# The Berkshire Genealogist



## The President's Corner

The summer has passed, and again we are beginning a busy new season of activities.

However, we are not unique in this respect, as many other genealogical societies are also beginning their programs for the fall and winter seasons. There seems to be a similar pattern all over the region, especially the Northeast.

It would be a very constructive arrangement, if, we in genealogy knew more of the activities of other genealogical associations, so that we could attend selected presentations as invited guests, even though some are open to the public. To reiterate, attendance at functions of other societies would strengthen our lines of communications.

I'm sure our Derkshire Family History Association could initiate an exchange of information programs based on important and relevant genealogical activities.

There is an abundance of expert speakers, seminars, and workshops that continually appear throughout our Northeast region, affording genealogists the opportunity to expand their knowledge. However, the information concerning these events requires advance planning and publication in the media, to allow interested genealogists time to meet whenever they are presented.

It appears that what is required to promote an information exchange system is a regular bulletin or newsletter with regional distribution among genealogists.

Since our Berkshire Family History Association is an independent association, this plan would serve our aims immediately. Although this is not a new approach, it is important in keeping our members better informed, genealogically speaking, and I would like to give this plan a good priority in our future endeavors.

Joseph G Guertin, President

My sincere thanks go to all the members of the telephone tree, past and present, who do such a great job of keeping the membership informed of meetings and other events of interest to us all. They do one of those unsung jobs so necessary in keeping things running smoothly.

Fsther Leidhold Chmn telephone tree

Did you know?

There are two families of Fiske, Herrick, Muber, Baldwin, Hall and Martin in B.F.H.A.

Aere are three known college students in R.F.H.A. As of Sept. 12, 1982 there were 114 Massachusetts members and 117 out-of-state members in B.F.H.A.

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As of October 1, 1982 I have resigned from Vital Statistics. Every one of you everywhere who contributed time, effort, and money -- THANKS A MILLION. Your faith and encouragement meant so much over the rough spots. Our col. lection is among the best in New England.

Anne M O'Connor

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Please keep sending articles and queries. They will

be published.

Anne M O'Connor

#### THE BOOKSTALL

#### by Denis J. Lesieur

NOTE: All titles reviewed in "The Bookstall" may be examined in the Local History area of the Berkshire Athenaeum.

Ritter, Priscilla R. & Thelma Fleishman. NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1679-1779. A BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1982. xvi & 152 pp., maps. \$11.95.

An outgrowth of a project to organize Newton's official records, NEWTON...A BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY is a comprehensive, alphabetical listing of all individuals of the age of sixteen or older who appear in the public records of Newton in its first century. Material examined is not limited to official records, though, including also cemetery records, diaries and records of Harvard College. Each biographical entry lists dates of birth and death, parents, marriages, occupations, military ranking and service to the town. A chronology of important events in Newton history is also included. This work will serve not only as a fine reference work for family and local historians but also as a model for other towns.

Rubincam, Milton ed. GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH: METHODS AND SOURCES. Washington, D.C.: American Society of Genealogists, 1980. rev. ed. iii & 579 pp., notes. \$17.50.

Since its appearance in 1960, the first edition of Volume 1 of GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH... has undergone eight printings. Given the breadth and quality of the research information it provides, the continuing popularity of the volume comes as no surprise. The last twenty years, however, have seen an explosion in the popularity. of genealogy, as well as radical changes in methodology and information available. Consequently, ASG has produced a second edition which is as good if not better than its predecessor.

Again, written by acknowledged experts in the field, the book covers such diverse topics as the rules of evidence and types and uses of institutional records. The revised edition also continues the focus on specific geographic areas, with their attendant special problems and resources. Most of the chapters have been updated, with others expanded.

Unfortunately, this edition also continues several of its predecessor's weaknesses. The lack of attention paid to such special and important subjects as black and ethnic genealogy is a glaring omission, particularly with the emphasis now placed on these areas. The failure to include an index is a puzzling and irritating failure, particularly if one is trying to use the book as a reference source for specific items of information.

Despite these problems, GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH... is an important guide for all genealogists, experienced as well as novice.

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Please remit all Queries and articles to: Anne O'Conner 69 Wood Ave., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The books listed are gifts to the Local History and Genealogy Collection of the Berkshire Athenaeum. The name and address of the person from whom the book may be purchased is included unless otherwise requested.

AISTON. Aiston-Chamberlain Family
History. By Louise Aiston Chamberlain, 1981. XIV - 556 pp., photo.,
notes, index. \$47.50. Write:
The Author, 2929 S.E. Ocean Blvd.,
Apt. E-6, Stuart, Fl. 33494.

CHASE. Descendants of George Olin
Chase and His Wife Laura Ellen
(Chase) Chase. By Ruth Stowell Colby.
89 pp., illus., index, \$6.50.
Write: The Compiler, RFD 2,
Box 2950, South Paris, ME. 04281.

COMSTOCK. The Family of John

Everett Comstock. By Roger Henry

Comstock, 1981. Var. pp., illus.

\$12.50. Write: The Author,

4425 Belleflower Circle, Syracuse,

NY. 13215

COPLEY. Descendants of Thomas and Elizabeth Copley in America, A Preliminary Study. By William Copeley, 1981. 48 pp., index. Write: The Author, 20 Beacon St., Apt. 2, Concord, N.H. 03301

FORKNER. The Forkner Clan, Volume

I. By Mona Forkner Paulas. 500 pp.,
illus. \$25.00. Write: The Author,
1530 Wendy Drive, Pleasant Hill,
CA. 94523

GRAY. Gray Family. By Laura Garrett. 10 pp., 4pp., loose xerox pages. \$2.00. Write: The Author, 3003 Nuckolls Ave., Pueblo, CO. 81005

HASKIN. A Haskin History Volume II:

Descendants of Richard Haskins of

Taunton, Massachusetts Through His

Son Daniel. By Joseph A. Haskin,

1980. 579 pp., index. \$14.00.

Write: The Compiler, P.o. Box 1316,

Gainesville, FL. 32602

HOLLENBECK. Hollenbeck Genealogy.

By Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.,

1982. n.p. \$5.00. Write:

Lamora Magdaleno, 965 Evergreen

Lane, Port Hueneme, CA. 93041

LAMSON. The Lamson Family of
Jonesport, Maine. By Darrly B.
Lamson. Baltimore: Gateway
Press, 1978. 562 pp., index.
\$20. Write: The Author, 703
Darlington Rd., Beaver Falls, PA.
15010.

LOUNSBURY. Lounsbury, Origin,
Meaning and Significance. By
Raymond H. Lounsbury, 1976. 31
pp., illus., chart. Write: The
Author, P.o. Box 624, Hartwell,
Georgia 30643.

MOWRY. Memoirs of Elisha Capron

Mowry. By Elisha Capron Mowry,

1980. vii & 116 pp., illus., map.

\$15. Write: Mrs. Henry G.

Pearson, Box 405, Wayland, MA.

01778.

PENNOYER. Pennoyer Brothers:
Colonization, Commerce, Charity
in the Seventeenth Century. By
Raymond H. Lounsbury. 237 pp.
\$5.95. Write: The Author,
P.O. Box 624, Hartwell, Georgia
30643.

PRATT. Pratt Family Vital
Records, 1760-1870. By Doris R.
Sheridan, 1981. 74 pp., typescript. \$8. Write: The '
Compiler, 4 Sunset View Terrace,
Troy, N.Y. 12180.

REILLY. Reilly of Ballutlea.
By Joseph F. Reilly, 1981. ii
& 25 pp., illus., charts. \$10.
Write: The Author, Box 295,
Hartland, VT. 05048

Long Island Dec. 8th, 1862 Dear Wife and Esteemed Friend,

I now for the first time write to you from camp. And I am well and hope you are the same. The company started from Constantia (N.Y.) at 2:10 PM and arrived at Albany at 8½ PM then took the steamboat to New York the next morning. And I liked the trip, it did not make mesick. There was no snow when we came to camp but it snowed the next same night and the ground is covered yet and some cold. I had to be on guard since I came here two hours on and four off. While I was at guard duty a fellow asked me how much money I had. I told him to mind his own business. I would like to know it you got that wood drawed yet. When you write, say whether the young one is well, so goodbye for the present. Frite soon and I will answer it as soon as I can. From your husband, James Butler (P.S.) Edward is well and is adrilling today.

#### To Little Martha

Well, pa's girl, how do you do today and how is your ma? I see lots of little girls about your size around here and do you know it makes me think of mine. I guess pa thinks of his little Martha as often as she thinks of him but pa will come home and see his little Martha and ma before long, so goodby little darling.

Camp Curtis Hoyes Dec 22, 1862
My dear wife,

I received your beloved letter last thursday from the hand of our friend Capt. Norton and was very glad to heat that you are all well and getting along as well as you expected. I want to ask no favor of my brother Harvey any more. And don't give more than a dollar for that ax. And in your next letter writeto me whether Mr. Wilbur has brought that wood or not. guard all night last night and it was quite pleasant than it was the night before. We have a very good ration here. Much better than I expected. We was mustered into this regiment last thursday and we have a letter to our company now which is called Company F. and it is as good company in the regiment. It is all bare ground here and it is very cold here but we have a good stove here in our camp and we sleep as comfortable as if we were in Morrisville. This afternoon we are going to have a good time here. Today we are going to have our colors and there is a great many citizens from N.Y. here. I want you to write as soon as you get this letter about the wood and I want to know how the money holds out. Mine holds out very well. I have got 5 dollars. This is all for this time. This is from you dear husband, James

Camp Curtis Noyes Jan 3, 1863 My dear beloved wife,

I have the pleasure to write you a few lines hoping they reach your hand and find you as well as I am at present. I am well and as tuf as I ever was. I received two letters from you yesterday, one by mail and the other of our Capt. Norton and I was sorry to hear that you are middling well...I want you to hire someone to split your wood for you are not able to split them because your health is not tuf enough. The rumor is and the order this morning to have our things all ready to start tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. I got the money that you sent me and I was very glad to get them. Well my dear wife, I don't want you to write me again until we get settled again and I will write. By love to all and for my dear daughter. James Butler

Camp Curtis Noyes Jan 4, 1863
My dear wife,

Your letter of Dec 22nd arrived last wed. I can tell you I was glad to hear from home learning that you are both well. Harvey was present in Bickwell's store when I paid Wilbur for the wood. You had better have Harvey see Orville Norton and get him to haul it as soon as there is snow. If Wilbur stand out about it, you see Camphin and he will straighten him out. You need not be afraid of my deserting. I have expected to draw pay but have not yet. And I will have to have some money. Get a 5 dollar greenback and send it in a letter... I was down to the city and came across Bicknell and Henry Runkels. I got the cake and I tell you it was good and I would like to be at home and eat some with my wife and the little girl. We have today drawn our knapsacks and rubber blankets... Id is by my side as I write, smoking. He is well. He wants Marilla to get 3 him some new postage stamps and send them if she can... Tell Martha to be a good girl. Give her a kiss for me. Your loving husband, James Butler

On board the Alice Conrice Dear wife.

We are now in the mouth of the Mississippi River.. I can't tell you when we go ashore but we expect to soon... We left Camp Curtis Jan 15th and we have been on board this ship ever I have been cook the most of the time since we came on board. I can't say as I like soldering very well but I can stand it for nine months, I guess but I don't want to spend much more time on the sea for it is not pleasant... I will tell you about the storm we had on the 28th of Jan. but if you had seen us in that storm you would have no hopes of ever seeing me again for it was the worst sea that the ships crew was ever out in. The waves came in on to us and this ship is about 25 feet wide and the waves came from one side and went clear over us into the sea on the other side... the waves went up more than 30 feet higher than the ship was and some of the time we went up on thosewaves, and when we came down it made out hair stand straight on our heads...we have seen all kinds of fish in the sea, some of them are flying fish, some porpus, some times we have to walk pretty careful or else you will go down., I will send you a rose in my letter so you can see how forward this country is. They have been in bloom for more than one month here. Write often and think of me as thinking of you. James.

Camp Mansfield, Bayober April 2nd.

lost the gunboat Diana and had 10 men killed, fifteen wounded, 8 was drowned, they jumped overboard and thought to swim ashore but the rebels set their hounds on them and they was drowned only one that jumped over was saved. He was the pilot of the rebel gunboat Cotton that our men seized and the rebels blew it up so he dared not get catched for they would have shot him if they had catched him but we don't calculate to have them get hold of him but still they may. I tell you we have some good cannon here and have plenty of them but we don't use them much yet... it is very warm and pleasant here today, very dry. Corn is growing finely. Clover is nearly knee high. I believe we have got five months after the 18th of this month to stay then I will come home if I live so long. We don't get pay yet but expect it every day though we don't know how long we will have to wait for it but will come sometime... You must care for your-

"DEAD MAN" continued

self and be patient for the time will surely come when my time will be out and if I live, can come home and see my wife and friends...We have not lost one man yet that started with us, only those that schedadled before we left Jamaica. I must close from your affectionate husband, James Butler

Bayou Ramons April20, 1863 Dear wife,

As I have a few leisure moment I will devote them in writing to you. I am well and enjoy soldering pretty well. are living in a pleasant place. The fruit trees are hanging loaded with fruit. Blackberry are very thick and we can pick plenty every day near camp We have plenty to eat and it is pretty good. They have been having a very hard battle here. Our men have taken 1500 prisoners. They are carrying them by here every day and they look very hard, ragged and dirty We have lost some men. They are buried at Brashear City 4 miles from here... I think this is the last battle we will have before our time is out. I hope it is the last we will ever have. I hope it will be settled soon. I should think that rebels would see that they coulnt not do anything with our army. The people suffer for something to eat... they were driven from their grain lands before harvest--where will they get their bread?

RAYOU BLACK Tigerville Hay 7th 1863 Dear wife,

We have not heard of any battle lately. I helped take one man to the guardhouse last night. He was drunk. He showed fight but we had no trouble with him. I had to take him by the throat and he soon gave up. You must not cry about me for I am well enough off...the time will soon come when I can come home for at the longest it is but a trifle over 4 months the war may be settled in less than that time// I know it is lonesome for both man and wife to be separated but it is only for a short time and if I ever get home all right I will never repent coming here for I have seen parts of the world that I never should have seen had I not come. So be content...

Fort Euchanan, June 10, 1363 Dear wife,

We have been acrost the bay and came back to this fort. We are near the rebs for they are all around us and they have a flag in sight of us. We can hear the fighting when they are firing at Port Hudson That place and Vicksburg is surrounded and will be taken in a few days.

Fort Buchanan June 17, 1863 Dear wife,

We are still at this fort and expect to stay here some time. The swamps are all dry here and the water is very warm and all the water we get to drink is what we get out of the Bayou and we can see dead mules and horses on the shore but we have to drink that or nothing Vicksburg will soon be ours for it is surrounded all around. We are near the enemy all the time and fire at them every day. The gun-boat went up the bay today It has not come back yet... We can hear the guns firing of the gun-boat. Now I don't know what they see so I must close for this time.

James Butler to his wife.

Bonna Carra, Aug 28, 1863 Mrs. Butler;

As Ed received a letter from you and you seem to doubt that James is dead but it is so. He was sick with fever and went out to wash on a log that ran out in the river and some way fell in but we can't tell how it happened for I believe he was alone. He was soon found and buried in Brashear City where many others are left.. I miss James very much for he and myself were very good friends. I would hardly believe it myself when I hear of it but I was obliged to believe it. Dr. Throop told me that he had his money purse, he had some stamps and one dollar in money. He said he should fetch them to you when he came home. James was drowned the last of June. He had 4 months pay coming to him. You can get that when you get ready. Tell Ed's wife he says if she gets a chance to get some potatos to get them. With respect, Alva Radney

EPILOG: Eliza never remarried and died at age 93 in spite of not being very tur. Martha was 5 yrs old shen her father died, married and became my mother-in-laws grandmother. Marjorie Wood 

#### GRAVESTONE STEPS

Some of my searching for my Dorman ancestors has taken me to nearby Tyringham, Mass., where, thanks to a relative passing along a story, I made an int resting discovery several years ago. Just before reaching the Tyringham library is a house on the opposite side of the road where the back wall and front porch step are Dorman gravestones.

After having heard the rumor of the stones, I rode down to Tyringham one afternoon with my aunt, located the house and knocked at the door.

The gentleman who answered was very gracious and proceeded to show us the stones and explained how he found them. H was workign on his back walk and happened to turn over one of the long flat stones. To his surprise, it was a gravestone! He turned the others over and they too, were gravestones. On his front porch forming a step was another similar stone. He turned it over and discovered another gravestone!

When I visited the house several summers ago, the stones were still forming his back walk and porch step, inscription side up now. Below is the information I copied from the stones:

HIRAM S DORMAN died May 26, 1858

"Farewell friends pray week I here find rest no more my sorrows oer Short was my warning let it make aged 38 years All my companions notice take"

EDGAR

Son of Hi.S & Sophia

DORMAN Aug 6, 1848

"God took the graciousgift he gave From all those earthly cares aged 3 mo. And placed it in the land of bliss A mother's ()ears to share" Harriet
daughter of Hiram & Abigail
DORMAN
DIED Oct 6, 1851
aged 7 mo.

"This lovely bud so young and () () hence by early doom Cam() to show how sweet a flower In paradise will bloom

Sophia wife of Hiram Dorman died June 11, 1848 age 23 years NOTES: Sophia was Hiram's first wife; Abigail, his second. A more recent gravestone for the Hiram Dormans stands in the current Tyringham Cemetery.

SUBMITTED BY: Laurie Forfa, 11 Maritta Ave Lee, Mass 01238

MEED HELP? (Je assume you have sought relatives, town records & Probate - to no avail)

Have you tried ... The DAR Library, in Washington. D.C.?

This Library is in the Daughters of American Revolution
Memorial Continental Hall, 1776 D Street and 17th Street, N.W.

It is strictly a genealogical reference library, with twothirds of its book collection local history and one-third
family histories. The Library consists of over 65,000 books
and more than 40,000 manuscripts. Microfilmed material such
as census records are also available. Unpublished genealogical
material from members all over the United States is found in
bound volumes on the Library shelves. This collection of
tombstone inscriptions, marriage, and other vital and family
records is unique to the DAR Library. It does not provide
a genealogical research service, but its trained staff assists
those seeking information in how to use its collection for
personal research.

This library is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. except during the month of April. Summer schedule of hours varies. Admission fee to non-members is \$2.00 a day.

DAR members are never charged admission. During the month of April it is open only to members. During Continental Congress in April permission to use the Library is granted husbands on a space-available basis. DAR members may request photocopies of material by mail. However they must furnish the title, author, year of publication and page they wish copied.

Submitted by Charlotte Davis

#### HARTIN VAN BUREN

Nearby to us in Berkshire County lies Columbia Co., NY to our west. In this county lies the community of Kinderhook. Here, Martin VanBuren, the eighth president of the USA was born on Dec 5, 1782. He was of Dutch heritage and was the son of Abraham and Maria (hoes) VanBuren. The VanBurens were thrifty, industrious farmers and tavern keepers.

He was an inquisitive child who attended school on a seasonal basis, and learned enough English and Latin to manage He was apprenticed for seven years to the law office of Francis Sylvester. He studied the law books but also read numerous pamphlets and journals which espoused Thomas Jefferson's ideals of Republicanism. He also became f lawyer and developed contacts in politics.

#### "MARTIN VanPUREN - concluded

On Feb. 21, 1807 VanBuren married his distant cousin, Hannah Hoes, at Catskill, N.Y. and they had four children. In 1837 VanBuren became President and served until 1841 as he lost the re-election attempt. He had helped secure peace with Canada, had stopped some exploitation of laborers by limiting their hours of work to ten hours a day, and was against slavery extension, and the annexing of Texas. At age 79, VanBuren died on July 21, 1862 in Kinderhook. He is buried in the Kinderhook Cemetery.

Submitted by Joseph G. V. Maciora, Pittsfield, MA

THE 1380 ILLINOIS CENSUS INDEX
Soundex Codes " - 200 to 0 - 240"

Soundex Codes for names beginning with the letter "0" ... for the 1880 Census of Illinois was not microfilmed by the Bureau of Census through an apparent oversight.

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#### FAMILY ASSOCIATION

THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION, "the descendants of Edward Griswold of Windsor, Conn.; Matthew Griswold of Lyme, Conn.; Prancis Griswold of Cambridge, Mass; and Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, Conn, together with their husbands and wives shall be eligible for membership." Dues in the Association are: Annual 310.00, and Life Membership (in full for life), \$100. Application Fee, \$2.00 Write the organization at: 116 Garden Street, Wethersfield, Conn. 06109

The MATIONAL SOCIETY of NEW ENGLAND WOMEN, Green Mountains Chapter sent Wary DeGeorges as its representative to the graduation exercises at the Clark School for the Deaf, Morthampton MA The Main speaker was the son of our former president CalvinCoolidge.

WHO'S WHO in GENEALOGY for 1932 lists one of our members - Mancy Fredericks of Evanston, Ill. CONGRATULATIONS:

Any more out there??



#### RECORDS IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

#### THE STATE CENSUS

Censuses were taken in New York in colonial times and during the early years of state hood.

The censuses which most concern genealogists are those taken by New York State from 1825 through 1925 on the "5"

year between the federal decennial censuses.

Why should Massachusetts researchers care about the enumeration by New York State of its inhabitants? Put aside the fact that Massachusetts, by its charter, at one time claimed all territory between the 44th and 48th parallels "from sea to sea" and that as late as 1853 a small section of what is now New York was claimed by Massachusetts. The following facts are cogent enough:

1. For New Englanders, New York provided the migration path to the Mid-West and West, a migration facilitated by the opening of the Erie canal in 1825. Many passing through stopped long enough to be recorded in the census.

Many New Englanders took up permanent residence in New York. Massachusetts was given as their birthplace by 57,086 New Yorkers in the 1855 census. In 1875, there were still 21,354 natives of Massachusetts living in New York state.

- 2. A look at the duplication of family names in the New York and Massachusetts censuses shows that even family names traditionally associated with one state or the other reflect the relationship of populations of the two states. (With the usual caveat against assuming blood relationship of persons of the same surname.) If interested in this aspect, A Century of Population Crowth and Surnames in the United States Census of 1790 are informative.
- 3. The censuses for 1325, 1335, 1845, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1905, 1915 and 1925 supply information for families between the federal census years of 1820, 1830, etc. The 1915 and 1925 censuses give more recent data than the newly opened federal 1910 census.

No enumeration was taken in 1885 or 1895 but the 1892 census fills the great void from 1880 to 1900 left by the

destruction by fire of the federal 1890 census.

The New York State census gives far more detailed statistics about a family than comparable federal census. If you should be so fortunate as to have a family enumerated in the 1855 census, you will have found a genealogical gem. The relationship of household members to the head of the household is given; you will no longer need to speculate whether those persons of differing surnames are in-laws, hired hel, married daughters, grandchildren, adoptees, or boarders.

4. The State census was more than an enumeration of the population for purposes of representation, taxation and conscription. In some years several hundred questions were asked. One can picture the social and economic status of a family and of the community in which it lived.

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NEW YORK CENSUS FIGURES, etc. continued Vital statistics were collected in several census years Births, marriages, and deaths were recorded for some periods when the state was not otherwise keeping such records.

#### CONTENT OF THE CENSUS 1825

Following the lead of the federal census, the name of the head of the household only ; is given. Males and females are enumerated in various age categories. Also recorded are: number of male and female births in the family that year; number of females unmarried, number married within the year; number and kinds of animals owned,; acres of land owned; how many yards and types of cloth made; whether the family owned any kind of a mill, a woolen factory, iron works, distillery, etc.

Town data told the number of physically or mentally handicapped in several categories.

Inquiry was made as to whether household members were colored and whether there were any aliens.

#### 1835

For households, essentially the same information was reported ær in 1825. About the community, data were gathered on industries in the Town; number of mills (and types), factories asheries, iron works, tanneries, breweries, etc.

An example of what can be garnered from the 1825 or 1835 census is this report on a Rotterdam, Schenectady County family in 1835. (Numbers refer to the columns on the schedules)

- 1. Head of the family: William Simmons
- 2. Pales: 7
  3. Females: 3
- 4. Subjec s to militia duty: 1 (males between 18 and 45)
- 5. Eligible to vote: 1 (males over 21)
- 6. 10. Alien males, paupers, persons of color: 0
- 11. Married females under 45: 1
- Unmarried females under 16: 2
- 13. Unmarried females 16 45: 0
- 14. 16. Marriages, births, deaths in year: 0
  17. Improved land occupied by family: 64 acres
- 18. Neat cattle:
- 19. Horses: 10
- 20. Sheep: 0
- 21. Hogs: 9
- 22. 24. Fulled cloth, flannel, woolen, cotton, linen made: 0

Without too much trouble, we can see that the 7 males were white and native-born, that one male (probably William) was between 21 and 45 and 6 boys were under 13; that 1 married woman (William's wife?) was under 45 and 2 girls were under 16. This family was neither impoverished nor wealthy; the number of livestock was small, no cloth was made for their own use or to sell, and 64 acres was not a lot of land at a time when almost every family owned some. 1845

In addition to data asked in previous censuses, we can now learn how many household members were born in New York, New England, or a number of specific foreign countries; how many children were between 5 and 16, and how many attended a school, academy, seminary or college.

NEW YORK CENSUS FIGURES, etc conclusion Here is a family from Camillus, Onondaga county

Head of family: John Case

2. Males:

Females:

Males subject to militia duty: 1

Entitled to vote: 2

6. - 10. Aliens, paupers, persons of color: 0

Married females under 45: 0 11. 12. Unmarried females 16 - 45: 2

13. Unmarried females under 16: 1

14. - 16. Marriages, births, deaths in year: 0
17. Members born in State of New York: 3
18. Members born in any of New England States: 21. Members born in Great Britain or possessions:

25. Children between 5 and 16:

25. Children attending common school: 2

30. Yards of fulled cloth: 13

31. Yards of flannel and woolen not fulled: 45

33. Acres of improved land: 140

If we followed the Agricultural and Horticultural statistics, we could find the number of acres planted to buckwheat, potatoes, turnips, flax, and so on.

Of the 7 persons in John Case's household, 1 male is between 21 and 45 (subject to militia duty and eligible to vote), one is over 45 (eligible to vote buy not subject to militia duty), and one is between 5 and 16 and going to school.

There is 1 married woman in the family over 45, 2 unmarried women are between 16 and 45 and one girl 5 to 16 attending school.

One member was born abroad but is not an alien; (naturalization papers and immigration records could be sought). One can only speculate whether 3 adults were born in New England and the 2 children in New York State.

One can only speculate whether all 7 are members of the same family - John Case and wife (both over 45), widowed son and 2 children, or widowed daughter and 2 children, other unmarried children of John Case, or hired help. Maybe John is a Hotel Keeper and none of the others are related. If one were searching for a relative named John Case, there are lots of data to be checked against what one knows, and many leads to further investigation.

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## The Maine Historical Society

My husband and I travelled to Maine in April for the purpose of spending a few days working on family research in the Yarmouth area. It was a good time to make such a trip as the weather was quite nice and we didn't have crowds of vacationers to contend with.

However, we had not realized that the State of Maine would also be observing Patriot's Day, as Maine was originally part of Massachusetts. The town offices in Yarmouth and North Yarmouth were closed, so we spent part of the day visiting a 91 year old aunt, who was able to furnish me with many facts and stories

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We also toured three cemetæries and an Indian cemetery in Yarmouth, providing me with more helpful information.

The next day we were able to examine birth, marriage, and death records in the town offices, while many local residents were applying for clamming permits, which seemed strange to me. The town clerks were most helpful and I obtained several verified certificates I needed.

We were staying in Portland, so we decided to spend one afternoon at the Maine Historical Society Library. It slould have been a short drive but while trying to follow directions (printed by the Society), we did not learn until later that you should take Exit 6-A off the Maine Turnpike, only if you are travelling North. When we finally found the library and a place to park, we had only about two hours. The Society Library is located on Congress Street in Portland, but you should actually look for the Wadsworth-Longfellow House at the same address.

This is the boyhood home of the American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. His maternal grandfather, General Peleg Wadsworth, built the house in the years 1785-86. There are nine furnished rooms showing the life-style of the two families who lived there until 1901. The house was bequeathed to the Society by Longellow's sister Anne Longfellow Pierce, who was the last resident to live in it. The house is open to the public from June 1st to September 30th, from 10 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Friday. There is an admission charge for non-members and groups.

In 1846 Longfellow wrote a poem titled "The Old Clock on the Stairs". The poem was referred to as being a poem which had become a part of the domestic life and love of a generation. The "old fashioned country seat" in which the clock stood, was in the house of Longfellow's father-in-law in Pittsfield, Mass. The house was located on East Street where Pittsfield High School now stands. Longfellow stayed in that house while vacationing in the Berkshires in the summers of 1347-48.

The Society's Library and the house garden are located behind the Longfellow Home in Portland. Both the properties are owned and maintained by the Maine Historical Society. The library is very well set up to do genealogy research and the librarian was most helpful. Non-members are charged \$2.00 a day for using the library material. I since have taken out a membership, which helps support the many programs offered by the Society I will be receiving their periodic publications. Present holdings are about 60,000 books and pamphlets on state and family history, and over 1 million historical documents. Genealogical publications and records are a main part of the library. There is a limited service by mail, but after I had returned home, I wrote requesting a photo-copy to be made of a booklet I needed. Information concerning the charge for copying was sent to me immediately, and the completed material was returned to me in about 2 weeks. I was more than satisfied with the service and the cost. There is a \$5.00 search for all genealogical inquiries.

Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Thursday 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM, and the second Saturday; of every month, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Submitted by Dot Seney

## WESTWARD - - - - to SPENCERTOWN Colony of Massachusetts.



"All is ready, the weather is good; we now go with God."
No: -- this was not advice being given to General Eisenhower

ready to launch the invasion of Europe.

These words probably were spoken in Latin or Morman. The time was 1066, and it was the reverse invasion, the conquest of all England, the battle of Hastings. Never again would the World be the same, for here were laid the foundations for the British Empire -- or if you prefer -- the Commonwealth, and six centuries later that of the United States.

The words above or similar ones were spoken by Robert d'Abbetot le Despencier to William the Conqueror in his castle at Tancarville sur le Seine. He and his family and the descendants were the Hereditary Royal Stewards or Chamberlaine to William and their service to the Crown would continue up to

the present time.

Who were these De Spenciers, and what did they do for God, King and Country thru the centuries and in their adopted land in the New World? It is difficult to condense 900 years of service into a few pages so only a few who made outstanding contributions can be considered and who are recorded in history. There is no question many will be missed. They cover many facets of human effort, government, religion, war, diplomacy, art, science, culture, and medicine.

It is recorded in "The Doomsday Book" the names of William of Ment, and Robert, Steward to Henry I. They held the Baronies of Leicester, Warwich, Worcester and Lincoln, pretty much constituted the home land with the addition of Northampton and Bedfordshire. Thru the next several centuries it was a bloody period but the Spencers continued to serve their Kings and

reaped their honors and rewards.

In the early 1200s, Thurston took up arms against hing John to recover the lands of his father Almeric which had been seized. All seems to have been forgiven and Geoffrey Thurston's son was restored to favor. He had two sons, Hugh who served as Chief Justice of all England for 44 years under Henry III. Geoffrey was the other son.

From these two brothers, descended two lines of Des Spenciers which we will follow. From Hugh, the Earls of Winchester and Gloucester; from Geoffrey, the Duke of Marlbourgh, the Earls Spencer of Althrop and the Spencers of Connecticut and westward.

It seems that sometime in the 1400s a split came between the noble and commoner lines. We do not know why, was it the younger sons? The coats of arms were changed the Morthampton used a shell or scallop, the lesser Redfords used the fleur de lis. The former is well known to us as the emblem of the Royal Dutch Shell Oil Corp. about this time the name was anglicized and the French spelling dropped. Hence-forth, we would be SPENCERS.

Retreating back to about 1262, Hugh, Earl of Winchester, son of the Chief Justice, primarily a soldier, leader of the Court Party against the Barons, banished and finally executed at Herford 1326. Supposedly unscrupulous, self-seeking and had gained ascendency over the King.

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Henry Le Despencier, Bishop of Morwich, a soldier, commander for Pope Urban VI in Flanders, a victory at Dunkerque 1383. Backed Richard II and was Imprisoned by Henry IV.

Edward died 1375, soldier, Enight of the Garter. Fought in France at Poiters under Edward III and Pope Urban V son of Henry.

Thomas, soldier, son of Edward, conspired against Henry IV Beheaded in 1400 at Bristol.

Mext, our history must jump to the 1600s. This might be described as the Parliamentary Period, as politics seems to occupy the family. This does not mean it was without bloodshed. The Empire was expanding, Cromwell came on the scene, there was unrest in the Colonies against English ownership, arrogant and Puritanical rule.

Robert Spencer, 2nd Sarl of Sunderland comes to the forefront. Ambassador under Charles II, Secretary of State, Lord Chief Justice under Jilliam III. Introduced the present cabinet system whereby all members to be of on political party.

Charles, 3rd Earl of Sunderland married Anne Churchill daughter of the Duke of Marlbourgh, ambassador, Prime Minister 1718-21. Forced to resign because of involvment in the South Sea Bubble.

George Joh, 2nd Earl of Spencer, bibliophile, First Lord Admiralty 1794-1301, suppressed two inutinees in the Royal Navy. His crowning achievment was his appointment of Admiral Horatio Nelson to command of the Mediterranean Fleet. Thereby winning many victories and introducing Nalson to Lady Hamilton, giving England a major topic of gossip.

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, K.G., Prime Minister, First Lord of the Admiralty. Need any more be said. Leonard or course was for his American grandfather born in Pompey, M.Y. financier, part owner of the New York Times and a descendant of our Edmund Perry Edmund Free line.

#### THE AMERICAN SPENCERS:

Why did the Spencers of Bedfordshire come to the Colony of Massachusetts? Was it to escape from the harsh discipline of the Church of England? was it the urge to Go West, Young Man? Some believe that it was to escape the high taxation and the uncertain politics of 1635, a condition that has not improved much in the past 300 years.

Whatever it was, Boston, Cambridge nor Lynn gave them what they were searching for. The severe laws of the Puritan government drove them to Connecticut. Thomas, William, Michal and Girard chose the Hartford-Haddam area. We know little of them or their occupations, they must have been of the landed gentry or yeoman class, able to buy land, and farm.

Girard, our ancester, had 13 children, a freeman of the Colony, Crand Juror, representative to the General Court, and an ensign of the "trayn band". Thus he carried on the public service of his forfathers.

John, his grandson, must have felt the cll or urge to "Go West" so to Wilton and up the river and across the Taconics to found Spencertown. Eary, his daughter married Ephrain Ketchum in Wilton in 1746. Four children in Wilton, one boy died young, one unrecorded either by sex or name, two girls. Then up the river to Salisbury and four more baptized only one who was named. Then the family vanished. —continued—

#### "WESTWARD TO SPENCER-TOWN" continued

"This is the place. The timber is heavy, the brookes will give us power, water and are full of fish. The vallys are fertile and there must be iron ore and lime for a furnace. Send the word back to Salisbury, Sharon and Wilton to bring the families and livestock"

Thus started the new settlement of Spencertown. Soon to

be followed by more Ketchums, Calkins, and Griswolds.

The search for Ephrain and his family has failed to turn up a trace since he sold his grist mill in Salisbury. What happened, when and where is unknown but it is most likely that he followed the Spencer relations to the vicinity of Spencertown.

In 1790, an Ephrain Ketchum appeared in Spencertown and enlisted in Capt. Vooman's Co., Col Harpers Regt, the 5th Tryon. He must have lived or worked nearby, otherwise he would

have enlisted in the local militia unit.

His widow says he served up the Mohawk to Ft.Stanwix until it burned and the retreat of Col. Johnson back to Canada. Returning to Albany, he re-enlisted in the 2nd New York Line, Col Van Cortlandt which marched to Yorktown for the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. His widow also claims that he was also at Saratoga, but this seems unlikely.

Ephrain upon his return home married Jemina Calkins. Then the urge to "Go West". Rensselearville, Worcester and

finally to Maryland, N.Y.

Maryland was fonded by the Spencers of Spencertown in 1790 by the brothers and nephews of Mary Spencer, Ephrain's mother. The Spencer Tract of 4800 acres was owned by the Spencertown me and Ephrain has his share which he sold about 1800. He died in the adjoining town of Milford in an unmarked, unfound, unrecorded grave in the lovely hills.

The westward urge persists. Widow Jemina moves with her children to Blodgett's Mills and Cortland. Daughter Mary married her cousin John Spencer there. Her brothers Ithamer and Seneca become ministers. Seneca to the Onondaga Indian Reservation, Ithamer to found Ketchumville and the Reformed Methodist Church.

Here, the Douds of Connecticut enter the family. Ithameer married Asuba Doud. Their daughter marries Alonzo Freeman and had our grandfather Alonzo R. Freeman, M.D. His mother Vesta becomes a Reverend.

Grandfather was restless, adventursome and brilliant. He ran away from home because of a "wicked" stepfather. Joined the 11th N.Y. Calvary in 1862 as a hospital steward. Captured and Paroled in Louisiana, he enrolled in Berkshire Medical College.e Then on to Bellevue, Long Island City and finally Edinburgh apparently to study under Lord Lister. Returning home he practiced in Boston with Dr. A.E. Miller, his preceptor and his sister Dr. Vesta Dephine Miller.

Apparently it was not to his liking because in 1870 he somehow found and married grandmother Mary Eliza Parks of Neward, N.Y. and the move westward continued. They settled in

New London, Wis.

This move no doubt was urged by Henry Ketchum, uncle, Lumber Baron, builder of the Green Bay and Western R.R. Surgeon to the Green Bay and also Northwestern R.R. active in civic affairs, and physician over a wide area he died in 1882, at 40.

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#### "WESTWARD TO SPENCERTOWN" conclusion

What of the Other American Brothers?

We know little of the descendants of Thomas, William and Michael. A few are recorded in our history.

Ambroise, of the William line, a lawyer followed his British heritage into politics. Practicing in Clavereck he soon joined forces with Govenor Clinton. Lt Govenor, Chief Justic of New York State and became the political boss of New York. Believing that judges should be active in politics, he became the enemy of Martin VanBuren. He married both sisters of Gov. Clinton. His son, John Canfield, served as Secretary of War under Pres. Tyler and his grandson a midshipman in the U.S. Navy was hung for mutiny.

J.P.Morgan, descendant of William, and his Wall Street Banking firm served as fiscal agents for the British government, following the tradition of Robert d'Abbetot the heriditary Steward.

Other Spencers were known to be active in many fields, the Spencer Repeating Rifle of Civil War fame, is one example. Others retained the urge, one descendant followed Brigham Young on his trek West. A daughter married Brigham Young, Jr.

#### Of Our Presnent British Cousins:

All the World rejoiced on June 21, 1982 at the birth of Prince William of Wales, son of H.R.H. Diana Frances Spencer, grandson of Edward John, th Earl Spencer of Althrop, Aorthamptonshire.

"GO WEST, YOUNG MAN" was Horace Greelys advice but the Spencers and their descendants have travelled West for over 900 years. Some have been very successful in their migration but all have contributed in some degree along the way.

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#### REPORT OF TAG SALE COMMITTEE

Due to a varitable flood od donations for our August Tag Sale, we extended it into two full weekends and rang up a total of \$944.71. Add this to our June proceeds and you have \$1777.06 for the season. As a result we are now able to order our second Vital Records cabinet and it will quite likely be in place in the Anthenaeum by the time you read this.

Thanks to a great group of tag sale workers - Bunny Ballou, Mary GeGiorgis, Margaret Cranton, Marge Griggs, Joe & Nathalie Guertin, Walter & Gladys King, Esther Leidhold, Nita Stark, Eleanor Wells, Ken Wells, and alphabetically last but certainly not least, Assistant Chairman, Thelma Wells, who really poured her heart and soul into making this a huge success.

Thanks also to all of the other contributing members and to the twenty Pittsfield families who gave us all the leftovers from their own sales. Let's do it again next year:

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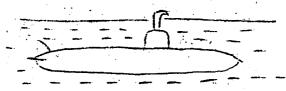
## SIXTH, EIGHTH and TENTH GENERATIONS OF BUSHNELLS in America

DAVID, b. Westbrook, Conn. 30 Aug. 1740, d. Warrenton, Georgia abt. 1823/24, ae. abt. 82, never married; was of slight build and nervous temperament. Was original inventor of the submarine, contact mine, screw propellor, and drive shaft bearings for under-water use.

He was prepared for college with Rev. John Devotion, Pastor of the 3rd Cong. Church of Westbrook, with which church he united 17 Oct. 1773), and entered Yale University in class of 1775. From his freshman year he made extensive studies in the effects of explosives under water, and developed the basic principles for underwater navigation which today control submarine design.

On the night of 5 Sept. 1776, the first underwater attack

against an enemy ship by submarine was made in New York Harbor upon the British Frigate, "Tagle", commanded by Admiral Lord Howe, but the operator, Ser t. Ezra Lee, being untrained, who had substi-



tuted for David's brother Ezra, who had been fully trained but was sick at the time, failed to attach the mine to the vessel, and was frightened away by approaching dawn. A few days later another attempt was made in the Hudson River opposite 106th St., but upon discovery, he was again frightened away. This ended the experiments, although present day specialists aver that there is no theoretical reason why success should not have resulted. General Washington wrote, "I then thought, and I still think, that it was an effort of genius."

He later developed the drifting torpedo (so named by him) and in Aug. 1777, evdeavored to float one against the British ship "Cerebus" in New London Harbor, but an American Schooner intercepted the mine, and the crew hauled it aboard their vessel whereupon it exploded, killing three of the crew, and destroying the vessel. The British ship hastily withdrew to New York and reported "the secret modes of mischief of the Rebels."

Later in the year he attempted to float some mines tied together down the Delaware river opposite Philadelphia, where the British fleet was stationed, but again his plans were upset, for ice floes intercepted or deflected them, and while one hit a rowboat and destroyed the boat and its occupant, the fleet weighed anchor and moved to a safer anchorage. This event is memorialized by Hon. Francis Hopkinson by the song "The Battle of the Kegs".

In 1778 General Washington proposed the formation of a new military unit to be known as the "Corps of Sappers and Miners", and in the summer of the next year, it was organized, and on 7 Aug. 1779, David Bushnell was appointed Captain-Lieutenant from Civil life, upon the recommendations of Gov Trumbull, Gen. Parsons, and others, and on 8 June 1781 he was promoted to full Captain, and was at the Siege of Yorktown in the following Sept. and October, the only time that unit had had the opportunity to render special service. He served until the end of the war, and before the unit was discharged, commanded the Corps, and had become a member of the Connecticut Historical Society of the Cincinnati, an organization formed during the war by officers of the rank of Captain and higher. He is of record as certifying the service of one Phineas Wentworth, over the signature of

G. Bushness, which I am advised was a printer's error. On 6 May 1779, he was taken prisoner in Middlesex parish, now Darien, Conn.

After peace was declared he returned to Connecticut impoverished, the subject of some honor, and some covert ridiculing; becoming discouraged it is said that he went to France, but in 1795/6 returned to Savannah, Ga. where he stayed for time with his friend Abraham Baldwin, Yale '72, but soon went to Columbia county where he taught school, and perhaps studied medicine, as he later settled in Narrenton, Ga. under the Name Dr Bush, where he practiced that profedsion until his death. He applied for, and on 3 Feb. 1800 was granted a pension, and not until his will was probated was it generally known that the village medic concealed one of the greatest inventive minds and geniuses of that time.

He left a considerable property to the children of his deceased brother Ezra Bushnell, in Saybrook, and among his personal property, which was brought north by a friend, was some curious machinery partly complete, but it is not known for what purpose it was designed.

The only known literary composition by Capt. Pushness, is an excerpt of a letter to Thomas Jefferson on the General Principles and Construction of a Submarine Vessel, dated 1 Oct 1787, printed in the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, Vol IV, p. 303. The fullest exposition of his claim to distinction as an inventor is given in a paper by Lt. Col. Henry L. Abbott, U.S.A. published in 1881.

His reputation in Connecticut was that of a man of very unassuming manners and exemplary character, and in Georgia he was equally esteemed.

The U.S. Government, in 1915, named a new Submarine Tender, "Bushnell" after him, and at its launching in Bremerton Wash., Miss Esculine Bushnell, of La Grange, Ill., gt.-gt.-fr.-dau. of Gideon Bushness, his uncle, was selected to act as sponsor.

#### BUSHNELL, Eighth Generation

Cornelius Scranton Bushnell, b. Madison, Conn 19 July 1829, d. New York, N.Y. 6 May 1896, m. 1st, 19 July 1849, Emily Fowler Clark b. 5 Oct. 1829, d. New Haven, Conn. 10 Jan. 1869, dau. of Samuel and Mary Emily (Fowler) Clark, m. 2nd. New York N.Y. 15 Mar. 1870, Mrs. Caroline Mary (Paddock) Hughston, b. Oneonta, N.Y. abt. 1835, d. New Haven, Conn. 4 July 1387, dau. of Hon. Joseph N. and Mary (Welles) Paddock, and widow of Hon. Jones Hughston, m. 3rd, New York, N.Y. 25 June 1889, Mrs. Elizabeth Ford.

Cornelius Scranton Bushnell shipped on a coasting vessel at the age of 15, and a year later was half owner and Master of a 60-ton schooner in the coastal trade between New Haven and New Ysrk, but after five years as a mariner, forsook the sea to enter the wholesale grocery business with his brother, Nathan Townsend Bushnell in New Haven in which he continued for many years, although active in many other enterprises.

In 1858 he became interested in the bankrupt New Haven and New London R.R. and with his own capital and credit, and that of his friends, was successful in completing the connection to the Providence road at Stonington, which established a

through route between Boston and New York, and with favorable legislation, solved the immediate difficulties of the road.

He was elected president of the railroad and was in Washington, D.C. or railroad business early in 1861 when the Civil War broke out, and upon call for volunteers to defend the Capitol until such time as regular troops could be moved there, he enlisted with the Cassius H Clay Battalion on the 13th, and was mustered in April 18, 1861, and after the arrival of the Massachusetts Infantry was discharged the 4 May next, his Honorable Discharge being signed by President Lincoln/

Bu the capture of the Norfolk Navy Yard early in 1861, the Confederates obtained the hull of a 3500-ton frigate which had been burned and sunk when the Federal forces left Norfolk, and it was discovered that the machinery was not damaged, and that the hull could be salvaged, thereupon work was soon commenced upon the iron-clad battery, later to be known as the Merrimac, which with its antagonist the Monitor, was to revolutionize naval construction

known in Washington, and Mr Bushnell, appreciating the necessity

for predominance in sea power, both offensive and defensive,

and that it must be developed quickly, prepared to open a shipyard in Fair Haven, Conn. and with the assistance of Mr. S. H.
Pook of Boston, an expert Naval Constructor, plans for an iron
clad vessel, later known as the Galena, were prepared and
submitted to the newly created Naval Board, who approved the
design, and with a contract for its construction, he prepared to
leave New Haven, but in the meantime doubts had arisen, as to
its stability with its heavy armor, and it was suggested that he
consult with Capt. John Fricsson of New York, an expert in
naval construction, and an inventor, and fortunate it was for
the preservation of our national unity that he did so, for it
was at this conference with Capt. Ericsson that plans were
exhibited and the model for a battery with a revolving turret,
that would be impervious to shot and shell, and which could be
built in 90 days, which he had designed for the French Government about 1854, but which had not been accepted.

ir. Bushnell immediately perceived in this small model the ideal craft for which he had been seeking, and eight days later, after having with consummate tact overcome all objections, succeeded in forcing upon the Government the adoption of the impregnable turret, which has since become standard with all the navies of the world. This battery, the "Monitor" so named as an admonition to foreign governments to be cautious, or "Cheesebox on a Raft" as it was derisively called, was about 180 feet long with 41 foot beam, was launched at Greenport, L.I. on 30 Jan. 1862 and on 9 Mar. 1862, the day following the partial destruction of the Federal Fleet in Hampton Roads, met the Merrimac and after a terrific battle sent her back to her anchorage wounded unto death. Because of a clause which had been added to the contract, the contractors were required to guarantee its satisfactory performance, and as there had not been sufficient time for the official tests, the ship when it went into the battle was the property of the contractors, Mr. Bushnell, Mr. John F. Winslow, Mr. Jahn A. Griswold, and Mr. Ericsson. The Government had not built or paid for her, and the red tape of the Government Bureaus had almost laughed her scorn.

On 31 Dec. 1862, the Monitor foundered in a severe gale off Cape Hatteras with 17 men and 4 officers, while on its way to Charleston, S.C. All honor is due to Capt. John Ericsson's talent, but his designs were of no practical value until another, more resourceful and bold, appeared to put his idea to completion.

In 1862 Mr. Bushness became one of the original organizers of the Union Pacific R.R. and the only one who remained until its completion, and for many years was the sole survivor of the original Board of Directors. A station in Nebraska was named "Bushnell" in his bonor.

He amassed a large fortune by his early enterprises, but was unfortunate in advancing capital for later enterprises, such as the Atlantic and Pacific R.R., the development of iron and coal properties, and in giving endorsements and guarantee bonds, for which he suffered the loss of a large part of his fortune.

He was a member of the Consolidated Exchange, Admiral Foote Post G.A.R. and an Honorary Member of the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut, and died in San Remo Hotel, New York, M.Y., buried Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven. On 30 May 1906 a Memorial was unveiled in New Haven to his memory, and in commemoration of his great achievements.

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#### BUSHNELL -- 10th Generation

James and the sextuplets, abstracted: Rochester, N.Y.
July 9, 1943, by Arch Merrill, written for Gannett News Service
This unusual western New York lady is Mrs. Alincia Bushness Parker,
who for the past 45 years has lived on the shore of Silver Lake
near the famous old Methodist assembly grounds.

She Jealously guards a document dated "Chicago, Sept 15, 1866 signed by James Edwards, attending physician, and Miss Pissala Bencroft, widwife and nurse . . . "This is to certify that Mrs. Jennie A Bushnell, wife of J.L.Bushnell in the city of Chicago on the 8th day of Sept 1866, gave birth to six living children, three girls, and three boys."

The boys were named Alberto, Morberto and Loberto, and the

girls Lucy, Alice and Alincia.

Loberto died in Chicago at the age of seven months and Lucy a month later. But the four others lived on into the 20th century.

Norberto died in Buffalo in 1905; Alberto was 74 when he died in Albion in 1940 and Alice BushnellHughes passed away in Arizona only two years ago. . . . . . .

Her father was a book-keeper and, when the children were young came east and worked in Buffalo, Rochester, Lockport and Albion. In the two latter places he was employed by quarrying interests when that industry was at its peak along the Erie Canal.

The mother was a Frenchwoman and a former actress. James Bushnell had met and wooed Jennie le Charlton in Milwaukee.

Lockport area, of the great canal locks and a white horse she rode. A half century ago she married Daniel Parker and they went to live at Silver Lake near the assembly grounds, which in those days was another Chautauqua.

The parkers had a little store and sold newspapers and other goods to the cottagers and the hundreds of others who came

summers to the pretty little lake among the green hills.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Parker continued to live in a year around cottage near the Silver Lake Postoffice.

For 35 years whe walked every working day to and from her job in the Perry Knitting Mills. . . . . The sprightly woman is known to the ountryside as "Lincha Parker", and is a familiar and well liked figure.

FROM: "The Bushnell Genealogy, published 1945 Submitted by Esther Leidhold, 10th generation in America (Paternal)

VERMONT

MONTPELIER, Vermont -- I made it!

The phone rang: "Peg, this is Nancy Clemens, would you be interested in an overnight trip to Montpelier? Would I ever!!

We -- Nancy, her husband, Ron, f their 13 year old Tina, and I left about 7:30 Thursday a.m. Aug 12. Stan Moore had suggested the Vermonter

Montpelier, as a convenient place to stay. We found clean rooms at a reasonable price. After eating our bag lunches, we started our respective adventures. Ron and Tina spent the afternoon and Friday exploring the area, "doing! the shops, museum, etc.

Nancy and I headed straight for VR. It was Nancy's first time there and was a "fishing" trip for her. She found many names she felt could be of help to her. Vital Records have been moved since I was there four years ago. They are now housed in the basement of the same building where records of Probate, Deeds, Town Meeting, etc. are held -- all of which are on microfilm.

A ground level entrance at the back of the building means no stairs to climb. Incidentally, there is a large free parking area available right there, An elevator is provided for use of those wishing to e amine the other records, or to use the rest room.

The card files are listed by years and easy to locate. Records from cemetery stones are now being added, which is a big help as sometimes no death record can be found. I believe the attendant told us this project is being carried out by the Vermont Chapters of D.A.R.

Mine was a success story right from the start. I found death records for five ancestors -- one thought to have died in N.H., another for whom I had no date or place of death. Another provided the name of a previously unknown mother.

The attendant will make a copy of any car for \$1. A certified copy is \$3. No waiting for this service. Working space is limited, and the room is small. We had no problem getting table space as we were there when they opened.

When VR closed for the day at 4 p.m. we walked over to the Historical Society Library housed in the Pavillion with the Museum and offices. Since they close at 4:30, we had only a few minutes to work. The D.A.R. index for its volumes lists cemeteries, family bible records, various deeds and probate records, some VR and much more information. I didn't get beyond the first few pages of the index.

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#### "MONTPELIER" continued

We met Ron and Tina at 4:45. They had located a State Park area where we could enjoy the delicious picnic supper Nancy had prepared. The rain began just as we finished eating, so back to the motel for a good nights rest. I sat on my bed, papers spread around, going over my notes and gloating over the records I had found.

Friday morning found us back at VR soon after their 8 a.m. opening. What a surprise awaited me. One person had signed in ahead of us -- Bary Bramwell of Maryland. Barry and I have been corresponding and sharing information for six years. I introduced myself and had a short by interesting visit. Barry's wife, Linda, shares Lanfear ancestry with my VT cousins and me. He had come up from Dorset, where he found in Deeds, proof of the marriage of our Betsey Lanfear to Wm. Hulett, after the death of her husband, Asa. No wonder we found no death record for her. She is buried in the Dorset Cemetery beside Asa, so we felt she hadn't gone far from the area. It didn't take long to find her DR once we had a surname for her. It was nice meeting Barry. Linda and the children were visitng her grandmother while he did the family research. VR close from noon to 1 p.m. so we went upstairs to check the microfiom. Fortunately that department doesn't close for lunch. What a wealth of information they have. I found my elusive John and Susannah Scott in records of town meetings of Action, now Townsend. One deed said Acton was formerly called Johnson's John and Susanna had been "Warned out" of town. sad for them. I wondered where they went, why they had no children to give them a home. Things weren't all that good for senior citizens back in 1806.

Hunger finally drove us out into a light rain. We made a dash for the porchof the Pavillion where we ate our lunch. We later learned there is a cafeteria in the building directly in front of VR. Very convenient. Back to the microfilm we went until closing time at 4.

Ron and Tina were waiting for us. Ron had packed the car when we checked out of the motel in the morning. One last look around and we headed for home. We stopped at the Howard Johnson's at the Brattleboro exit and ate our dinner. We reached home about 9:30

I came back so filled with enthusiasm that my VT cousins, Cecile Hewes and Myrtle Robbins and I decided to 30 back for three days and make a concentrated effort to tie up some loose ends.

Unfortunately, illness has caused Cile to drop out, but Myrtle and I are meeting at 4 Sunday afternoon, Sept 12, in Manchester and proceeding to the Vermonter, where we already have our reservations.

It you have Vermont ancestry, go there if you possibly can. It's so exciting finding the proofs one needs and so much is there for us. By sharing transportation costs and carrying some of our food in coolers, we had a rewarding and inexpensive trip. I owe Mancy, Ron and Tina Clemens a debt of gratitude for making this possible for me. Thanks, Mancy, for that phone call.

Submitted by Thelma (Peg) Owens

The Centennial List of War of Independence Soldiers from Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

A couple of years ago, while at the Seattle Public Library, I chanced to come upon the publication Centennial Celebration of the Town of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, June 18th & 19th, 1876, by the Secretaries of the Committee Appointed by the Town of Sheffield, Wass., 1876. I had been researching my Wosher family connection with the Westover family. I paged through this publication searching for any possible chance bit of information I might discover about the Westover family of Berkshire County. Most specifically, I was seeking information on one of several Westover brothers who lived in the Sheffield region in the latter part of the 18th century, viz., Noah Westover. To my great delight, beginning with page 66 of the publication, I came upon the following sentence: "The following is a return of Minute Men in the Third Company in the First Regiment in the County of Berkshire July 11, 1776." (Signed/ Abner Callender, Clerk). The sentence Immediately preceding read: "These interesting rolls are furnished by Er. Thomas Austin, of Erie Penna." There were listed several Westover men: Job, John, Nathanial, Moses, and These were probably brothers. Two questions kept reoccuring to me: (1) Where is Abner Callender's original list? (2) Where did Mr. Thomas Austin of Erie, Pennsylvania, obtain the roll of names for his listing of Minute Men of Berkshire County, Massachusetts?

As far as the Westover family is concerned, it is known that they were clustered in only two towns: Egremont and Sheffields The Egremont residents were Oliver and Deborah Westover, and the Sheffield residents were Job, John, John Jr., Jonathan,

Moses, Theophilus, Noah, and others.
I may add that Noah Westover was born 6 August 1751, that his wife was Rosanna ("Anner") Allen, that their known children were Amos, Elijah, Ann, and Lavina. The Rev. Gideon Bostwick's Record, Great Barrington, records that Elijah, Ann, and Lavina, son and daughters of Noah Westover & Anner his wife were baptized at Sheffield on the 2nd May 1776.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors, while not an errorfree publication, has not listed Noah Westover as one who served in the cause of Independence, although some four or more other Westover men are given in this publication. Noah Westover is given on the roll of the 11th July 1776 as a private or Minute Man in the Third Company of Foot of the First Regiment, County of Berkshire, along with Job and John Westover. Presumably, the list of Berkshire County Minute Hen was originally written or recorded by Abner Callender, Clerk of the Company or Regiment. I am informed by those connected with the publication Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors that no names are authenticated for that publication unless the record for each man can be found in Massachusetts Commonwealth Archives . Apparently, the authors of the publication have either never heard of Abner Callender's list, or they choose not to accept data from the publication Centennial Celebration of the Town of Sheffield (presuming that they have ever seen a copy of the publication.)

In all, I count the names of 128 men of Berkshire County who are listed on Abner Callender's list or they choose not to accept data from the publication Centennial Celebration of the Town of Sheffield (presuming they have ever see a copy

of the publication)

#### "CENTENNIAL LIST" continued

In all, I count the names of 123 men of Berkshire County who are listed on Abner Callender's company roll of soldiers, men who served in the War of Independence. Of course Noah Westover is not the only person among the 128 men who is not listed in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors. There must be others of the Callender roll whose service is worthy of proving for posterity. Is it not important, then, that genealogical research or historical research be done by all interested parties to clarify and validate the 1776 roll of the military cler (Abner Callender) of the Third Company in the First Regiment for the County of Berkshire as found in the publication Centennial Celebration of the Town of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Mass., June 18th and 19th, 1376?

Submitted by Craig Glenn Genter, Ed.D 6000 112th Street S.W.
Tacoma, WA 98499

## WILLIAMSTOWN'S FRENCH - CANADIANS

The Maine Historical Society's ownership and maintenance of the Longfellow House aroused my curiosity enough to want to learn about Longfellow once again. Before long I was reading about his narrative poem "Evangeline" which portrays the sad story of the Acadians. They were the descendants of many branches of the French-Canadians who settled in this area. Two branches of my husband's family line from Canada, the Benoit's and the Landry's, can be traced back to the Acadians.

His great grandfather Alfred (Senee'), Seney was married to Euphe'mie Benoit in 1859. They moved from St. Cesaire, PQ, Canada to Williamstown in 1863. Alfred's grandfather Pierre,

married Marie Landry in 1795 at L'Assomption.

The Frence were originally settled in Acadia, now Nova Scotia, when the English claimed the land had been discovered by John Cabot. There followed many years of fighting over the land and eventually the French conceded rights of ownership of the area to the English. Most of the Acadians would not forswear allegiance to France and many broke the promise of neutrality, causing the English to fear that all Acadians would do the same. They were forced to leave the land they had developed. Many fled to Quebec, others were taken by boats to various locations by the English. Families were separated throughthe method of the English demanding the Acadian men to attend a meeting in the morning, and by afternoon they had disappeared. Children were also separated from parents and many families were never reunited. A large number of Acadians made their way to Louisiana to be clear of the English rule, where they established a new settlement. Today they are known as Cajuns.

The community in Canada grew and a few generations later many of those families migrated to America to become an important part of the development of the mills in the New

England States.

In Williamstown, the progress of the railroad and the start of the cotton mill near the railroad station, brought nearly a thousant people to the town in 1968. Many were French-Canadians, who brought with them their culture and religion, leaving a permanent imprint on the town.

#### "FRENCH-CANADIANS" continued

Life in rural Canada was very poor and the daily struggle for survival was extremely difficult. When word reached the small Canadian towns, that the mills were "seeking" workers and the payment would be in <u>CASH</u>, there was a mass exodus. to New Incland

This was when my husband's great grandfather brough his family to Williamstown for work for the Williamstown Manufacturing Company. To accommodate the influx of the new mill families, the company built twenty-eight double tenements, a store, and a school. Workers rented the houses at low rates, serving as a supplement to the wages. The tenements today are privately owned, but are basically the same as when they were lived in by the first mill families.

Te life and hardships of the French-Canadians in the area mills is worthy of researching by anyone who is at all touched by this particular group of people, and the impact of their

customs and culture on our present day living.

Submitted by Dot Seney.

## ROSAMNA's

In papers saved by my greatgreat grandmother, Rosanna (Miller) Winchel, there is the following, which is very interesting.

First, from a sort of diary which Rosanna kept, there is the story of her trip to Burlington, Conn., and her record of weaving, and other housework and the money received for this work.

In March 1819 she went from her home in Fairfax, Vermont, arriving in Egremont at her Uncle Joel's house on March 12. Joel was her mother's brother. There she worked at various places, spinning and housework including Peter Millard and Elijah King. On June 23rd went to her Uncle John Hunt (do not know relationship) in Hillsdale, N.Y. There she did weaving for Mr. Magalpin and at other places in that area. August 29th went back to Egremont to be with Aunt Orra (Mrs. John Vanwyck Field - her mother's sister) who had had or was having her fifth child and stayed until October 13th. Back to Hillsdale and back again to Uncle Joes's and on the 28th set out for Connecticut and got to grandfather's (Lemuel Hart - her mother's father)...here at Burlington she did housework and weaving at various homes in the area.

On August 24th, probably 1822, as her Grandfather Lemuel Hart had died in May of that year, Uncle Joel and his wife, (Sally Winchel) went to Burlington and took Rosanna back with them via New Hartford, Torringford, Torrington, Goshen, Cornwell where they stopped to visit. On through Sharon and so to Nine Partners arriving at Stanford about five in the afternoon. Visited with Uncles Robert Miller and Moses Talmage (Poses' wife was Rebekah - sister of Rosanna's father, John), and cousins Harry, Joseph, James, and Ann Eliza Talmage, James and Melissa Miller for several days.

On the road again they went to Sam Hunt's in Hillsdale, stayed there a day or two and then on to Egremont to Uncle Joel's Back on the road went through Greenriver, Austerlitz and arrived at Sodac about dark. The wagon broke down the next day on the road and they "were detained several hours". Then through

Stillwater, Saratoga, Fort Edward, Fort Ann, Whitehall and thus to Essex arriving home in Fairfax and found the family in good health Had been "from home three years and seven months"

The nxt entry is dated January 1823.

Rosanna married Martin Winchel about 1830/31 (these are my great-great grandparents) and some time along about then either just before or soon after, her father and mother, John and Mary P (Hart) Miller went to western New York State and settled in "Shetocqua" County on the Holland Patent. Most of mother's letters were written from Stockton, and menion towns in the area such as Fredonia and Portland. Some are not clear as to the year written. Rosanna's brothers, William and Henry, were also there, and apparently her sister Mary although very little mention is made of her.

The latest letter from John and Mary was dated Nov 16, 1845 and was written to Martin Winchel and Rosanna and mailed from Portland, N.Y. on Dec 7, 1845. Earlier John and Mary's daughter Clarissa and her husband, James Gilson, and family had been living with the older couple. Clary and Jim had set out for Rairfax, Vermont. Mother had heard that Clary and her children were walking before they had gone 30 miles and had been worrying about them. She had recently received a letter from Rosanna who had told them that the Gilson family had arrived safely in Vermont. Most of the rest of the letter is like a newspaper, telling of births and deaths of their neighbors wmong whom were the people from the old home town of Fair fax. Frost had killed fruit although There had been a full blossoming. Snow fell on the 8th of November. John's postscript mentioned that the potatoes had rotted badly and would be scarce that winter. Henry Miller (the brother) wrote explaining their finances and that he and his wife had moved in with father and mother who were to have a garden plot and a cow kept for them.

Most of the other letters, seven or ei ht or them, tell of the area. One cusses the fact that many of the neighbors moved to Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan. One of the brothers (Henry) went to Indiana. Mary thought the

winters were too severe.

My relationship to these people mentioned in letters and diary are related as follows:

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Geo A Brewster & Delia M Heath
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Also; Virginia L Spurr m William B Siter.

Submitted by: Virginia L Siter RFD#3, Box #83 Gt Barrington MA 01230

Oliver Ellsworth Slocum IV has joined our club. To satisfy his niece and nephew he will attempt to up-date the Slocum genealogy in the Atheneum.

He needs help on Decker's in the 1800's in Sheffield, Egremont and Salisbury, CT. Also Hadsell family of Westfield, ME and Jesse Drumm from Winsted CT.

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## QUERIES

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS FOR USE IN QUERIES

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ca about		Justice of the Peace
ae age(s)	Lt	Lieutenant
aft after	liv	lived/living
	m	marria_e/married
anc ancestor(s)	May	<b>⊩ajor</b>
å and	m/1	married first
bdt birth date(s)	mdt	marriage date
bpt baptised	lexV	Mexican War
bef before	mo	mother
bp birthplace(s)	mov	moved
bet Between	p	page
bro(s) brother(s)	par	parents
bur buried	Pvt	private
Capt Captain	poss	possibly
cem cemetery	pro	probate(d)
cen census	-	
	prob	probably
	rec	record(s)
	ref	reference
· in Transporter and	re	regarding
Civil War	rel	related/relatives
Col Coloniel	rem	removed
Cpl Corporal	req	request(ed)
corr correspond (ence)	res	reside(d) (ence)
Co county	Rev	Reverend
dt date(s)	Revol	Revolutionary dar
ddt death date(s)	Sgt	Sergeant
dau(s) daughter(s)	sibs	sibling(s)
d/o daughter of	sol	soldier(s)
desc descendant(s)	sis	sister(s)
dsp died without issue	S	son(s)
div divorced	terr	territory
enl enlist(ed)	trad	tradition
Ins Insign	twp	township
exch exchange	unk	unknown
f father	unm	unmarried
fam(s) family(families)	ver	verify
foll following	vic	vicinity
fr from	vol	volume
gen genealogy	W	wife
gch grandchild (ren)	1/w	1st wife
gau(s) granddaughter(s)	wid	widow(er)
gmo grandmother(s)	VIR	Vital Record(s)
gpar(s) grandparent(s)	yr	year
gson(s) grandson(s)	1812W	War of 1812
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hist history	NWI	World War 1
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WELP!

In submitting QUERIES, if you follow the abbreviations and the format of the questions on the following pages, we should be able to print precisely what you desire.

#### Queries

TRAUSCHKE Wilhelm Trauschke (Drauske) b GER 1826; d Lawrence MA 1903. m Augusta (Heyn) b GER., liv Adams MA (1854-1878) Occupation: weaver, Renfrew Mfg Co Adams MA 1872 liv Gingham Grounds 1872 8 ch: Louisa, Louis, Julius, Henry, Ellen, William, Sylvia, Frederick. Need all info this fam when res Pittsfield-Adams Reply to Richard M Trauschke 23 @oodmont St W Springfield MA 01089 Elizabeth Thrasher w Joseph liv Adamstown MA 1790 THRASHER cen. Rec of her d? THRASHER Rachel Thrasher m Briggs & Rhoda Thrasher m Robbins ROBBINS in Adamstown-Cheshire area. MA bef 1815 -- who were BRIGGS h?, mdt  $\varepsilon$  ch? -also-THRASHER Charles Thrasher RevW pensioner, m 1771 Susanna HIGGINS Higgins she d when? m/2 Patience, liv Cheshire MA Any cem rec? Reply to Hayward Thresher, 1000 Tarpon Cen Dr Venice FL 33595 Alfred A Bentley b 20Apr1807 Berkshire Co MA, s BENTLEY Samuel & Martha (Adams) Rentley. Need proof & any add info Samuel C Bentley b 7 Jun1776 S Kingston RI s Caleb BENTLEY & Ann (Northup) Bentley. Need proof & any add info. Reply to LLoyd A Bentley 1310 E 30th St Ashtabula OH 44004 Thomas Crandall Rude b MA 1815. Ariel Rude b MA ROOD 13Sep1807, M 7Jun1810, Sophie Stoddard b 13Sep1807 (Rood) of Broome Co NY bef mov to DeKalb Co IN 1836. Were these 2 men s of Levi & Polly Crandall Rude? Reply to Mrs Douglas C Vose 131 E Cornelia St Hicksville OH 43526 Mary Tuller b 1758 W Stockbridge MA, m 1774 Moses TULLER Robt W Stockbridge or vic. Cloe b 1761 W Stock-ROOT bridge. Who were par? Reply to Mrs Hiram O Callison 1408 Opal St San Diego, CA 92109 MASH Chauncey Nash s Shubel & Sybil (Alvord) Nash b 1798 Berkshire Co MA m/1 1824 Ann(a) oungs, 1 ch Anna d 1830 m/s 30 Jun1831 Niagara Co NY ALVORD YOUNGS Dorotha (Patterson) b-/ ch: Oscar, Tlbert, Lurana, Viola, Orvin & 3 inf. Dorotha d 1845. m/3 Sarah Maria (Board), they mov to Perry Wyoming Co NY, where Chan d 21Feb1876, 2ch: Sarah L % Wm Shalon. PATTERSON BOARD Want vital data on m/2 Dorothy Patterson Reply to Mrs JoAnn Schiefelbein 8924 W 10 St Wichita KS 67212 Thomas Stocking m Elizabeth Hurd Where were each b? STOCKING Reply to Nancy Fredericks 1208 Maple Ave

Evanston IL 60202

#### QUERIES -continued-

HORTON BROWN	Any info on par of Asahel & Bebe (Brown) Horton. Asahel s/o Isaac & Lovisa (Brown) Horton b 60ct1789 in Cheshire MA of 9 ch. Bebe d/o Ephraim & Mercy Brown b 10Jan1791 in Adams MA of 11 ch. Isaac Horton d 2 Dec1811 in Cheshire - bur? Ephraim Brown d 27Jan1815 in Adams MA bur? & w? Reply to Keith Frutiger 3817 7th Place NW Rochester MN 55901
PLATT	Abial d Oct1825 Lanesboro MA. Need anc, bdt & bp Any info on w Rodah (Hall)? -also-
TYLER HALL	John Tyler d 22Nov1741 Wallingford CT., m Abigail (Hall) 14Jan1694 Wallingford. Need his anc, bdt & bpalso-
BEACH TYLER	Moses Beach of Wallingford CT d 5Nov1781, m Ester (Tyler) 6Sep1722. Need his ancalso-
BRADLEY BEACH	William Bradley (1730-1809) of Lanesboro MA m Lois (Beach) Believed desc from Isaac Bradley of E Haven CT. Need proof.
HARRISON SHERMAN	Mary or Polly Harrison (1798-1878) of Lanesboro MA m Asahel Sherman Believed dau of Almon(d) & Jerusha. Need her anc.
TALCOTT	-also- Samuel Talcott of Glastonbury CT f of Capt Nehemiah Talcott of Lanesboro MA (1766-1848) More info? -also-
HARRISON WILLIAMS	Caroline d bef 1898, m Barnabas of Lanesboro MA in 1835 in Pownal VT Need her ancalso-
WILLIAMS LINDLEY	Jedediah Williams of Lanesboro MA bp VT? or Norwich CT? m Merriam Lindley b VT? Need b, bp & place of death, also anc for both  Reply to Nancy Clemens 43 Gale Ave  Pittsfield MA 01201
BISSELL	Wallace Bissell m Laura Patch at Liberty Mills, Jackson Co MI 29May1856 Lewis Bissell m E. Addie Miller of Saline area, Washtenaw Co, MI 30May1876. Also: there are Bissells bur in Laurel Hill Cem at Liberty, Jackson Co MI Are these rel to Israel Bissell? hero of RevW? Reply to Doris M Amsbury 320 Jones St Mt Clemens MI 48043
LOGUE	Charles Minot Logue b 1870 Bridgewater MA m Winifred W Freeman, Needham 1902. No rec Bridgewater, Norfolk, Plymouth pro. Winifred m H.J. Perry,
FREEMAN	Newark NY 1906. What about Charles Minot Logue? Mary E Freeman Newark NY m Alonzo R Freeman, M.D. ca1870. He grad. Berkshire Medical School ca 1866. Practiced Boston? No rec in Newark Where met & m? Reply to Henry J Perry 290 Travers Circle N Tonawanda NY 14120
	QUERTES are continued

#### QUERIES -continued-

GOODRICH
BENJAMIN
TREAT
SULLIVAN
BOOTH
BRIGGS
WELTON
BASSETT

Goodrich, Abner 1750-1890? Goodrich, Sally (Knowles) 1750-1890?

> Reply to Kay Waterloo 2320 Mayflower St Aurora, IL 60506

SWAN

BROWN

Robert Swan b ca 1698, d 310ct1773 Dedham MA m Mary \_\_\_\_, d 8Feb1729-30 Dedham MA Ch-Joseph, Ebenezer, Benjamin, and Mary. Who were Robert's par, and who was his w?

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WILD

Silence Wild b Braintree, m ca 1749 Thomas Frence, b 1723, Braintree, s of Thomas & Mary (Allen) Ch-Silence, Thomas, Joseph, Sarah, Timothy, Susannah, Jotham, Luthor, Polly, Calvin, William Who were Silence's par?

Reply to Barbara J Brown 4048 East 12th

Casper WY 82609

WELLER

Benjamin Weller (Willer?) of Lanesborough MA & Abigail Baker of New Ashford MA m23Nov 1780 in New Ashford. 1st ch Benjamin Tyler Weller b New Ashford 1805. Who were Benjamin's par?

-also-

WELLER

Benjamin Tyler Weller b1805 New Ashford MA. In New York State m Mary E Hanford 1814-1903. Benjamin served in CivW then disappeared before 1870. What was his d date/place?

CLARK

Joseph Clark b 1795 New Hampshire? on 13Jan1815 m Philena Kempton in Hartford, Windsor Co, VT Who were his & her par?

Reply to Michael Turner & Sylvia Hanna 5655 W 9th Ave Lakewood CO 80214

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We plan to continue the "QUERIES" format in succeeding issues. When you send your material to us, it would be most helpful if it were already put into this plan of writing -- (this will cut down on my mistakes)

Your Friendly (?) Typist

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## TO: YOU OUT THERE !!

If you were here, we could fill you in on some of the places where you might find things about your ancestors. For instance:

PITTSFIELD - at the Berkshire Atheneum (our main library) there is an excellent collection which through library purchases and our members' gifts is constantly enlarging. People from as far away as California can be found there working their way through books with census, immigration, families, newspapers, church records, genealogies, helpful very knowledgeable people, and over (so far) 56,000 card file of marriages from 1762 to 1939. We have started on births.

We also have a service provided by B.F.H.A. to all members: the first two hours' research is free, done by members. Following this, there is a three dollar per hour charge, the funds going into the B.F.H.A. treasury to insure our ability to function on the level we try to achieve and maintain.

Since "2½" (dont ask me, I dont know) was voted in and reduced our taxes, many jobs all over the city have been eliminated, which includes library staff. So we are trying. Have patience; your letters are on Denis Lesieur's desk. He is supervisor of local history and a hard task master on the volunteers. One must take Denis's course, and if he fails to measure up, he is O-U-T. So, when you questions are answered, you can be sure people have tried and the extensive research material has been used.

Then, to the <u>Court House</u> across from the library, where queries are courteously handled. Guy Pelligrinelli is the man for wills, divorce records, and name changes. Also, Mary O'Brien processes queries on deeds and old land records -- you can write!

Let's walk one block over to City Hall, where genial, jovial Francis Condron is the City Clerk. Its a busy office, but they will always trot out the books of marriages, births, and deaths, and make copies if you need them. You can write.

Then there is Pittsfield cemetery (lots of old stones), and St Joseph's cemetery, as well as the small but historical cemetery on Williams Street, where the first white child (Dorothy Deming) born in Pittsfield is buried.

All of the churches in town will help but especially the First Congregational (it representing the state religion many years ago) Most of their collection is now located in our library entitled the "Cooke Collection".

LEMOX Town hall and the Lenox library are down the road a piece. Both places keep you feet glued to the floor while your mind boggles at the intimate intricate detail of their church and local records.

GREAT BARRINGTON Town Hall is staffed with the kindest, most obliging people who trot out these book that make you wish you could set up house keeping.

RICHMOND has four cemeteries and old churches crammed full of what you want.

----Speaking of cemeteries --- Richard Leab is doing the old cemeteries for us; write to him in care of the B.F.H.A., care of the Berkshire Atheneum.

Oh yes, over in the Courst House, they have a registry of all military graves in Berkshire County; down in the basement, there are the nicest guys and you can get copies!

#### "TO YOU OUT THERE" continued

WILLIAMSTOWN - one of our members (Annette Jenks) is a librarian there, so you can be sure your pleas will reach sympathetic ears. Also, dont forget the Town Clerk.

CHESHIRE has a library, and a Town Clerk, also, some old cemeteries. Someone said there is a very good book on town records which is rather new -- I cant pin this down.

For my own research, I have contacted cemeteries with 100% results, undertakers 100% results. Frank Kelley, an undertaker in Lee, MA and a member, says he has excellent records of that area, and will answer letters.

When you get up into the north county like ADAMS, and MORTH ADAMS, again rely on your library and Town Clerks. Also, there are loads of small towns around -- find our county

map.

In MASSACHUSETTS, the records are still open -- we are fighting to keep them that way. There are bills constantly being presented to the legislature to close them. (He New Yorkers know what that is like)

To add to our 3' x 5' card collection, we would like your data. If you buy very good 3 x 5 cards and follow our outline they will be included in our collection. You can go as far back as you like.

Man's name Age which marriage Man's name Age which marriag Home address Born (where) occupation Parents Marriage date, performed by, where

Marriage

Wife's name Home

Volume, page, line Initials of writer

SMITH, John Charles 20 yrs 1st N b SanDiego CA Tailor 1621 - 1st s/o Harry and Lartha Jones .April 4, 1848 by E. H. Purcell, C.P. Pittsfield

Man's Card Make one for wife, also

Mathews. Eliza Hinsdale

V2 P17 L20

AMO'C 4/21/81

examples continued 7

#### YOU OUT THERE continued More card samples ----

MATHINS, Eliza 20 yrs 2nd M 317 Court St b Nome Alaska widow Hinsdale MA

Hinsdale MA

d/o Benjamin and Dorinda Hamilton
Apr 4, 1348 by E. H. Purcell, C.P.

Pittsfield MA

SMITH, John Charles Pittsfield MA

Marriage

V2 P17 L20

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Mame

Home address

Hospital

Parents
Father Occupation
Birthplace
Nother Occupation
Birthplace

Date

Vol, Page, Line

Initials . . .

SMITH, John Charles Jr Har 26, 1850 1621 1st St, Pittsfield MA

s/o John Charles Smith, Sr Tailor

Clerk

Eliza Mathews b Alaska

V2 P6 L4

AMO'C 3/21/81

#### YOU OUT THERE conclusion Card to record a death

Persons name Death date Αge Husband (or wife) Cause of death Occupation

Where born Address Where died Daughter (or son) of ¿ their birthplace Where buried

Book Page Line

Initials

SMITH, Eliza Mathews 52 yrs June 1, 1900 w/o Smith, John Charles Sr Polio Clerk

1621 1st St, Pittsfield MA b Nome, Alaska

d House of Mercy Hosp d/o Benjamin Mathews b Pittsfield Cemetery Cheshire MA

Doginda Hamilton Dalton MA

Bk 10 Pg 60 L20

AMO'C 2/2/82 AMO'C 3/2/82

If anyone is interested in helping with our Vital Statistics collection, we will be glad to send you sheets
But please dont ask unless you will carry through. It would be less expensive for the club just to send sheets. But unless the best quality 3" x 5" cards are used, they wouldnt fit in very well. If we have enough offers, we will try to come us with a standard package.

Submitted by Anne M O'Coonor. 

The last issue of BERKSHIRE GENEALOGIST brought mail from Payalup Washington; Evanston, Ill; Gt. Barrington, Ma; Rochester Fn; Wichita, Kansas; West Springfield, Fa; Venice, Fl; Ashtabula, Ohio; San Diego, Cal; Hicksville, Ohio; Guilford, Conn; Albany, NY and Salt Lake City, Utah.

You think meat is expensive -- cigarettes cost \$75. a pound -- think about it

#### PITTSFIELD MARRIAGE RECORDS 1761 - 1939

#### Here are a few of the names found in the A drawer

ABADECOLO, FILOMENE

ABANEO, MARY BERTHA

ABBAGER, JACOB

ABBE, HERBERT GABRIEL

ABBE, ISABELLA

ABBENANTE, ANTHONY

ABBOT, MR. & MRS. CANDACE

ABBOTT, BESSIE (MAGNER)

ABBOTT, CHARLES STEPHEN

ABBOTT, CHRISTOPHER E.

ABBOTT, GRACE O.

ABBOTT, IRENE MILLICENT

ABBOTT, JANE

ABBOTT, KENNETH GORTON

ABBOTT, LIZZIE

ABBOTT, HARY

ABBOTT, MARY

ADBOTT, NELLIE

ABBOTT, NORTHIAY

ABBOTT, SAMUEL

ABBOTT, STEPHEN EDWIN

ABBOTT, WILLIAM

ABELE, WILLIAM JOHN

ABELING, KATHARINE CARRIE

ABELL, FRANCIS II.

ABELL, IRVING JOHN

ABELL, LILY ADELE

ABELL, SARAH

ABIG. DOROTHEA

ABLEMAN, AARON

ABOR, JACOB

ABOTICOLA, MARIA

ABOTICOLA, MARY A ...

ABOTICOLOR, AUNUNSIAT.

ABRAHAM, ALBERT

ABRAHAM, ELIZADETH

ABRAHAM, JOSEPHILIE

ABRAHAMS, GEORGE

ABRAHAMS, MARY

ABRAMOWITZ, JULIUS

ABRAHOWITZ, ROSE

ABRAMS, ELLEN

ABRIEL, CLARA LOUISE

ABSHAGNE, FREIDARICKA

ACBESON, LUTHER H.W.

ACHESON, DORIS EVELYN

ACHESON, VIOLA AURALIE

ACHILLE, FRANCESCA

ACHIN, ROSEAIUIA MARY

ACKEL, FREDA

ACKER, CLARA

ACKER, POBERT HARRINGTON

ACKER, WILLIAM FRANK

ACKERKNECHT, SARAH

#### The 1910 Census - .

Did you know you can now obtain the 1910 census 2 \$17. per roll? There are 21 states on Soundex-Miracode. (note that Mass. and New York are not included.) This is too bad, because "lost people" are so easily found in Soundex.

The 1910 census schedules record the following information for each person; name; relationship to head of household; sex; color or race; age at last birthday; marital status; length of present marriage; if a mother, number of children and number of living children; place of birth; place of birth of parents; if foreign born, year of immigration and citizenship status; language spoken; occupation; type of industry employed in; if employer, employee, or self-smployed; if unemployed; number of weeks unemployed in 1909; ability to read and write; if attended daytime school since Sept 1, 1909; if home is rented or owned; if home is owned, free or mortgaged; if home is a house or a farm; if a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy; if blind in both eyes; and if deaf and dumb. The forms used to survey Indians recorded also the tribe and/or bank.

Send your order to National Archives Trust Fund Board, Washington, D.C. 20408, sending your payment for your order.

Submitted by Anne M O'Connor .

#### DID YOU KNOW?

#### MEW MASSACHUSETTS LAW

Grave robbers who disturb a tomb in a Massachusetts cemetery face a jail term of 3 years and a \$4,000 fine under a new law signed by Gov. Edward J. King. The governor said he was pleased to act on a bill to "help put an end to this outrageous destruction of hallowed property...Cemetery vandalism is the worst for of vandalism."

The law state that the destructive disturbance or removal of a corpse is punishable by a maximum 3 year jail term and a

Anyone who defaces, removes or destroys a monument, tomb or veteran's grave marker also would face a 2½ year jail term and a \$5,000 fine.

Removal of flowers, flags or any other memorial objects from a gravesite calls for a maximum 6 month jail term and a \$1.000 fine.

Reprint from the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association: "Rubbings" Vol. 7 No. 3 pg 3

Submitted by Peg Owens.

from the "BERNSHIRE EAGLE", we learn that one of our members has received the Laurie Jean Hunter scholarship from the Berkshire Athenaeum to pursue a master's degree in library science at State University of New York. The recipient is Joseph G. V. Maciora, who will start his studies after he finishes his undergraduate work in Central Connecticut State College, New Britain. Joseph has served on the Inter-Residence Council, is treasurer of the Polish Club, and has worked in the reference department of the college library. --CONGRATULATIONS!!

#### A STEADFAST PIONEER

As one goes east on William Street in Pittsfield on their way to Burgner's Farm or Dalton you pass a cemetery on your right. It is surrounded by a stone wall, but there is a gate where one can enter this peaceful area. It is also a place where one comes into contact with some of Pittsfield's local history. This is the East Fart Cometery.

In this cemetery is the grave of Sarah Deming who died in 1818 at the age of 92. Through hardships and joys this woman endured, and that is why I consider her a steadfast pioneer. She was a native of Wethersfield, Hartford Co., CT and was born in 1726. Selomen and Sarah Deming fought the wild and challenging forests as they left Wethersfield to establish a new home in "Pontocsuck Plantation" in 1752. The settlement eventually developed into the town of Pittsfield. Sarah's efforts have earned her the distinctions of being the first white woman who came to Pontocsuck Plantation to make it her home and the first white child was born to Sarah in the area which would be our city of Pittsfield.

When travelling on William Street stop at the East Fart Cemeter and try to imagine this woman and recall her courageous work in helping to establish Pittsfield two hundred thirty years ago.

Submitted by Joseph G. V. Laciora May 18, 1982

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OVERHEARD IN THE MUSIC ROOM
AT THE
BERKSHIRE ATHENAEUM

A young man spoke to the lady at the desk, telling her that he was hungry and went to the supermarket for two cans of sardines. He was frustrated because he wasn't able to get any to take to the Library with him.

At this point the young attendant asked if his situation had anything to do with the Library.

He replied, "Yes, I was on my way here to listen to some records."

She said, "You can still listen to records."

"What, without any sardines?!!"

And she replied, "All you need is a Library card."

Submitted by Thelma S. Owens

Editor's Note: Dr. Whitaker, State Archivist, and Elaine Trudeau head of Vital Statistics, assured Sen. Webber that closing is not even being considered, but rather a larger, more convenient building is in the process of construction for holding the archives and vital statistics, at Columbia Point, Boston. It is adjacent to the Kennedy Library. Increased research was a factor in the move.

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