Norfield	
22 Dec 1811	Phillips	John 2nd			Raymond	Abigail		
06 May 1812	Squire	Andrew			Hilten	Lidia	Norfield	
12 Jul 1812	Bennett	Joseph S.			Bennett	Laura		
22 Sep 1812	Meeker	Jonathan			Ogden	Sally		
15 Nov 1812	Heusted	George R.	Greenwich		Allen	Ester	of this place	
11 Jan 1813	Meeker	Stephen			Disbrow	Olive		
25 Feb 1813	Bulkly	John	Brookfield		Elwood	Lucinda	of this place	
14 Mar 1813	Bennett	Eli			Moyer	Clarissa		
06 Jun 1813	Jordan	James	Norwalk		Willson	Betsy	of this place	
01 Dec 1813	Elwood	Benjamin			Elwood	Rhoda		
05 Dec 1813	Fairchild	Samuel G.			Adams	Arrete		
22 Jan 1814	Sherwood	David	Greenfield		Burr	Jane	of this place	
17 Apr 1814	Nicols	Hezekiah S.			Bears	Hannah		
05 Jun 1814	Thorp	Harry			Eals	Eliza		
11 Sep 1814	Gilbert	Samuel			Davis	Ann		
11 Dec 1814	MnRowe	Lymon			Gorham	Morietta		
18 Dec 1814	Jesup	William Henry			Sherwood	Charity Burr		

Date	GROOM				BRIDE			
	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of
08 Jan 1815	Meeker	Wakeman B.			Jenings	Morretta		
11 Mar 1815	Batterson	Joseph			Mills	Salome		
12 Mar 1815	Thorp	Walter			Sherwood	Betsy		
26 Mar 1815	Bennett	Ebenezer			Eells	Alvira		
17 Apr 1815	Bedient	Jack (Negro)			Davenport	Jule Ann (Negro)		
15 May 1815	Beardsley	Ephraim	Stratford		Bryant	Sally	Stratford	
25 May 1815	Thorp	David			St. John	Delia	Norwalk	
22 Jun 1815	Allen	James H.	of this place		Godfrey	Abigail	of this place	
28 Jun 1815	Gold	Abraham	Greenfield		Batterson	Molly	of this place	
22 Oct 1815	Jackson	Samuel, Lt.			Wright	Lucinda		
22 Oct 1815	Northrup	Ira, Capt.	Castaton [?] Vermont		Richmond	Emily	of this place	
23 Oct 1815	Perry	Nathan			Hull	Martha	Greenfield	
25 Oct 1815	Clarke	George	New York		Jesup	Mary Ann	of this place	
31 Dec 1815	Bennett	Stephen			Thorp	Eleanor		
14 Jan 1816	Chapman	Lovel			Squire	Jane, Widow		
04 Feb 1816	Sherwood	Ebenezer B.			Andrews	Eleanor		
21 Apr 1816	Armstrong	Alexander	St of NY		Chapman	Grissel	of this place	
05 May 1816	Griffith	Philo	Norwalk		Batterson	Anna	of this place	
11 Jun 1816	Keyser	John	New York		Judah	Betsey	of this place	
11 Aug 1816	Bulkley	Andrew			Dimon	Sally	Mill River Ffld	
28 Aug 1816	Wakeman	Jonathan			Wakeman	Clarrey	Greenfield	
22 Sep 1816	Nicols	William	Greenfield		Adams	Ann	of this place	

Date	GROOM				BRIDE			
	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of
22 Sep 1816	Brotherton	Israel			Allen	Harriet	of this place	
06 Oct 1816	Marthas	Joseph	Middlesex		Wakeman	Happy O.	of th. pl.	
20 Oct 1816	Brotherton	Elnathan [?]			Rowe	Esther	of this place	
17 Nov 1816	Sherwood	Samuel B., Hon	of this place		Brush	Deborah	Catskill NY	
08 Dec 1816	Osborn	Joseph	Fairfield		Jennings	Eleanor	of this place	
12 Jan 1817	Banks	Lymon			Morehouse	Poly	of this place	
06 Apr 1817	Perry	James			Pike	Charlotte	Fairfield	
29 Apr 1817	Guyer	Gershom B.			Smith	Fanny [B.?)	of this pl.	
25 May 1817	Jackson	Samuel			Bennett	Esther	of this place	
24 Aug 1817	Bennet	Maccabees	Danbury		Eals	Polly	of this place	
07 Sep 1817	Alvord	Morriss	Greenfield		Burr	Elizabeth	of this place	
02 Dec 1817	Avery	Samuel			Morehouse	Lorinda		
21 Dec 1817	Hill	Nathaniel L.			Wakeman	Maria	of this place	
15 Feb 1818	Morehouse	Samuel T.			Burr	Henrietta		
10 Mar 1818	Waterbury	William	Middlesex		Osterbanks	Betty	of this place	
24 May 1818	Platt	Henry	of this place		Burwell	Sally	Norwalk	
06 Sep 1818	Mills	Moses			MnRowe	Mary		
07 Oct 1818	Armstrong	John	St. of NY		Chapman	Sarah	of this place	
18 Nov 1818	Hawley	Ezra	Catskill NY		Noyes	Mary	Wilton	
23 Nov 1818	Noyes	Ebenezer			Andrews	Mable	Norfield	

Date	GROOM				BRIDE			
	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of
24 Dec 1818	Banks	Walter	Weston		Adams	Merind	of this place	
25 Dec 1818	Allen	David S.	Reading		Mills	Betsey	of this place	
04 Jan 1819	Finch	George	Norwalk		Hurlbutt	Lorry	of this place	
06 Jan 1819	Cooley	David			Burr	Mary Ann	of this society	
11 Feb 1819	Cooly	Jack			Osborn	Dorcas		"people of colour"
09 Jun 1819	Bull	Norris	Hovington?		Henry	Mary Ann	of this place	
04 Jul 1819	Sherwood	Gershom W.			Bradley	Charlotte B.	Greenfld	
29 Jul 1819	Ketcham	Morris	Savanna Ga.		Burr	Catherine	of this place	
12 Sep 1819	Baker	Norman			Elwood	Larinda		
23 Dec 1819	Bedient	Doctor	Wilton		Gorham	Abigail	of this place	
20 Feb 1820	Handford	Daniel	Norwalk		Allen	Eliza	of this place	
26 Mar 1820	[none]	Harry			[none]	Meriah		"people of colour"
02 Apr 1820	Brown	Andrew			Willson	Mariah		
03 Jul 1820	Gray	Solomon			Thorp	Abigail H.	of this place	
15 Jul 1820	Swift	Eliphalet Esq.			Jesup	Esther, Mrs.		
16 Jul 1820	Andrews	Daniel			Pearsall	Kezia	of this place	
02 Aug 1820	Wakely	Philo	Huntington		Banks	Salama	of this place	
22 Aug 1820	Alvord	Almond	of this place		Thorp	Eleanor	of this place	

Date	GROOM				BRIDE			
	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of	Surname	Given Name	Residence	Servant of
17 Sep 1820	Bunnell	Bull	Weston		Davis	Anna	of this place	
15 Oct 1820	Disbrow	Ebenezer			Bartlett	Angelina		
05 Apr 1821	Hull	Charles W.			Meeker	Sally W.	of this place	
18 Apr 1821	Raymong	Sturgis	Greenfield		Banks	Fannata[?]	Greenfield	
26 Apr 1821	Wakeman	Asahel	Greenfield		Wakeman	Elizabeth	Greenfld	
11 Jun 1821	Batterson	William			Lockwood	Abigail H.		
23 Aug 1821	Barns	Charles	Norwalk		Folliott	Betsey	Norwalk	
09 Sep 1821	Jesup	Charles			Sherwood	Abigail		
21 Nov 1821	Coley	Isaac	Redding		Bradley	Eleanor	Fairfield	

This concludes the record of marriages. Greens Farms deaths will begin in the next issue.

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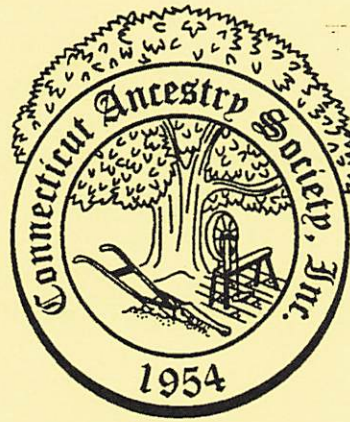
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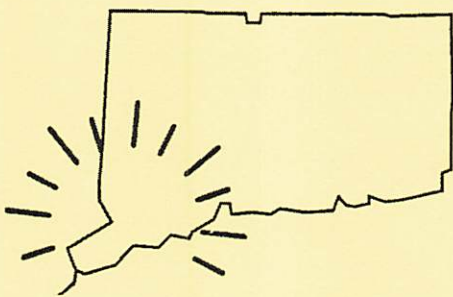
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We continue Tom Mindrum's reports of his 17th-century ancestors from Fairfield. This issue presents Edward Adams and Joseph James. Edward is also an ancestor of Tom's wife.

Do you find the US censuses 1790-1840 to be useful? Many people dismiss them as mere chicken scratches. A short methodology article by your editor describes a way of narrowing down a range of birth years for those enumerated in those censuses.

With the centennial of World War I upon us, we publish a list of Connecticut-specific military databases from Ancestry.com for WWI and others. The list includes the newly released draft cards for World War II, for Connecticut soldiers and the rest of the country.

Member Katherine Dimancescu has written a book about her early Colonial ancestors who lived in Massachusetts, southeastern Connecticut and Fairfield County. Your editor provides a review of this work.

Publication of the Greens Farms Parish records continues in this issue, this time with the start of the list of deaths. So many infants died, many before they had a name. The original registers, held at Fairfield Museum and History Center, have been transcribed by Barbara Dempsey.

A note about the small world of early Fairfield County: Mary Guire, daughter of Luke Guire 3rd (great-grandson of Edward Adams) and Mary Adams (granddaughter of the same Edward Adams) married Daniel Wood⁵ (Jonathan⁴, Jonathan³) who was featured in Fred Hart's series about Jonathan Wood last year.

Your editor welcomes comments, and submission of articles. Remember that **your research can be preserved by publishing** the results in a journal. Besides general articles, we have three series to which you can submit short sketches: Fairfield County residents on the 1790 census, immigrants to Fairfield County, and the One-Page Challenge (bet you can't write just one!). Longer articles are welcome, too.

Nora Galvin, CG

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Edward Adams of New Haven, Milford, and Fairfield, and his Early Descendants

Thomas L. Mindrum

1. EDWARD ADAMS was probably born by 1619.¹ Edward wrote his will on 7 August 1671 and signed it in the presence of Josiah Harvy and William Ward. The same two men conducted an inventory of Edward's estate on 11 November 1671,² so Edward died sometime between those two dates. His wife MARY (___?___) married, second, ANTHONY BEERS.³ Anthony died before 14 February 1679 when an inventory of his estate was taken.⁴ Mary died in Fairfield before 18 August 1687 when her estate was inventoried.⁵

Records exist in three early Connecticut towns for a man named Edward Adams. Historians including Savage, Jacobus and Bullard contend without offering evidence that the Edward Adams found in New Haven in 1640, Milford in 1646 and Fairfield in 1653 are one and the same person. Although Adams is not an unusual surname, no other Edward Adams appears in the deeds, vital records, church records, court records, or probate records of the time, leading to the assumption that he lived first in New Haven, then removed to Milford and finally removed to Fairfield. This assumption is supported by the fact that Edward Adams is not mentioned in New Haven public documents after 1640, nor in Milford public documents after 1646.

Testimony in a 1640 court case (regarding the veracity of previous testimony about the delivery of lime to a mill) places Edward Adams in New Haven on that date,⁶ but there is no record of property ownership or freeman status in New Haven.

At a general Court held at Milford on 16 March 1646, Edward Adams was granted a home lot on the conditions "that he will both learn to dress leather or skins and also follow his trade in the town, the lot that is granted him is the lot that was once laid out for a glover, with two acres in the Mill Neck, or thereabouts, and a proportion of meadow."⁷

In 1653, Edward Adams bought land in Fairfield in two transactions, firstly, from Daniel Frost, four acres in the old field,⁸ and, secondly, a substantial purchase from Andrew Ward including a homelot, three acres in Barlow's Plain, six acres of meadow near Uncaway, two acres

¹ Charles J. Hoadley, *Records of the Colony and Plantation of New Haven from 1638 to 1649*, Hartford: Case, Tiffany and Company, 1857, p. 46. On 4 September 1640, he testified at a General Court held for the Colony of New Haven and it is assumed that he had attained the age of majority (21) by that date.

² Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, 2:60-61, will and inventory of Edward Adams. Early probate records such as these are available on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library (CSL) and in the database "Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999" at Ancestry.com.

³ Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., 1943, p. I:7. (hereafter *Families of Old Fairfield*)

⁴ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 3, p. 123.

⁵ Fairfield Probate District, Packet No. 565.

⁶ Hoadley, *Records of the Colony and Plantation of New Haven*, 46.

⁷ Milford, Connecticut, Land Records & Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 10. These records are available on microfilm at CSL.

⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 33. These records are available on microfilm at CSL.

of meadow in Sasco Neck, and three other parcels containing 13½ acres.⁹ In 1656, he bought three acres in Sasqua Neck from Nathan Gold.¹⁰ In 1664, he bought four acres in Barlow's Plain from William Ward.¹¹ Edward also sold land on nine occasions between 1656 and 1665. In 1668, he gave daughter Mary four acres in Barlow's Plain.¹² When Mary was bequeathed two acres in Barlow's Plain in Edward's will, it was given on condition that she give back the gift of four acres.¹³

Edward sold five acres "on the other side of the creek" to Henry Jackson in 1669.¹⁴ A sale to Jacob Gray of three quarters of an acre in the "old field" was not recorded until May 1679, over seven years after Edward's death.¹⁵

Edward Adams' name was not contained in the list of Fairfield freemen published on 10 October 1669.¹⁶ To become a freeman, a person was legally required to be a respectable member of the Congregational Church and a resident of the colony for seven years. Edward certainly met the second requirement but there is no record of his admission to the Congregational Church in Fairfield, nor records of his children's baptisms or of his burial. At one point he was fined five shillings for "driving his cattle towards the bay on the Lord's day"¹⁷ so perhaps he was not a religious church member and thus, denied freeman status.

Edward was not listed among those drawing lots for Sasqua land on 30 January 1668/9, Sasqua land in the New field on 8 February 1668/9, or the Compo dividend on 28 February 1671/2. However, he was named in the list of Inhabitant's proportion of lands in the common in the year 1670/1. He was also named in the "list of ye building lots, pasture lots & long-lots granted to ye inhabitants of ye town Jan. 1670-1" and received a building lot of 16 acres, a pasture of 13 acres and a long lot 25 rods (375 feet) in width. The long lots granted by the town of Fairfield became extremely valuable and while Edward died before he could benefit financially from it himself, his children Mary, Abraham and Nathan all became wealthy. [ed.: See an article in *Connecticut Ancestry* explaining the Long Lots.¹⁸] It is unknown why Edward was sometimes granted land in Fairfield and other times denied grants.

Despite the fact that he died before 11 November 1671, he was named in a list of lots for the Old Indian Field drawn on 22 March 1681/2, so apparently his wife Mary continued to receive Edward's portion. Edward was not the only deceased man to receive a grant. At least four other men who were already deceased, Nathaniel Seeley, William Odell, John Barlow Sr. and George Squire Jr., also received grants, so perhaps it was a custom in the town to continue

⁹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 33.

¹⁰ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 34.

¹¹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 111.

¹² Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 126. The deed does not mention her surname.

¹³ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 304

¹⁴ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 148

¹⁵ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 391

¹⁶ Elizabeth H. Schenck, *The History of Fairfield, Connecticut*, Published by the author, New York, 1889, p. 328

¹⁷ Hartford, Connecticut, Connecticut Colonial Probate Records, 1649-1677, Vols. 2 and 3, RG1, Vol. 55, 1649-1663, LDS microfilm 0004572, p. 89

¹⁸ Brian O'Leary, "The Great Long Lots of Fairfield: Puritan Fathers versus the Restored British Monarchy and Those Who Benefited," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 57:2 (Nov 2014), pp. 68-72.

providing grants to the families of the original landowners in Fairfield. Mary again received a grant of 3 quarters and 36 rods in the dividend of Old Indian Field on 10 Feb 1682/3. Edward's name appeared again the 1682 list of lots at Compo Neck, receiving 4 acres in the first division and 6 acres in the second division. In 1688, he was named in the divisions of Paul's Neck, receiving 20 rods. Again in 1688, on April 6, he was named in the division of Wolf Swamp, receiving 106 rods.¹⁹

In his will dated 7 August 1671,²⁰ Edward made bequests as follows:

- Son Samuel Adams, house and homelot except movables
- Son Samuel Adams, one acre in the old field
- Son Abraham Adams, ten acres in Barlow Plain
- Sons Samuel and Abraham Adams, upland in Uncoway Neck
- Daughter Mary Murwin, and grandson Luke Guire after her decease, two acres in Barlow Plain
- Sons Samuel and Abraham Adams and daughter Mary Murwin, commonage and part of his long lot
- Wife Mary Adams, and sons Nathaniel, John and Nathan after her decease or remarriage, all the rest of land, housing and movables.
- Wife Mary Adams was named sole executrix.

The inventory of Edward's estate totaled £145 6p, making him one of the least prosperous of seventeen of the author's ancestors examined in Fairfield County from 1666-1681. His estate included the following:

Household goods including bedding, a chest, kitchen ware and candles	(£16.2s.6d)
Tools, including hoes, an ax, a saw, augurs and peas hooks	(£2.1s.6d)
Food and crops, including corn, oats, peas, wheat and beef	(£21)
Farm animals, including oxen, cows, horses, sheep, swine and four hives of bees	(£46.9s)
24 acres of land	(£60)

It is unclear why Edward's long lot was not included in his inventory but since he had only received the grant in January, perhaps the land had not been surveyed when he died in the fall of 1671.

There is no indication of leatherworking tools in his inventory so it is likely that Edward had abandoned his occupation as a tanner in favor of farming.

Edward and Mary Adams had six children:

- i. SAMUEL ADAMS, died in Fairfield before 10 February 1693/4²¹ when his inventory was taken. He was married to MARY MEEKER.²²

¹⁹ Schenck, *The History of Fairfield, Connecticut*, p. 328-345.

²⁰ Fairfield Probate District, 2:60-61, will and inventory of Edward Adams.

²¹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 4, pp. 114-114a.

²² Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, (Hartford: Connecticut State Library, 1924-1934), Fairfield volume, p. 1 citing the original LR-A2:664.

- ii. MARY ADAMS, born about 1647²³ and died before 7 May 1712²⁴ when her will was proved. She married first LUKE GUIRE. Edward Adams' will referred to his daughter as Mary Merwin so it is evident that Luke Guire predeceased Edward. Mary married second _____ Merwin, and married third Stephen Sherwood.²⁵ Mary was treated in a previous article with her husband Luke Guire and her son and grandson of the same name and is not carried forward here.²⁶
- 2. iii. ABRAHAM ADAMS, born 6 September 1650 in Fairfield.²⁷
- iv. NATHANIEL ADAMS, born before 1656, died unmarried before 1693.²⁸
- v. JOHN ADAMS, died before 7 November 1693, the date that his inventory was exhibited in court.²⁹
- 3. vi. NATHAN ADAMS, born after 1656.³⁰

2. ABRAHAM ADAMS, son of Edward¹ Adams and his wife, Mary, was born in Fairfield 6 September 1650.³¹ He was baptized as an adult in Fairfield Church on 9 December 1694.³² He died in Fairfield 9 August 1729.³³ Donald Jacobus speculated that his first wife was possibly SARAH LOCKWOOD, born 27 February 1651, daughter of ROBERT and SUSANNA LOCKWOOD.³⁴ At the time of his death, Abraham was married to MARTHA (____?____). His will makes clear that Martha had had a prior marriage. After Abraham's death Martha Adams married _____ MILLER³⁵ and she died sometime after 20 September 1729³⁶ when Abraham's estate was distributed.

Abraham was a party to at least 27 land transactions in Fairfield from 1673 to 1728, fourteen as the grantor, thirteen as the grantee. A number of these were family transactions related to bequests of land by his father. The first took place in 1673,³⁷ two years after the death of his father, when he received ten acres in Barlow's Plain as deeded in his father's will. In 1678, Abraham sold to his brother Samuel a piece of upland that he had inherited from his father.³⁸ In 1684, he purchased land that brother Nathaniel had inherited from his father.³⁹ In 1689, he sold to brother Samuel, one half of his portion of his father's long lot in Fairfield.⁴⁰ In 1693, when brother John Adams died, Abraham received John's lands that he had inherited from his father.⁴¹

²³ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:8.

²⁴ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 5, pp. 201, 201a, 202.

²⁵ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:248.

²⁶ Thomas L. Mindrum, "Three Early Guire Generations: Luke, Luke and Luke, and their wives Mary Adams, Rebecca Odell and Mary Adams, of Fairfield," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 61:1 (August, 2018), pp. 17-32.

²⁷ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:9.

²⁸ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:8.

²⁹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 4, p. 90.

³⁰ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:10.

³¹ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:9.

³² Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15.

³³ Rev. Edmund Gilbert, D.D., *Annals of an Old Parish, Historical Sketches of Trinity Church, Southport, Connecticut, 1725 to 1898*, (New York: Thomas Whittaker, 2 and 3 Bible House, 1898), p. 36.

³⁴ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:381.

³⁵ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:10.

³⁶ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 7, pp. 72-73.

³⁷ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 303.

³⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 401.

³⁹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 495.

⁴⁰ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 401.

⁴¹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 495.

On two occasions, once in 1689⁴² and once in 1714,⁴³ Abraham and his relatives received divisions of approximately 40 rods of their father's long lot in Fairfield.

In addition, Abraham purchased land in Fairfield from Robert Seeley,⁴⁴ Joseph Patchin,⁴⁵ John Wakeman,⁴⁶ John Thompson,⁴⁷ John Tompkins,⁴⁸ William Hill⁴⁹ and Samuel Morehouse.⁵⁰ He sold land at times to Abell Bingham,⁵¹ Daniel Morehouse,⁵² Gershom Bulkley,⁵³ Elizabeth Gilbert,⁵⁴ Benjamin Gilbert,⁵⁵ Thomas Turney,⁵⁶ and Nathaniel Nichols.⁵⁷ In 1684, he received a grant from the town of Fairfield for ten acres in the Whitewood Swamp⁵⁸ and then sold it back to the town in 1698.⁵⁹

On 7 November 1693, an inventory of the estate of John Adams, fourth son of Edward Adams, was exhibited at County Court in Fairfield, indicating that John had died sometime before that date. A document purportedly detailing a nuncupative (oral) will of John was also exhibited, but the court did not approve it. Instead it ordered that the estate be equally divided among the three surviving brothers, Samuel, Abraham and Nathan, and the surviving sister, Mary.⁶⁰ John's house and lands were to be divided among the brothers and the moveable (personal) estate given to Mary, except that to the extent that the moveables fell short of her one-fourth share, the brothers had to compensate her accordingly. Since John's estate amounted to 145£ 12s (36£ 8s per heir) and the movables amounted to just 22£ 12s, the brothers were obligated to pay Mary 13£ 16s. One year later, though, on 6 November 1694, Mary sued Abraham and Nathan in Fairfield County Court for the debt due to her. The jury found for Mary, with the brothers ordered to pay her 6£ 16s 6d plus court costs.⁶¹ Nearly two years later, on 4 September 1696, Nathan Adams had a 9.5 acre parcel of land appraised at 9£ 10s and told Mary's son, Luke Guire, that he would give it to Mary.⁶² Five months later, though, on 26 February 1696/7, Mary filed a document in court making her son, Luke, "my agent or attorney to demand and receive of the Administrators of my deceased brother John's estate, one fourth part of said estate."⁶³ But over four years later, on 11 March 1700/1, the case still was not settled, as Stephen

⁴² Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 402.

⁴³ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 227.

⁴⁴ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 303.

⁴⁵ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 303.

⁴⁶ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 151.

⁴⁷ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 151.

⁴⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 97.

⁴⁹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 3, pp. 323, 393.

⁵⁰ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 4, pp. 243-244.

⁵¹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 173.

⁵² Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 170.

⁵³ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 452.

⁵⁴ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 4, pp. 154-155.

⁵⁵ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 4, pp. 154-155.

⁵⁶ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 4, pp. 191-192.

⁵⁷ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 4, pp. 243-244.

⁵⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 303.

⁵⁹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 149.

⁶⁰ Fairfield Connecticut Probate Vol. 4, p. 90.

⁶¹ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. V, p. 199a.

⁶² Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 32.

⁶³ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 27.

Sherwood, now Mary's husband, once again sued Abraham and Nathan. Once again, the jury found for the plaintiff, ordering Abraham and Nathan to pay 36£ 8s to Sherwood, but granted the defendants a review at the next County Court.⁶⁴ On 4 November 1701, Abraham and Nathan countersued Stephen Sherwood for all costs and damages, but the jury once again found for the defendants, ordering Abraham and Nathan to pay 14£ 5s 9d, plus court costs. This time the court granted an appeal to the Court of Assistants held in Hartford in May 1702.⁶⁵ On 5 May 1702, Mary Sherwood testified that she had told Abraham that she had withdrawn her review and that he did not have to go to Hartford.⁶⁶ Whether the brothers had finally paid Mary her fair share or whether she gave up the pursuit of it is unknown.

On 9 December 1694, at the age of 44, Abraham was admitted to the First Congregational Church of Fairfield⁶⁷ and baptized the same day.⁶⁸ His older two daughters, Deborah and Hannah, were baptized six weeks later on 20 January 1694/5.⁶⁹ Three of the younger daughters, Mary, Abigail and Elizabeth, were baptized five weeks after that, on 24 February 1694/5.⁷⁰ This flurry of baptisms causes one to speculate that perhaps Abraham married his wife Martha at about this time. Perhaps her religious convictions led Abraham and his daughters to the church.

In 1698, Samuel Adams, Jr., son of Abraham's elder brother Samuel, died at the age of 21 and Abraham became involved in a controversy with Elnathan Hanford, the administrator of the estate of Samuel Adams, Jr. The disagreement was detailed in the Private Controversies section of the Connecticut Archives. At the County Court held in Fairfield 15 March 1698/9, Adams accused Hanford of pulling down a fence and taking away wheat from land belonging to Samuel Adams, Sr. The jury found for the defendant, Elnathan Hanford.

One document summarized the controversy:

1. "Abraham Adams, Daniel Meeker and Mary Adams were appointed administrators of the estate of Samuel Adams and had come by the Court to take care of the children of Samuel Adams."
2. Although only about 17 when his father died, Samuel Adams, Jr., was allowed by the administrators "to act for himself and did for a considerable time act and deal as a free agent."
3. As a free agent, he grew some wheat on a parcel of land.
4. Upon the death of Samuel, Jr., in 1698, Elnathan Hanford was named administrator of his estate.
5. As administrator, Hanford took into his care the wheat Samuel, Jr., left on the ground and disposed of it according to the order of the Court.
6. "If any person is aggrieved by an act of the County Court, he may appeal to the Court of Assistants for redress and relief on that case. But Abraham Adams did not. Ergo."
7. The quantity of wheat was about 18 bushels and 3 pecks.⁷¹

⁶⁴ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 33

⁶⁵ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 33

⁶⁶ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, p. 36

⁶⁷ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 7

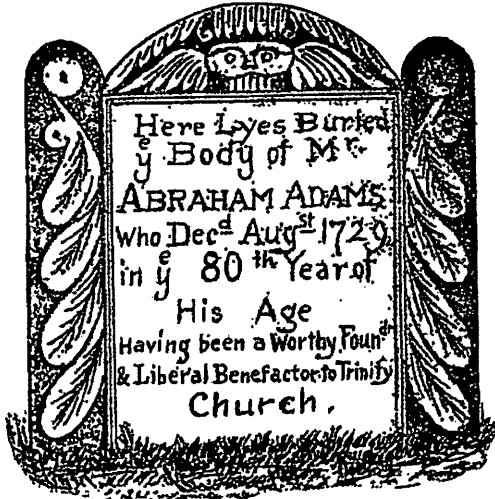
⁶⁸ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15

⁶⁹ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15

⁷⁰ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 16

⁷¹ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. V, p. 200

Abraham subsequently did appeal the case and Hanford was directed by Thomas Staples, Constable of Fairfield, to appear at the Court of Assistants held in Hartford on the first Thursday of May, 1700. No record of the verdict could be found, but Elnathan's "bill of cost being plaintiff" survived, in the amount of 5£ 12s 4d, so it appears that Abraham lost the case and was forced to pay the plaintiff's costs.⁷²



At some point, Abraham switched his religious affiliation from the First Congregational Church to Trinity Episcopal Church. On 27 May 1722, he was baptized into Trinity Church by Rev. George Pigot.⁷³ The baptism was performed in Stratford although apparently "belonging" to the town of Fairfield. This was the earliest baptism recorded at Trinity. Three years later, on Thanksgiving Day in 1725, the Abraham Adams family was one of twenty that met for worship at the first meeting house of Trinity Church on Mill Plain Road in Fairfield. That same year, Abraham was a vestryman at Trinity Church.⁷⁴ Abraham's gravestone (see image at left) names him a "worthy founder and liberal benefactor to Trinity Church."⁷⁵ The remains

of Abraham Adams and six other founding families of Trinity were found in Sturges Park in Fairfield by a construction crew in 2006. The bones were identified after two years of study by anthropologists and re-buried in Trinity Church Memorial Park adjacent to the church at its current location on 651 Pequot Avenue.⁷⁶

On 5 August 1728, Abraham wrote his last will and testament.⁷⁷ He made his first bequest to that Trinity Church, the sum of one hundred pounds, fifty upon his decease and the remaining fifty at the time of his wife's remarriage or death. He then gave his wife "during her life the use of all those lands I received by her in marriage which by her former husband were assigned during her natural life." Further, he gives her the "widow's third" of his real and personal property. The rest of his estate, both real and personal, is given to his daughters Deborah, Hannah, Mary, Abigail, Susannah and Elizabeth equally. A binding condition of the bequests of land, however, was that the new owner(s) would "forever ... annually pay a certain rate or tax to the Episcopal minister of Trinity Church in Fairfield which rate or tax shall be annually levied and paid according to the same proportion as is paid for lands of the like value to the support of the ministry by the inhabitants of that parish." Perhaps this was too much for the sons-in-law to abide. On 12 April 1729 at the Court of Probate held in Fairfield, the Court determined "that the said will shall be set aside and made void." Nathan Adams, younger brother to Abraham and co-administrator of the estate, was "admitted an appeal to the next Superior Court to be held at Fairfield on the last Tuesday of August" and posted bond of twenty pounds.

⁷² Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. V, pp. 195, 198, 200, 201, Vol. VI, p. 28.

⁷³ Gilbert, *Annals of an Old Parish, Historical Sketches of Trinity Church, Southport*, p. 168.

⁷⁴ Gilbert, *Annals of an Old Parish, Historical Sketches of Trinity Church, Southport*, p. 165.

⁷⁵ Gilbert, *Annals of an Old Parish, Historical Sketches of Trinity church, Southport*, image, p. 36.

⁷⁶ *Fairfield Citizen*, 24 July 2014.

⁷⁷ Fairfield Probate District Packet No. 20, year 1729.

Interestingly, Henry Caner of New Haven, one of the witnesses to Abraham's will, exhibited that will in Milford, also on 12 April 1729, presumably an effort to have the will proved in Milford. As it turns out, Caner was an active leader of the young Episcopalian church in America. He went on to become the first clergyman to minister to the historic parish of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, that was founded in 1737.⁷⁸ It seems quite possible that Caner was attempting to preserve the will's clause about the tax payable to the Episcopal Church by getting the Milford Probate Court to prove the will regardless of the outcome in Fairfield.

Although the result of the appeal has not been found, an estate agreement among Martha Adams and the six daughters and their husbands dated 10 September 1729⁷⁹ makes no mention of the tax. The agreement specified that after funeral expenses were deducted and the one hundred pound legacy was paid to Trinity Church, then the widow would receive one third of the movable estate forever and one third of the real estate during her natural life, plus the possessions that she brought with her to the marriage. The balance would be divided "in even and equal shares in quantity and quality" among the six daughters by 20 September 1729. In the event that they were unable to reach an agreement, they appointed Capt. Moses Dimon, Captain John Osborne and Lieut. Gideon Allen, or any two of them, to "make a division and partition of the said estate" for them.

The estate distribution was dated 19 September 1729 and signed by Dimon, Osborne and Allen.⁸⁰ No inventory of Abraham Adams' estate was found, but the distribution details an impressive estate of £1,630 7s 8d, including just under £300 in movables and £1,331 in real estate, approximately 50-60 acres of land. Martha received just under £100 in movable estate (33 per cent of the total) and about £332 in real estate (25 per cent of the total). Each daughter received about £33 in movables and £167 in real estate. The agreement indicates that it was "read and delivered according to the agreement before and unto the widow and heirs this twentieth of September 1729."

Abraham Adams had six children, all born in Fairfield:

- i. DEBORAH ADAMS, born about 1678,⁸¹ baptized 20 January 1694/5.⁸² She was married to JAMES BENNETT, the grandson of immigrant James Bennett, about 1701. He died before 25 October 1726 in Danbury, Connecticut, when his inventory was taken.⁸³ Their children, all except Deborah baptized at Fairfield,⁸⁴ were GERSHOM, ELIZABETH, EPHRAIM, HANNAH, SAMUEL, ABRAHAM and DEBORAH.⁸⁵
- ii. HANNAH ADAMS, baptized 20 January 1694/5.⁸⁶ She was married to DANIEL MOREHOUSE.⁸⁷ He died in Fairfield on 24 May 1739 and was buried in the Old Burying

⁷⁸ <http://www.stpaulsnorwalk.org/about/history/>

⁷⁹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 7, pp. 72-73.

⁸⁰ Fairfield, Probate District, Vol. 7, pp. 89-90.

⁸¹ Clarence A. Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985), 63.

⁸² Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15.

⁸³ Fairfield, Probate District, Vol. 8, pp. 157-158.

⁸⁴ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, pp. 19-21, 23, 24, 26.

⁸⁵ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:70.

⁸⁶ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15.

⁸⁷ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 7, pp. 72-73.

- Ground in Fairfield.⁸⁸ Their children, baptized in Fairfield, were ABRAHAM, SARAH, HANNAH, DANIEL, SAMUEL, REBECCA and CATHERINE.⁸⁹
- iii. MARY ADAMS, baptized 24 February 1694/5.⁹⁰ She was married to JOSEPH MARSHALL.⁹¹
- iv. ABIGAIL ADAMS, baptized 24 February 1694/5.⁹² She was married to JOHN WHITLOCK.⁹³ He was named co-administrator of Abraham Adams will along with Abraham's brother, Nathan.⁹⁴ He died in Fairfield before 1 May 1733 when his will was proved.⁹⁵ The will named John and Abigail's children: JOHN, ABRAHAM, NATHANIEL, JONATHAN and ADAMS.
- v. SUSANNA ADAMS, born in Fairfield say about 1688. She married about 1711, John Winton.⁹⁶
- vi. ELIZABETH ADAMS, baptized 24 February 1694/5.⁹⁷ She was married to BENJAMIN GILBERT.⁹⁸ Benjamin was baptized 19 May 1695, the son of OBADIAH GILBERT.⁹⁹ Benjamin and Elizabeth's children were MOSES, ABIGAIL, SARAH and BENJAMIN.¹⁰⁰

3. NATHAN ADAMS, son of Edward Adams and his wife, Mary, was born presumably in Fairfield and died there before 6 February 1748/9¹⁰¹ when his will was proved. He married first MARY JAMES before 5 December 1687.¹⁰² Mary was the daughter of JOSEPH and MARY (DICKERSON) JAMES. She was admitted to Fairfield Congregational Church on 23 December 1694 and also baptized on that day.¹⁰³ Nathan married second JANE BLACKMAN sometime after 29 February 1712 when Jane's third husband, JAMES CLARK, JR., died. Nathan married third ANNA (___?___), who was named as his wife in his will.

Nathan was involved in at least 28 land transactions, 11 as the Grantor and 17 as the Grantee. He first acquired land as an inheritance from his father's estate. According to Edward's will, lands not specifically left to sons Samuel and Abraham and daughter Mary, were given to wife Mary Adams, and sons Nathaniel, John and Nathan after her decease or remarriage.¹⁰⁴ Nathan also purchased from brothers Nathaniel¹⁰⁵ and John¹⁰⁶ in 1686 and 1689, portions of parcels they had inherited from Edward. On 5 December 1687, Joseph James granted land to

⁸⁸ www.findagrave.com.

⁸⁹ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 18-21, 23, 24, 26.

⁹⁰ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 16.

⁹¹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 7, pp. 72-73.

⁹² Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 16.

⁹³ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 7, pp. 72-73.

⁹⁴ Fairfield Probate District, Packet No. 20, year 1729.

⁹⁵ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 6, pp. 207-208.

⁹⁶ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. II:1059.

⁹⁷ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 16.

⁹⁸ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 7, pp. 72-73.

⁹⁹ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 16.

¹⁰⁰ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, pp. 27, 29, 30, 32.

¹⁰¹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 10, pp. 94-95.

¹⁰² Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 109.

¹⁰³ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, pp. 7, 15.

¹⁰⁴ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 10, pp. 94-95.

¹⁰⁵ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 75.

¹⁰⁶ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 75.

Nathan in consideration of the fact that Nathan "married my daughter Mary with my consent."¹⁰⁷ In 1674, Joseph had purchased 120 acres in Westchester from John Winton.¹⁰⁸ Nathan sold these same 120 acres "west of Eastchester on the other side of the Bronx River" to Samuel Ward in 1713.¹⁰⁹

After the death of Nathan's brother, John Adams, Nathan and brothers Samuel and Abraham made an agreement on 18 Nov 1693 in which Nathan received John's house and home lot, a parcel of about seven acres located in Barlow's Plain.¹¹⁰

On 12 March 1694/5, the town of Fairfield sued Nathan Adams for "fencing and improving and illegal possessing of the town's land." Apparently he had fenced a parcel of land that was not laid out to him by the town. The jury found in favor of the town but granted Nathan a review at the next meeting of the County Court. On 5 November 1695, Nathan sued the town over this issue. The jury found for the defendant and ordered Nathan to return the town's land and pay court costs of four shillings. But on 2 November 1697, the issue was still not resolved. The town of Fairfield once again sued Nathan for "peaceable surrender of a certain parcel of wheat upon the ground which the town recovered of him." Once again, the jury ruled in favor of the town and ordered Nathan to pay court costs of eighteen shillings. This time, he was granted an appeal to the Court of Assistants to be held in Hartford in May of 1698. No record of this court was found, but once again on 11 March 1700/1, the Town of Fairfield sued Nathan Adams in County Court for trespass in fencing in land belonging to the town and once again the jury found in favor of the town, directing Nathan to pay 3£ 7s 6d and cost of court. Again Nathan appealed to the Court of Assistants. On 22 September 1701 the town of Fairfield empowered Mr. Peter Burr to represent it at the Court of Assistants held in New Haven in October 1701. An undated page states that that in the case of Nathan Adams plaintiff and town of Fairfield defendant, the jury found for the plaintiff and ordered a surrender of the wheat in controversy. A bill of Nathan Adams' costs dated October 1701 totaled "in money, cash 1£ 6d, in pay 1£ 16s." Finally after six years, Nathan had won his case against the town of Fairfield and received in addition to his land and expenses, the wheat he had grown in the field.¹¹¹

In 1715 Nathan and brother Abraham purchased John Tompkins' long lot in Fairfield.¹¹² In 1716, in consideration of four acres of the ship lot that was formerly Benjamin Turney's, Nathan exchanged to the Town of Fairfield a four acre parcel of land.¹¹³ Nathan transferred land to a number of his children and other relatives: in 1711 two acres in Barlow's Plain to John Winton,¹¹⁴ husband of his niece, Susanna Adams; in 1715 a six-acre homelot to son Nathan Adams, Jr.;¹¹⁵ in 1721 to Luke and Mary Guire the long lot that had originally been John Thompson's;¹¹⁶ in 1730 to son-in-law Nathaniel Wilson 8.5 acres that had been part of Edward

¹⁰⁷ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 109.

¹⁰⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 109.

¹⁰⁹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 68.

¹¹⁰ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 480.

¹¹¹ Connecticut Archives, "Private Controversies," Vol. VI, pp. 6-12, 16-24.

¹¹² Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 97.

¹¹³ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 139.

¹¹⁴ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 434.

¹¹⁵ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 143.

¹¹⁶ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 3, pp. 256-257.

Adams' homelot;¹¹⁷ in 1738 to son-in-law Benjamin Sturges 74 acres in Redding;¹¹⁸ in 1749 to son-in-law Luke Guire two acres of Greens Farms salt meadow.¹¹⁹ Other land transactions by Nathan may have been mortgages where he lent money to relatives. In 1731, niece Deborah Bennett (daughter of Abraham Adams) received sixteen pounds from Nathan for a 40 rod division of Edward Adams long lot that Abraham had received.¹²⁰ In 1736 and 1737, son-in-law Benjamin Sturges received 276 pounds from Nathan for land that had belonged to Benjamin's grandfather.¹²¹

Nathan's second wife, JANE BLACKMAN, had previously been married to Joseph Russell, Thomas Griffin and James Clark, Jr. In 1734, Nathan and Jane sold land in Stratford that Jane had inherited from Thomas Griffin, one parcel to Jane's son, Zachariah Clark,¹²² and another parcel to Zachariah Tomlinson.¹²³ In 1736, Nathan and Jane sold land in Stratford to Jane's brother, Zachariah Blackman.¹²⁴ This parcel had been inherited from Jane's grandfather, Moses Wheeler.

Nathan wrote his will on 22 August 1748. Witnesses were James Smedly, Hannah Jennings and Deborah Jackson. The will was proved in Fairfield 6 February 1749/50. In the will, he left to his son, Stephen, the irons belonging to the cart, the plow irons and a suit of his best wearing apparel. He also released Stephen from a debt of sixty five pounds. To grandson Nathan, son of Stephen, he left his gun and sword. To grandsons Nathaniel and Nathan, sons of his son Nathan, he left twenty shillings apiece. He willed that the covenant of "jointure" with his present wife, Anna, be ratified and confirmed. All the rest and residue of his estate both real and personal he left to his five daughters, Ganda, wife of Moses Knapp, Sarah, wife of Benjamin Sturges, Ruth, wife of Nathaniel Wilson, Mary, wife of Luke Guire and Avis, wife of Daniel Crowfoot. He also named his five sons-in-law to be executors of the will.

Nathan Adams and Mary James had ten children, all born in Fairfield:

- i. NATHAN ADAMS, baptized 23 December 1694.¹²⁵ He died before 6 April 1724¹²⁶ when his inventory was taken. He married Rebecca Clapham, daughter of Peter Clapham, about 1714.¹²⁷
- ii. NATHANIEL ADAMS, baptized 23 December 1694¹²⁸ and probably died young.
- iii. CANDEY ADAMS, baptized 23 December 1694.¹²⁹ She was variously referred to as CANDEY, CANDA and GANDA. She was married to MOSES KNAPP,¹³⁰ son of JOSIAH and

¹¹⁷ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 472.

¹¹⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 6, p. 63.

¹¹⁹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 9, pp. 337-338.

¹²⁰ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 516.

¹²¹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. 6, pp. 61-62.

¹²² Stratford Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 6, p. 256.

¹²³ Stratford Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 6, p. 291.

¹²⁴ Stratford Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 7, p. 93.

¹²⁵ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15.

¹²⁶ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 8, pp. 11-13.

¹²⁷ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:10.

¹²⁸ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15.

¹²⁹ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15.

¹³⁰ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 10, pp. 94-95.

- SYBIL (DICKERSON) KNAPP.¹³¹ She renewed her covenant at Fairfield Congregational Church on 24 August 1712.¹³² Moses was grandson of ROGER KNAPP, whose wife may have been the Goody Knapp who was hanged as a witch. Moses died before 17 November 1755 when administration of his estate was granted to his wife, Ganda Knapp.¹³³ Their children, baptized in Fairfield, were SARAH, DAVID, JONATHAN, REBECCA, MOSES,¹³⁴ HANNAH, RUTH, RACHEL, EUNICE and MARY.¹³⁵
- iv. SARAH ADAMS, born about 1695, died 4 February 1775. She married BENJAMIN STURGES in Fairfield 9 February 1715.¹³⁶
- v. RUTH ADAMS, baptized in Fairfield 11 October 1696.¹³⁷ She married NATHANIEL WILSON¹³⁸ and died in Fairfield 13 June 1775.¹³⁹ Nathaniel was born about 1689, son of NATHANIEL and ELIZABETH (HENDRICK) WILSON. He died in Fairfield 8 May 1769.¹⁴⁰ Nathaniel and Ruth's children were ROBERT, JOHN, RUTH and NATHANIEL.¹⁴¹
- vi. MARY ADAMS, daughter of Nathan (4) Adams and his wife, Mary, was baptized 2 October 1698 at Fairfield Church.¹⁴² She married about 1711, LUKE GUIRE¹⁴³ of Fairfield, her first cousin once removed. Mary was treated in the Guire article (fn. 26).
- vii. JOHANNA ADAMS, baptized 1 September 1700.¹⁴⁴
- viii. AVIS ADAMS, baptized 29 November 1702.¹⁴⁵ She was married to DANIEL CROWFOOT,¹⁴⁶ son of Daniel. Daniel was baptized in Fairfield 9 August 1702¹⁴⁷ and died in Redding before 18 August 1772 when administration was granted on his estate.¹⁴⁸
- ix. NATHANIEL ADAMS, baptized 1 October 1704¹⁴⁹ and died young.
- x. STEPHEN ADAMS, born about 1708 and died in Fairfield 5 November 1794.¹⁵⁰ He married, first, SARAH FINCH at Fairfield on 17 October 1727.¹⁵¹ He married, second, ESTHER HILL, widow of John Hill and daughter of JOSEPH BULKLEY. Esther was baptized 20 December 1713.¹⁵²

¹³¹ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:366.

¹³² Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 1.

¹³³ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 11, p. 271.

¹³⁴ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, pp. 24-27, 29.

¹³⁵ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 11, pp. 309-314.

¹³⁶ Barbour Collection, Fairfield, p. 1, citing original Vol. 1:120.

¹³⁷ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 17.

¹³⁸ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 10, pp. 94-95.

¹³⁹ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:11.

¹⁴⁰ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:698.

¹⁴¹ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, pp. 26, 27, 29, 34.

¹⁴² *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:11.

¹⁴³ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. I:248.

¹⁴⁴ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 18.

¹⁴⁵ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 19.

¹⁴⁶ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 10, pp. 94-95.

¹⁴⁷ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 19.

¹⁴⁸ Fairfield Probate District, Packet No. 1790.

¹⁴⁹ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 20.

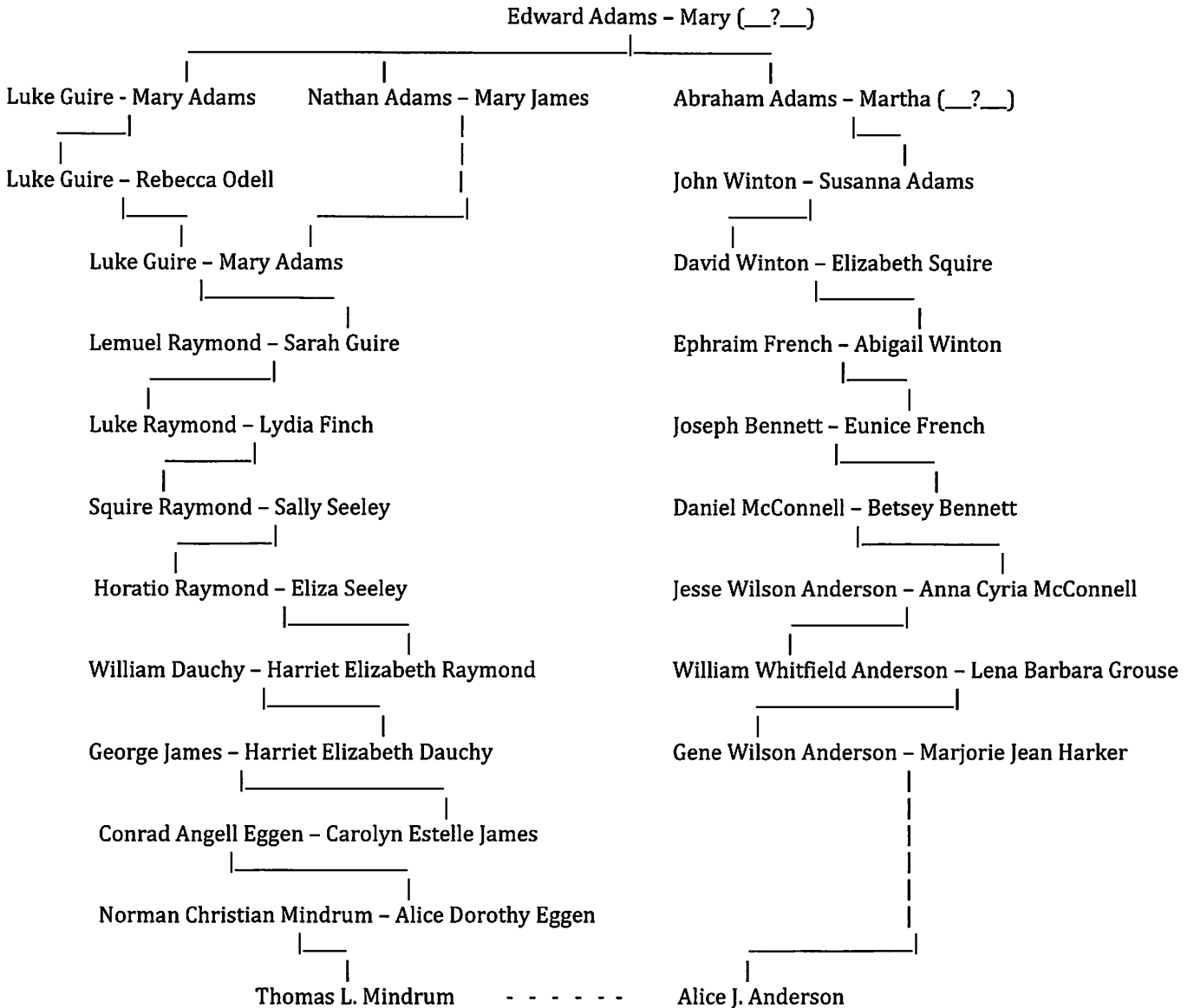
¹⁵⁰ Gilbert, *Annals of an Old Parish, Historical Sketches of Trinity Church, Southport*, p. 231.

¹⁵¹ Barbour Collection, Fairfield volume, p. 1, citing original Vol. 1:59.

¹⁵² Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 25.

The author's and author's wife's descent from Edward Adams:

Author's note: The author and his wife are ninth cousins, twice removed, with Edward and Mary Adams as their most recent common ancestor couple. The author is descended from them twice, through their daughter Mary Adams and their son Nathan Adams.



Joseph James of Fairfield

Thomas L. Mindrum

Joseph James died before 6 January 1687/8 when Abraham Adams and Mary James were appointed as administrators of his estate.¹ Joseph married Mary Dickerson in Fairfield before 15 June 1665.² Mary was born about 1641 and died before 21 August 1701.³

Joseph James may have been in Fairfield as early as 1664. A receipt from his brother-in-law Thomas Dickerson recorded in 1677 indicated that Joseph had rented the farm owned by his mother-in-law, Mary (Dickerson) (Finch) Pinion, for the past thirteen years and that he had paid the rent in full.⁴

Joseph James first appears in Fairfield documents in 1674 when he purchased a 120-acre parcel of land in Westchester County, New York, from John Winton.⁵ (As to why this transaction was recorded in a Fairfield deed book rather than a Westchester County deed book, one can only speculate that Joseph had a signed bill of sale from Mr. Winton and wanted to record the transaction legally but didn't want to make an arduous journey to Westchester County to do so.) In 1680, the town of Fairfield granted James a one-acre lot located within the Common area of the town.⁶ On 20 January 1684, he traded lots with Samuel Robinson, receiving a 1-1/4-acre lot in Barlow's Plain in return for his one-acre lot in the Common.⁷ On 5 December 1687, about one month before he died, Joseph made a gift of his Westchester County land to Nathan Adams, who had "married my daughter Mary with my consent."⁸

Joseph's name was not among the forty-four men named freemen in Fairfield in October 1669. Nor was he named on:

1. List of the lots drawn for Sasqua land in the New field 8 February 1668/9
2. Names of persons who share in the second division of the Sasqua Lands 30 January 1668/9
3. Those that removed the building lots at the rear of the lots into the half-mile common, 17 January 1671/2
4. List for Compo dividend, 28 February 1671/2
5. Inhabitants proportions of lands in the Commons granted to the inhabitants, 1670/1
6. List of the building lots, pasture lots and long lots granted to the inhabitants, January 1670/1

¹ Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, Vol. 3, p. 244, estate of Joseph James. Early probate records such as these are available on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library (CSL) and in the database "Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999" at Ancestry.com.

² Connecticut Archives, "Crimes and Misdemeanors," Vol. I, p. 17a; Connecticut State Library.

³ Fairfield Probate District, Packet 3303, Date 1688, estate papers of Joseph James. Joseph's wife and executor Mary was recorded as deceased in a late probate transaction on this date.

⁴ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 332.

⁵ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 109.

⁶ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 332.

⁷ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 332, 549.

⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 109.

7. List of the lots for the old Indian field drawn 22 March 1681/2
8. Dividend of old Indian Field, 10 Feb. 1682/3
9. List of the lots at Compo Neck, both divisions, 1682⁹

Neither Joseph, nor his wife Mary, nor any of their children are mentioned in the Barbour Collection of Connecticut births, marriages or deaths, nor in Connecticut Church Record Abstracts of baptisms, marriages or burials, nor in the Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices.¹⁰

On 9 October 1679 the Connecticut Assembly granted Joseph 50 shillings per annum because of disablement, "a wounded soldier in the late wars."¹¹ Although this would appear to refer to King Philip's War fought in 1675-1676, a search of George Bodge's *Soldiers in King Philip's War* shows no record of James' participation in that conflict.¹²

On 3 February 1686 Josiah Knapp entered a caveat against all land and housing of Joseph James.¹³ Knapp's wife, Sybil Dickerson, was sister to James' wife and Jacobus suggests that Joseph may have been her guardian at some point. Knapp may have been trying to collect a legacy that had been entrusted to James on behalf of Sybil while she was a minor.

Joseph James wrote his last will and testament on 21 December 1687.¹⁴

The last will and testament of Joseph James in the year 1687. I give and bequeath to God my soul that gave it and my body to a comely burial.
 Item. I give and bequeath to my wife my house yard lot during her widowhood and at her marriage it shall return to my son Joseph and be his own. Also I give to my wife two old mares and to my son Joseph the youngest mare. Also I give to my wife all my swine. Also I give to my son Edward five sheep and my cow and calf. Also I give to my son Nathan two sheep. Also I give to my daughter Grace and Beth ten shillings a piece. Also I give to my daughter Sarah two sheep, a yo [ewe] and a yolam [ewe lamb]. Also I give to my daughter Sarah all my right in that pese [piece] of wheat that Daniel Burr sowed in Howard's land. Also I give to my wife the rest of my estate. To my wife [sic] also I give to my wife all the rest of my moveable estate. I give to my wife. And my wife to pay all of my debts out of that which I give to her. Also I give to my son Joseph my gun and sword, and Joseph shall pay to his brother Edward ten pounds when he shall come of age of one and twenty years of age. Also I make my wife executor of this my will. Also I will that Robert Seeley and Abraham Adams shall be overseers of this my last will as witness my hand this 21 of December 1687.
 Joseph James his mark.
 The witness of Abraham Adams and Robert Seeley.
 Abraham Adams
 Robert Seeley

⁹ Elizabeth Hubbell Schenck, *The History of Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut*, (New York: the author, 1889), pp. 328-339.

¹⁰ All of these resources are collections at the Connecticut State Library.

¹¹ J. Hammond Trumbull, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, May, 1678 – June, 1689*, (Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Co., 1859), p. 37.

¹² George Bodge, *Soldiers in King Philip's War*, Boston, 1906.

¹³ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 679.

¹⁴ Fairfield Probate District, Packet 3303, Date 1688, estate papers of Joseph James.

This will is important in that it is the first document to name the children of Joseph and Mary James, other than daughter Mary: Joseph, Edward, Grace, Beth and Sarah. (The Nathan referred to in the will is likely James' son-in-law Nathan Adams, who receipted on 5 April 1690 for the two sheep left to him in the will.)

On 6 January 1687/8, a court in Fairfield declared that Joseph James was lately deceased so it is evident that he died in the few weeks between that court date and the date he wrote his will, 21 December 1687. The court appointed his widow Mary James and Abraham Adams, the brother-in-law of Mary James' daughter, Mary, as administrators of Joseph James' estate.¹⁵

An inventory of Joseph's estate was taken on 17 April 1688 by Ephraim Nichols and Eliphalet Hill.¹⁶

	£	s	d
Imprimis his wearing apparel	01	01	00
To 1 yearling, 9 sheep, 3 more in the woods.....	06	00	00
To wheat and oats and hay all at	02	15	06
To Indian corn about 20 bushels	01	04	00
To ... and seven swine	06	00	00
To arms and ammunition and 1 book.....	00	18	06
To 1 sieve, 3 lb. of new pewter, 4 lb. of old pewter all at	00	06	09
To tin ware, 1 brass kettle, 1 skillet.....	00	08	00
To 1 iron pot, 1 iron kettle and earthenware at 00.....	00	11	09
To 2 glass bottles & wooden ware	00	08	06
To a cupboard and old cask and tubs all at.....	00	10	06
To 2 trammel, 1 pair of pothooks, ... double hooks.....	00	05	00
To 4 axes, 1 frying pan, 1 handsaw, 1 pair ... & a	00	12	09
To 1 joiner plane, and other carpenter tools all at	00	05	06
To 4 awls, 2 ... old iron and box iron.....	00	06	00
To 2 old chests, 2 old boxes & ... trough all at.....	00	04	00
To ... cotton wool & sheeps wool & flax all at.....	00	12	06
To a bd cord, 1 linen wheel, whale bone & flax cord all at	00	05	06
To woolen yarn & woolen wheels & cards, 1 pair of the	00	18	00
To 1 bedstead and mat, curtains & valances and bed all at.....	00	10	00
To 1 old bdstead, 2 old chaf beds, pillows & bolsters all at.....	00	12	00
To 7 coverlids, 1 pair of sheets and other linen all at.....	03	18	06
To 1 peas hook, 6 spoons, 1 cooling dish & 1 old box.....	00	03	06
To 5 bushels of turnips and wheat on the ground.....	02	02	06
To a debt due from the town	03	10	00
(Total	34	10	3)

The inventory is interesting for what appears to be missing. First, the "house yard lot" that Joseph bequeathed to his wife is not in the inventory. According to land records, he owned a 1-1/4 acre lot in Barlow's Plain. Second, the "two old mares" that he gave to his wife and the "youngest mare" that he gave to son Joseph are not mentioned. Finally,

¹⁵ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 3, p. 244.

¹⁶ Fairfield Probate District, Packet 3303, Date 1688, estate papers of Joseph James.

he gave "my cow and calf" to son Edward, but only the yearling (calf) is found in the inventory.

At average values of the period 1688-1699, a house and homelot was worth about £70, the three mares about £12, the cow about £3, so adding these to the previous total yields an estate of about £119 10s 3p. In terms of value, this estate ranks 22 in a list of 25 estates owned by Mindrum ancestors in Fairfield County during the period 1688-1699. Joseph James was not a wealthy man.

Two receipts survive to affirm that Mary honored the terms of her husband's will. In the year 1690, Sarah James signed her mark on a receipt stating she had received "the full sum of what my honored father was pleased to give me for my portion." On 5 April 1690, Nathan Adams acknowledged the receipt of two sheep from his mother-in-law Mary James, and wrote to "acquit and discharge her as administrator."¹⁷

Despite these receipts, it appears that Joseph James probate case was not closed in the period immediately after his death. For whatever reason, fourteen years later, on 21 August 1701, the court noted that James' 1687 will had been "found" and that Joseph's wife, Mary (the executrix), was deceased and that she "did in her lifetime propose to execute the will," and that the court approved the will and caused it to be recorded, and appointed Sheriff Samuel Squire to "make inquiry after the estate that may be left" in case it had not all been distributed.¹⁸ There is no record of Squire's report back to the court.

Joseph and Mary James had six children:¹⁹

- i. Mary James, probably b. by 1667.²⁰ As an adult, she was baptized 23 December 1694 in Fairfield.²¹ She died before 9 March 1734.²² She married Nathan Adams before 5 December 1687.²³ After Mary's death, Nathan married second, Jane Blackman²⁴ and third, Anna (___?___), who was named in his will of 22 August 1748, proved 6 February 1749/50.²⁵
- ii. Joseph James, Jr.
- iii. Edward James
- iv. Grace James
- v. Beth James
- vi. Sarah James

¹⁷ Fairfield Probate District, Packet 3303, Date 1688, estate papers of Joseph James.

¹⁸ Fairfield Probate District, Packet 3303, Date 1688, estate papers of Joseph James.

¹⁹ Fairfield Probate District, Packet 3303, Date 1688, estate papers of Joseph James.

²⁰ Based on marriage date before 5 December 1687.

²¹ Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, p. 15.

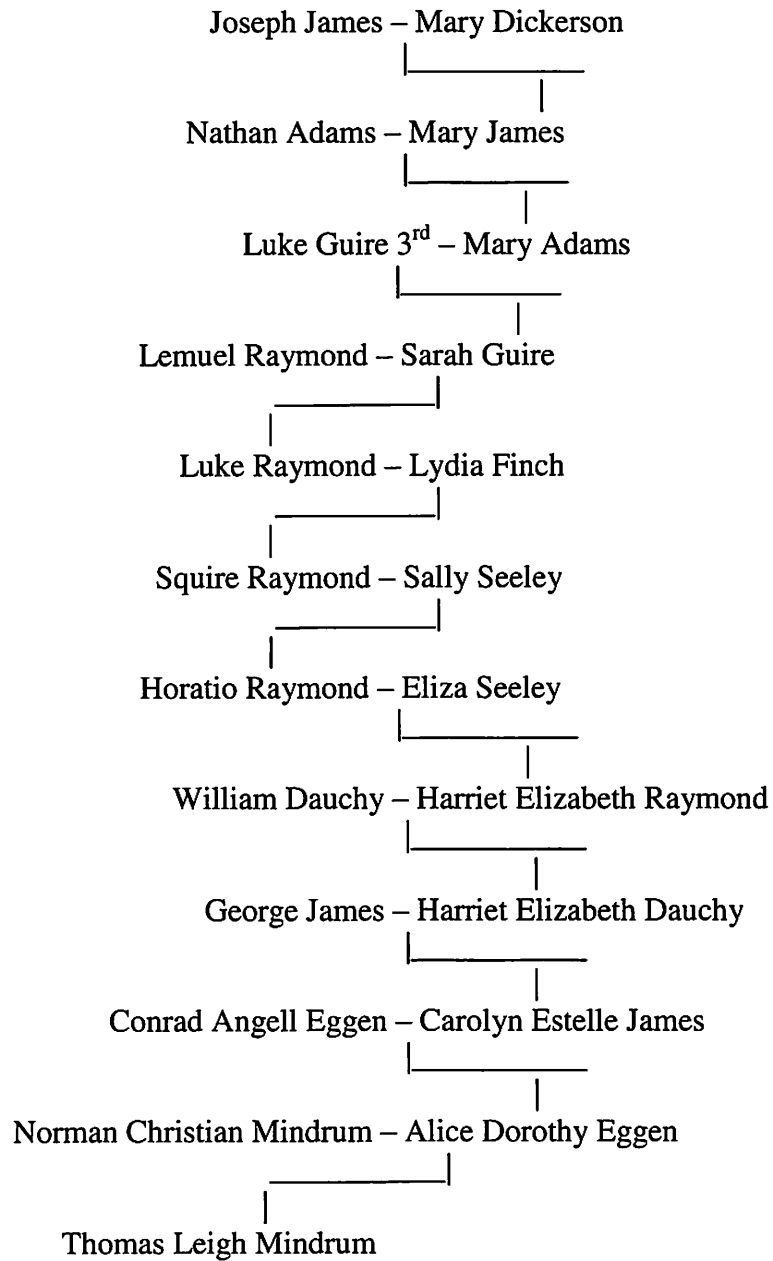
²² Stratford Deeds, Vol. 6, p. 256.

²³ Fairfield Proprietor's Records Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 109.

²⁴ Stratford Deeds, Vol. 6, p. 256.

²⁵ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 10, pp. 94-95.

THE AUTHOR'S DESCENT FROM JOSEPH JAMES



Genealogy Education: Working out a range of birth years based on age categories on pre-1850 censuses of the United States and evaluating the accuracy of the findings

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A glance at the United States census prior to 1850 gives the impression that there is little or nothing to be learned from these enumerations. There are lists of the names of heads of households, and then little numbers scattered across the page (or pages) of the census report. How can that be useful? A closer examination of the returns, and manipulation of the data, can result in a better understanding of the birth years of the persons who were enumerated.

What's on the page?

On the censuses prior to 1830 the government did not issue a standard form with printed headers for the columns. This sometimes makes it challenging for researchers to know what categories are represented on a page and to determine into which column the numbers are entered. Therefore, the first step in extracting data from these censuses—from any census—is to download a blank form.¹ The second step is to look at the digital image of the census return so *you* can be the one to decide which column a number is in, or what the name actually says. The third step is to record the data for the entire household. Finally, follow the steps below for each individual to see if their reported ages are consistent from one census to the next, and to work with the data to get as close as possible to an accurate birth year.

Narrowing down the range of ages for individuals

I will use as examples Constant Taylor and his wife Hannah. Hannah is never named in these censuses—only Constant, as head of household, is identified—but the birth records of her children name their parents as Constant and Hannah,² and her headstone reads “wife of Constant.”³ Therefore, we can assume she was his wife from before 1810 when their first child was born until her death in 1843,⁴ and the woman seen in his household on every census.

Constant Taylor was named on four censuses: 1810,⁵ 1820,⁶ 1830⁷ and 1840.⁸ This table shows the age categories in which he and his wife Hannah were listed.

¹ <https://www.ancestry.com/cs/census-forms>; https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogy_Research_Forms; or just do a Google search.

² Lucius Barnes Barbour, *Connecticut Vital Records to 1870*, typescript, Photostat copy at Connecticut State Library, (vol.) Stonington, Taylor section, pp. 252-253. Called “Barbour Collection” hereinafter. The children were Nancy (1810), Benjamin (1813), Robert (1816), Frances (1818), and Sophia (1822).

³ Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, 138 vols., Hartford: Connecticut State Library (CSL), 1934, v 114 (Stonington), p. 209, Hannah, wife of Constant, d. 9 Sep 1843, age 56.

⁴ *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, Stonington, Hannah Taylor. Her death is not recorded in town records.

⁵ 1810 United States census, New London County, Connecticut, population schedule, Stonington, p. 257 (penned), line 6, Constant Taylor; digital image, Ancestry.com, citing National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M252, Roll 3.

⁶ 1820 US census, New London Co., Conn., pop. sched., Stonington, p. 1084 (stamped), Constant Taylor; digital image, Ancestry.com, accessed 5 November 2018, citing NARA m-film pub. M33, Roll 2.

⁷ 1830 US Census, New London Co., Stonington, p. 72 (stamped), Constant Taylor; digital image, Ancestry.com, accessed 5 November 2018; NARA m-film pub. M19, Roll 10.

⁸ 1840 US Census, New London Co., Stonington, p. 3547-3548 (stamped), Constant Taylor; digital image, Ancestry.com, accessed 5 November 2018; FHL m-film 0,003,022.

Census Yr	Age Range Constant	Earliest birth year	Latest birth year
1810	age 26-44	1766	1784
1820	age 26-44	1776	1794
1830	age 40-50	1780	1790
1840	age 60-70	1770	1780

Census Yr	Age Range Hannah	Earliest birth year	Latest birth year
1810	16-25	1785	1794
1820	26-44	1776	1794
1830	40-50	1780	1790
1840	50-60	1780	1790

Table 1. Age categories for Constant (left) and Hannah Taylor (right) on four US censuses, and the calculated range of possible birth years.

The first line of the left table shows that in 1810 Constant, the only adult male in the household, was marked in the age range of 26-44 years. That means the range of his possible birth years is 1766 (1810 minus 44 = 1766) to 1784 (1810 minus 26 = 1784). To easily visualize the year ranges seen for each census year, the data have been entered into Microsoft Excel. Figure 1 illustrates data for Constant. The boxes in the first row, which represents the census year 1810, are shaded from 1766 to 1784. Similarly, the second row—1820—has the years 1776-1794 shaded, the third row—1830—has the boxes for 1781-1790 shaded, and the last row—1840—has the years 1771-1780 shaded. To deduce a birth year there needs to be an overlap of these ranges in all four census years, but there is not. See a discussion of this discrepancy below.

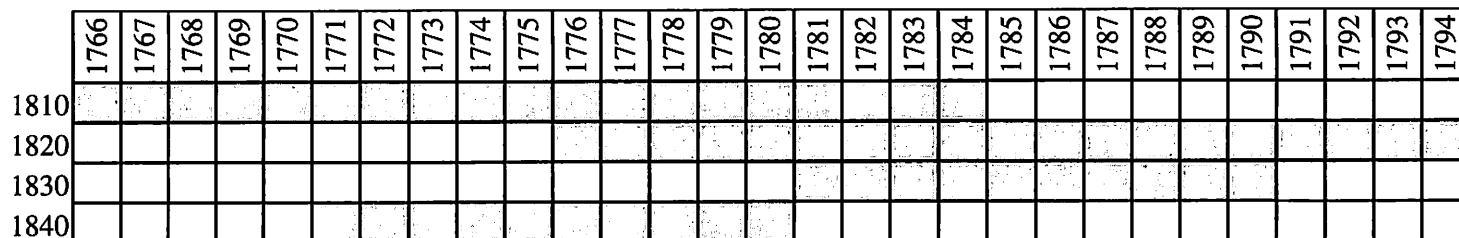


Figure 1. Chart displaying the range of possible birth years for Constant Taylor seen on US censuses 1810-1840.

The same exercise can be completed for Hannah Taylor. The display shows an overlap of six birth years: 1785-1790 for her (light gray).

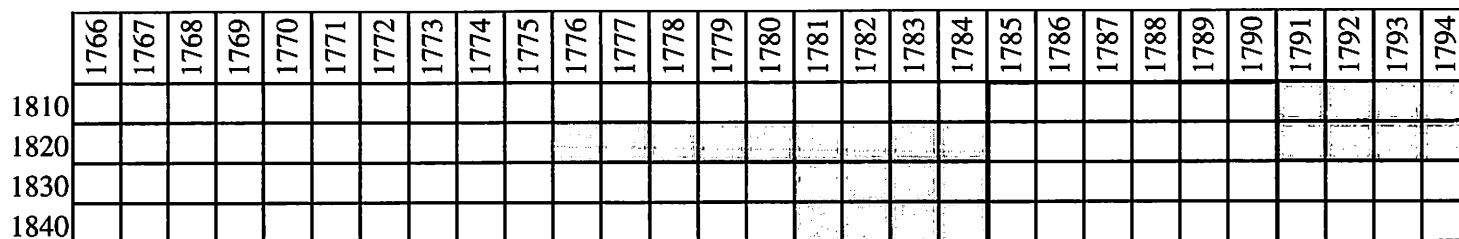


Figure 2. Chart displaying the range of possible birth years for Hannah Taylor seen on US censuses 1810-1840.

Why don't Constant's data provide an overlap of ranges? Closer examination of Table 1 reveals that the age category for Constant jumps not one 10-year increment between 1830 and 1840, but two (from 40-50 in 1830 to 60-70 in 1840). Could this be an error? Was Constant reported to be some years older in 1840 than his actual age? If he had been reported in the 50-59 year range, overlap would occur in the display, putting Constant's birth range at 1781-1784:

	1776	1777	1778	1779	1780	1781	1782	1783	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	1790
1810															
1820															
1830															
1840															

Figure 3. Range of birth years for Constant if his age range is advanced by only one increment in 1840. (Figure is truncated to show relevant area.)

The next step in analyzing these data and evaluating the accuracy of this exercise is to compare ages found in other records. Ages for Constant and Hannah are found on their headstones. The headstones say Constant died 14 July 1847, age 60, and Hannah 9 September 1843, age 56.⁹ Calculations put the birth year for both of them as 1787. This does not agree with censuses, though. Hannah was reported in a younger age range in 1810, at a time when they may have been more aware of their ages. The year 1787 is right in the middle of Hannah's calculated range of possible birth years, providing a bit of leeway for her censuses to be correct.

A woman's possible childbearing years need to be considered. If Hannah had been born in 1787, she was age 23 when her first child was born in 1810 and age 35 when her last child was born in 1822. These events fall within the range of biological likelihood. Therefore, assigning Hannah a birth year of 1787 seems reasonable.

The age at death for Constant, however, does not consistently agree with his census age ranges, even using the younger adjusted age range for 1840. The census data predict he was born three to six years earlier than 1787. What other factors can be considered when attempting to reconcile this discrepancy?

Is the headstone information correct? When was the stone erected, and by whom? Did that person know Constant's age? Constant's reported age at death, "60," raises suspicion because it is a multiple of five. The informant who gave Constant's age could have guessed. The same sort of error may have happened when Constant's age was recorded in 1840. Perhaps he himself thought he was already sixty by that time. Considering these factors, it seems reasonable to assume that Constant was born within the year range 1781-1784, meaning his age range on the 1840 census and the reported age at death are both incorrect.

In fact, however, there is a record of Constant's birth: 22 May 1786.¹⁰ Therefore, his age was reported incorrectly in both 1810 and 1840 and the age on his headstone is nearly correct. In summary, calculating ranges of birth years can tell us if census reports are consistent, but deducing a tight range of birth years from pre-1850 censuses is not always successful.

⁹ *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, Stonington, p. 209, Hannah Taylor and Constant Taylor.

¹⁰ James N. Arnold, compiler, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850, 21 vols. (Providence, RI: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891-1912)*, v.5, Westerly, 138, citing original 4:202.

Connecticut-specific Military Records available online

Have you been keeping up with new additions to the Connecticut research arsenal that are now available online? Here is a list of databases of military records from Ancestry.com and/or fold3 (both subscription websites).

Name of Database	# records
U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947 [not just Connecticut]	25,448,640
Connecticut, Military Census, 1917	442,226
Connecticut Soldiers, French and Indian War, 1755-62	29,722
Connecticut, Military Questionnaires, 1919-1920	13,418
Connecticut Revolutionary War Military Lists, 1775-83	12,896
Connecticut Servicemen, Spanish American War	3,840
Connecticut Men in the Revolutionary War	971
History of the First Light Battery Connecticut Volunteers, 1861-1865	866
Connecticut, Adjutant-General Report, 1901	352
Fire Cake and Water	250
History of the Sixteenth Connecticut Volunteers	114
First Connecticut Heavy Artillery : historical sketch and present addresses of members	53

Until recently, only the “old men’s” World War II draft cards were available (database named “U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942”). Now we see over 25 million cards for US men who were born 1898-1929, aged 18-44 when they registered. The Ancestry.com database includes images of the cards for men from Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and North Carolina. The others, including Connecticut, are linked from the index to images at fold3.com.

The 1917 Connecticut Military Census informed the state of the qualifications of its male citizens in view of the approaching war. An interesting set of questions was answered by men age 16 and over including trade or profession, age, marital status, number of dependents, citizenship, and various skills, including whether they could ride a horse or drive a team, ride a motorcycle, operate a wireless, handle a steam engine or a boat, or swim well. Over 400,000 men responded. “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918” contains records for over 383,000 residents of Connecticut who participated in one of the three drafts.

After the war veterans and the families of men killed in the war were asked to complete a survey for the purpose of memorializing those who served. Questions included “name, birth date and place, citizenship, church, father’s name and birth country, mother’s name and birth country, spouse, children (names, birth dates and places), occupation prior to and following service, employer, current address, residence prior to service, date and place of induction, unit, rank, branch of service, service history (training, transfers, promotions, engagements, wounds, etc.), comments and personal experiences.

See if you can find your ancestors in these great records.

Greens Farms Church Records, 1742 – 1851, continued
Part 13: Deaths, 1744 - 1776

Transcribed by Barbara Dempsey

We begin our final section of these important church records—the deaths. 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 *Connecticut Ancestry* Volumes 58, 59 and 60, and in the last issue.

Deaths, 1744 through 1776

A note about these death records: There are a number of people who have no surname. Many of them were noted to be “Negro” or “Person of Color” or a “servant of” a member of the church, who was then named. These individuals are assumed to be enslaved people though there is no clear statement of the status of most of them. The names of their owners or employers are included for context.

Key: ch/o = child of, d/o = daughter of, inf. = infant, s/o = son of, w/o = wife of

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Cause/Comments</u>
21 Nov 1744	Frost	Daniel			
26 Nov 1744	Godfrey	Eunice		d/o Stephen/Elizabeth Godfrey	
26 Nov 1744	Mead	[unnamed]		ch/o Ebenezer/Mary Mead	stillborn
05 Dec 1744	Wakeman	Seth		s/o Joseph/Abigail Wakeman	
22 Dec 1744	[None]	Harry		Negro servant to Thomas Bennet	
25 Dec 1744	[None]	Dinah		Negro servant to Capt. Thomas Nash	
06 Feb 1744/5	Bradley	Justus		s/o David/Damaris Bradley	
08 Feb 1744/5	[None]	Tom		Indian ch/o Lydia, living at house of Joshua Jennings	
25 Apr 1745	Godfree	John			

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Cause/Comments</u>
18 Jul 1745	[None]	Frank		servant boy of Thomas Couch	
26 Jul 1745	Lyon	Abigail		w/o David Lyon	
07 Nov 1745	Gray	Isaac			
20 Dec 1745	Mead	[unnamed]		ch/o Ebenezer/Mary Mead	stillborn
02 Jan 1745/6	Jennings	Joshua			
12 Jan 1745/6	Bunkcom	Cornelius			
09 Feb 1745/6	Remington	Stephen			
22 Mar 1746	Disbrow	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Nathan Disbrow	
10 Aug 1746	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro woman servant of Joseph Wakeman	
26 Aug 1746	Cable	Martha		d/o Benjamin/Martha Cable	
27 Nov 1746	Bennet	Mary		w/o Benjamin Bennett	
28 Nov 1746	Hibard	Mary		d/o Nathanael/Abigail Hibard	
02 Dec 1746	Bennet	Phebe			
22 Jan 1746/7	Roberts	Mary		w/o John Roberts	
xx Feb 1746/7	Bennet	Elias		s/o Benjamin Bennet	
13 May 1747	Disbrow	Joshua		s/o Joshua/Mary Disbrow	
19 May 1747	Morehouse	[unnamed]		ch/o Samuel/Abigail Morehouse	
06 Jun 1747	Adams	Susanna		w/o David Adams	
06 Sep 1747	Sherwood	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Jeremiah/Abigail Sherwood	
xx Sep 1747	Hendrick	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o David/Mary Hendrick	
22 Oct 1747	Morehouse	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Zaccus/Abigail Morehouse	
28 Oct 1747	Chapman	Albert			
xx Oct 1747	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro girl belonging to Ephraim Bradley	
25 Dec 1747	Nash	Mary		d/o Thomas Jr./Rebecca Nash	
25 Dec 1747	Webb	Susanna		w/o Josiah Webb	
25 Dec 1747	Lockwood	Gershom			

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Cause/Comments</u>
Jan-May 1748	No deaths	recorded			
08 Jun 1748	Nash	Thomas Capt.			
20 Aug 1748	Godfree	[unnamed]		ch/o Stephen/Elizabeth Godfree	stillborn
01 Sep 1748	Morehouse	[unnamed]		ch/o Samuel/Abigail Morehouse	
06 Sep 1748	Morehouse	Thomas			
11 Sep 1748	Sherwood	Thomas Jr.			
12 Sep 1748	Disbrow	Betty		d/o Joseph/Abigail Disbrow	
06? Sep 1748	[None]	[unnamed]	inf.	Negro ch/o Capt. Simon Couch	
06? Sep 1748	[None]	Caleb		Negro ch/o Mr. Stephen Wakeman	
26 Sep 1748	Couch	Solomon			
27 Sep 1748	Couch	Benjamin			
01 Oct 1748	Burr	Mary (widow)			
05 Oct 1748	Bradley	Ephraim			
14 Nov 1748	Adams	Ann		w/o Nathaniel Adams	
01 Dec 1748	Higgins	Elisha		s/o Abraham/Mary Higgins	
07 Dec 1748	[None]	Philip		Negro ch/o Widow Sarah Nash	
23 Dec 1748	Sturges	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o David/Charity Sturges	
27 Dec 1748	Sturges	Elizabeth	inf.	ch/o David/Charity Sturges	
03 Jan 1748/9	Rumsey	William			
17 Jan 1748/9	Sherwood	Sarah		w/o David Sherwood	
18 Jan 1748/9	Meker	Joseph		s/o Samuel/Abigail Meker	
02 Feb 1748/9	Nicols	Abigail		w/o John Nicols	
27 Jan 1748/9	Morehouse	[unnamed1]	inf.	ch/o Zacheus/Abigail Morehouse	
27 Jan 1748/9	Morehouse	[unnamed2]	inf.	ch/o Zacheus/Abigail Morehouse	
13 Feb 1748/9	[None]	Jack		Negro boy of Capt. Edward Jesup	
23 Feb 1748/9	Smith	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o John Smith	
26 Feb 1748/9	Thorp	Daniel			
25 Apr 1749	[None]	Cate		servant Negro woman	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Cause/Comments</u>
				of Capt. E. Jesup	
28 May 1749	Remington	Sarah			
04 Jun 1749	[None]	Tamar		Negro woman of Capt. E. Jesup	
11 Jul 1749	Dunkins	John			
15 Aug 1749	Dunkins	Mary (widow)			
10 Oct 1749	Burr	John		s/o John Burr	
15 Oct 1749	Bunkcom	Hannah (widow)			
10 Nov 1749	Couch	Elizabeth		ch/o Widow Deborah Couch	
24 Nov 1749	Nicols	Hannah		w/o Nathaniel Nicols	
20 Jan 1749/50	Rumsey	Joseph			
05 Feb 1749/50	Clenton	John		s/o John/Elizabeth Clenton	
28 Apr 1750	Twitchel	Phebe (Widow)			
28 Apr 1750	Godfree	[unnamed twin]	inf.	ch/o Eleazer/Rachel Godfree	
30 Sep 1750	Jesup	Edward (Capt.)			
22 Mar 1750/1	[None]	Sue		Negro ch/o Mr. Stephen Wakeman	
05 Apr 1751	Finch	Esther		w/o John Finch	
18 Apr 1751	Clenton	Phebe	inf.	d/o John/Elizabeth Clenton	
10 May 1751	Guire	Luke			
17 May 1751	Mead	[unnamed]		ch/o Ebenezer/Mary Mead	stillborn
25 Aug 1751	[None]	Ishmael		servant ch/o Widow Jesup	
31 Aug 1751	[None]	Dinah		servant woman of Widow Jesup	
02 Sep 1751	Jesup	Martha			
xx Sep 1751	Finch	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o John Finch	
xx Sep 1751	Roberts	[unnamed]		ch/o John Roberts	
xx Sep 1751	Andrews	[unnamed]		ch/o Daniel Andrews	
xx Oct 1751	Andrews	Seth		ch/o John/Sarah Andrews	
13 Oct 1751	Andrews	[unnamed]		ch/o Daniel Andrews	
14 Oct 1751	Morehouse	Abijah		s/o Gideon Jr./Sarah Morehouse	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Cause/Comments</u>
17 Oct 1751	Frost	Mary			
29 Oct 1751	Wakeman	Mary	inf.	d/o Stephen/Sarah Wakeman	
17 Nov 1751	Disbrow	Isaac		s/o Thomas Jr./Jane Disbrow	
09 Jan 1751/2	[None]	Tamar		Negro woman belonging to Capt. [John? Jos.?] Couch	
16 Mar 1751/2	Thorp	Hephzibah		wid/o Daniel Thorp	
12 Apr 1752	Nicols	Gershom		s/o Benjamin/Elizabeth Nicols	
21 Apr 1752	Hendrick	Phebe		w/o John Hendrick	
11 Sep 1752	Morehouse	Lockwood		s/o Jabez/Sarah Morehouse	
xx Sep 1752	Sherwood	Maryan	inf.	ch/o David Jr./Eunice Sherwood	
xx Oct 1752	Oysterbanks	Joshua		s/o Jacob/Patience Oysterbanks	
04 Dec 1752	Sherwood	Elijah		s/o Abel/Hannah Sherwood	
08 Dec 1752	Munrow	John		s/o Ebenezer/Mary Munrow	
12 Mar 1753	Bennet	Rachel	inf.	d/o Moses/Eunice Bennet	
12 May 1753	Morehouse	Gidion			
12 Jun 1753	Morehouse	John			
14 Jul 1753	[None]	Jack		Negro servant of David Sherwood	
21 Aug 1753	Allen	Honour		d/o Elnathan Allen	
09 Sep 1753	Allen	Gershom		s/o Elnathan/Salome Allen	
19 Sep 1753	Bradley	Molly	5		in ye 5 th year of her age
31 Oct 1753	Morehouse	Nathan (Ensign)			
01 Nov 1753	Jecox	Joshua			
04 Dec 1753	Godfree	[unnamed]		ch/o Stephen/Elizabeth Godfree	stillborn
22 Jan 1754	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to Capt. Thomas Nash	
29 Jan 1754	Burr	[unnamed]		s/o David/Abigail Burr	stillborn
31 Jan 1754	Higgins	Elijah		s/o Abraham/Mary Higgins	

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05 Feb 1754	[None]	[unnamed]	inf.	Negro of Stephen Wakeman	
xx Feb 1754	Guire	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Ebenezer Guire	
03 Mar 1754	Couch	Abigail	inf.	d/o Simon Jr./Rebecca Couch	
06 Mar 1754	Robertson	Betty	inf.	ch/o Hannah Robertson	
10 Mar 1754	Hurlbutt	Margaret		w/o Gideon Hurlbutt	
04 Apr 1754	Couch	[unnamed]		ch/o Joseph/Hannah Couch	
08 Apr 1754	Disbrow	Hannah		d/o Thomas Jr./Jane Disbrow	
09 Apr 1754	[None]	Samson		Negro child belonging to Capt. Thomas Nash	
26 Apr 1754	Sturges	Jabal		s/o David/Charity Sturges	
10 Jun 1754	Chapman	Grissel (Mrs.)		relict of Revd. Daniel Chapman	
15 Jul 1754	Bennet	Edmund			
29 Aug 1754	Gray	Margaret			
08 Sep 1754	Godfree	[unnamed]		ch/o Stephen/Elizabeth Godfree	stillborn
01 Oct 1754	Sherwood	Eleanor		w/o Thomas Sherwood	
04 Oct 1754	Bennit	Mary		d/o William/Abigail Bennit	
xx Sep 1754	Squire	[unnamed]		ch/o Ebenezer/Eunice Squire	
29 Oct 1754	Buckingham	Daniel		s/o Stephen/Elizabeth Buckingham	
31 Oct 1754	Nott	Thaddeus		s/o Capt. John/Martha Nott	
07 Nov 1754	Rumsey	Isabel		w/o Lt. Benjamin Rumsey	
25 Jan 1755	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to Mr. Stephen Wakeman	
27 Aug 1755	Goodsell	Sarah		w/o John Godsell	
xx Sep 1755	Godfree	[unnamed]		ch/o Stephen/Elizabeth Godfree	stillborn
29 Sep 1755	Sturges	Ruth		w/o Daniel Sturges	
04 Dec 1755	Hendrick	Wid. Elizabeth			
27 Dec 1755	Hull	Hezekiah			in NY; bur in this place 30 Dec
09 Jan 1756	Hull	Eliphalet		s/o Jabez/Mary Hull	

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10 Feb 1756	Morehouse	Mary		d/o Samuel/Abigail Morehouse	
27 Feb 1756	Morehouse	[unnamed]		ch/o Zaccheus/Abigail Morehouse	stillborn
10 Mar 1756	Morehouse	John		s/o Zaccheus/Abigail Morehouse	
24 Mar 1756	Higgins	Sarah		w/o Abraham Higgins	
19 Apr 1756	Disbrow	Abigail		w/o Thomas Disbrow	
22 Apr 1756	Baterson	Stephen-Powell		s/o James/Elizabeth Baterson	
25 May 1756	Bulkley	Thomas			
06 Jun 1756	Morehouse	Eliphalet		s/o Jabez/Sarah Morehouse	
12 Jun 1756	Morehouse	Sarah		w/o Gideon Morehouse	
11 Jul 1756	Nash	John (Capt.)			
06 Aug 1756	Sherwood	Thomas			d. in Army at Albany
28 Aug 1756	Squire	Phenihas			d. in Army at Fort Edward
20 Sep 1756	Morehouse	Jethro			d. in Army
29 Oct 1756	Clenton	Joseph		s/o John/Elizabeth Clenton	
05 Nov 1756	Hendrick	David			d. on his way home from ye Army
04 Dec 1756	Fountain	Abel			d. at Green Bush in way home from Army
04 Feb 1757	Whitehead	Jemima		w/o Nathaniel Whitehead	
13 Feb 1757	Elwood	Isaac	inf.	s/o Richard/Rachel Elwood	
04 Mar 1757	Allen	Temperance	inf.	d/o Elnathan/Salome Allen	
09 Mar 1757	Hurlbutt	Gideon			
20 Mar 1757	Higgins	Abraham	92		
08 May 1757	Godfree	[unnamed]		ch/o Stephen/Elizabeth Godfree	stillborn
02 Jun 1757	Chapman	John			
11 Aug 1757	Higgins	Mary			
14 Sep 1757	Lyon	Elizabeth		d/o David/Martha Lyon	
15 Sep 1757	Allen	Deborah		w/o Ebenezer Allen	

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17 Sep 1757	Disbrow	Ebenezer		s/o Joshua/Mary Disbrow	
20 Sep 1757	Disbrow	Solomon	inf.	s/o Thomas Jr./Jane Disbrow	
30 Sep 1757	Disbrow	Thomas			
09 Oct 1757	Nash	Jonathan			
26 Oct 1757	Clenton	[unnamed]		ch/o John/Elizabeth Clenton	stillborn
27 Nov 1757	Burr	[unnamed]		ch/o David/Abigail Burr	stillborn
06 Dec 1757	[None]	Jacob		Negro servant boy to Capt. Sherwood	
16 Dec 1757	Sturges	Sarah		w/o John Sturges	
18 Jan 1758	Bennet	Thomas		s/o Thomas Jr./Mary Bennet	
14 Feb 1758	Elwell	Sarah			
21 May 1758	Shaw	Nathaniel			
22 Jul 1758	Jennings	Joshua	inf.	s/o Joshua/Esther Jennings	
19 Aug 1758	Hughs	Rowland			
20 Aug 1758	Godfrey	Christopher			
23 Aug 1758	Disbrow	[unnamed]		ch/o Nathan/Wait Disbrow	
18 Oct 1758	Hendrick	Justus		s/o John Jr./Eunice Hendrick	
09 Nov 1758	Rumsey	Daniel			at York in his passage home from ye Army
20 Dec 1758	Morehouse	Mary (Widow)			
14 Mar 1759	Allen	Mercy		d/o Elnathan/Salome Allen	
[Mar-May] 1759	Nicols	Benjamin	inf.	s/o Daniel/Mary Nicols	
13 May 1759	Rumsey	Benjamin			in Huntington on Long Island
11 Jun 1759	Clenton	Francis		ch/o John/Elizabeth Clenton	
15 Jun 1759	Beers	Ephraim			
22 Jun 1759	Hendrick	Eunice		ch/o John Jr./Eunice Hendrick	
21 Aug 1759	Morehouse	David			in ye Army

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15 Jul 1759	Batison	Joseph			killed on board a privateer
09 Oct 1759	Allen	Elnathan	inf.	ch/o Elnathan/Salome Allen	
18 Oct 1759	Hurlbutt	Sarah		d/o Gideon/Hannah Hurlbutt	
04 Nov 1759	Godfrey	Margery (Wid.)			
15 Nov 1759	Sherwood	David			
29 Oct 1759	Webb	Nehemiah			
20 Dec 1759	Hill	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Thomas Jr./Ellen Hill	
xx Jan 1760	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to John Andrews	
06 Jan 1760	Sherwood	[unnamed twin1]		ch/o Solomon/Temperance Sherwood	
06 Jan 1760	Sherwood	[unnamed twin2]		ch/o Solomon/Temperance Sherwood	
13 Jan 1760	Disbrow	Joshua			
15 Feb 1760	[None]	Quash		Negro man belonging to Deacon John Disbrow	
20 Feb 1760	Nash	Sarah		relict of Deacon Thomas Nash	
09 Mar 1760	Disbrow	Mary		relict of Joshua Disbrow	
18 Mar 1760	Gray	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Jabez/Betty Gray	
20 Mar 1760	Gray	Polly		ch/o Jabez/Betty Gray	
23 Mar 1760	Wakeman	Stephen (Mr.)			
26 Mar 1760	Gray	Betty		w/o Jabez Gray	
02 Apr 1760	Disbrow	Mary		d/o Joshua/Mary Disbrow	
04 Apr 1760	Burr	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o David/Abigail Burr	
08 Apr 1760	Walker	[unnamed]			of Woodbury; of ye small pox
15 Apr 1760	Fountain	Aaron			
11 May 1760	[None]	Tamar		Negro child belonging to Sarah Wakeman	
01 Jun 1760	Batison	Rachel		d/o James Jr./Rachel Batison	
31 May 1760	Gray	Jabez			of small pox, in Maryland
19 Sep 1760	Gorham	Rachel		d/o Joseph/Abigail Gorham	of Norwalk

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06 Jun 1760	Morehouse	Thomas			of small pox in ye Army
23 Sep 1760	Mead	[unnamed]		ch/o Ebenezer/Mary Mead	stillborn
24 Sep 1760	Clenton	Sarah		d/o John/Elizabeth Clenton	
17 Aug 1760	Couch	Samuel Jr.			of small pox in ye Army on way to Canada
22 Aug 1760	Sturges	William			by small pox in ye Army on way to Canada
15 Oct 1760	Bennet	William Jr.			in ye Army in ye from Canada
21 Nov 1760	Oysterbanks	Moses			
29 Nov 1760	Oysterbanks	Patience		w/o Jacob Oysterbanks	
[Nov-Dec] 1760	Batison	Tamason		d/o James Jr./Rachel Batison	
15 Jan 1761	Hide	John (Deacon)			
03 Nov 1760	Gray	Samuel Jr.			at New Providence
23 Jan 1761	Morehouse	Mary (Widow)			of Norwalk
xx Mar 1761	[None]	Cesar		Negro man servant to Nathaniel Nicols	
14 Mar 1761	Morehouse	[unnamed]		ch/o Samuel/Abigail Morehouse	stillborn
22 Mar 1761	Frost	Abigail		w/o Isaac Frost	
27 Mar 1761	Elwood	Nathan		s/o Hezekiah/Sarah Elwood	
28 Mar 1761	Frost	Isaac			
02 Apr 1761	[None]	Fortune		Negro servant to Joseph Gorham	
08 Apr 1761	Disbrow	Israel		s/o Nathan/Wait Disbrow	
11 Apr 1761	[None]	Titus		Negro servant to David Sherwood	
xx Apr 1761	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to Gershom Sturges	
14 Apr 1761	Bennet	Mary		w/o Deliverance Bennet	
18 Apr 1761	Bennet	Deliverance			
18 Apr 1761	Allen	Sarah		w/o John Allen	

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02 May 1761	Sherwood	Rebecca		w/o Lt. Isaac Sherwood	
23 May 1761	Sturges	Mary			
31 May 1761	Godfrey	Martha		w/o Lt. Nathan Godfrey	
27 Aug 1761	Gray	William			
27 Oct 1761	Allen	Salome		d/o Elnathan/Salome Allen	
01 Nov 1761	Hazard	Mercy		d/o John/Mary Hazard	
26 Nov 1761	Gray	Thaddeus			
04 Jan 1762	Gray	Eleanor		w/o Samuel Gray	
06 Mar 1762	Nicols	Nathaniel			
xx Mar 1762	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to Capt. Thomas Nash	
15 Mar 1762	Sturges	Gershom			
xx Feb 1762	Sherwood	Gabriel		s/o Solomon/Temperance Sherwood	
27 Apr 1762	Gray	Lois		d/o Widow Susanna Gray	
04 May 1762	Elwood	Eleanor		w/o Joseph Elwood	
[May-Sep] 1762	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro ch/o Widow Mary Sturges	
04 Sep 1762	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child ___ servant to Joseph Gorham	
23 Sep 1762	Wakeman	Joseph			
02 Oct 1762	Thorp	Eunice			
07 Nov 1762	Burr	[unnamed]		ch/o David/Abigail Burr	stillborn
28 Nov 1762	Jackson	[unnamed]			
14 Dec 1762	Whitehead	Nathaniel			
15 Jan 1763	Finch	Mercy		w/o John Finch	
06 Feb 1763	Sherwood	Cene		d/o Solomon/Temperance Sherwood	
25 Mar 1763	Fintch	Esther		d/o John Fintch	
10 May 1763	Rumsey	Lewis			

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28 Jun 1763	Gorham	Mary		d/o Jabez/Mary Gorham	
23 Jul 1763	Oysterbanks	Jacob			
xx Aug 1763	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to Nathaniel Adams	
17 Sep 1763	Cable	George			
12 Feb 1764	Crosman	[unnamed]		ch/o John/Ann Crosman	
23 Feb 1764	Oysterbanks	[unnamed]		ch/o Eunice Oysterbanks	
24 Feb 1764	Elwood	Elizabeth		w/o John Elwood	
26 Feb 1764	Gorham	Jabez			
03 Mar 1764	Burr	[unnamed]		ch/o David/Abigail Burr	stillborn
14 Mar 1764	Webb	Hannah		w/o Josiah Webb	
xx Apr 1764	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to Mary Morehouse	
13 May 1764	Whitehead	Elizabeth		w/o Jehial Whitehead	
19 Aug 1764	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to Mary Sturges	
11 Nov 1764	Disbrow	[unnamed]		grandchild of Caleb Disbrow	
xx xxx 1764	[None]	[unnamed]		Negro child belonging to Widow Sarah Jesup	
xx xxx 1764	Sturges	Ann		w/o Jeremiah Sturges	
22 Nov 1764	Lyon	David			
04 Dec 1764	Couch	Thomas (Ensign)			
21 Feb 1765	Sturges	Maryan	inf.	d/o David/Charity Sturges	
15 Apr 1765	Bulkley	Abigail		relict of Thomas Bulkley	
14 Jul 1765	Couch	Abigail		w/o Capt Simon Couch	
25 Jul 1765	Hill	Thomas Jr.			
xx xxx 1765	Disbrow	Thomas Jr.			d. in summer at sea
xx Sep 1765	[None]	Prince		Negro child servant to Martha Lyon	

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14 Nov 1765	Oysterbanks	Sarah		w/o Isaac Oysterbanks	
22 Dec 1765	Mackentash	Dinah			
26 Jan 1766	[None]	Liza		a motto [mulatto?] woman servant to J. Gorham	
28 Feb 1766	Davis	Ann			
06 Apr 1766	Bulkley	Grace			
23 May 1766	Buckingham	Daniel (Rev.)			
07 Jun 1766	Buckingham	Mary (Mrs.)		w/o Rev. Daniel Buckingham	
08 Jun 1766 to 11 Aug 1767	No deaths recorded				
12 Aug 1767	Couch	Asa		s/o Joseph/Hannah Couch	
13 Aug 1767 to 14 Jan 1768	No deaths recorded				
15 Jan 1768	Philips	Martha		w/o John Philips	
25 Feb 1768	Sherwood	Isaac (Lt.)			
02 Jun 1768	Sherwood	Samuel Esq.			
08 Oct 1768	Meker	Samuel		so Seth/Abigail Meker	
26 Dec 1768	Morehouse	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Grummon/Hulda Morehouse	
xx Feb 1769	Couch	Joseph [Sr.]			perished betw/ yr & NY in ye passage home (with son, Joseph)
xx Feb 1769	Couch	Joseph [Jr.]		s/o Joseph	perished betw/yr & NY in ye passage home (w/ father, Joseph)
26 May 1769	Morehouse	Sarah			
27 Jun 1769	Jecox	Deborah			
02 Aug 1769	Nash	Thomas (Dea.)			
05 Aug 1769	Taylor	Gershom		s/o Lt. Samuel/Mary Taylor	
15 Jan 1770	Gray	Joanna		w/o Samuel Gray	
25 Feb 1770	Meker	Samuel			
19 Apr 1770	Couch	Simon (Capt.)			

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30 Apr 1770	Godfrey	Elisabeth		d/o Nathan/Isabel Godfrey	
20 Jun 1770	Batterson	Samuel		s/o George/Elisabeth Batterson	
18 Jul 1770	Buckley	Isaac			
29 Jan 1771	Morehouse	Gideon (Deacon)			
28 Mar 1771	Andrews	John (Deacon)			
29 Mar 1771	Hazard	John			
08 Jun 1771	Bennit	Marcy		w/o Thomas Bennit	
06 Jul 1771	Taylor	Patty		d/o Lt. Samuel/Mary Taylor	
15 Jul 1771	Bur	Talcot	inf.	ch/o Talcot/Mindwell Bur	
05 Sep 1771	Batterson	Gracy	inf.	ch/o George/Elisabeth Batterson	
19 Sep 1771	Guire	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Stephen/Rebecca Guire	
05 Dec 1771	Disbrow	Nathan			perished in a storm bet/yr & NY
12 Dec 1771	Goodsel	Pheby		d/o John/Grace Goodsel	
04 Jan 1772	Andrews	Isaac	inf.	ch/o Esq. Abraham/Caty Andrews	
26 Jan 1772	Elwood	Samuel	inf.	ch/o John/Ann Elwood	
21 Feb 1772	Bur	Grace		w/o John Bur	
23 Feb 1772	Goodsel	Abigail		d/o John/Grace Goodsel	
23 Feb 1772	Elwood	Ruhama		d/o Joseph/Naomi Elwood	
03 Mar 1772	Bradley	Stephen			
04 Mar 1772	Bradley	[unnamed]		only ch/o Stephen/Abigail Bradley	whos Father died ye day preceding
07 Mar 1772	Andrews	Wakeman		s/o Esq. Abraham/Katy Andrews	
12 Mar 1772	Wakeman	David		s/o Stephen/Mary Wakeman	
14 Mar 1772	Jesup	Edward	inf.	ch/o Doctor Ebenezer/Elen Jesup	
23 May 1772	Bur	Elisabeth (twin1)	inf.	ch/o Talcot/Mindwell Bur	
23 May 1772	Bur	Mary (twin2)	inf.	ch/o Talcot/Mindwell Bur	
28 Apr 1772	Godfrey	Nathan		s/o Nathan/Isabel Godfrey	
07 May 1772	Jesup	Elenor		w/o Doctor Ebenezer Jesup	

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10 May 1772	Ogden	Ebenezer		s/o Ebenezer Ogden	
26 May 1772	Godfrey	Isabel		w/o Nathan Godfrey Jr.	
30 Jun 1772	Godfrey	Abigail		w/o Stephen Godfrey Jr.	
06 Jul 1772	Gray	Elisabeth (Wid.)			
21 Jul 1772	Hurlbutt	Hannah		w/o Capt. Gideon Hurlbutt	
26 Aug 1772	Blackman	Abigail			
15 Sep 1772	Bennit	William			
23 Sep 1772	Andrews	William		s/o Capt. Samuel/Hannah Andrews	
02 [Dec?] 1772	Andrews	Hannah		w/o Capt. Samuel Andrews	
[?] 1772	Andrews	Samuel (Capt.)			undoubtedly perished at sea
06 Jan 1773	Disbrow	Mahitable		d/o Jabez/Mehitable Disbrow	
19 Jan 1773	Gorham	Joseph			
29 Jan 1773	Coley	Mercy		w/o John Coley	
13 Feb 1773	Wakeman	Rebecca		d/o Ens. Stephen/Mary Wakeman	
18 Mar 1773	Taylor	Gersham		s/o Lt. Samuel/Mary Taylor	
23 Jun 1773	Elwood	Rachel		d/o John/Anne Elwood	
21 Jul 1773	Allen	Joseph		s/o Elnathan/Sarah Allen	
02 Aug 1773	Bennit	John Satterly		s/o Stephen/Elisabeth Bennit	
14 Aug 1773	Hendrick	Joseph		s/o Samuel/Mary Hendrick	
24 Aug 1773	Couch	Sarah		d/o Thomas/Sarah Couch	
29 Aug 1773	Bur	Nathan		s/o John/Martha Bur	
09 Sep 1773	MunRoe	John			
26 Sep 1773	Bennet	James		s/o James/Sarah Bennet	
28 Sep 1773	Bennet	Sarah		d/o James/Sarah Bennet	
02[Sep-Oct?] 1773	Disbrow	Moses		s/o Jabez/Mehitable Disbrow	[month – gone]
06 Nov 1773	Andrews	Joseph		s/o Capt. Samuel/Hannah Andrews	

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11 Nov 1773	Bennet	Gershom		s/o James/Sarah Bennet	
03 Dec 1773	Rumsey	Benjamin		s/o Lt. David/Anne Rumsey	
09 Dec 1773	Couch	David		s/o David/Mary Couch	
07 Jan 1774	Lockwood	Jane (Widow)			
19 Apr 1774	Ripley	Bradford		s/o Hezekiah/Dorothy Ripley	
09 Jul 1774	Wakeman	David		s/o Gideon/Anna Wakeman	
30 Nov 1774	Gray	Elisha			
07 Jan 1775	Hazard	Joseph			
07 Feb 1775	Johnson	Freelove		d/o Nathaniel/Sarah Johnson	
01 Mar 1775	Nash	Elizabeth			
23 Apr 1775	Osborn	John			
18 May 1775	Couch	Samuel			
04 Jun 1775	Stratton	Joseph		s/o Cornelius/Abigail Stratton	
06 Jun 1775	Coley	John			
19 Jun 1775	Meeker	[unnamed]		s/o Seth/Abigail Meeker	
09 Aug 1775	Hendrick	Lucy		d/o Susanna Hendrick	
28 Aug 1775	Elwood	John Jr.			
30 Sep 1775	Hurlbut	Gideon (Capt.)			
20 Oct 1775	Elwood	John			
27 Oct 1775	Godfrey	Nathan Jr.			
27 Sep 1775	Philips	John		s/o John/Molly Philips	"set down here by mistake"
17 Jan 1776	Morehouse	Samuel (Lt.)			
28 Jan 1776	Osterbank	Abigail		w/o Isaac Osterbank	
10 Mar 1776	Disbrow	Thomas		s/o John/Jemima Disbrow	
31 Mar 1776	Churcher	Robert			
07 Apr 1776	King	Sarah			
21 Apr 1776	Webb	Josiah			
01 May 1776	Meeker	Abial (Widow)			

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13 May 1776	Couch	Sarah			
15 Mar 1776	Baker	Joshua			d. in the Army at Canada
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Andrews	Simon (Ens.)			
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Andrews	Elizabeth		w/o Ens. Simon Andrews	
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Allen	Joseph			
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Allen	Rachel		w/o Joseph Allen	
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Meker	[unnamed]		ch/o Seth Meker	“Seth Meker left a child”
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Whitehead	[unnamed]		ch/o Jehiel Whitehead	
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Disbrow	[unnamed]		ch/o Asa Disbrow	
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Plat	Samuel			
[Mar-Oct] 1776	Godfrey	Benjamin		s/o Lt. Godfrey	d. in the Army at Albany
07 Oct 1776	Ripley	David Bradford		s/o Hezekiah/Dolly Ripley	
10 Oct 1776	Bennet	Phineas		s/o Moses Jr./Hannah Bennet	
06 Nov 1776	Hibbard	Sarah		d/o Elisha/Elizabeth Hibbard	
15 Nov 1776	Hibbard	Abigail		w/o Nathaniel Hibbard	
15 Nov 1776	Hibbard	Abigail		d/o Nathaniel/Abigail Hibbard	

To be continued

Book Review

Katherine Dimancescu. *Denizens: a narrative of Captain George Denison and his New England Contemporaries*. Published by the author, 2017. 486 pp, soft cover, \$22.50. Available from Amazon.com.

This book is a collection of nearly 40 essays that center on the author's ancestors who were among the earliest settlers in New England—Mayflower passengers and slightly later arrivals in The Great Migration. The format is unusual—the chapters are separate essays which do not follow directly from one to the next. This makes the reading experience less daunting since each essay can be read independently. They average ten pages per essay, so the book can be digested in short segments without losing track of a specific story line. Photographs of headstones, cemeteries, ancient buildings and historic documents are included.

The narrative style is a travelogue in which the author frequently uses a first-person perspective in reporting the steps she took during her research, and recalling conversations she had along the way. The naming in the text of the resources or repositories consulted or visited tends to distract from the narrative. Most editors would suggest leaving those references in the endnotes and concentrating in the text on the story that is to be told.

The book is something of a prosopography, discussing a cast of characters who inhabited New England at the same time. It provides a series of snapshots that illuminate the lives of specific people, but that combine to provide a generalized picture of the life of the community.

The author did extensive research in original documents at dozens of repositories in England and New England. She has included a 24-page bibliography and 658 endnotes. These references will be helpful to readers who may want to find similar information about their own ancestors. There is also an index of names, places and subjects which will help readers find persons of interest throughout the book.

The book opens on a specific date with George Denison of the title “standing in front of a roaring fire” in his home, reminiscing. This sort of imagined scene is found occasionally in the book and serves to bring the subjects to life. Other sections are highly detailed with research data. A case in point is the discussion of evidence that might support or refute the family story about where Denison recuperated from an injury incurred in the English Civil War (for which he, among others, returned to England from Massachusetts). One disadvantage of the essay format is that a reader cannot go to one place in the book to get a comprehensive view of Denison's life. Bits of it are revealed in various sections throughout the book.

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