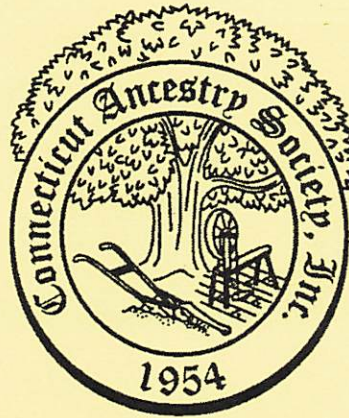


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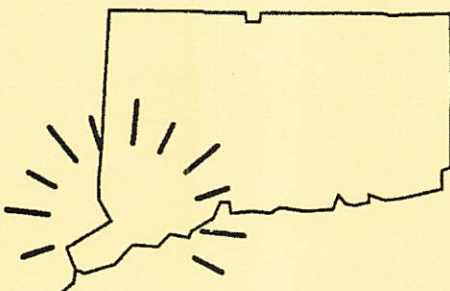
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No meetings in December or January.

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| Feb | 2nd
Genealogy Roundtable
Come with questions about your research, or to hear other's research stories and questions. Recent discussions have focused on DNA testing. Snow date Feb. 9. | 10:30-12:00
Cos Cob Library, 5 Sinoway Road, Cos Cob |
| Mar | 2nd
Lecture/demonstration
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| May | 5th (Sunday)
Annual Meeting | 1:00 – 4:00
Fairfield Museum and History Center
370 Beach Road

Show and Tell for World War I artifacts and memories. Following a brief annual business meeting, there will be a program honoring the centennial of WWI. A series of speakers will be given 5-10 minutes to present their WWI research, WWI objects, or to share a WWI story that would be of interest to genealogists. If you're interested, please email Janeen Bjork, info@JaneensList.com . The event is free and all are welcome. |
| June | 1st
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The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.

Sydney J. Harris

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Editor's Notes

Tom Mindrum gets a hat trick in this issue with articles about his 17th-century ancestors from Fairfield County and those of his wife Alice. Tom presents his 11th-great-grandfather Richard Westcott of Fairfield. Four generations of Alice's Baldwin ancestry—her 7th through 10th grandfathers—are described: Nathaniel Baldwin of England, Milford, and Fairfield, and son Daniel, grandson Daniel of Milford, and great-grandson Caleb Baldwin of Milford and Newtown. Alice's 11th-great-grandfather John Barlow of Fairfield is the subject of the third article. The Baldwin and Barlow lines intersect in Alice's lineage many generations later at the marriage of Joseph Bennett and Eunice French, one of Alice's 32 sets of 4th great-grandparents.

These three articles show us just what a closed society existed in the early years of European settlement. Tom is a descendant of Richard and Joanna Westcott. Alice is a descendant of Joanna's second husband Nathaniel Baldwin and Nathaniel's first wife Abigail Camp. Your editor would like to see a relationship map with the early settlers of Fairfield County which shows all of the marriages. They were likely all connected by marriage, then blood, within a couple of generations. (Contact editor@connecticutancestry.org if you'd like to pursue this!)

Publication of the Greens Farms Parish death records continues. The original registers, held at Fairfield Museum and History Center, were transcribed by Barbara Dempsey.

Blaine Bettinger, the well-known DNA expert, collaborated with Debbie Parker Wayne, who is another well-known genetic genealogy researcher and educator, to produce a very useful book called *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*. Your editor, also a genetic genealogy specialist, reviews the book in this issue.

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, as well as newly discovered or available resources.

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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If your submission is intended to be part of a series (e.g., 1790 census), please say so.

DEADLINES:	July 1	October 1	January 1	April 1
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Richard Westcott of Wethersfield and Fairfield

Thomas L. Mindrum

RICHARD WESTCOTT was likely born in England, married JOANNA (___?___) before 1643¹ and died sometime before 13 January 1653 when Nathaniel Baldwin was named as the owner of several parcels in Fairfield by virtue of marriage with Joanna Westcott.² Joanna was born about 1612.³ She married second NATHANIEL BALDWIN and third THOMAS SKIDMORE. Joanna Skidmore wrote her will on 19 June 1667 and died about 1682.

In the summer of 1634, Wethersfield was established as the first settlement in Connecticut. Pyquag, its Indian name, was changed to Watertown in 1635 and later to Wethersfield. Many of the first settlers came from Watertown, Massachusetts Bay Colony.⁴

Richard Westcott arrived in Wethersfield at least by 1637 when he was named as the owner of ten acres, one rood in Little West Field, situated between Jacob Waterhouse and widow of Edward Mason.⁵

On 23 April 1637, a party of Pequot Indians traveled up the Connecticut River and killed six men and three women in Wethersfield. Thomas Adams is mentioned in the Wethersfield records in the description of a piece of meadowland at the scene of the massacre. In a 1640 entry in Wethersfield land records, one of Richard Westcott's holdings is described as bounded on the south by the "meadow sometimes Tho. Adams."⁶ So it may be that this murder took place in the immediate vicinity of Richard's homestead.

Whether this event was instrumental in his subsequent actions is unknown, but Richard, along with 26 other men from Wethersfield, enlisted to fight in the Pequot War. On 26 May 1637, a force of 110 English, 70 Mohegans and 200 Narragansetts fought Pequots in the Battle of Mistick Fort, near present day Mystic, Connecticut. Led by Captain John Mason, they entered Fort Mistick at the main entrance and encountered fierce resistance but became frustrated that the Pequots fired arrows from inside their wigwams but would not come out and fight in the open. So Mason led his men in setting fire to the wigwams. Soon the area inside the fort, some two acres in size, was entirely in flames. After setting the fires, Mason ordered his men to fall off and surround the fort,

¹ Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, Vol. 2, p. 89. Daniel Westcott's receipt dated 14 Feb 1664 indicates he was born by 1643.

² Fairfield Town Records, Fairfield Proprietor's Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 74.

³ Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., 1943), I:564.

⁴ Sherman W. Adams, *The History of Ancient Wethersfield*, (New York: Grafton Press, 1894), pp. 21-31. (hereafter *Ancient Wethersfield*)

⁵ *Ancient Wethersfield*, p. 890.

⁶ *Ancient Wethersfield*, p. 62-68.

where they then shot or stabbed any Pequots attempting to escape. Mason estimated that 600-700 Pequot men, women and children were killed, most of them burned alive inside the fort.⁷

Back from the war, Richard set about acquiring property in Wethersfield. By 1640, he had received a grant from the town for his household on the west side of High Street on the south corner of Fort (now Prison) Street. It had earlier been Samuel Clarke's.⁸ He was also an original proprietor of Mahannock (The Island), owning two acres in two lots. He subsequently sold the lots to John Stoddard, who sold them to Thomas Wright.⁹

In 1640, a record of Richard's land holdings in Wethersfield was recorded in Deed Book Volume 1:

The 12th month (March) & 11th day 1640. The lands of Richard Wastcoat lying in Wethersfield on Connecticut River:

One pece whereon his howse standeth containing by estimacon 3 ac. the ... against hie Street east, & the house lott of Jacob Waterhouse West, sid against fort Street North & the house lott latlie Sam. Clarks South.

One pece lying in the great meadow conteyning by estimacon 2 ac the ands against the hie waie east & west Swampt West sid against the meadow of Tho. Sherwood North & the medow sometimes Thos. Adamses South.

One pece in the land conteyning by estimacon 1 ac. the ands against the river west & the land of Mother Mitchell east, sides against Col. Chaplin South, & Gasper Pauling North.

Also, one other pece lying in the Iland conteyning by estimacon 1 ac. the ands against the river west, & the land of Mr. Evans east, side against Col. Clement Chaplin South & John Nott, North.

One pece in Peine wise conteyning by estimacon 1 ac 3 roods, the ands upon the hie waie West & Connecticut River east, side against the lands sometyme Sam Clarks North & Robt. Batts South.

One pece in backe_lotts con: six acres more or less this is both mea & swamp. The ands abutt against a wall into the swamp & his owne land & Mr. Alcots east, the side land of John Miller North & Ric. Bayldown South.

⁷ Alfred A. Cave, *The Pequot War*, (The University of Massachusetts Press, 1996), pp. 146-151.

⁸ *Ancient Wethersfield*, p. 311.

⁹ *Ancient Wethersfield*, p. 876.

One pece lying in the west field con. ten acres one rood mor or less, the ands abutt against the waie North & the land of Mr. Smith south the sids against the land of Jacob Waterhouse east and the wid. Mason West.¹⁰

Sometime before 1643,¹¹ Richard married Joanna (___?___) who was born approximately 1612 as she was "55 years of age in 1667."¹²

By 1645, Richard had sold his lands to John Stoddard: "the 4th month [June] & 18th Daie 1645 the lands of John Stothar wch he bought of Ric. Wastcoate lying in Wethersfield & in Connecticut..."¹³

At about this time, Richard and his family removed to Fairfield. Although no direct record of land purchases by him in Fairfield can be found, it becomes evident that Richard owned several parcels of land in the town.

Richard Westcott died sometime before 6 March 1649/50.¹⁴ No probate papers of any kind can be found for him, but it is apparent that he left a will from the receipts that his children signed for the legacies that he left them.

Joanna Westcott married Nathaniel Baldwin, shortly after Richard had died. Nathaniel Baldwin was an early planter of Milford, Connecticut. He had married, first, Abigail Camp, who died in Milford 22 March 1648.¹⁵

At the time Joanna and Nathaniel married, they each had four young children, but as will be seen, it appears that Nathaniel's children remained in Milford when he removed to Fairfield and were probably raised by relatives. Nathaniel and Joanna went on to have three children of their own in Fairfield: Sarah, Deborah and Samuel.

A deed in Fairfield's records describes Nathaniel's real estate holdings in 1653, and also indicates that the various parcels had previously been the property of Richard Westcott:

13 Jan 1653

Nathaniel Baldwin hath as his owne property these several parcels of land following by virtue of marriage with Joan Westcott

One house & home lot being in quantity two acres & half being more or less bounded on the North east with the land of Jno. Nichols: on the North west with the land of Simon Hoit: on the South west with the land of Henry Rowland: on the south east with a highway

¹⁰ Wethersfield Land Records, Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 264.

¹¹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 2, p. 89. See footnote 1.

¹² *Families of Old Fairfield*, I:564.

¹³ Wethersfield Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 91.

¹⁴ Fairfield Town Records, Proprietor's Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 18. By this date, Richard Westcott's home lot in Fairfield had passed into the possession of Nathaniel Baldwin who had married Richard's widow, Joanna.

¹⁵ *Families of Old Fairfield* p. I:22.

Also in the New field one parcell of land being in quantity eleven acres being mor or less: bounded on the Northeast with the Highway: on the North west with the land of Henry Rowland: on the South west with the common: on the South east with the land of John Nichols

Also one parcell of meadow in the gr meadow being in quantity three acres & three quarters & ten rods, mor or less being bounded on the North west with the land of Roger Ludlow, Esq.: on the South east with the swampe: on the Southwest with the land of Mr. Andrew Ward: on the North west with the swamp

Also in the Gr meadow one parcell of meadow being in quantity two acres & half & eighteen rod being mor or less: bounded on the North east with the land of Steven Hodges(?): on the South east with the sea beach: on the South west with the land of Richard Perry: on the north west with a highway

Also in Sacoe Neck one parcell of meadow being in quantity three quarters of an acre & thirty two rods being mor or less: bounded on the North with the land p taying to the personage: on the east with the land of Andrew Ward-: on the south with the land of John Cable: on the west the upland

Also over the Creke one parcell of land being in quantity six acres being mor or less: bounded on the south with the land of John Cable: on the east with the Creke: on the North with the land of Mark ... : on the west with a highway.¹⁶

So it can be seen that prior to his death, Richard Westcott had acquired a home lot and a total estate of some 26-1/2 acres if Fairfield. When he died, Joanna inherited the land, and when she married Nathaniel Baldwin, he assumed ownership of it.

Nathaniel died sometime before 19 Oct 1658, when the court appointed Joanna Baldwin and Cornelius Hull administrators of his estate. Alexander Knowles, John Cable and Anthony Wilson took an inventory of his estate that totaled £211. Compared to 13 of the author's ancestors in Connecticut who died 1652-1663, Nathaniel ranked fourth, so his family was reasonably well off, financially.

Unfortunately, Nathaniel died without a will, so the court had to distribute his estate in the manner shown below:¹⁷

The said Baldwin dying intestate, the Court appoints Cornelius Hull and Jone Baldwin the Widow to be Administrators:

They are first to pay all due debts due to any out of the estate & the legacies to the former children

And Widow to have a third part of the rest of the estate.

¹⁶ Fairfield Proprietor's Deeds, Vol. A1, p. 74.

¹⁷ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 1, pp. 25-26; Connecticut State Library (CSL) microfilm 1162 FHL microfilm 0,004,287), CSL, Hartford, Connecticut.

And the remainder to be divided among the said Goodman Baldwins children as followeth:

To the eldest son John he is to have a double portion.

And to the three children he had by the said Joan Baldwin they shall have equal portions one with another.

And his three children by his former wife now living in Milford they are each of them to have half so much as one of those three children she had by this last husband.

The said John's portion and the portions of those children at Milford are to be paid to him and to those guardians at or before the first of March next ensuing. And to be paid out for the younger children at Milford for their best advantage.

And the three children she had by this last husband shall have their portions the sons at twenty one years. And the daughters at eighteen years of age.

And if any of the children die before they receive their portions it shall be divided among the rest.

John Baldwin hath chosen Mr. Pell to be his guardian
William Hitt Secretary

According to the custom of the time, Joanna, wife of Nathaniel, received the "widow's third" of his estate, a little over £70. The remaining £141 was divided into 6-1/2 portions of about £22 each. John Baldwin, eldest son, received a double portion, about £44. Sarah, Deborah and Samuel, the children of Nathaniel and Joanna, received single portions of about £22. And Nathaniel's other three children from his first marriage, Daniel, Nathaniel and Abigail, who were apparently living with relatives in Milford, each received a half-portion of about £11. Joanna's children by Richard Westcott received nothing from the estate, but the administrators were ordered to "pay the legacies to the former children" that they had received from their father Westcott. When Nathaniel died, the eleven surviving children ranged in age from three to seventeen and all would require guardians. John Baldwin, the oldest at age seventeen, chose "Mr. Pell" to be his guardian.

With seven children in her household, Joanna once again needed a husband, and this time chose Thomas Skidmore, a widower in Fairfield who was a blacksmith. Thomas had married, first, Ellen _____, and had five children with her: Thomas, Dorothy, Jedidah, John and Grace.¹⁸ The date of Joanna's marriage to Thomas is unknown but it certainly took place by 14 February 1664/5 when Daniel Westcott

¹⁸ *Families of Old Fairfield*, pp. I:564-565.

received to his "father-in-law" Thomas Skidmore for the legacy left to him by his father, Richard Westcott.

Also on 14 February 1664/5, John Weed, husband of Joanna Westcott received, and on 4 Jan 1669/70, Moses Knapp, husband of Abigail Westcott received, and on 9 November 1666 John Westcott received.¹⁹ These receipts are useful because they indicate an approximate date that the signer attained a majority, 21 for men, 18 for women. As such, we can compute approximate birth years for the Westcott children:

Daniel – ca 1643/4
 John – ca 1645
 Joanna – ca 1646/7
 Abigail – ca 1648/9

On June 19, 1667, Joanna Skidmore made her will.²⁰

Whereas Joanna Skidmore upon her marriage with Thomas Skidmore, her new husband, entered into covenants with the said Thomas reserving twenty pounds at her own dispose when she sees meet having already received of the said sum forty shillings. Also it was agreed that in case she should be taken away by death before the said Thomas that then the said Thomas shall return twenty pounds more of her estate he had with her to be to her assigns. And to prevent trouble that in the future times may arise about her premises as far as lies in her power that the true intent of ye abovesaid covenants may be attended that her children may not be wronged in what is her desire they should have, she makes this her last Will as followeth:

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my children John Westcot, Daniel Westcot, Joanna Westcot, Abigail Westcot, Sarah Baldwin, Deborah Baldwin and Samuel Baldwin the said thirty and eight pounds to be equally divided amongst them

Item I make and desire my loving sons John & Daniell abovesaid to be my executors and to have the impowerment of the said legasies until the legatees be of age viz: the sons at 21 years of age and the daughters at eighteen except any of them marry sooner then the legasies to be payd at marriage

Item I bequeath my daughter Deborah Baldwin to my daughter Johanna above sd to dispose of til marriage or til she be eighteen years old.

Item I make my loving friends William Ward & John Burr to be overseers of this my will that is my last will made in Fairfield this 19th day of June 1667 as witness my hand.

Joanna (her mark) Skidmore

Witnesses
 William Ward
 Josiah Harvey

¹⁹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 2, pp. 88-89; CSL microfilm 1162 (FHL microfilm 0,004,287, CSL.

²⁰ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 3, p. 25.

Joanna's will refers to a premarital covenant with Thomas Skidmore that has not been located elsewhere in Fairfield records. As had happened to her inheritance of Richard Westcott's lands when she married Nathaniel Baldwin, so her "widow's third" of Baldwin's that she inherited would become the property of Thomas Skidmore. So she reserved twenty pounds of it for her children, forty shillings (two pounds) of which had already been received. Plus the agreement stated that if Joanna predeceased Thomas, he would return twenty pounds more of her estate. In all, there were thirty-eight pounds available to be inherited by her seven children, all of who were named in her will. In addition, she named oldest daughter Joanna as guardian of youngest daughter Deborah, who was fifteen when the will was written.

It is not known when Joanna died, as no probate, church or vital records can be found for her death or burial in Fairfield records. We do know that at some point following her death, Thomas Skidmore married Sarah (Howes) Treadwell, Whelpley Keeler, who was named in Thomas's will.²¹²²

Richard and Joanna (___?___) Westcott had four children:²³

- i. DANIEL Westcott, b. abt. 1643. He married ABIGAIL GAYLORD, daughter of Samuel Gaylord of Windsor. He served in King Philip's War, was a Selectman in Stamford, and served as a Stamford Deputy to the Connecticut Legislature in 1691, 1692 and 1694. He joined a group that went from Fairfield County to New Jersey and founded Fairfield, Cumberland, New Jersey. He died before 14 February 1703/4 when his will was proved. Children: JOANNA, ABIGAIL, SAMUEL, DANIEL, EBENEZER, MARY.
- ii. JOHN WESTCOTT, b. ca 1643. He settled in Stamford with brother Daniel and married RUTH HYATT, daughter of THOMAS HYATT. John and son Thomas were among the twenty-two founders or proprietors of Bedford, now in Westchester Co., NY, in 1680.²⁴ Children: RICHARD, JOHN, THOMAS.
- iii. JOANNA WESTCOTT, b. ca 1646. She married JOHN WEED of Stamford by 1665.
- iv. ABIGAIL WESTCOTT, b. ca 1651. She married MOSES KNAPP by 1669.

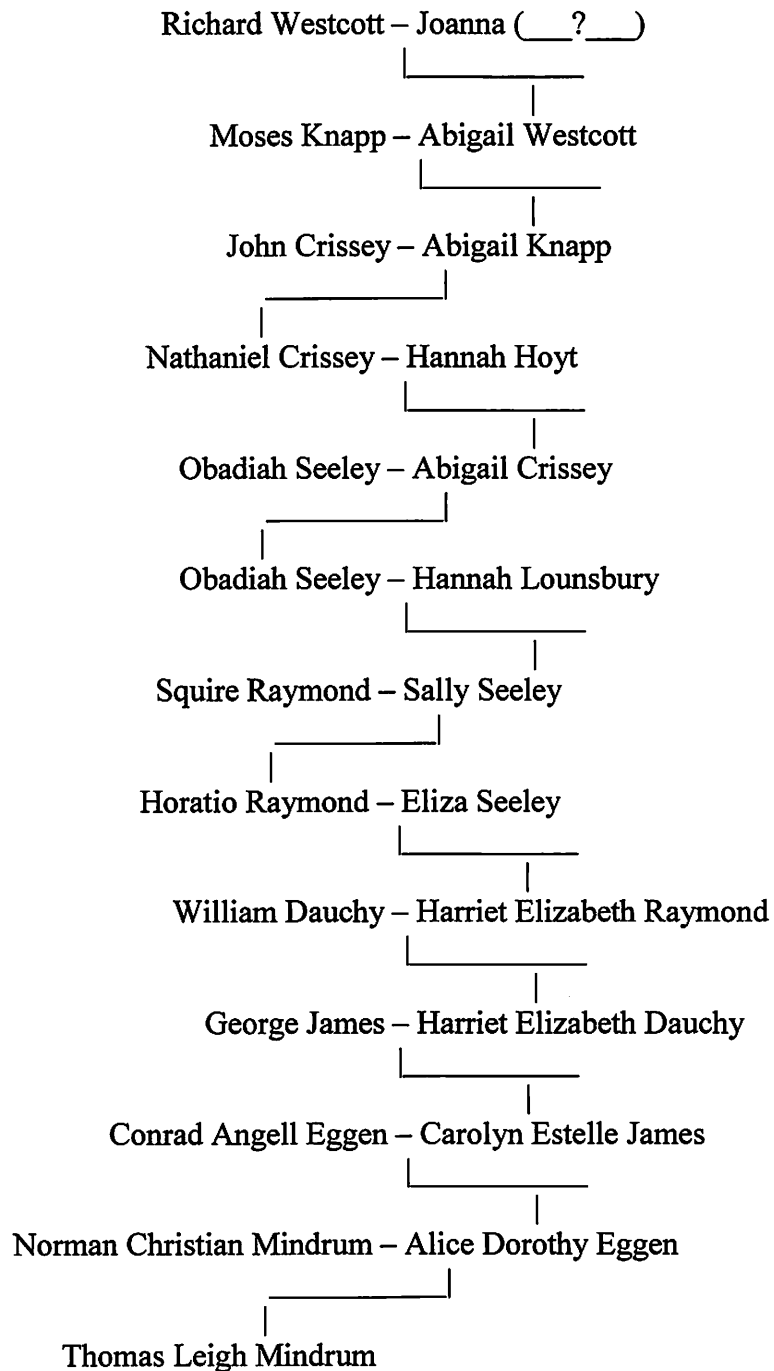
²¹ Fairfield Probate District, Packet No. 5867, dated 1684.

²² Wesley B. Keeler, *Keeler Family: Ralph Keeler of Norwalk, CT and some of his descendants*, (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1985).

²³ *Families of Old Fairfield*, 1:660-662.

²⁴ Roscoe L. Whitman, *History and Genealogy of the Ancestors and Some Descendants of Stukely Westcott, One of the Thirteen Original Proprietors of Providence Plantation and Rhode Island*, (published by the author, 1932), p. 11; Ancestry.com, https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/15243/dvm_GenMono000678-00001-1?backurl=https%3a%2f%2fsearch.ancestry.com%2fsearch%2fdb.aspx%3fdbid%3d15243%26path%3d&ssrc=&backlabel=ReturnBrowsing#?imageld=dvm_GenMono000678-00001-1, accessed 17 Jan 2019.

THE AUTHOR'S DESCENT FROM RICHARD AND JOANNA WESTCOTT



**Nathaniel Baldwin of Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, England,
and Milford and Fairfield, Connecticut;
his son Daniel Baldwin and grandson Daniel Baldwin junr., both of Milford,
and his great-grandson Caleb Baldwin, Esq., of Milford and Newtown**

Thomas L. Mindrum

1. NATHANIEL BALDWIN was born in Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, England, before 23 May 1609,¹ the second son of RICHARD and ISABELL BALDWIN.² He died in Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, before 19 October 1658 when an inventory of his estate was taken.³ His first wife was ABIGAIL CAMP⁴ who died in Milford, Connecticut, on 22 March 1648.⁵ He married second Joanna (___?___) Westcott, widow of Richard Westcott of Fairfield. Joanna married third Thomas Skidmore and died in 1682.⁶

Nathaniel's father, Richard, a weaver, wrote his will in Cholesbury on 23 May 1630. He gave "to Isabell my wife one third of my goods & chattels—to Nathaniel my son £10—to Joseph my son half an acre of land called Hunt's Wick, when 21—to my daughter Mary Pratt 6s. 8d. & to her daughter Mary 2 sheep, & her other 2 children each a sheep—to my daughter Hannah £13.6.8, & my 2 other daughters Christian & Sarah each £10, when 21 or married—all residue to Timothy my eldest son, and he to be my executor." The son Timothy proved the will in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Buck, 16 May 1633.⁷

As there are no traces of Timothy, Nathaniel or Joseph in Cholesbury after the probate in 1633, there is little doubt that they are the three men with those names who immigrated to New England and were among the first settlers of Milford, Connecticut. The names of all three Baldwin brothers were included in "Those persons whose names are here under written are allowed to be Free Planters, having for the present liberty to act in the choice of Publique Officers for the carrying of Publique Affaires in the Plantation, November 20th, 1639."⁸

Nathaniel was a cooper⁹, a maker of wooden barrels, buckets and tools such as wooden rakes and shovels.

Nathaniel's first two children, John and Daniel, were baptized at the First Church of Christ in Milford on 2 June 1644.¹⁰ Nathaniel's wife Abigail officially joined the

¹ Not identified as under 21 in his father's will dated 23 May 1630.

² Joseph L. Chester, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 38, 1884, p. 165.

³ Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, Vol. 1, pp. 25-26; microfilm 1162 (Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 0,004,287), Connecticut State Library (CSL), Hartford.

⁴ Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., 1943), p. 1:22.

⁵ Milford Vital Records, Vol. 2, p. 98.

⁶ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. 1:23.

⁷ Chester, *NEHGS Register*, Vol. 38, 1884, p. 165.

⁸ Milford Land Records & Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 1; CSL microfilm 2303, (FHL 0,004,918), CSL.

⁹ Milford Land Records & Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 144; CSL microfilm 2303, CSL.

church one week later on 9 June 1644.¹¹ Nathaniel and Abigail's only daughter, Abigail, was baptized in Milford on 19 March 1648.¹² Abigail, the mother, died in Milford three days later on 22 March 1648, possibly from complications of childbirth.¹³

With four children under age 8, including Nathaniel junior, born 2 January 1645, Nathaniel was probably anxious to remarry. Joanna Westcott of Fairfield found herself in a similar position when her husband Richard Westcott died in March 1649/50, leaving her with four children under age 7. It is not known how Nathaniel of Milford met Joanna of Fairfield. *The Baldwin Genealogy* says Nathaniel was living in Fairfield in 1641, between the time he was listed as a free planter in Milford and the time he was granted land there (see below), so perhaps they met at some point before Nathaniel moved back to Milford and raised his first family.¹⁴ Their first child was born about 1650 -1651, so they must have married shortly after Richard died. Since Nathaniel was apparently widowed for at least a year before marrying Joanna, his four young children, one an infant, must have been cared for by friends or relatives in the interim. Some of these children, still minors, were not living in his household at the time of his death (see below).

On 22 November 1643 it was noted in town records that Nathaniel had received a homelot of three acres, upland of five and one-half acres, and meadow of two acres and 48 poles.¹⁵ He is mentioned in at least twelve other deeds in Milford involving grants from the town from 1646 to 1649. In 1649 he received grants for three parcels of land totaling eight and one-half acres in the "new meadow plain."¹⁶ On the same page in the deed book, it was recorded that Thomas Uffoot bought the parcels from Nathaniel. Nathaniel also sold land to his brother Timothy in 1649/1650. This was probably a process of selling his land in Milford when he married Joanna Westcott and moved to Fairfield. On 12 December 1649 Nathaniel sold Timothy two acres and three roods of meadow he had acquired in 1646.¹⁷

In accordance with the custom of the time, Nathaniel, after marrying Joanna, became the owner of the land in Fairfield that had belonged to Richard Westcott. On 13 January 1653, it was recorded in Fairfield deeds that "Nathaniel Baldwin hath as his owne property these several parcels of land following by virtue of marriage with Joan Westcott."¹⁸

- one house and homelot of 2 acres
- 11 acres in the New Field
- 3.75 acres in the Great Meadow

¹⁰ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. 1:23.

¹¹ C. C. Baldwin, *The Baldwin Genealogy from 1500 to 1881*, Leader Publishing, 1881, p. 406.

¹² *Baldwin Genealogy*, p. 406.

¹³ Milford Vital Records, Vol. 2, p. 98. Both Jacobus and Baldwin have included this date as "1648" when, given the month and day (between 1 January and 25 March), it should be a double-year date. That leaves some doubt as to the actual year: 1647/48 or 1648/49.

¹⁴ *Baldwin Genealogy*, p. 406.

¹⁵ Milford Land Records & Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 1, p. 4.

¹⁶ Milford Land Records & Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 109.

¹⁷ Milford Land Records & Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 118.

¹⁸ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A, p. 74.

- 2.5 acres in the Great Meadow
- 0.75 acre in Sascoe Neck
- 6 acres over the creek

Also recorded on 13 January 1653 was the purchase by Nathaniel from Thomas Wheeler, senior, of a 1.5 acre island in Sasco Neck.¹⁹

Nathaniel's homelot was located in Frost Square roughly bounded north by today's Post Road, west by Reef Road, east by Old Post Road, south by Oldfield Road. In addition to the four children they each brought from their first marriages, Nathaniel and Joanna had three children of their own: Sarah, born about 1650; Deborah, born about 1652; and Samuel, born about 1655.

Nathaniel died intestate in Fairfield in 1658. An inventory of his property was taken by Alexander Knowles, John Cable and Anthony Wilson and presented in Court on 19 October 1658.²⁰ The inventory is summarized below:

	£	s	d
Household goods, including apparel, bedding, furniture, cookware, books	26	8	6
Tools, including coopery ware and farm tools.....	14	9	6
Food and provisions, including 14 acres of crops on the ground.....	24	1	0
Animals, including oxen, cows, steers, a horse and pigs...	75	12	0
Real estate	70	10	0
Total estate	£211	1	0

The inventory indicates that Nathaniel was a farmer as well as a cooper. In addition to coopery ware, he owned a plow and cart, sickles, scythes and peas hooks. He still had fourteen acres of unharvested crops on the ground when he died. With a total estate of £211, Nathaniel was fourth in a list of fourteen Mindrum ancestors who died in the 1652-1663 period in Fairfield County, making him a moderately wealthy man.

On 19 October 1658, the same date the inventory was presented, the Probate Court appointed widow Joanna Baldwin and Cornelius Hull administrators of Nathaniel's estate and also recorded the terms of the distribution of the estate.²¹ According to the custom of the time, Joanna received the "widow's third" of his estate, valued at a little over £70. The remaining £141 was divided into 6 ½ portions of about £22 each. John Baldwin, eldest son, received a double portion, about £44. Sarah, Deborah and Samuel, the children of Nathaniel and Joanna, received single portions of about £22. And Nathaniel's other three children from his first marriage, Daniel, Nathaniel and Abigail, each received a half-portion of about £11. Joanna's children by Richard Westcott received nothing from Nathaniel Baldwin's estate, but the administrators were ordered to "pay the

¹⁹ Fairfield Proprietors Records, Deeds, Vol. A, p. 74.

²⁰ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 1, pp. 25-26.

²¹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 1, pp. 25-26.

legacies to the former children" that they had received from their father Westcott. The rationale for this disproportionate distribution is not made clear in the probate documents. However, most of the land held by Nathaniel had come through Joanna's previous marriage to Richard Westcott, so her children with Nathaniel apparently were entitled to a greater portion of Nathaniel's estate than the children of Abigail, and Joanna's children with Richard were compensated separately.

When Nathaniel died, the eleven surviving children (seven Baldwins and four Westcotts) ranged in age from three to seventeen and all would require guardians. The legacies were to be administered by the guardians until the sons reached the age of 21 and the daughters reached the age of 18. According to the estate distribution document, the three younger children of Nathaniel's first family, Daniel, Nathaniel and Abigail, were living in Milford rather than Fairfield, perhaps with relatives.

With seven children in her household, Joanna once again needed a husband, and this time chose Thomas Skidmore, a widower in Fairfield who was a blacksmith. Thomas had married, first, Ellen (___?___), and had five children with her: Thomas, Dorothy, Jedidah, John and Grace.²² The date of Joanna's marriage to Thomas is unknown but it took place before 14 February 1664/5 when Daniel Westcott receipted to his "father-in-law" Thomas Skidmore for the legacy left to him by his father, Richard Westcott.²³

On 19 June 1667 Joanna (___?___) (Westcott) (Baldwin) Skidmore made her will.²⁴ In it, she referenced a premarital agreement with her husband Thomas Skidmore in which she reserved up to £40 of the £70 widow's dowry she inherited from Nathaniel Baldwin. The will provided £20 "at her own dispose" plus an additional £20 if she predeceased Thomas (which she did). She had already received £2, so her will directed that the remaining £38 be divided evenly among her seven children, John Westcott, Daniel Westcott, Joanna Westcott, Abigail Westcott, Sarah Baldwin, Deborah Baldwin and Samuel Baldwin.

It is not known when Joanna died, as no additional probate records, nor any entry can be found for her death or burial in Fairfield records. Baldwin states without proof that she died in 1682.²⁵ Following Joanna's death, Thomas Skidmore married Sarah (Howes) (Treadwell) (Whelpley) Keeler, who was named the widow in Thomas's will.²⁶

Receipts of Nathaniel's children for their legacies have survived.²⁷ Daniel signed his receipt on 16 May 1663, leading to the assumption that he was 21 years of age at that time and was therefore born prior to 16 May 1642. John was next, signing his receipt almost two years later on 18 February 1665. Although John was named as the eldest son in the estate distribution, he did not make the earliest claim, and it is unclear why he

²² *Families of Old Fairfield*, pp. 1:564-565.

²³ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 2, pp. 88-89.

²⁴ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 3, p. 25.

²⁵ *Baldwin Genealogy*, p. 407.

²⁶ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. 1:564.

²⁷ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 2, pp. 88-89.

waited until age 24 or so²⁸ to claim his legacy. On 30 October 1668, Nathaniel receipted for both his sister Abigail and himself. He would have been about 23 on that date; Abigail would have been about 18.

There is also a record of the legacies of Nathaniel's children by Joanna. On 16 April 1675, Thomas Skidmore and Cornelius Hall, administrators of Nathaniel's estate, sold Sarah Baldwin and Deborah Baldwin three parcels of land. They were about ages 25 and 23 on this date. Four days later, on 20 April 1675, Sarah Baldwin and Deborah Read, joint proprietors, sold the same three parcels to William Read.²⁹ William Read and Deborah Baldwin had apparently married sometime between April 16 and April 20. On 26 February 1677, Thomas Skidmore sold Samuel Baldwin, then about age 22, three acres of meadow and gave him another ten acre building lot.³⁰

Nathaniel (1) Baldwin and Abigail Camp had four children, all born in Milford:^{31 32}

- i. JOHN BALDWIN, born about 1641, baptized 2 June 1644. He married HANNAH OSBORNE, daughter of Richard Osborne, in Milford on 19 Nov 1663. He had a daughter, HANNAH, and a son, JOHN. He removed to Newark New Jersey and made his will there, dated 25 Dec 1688.
- 2 ii. DANIEL BALDWIN was born ca 1642, baptized 2 June 1644.
- iii. NATHANIEL BALDWIN was born 2 January 1645, baptized January 1646. He married (1) HANNAH BOTSFORD, daughter of immigrant Henry Botsford, on 12 Mar 1670/1 in Milford. He married (2) MARTHA MITCHELL. Children by Hannah were: ELIZABETH, HANNAH, ESTHER, ESTHER and SAMUEL. Nathaniel and Martha had one child, DANIEL.
- iv. ABIGAIL BALDWIN was baptized on 19 March 1648.

Nathaniel (1) Baldwin and Joanna (___?___) had three children, all born in Fairfield:

- v. SARAH BALDWIN, born about 1650.
- vi. DEBORAH BALDWIN, born about 1652. She married William Read in 1675.
- vii. SAMUEL BALDWIN, born about 1655. He died on 12 January 1696. He married ABIGAIL BALDWIN, daughter of John Baldwin of Milford, who was born November 1658 in Milford. They had children ABIGAIL, DEBORAH, DOROTHY, JOANNA, SAMUEL, TIMOTHY and NATHANIEL, all recorded in Guilford.

2. DANIEL BALDWIN was baptized 2 June 1644 in Milford, the second child of Nathaniel Baldwin and Abigail Camp.³³ He died there 5 February 1711/2.³⁴ He married

²⁸ This age is calculated by subtracting about a year from the latest date for the birth of his younger brother Daniel. That date was arrived at by assuming Daniel was at least 21 at that time.

²⁹ Fairfield Proprietors Records Deeds, Vol. A, p. 224.

³⁰ Fairfield, Connecticut, Town Grants of Land, Vol. A, p. 57 citing original p. 87, also, p. 166 citing original p. 199; Town Clerk Office, Fairfield.

³¹ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. 1:23.

³² *Baldwin Genealogy*, p. 406.

³³ *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. 1:23.

³⁴ Milford Vital Records, Vol. 3, p. 43.

ELIZABETH BOTSFORD in Milford on 27 June 1665.³⁵ Elizabeth was baptized in Milford 21 May 1643,³⁶ the daughter of immigrants HENRY and ELIZABETH BOTSFORD.

Daniel's mother died in 1648 when he was a child about 5 or 6 years old. His father remarried about 1649-1650, but died in Fairfield in 1658 when Daniel was about 16. It is unknown where Daniel was raised. At the time of his father's death in Fairfield, Daniel was living in Milford, perhaps with relatives. He received an inheritance of £11 when he turned 21 in 1663.

Daniel Baldwin and his wife Elizabeth joined the First Church of Christ in Milford 27 June 1669.³⁷

Daniel is mentioned once in Milford deeds. In 1677, " Daniel Baldwin hath for his half division five acres lying in the Ferry Corner, and to equal it to other lands, two acres and a half in length, one hundred sixty rods long, in width seven acres and a half, being bounded with the common east, Capt. Bear's land south, a highway west, sometimes Thomas Hines, now Nicholas Camp's land north."³⁸

Daniel died in Milford 5 February 1711/12 and is buried in Milford Cemetery.³⁹ No probate records for him have been found.

Daniel (2) Baldwin and Elizabeth Botsford had eight children, all born in Milford.⁴⁰

- i. DANIEL BALDWIN, born 2 Jul 1666 and died 23 Jul 1666.
- 3 ii. DANIEL BALDWIN, born 3 Mar 1667/8.
- iii. ELIZABETH BALDWIN, born 18 or 24 Apr 1670.
- iv. MARY BALDWIN, born 1 or 3 Aug 1672 and died 1 Jan 1672/3.
- v. SAMUEL BALDWIN, born 26 Dec 1673 and died 26 Mar 1674.
- vi. NATHANIEL BALDWIN, born 14 May 1676 and died 14 Jul 1676.
- vii. JOHN BALDWIN, born 26 Mar 1679, bapt. 30 Mar 1679.
- viii. SAMUEL BALDWIN, bapt. 6 Mar 1684.

3. DANIEL BALDWIN was born in Milford 3 March 1667/8, the second child of Daniel Baldwin, senior, and Elizabeth Botsford.⁴¹ He was baptized there on 4 July 1669.⁴² He died there before 2 May 1720 when his will was proved.⁴³ He married SARAH CAMP about 1689.⁴⁴ She was born in Milford 14 September 1662, daughter of NICHOLAS

³⁵ Milford Vital Records, Vol. 2, p. 17.

³⁶ *Families of Old Fairfield*, Vol. I:21.

³⁷ Connecticut Church Records Index, Volume 071, Milford, p. 15, citing Vol. 1, p. 8, of Milford Congregational Church; CSL.

³⁸ Milford Land Records & Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 145.

³⁹ www.findagrave.com, Memorial ID #32329106.

⁴⁰ *Families of Old Fairfield*, Vol. I:23-24.

⁴¹ Milford Vital Records, Vol. 2, p. 34.

⁴² Connecticut Church Records Index, Volume 071, Milford, p. 15, citing Vol. 1, p. 11, of Milford Congregational Church; CSL.

⁴³ New Haven Probate District, Vol. 5, pp. 25-26.

⁴⁴ First son, Daniel, baptized 15 June 1690.

and SARAH (BEARD) CAMP.⁴⁵ Sarah Baldwin joined the Church in Milford on 28 June 1691.⁴⁶ Sarah died in Milford 18 December 1710.⁴⁷

Daniel Baldwin was a blacksmith. He is mentioned at least fifteen times in Milford land records and deeds, ten times as the grantee and five times as the grantor. He bought a total of 29 acres in Oronoque Woods on three occasions between 1692-1696. In total, Milford deeds record that he bought about 45 acres in Milford. He sold a small parcel of land to Joseph Gransey, Jr. in 1710⁴⁸ and a ten acre parcel to Samuel Clark in 1713.⁴⁹ His only other sales were one-acre homelots to sons Nathan, James and John.⁵⁰

In a letter from the inhabitants and proprietors of Newtown, Connecticut, (which was settled by people from Milford) to the Governor and the members of the General Assembly dated 13 May 1714, Daniel Baldwin was named on an attachment as a non-resident proprietor, with the word "coming" after his name.⁵¹ As it turns out, Daniel's son Enos was the one who was coming, apparently shortly after he came of age. On 20 February 1719, "Sarg. Daniel Baldwin of Milford for consideration of love and affection he bears to his son Enos as portion the valuation of 120 pounds has given Enos half all the land lying in the bound of the township of Newtown which Daniel Baldwin has obtained by purchase ... with half all the undivided said right of lands."⁵² In other words, Daniel gave Enos the half portion of the land that had been laid out and the other half that was yet undivided, but Enos' "portion" of Daniel's eventual estate was to be valued at 120 pounds. Unfortunately, Enos did not live long to enjoy his land in Newtown. On 8 August 1721, Nathan, John and James Baldwin, executors of Daniel's will, appeared in Newtown to testify that while Daniel had in his will left the Newtown land to Enos, Enos was now deceased.⁵³

Daniel wrote his will on 28 March 1719 and it was witnessed by Samuel Gunn, Samuel Clark and John Clark.⁵⁴ The terms of the will were as follows.

- Sons Nathan, John, James, Caleb and Jeremiah would each receive an equal share of his real and personal estate.
- Whatever his sons had already received in either personal estate or real estate would be reckoned when the equal shares were determined.

⁴⁵ Susan W. Abbott, *Families of Early Milford, Connecticut*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979), p. 44.

⁴⁶ Connecticut Church Records Index, Volume 071, Milford, p. 28, citing Vol. 1, p. 20, of Milford Congregational Church.

⁴⁷ Milford Vital Records, Vol. 2, p. 89.

⁴⁸ Milford Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 4, pp. 86-87.

⁴⁹ Milford Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 4, pp. 320-321.

⁵⁰ Milford Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 164; Vol. 3, pp. 88, 109, 118-119, 144-145, 171-172, 221, 278-279, 325-326, 411-412; Vol. 4, pp. 86-87, 320-321; Vol. 5, p. 164; Vol. 6, pp. 39, 40.

⁵¹ *Connecticut Archives*, Towns & Lands, III:82a, 82b, 82d; CSL collection.

⁵² Newtown Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 93.

⁵³ Newtown Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 125.

⁵⁴ New Haven Probate District, Vol. 5, pp. 25-26.

- Son Enos, who had removed to Newtown, would have the moveable estate he had already received, and the housing and land settled on him in Newtown, as his portion.
- Oldest sons Nathan, John and James were named executors and they would receive a "full reward for their trouble out of my estate before it be divided."

On 2 May 1720, Samuel Gunn and Samuel Clark appeared in Court and made oath that they saw Daniel Baldwin sign and seal his will, that they heard him declare it to be his last will and testament, that they signed the will as witnesses in his presence and that they judged him to be of sound mind and memory at the time.

An undated inventory of Daniel's estate was taken by Thomas Canfield and Samuel Brisco,⁵⁵ and is summarized below:

	£	s	d
Wearing apparel	3	5	6
Beds, bedding and linen	29	2	5
Household goods	70	14	2
Tools, including blacksmith tools and farm tools	44	13	5
Books, including bibles and two books by Cotton Mather	2	17	4
Food	10	10	6
Animals	110	1	0
Personal estate	271	4	4
Real estate including homestead and nearly 140 acres	1,212	2	6
Total estate	£1,483	6	10

Of fifteen of the author's ancestors who died in Fairfield County between 1703 and 1720, Daniel was far and away the wealthiest, with an estate twice that of the second wealthiest. His books, including two by influential minister Cotton Mather, indicate that he was likely a literate man. Although Milford deed books contain records of 45 acres purchased by Daniel, his inventory includes nearly 140 acres of real estate. Apparently, some purchases were either never recorded or the deeds were subsequently lost.

Daniel (3) Baldwin and Sarah Camp had nine children, all born in Milford.^{56 57}

- i. DANIEL BALDWIN, baptized 15 June 1690.
- ii. NATHAN BALDWIN, baptized 22 November 1691. He married ELIZABETH FORD who was born about 1701, daughter of JOHN and SARAH (FITCH) FORD. They settled in Newtown, Connecticut where he was named Captain of the 2nd Company, or Trainband. Children of Nathan and Elizabeth were SARAH, ELIZABETH and JABEZ. Nathan's will was dated 19 Jul 1761 and proved 4 Jul 1769.
- iii. JOHN BALDWIN, baptized 26 March 1693, married MARY NORTHRUP. She was born 16 Aug 1702 in Milford, daughter of ZOPHAR and SARAH (TIBBALS) NORTHRUP.

⁵⁵ New Haven Probate District, Vol. 5, pp. 31-33; New Haven Probate District Packet #571, 1720.

⁵⁶ *Baldwin Genealogy*, pp. 412-418.

⁵⁷ Connecticut Church Records Index, Volume 071, Milford, Connecticut.

They stayed in Milford and had children SARAH, MARY, JOHN, ENOS, AMOS, ISAAC and JAMES. John's will was dated 10 Jul 1761 and proved 17 Sep 1761.

- iv. GIDEON BALDWIN, baptized 14 April 1695.
- v. JAMES BALDWIN, baptized 8 November 1696, married MIRIAM NORTHRUP. She was born about 1698 in Milford, daughter of JOSEPH and MIRIAM (BLACKMAN) NORTHRUP. Their children, born in Milford, were JAMES and DANIEL. They settled in Newtown before 1746. James' will was dated 19 Jul 1748, proved 8 Nov 1766 in Danbury, Connecticut.
- vi. ENOS BALDWIN, baptized 30 October 1698, married DAMERAS (___?___). In 1719, he was of Newtown. He died before 8 August 1721, as noted earlier and his inventory was taken 19 August 1721 and presented at Fairfield. His widow, Dameraz, was made administratrix.
- vii. SARAH BALDWIN, baptized 17 November 1700.
- 4. viii. CALEB BALDWIN, baptized 29 November 1702.
- I x. JEREMIAH BALDWIN, born in 1706, married Hannah (___?___). In January, 1736/7, Hannah was named guardian to his children, and 1 Aug 1737, his estate was administrated upon. His children, JEREMIAH and ANDREW, were baptized June 24, 1742, as children of widow Hannah.

4. CALEB BALDWIN was baptized in Milford on 29 November 1702.⁵⁸ He died in Newtown on 9 March 1772.⁵⁹ He married first MEHITABEL (___?___) about 1724.⁶⁰ Mehitabel died in Newtown on 25 September 1758.⁶¹ Caleb married second JERUSHA DATON in Newtown on 8 February 1759.⁶²

Caleb was a minor child, about 18 years of age, when his father died in 1720. His choice of Ephraim Burwell as his guardian was recorded in an undated entry in New Haven probate records and probably took place shortly after his father's will was proved on 2 May 1720. Ephraim was required to post bond of £400 each for Caleb and his brother, Jeremiah Baldwin, to ensure his responsible performance as a guardian.⁶³

Three years later, at age 21, Caleb inherited one fifth of his father's estate—£54 of personal estate and £242 of real estate. He married Mehitabel (___?___) about a year after that and their first child, a daughter, was born on 28 December 1725. Caleb is mentioned at least twelve times in Milford deeds between 1725 and 1743, three times as the grantee and eight times as the grantor.

On 10 February 1731/2, he bought a five-acre homelot with dwelling house and barn in Newtown from Ephraim Hawley for £345. This apparently marked the time of his removal from Milford to Newtown as on 15 April 1732 he sold his interest in the Baldwin homestead to younger brother Jeremiah for £150. Once in Newtown, Caleb

⁵⁸ Connecticut Church Records Index, Milford Vol. 071, p. 14, citing Vol. 1, p. 31.

⁵⁹ Newtown, Connecticut, Vital Records, Vol. 1, p. 66.

⁶⁰ Their first child was born on 28 December 1725.

⁶¹ Newtown, Connecticut, Vital Records, Vol. 1, p. 66.

⁶² Newtown, Connecticut, Vital Records, Vol. 1, p. 66.

⁶³ New Haven Probate District, Vol. 5, p. 28.

began actively buying real estate, amassing over 314 acres in at least 45 transactions between 1732 and 1771. As will be seen below, the inventory taken after his death showed an estate of 432 acres. Apparently, some purchases were either never recorded or the deeds were subsequently lost.

Caleb sold real estate on only two occasions—1.5 acres to Ebenezer Ford in 1758 and 30 rods (.1875 acre) to Olive Pulford in 1771. He gave each of his sons, Caleb and Daniel, a homelot and a 30+-acre parcel.

Caleb was a lawyer who was frequently referred to as Caleb Baldwin, Esq., in Newtown documents. He was a leading citizen of Newtown and served many years as Town Clerk. He was succeeded in that office by his son, Caleb, and it is said that the two held that office ninety years.⁶⁴ On 31 October 1740, he was made Ensign of the First Company (trainband) of Newtown by the Connecticut General Assembly.⁶⁵ He was named a Justice of the Peace for Fairfield County twenty-two times, every year from 1750 to 1771. He served as a member of the General Assembly six times, in 1750, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1761 and 1762.⁶⁶ Caleb was an important man in Newtown, in Fairfield County and in the Colony of Connecticut.

Caleb's will, written on 16 August 1770, was witnessed by William Wright, William Birch and Amos Northrup. In it, he made the following bequests:

- Wife Jerusha—half the dwelling house with the cellar under it, half the barn and one third of all the real estate. Also, one third of all the personal estate, excluding horses, cart, plow and farming tools.
- Eldest daughter Ann Bennett—ten acre lot on Walnut Hill plus a £20 legacy to be paid by the two sons. Plus one half of the personal estate after Jerusha's one-third widow's dowry.
- Youngest daughter Jerusha—six and one-half acre Island lot plus a £30 legacy to be paid by the two sons. Plus one half of the personal estate after Jerusha's one-third widow's dowry.
- Oldest son Caleb—three acres of meadow land and £35 because his house "is not so good as Daniel's house is."
- Sons Caleb and Daniel—all the remaining real estate (including the half of the home and barn that was not given to Jerusha) plus the horses, cart, plow and farming tools, to be equally divided between them both in quantity and quality. The sons were also appointed to be executors of the will.

⁶⁴ *Baldwin Genealogy*, p. 418.

⁶⁵ Charles J. Hoadly, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from October, 1735 to October, 1743*, (Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.), p. 343.

⁶⁶ Charles J. Hoadly, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, (Hartford: The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company). The dates of service in those two positions are contained in five volumes of the *Public Records*, the first covering the years 1744-1750, then 1751-1757, then 1757-1762, then 1762-1767, then 1768-1772.

At a Court of Probate held in March, 1772, sons Caleb and Daniel exhibited the will and it was approved and ordered to be recorded.⁶⁷ An inventory of Caleb's estate was taken on 26 March 1772 by George Smith, Jonathan Booth and Elijah Botsford. They valued the personal estate at £296 and the real estate at £2,546, a total of £2,842, making Caleb the wealthiest of ten Mindrum ancestors who died in Fairfield County in the 1768-1795 timeframe. A summary of the inventory:

	£	s	d
Wearing apparel	20	1	9
Beds, bedding and linen	45	8	5
Household goods	51	6	7
Tools, including farm equipment and tools	13	15	5
Books, including two volumes of Nelson's Law	3	1	2
Food	43	1	2
Farm animals	119	4	0
Personal estate	295	18	6
Real estate, including land of sons Caleb and Daniel, a total of 432 acres	2,546	8	8
Total estate	£2,842	7	2

Caleb's inventory is interesting for a number of reasons. First, he had an extensive wardrobe including coats, jackets, vests, shirts, britches, leggings, garters, shoe buckles, knee buckles, shoes, boots, 15 pairs of stockings and 6 felt hats. For a lawyer, Justice of the Peace and sometimes member of the General Assembly in Hartford, this may have been a requirement of his occupation and standing in the community. Secondly, his real estate inventory included homelots and lands that he had previously given to sons Caleb and Daniel. This was done according to a specification in his will, and as will be seen below, assured that both sons would receive identical portions of his real estate. Thirdly, the inventory included an unusual array of farm animals considering that Caleb was a seventy year-old lawyer—oxen, steers, cows, horses, pigs and sheep were all enumerated and appraised. Again as will be seen below, it seems likely that these animals were already in the possession of sons Caleb and Daniel. Finally, the inventory reveals that Caleb was a slaveholder. Included in the inventory of animals was an entry for "Tobee (an) old Negro £14."

After the inventory was taken, Daniel Booth, George Smith and Elijah Botsford were appointed by the Probate Court in Danbury to distribute the estate to the heirs. The distribution took place sometime prior to 31 December 1772, a date referenced in the distribution agreement. Real estate was distributed first.

Total value of real estate	£2546
Land formerly deeded and given to daughters.....	700
Remainder	1846
1/3 widow's dowry	615

⁶⁷ Danbury Probate District, Vol. 3, pp. 134-135.

The agreement then noted that Mrs. Jerusha Baldwin had quit-claimed her interest in the dowry. A Newtown deed recorded on 31 December 1772 notes that "Jerusha Baldwin widow and relict of Caleb Baldwin for 15 pounds paid by my sons in law Caleb Baldwin (3rd) and Daniel Baldwin sons of the said Caleb Baldwin Esq. yearly during my natural life do give them all the right title and interest which I have by way of dower or thirds."⁶⁸ The widow's dowry only gave Jerusha the right to use and live on the real estate during the term of her natural life. In return for £15 annually, she gave up her right in the real estate to Caleb and Daniel.

Distribution of real estate continued with Caleb 3rd.

Lands formerly given to Caleb 3 rd by Caleb Esq.	373
New lands given to Caleb 3 rd	<u>820</u>
Total	£1193

Caleb, whose house was "not so good as Daniel's" received the "whole of ye home lot with house and barn and other buildings" as part of the new lands he received.

Lands formerly given to Daniel by Caleb Esq.	172
New lands given to Daniel	<u>1021</u>
Total	£1193

By including lands previously given to Caleb 3rd and Daniel in his inventory, Caleb ensured that the distributors would make his sons the owner of equal portions—£1,193 of real estate.

The real estate was then summarized:

3 acres of meadow given to Caleb 3 rd	£30
Walnut Tree Hill lot given to Ann Bennett.....	60
Island lot given to Miss Jerusha Baldwin	70
Land distributed to Caleb 3 rd	1193
Land distributed to Daniel	<u>1193</u>
Total	£2546

The agreement next dealt with distribution of Caleb's personal estate.

Mrs. Jerusha Baldwin, widow.....	£51
Caleb Baldwin 3 rd , tools, clothing, food, books.....	21
Daniel Baldwin, tools, clothing, food, books.....	21
Ann Bennett	34
Miss Jerusha Baldwin	<u>34</u>
Total	£161

The amount of the personal estate in the estate distribution agreement, £161, is £134 less than the inventory total of £295. This is partly due to the fact that none of the animals were included in the estate distribution agreement, leading to the conclusion that they were already housed at the home farms of Caleb 3rd and Daniel. Also the quantity of

⁶⁸ Newtown Land Records and Deeds, Vol. 11, pp. 10-11.

food distributed was less than the quantity of food inventoried, leading one to conclude that the distribution took place some weeks or months after the inventory, during which time some of the food was consumed. Under the terms of the will, Caleb 3rd and Daniel were to receive horses, cart, plow and farming tools, but the balance of the personal estate was to be divided among the three women, Mrs. Jerusha Baldwin, Ann Bennett and Miss Jerusha Baldwin. But over half of the distribution made to Caleb 3rd and Daniel was for clothing, food and books rather than horses and tools. The distribution to widow Jerusha of £51 is one third of the total of £161, but it is unclear how the distributors arrived at an amount of £21 for the two sons and £34 for the two daughters.

The distribution agreement was presented in Danbury Probate Court of 4 May 1773 and it was noted that "the real estate being proved is approved & ordered to be recorded and the other part not as yet accepted." Since the "other part" is the personal estate, perhaps the Court ultimately ordered the distribution of this part be made according to the terms of the will. However, no additional probate documents about Caleb's estate have been discovered.

Caleb (4) Baldwin and Mehitabel (___?___) had four children, all born in Newtown:^{69 70}

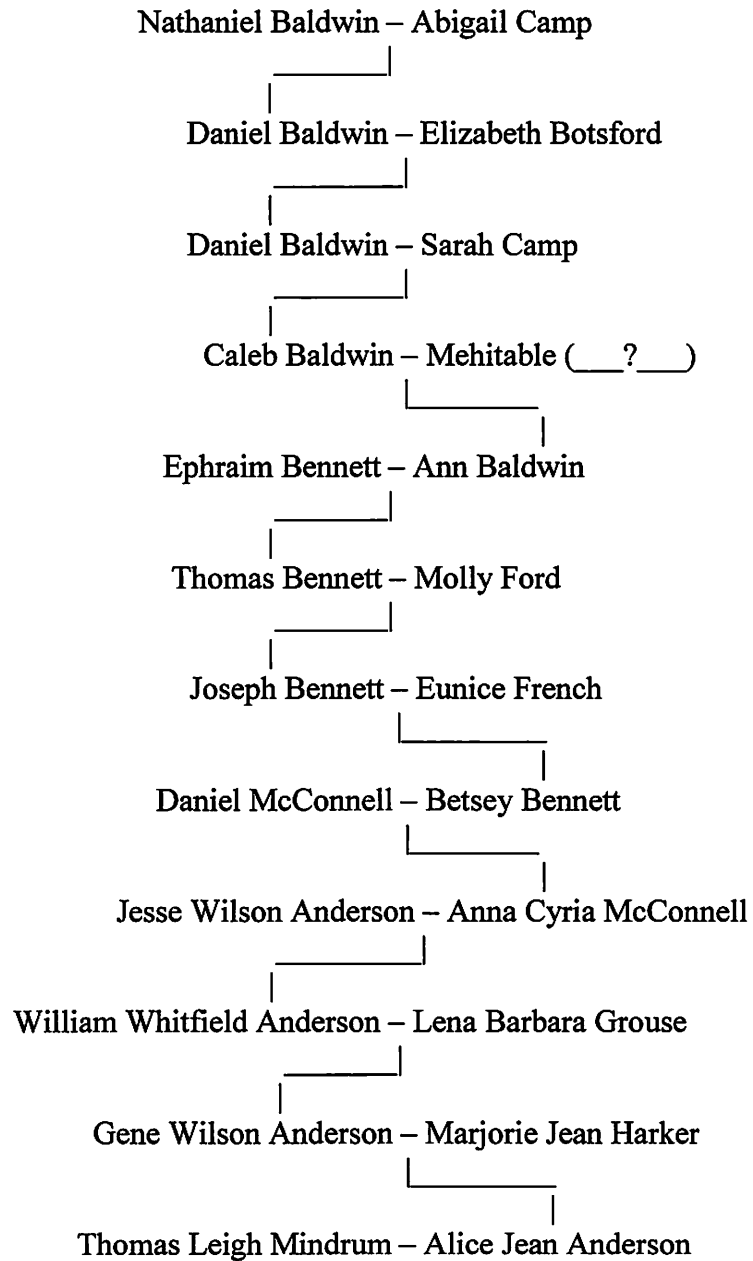
- i. Baby girl, born 28 Dec 1725 and died young.
- ii. ANN BALDWIN, born 18 Sep 1727. She married EPHRAIM BENNETT on 19 Jun 1745 in Newtown. Ephraim was born about 1718 in Newtown, the son of Thomas and Mary (Booth) Bennett and the great-grandson of immigrant James Bennett. Ann died in Newtown on 7 Nov 1772.
- iii. CALEB BALDWIN, born 13 Dec 1728. He married (1) NAOMI HARD on 8 Mar 1756 in Newtown. She was born about 1733 in Newtown, daughter of Joseph Hard. Naomi died there 18 Jan 1770. Caleb married (2) BETTY BETTS. She died 28 Jun 1781. Caleb married (3) ANNA FEBRIQUE. His children by Naomi Hard were Abel, David, Isaac, Elijah, John, Philo and Lucinda. His child by Betty Betts was Caleb. Caleb, senior, died 6 Sep 1804 in Newtown, aged 75 years, 3 month, 18 days.
- iv. DANIEL BALDWIN, born 27 Aug 1730. He married Ann Bennett on 1 Jan 1753. Caleb (4) Baldwin and Jerusha Daton had two children, both born in Newtown.⁷¹
- v. Unnamed child born and died March 1762.
- vi. JERUSHA BALDWIN, born 31 Jul 1765.

⁶⁹ Newtown, Connecticut, Vital Records, Vol. 1, p. 66.

⁷⁰ *Baldwin Genealogy*, pp. 418, 429.

⁷¹ Newtown, Connecticut, Vital Records, Vol. 1, p. 66.

THE AUTHOR'S WIFE'S DESCENT FROM NATHANIEL BALDWIN



John Barlow of Fairfield

Thomas L. Mindrum

JOHN BARLOW was born presumably in England and died prior to 3 November 1674 when his will was proved in Fairfield, Connecticut.¹ At the time of his death he was married to ANNA (___?___) but there is no record of their marriage and no record that she was the mother of his children.

A passenger ship *Mathew* traveled from London on 21 May 1635 to St. Christophers (St. Kitts and Nevis) with a passenger list that included "Jo: Barloe, age 22" but this is unlikely to be the eventual resident of Fairfield as there is no mention of a wife or young children and in any event, he would probably have been too young to father John Barlow's first child, Elizabeth, born about 1628-1630.²

Although John reportedly owned land in Fairfield as early as 1650,³ the first time he is mentioned in Fairfield Deed books is on 20 May 1656 when it was recorded that he sold six acres in Sasqua Neck to Richard Vouls.⁴

At a town meeting held 15 March 1665/6, Robert Rumsie and John Barlowe were granted six acres at the Mill River on condition they build and maintain "forever" a gate and certain fencing.⁵ They then sold this parcel to John Pamer on 29 July 1669.⁶ It is unclear whether these deeds refer to Barlow senior or his son, also named John Barlow (and called John Barlow junior in this article). However, Robert Rumsey was married to the elder Barlow's granddaughter, Rachel Frost, and was much closer in age to Barlow junior.

The first grants received by John Barlow senior were recorded in Fairfield on 19 August 1668 when he received from the Town of Fairfield a 2.5-acre homelot, 10 acres of meadow in the Great Meadow, 13 acres of Mill Plain upland and one acre of Sasco Neck upland.⁷ On 10 February 1669, additional grants from Fairfield were recorded, including 2.5 acres in Sasco field, 1.25 acres in Sasco field, 2 acres in Sasco field and 1 acre in Sasco field.⁸

Also on 10 February 1669, four grants were recorded from John Barlow, senior, to John Barlow, junior: 4 acres of meadow in the Great Meadow, 3.33 acres in Mill Plain,

¹ Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, Vol. 2, pp. 77-78; Connecticut State Library (CSL) microfilm 1162 (Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 0,004,287, CSL, Hartford, Connecticut.

² John Camden Hotten, *The Original Lists of (those) who went from Great Britain to the American Plantations 1600-1700*, (London: 1874), pp. 80-82.

³ Paul W. Prindle, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie*, (New Orleans: Polyanthos, Inc., 1976), p. 26.

⁴ Fairfield Town Records, Town Grants of Land, Vol. A, p. 81; Fairfield Town Clerk Office, Fairfield.

⁵ Prindle, p. 26.

⁶ Fairfield Land Records, Deeds, Vol. A, p. 212; CSL microfilm 1125, FHL microfilm 0,004,273, CSL.

⁷ Fairfield Land Records, Deeds, Vol. A, p. 178; CSL microfilm 1125, FHL microfilm 0,004,273, CSL.

⁸ Fairfield, Town Grants of Land, Vol. A, pp. 131-132; Fairfield Town Clerk, Fairfield.

a 2-acre parcel in Sasco field and a 1-acre parcel in Sasco field.⁹ On 12 February 1669, he bought a 2.5 acre homelot from Thomas Shervington, which he sold to his son John Barlow, junior, on 27 June 1670.¹⁰ Also on 12 February 1669, the town of Fairfield granted John two acres and six rods in Sasco Field and one acre and third in the same field.¹¹ In an undated deed, John Staples purchased a parcel of land from John in Sasco Neck.¹²

Elizabeth Schenck states that John was one of the earliest settlers of Fairfield. He owned the lot next southwest of Roger Ludlow on Ludlow Square. In modern Fairfield, Ludlow's Square is located just south of the Post Road, with Old Post Road to the west and south, Beach Road to the east.¹³

He sold this homelot to Thomas Morehouse before 1653 and "settled on the beautiful plain, running northwest of the Ludlow Square and Concord Field, which in honor of his name was called Barlow's Plain."¹⁴ He is remembered today in Fairfield by streets named Barlow Road, Barlow Plain Drive and Barlow Place.

In 1654, Thomas Staples brought a suit against Roger Ludlow, claiming Ludlow had defamed Staples' wife by calling her a witch. Anna Barlow testified in the trial, saying that after Goodwife Knapp had been hanged as a witch in 1653, Barlow and Goodwife Staples had desired to see the marks of a witch on her body. They examined her body but said they "saw nothing but what is common to other women."¹⁵

At its meeting at Hartford on 13 October 1664, the General Assembly resolved that John Barlow, senior, John Barlow, junior, and 25 others were "accepted to be made free[men]."¹⁶ Freemen enjoyed all the civil and political rights of a town, especially the right to vote. A freeman could become a member of the church (and would usually do so) and he could own land.

Also in Schenck's *History*, in pages drawn from old Fairfield town records, John Barlow is identified as freeman in October, 1669. This likely refers to John, junior, who was about 25 years old in 1669.¹⁷

In the list of lots drawn for Sasqua land in the New Field, 8 February 1668/9, John, senior, drew lot no. 41, John, junior, drew lot no. 12. In the names of those who

⁹ Town Grants of Land, Vol. A, p. 131; Fairfield Town Clerk, Fairfield.

¹⁰ Town Grants of Land, Vol. A, pp. 131, 169; Fairfield Town Clerk, Fairfield.

¹¹ Fairfield Deeds Vol. A., p. 179; CSL microfilm 1125 (FHL microfilm 0,004,273), CSL.

¹² Fairfield Deeds Vol. A, p. 223; CSL microfilm 1125 (FHL microfilm 0004273), CSL.

¹³ Elizabeth Hubbell Schenck, *The History of Fairfield, Fairfield County Connecticut*, (New York, E. H. Schenck, 1889), p. 65. Available as a reprint: (Bowie, Md. : Heritage Books, 1997).

¹⁴ *The History of Fairfield*, p. 352.

¹⁵ Charles J. Hoadly, *Records of the Colony or Jurisdiction of New Haven from May, 1653 to the Union*, (Hartford: Case, Lockwood and Company, 1858), p. 84.

¹⁶ J. Hammond Trumbull, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut Prior to the Union with New Haven Colony, May 1665*, (Hartford: Brown & Parsons, 1850), pp. 431-433.

¹⁷ *The History of Fairfield*, p. 328.

share in the second division of the Sasqua Lands on 30 January 1668/9, John, senior, drew no. 10, John, junior, drew no. 42. The list of those who removed the building lots at the rear of the lots into the half-mile common on 17 January 1671/2 included that of John Barlow, senior. The list for the Compo Dividend on 28 February 1671/2 included John, senior, at no. 51, John, junior, at no. 49. A list of the inhabitants' proportions of the Commons granted them in 1670/1 and recorded December 1681 included John, senior, with 391 acres, John, junior, with 398 acres. A list of the building lots, pasture lots and long lots granted to inhabitants January 1670/1, recorded 30 December 1681, included John, senior, with a building lot of 9 acres, 6 rods; pasture lot of 7 acres 37 rods, long lot with breadth of 13 rods 3 rods. John, junior, had a building lot of 8 acres, 3 rods, 24 rods; pasture lot of 7 acres, 1 rood, 22 rods, long lot with breadth of 13 rods 3 rods. Heirs of freemen sometimes received land grants after original freeman had died. This explains why, after John, senior, died in 1674, his name was listed among those who drew lots for the old Indian Field on 22 March 1681/2. He received lot no. 5. In the dividend of the Old Indian Field drawn on 10 February 1682/3, John, senior, received 1 rood, 21 rods, 1 foot. In the list of two divisions of lots at Compo Neck drawn in 1682, John, senior, received 2 acres, 1 rood, 1 rod in the first division, 3 acres, 3 rods in the second division.

Anna Barlow, widow of John, senior, died in 1685. Grants to John senior after that date must have accrued to John, junior, or to the husbands of John senior's four living daughters. In the division of Paul's Neck in 1688, John senior received 12 acres. In the division of the Wolf Swamp in 1688, John senior received 54 rods. In an order of the town dated 6 April 1688 regarding drawing for Paul's Neck, Wolf Swamp and various common lands, John senior drew lot no. 76, John junior drew lot no. 55.¹⁸

John Barlow senior wrote his will on 8 May 1674.¹⁹ It is reproduced here.

The last will and testament of Mr. John Barlow, Sr. of Fairfield being weak of body but of perfect understanding is as followeth.

Imprimis, I commit my soul into the hands of my faithful creator when his good pleasure shall be to require it and my body to a comely burial. And for my worldly goods my funeral expenses first d... and my debts discharged, I dispose of them as followeth.

Viz. I give & bequeath to my loving wife Ann Barlow all my lands housing chattels of all sorts and all my moveable estate with what debts shall be due to me at my decease for her use during her life and after her decease I give & bequeath the premises and every part of them to my loving son John Barlow & to my daughters Elizabeth Frost, Martha Beers, Deborah Sturgis, Isabella Clapham, Ruth Bradley to be equally divided among them.

And whereas inconvenience may follow by dividing some parcels of land or particulars of chattels or moveable estate my will is that whichsoever of the six above named legatees will give the greatest price for the same shall have it being accountable to the rest of the equal proportions of the values if the said parcel or parcels except my said son and daughters shall mutually agree to decide

¹⁸ *The History of Fairfield*, pp. 328-346.

¹⁹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 2, pp. 77-78; CSL microfilm 1162 (FHL microfilm 0,004,287, CSL).

otherwise avoiding such inconvenience as may otherwise follow. In witness whereof I have herewith set to my hand this twenty eighth day of May the year of our lord 1674.

John Barlow

Signed in presence of us

James Beer, Jr.

Robert Rumsey RR his mark

3 November 1674

James Beers, Jr. and Robt. Rumsey being sworn before the Court testifies that they were present when the above said John Barlow now deceased signed the abovesaid will with putting to his name thereto and said it was his last will and they do appeached him to be of competent understanding to make his will ... the above said will is witnesseth.

To understand John's will, one needs to remember that in 1674 when he wrote it, all of his children were grown and married. Presumably, they all had their own homelots and dwellings, their own household goods and bedding, their own animals and tools. It was typical in wills of the time for the widow to receive a dowry-- one third of the moveable (personal) estate and one third of the real estate for the balance of her natural life, with the balance of the moveable and real estate inherited by the living children. In this case, John left all of his moveable and real estate to his wife, Anne, for the balance of her natural life, and after her death to his children John junior and to daughters Elizabeth Frost, Martha Beers, Deborah Sturgis, Isabella Clapham and Ruth Bradley, in equal portions. Curiously, daughter Ann Drake was not mentioned in the will, perhaps because she and husband Samuel Drake had moved to the town of Eastchester in Westchester Co., New York, and had no need of John's Fairfield real estate.

It was not an entirely equal division since John Senior had previously given John junior about thirteen acres of land including a homelot and dwelling, but fairer than many wills of the time that gave all real estate to male heirs.

John also established a procedure to resolve any potential disagreements about the division of the estate among his children. Although he named no executor of his will, the court would have named an administrator who would have divided the estate into six equal parts following the death of widow Ann Barlow, assigning a value to each piece of personal estate or parcel of real estate. If any of the children was dissatisfied with their personal allocation and wanted something that was granted to another sibling, they could bid a higher price for it, except they would have to give up some other part of their inheritance to pay for it.

Son-in-law James Beers, husband of daughter Martha, and Robert Rumsey, husband of granddaughter Rachel Frost, were witnesses to John's will. On 3 November 1674, they appeared in court to testify in the process of proving John's will. He had died sometime between 8 May 1674 when he wrote the will and 3 November 1674.

On 9 January 1674/5, George Squire, Richard Ogden and John Burr conducted an inventory of John's estate, summarized below:²⁰

Inventory of the estate of John Barlow deceased taken January 9, 1674[/5]

	£	s
Apparel.....	5	5
Food and provisions, including wheat, cheese, bacon, beef and molasses	3	17
Animals, including cows, a mare, pigs, sheep, bees and beehives.....	30	0
Tools (horse gears).....	0	3
Beds, bedding and linens	34	7
Household goods, including pots and pans, furniture, spinning wheel	19	12
Miscellaneous	7	16
Personal Estate total.....	101	0
Real Estate, including one house, homelot of two acres and half, an orchard and all of the lands both upland and meadow belonging to the estate abovesaid	220	0
Total Estate	321	0

One surprising thing about John's inventory is the lack of tools. He had numerous animals, so it is apparent that he was a farmer, but he owned no tools for farming crops. Perhaps he had reached the age where farming in the fields was too arduous, and those duties were taken over by his son or sons-in-law while he took care of animal husbandry.

It appears that John's concerns about "inconvenience" among his children about the distribution of his estate were well founded. On 20 November 1764, a document was filed in court stating:

"Whereas the will of John Barlow deceased was exhibited the last Court held at Fairfield the third day of November 1674 and whereas there is uncomfortable difference between John Barlow and the son in laws of the deceased about the disposal and distribution of the estate of the deceased. To promote love and peace between the parties abovesaid they have mutually agreed as followeth as a final issue of all controversies about it."

1. James Beers, John Sturgis and Francis Bradley, three of the five sons-in-law who were heirs, agreed that after widow Ann Barlow's death, each would sell his rights to the Barlow estate to John Barlow junior for £36.

²⁰ Fairfield Probate Vol. 2, pp. 78, 81, CSL microfilm 1162, LDS microfilm 0004287, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut

2. The £36 apiece was to be paid in four payments: the first payment to be made at the year of the decease of the widow and so successively the next three following years, at £9 per year.

The document was signed by John Barlow junior, James Beers, John Sturgis and Francis Bradley, and witnessed by William Hill and Josiah Harvey.²¹

Anna Barlow died sometime prior to 25 February 1684, as an inventory of her estate was taken that day by Cornelius Hull senior, Richard Hubbell and Josiah Harvey. It is summarized below.²²

An Inventory of the estate of Anna Barlow of Fairfield died possessed of, taken by we whose names are and or will on the 25th February 1684.

	£	s
Apparel.....	1	0
Beds, bedding and linens	9	7
Household goods.....	0	2
Personal Estate total.....	10	9
1 house homelot 70£, 9 acres in Mill Plain 60£...130		0
Pasture lot division at Compo building lot	25	0
10 acres of meadow	90	0
(Total Real Estate.....)	245	0
(Total Estate	255	9

From her inventory, it appears that she was living at the Barlow homestead with one of her children, as her personal estate consisted only of only her wearing apparel, a bed and bedding, a cooking skillet and a chair cushion. Her real estate is more interesting, since it itemized her holdings whereas her husband's inventory listed only "upland and meadow."

The real estate coincides exactly with what was granted to her husband by the town of Fairfield, less what he gifted to son John junior. Schenck's *History of Fairfield* indicates John senior had received a long lot from the town, and while there is no evidence of this in his inventory, there was a deed recorded on 11 September 1680 in which John junior bought his father's long lot from his mother, Anna Barlow.²³

John (1) Barlow and (perhaps) Anna (___?___) had seven children.^{24 25 26}

²¹ Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 3, p. 329; CSL microfilm 1162 (FHL microfilm 0,004,287), CSL.

²² Fairfield Probate District, Vol. 3, pp. 174-175; CSL microfilm 1162 (FHL microfilm 0,004,287), CSL.

²³ Fairfield Deeds Vol. A., p. 228, CSL microfilm 1125 (FHL microfilm 0,004,273), CSL.

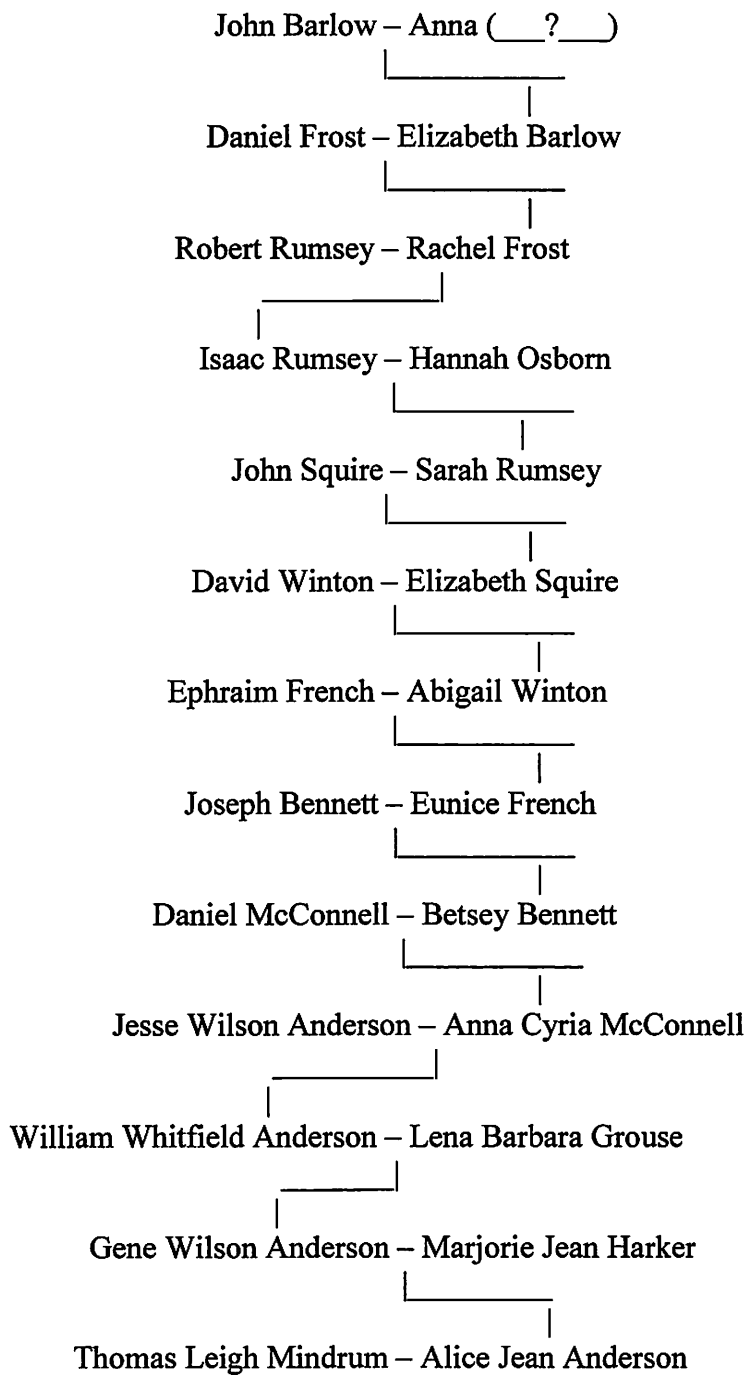
²⁴ Dale C. Kellogg, "An Exercise in Probability: The Children of John Barlow of Fairfield, Connecticut," *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, 25: 4 (March 1993), 549.

²⁵ Prindle, p. 27.

- i. ELIZABETH BARLOW, born about 1628-1630. She died in Fairfield before 13 August 1868 when her inventory was taken. She married DANIEL FROST as his second wife.
- ii. ANN BARLOW was born about 1630-1632. She died after 30 May 1686 when her husband wrote his will. She married SAMUEL DRAKE on 13 September 1650 in Fairfield. Samuel mentioned eight children in his will including sons JOSEPH, JOHN and SAMUEL, daughter MARY, and sons-in-law Joseph JOANES, Richard HEADLY, Mr. LOFFEL and Mr. SLATTER.
- iii. MARTHA BARLOW was probably born about 1631-1632. She died in February or March 1698. Martha married JAMES BEERS about 1660-1661, possibly as a second marriage. Although some place her as the fifth child in the family, John Barlow named her as the second daughter in his will (he omitted Ann in his will), leading the writer to conclude that she was Barlow's third child. James and Martha had children JAMES, Martha, DEBORAH, JOSEPH and ELIZABETH.
- iv. DEBORAH BARLOW was born about 1631-1632. She married JOHN STURGES by 1651. John died in Fairfield in 1700. Their known children were JONATHAN, JOSEPH and JOHN.
- v. ISBELLA BARLOW was born about 1638-1639. She died by 1694. She married PETER CLAPHAM as his first wife about 1659. Peter died on 18 February 1697/8. Their only known child, ABIGAIL, married THOMAS MERWIN in March 1678.
- vi. JOHN BARLOW, was born about 1644 and died before 6 March 1690/1 when his inventory was taken. He married ABIGAIL LOCKWOOD about 1666-1667. Their children were JOHN, ABIGAIL, JOSEPH, DEBORAH, ELIZABETH, RUTH and SAMUEL.
- vii. RUTH BARLOW was born about 1645-1648. She married FRANCIS BRADLEY about 1667-1668. Francis was born about 1625 and died before 22 October 1689 when his inventory was taken. Their children were RUTH, JOHN, ABIGAIL, FRANCIS, DANIEL, JOSEPH and MARY.

²⁶ Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., 1943), p. 27.

THE AUTHOR'S WIFE'S DESCENT FROM JOHN BARLOW



Greens Farms Church Records, 1742 – 1851, continued

Part 14: Deaths, 1777 - 1795

Transcribed by Barbara Dempsey

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 two issues.

Deaths, 1777 through 1795

A note about these death records: There are a number of people who have no surname. In the manuscript 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. 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>Relationships</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
02 Jan 1777	Bennet	Thankful			
17 Jan 1777	Bennet	Joseph		s/o Joseph/Sarah Bennet	
19 Jan 1777	Bennet	Priscilla		d/o Joseph/Sarah Bennet	
[Jan-Mar] 1777	Disbrow	Joseph			departed this life this winter
22 Mar 1777	Godfrey	Stephen (Dea.)			
xx May 1777	[None]	Cesar		Servant to Capt. Thomas Nash	
06 Jun 1777	Ogden	[unnamed]			
15 Jun 1777	Couch	Benjamin			
06 Jul 1777	Allen	John		s/o Ebenezer/Sarah Allen	
11 Jul 1777	Bennet	Hezekiah			
26 Jul 1777	Nicols	Rebeccah		d/o Moses/Mary Nicols	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationships</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
10 Aug 1777	Disbrow	Mary		w/o Jason Disbrow	
19 Aug 1777	Gorham	Sarah	inf.	ch/o Joseph/Mary Gorham	
28 Aug 1777	Sherwood	Jeremiah (Dea.)			
30 Nov 1777	Andrews	John (Capt.)			
25 Jan 1778	Gorham	Deborah (Wid.)			
26 Jan 1778	Disbrow	Mable		d/o Russel/Eunice Disbrow	
15 Feb 1778	Nott	John			
12 Apr 1778	Disbrow	Jane		w/o Thomas Disbrow	
[Apr] 1778	Crossman	John Jr.			d. this month in the Army
[Apr] 1778	Cole	James			d. this month in the Army
24 Apr 1778	Bradley	Bur		s/o Daniel Bradley	
xx May 1778	Morehouse	Jehu			
06 Jul 1778	Disbrow	Olive		w/o Elias Disbrow	
xx Mar 1778	Lion	David			d. in NY a prisoner sometime last March
25 Oct 1778	Thorp	Andrew		s/o William/Pat Thorp	
27 Oct 1778	Gray	Sarah		w/o William Gray	
10 Mar 1779	Sherwood	Jane (Widow)			
11 Apr 1779	Churchel	Cate			
13 Apr 1779	Readfield	Rebecch		d/o Ebenezer Readfield	
15 Jun 1779	Hurlbut	Nancy			
07 Jul 1779	Goodsell	John			killed by the British Forces in Fairfield
[Jul-Aug] 1779	Gorham	Joseph			accidentally killed himself with his own gun getting over a fence a Continental Soldier
xx Aug 1779	Allen	Thomas			
27 Sep 1779	Baker	Benjamin			
27 Oct 1779	Bennet	Sarah		w/o James Bennet	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationships</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
30 Oct 1779	Allen	Phebe (Widow)			
19 Nov 1779	Burr	Ephraim			
26 Nov 1779	Johnson	Rheuama			
xx Dec 1779	Wakeman	Zalmon		s/o Jesup/Amelia Wakeman	
02 Jan 1780	Wakeman	Jesup			
09 Jan 1780	[None]	Nancy		Servant ch/to Samuel Rowland	
24 Mar 1780	Allen	Ebenezer			
03 Jun 1780	Handford	Elizabeth		w/o Noah T. Handford	
26 Jun 1780	Andrews	Catherine		w/o Abraham Andrews, Esq.	
09 Nov 1780	Hendrick	Mary			
25 Nov 1780	Greanell	Catharine		w/o Capt. John Greanell	
03 Jan 1781	Disbrow	Eunice		w/o Russel Disbrow	
08 Jan 1781	Elwood	Molly			
10 Jan 1781	Frost	[unnamed]			
[Jan-Mar] 1781	Ogden	Ruth		d/o Ebenezer/Ruth Ogden	
08 Mar 1781	Hill	Thomas (Doctor)			
26? Mar 1781	Disbrow	Dolly		d/o Jabez/Mehitabel Disbrow	
25 Mar 1781	Bur	Ephraim		s/o Widow Eunice Bur	
13 Apr 1781	Whitehead	Elizabeth		d/o Jehiel Whitehead	
22 May 1781	Rumsey	Meriam		w/o Joseph Rumsey	
05 Jun 1781	Bennet	Thomas			
13 Jun 1781	Smith	David		s/o David/Louis Smith	
02 Aug 1781	Lockwood	Mary	inf.	ch/o Stephen/Rebecah Lockwood	
30 Sep 1781	West	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o Richard/Anne West	
08 Oct 1781	Johnson	Nathaniel Jr.			
11 Oct 1781	Mills	Joseph		s/o Daniel/Abigail Mills	
[Oct-Nov] 1781	Stratton	Debby		d/o Cornelius/Abigail Stratton	
12 Nov 1781	Rumsey	Benjamin (Lt.)			

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationships</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
01 Dec 1781	Batterson	Margaret			
10 Feb 1782	Bennet	Mary		d/o James/Anna Bennet	
06 Apr 1782	Alen	[unnamed]		ch/o Benjamin Jr./Sary Alen	
20 Apr 1782	Sherwood	Sarah		d/o Daniel/Charity Sherwood	
04 Jul 1782	Burr	Moses	inf.	ch/o David/Jane Burr	
06 Aug 1782	Wincoop	Benjamin			drowned at Compo
22 Aug 1782	Godfrey	Nathan Jr.			
30 Aug 1782	Raymong	[unnamed]		w/o William Raymong	
18 Sep 1782	Sherwood	Bur		s/o Daniel/Charity Sherwood	
20 Nov 1782	Chapman	Phineas (Capt.)			
15 Feb 1783	Handford	Noah Taylor			
06 Mar 1783	Nash	William		s/o Capt. Thomas Nash	
09 Mar 1783	Andrews	Sarah (Widow)			
09 Apr 1783	Burr	John			
25 Apr 1783	Morehouse	Gideon			
12 Jul 1783	Crossman	Joseph		s/o John/Ann Crossman	
10 Sep 1783	Wakeman	Samuel		s/o Capt. Stephen Wakeman	
15 Sep 1783	Lewis	Eunice		d/o Ebenezer Lewis	
xx Nov 1783	Jesup	Sarah (Widow)			
04 Jan 1784	Meeker	Wakeman		s/o Seth/Abigail Meeker	
24 Jan 1784	Sherwood	Mary		w/o Corn ^t Moses Sherwood	
18 Mar 1784	Handford	Hannah (Widow)			
29 Mar 1784	Adams	Nathaniel			
31 Apr 1784	Godfrey	Abraham			
11 Apr 1784	Godfrey	Mahew		s/o Widow Hannah Godfrey	
20 May 1784	Nash	[unnamed]		w/o Deacon Thomas Nash	
xx Jun 1784	Stratton	Debby		d/o Cornelius/Abigail Stratton	
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[Apr-May] 1784	Jesup	Martha		d/o Deacon Ebenezer/Abigail Jesup	?latter end of Apr...b ye beg May... not yet bap.
02 Sep 1784	Wakeman	Joseph			
20 Sep 1784	Meeker	Daniel			
01 Oct 1784	Taylor	Samuel			drowned in the Sound w/ Moses Jennings
01 Oct 1784	Jennings	Moses			drowned in the Sound w/ Samuel Taylor
11 Apr 1785	Bennet	Sarah		d/o James Bennet	
13 Jun 1785	Hide	Betty		w/o Joseph Hide	
06 Jan 1786	Bennet	Sarah		w/o Capt. Joseph Bennet	
28 Aug 1786	Downs	Elizabeth		d/o Samuel Downs	killed by ye fall of Horse
31 Oct 1786	[None]	Primus		servant to Andrew Sturges	
22 Dec 1786	Patchen	Joseph			
31 Dec 1786	Gray	Lidia			
29 Jan 1787	Cable	Sarah (Widow)			
14 Mar 1787	Jesup	Abigail		w/o Ebenezer Jesup, Esq.	
28 Apr 1787	Allen	Abraham	inf.	ch/o William Allen	
10 May 1787	Morehouse	Mary		d/o Samuel Morehouse	
12 Jul 1787	Handford	Hains		s/o Joseph Handford	killed by the kick of Horse
20 Jul 1787	Couch	Elizabeth (Wid.)			
19 Oct 1787	Clift	Hannah		w/o Mr. J ^r	
20 Jan 1788	Sherwood	Abigail		d/o Daniel Sherwood	
18 Apr 1788	Wood	Martha		d/o Samuel Wood	
05 Jul 1788	Meeker	Polly		d/o Joseph Meeker	
27 Jul 1788	Bennet	Mary		w/o Thomas Bennet	
29 Jul 1788	Chapman	Joel		s/o Majr. Chapman	
30 Aug 1788	Bennet	Polly		d/o William Bennet	

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17 Sep 1788	Gorham	Martha			
09 Dec 1788	Allen	Sarah		w/o Benjamin Allen Jr.	
03 Jan 1789	Barns	[unnamed]		ch/o John Barns	
15 Feb 1789	Elwood	Rachel		w/o Richard Elwood	
19 Mar 1789	Disbrow	Deborah		w/o Joshua Disbrow	
26 Jun 1789	Gorham	Ebenezer			
03 Jul 1789	Raymond	Moses Sherwood		s/o William Raymond	
01 Sep 1789	Meker	Abigail (Widow)			
02 Jan 1790	Batterson	Anne		d/o John Batterson	
02 Jun 1790	Darling	Zerviah		relict of Damuel Darling	of New Haven; mother of Mrs. Ripley
09 Oct 1790	Burr	Moses		s/o David Burr Jr.	
21 Nov 1790	Godfrey	Isaac			
02 Dec 1790	Thorp	Ebenezer		s/o Capt. Stephen Thorp	
21 Jan 1791	Banks	Mary		d/o Talcot Banks	
24 Jan 1791	Hill	Lewis	inf.	ch/o Thomas Hill	
04 Apr 1791	Chapman	Hyrarn		s/o Majr Albert Chapman	
09 Apr 1791	Andrews	George			
22 Apr 1791	Nash	Rebeckah (Wid.)			
13 Jun 1791	Bur	Wilson		s/o David Bur	
16 Jun 1791	Bur	Eunice		w/o David Bur	
28 Jul 1791	Allen	Betsey		d/o Benjamin Allen	
09 Aug 1791	Couch	Abigail		w/o Nehemiah Couch	
12 Aug 1791	[None]	Floro		servant of John Hide	
10 Nov 1791	Cooley	Hezekiah			
30 Dec 1791	Alling	John			
17 Jan 1792	Green	Joseph			
09 Mar 1792	[None]	Annis		servant to Joseph Hide	

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25 Mar 1792	Disbrow	Mabel		w/o Jabez Disbrow	
26 Apr 1792	Gray	Sarah			
07 Jun 1792	Gray	Gideon			
29 Aug 1792	Burr	David			
06 Sep 1792	Hide	John			
[Sep-Oct?] 1792	Banks	Talcut		s/o Talcut Banks	
05 Oct 1792	Bennett	Nathan			
08 Oct 1792	Jennings	Grummon		s/o Joshua Jennings Jr.	
19 Jan 1793	Persall	Kizia		w/o Samuel Persall	
09 Feb 1793	Godfrey	Ebenezer			
30 Apr 1793	Wakeman	Aaron			d. with small pox
03 Apr 1793	Smith	Ira		s/o Samuel Smith	
08 Apr 1793	Batterson	Matilda		d/o John Batterson	
13 Mar 1793	Couch	Samuel			d. in the West Indies
11 Apr 1793	Chapman	Denny			
30 Jul 1793	Allen	Esther		d/o Gabriel Allen	
06 Aug 1793	Allen	James Hull		s/o Gabriel Allen	
10 Aug 1793	Brotherton	Lidia		d/o Daniel Brotherton	
21 Aug 1793	Burrit	Abigail		d/o Wakeman Burrit	
30 Aug 1793	Gray	William			
28 Sep 1793	Thorp	Patt		w/o William Thorp	
29 Sep 1793	Couch	Samuel		s/o Joshua Couch	
12 Oct 1793	Handford	Jonathan			
23 Oct 1793	Raymong	Samuel		s/o Elijah Raymong	
27 Oct 1793	Raymong	Rachel		d/o Elijah Raymong	
27 Oct 1793	Davis	Rebecca		d/o Thomas Davis	
11 Nov 1793	Smith	Fanny		d/o Samuel Smith	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationships</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
11 Nov 1793	Wicks	Lemuel		s/o Nathaniel Wicks	
28 Nov 1793	Andrews	Aletheia		s/o Thomas Andrews	
xx Dec 1793	[None]	Margaret		servant girl to Lt. Taylor	
23 Dec 1793	Couch	Benjamin			d. in the West Indies
25 Dec 1793	Meeker	Seth			d. in the West Indies
26 Jan 1794	[None]	Lid		servant girl to Andrew Sturges	
04 Feb 1794	Thorp	Moses			
09 Feb 1794	Ogden	Ebenezer		s/o John Ogden	
26 Feb 1794	Jennings	David		s/o David Jennings	
08 Mar 1794	Disbrow	Thaddeus			
14 Mar 1794	Raymond	Hannah		d/o David Raymond	
21 Mar 1794	Lockwood	Graham			
22 Mar 1794	Raymond	Sarah		d/o David Raymond Jr.	
24 Mar 1794	Raymond	Abel		s/o David Raymond Jr.	
15 Apr 1794	Brotherton	Sarah		d/o Samuel Brotherton	
17 Apr 1794	Brotherton	Jerusha		s/o Samuel Brotherton	
16 Jun 1794	Wakeman	Happy		w/o Banks Wakeman	
21 Jul 1794	Allen	Molly		w/o Joseph Allen	
24 Jul 1794	Hazard	Samuel			
29 Aug 1794	[None]	Titus		servant to Moses Sherwood	was drowned
04 Sep 1794	Allen	Benjamin	infant	ch/o Benjamin Allen Jr.	
13 Aug 1794	Cable	Samuel			d. at sea
27 Oct 1794	Whitehead	Jehiel			
09 Nov 1794	Sherwood	Abraham	infant	s/o Abraham Sherwood	
24 Nov 1794	Squire	Ruth			
08 Dec 1794	Gorham	Martha		d/o Ebenezer Gorham	
23 Dec 1794	Lockwood	Patty			
01 Jan 1795	Jennings	Eunice		w/o David Jennings	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationships</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
15 Mar 1795	Seeley	Sally	infant	d/o James Seeley	
23 Mar 1795	Sherwood	Gershom Burr		s/o Daniel Sherwood	
26 Mar 1795	Gray	Mary		d/o Joseph Gray	
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11 Aug 1795	Adams	Miranda		d/o Nathaniel Adams	
11 Oct 1795	Disbrow	Thomas (Capt.)			
17 Oct 1795	Banks	Eunice		d/o Talcot Banks	
09 Dec 1795	Batterson	Cyndarrilla Hull		d/o Data Batterson	
27 Dec 1795	Morehouse	John			
29 Dec 1795	Disbrow	Abigail (Widow)			

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Book Review

Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne, *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, Arlington, Va.: National Genealogical Society, 2016, 196 pp; paperback, \$29.95; \$24.76 at ngsgenalogy.org for NGS members; Kindle version \$9.99 at Amazon.com.

Blaine Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne are two of the best teachers in the field of Genetic Genealogy. (Bettinger will be a featured speaker at the 2019 NERGC conference in April.) They have been teaching the subject at conferences and week-long institutes for years. This book is an excellent, practical application of their teaching techniques, one that can help family historians master the learning curve in this important—nearly requisite—aspect of genealogical research.

Chapter 1 brings the reader up to speed with basic genetics, explaining the location in the cell of mitochondrial DNA and autosomal DNA, how we get one copy of each chromosome from each parent, the definitions of SNP and centiMorgan, and other important concepts.

Chapter 2 covers how DNA evidence can be used to help prove a relationship, the importance of tree accuracy and depth, dealing with unexpected findings, and the ethics of DNA testing. It is not just a text book, it's a workbook, and there are questions at the end of this chapter that help the reader through these intellectual exercises.

Chapters 3-6 discuss genealogical applications for Y-DNA, mitochondrial DNA, autosomal DNA and X-DNA, with one chapter for each. These are meaty sections, loaded with diagrams to help demonstrate concepts and pose questions to the reader. The Y-DNA chapter shows examples of match lists and results pages, explaining the significance of division into haplogroups, how haplogroups are defined and demonstrating how Y-DNA can be useful in identifying ancestors. Seven pages of exercises help readers to integrate the knowledge into their own research plan.

The mtDNA chapter discusses inheritance patterns, usefulness and limitations of this particular test, testing strategies, examples and explanations of results pages, mtDNA haplogroups and how they are defined, and tools available to help with comparisons and analysis. Five pages of relevant exercises end this chapter.

The autosomal DNA chapter describes how we inherit DNA, and how it is possible that we don't have identifiable DNA contributions from various ancestors—that there is a difference between our researched family tree and our genetic family tree. The formation of egg and sperm, the creation of segments through recombination, the amount of DNA that is predicted to be shared at various relationships—all of these topics are discussed. There is a brief explanation of tools available at the three largest DNA testing companies, other tools available e.g., GEDmatch.com, testing strategies and the use of spreadsheets to keep track of matches. X-DNA, which is chromosomal, is treated in a separate chapter because it is passed on in a different pattern than the other 22 chromosomes.

The next chapter provides useful help in “Incorporating DNA Testing in a Family Study.” Finally, “Incorporating DNA Evidence in a Written Conclusion” helps us understand what can be made public with and without permission, and how to present our DNA research.

Genetic Genealogy in Practice is highly recommended by this practitioner and teacher of genetic genealogy.

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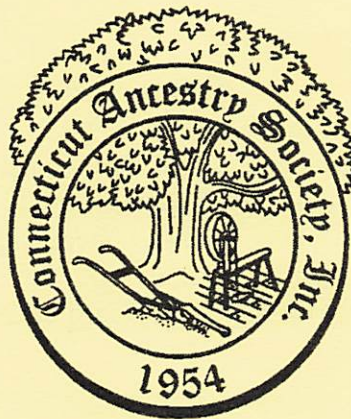
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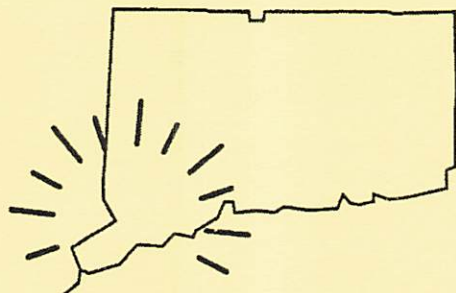
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| Sep | 28th
Lecture | 10:30-12:00 | Cos Cob Library, 5 Sinoway Road, Cos Cob
“Genealogy and Technology: Problems, Pitfalls, and Lots of Promise” with Robert Locke, Jr. A joint presentation of the Connecticut Ancestry Society and the Friends of the Cos Cob Library. The interactive session will begin with several slides and demonstrations by Rob Locke, and continue with audience participation. Attendees are encouraged to bring any technology and genealogy questions they would like to have answered. |
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Editor's Notes

Do you have a story about a Fairfield County resident in World War I? See p. 121 for information about how to share that with *Connecticut Ancestry* readers.

Kathryn Downs Wolff continues to demonstrate her excellent scholarship with an article about the Blagge and Clark families in which she corrects errors published in the popular *A History of the Old Town of Stratford* by Rev. Samuel Orcutt. It is important for current researchers to look beyond published derivative works such as Orcutt's to the original records, and to publish and correct errors just as Kathryn does in this article.

An error in the Baldwin article from the last issue is correct in this issue.

Publication of the Greens Farms Parish death records concludes in this issue. The original registers were transcribed by Barbara Dempsey and had never been published as a whole. We now have information about individuals who were not included in Donald L. Jacobus' *Families of Old Fairfield*. The editor thanks Barbara for the gargantuan effort in transcribing these records and making them more readily available to researchers.

Our series about Fairfield County residents who appeared on the 1790 U. S. census is in need of more contributions. To pique your interest we publish some minutes and minutia from the First Congress of the United States which set the parameters for this census. Maybe someone would like to profile Representative Jonathan Sturges of Fairfield or Senator William S. Johnson of Stratford who were among the Connecticut men elected to the First Congress. Even though their biographies have been published, it would be interesting to include them in the series with a short sketch. Sketches of anyone listed on that census are welcome.

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, as well as newly discovered or available resources.

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

A Call for Family History: World War I Stories about Fairfield County Residents

Members and other journal readers,

Connecticut Ancestry Society's Annual Meeting on May 5 featured people telling stories about their ancestors' contribution to the World War I effort. We heard several accounts of soldiers, and one about a woman who worked as an administrator in Europe at the end of the war and beyond. The story tellers brought in photographs and other mementos including documents, a World War I uniform, and a U. S. flag.

It got me to thinking that such stories have a place here in *Connecticut Ancestry*. It would be great for you to share the War history of an ancestor or neighbor of an ancestor who lived in Fairfield County. You can also send photographs, either of the subject of your story, or of a memento. You can scan documents to be included. You can probably scan other items, too, or take a digital photo. Such images can be published in *CA*.

Here's what I'd like to see in your article. First, provide a little background on the subject. Where did he grow up? Was she married? What was his occupation before the war? What kind of work was done for the war effort? Then tell the stories. Are there any official report of this work (include citations, or documents showing the work)? How about any stories that are unofficial—the tales handed down within the family. If you only know the briefest amount of information—grandpa was drafted and went to Europe on one date and came home on another date, that's OK, too. Finally, end with a short genealogical summary: just the direct ancestors who lived here in Fairfield County. If the person had no ancestors here, just give the names and locations of parents and grandparents.

I imagine these stories being a good bit less formal than some of the longer research articles we publish on these pages. We probably won't need footnotes if you are showing documents that tell the story. And the family history can be anecdotal, too. However, I'm sure many of you have already done a good bit of research on your subjects—you are genealogists, after all—so I'm happy to get more details in the genealogical summary and in the story, as well, as long as it's relevant to the World War I theme. Telling the readers about good sources for information about World War I soldiers is a real service.

As always, the editor reserves the right to work with the material to achieve clarity, relevance, an appropriate length for the story as well as good English usage. That's my job. Yours is to provide the content for me to edit!

I can accept your article at any time, but I'd like to have some to publish in the August journal. That means I need to have your copy by July 1. Send the submission to me at editor@connecticutancestry.org.

Thanks for considering sharing your family's World War I stories. I hope to hear from you soon.

Nora Galvin, CG
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The Blagge Family of Stratford, with their Clark Connections: Some Corrections to Orcutt

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1. **BLAGGE, Samuel**, son of Capt. Benjamin, of New York, had a wife Mary. He was a merchant in Stratford from 1685 to 1697. Died Apr. 10, 1713.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Edward. 3. Samuel. 4. Elisha. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Martha, b. in 1677; m. 1st, David De Forest, and 2d, John Thompson. She died in 1740.
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3. **Samuel, 2d**, son of Samuel and Mary (—) Blagge, m. Hannah Woodruff Nov. 20, 1709. She died in Oct., 1727. He died June 14, 1720.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Elizabeth, b. June 18, 1708; m. Israel Heardslee, May, 1731. 7. Sarah, b. Nov. 16, 1710. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Mary, b. March 26, 1715-16; m. Nathan Clarke, April —, 1740. 9. Martha, bapt. June —, 1723 (Epis. Rec.). Whose daughter was she?
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4. **Elisha**, son of Samuel and Mary (—) Blagge, m. Elizabeth Curtiss, Dec. 16, 1723. Mr. Swan thinks she afterwards married James Judson about 1746, had one child and died in July, 1750.
 10. Judith, b. Sept. 26, 1724.

The image above is part of page 1156 of *A History of the Old Town of Stratford* by Rev. Samuel Orcutt, published in 1886. This resource is a wonderful treasure, but sometimes Rev. Orcutt made mistakes. This is the case with the Blagge, often seen as "Blagg," family of Stratford.

Samuel Blagg, "2d" as listed above, did not die 14 June 1720.¹ On 21 December 1736, he and his brother, Elisha, agreed on the division of land which had been given to them by their "Honoured Father Mr. Samuel Blagg of Stratford late Dec."²

Elisha Blagg's estate did not transfer land until 6 Jan 1779.³ About the same time, on 29 December 1778, Elizabeth Blagg sold land to Ezra Curtiss for her past and future support secured by Ezra Curtiss.⁴ Ezra Curtiss was her nephew,⁵ which would account for his willingness to secure her support. Therefore, Elizabeth Curtiss Blagg did not marry James Judson about 1746, nor die in July 1750.

¹ A Samuel Blagg is recorded in land records volume 2, died 14 June 1720, there is also a, what Barbour read as "Mrs", Blagg died 10 Apr 1713. (The "Mrs." is very faded and could be interpreted as "Mr." as Rev. Orcutt did.) It is likely that these are the older Samuel and Mary Blagg.

² Stratford, Connecticut, "Land Records, v. 6-7 1734-1741", Volume 7, p.105; FHL microfilm 8,200,177.

³ Stratford, Connecticut, "Land Records, v. 16-17 1767-1787", Volume 16, p 430; FHL microfilm 8,299,432.

⁴ Stratford, Connecticut, "Land Records, v. 18-19 1773-1781", Volume 19, p. 415; FHL microfilm 8,299,433; "Land Records, v. 20-21", Volume 21, p.209; FHL microfilm 8,299,434.

⁵ Frederic Haines Curtiss, *A Genealogy of the Curtiss Family*, (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill Press, 1903), 10, 21, 22.

The second Samuel Blagg wrote his will on 7 December 1753 and the probate court proved the will on 6 October 1766.⁶ The names of persons receiving bequests verify the four daughters listed by Rev. Orcutt in the above image (Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, and Martha) and add a daughter, Hannah. The land deed distributing the property names the ten children of Mary Blagg Clark.⁷ This is seven more than the three attributed to and Mary and her husband Nathan by Rev. Orcutt.⁸

Genealogical Summary for Samuel Blagg and Hannah Woodruff:

Samuel Blagg, d. after 7 December 1753 and before 6 October 1766, m. 20 November 1707,⁹
Hannah Woodruff, probably daughter of Mathew Woodruff and Mary Plumb.¹⁰

Children:

1. Elizabeth, b. 18 June 1708,¹¹ m. Israel Beardslee.¹² Their daughter Urania received a bequest from her Blagg grandfather.
2. Sarah, b. 15 Nov 1710; d. after 16 Oct 1783 when she signed her will where she left everything to her sister Martha, and before 25 June 1784 when probate was started.¹³
3. Mary, b. 26 Mar 1715;¹⁴ d. before 1766; married Nathan Clark
4. Hannah, d. 13 Dec 1745; married Josiah Marvin of Norwalk.¹⁵ Sons William and Jared received bequests from their Blagg grandfather.
5. Martha, b. 1723; d. after 10 May 1798 when she sold 24 acres of land to Hezekiah Curtiss.¹⁶

Genealogical Summary for Nathan Clark and Mary Blagg:

Nathan Clark, b. 6 July 1720;¹⁷ d. Sept 1818;¹⁸ m. 1740 Mary Blagg, who was b. 26 March 1716; d. before 6 Oct. 1766. On 29 December 1815 Nathan Clark, "for love and affection," gave an

⁶ Connecticut Probate Court, Fairfield District, vol. 15, pages 297-299, will of Samuel Blagge of Stratford; image 166 in microfilm "Fairfield, Probate Records, Volume 15-16, 1764-1775," digital images, "Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records 1609-1999," Ancestry.com.

⁷ Stratford, Connecticut, "Land Records, v.14-15 1764-1771," volume 14, p. 564; FHL microfilm 8,200,178. Also Stratford, Connecticut, "Land records v. 12-13 1759-1768", volume 13, p. 536; FHL microfilm 8,299,431.

⁸ Samuel Orcutt, *A History of the Old Town of Stratford*, (Fairfield County Historical Society, 1886), 1175.

⁹ Stratford, Connecticut, "Land Records, v.1-2, 1650-1724," volume 2, p. 479b; FHL microfilm 7,833,768. Barbour incorrectly lists this as being on page 479a.

¹⁰ Susan Woodruff Abbott, *Woodruff Genealogy: Descendants of Mathew Woodruff of Farmington, Connecticut*, (New Haven: The Harty Press, 1963), 9.

¹¹ Stratford, Connecticut, "Land Records, v. 1-2, 1650-1724", volume 2, p. 481; FHL microfilm 7833768. Elizabeth, Sarah, and Mary Blagg's births are recorded together in the left side margin.

¹² For a complete listing of this family see Nellie Beardsley Holt, *Beardsley Genealogy*, (West Hartford, Conn., 1951), 20.

¹³ Connecticut Probate Court, Stratford District, vol. 1, p. 93, Sarah Blagge, image 66 in microfilm "Probate Records, Vol 1-2, 1782-1795," a microfilm from CSL; digital images, "Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999," Ancestry.com, accessed 24 Jan 2019.

¹⁴ These dates would be "Old Style", so in modern calendar, 1716.

¹⁵ William Richard Cutter, compiler, *New England Families Genealogical and Memorial, Volume IV*, (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1913), 2002.

¹⁶ Stratford, Connecticut, "Land Records, v. 26-27, 1795-1801", volume 27, page 74, Martha Blagg to Hezekiah Curtiss, warranty deed 10 May 1798; FHL microfilm 8,200,337.

equal half of his dwelling place to his three daughters, Polly, Aner, and Patty.¹⁹ On the same day, “for love and affection,” he gave his son Elisha A. Clark the other equal half of his dwelling.²⁰

No transfer of property for the three girls was found and it is unclear what happened to their half of the property. However, in Elisha A. Clark’s will, he bequeathed “the old homestead” to Elisha A. Clark son of his nephew Harmon Clark. In the inventory of his estate, the property was called “the Equal and undivided half of about eight acres called the Old Homestead.”²¹ No deaths for any of the Clark girls were listed in St. Paul’s Episcopal Church records. Turning to census records, based on household composition, all three of his older sisters probably died before 1840. The 1790 census for Nathan Clark lists two males over sixteen (Nathan and Elisha) and three females.²² In 1800, Nathan Clark’s household consists of 1 male 26-44, 1 male over 45, 2 females 26-44, and 1 over 45.²³ In 1810, Nathan Clark’s household has one male age 26-44 (Elisha), one male over 45 (Nathan), three females over age 45, and two other free people.²⁴ In 1820, Elisha A. Clark is now the head of household with one free white male over 45, one free white female age 26-44, and one free white female over 45.²⁵ At this point, the older female was probably one of his sisters, but it is not known who the younger female was. In 1830, Elisha’s household has one male age 60-69, and one female age 70-79.²⁶ By 1840, Elisha’s household only consists of one male age 70-79.²⁷

Children of Nathan Clark and Mary Blagg, order based on list in their maternal grandfather’s probate record, all of whom lived in what became the Huntington (now Shelton) part of Stratford:

1. Samuel b. about 1740; d. 6 Sep 1815 “in the 76th year of his age;”²⁸ m. Rheuma (___?___), who d. 1 June 1810 “in the 73rd year of her age;”²⁹ and m. after her death, Sally Nichols, probably

¹⁷ Stratford, “Land Records, v.1-2, 1650-1724”, volume 2, p. 483. Three of the children of Ephraim and Hester are recorded together in the left column (Ruth, David, and Nathan), five are recorded together on page 482a (Abigail, Deborah, Samuel, Hester, and Elizabeth), their son Ephraim is also on page 482a, but is in a column on the right.

¹⁸ Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Hale Collection of Newspaper Notices*, Volume 14, p. 223; Connecticut State Library.

¹⁹ Shelton, Connecticut, “Land records v. 7-8, 1812-1818”, Volume 8 page 111; FHL #8,579,283.

²⁰ Shelton, Connecticut, “Land records, v. 9-10, 1818-1828”, Volume 9, page 112; FHL #8,579,284.

²¹ Bridgeport Probate District, town of Huntington, 1852, #970, Elisha A. Clark.

²² 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 96 (penned), Nathan Clark; NARA microfilm M637, roll 1.

²³ He is again enumerated next to Samuel Clark. 1800 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 952 (stamped), p. 112 (penned), Nathan Clark; NARA microfilm M32, roll 1.

²⁴ Samuel Clark is enumerated immediately after Nathan. 1810 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 45 (stamped), p. 39 (penned), Nathan Clark; NARA microfilm M252, roll 1.

²⁵ 1820 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 235 (penned), Elisha A. Clerk; NARA microfilm M33, roll 1.

²⁶ 1830 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 732 (penned), p. 367a (stamped), Elisha Clark; NARA microfilm M19, roll 6.

²⁷ 1840 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 194a, 388 (stamped), Elisha C Clark [Elisha A Clark]; NARA microfilm 704, roll 21.

²⁸ Charles R. Hale, compiler, *Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions*, Volume 44, p. 98; Hartford, Connecticut: Connecticut State Library, 1934. Also personal visit to cemetery October 2012.

- a widow.³⁰ Four women are listed in Samuel's probate: Rebecca, wife of Abraham Hurd; heirs of Abigail, late wife of Levi Curtiss;³¹ Sarah, wife of Sylvester Olmstead;³² and Nancy, wife of William B. Hurd. Samuel is a 1790 head of household in Huntington, enumerated immediately after Nathan, "Samuel Clark, 2, 0, 3, 0, 1."³³
2. Nathan, b. 1743; d. 1829.³⁴ He is seen as "Nathan 3^d, 2,1,1,0,0" on 1790 census.³⁵ He married Eunice Clark, daughter of Zechariah.³⁶ They had at least three children:³⁷ son Elnathan named executor of Eunice's estate, youngest son Harmon/Herman, and daughter Mary Elizabeth, wife of Timothy S. Wells.
 3. Hannah, d. 7 June 1788 age 43,³⁸ m.³⁹ Abel Lewis of Huntington, Eight children – five of whom were baptized at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Huntington. One died young, the other seven named in Abel Lewis's will.⁴⁰ Abel is a 1790 head of household in Huntington, "Abel Lewis, 2,2,2,0,0".⁴¹
 4. Mary (presumably "Polly"), probably deceased before 1840.
 5. Elizabeth, bp. 11 Mar 1750,⁴² d. 1817,⁴³ m. 2 March 1775, Timothy Allis. Six children listed in the Allis genealogy of whom five lived to adulthood.⁴⁴ Timothy is a 1790 head of household in Huntington, "Timothy Ellis, 1-2-4-0-0."⁴⁵ One son, Issac, was named executor for his uncle, Elisha A. Clark's, estate.

²⁹ Rheuma shares a headstone with Samuel.

³⁰ Stratford Probate District, Probate packets, 1815, #484, Samuel Clark of Huntington. Probate records included with Samuel's material include three Nichols beneficiaries of Sally: Beach (via his guardian), [Rich P], and George R.

³¹ Levi Curtiss is enumerated on the 1790 census in Huntington adjacent to Timothy Ellis.

³² See also: George K. Ward, *The Olmsted Family in America*, (New York: A.T. De La Mare Printing and Publishing Co., 1912), pp. 52, 91. Sarah's mother's maiden name is listed as "Crosby" in this reference, but does not give a first name.

³³ 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 96 (penned), Samuel Clark; NARA microfilm M637, roll 1.

³⁴ Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, Monroe, Volume 29, p. 82.

³⁵ 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 98 (penned), Nathan Clark 3^d; NARA microfilm M637, roll 1.

³⁶ Nathan 2^d on the 1790 census is the son of Zechariah. Connecticut Probate Court, Stratford District, #490, 1785, Zachariah Clark. Specifically lists that Eunice is the wife of Nathan 3rd, and that he also has a son, Nathan.

³⁷ Stratford Probate District, 1817, #2158, Eunice Clark of Huntington. The three children are listed in Eunice's will and she also gives her husband Nathan 3^d lifetime use of the property she received from her father Zechariah.

³⁸ Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, volume 44, p. 92. Also personal visit to cemetery October 2012.

³⁹ Stratford, Connecticut, "Land Records, v.18-10 1773-1781", volume 18 page 355; FHL microfilm #8,299,433. The six oldest Clarks transfer six-tenths of the same land that they received from their grandfather on 1 Dec 1773, but now Abel Lewis and his wife Hannah Lewis are the signers for her portion.

⁴⁰ For a complete treatment of this family, see Barbara Jean Mathews, *The Descendants of Governor Thomas Welles of Connecticut And his Wife Alice Tomes, Volume 2, Part B*, (Wethersfield, Connecticut: The Welles Family Association, 2015), 617.

⁴¹ 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 94 (penned), Abel Lewis; NARA microfilm M637, roll 1.

⁴² Stratford Christ Church & Episcopal Society records, volume 1 page 22, Connecticut State Library microfilm #367.

⁴³ Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, volume 44, p. 92.

⁴⁴ Allis, Horatio Dana, *Genealogy of William Allis of Hatfield, Mass and Descendants 1630-1919*, (Hartford, Conn.: Art Press, 1920), 42-43.

⁴⁵ 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 105 (penned), Timothy Ellis; NARA microfilm publication, M637, roll 1.

6. Blagg b. 1751; d. 1823; m. Lucy (_?_), who died in 1832.⁴⁶ Children named in Blagg's will: daughters Lucinda Clark, Lunetia Clark, and Griswold Gibbs; sons Samuel B. William, and Alfred O. Clark. Lunetia, William, and Alfred O. are all buried near their parents, as is a Lucy, d. 1803, listed on her stone as their daughter.⁴⁷ Blagg is enumerated on the 1790 census immediately before Nathan. "Blagg Clark, 2,2,4,0,0."⁴⁸
7. Urania (presumably "Aner"), probably deceased before 1840.
8. Martha (presumably "Patty"), probably deceased before 1840.
9. Abel
10. Elisha Anthony Clark, b. 1766, bp. 15 Mar 1766,⁴⁹ d. 1852.⁵⁰

⁴⁶ Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, volume 44, p. 92. Also personal visit to cemetery October 2012.

⁴⁷ Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, volume 44, p. 91. Also personal visit to cemetery October 2012.

⁴⁸ 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield County, Connecticut, town of Huntington, p. 96 (penned), Blagg Clark; NARA microfilm M637, roll 1.

⁴⁹ St. Paul's Episcopal Church Records (Shelton, Connecticut), volume 2, p. 13 (baptisms); Connecticut State Library, CSL microfilm #667.

⁵⁰ His headstone shows 21 Aug 1853, but his probate was started 11 Sept 1852, so it is likely the headstone is in error on year and he died 21 Aug 1852. Hale, volume 44 page 98, plus personal visit to cemetery October 2012.

Department of Corrections

In the last issue of our journal (Whole Number 284, Vol. 61, No. 3, p. 101) Thomas Mindrum's article, "Nathaniel Baldwin of Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, England, and Milford and Fairfield, Connecticut; his son Daniel Baldwin and grandson Daniel Baldwin junr., both of Milford, and his great-grandson Caleb Baldwin, Esq., of Milford and Newtown," which named five generations of Baldwins, included an incorrect identification of the wife of the fifth-generation Daniel Baldwin.

The Daniel Baldwin in question was a son of Caleb Baldwin, and great-great-grandson of the immigrant Nathaniel Baldwin who is the first generation in the article. The article cited C.C. Baldwin's *The Baldwin Genealogy from 1500 to 1881*, but that source has been shown, through more recent research by Barbara Jean Mathews, to be incorrect on this point. According to Mathews, this Daniel Baldwin married first Ann Tousey in Newtown on 2 May 1752. Ann died in Newtown in July 1759. Daniel married second Abigail Northrup in Newtown on 20 Sep 1759.

The research by Barbara Jean Mathews was published in *Connecticut Ancestry*: Mathews, Barbara Jean. "Identifying Wives and Parents for Two Men Named Daniel Baldwin Marrying in Newtown, CT, in the 1750s." *Connecticut Ancestry*. 56 (November 2013) 49-52.

Editor

PS. If you spot an error, please notify the editor so a correction can be published.

Greens Farms Church Records, 1742 – 1851, concluded
Part 15: Deaths, 1796 - 1822

Transcribed by Barbara Dempsey

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 three issues of Volume 61.

Deaths, 1796 through 1822

A note about these death records: There are a number of people who have no surname. In the manuscript 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. The names of their owners or employers are included for context. Also, many causes of death in this group are included in the record, but not in this abstract.

Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Comments
03 Jan 1796	Hill	Samuel	inf.	ch/o Thomas Hill
15 Jan 1796	Raymond	Mary		w/o William Raymond Jr.
20 Jan 1796	Chapman	Albert		s/o Major Albert Chapman
19 Mar 1796	Hurlbutt	Gideon		s/o Gideon Hurlbutt
20 Mar 1796	Bennett	Eunice		w/o Moses Bennett
16 Apr 1796	Banks	Talcott		s/o Talcott Banks
20 Apr 1796	Scribner	Lucinda		d/o Capt. Nathaniel Scribner
21 Apr 1796	Parse	Jerusha (Widow)		
07 May 1796	Osborn	Abigail (Widow)		
18 May 1796	Chapman	David		s/o Major Albert Chapman
15 Jun 1796	Couch	Naomi (Widow)		
15 Jun 1796	Disbrow	Susanna		w/o Elias Disbrow
07 Jul 1796	Disbrow	Thaddy		s/o Elias Disbrow

10 Jul 1796	MnRow	Eunice		d/o Esther MnRow
23 Jul 1796	Disbrow	Esther		d/o Elias Disbrow
30 Jul 1796	Allen	Marthan (Widow)		
01 Aug 1796	Disbrough	George		s/o Asahel Disbrough
09 Aug 1796	Comstock	David		s/o Enos Comstock
03 Sep 1796	Couch	Eli		ch/o Gideon Couch
03 Sep 1796	Couch	Charity		ch/o Gideon Couch
xx Sep 1796	Forbs	William		
12 Sep 1796	Beers	Sarah		w/o Nathan Beers
21 Sep 1796	Batterson	Betty		w/o James Batterson
28 Oct 1796	Smith	William		
26 Nov 1796	Mills	Daniel		
07 Dec 1796	Batterson	James		
29 Dec 1796	Bennett	Moses		
26 Jan 1797	Bennett	Thomas		
14 Mar 1797	Baker	Mable		w/o Ebenezer Baker
30 Mar 1797	Disbrow	Jabez		
19 Apr 1797	Davis	John		
03 Jun 1797	Sherwood	Abigail		w/o Abraham Sherwood
04 Jul 1797	Johnston	Nathaniel		
11 Sep 1797	[None]	Tom		aged Negro man belonging to Esqr. Jesup
23 Nov 1797	Johnson	Sarah (Widow)		
01 Dec 1797	Boughton	John	inf.	ch/o Capt. Joshua Boughton
02 Jan 1798	Lockwood	Stephen Godfrey	10 m.	ch/o Seymour Lockwood
17 Jan 1798	Chapman	Abigail	3	d/o Lt. Chapman
28 Apr 1798	Sward	Betsy	1 ½	d/o Libbeus Sward
02 May 1798	Burr	[unnamed]	12 hrs	s/o Silas Burr
21 Jul 1798	Batterson	Lucy	6 m	d/o Selick Batterson
16 Aug 1798	Gorham	David	21	s/o Ebenezer Gorham
18 Sep 1798	Handford	Hains	82	

26 Oct 1798	King	Sarah	80	w/o Richard King
23 Nov 1798	Ketchum	Sally	24	
01 Dec 1798	Meeker	Seth	68	
21 Dec 1798	Burr	Abigial	19	w/o Zalmon Burr
31 Jan 1799	Jesup	Caroline	7 m	d/o Ebenezer Jesup Jr.
19 Feb 1799	Allen	Gershom	29	
01 Mar 1799	Gray	Solomon	58	
04 Apr 1799	Meeker	Abigail Gorham	2	d/o Daniel Meeker
14 Apr 1799	Whitehead	Sarah (Widow)	56	
25 Apr 1799	Bennet	Elizabeth	43	w/o Andrew Bennet
24 May 1799	Brotherton	Patience	45	w/o Samuel Brotherton
01 Jun 1799	Bennett	James	56	
18 Oct 1799	Sherwood	Abraham	36	
29 Dec 1799	Sherwood	Abigail	10 m	d/o Daniel Sherwood
18 Jan 1800	Hazard	Susanna	16 m	d/o John Hazard
26 Jan 1800	Meeker	Alma	12 m	d/o Daniel Meeker
26? Feb 1800	[None]	Prince	15	servant to Andrew Sturges
28 Jun 1800	Sherwood	Moses	51	
19 Jul 1800	Chapman	Henry	6	s/o Major Albert Chapman
19 Aug 1800	Allen	Henry	3y 11m	s/o Stephen Allen
05 Sep 1800	Disbrow	James	18	
05 Nov 1800	Scribner	Nathaniel (Capt.)	57	
01 Dec 1800	Elwood	Richard	78	
[?] 1800	Lockwood	Seymour		brother of Gershom Lockwood
[?] 1800	Lockwood	Gershom		brother of Seymour Lockwood
30 Dec 1800	Morehouse	Abigail (Widow)	82	
14 Feb 1801	Stratton	Philander	inf.	s/o Hull Stratton
12 Apr 1801	Elwood	Hezekiah	70+	
05 May 1801	Nichols	Moses	abt 60	
18 May 1801	Lockwood	Seley	17	s/o Stephen Lockwood

29 Jul 1801	Andrews	Thomas	abt 40	
12 Aug 1801	Hide	Ebenezer Jesup	12 m	s/o Joseph Hide Jr.
23 Aug 1801	[None]	James	12 m	s/o Peter [Peter is mentioned elsewhere in these records as a Negro]
09 Sep 1801	Phillips	Thomas	40	
08 Oct 1801	Adams	Nathaniel	56	
25 Oct 1801	Burr	Abigail Silliman	1 wk	d/o Aaron Burr
09 Nov 1801	Chapman	Abigail	47	w/o Lt. Chapman
10 Nov 1801	Sherwood	Ama	3 ½	d/o Cesar Sherwood
18 Jan 1802	[None]	Henry	6 m	ch/o Elsee, a Black
29 Jan 1802	Osborn	Nancy	5	d/o Amoss Osborn
30 Jan 1802	King	Richard	87	
31 Jan 1802	Allen	Tabitha (Widow)	86	
08 Feb 1802	Phillips	Jerusha	18	
18 Mar 1802	Banks	Abigail	9	d/o Talcott Banks
24 Mar 1802	Godfrey	Esther		w/o Jonathan Godfrey
27 Apr 1802	Banks	Cesar	60	Negro
03 May 1802	Allen	Alfred	inf.	ch/o Joseph Allen Jr.
04 May 1802	[None]	Peg		an old Negro woman
15 May 1802	Adams	Salome (Widow)	45	
24 Jun 1802	[None]	Jime? (Time?)	65	w/o Fortune, Negro
27 Aug 1802	[None]	Anna	8	Negro ch/o Pat
28 Sep 1802	Jennings	Anna Burr	4	d/o David Jennings (written "Ginnings")
29 Sep 1802	Chapman	Charity	4	d/o Lovel Chapman
07 Oct 1802	Meeker	Seth	12	
17 Oct 1802	Burr	Talcot	56	
20 Oct 1802	Sturges	Albert	82	
26 Oct 1802	Disbrow	Sarah	82	w/o Caleb Disbrow
29 Oct 1802	Baker	Abba Jane	10 m	d/o Widow Sarah Baker
17 Oct 1802	Gorham	William	25	

09 Nov 1802	Smith	Samuel (Ens.)	56	
15 Mar 1803	[None]	Susan	6	d/o Ned/Sill
25 Mar 1803	Gray	Amos	50	
14 Apr 1803	Allen	Alba	2	s/o Stephen Allen
22 Apr 1803	Taylor	Polly	10 wk	ch/o Lt. Jesup Taylor
01 May 1803	Taylor	Sally Ann	2 ½	d/o Lt. Jesup Taylor
23 Jun 1803	Baker	John	23	
13 Jul 1803	Homer	Levi	7	black belonging to Morse?
28 Aug 1803	Fountain	Timothy	76	
30 Aug 1803	Sturges	Mary	60	w/o Eliphalet Sturges
29 Sep 1803	Godfrey	Eunice	44	w/o Stephen Godfrey
07 Nov 1803	Lockwood	Stephen	55	
01 Jan 1804	Wakeman	Abigail (Widow)	99	
23 Jan 1804	Goodsel	Elijah	inf.	s/o Bradley Goodsel
17 Feb 1804	Stratton	Philander	18 m	s/o Hull Stratton
20 Mar 1804	Roberts	Hannah (Widow)	76	
04 Apr 1804	Burr	Julia	inf.	ch/o Ebenezer Burr
29 Apr 1804	[None]	Sose	19	servant to Major Ebenezer Jesup
14 Jun 1804	Elwood	Hariot	inf.	ch/o Stephen Elwood
11 Jul 1804	Jennings	Gershom B.	28	[written "Gennings"]
19 Aug 1804	Raymong	Mary	65	w/o William Raymong
21 Aug 1804	Gorham	Phebe	10	d/o Samuel Gorham
24 Aug 1804	[None]	Fortune	66	Negro
27 Aug 1804	Thorp	Eliphalet (Capt.)	44	
28 Aug 1804	Thorp	Ginnings	14	s/o Eliphalet Jennings (Capt.)
29 Aug 1804	Smith	Mary	16	d/o Widow Smith
12 Oct 1804	Rayment	Martha	72	w/o Lewis Rayment
19 Nov 1804	Chapman	Lidia	8	d/o Major Chapman
13 Dec 1804	Frasier	Daniel	74	
02 Dec 1804	Smith	Samuel	28	

xx Sep 1804	Gorham	Stephen L.		a likely young man
xx Sep 1804	Cable	William B.		likely young man
06 Jan 1805	Bennett	Andrew	55	
26 Jan 1805	Taylor	Samuel (Lt.)	72	
06 Feb 1805	Squire	Aaron	inf.	s/o Aaron Squire
15 May 1805	Taylor	Samuel Jesup	9 m	s/o Jesup Taylor
07 Aug 1805	Bennett	Abigail	56	w/o Joseph Bennett
28 Aug 1805	Handford	Isaac	25	
29 Sep 1805	Disbrow	Abraham	23	
22 Sep 1805	Cooley	Eunice	29	
05 Nov 1805	Burr	Catharine	25	
04 Dec 1805	Bennett	John	52	
xx Dec 1805	Webb	Esther	inf.	d/o Hezekiah Webb
02 Jan 1806	Wood	Myrinda	inf.	d/o Samuel Wood
21 Feb 1806	Bennett	Jesse	41	
01 Apr 1806	Gray	Ann (Widow)	64	
11 Apr 1806	Batterson	Joel	4	ch/o Seleck Batterson
09 Aug 1806	Hide	John	12	s/o Joseph Hide Jr.
19 Aug 1806	Mills	Abraham	19	s/o John Mills
22 Aug 1806	Gorham	Joseph	54	
19 Sep 1806	Mosier	Asenath	47	w/o George Mosier
[Sep] 1806	[None]	Lyman	7	Negro boy of Samuel Sherwood Esqr.
26 Aug 1806	Wilson	[unnamed] (Capt.)		... and his son [unnamed] and ...Disbrow
26 Aug 1806	Wilson	[unnamed]		s/o Capt. Wilson
26 Aug 1806	Disbrow	Jesse		with Capt. Wilson & son
19 Nov 1806	Scribner	Plat	12 m	s/o Burr Scribner
04 Dec 1806	Burnett	James Esq.	almst 20	
17 Dec 1806	Burr	Almira	6 m	ch/o Alva Burr
19 Dec 1806	Hull	Abigail	30	
06 Jan 1807	Wilson	Daniel	93	

23 Jan 1807	Gorham	Ebenezer	58	
28 Feb 1807	Disbrow	Deborah	60	w/o Joshua Disbrow
[28 Feb?] 1807	Beers	Bradley	3	s/o David Beers
18 [Feb-Apr] 1807	Allen	Gershom	1-[?]	s/o Joseph Allen
15 Jul 1807	Thorp	Stephen (Capt.)	70	
18 Aug 1807	Phillips	Anna	26	w/o Hezekiah Phillips
24 Aug 1807	Hurlbutt	Abigail	5 m	ch/o James Hurlbutt
11 Sep 1807	Handford	Elizabeth (Widow)	86	
30 Sep 1807	Godfrey	Ebenezer	15	s/o Jonathan Godfrey
05 Oct 1807	[None]	Lidia	18	d/o Peter, Negro
08 Nov 1807	Couch	Simon	52	
20 Dec 1807	Lockwood	Marcus	25	
29 Dec 1807	[None]	Amos	38	Negro
28 Nov 1807	Avery	Charles	20	s/o Revd John Avery
18 Feb 1808	Whitehead	Eliza	54 ½	d/o Joseph Whitehead
05 Mar 1808	Hurlbutt	Mary	24	w/o James Hurlbutt
07 May 1808	Bennett	Deliverance	78	
15 May 1808	Davis	Seth	5	s/o Thomas Davis
27 May 1808	Handford	Mary (Widow)		
03 Apr 1808	Hyde	Tammisin	61	w/o Deacon Joseph Hyde
07 Apr 1808	Davis	Thomas	11 m	s/o Thomas Davis
07 May 1808	Meeker	Sarah	43	
10 May 1808	Allen	[unnamed]	2 wk	d/o John Allen
15 May 1808	Morehouse	Solomon (Capt.)	76	
23 Jun 1808	Allen	Nash	9 m	s/o Stephen Allen
24 Jun 1808	Couch	Samuel	3 wk	ch/o Joseph Couch
24 Jun 1808	Batterson	John 3rd		
13 Jul 1808	Scribner	[unnamed]	inf.	d/o Jesse B. Scribner
25 Jul 1808	Chapman	Eleanor	48	w/o Lovel Chapman
28 Jul 1808	Allen	Sarah Ann		d/o Joseph Allen

12 Aug 1808	Burritt	Isaac	39	
10 Sep 1808	Taylor	Louisa	inf.	d/o Capt. Seymour Taylor
20 Nov 1808	Couch	Rachel	20	
05 Jan 1809	Blatchly	Martha	94	
29 Jan 1809	Couch	Elenor	3 m	d/o Wakeman Couch
14 Feb 1809	Wakeman	Eleanor	3 days	d/o Banks Wakeman
26 Feb 1809	Hull	Daniel	74	
27 Feb 1809	Hyde	Samuel	1 wk	s/o Joseph Hyde Jr.
22 Mar 1809	Bennett	David	5 days	s/o David Bennett
30 May 1809	Allen	Patty	26	w/o Joseph Allen
19 Apr 1809	Bennett	Hannah (Widow)	81	
30 May 1809	Raymong	William	94	
07 Jun 1809	Pollard	J. (Capt.)		of Norwich
31 Aug 1809	Pearsall	John	51	
16 Sep 1809	Taylor	John Nussman?	6	s/o Asa Taylor
19 Sep 1809	Meeker	Hulda	19	w/o Burr Meeker
09 Nov 1809	Jesup	Anna	53	w/o Deacon Jesup
15 Nov 1809	Sturges	Andrew	68	
15 Dec 1809	Adams	Nathaniel	1 y 9 m	s/o Joseph Adams
18 Dec 1809	Richards	Gershom (Capt.)	61	
xx Dec 1809	Allen	Burr Nichols	16	s/o Joseph Allen
10 Feb 1810	Ogden	Comfort	43	w/o John Ogden
12 Feb 1810	[None]	Mary	16 m	d/o Peter/Lid [Negroes]
11 Mar 1810	Allen	Esther	5 wk	d/o Joseph Allen Jr.
19 Apr 1810	Disbrow	Thomas	2 y 7 m	s/o John Disbrow
23 Apr 1810	Row	[unnamed]	8 m	ch/o Lockwood Row
26 Apr 1810	Bulkley	Talcutt	86	
27 Apr 1810	Clift	Wills (Major)	64	
02 May 1810	Baker	Sally Ann	2y 10m	d/o Ebenezer Baker

10 May 1810	Lawrence	Aaron	49	
19 May 1810	Rumsey	[unnamed]	17 m	s/o Aaron Rumsey
22 May 1810	Burr	Evilina	8	d/o Aaron Burr
24 May 1810	Phillips	Irenia	almst 27	w/o Hezekiah Phillips
09 Jun 1810	Godfrey	Ebenezer	2 ½	s/o Jonathan Godfrey
09 Jun 1810	Bennett	Hezekiah	1 wk	s/o Silas Bennett
11 Aug 1810	Stratton	Cornelius	73	
11 Aug 1810	Beers	Ebenezer	2y 8m	s/o Ebenezer Beers
13 Aug 1810	Jesup	Edward S.	1y 6m	s/o Edward Jesup
09 Sep 1810	Burr	Silas	40	
11 Sep 1810	Phillips	Irena Wood	3 m	d/o Hezekiah Phillips
06 Oct 1810	Ogden	Alva	2y 3m	s/o Bradley Ogden
17 Nov 1810	Chapman	Desire (Widow)	85-6	
23 Nov 1810	Chapman	Elen Gould	4	d/o Lt. James Chapman
26 Oct 1810	Allen	Gabriel	23-?	
25 Feb 1811	Andrews	Abraham Esqr.	74	
12 Apr 1811	Hyde	[unnamed]	5 or 6	ch/o Joseph Hyde Jr.
01 Aug 1811	[None]	Peter	21-5	black man
01 Sep 1811	Godfrey	Abel	20	s/o Jonathan Godfrey
04 Sep 1811	Richmond	Lucy Case	6	d/o Doctor Richmond
05 Sep 1811	Nash	[unnamed]	9 m	ch/o Joseph Nash
28? Sep 1811	Disbrow	Clarissa	6y 7m	d/o Squire Disbrow
17 Oct 1811	Jesup	James	abt 20 m	s/o Ebenezer Jesup Jr.
21 Oct 1811	Batterson	Edward	6-Feb	s/o Selick Batterson
24 Nov 1811	Chapman	Sarah (Widow)	88	
26 Nov 1811	Hyde	Aretee	20	d/o Joseph Hyde
22 Dec 1811	Burr	David	60	
09 Feb 1812	Morehouse	Abijah	23	
12 Feb 1812	[None]	Nan	58	servant to Mr. Kent
26 Feb 1812	Couch	Benjamin Solomon	63	

13 Apr 1812	Elwood	Stephen	50	
[?1812]	Burr	Daniel	75	
14 May 1812	Thorp	William	abt. 80	
[Spring] 1812	Andrews	George	17	
16 Jun 1812	Bennett	Sarah	64	w/o Capt. Joseph Bennett
24 Jun 1812	Banks	Talcut (Esqr.)	53y m	
23 Aug 1812	Burr	Daniel	75y m	
22 Sep 1812	Phillips	[unnamed]	1 day	ch/o Hezekiah Phillips
24 Sep 1812	Cumstock	Enoss	25	
24 Nov 1812	Cable	Nathaniel	71	
08 Dec 1812	Jesup	Ebenezer (Deacon)	74	
27 Dec 1812	Nash	[unnamed]	inf.	s/o Thomas Nash Jr.
21 Feb 1813	Brotherton	Daniel	50	
11 Apr 1813	Allen	Alvira	11 m	ch/o James Allen
13 Apr 1813	Morrell	Mathew	36	d. at Widow Comstock's
15 Apr 1813	Nash	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o William J. Nash
27 Jun 1813	Gorham	Polly	21	
19 Dec 1813	Bennett	Hezekiah	27	
20 Jan 1814	Nash	Thomas Jr.	46	
05 Feb 1814	Wakeman	Amelia Esther	11	d/o Banks Wakeman
06 Aug 1814	Sherwood	Charity	47	w/o Samuel B. Sherwood, Esqr.
25 Aug 1814	Scribner	Henry P.	3	s/o Jesse B. Scribner
28 Aug 1814	Hide	Joseph (Deacon)	85	
05 Oct 1814	Davis	Olive	80	
10 Oct 1814	Allen	Rhoda	64	w/o Benjamin Allen
11 Sep 1814	Couch	Joseph		s/o Joshua Couch
27 Dec 1814	Jesup	Edward	35less1m	
29 Jan 1815	Nash	Thomas (Capt.)	72	

17 Feb 1815	Burr	Elizabeth	36	
25 Feb 1815	Jennings	William A.	2	ch/o John Jennings
27 Mar 1815	Andrews	Thomas	30-7	
29 Mar 1815	Taylor	Mary (Widow)	85-6	
13 Apr 1815	Burr	Clarina	7 m	ch/o Alva Burr
30 Apr 1815	[None]	Charlotte	18	d/o Ned/Sill
09 May 1815	Morehouse	Hulda	71-9	w/o Grummon Morehouse
20 May 1815	Moyer	George Jr.	27	
28 Jul 1815	Bradley	Mary (Widow)	85	
26 Aug 1815	Morehouse	Jarvis	18-5	s/o Abraham Morehouse
26 Sep 1815	Bennett	Silas	81-0-8	
22 Oct 1815	Jennings	Esther	32	w/o John B. Jennings
16 Nov 1815	Eals	Hannah	12-0-2	d/o Nathaniel Eals
25 Nov 1815	Couch	Betty	88	
26 Nov 1815	Jackson	Lucinda		w/o Samuel Jackson
01 Feb 1816	Buckley	William	11 m	s/o Zalmon Buckley
21 Feb 1816	Morehouse	Abraham	53	
22 Feb 1816	Baker	Sarah	43	[w/o?] Nathan Baker
25 Mar 1816	Gorham	Mary (Widow)	61	
24 Mar 1816	MnRowe	Ebenezer	82	
24 Mar 1816	MnRowe	Mary	83	w/o Ebenezer MnRowe
08 Apr 1816	Phillips	Nancy	29	w/o Hezekiah Phillips
09 Apr 1816	Godfrey	[unnamed]	7 days	ch/o Benjamin Godfrey
11 Apr 1816	Nash	[unnamed]	7 days	ch/o Joseph Nash
12 Apr 1816	Thorp	Esther (Widow)	50	
12 Apr 1816	Ogden	Harriet	1y 9m	d/o Jonathan Ogden
19 Apr 1816	Phillips	[unnamed]	few days	d/o Hezekiah Phillips
25 Apr 1816	Morehouse	Daniel	90	
26 May 1816	Allen	Elnathan	85	
30 May 1816	Jesup	Charity	22	w/o William H. Jesup

19 Jun 1816	Bennett	Francis	5	s/o Thomas Bennett
20 Jun 1816	Couch	David	84	
22 Jun 1816	Allen	Azur	5	s/o Jeremiah Allen
30 Oct 1816	Bennett	Ann (widow)	74 y 6 m	wid/o James[?] Bennett
01 Dec 1816	[unknown]	[unnamed]	30 hrs	[parents not named]
23 Jan 1817	Meeker	Benjamin	76	
23 Feb 1817	Couch	Rachel (widow)	87 y 7 m	
10 Apr 1817	Hyde	Elsie	18	d/o Peter Hyde
12 Apr 1817	Bennett [Barrett?]	Fredrick Mervin	10-0-10	s/o Mervin [Barrett?]
21 Apr 1817	Ogden	An	50	w/o John Ogden
21 Apr 1817	[None]	Phillis	11	d/o Asher/Jim, Negroes
16 Sep 1817	Swift	Abigail	39-6	w/o Deacon Eliphalet Swift
16 Sep 1817	Thorp	[unnamed]	4 m	ch/o Henry Thorp
21 Sep 1817	Couch	Gideon	60	
01 Oct 1817	Baker	Ebenezer	81	
16 Oct 1817	Hide	Abigail	90	relict of John Hide
xx Nov 1817	Frasier	Eunice (Widow)	73	
07 Jan 1818	Bennett	Mary	6	d/o Burr Bennett
06 Mar 1818	[None]	Dorcas	44	Negro woman
14 Apr 1818	Row	Ellen	4	d/o Lockwood Row
28 Apr 1818	[None]	Thomas	20	s/o Peter/Lid
15 May 1818	Andrews	Sally	26	w/o Daniel Andrews
29 Jun 1818	Andrews	Shubel	30	mariner in Richmond VA
10 Aug 1818	Comstock	David	21	
15 Aug 1818	Thorp	Harry	28	in State of Ohio
08 Sep 1818	Disbrow	John	41	
15 Nov 1818	Burr	Charity (Widow)	44	
14 Dec 1818	Tabor	Lorinda Avery	10 m	d/o Corah Tabor
06 Mar 1819	Morehouse	Eunice (Widow)	89	
18 Mar 1819	Morehouse	Temperance	80	w/o Lt. Ebenezer Morehouse

18 Mar 1819	Disbrow	Isaac	62	
12 May 1819	Jennings	Esther (Widow)	85	
09 Aug 1819	Wakeman	Marcy	22 m	poor child of Banks Wakeman
17 Aug 1819	Allen	[unnamed]	1 y 9 m	s/o James Allen
18 Aug 1819	Beers	Julia Moriah	10 m	d/o Ebenezer Beers
30 Jul 1819	Couch	Symon (Mr.)	35	d. at Nuebern, No. Carolina
01 Oct 1819	Disbrow	Henrietta	17	
07 Oct 1819	Disbrow	James	almst 19	s/o Squire Disbrow
24 Oct 1819	Disbrow	William	24	bro/o James Disbrow
15 Nov 1819	Disbrow	William	36	
19 Nov 1819	Bennett	Joseph (Capt.)	74	
27 Nov 1819	Gorham	[unnamed]	inf.	ch/o John Gorham
xx xxx 1819	Disbrow	[unnamed]		w/o Charles Disbrow
27 Dec 1819	Chapman	Albert (Major)	72	
15 Jan 1820	Allen	Betsey	20	
07 Sep 1820	Smith	Charles	19 m	s/o Aaron Smith
07 Oct 1820	Allen	Eunice	2	d/o Benjamin Allen
19 Dec 1820	Andrews	Mary (Widow)	30	
[19 Dec?] 1820	Morehouse	William		
20 Feb 1821	Nest[?]	Fanny	19 m	ch/o Lewis Nest[?]
10 Mar 1821	Munrow	Henry		
23 Mar 1821	Ogden	Bradley	35	
22 Apr 1821	Couch	Josiah	78	
22 Apr 1821	Sherwood	Ebenezer B.	4	s/o Ebenezer B. Sherwood
12 May 1821	Couch	Zebulon	71	
25 Apr 1821	Sherwood	Charles	almst 22	
24 May 1821	Gorham	John	44	
08 Jul 1821	Swift	Esther	36	w/o Deacon Swift
29 Jul 1821	Bennett	Hannah	65	
05 Aug 1821	Darrow	Daniel		

26 Mar 1822	Couch	Molly	90	
08 Oct 1822	Couch	Molly (Mrs.)		
1822	Bennett	[unnamed]		ch/o Burr Bennett
1822	Jesup	Louiza (Miss)	16	
1822	Nash	[unnamed]		ch/o Jas [Jos?] Nash
1822	Batterson	Marianne		
1822	Chapman	Lowell (Mr.)		
1822	Disbrow	Jason (Mr.)	78	
1822	Bennett	[unnamed child]		ch/o Burr Bennett
1822	Disbrow	[unnamed]	14	s/o Soloman Disbrow
10 May 1822	Johnson	Marthan (Mrs.)	73	
31 Aug 1822	Wood	Lorinda (Miss)		
06 Sep 1822	Chapman	James (Lt.)	75	
12 Sep 1822	[None]	Elisha		coloured boy
12 Sep 1822	Kent	[unnamed] (Mrs.)	93	
20 Sep 1822	Bradley	Burr (Mr.)	29	
21 Sep 1822	Farrell	[unnamed] (Mr.)	58	of New York
[1822]	Bradley	Henry		
[1822]	Wyncoop	Grissel (Mrs.)		
[1822]	Couch	Nehemiah (Mr.)		
[1822]	Chapman	Phineas (Mr.)		
[1822]	Couch	[unnamed] (Mrs.)		w/o Wakeman Couch
[1822]	Taylor	[unnamed] (Mrs.)		w/o Seymour Taylor

This concludes the transcription of the records of the Greens Farm Church, 1742 – 1851.

What was happening in Congress in 1790?

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As an accompaniment to our 1790 United States Census series, we publish occasional articles showing contemporary documents or news items which help to show what life was like in 1790. It's interesting to consider that Congress was in its first session that year, and there were many issues being discussed for the first time by the federal government. One issue, of course, was what Congress could consider and act upon. The following paragraphs contain a report of several sessions of Congress in which there was a debate about sending a memorial (a sort of petition) about slavery to a committee for discussion. This reporting was published in the *Connecticut Courant and Weekly Intelligencer*.¹ The transcriber offers kudos to the reporter who captured the exchanges—using a quill pen and ink pot.

In the article the Congressmen are identified by their surnames only, and this list will help to give the reader further information:

Elbridge Gerry	Massachusetts
Roger Sherman	Connecticut
John Laurance	New York
Peter Silvester	New York
Elias Boudinot	New Jersey
Thomas Fitzsimons	Pennsylvania
Thomas Scott	Pennsylvania
Joshua Seney	Maryland
Michael J. Stone	Maryland
James Madison	Virginia
John Page	Virginia
Aedanus Burke	South Carolina
Thomas T. Tucker	South Carolina
William L. Smith	South Carolina
James Jackson	Georgia
Abraham Baldwin	Georgia

CONGRESS. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Thursday, February 11 [published 25 February 1790]

A memorial from the annual meeting of Friends at Philadelphia, respecting the Slave Trade, and praying the interposition of Congress for the mitigation of the evils, and final abolition of that pernicious traffic, was presented by Mr. Fitzsimons. Another memorial on the same subject, from the meeting of Friends

¹ CONGRESS: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 SKETCH OF THE DEBATE ON THE QUESTION FOR COMMITTING THE MEMORIALS ON THE STANE TRADE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 TUESDAY, FEB. 16, (1790, Feb 25). *Connecticut Courant and Weekly Intelligencer (1778-1791)* Retrieved from <https://search.proquest.com/docview/552586640?accountid=46995>. Available online at iconn.org with a Connecticut library card.

in New-York, was presented by Mr. Laurance. These were both read, and on motion that they should be read a second time, in order to their being committed—a warm debate ensued which ended this day in withdrawing the motion for a second reading.

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Friday, February 12.

A memorial from the Pennsylvania Society, for the abolition of slavery, signed by Benjamin Franklin, President, was read.

[Apparently later in the day:]

Sketch of the Debate on the question for committing the Memorials on the Slave Trade

Mr. Tucker, said, that he was sorry there appeared to be so great a majority of the House in favor of giving the Memorial a second reading, as he conceived it to be so glowing an interference with the constitution, that he hoped the House would not have given so much countenance to a request so improper in itself. He was sorry that the society had discovered so little prudence in their memorial, as to wish that Congress should intermeddle in the internal regulations of the particular States. He was sorry that another Memorial on the subject, signed by a person who ought to have known the constitution better, had been offered to the House. He hoped the petition would not be committed, as it would operate directly against the interest of those it was designed to benefit: This is a business that may be attended with the most serious consequences: It may end in a subversion of the government. being a direct attack on the rights and property of the Southern States.—He then enquired what satisfaction was to be made to the proprietors of Slaves : He believed it was not in the power of the States, to make indemnification for the loss that would attend their emancipation : He reprobated the interposition of the society, and denied that they possessed any more humanity than other denominations.

Mr. Seney replied to Mr. Tucker, and desired the gentleman to point out any part of the memorial which proposed that the legislature should infringe the Constitution for his part he heard nothing read that had such a tendency ; Its only object was, that Congress should exert their constitutional authority to abate the horrors of slavery so far as they could. He hoped the petition would be committed—indeed he considered that all altercation on the subject of commitment was at an end, as the House has essentially determined, that it should be committed.

Mr. Burke reprobated the commitment, as subversive of the Constitution, as sounding an alarm, and blowing the trumpet of sedition in the Southern States. He should oppose the business

totally, and if chosen on the committee he should decline serving.

Mr. Scot was in favor of the commitment.

Mr. Jackson was opposed to it, and painted in strong colors the alarming consequences to be apprehended from taking up the business—revolt, insurrection, and devastation—and concluded by an observation similar to Mr. Burke's.

Mr. Sherman could see not difficulty in committing the memorial : The committee may bring in such a report as may prove satisfactory to gentlemen on all sides.

Mr. Baldwin referred to the principles of accommodation which prevailed at the time of forming the government. Those mutual concessions which then took place gave us a constitution which was to ensure the peace and the equal rights and properties of the various States : and to prevent all infraction of their rights in this particular instance, they precluded themselves by an express stipulation from all interposition in the slave trade. Congress are not called upon to declare their sentiments upon this occasion; they cannot constitutionally interfere in the business. He deprecated the consequences of such a measure in very forcible terms; and hoped the House would proceed no further in the investigation of the subject.

Mr. Sylvester said, that he always had been in the habit of respecting the society called Quakers ; he respected them for their exertions in the cause of humanity ; but he thought the present was not the proper time to enter into a consideration of the subject.

Mr. Lawrance observed that the subject would undoubtedly come under the consideration of the House, and he thought that as it was now before them, the present time was as proper as any ; he hoped therefore that the memorial would be committed for the purpose of examination ; when this examination has taken place, Congress may determine how far they may constitutionally interfere ; and surely there is no danger of our exceeding our powers, we know what they are, and shall undoubtedly keep within their limits in all our deliberations and decisions.

Mr. Smith (S. C.) recurring to the memorials, observed that Congress could no constitutionally interfere in the business upon the prayer of the memorials as that [illeg.] to an entire abolition of slavery : It could not therefore with propriety be referred to a committee.

In the southern States, difficulties on this account, had arisen in respect to the ratification of the constitution, and except their apprehensions on this head had been dissipated by their property's being secured and guaranteed to them by the constitution itself, they never would have adopted it. He then depicted the miseries that would result from the interference of Congress, in the southern governments—he asserted as his opinion that if there

were no slaves in the southern States they would be entirely depopulated—that from the nature of the country it could not be cultivated without them—that their proprietors are persons of as much humanity as the inhabitants of any part of the continent—they are as conspicuous for their morals as any of their neighbors. He then asserted that the Quakers are a society not known to the laws ; they stand in exactly the same situation with other religious societies ; their memorial relates to a matter in which they are no more interested than any other sect whatever ; and it must therefore be considered in the light of advice ; and is it customary to refer a piece of advice to a committee ? He then contrasted this memorial with one which might be presented from the sect called Shaking Quakers, whose principles and practices are represented in a very exceptionable point of light, ask asked, whether Congress would pay any attention to such a memorial. —He hoped that the memorial would not be committed.

Mr. Page was in favor of the commitment—he hoped that the benevolent designs of the respectable memorialists would not be frustrated at the threshold, so far as to preclude a fair discussion of the prayer of their memorial—he observed that they do not apply for a total abolition of slavery—they only request that such measures may be taken consistent with the constitution as may finally issue in the total abolition of the slave trade—he could not conceive that the apprehensions entertained by the gentlemen from Georgia and south-Carolina, were well founded, as they respected the proposed interference of congress.—He observed that he was interested perhaps as much as any person in the consequences of the measures which may be adopted, but still he had no apprehension of any disagreeable effects—on the contrary he thought it probable that the reverse would be the case—for if he was a slave he should think his condition much altered for the better in the prospect of a future liberation.—Mr. Page spoke low, we did not hear all his observations—they were extended much further.

Mr. Maddison observed, that it was his opinion yesterday, that the best way to proceed in the business was to accept the memorial without any debate on the subject, from what has taken place he was more convinced of the propriety of the idea—but as the business has engaged the attention of many members, and much has been said by gentlemen, he would offer a few observations for the consideration of the House—he then entered into a critical review of the circumstances respecting the adoption of the constitution, the ideas upon the limitation of the powers of Congress to interfere in the regulation of the commerce in slaves—and shewed that they undoubtedly were not precluded from interposing in their importation—and generally to regulate the mode in which every species of business shall be transacted—He adverted to the

western country—and the session of Georgia in which Congress have certainly the power to regulate the subject of slavery, which shews that the gentlemen are mistaken in supposing that Congress cannot constitutionally interfere in the business in an degree whatever—He was in favor of committing the petition, and justified the measures by repeated precedents in the proceedings of the House.

Mr. Gerry entered into a justification of the interference of Congress—as being fully compatible with the constitution—he descanted on the miseries to which the Africans are subjected by this traffic, and said that he never contemplated the subject, without reflecting what his own case would be in case himself, his children, or friends were placed in the same deplorable circumstances—he then adverted to the flagrant acts of cruelty which are committed in carrying on that traffic, and asked whether it can be supposed that Congress has no power to prevent such transactions as far as possible. He then referred to the constitution and pointed out the restrictions laid on the general government respecting the importation of slaves—it is not, he presumed, in the contemplation of any gentleman in this House to violate that part of the constitution—but that we have a right to regulate this business is as clear as that we have any rights whatever—nor has the contrary been shewn by any person who has spoke on the occasion—Congress can agreeable to the constitution, lay a duty of ten dollars a head on slaves—they may do this immediately—he made a calculation of the value of the slaves in the southern States—he supposed they might be worth about 10 millions of dollars,—Congress have a right if they see proper to make a proposal to the southern States to purchase the whole of them, and their resources in the western territory may furnish them with the means—he did mean to suggest a measure of this kind—he only instanced these particulars to shew that Congress certainly have a right to intermeddle in this business—he thought that no objection had been offered of any force to prevent the committing of the memorial.

Mr. Boudinot was in favor of the commitment and enlarged on the idea suggested by Mr. Gerry, and observed that the memorial contained only a request that Congress would interfere their authority in the Cause of humanity and mercy.

Mr. Gerry and Mr. Stone, severally spoke again on the subject, the latter gentleman in opposition to the commitment said, that this memorial was a thins of course—for there never was a society of any considerable extent which did not interfere with the concerns of other people, and this interference has at one time or other deluged the world in blood—on this principle he was opposed to the commitment.

Interesting Facts about the Congress in 1790

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This was the First Congress and it held three sessions during its tenure which was in the years 1789-1791.²

- April 1, 1789: House of Representatives first achieved a quorum and elected its officers
- April 6, 1789: Senate first achieved a quorum and elected its officers.
- April 6, 1789: The House and Senate, meeting in joint session, counted the Electoral College ballots, then certified that George Washington had been unanimously elected President of the United States and John Adams (having received 34 of 69 votes) was elected as Vice president.
- April 30, 1789: George Washington was inaugurated as the nation's first president at Federal Hall in New York City.

When the Congress first met in 1789, only eleven states had ratified the Constitution, so there were only 22 Senators. They met as a whole and created a committee of the whole. There were 26 Senators at the end of the First Congress. Connecticut's two Senators were Oliver Ellsworth of Windsor and William S. Johnson of Stratford.

The House of Representatives also added members during the First Congress, starting with 59 and ending with 65. The House formed four committees: elections, rules, ways and means, and whole. There was a joint House-Senate committee for enrolled bills. Connecticut's representatives were all elected at-large, not from districts. They were Benjamin Huntington of Norwich, Roger Sherman of Litchfield County, Jonathan Sturges of Fairfield, Jonathan Trumbull, junior, of Lebanon, and Jeremiah Wadsworth of Hartford.

This Congress was very much focused on building the federal government. They created the Department of State, the Customs Service, Department of War, Department of the Treasury, the federal judiciary, and the office of Attorney General. On 1 March 1790 they made provisions for the first federal census. They also passed laws in regard to naturalization, patents, crimes, copyright, and commerce, including duties and tariffs.

Ten amendments to the Constitution pertaining to the limits of government ("the Bill of Rights") were passed by this Congress and ratified by the states on 15 December 1791. Two other amendments were also passed by this Congress.

² All of the information on this page came from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_United_States_Congress. The homes of the senators and representatives from Connecticut were found in articles about each man, and were accessed by a links for each person from the page for the First Congress.

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