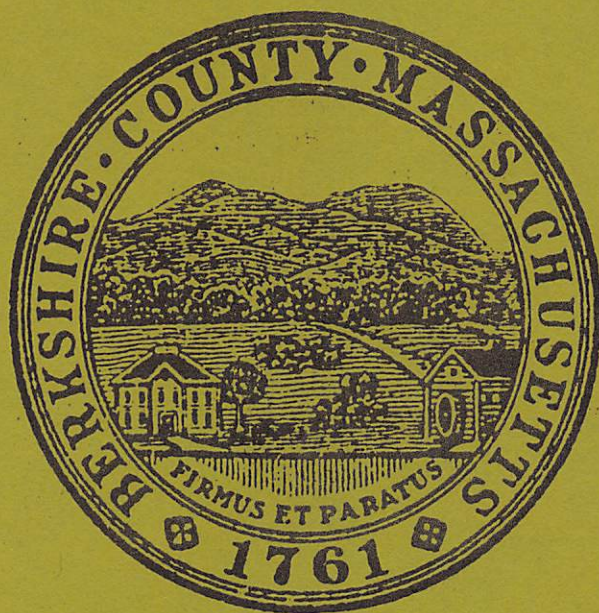


The Berkshire Genealogist



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The New Year is upon us. At this time, we begin planning and developing our activities for the year, as well as setting goals that we may achieve, over this period. As members of the Berkshire Family History Association I am sure that we wish to do a better job of researching personal genealogies; and continuing other genealogical projects with which we have become involved. However, in most genealogical activities, there is always the central element of "availability of vital record information", which is the theme of this article. Genealogists have always been concerned that public access to vital records should be an important part of our process in this country. You have been kept aware by the officers of the Berkshire Family History Association of some of the changes that take place as records are moved or new state, federal and local regulations are enacted which affect your rights to seek information about family records. However your personal responsibility to contact these legislators who pass laws affecting the availability of vital records, is the principal factor which will produce positive results. So, whenever you are aware of anything affecting vital records accessibility be sure to contact your Berkshire Family History Association officers so they may pass the information to the membership. Also communicate your ideas with those people in government who formulate and administer policies affecting genealogical research. In order to keep existing channels of research information available at an effective level, your attention and action is always important and it will promote and develop more and better genealogy.

JOSEPH G. GUERTIN
(not edited)

Membership in the Berkshire Family History Association costs \$8.00 for single, \$10.00 for family, and \$4.00 for students.

Please send dues to the Treasurer,

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WASHINGTON, MA 01223

Membership entitles you to:

1. B.F.H.A. Quarterly published February, May, August, and November.
2. Two hours of free research by a member in the Athenaeum and \$3.00 an hour thereafter, proceeds go to the Club.
3. All meetings.
4. Seminars.

Membership as of January 5, 1983 is 109 in Massachusetts, and 130 out-of-state.

There are now 29 copies of our booklet sent as exchanges with libraries, and other genealogical societies.

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COME IN, OLIVER

Just last evening, I returned from the Roberts Family 101st Annual Reunion which was held at Sunrise Park, W Granby, Connecticut. There were dozens of cousins buzzing there -- (the last reunion I attended was more than 45 years ago!)

I have been spending a part of my time since 1975 in updating that part of the Slocum Family Genealogy published in 1908, a copy of which is in the Berkshire Athenaeum. My efforts have been directed to extending the data re my Line. (My father is the last mentioned in that line ... Mason Mills Slocum, born in Tolland, MA, in 1888.) Probate Judge Edward Slocum was the only Slocum qualifying the book in the Berkshire Athenaeum. He was my father's second cousin. Of course, the recent Slocums resided in Hamden County, and perhaps don't qualify for much attention from the Berkshire Family History. I must tell you this about my own predecessors, though.

For three generations prior to my father's birth, there was an Oliver Ellsworth Slocum. Luckily, it was decided in 1888 that a fourth one in the little town of Tolland would be too much. Hence, Mason! When I came along in 1914, however, old Oliver E, the Third, (and the last one with money) insisted I carry on the tradition. As you know, I couldn't take the Fifth, so our son was named Peter!

Oh, - about the Roberts connection -- they too, are based in Hamden County -- and in northern Connecticut -- but are now spread all over the world. However, my paternal grandmother was Margaret Winifred Roberts. It is most flattering that their genealogy committee made an Herculean effort prior to last year's 100th Reunion to locate me! I was most impressed.

So, a page and one-half later, I'll tell you why I am particularly interested in being a member of the Berkshire Family History Association To complete my update of the family for my nephew and niece, who have urged me to make the effort for them, I must gather an immense amount of data about my Mother's family. And She was of Berkshire County origin, I believe.

Since my mother, nee Lila Ward Decker, died in 1937, long before I came to appreciate the comfort and interest one could enjoy from knowing about one's roots, I wasn't at all careful to remember ..or to record.. the hours of her family history that she expounded. Now, do I regret it! Perhaps, some of your members could tell me where to find the details.

Here is what little I remember. - - - - Lila was born in Canaan, CT in March, 1892. Her father was Frank Decker, cousin of my grandmother's first husband, John Decker. The Deckers both died at relatively young ages. They lived as farmers in various locations such as Sheffield, MA, Egremont, Salisbury, CT., etc. In what sequence, I don't know. I believe Frank was buried in Sheffield.

My grandmother was Maria Hadsell, who had a twin sister Mary Elisabeth, and several brothers, including Edward Hadsell who was for many years the Overseer of the Poor in Westfield, Mass

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"COME IN, OLIVER" -continued-

After Frank died, Maria made a living as a Nurse. I believe she was one of the first Registered Nurses in Massachusetts. Her older daughter, Lillian, was married to a railroad man, Jesse Drumm. They lived for many years in and around Winsted, Conn. Later, they moved to Pittsfield, where they died. (Jesse, circa 1943, and Lillian, circa 1950)

Lila spent a large part of her adolescent years with an aunt, Emaline xxxxx Keyes Curtiss. I'm not sure whether Aunt Emma was a Hadsell, or a Decker. Lila went to High School in Westfield, MA, making her home with her Uncle Ed. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1908, and was working for the Telephone Company at the time she was married, March 4th 1913.

Anyone can tell by this recital that I need a lot of help; and why I am glad to be invited to be a member of the Berkshire Family History Association. Thank you for introducing me!

Most Hopefully,
Oliver E Slocum IV

The letter was written by Mr Slocum whose address is:
55 River St., Guilford CT 06437

GUIDELINES FOR BFHA PUBLICATIONS

Below is an abstract from the guidelines :

- 4) The Berkshire Genealogist should continue in an 8½" x 11" format.
- 6) It should print only original material, no reprints.
- 8) Guidelines for contributions should be printed at least once a year. All submissions, in order to be published, should follow these guidelines.
- 9) A deadline date for submission of material for each issue should be established and publicized. Material received after the deadline date can be held over until the following issue.
- 13) No formal advertising should be accepted. Financial contributions could be acknowledged through a listing of contributors and benefactors, similar to that done in the "New England Historic and Genealogical Society Register."

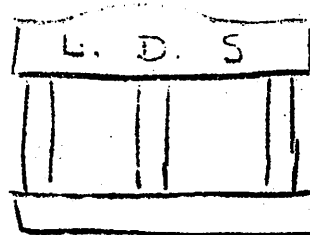
A Celebration @ Windsor (CT)

The town of Windsor (Connecticut) is planning to celebrate its 350th anniversary in September 1983. The 350th anniversary committee is looking for descendants of the colonial settlers of Windsor. A special Founder's Day observance is planned. Anyone who is related to an early Windsor family, or who can supply addresses for such individuals or family associations, is asked to contact: Mrs Donna Siemiatkoski, 33 Hillcrest Rd

Windsor CT, 06095
Phone (203) 688-6822

RESEARCHING AT THE
MORMAN LIBRARY

In April, 1982, Muriel, Brenda,
and I drove 900 miles to Salt Lake
to do research at the Mormon Library.
Here are a few of our ideas and
suggestions:



Our motel was three blocks from the Library; be sure to multiply by three, as each of the blocks in Salt Lake is equal to a normal three blocks. We thought of this many times as we trudged back and forth to the Library through snow, wind and rain. Be sure to be prepared to cross their very wide streets in a hurry; the lights change fast. There is parking available right near the Library for a small fee. The streets are easy to locate in Salt Lake, and it's not hard to find the Library.

Once you enter the Library, you will be awed at the thousands of books and cabinets full of films. Be sure to use their card files. There are hundreds of microfilm readers. We had no problem getting machines early morning and evenings. It is a good idea to check books first, as some may not be available on film or elsewhere. The people who work at the Library are all very helpful. Copy machines are readily available and cost 5¢ to copy books, and 10¢ to copy film. The Library is open: Monday 7:30AM-5:00PM; Tuesday through Friday 7:30AM-10:00PM, and Saturday 7:30AM-5:00PM.

We all decided that the next time we will pick one or two family names to concentrate on. We tried to do too much research and became discouraged, tired and disoriented. It will help to review each evening the research accomplished that day.

We met each day at 1:00PM at the lunch room in the Office Building, where the Library is. We enjoyed very low-cost meals. They had a large selection; hot meals, salads, dessert, sandwiches and more. We had taken a hot pot and small boxes of cereal for breakfast at our motel room - but the lunch room did open at 10:00AM for breakfast, no coffee or tea is served. Their strawberry pie is world renowned. The lunch room is closed Saturday, but there are machines with sandwiches, juices, milk, fruit and ice cream.

By all means, please take breaks from research. Muriel and Brenda took a tour of the city. We went to three movies Saturday and Monday nights when the library was closed and another time left the Library "earlier" than 10:00PM. Our last evening we dressed up and dined at a nice restaurant.

Don't panic if the electronic scanner buzzes as you go through the gate leaving the Library. Brenda went through it on our last day with her briefcase and it buzzed. The man at the desk very kindly and courteously checked her briefcase. Nothing, of course! He said it just goes off sometimes but Brenda was very embarrassed, possibly partly due to the fact that Muriel and I stood there laughing.

Submitted by: Shirley Phelps Bruso, with the help of
Kathy Bradford, Muriel Ickes and Brenda Morrison.

Darby Livingston a dedicated genealogist from Bennington, VT and a member, is temporarily hanging up his shingle -- on Doctor's orders.

VALENTINE'S DAY THEN

Back in the early nineteenth century, courting was a much more formal process than it is today. The following letter was written by my great great grandfather to Miss Persis Sweetser. One can imagine how very carefully each sentence was composed, revised and polished before the final copy was mailed.

Marlboro (NH) June
23, 2819

Worthy Miss,

You will doubtless be surprised at the perusal of these lines, but could I flatter myself that you will not be displeased, my fondest wishes will be gratified.

Not wishing to disgust your feelings with the usual professions of false or unmanly flattery, permit me briefly to ask, if it would be agreeable to you to receive my addresses after your return from Jaffery? I am not an advocate for the practice of soliciting the company of ladies a few evenings, merely to pass away a few idle-hours - I can assure you that my motives in soliciting your company spring from a purer source, and have for their object a more important end. If you will have the goodness to forward me a line, either before you leave town, or at another time as will best suit your convenience, you will receive my thanks whatever may be its contents.

If my proposal should not meet with your approbation, I have but one more request to make to you, and, from the exalted opinion I have formed of your character, I know you will grant it - It is briefly this, to entreat you to consign these lines to the flames, and to let their contents never be communicated even to the nearest friend, but let it remain a secret in your own bosom.

In friendship and sincerity yours,

James Batcheller

(Of course, these lines were never "consigned to the flames", and Persis Sweetser and Dr. James Batcheller were married on December 31, 1821.)

Submitted by: Persis Caverly, 61 Patrician Dr., Dalton MA 01226

NEW REGULATIONS CONCERNING USE OF CENSUS RECORDS AT ALBANY STATE LIBRARY

Yesterday, December 30, 1982, Stan Moore took me with him when he went to Albany State Library and Archives. I was all set for a busy day using microfilm.

It was a surprise to find all the drawers containing census were locked and a notice that attendants must take care of records. The young woman who helped me was very kind. She explained that they have "lost" many rolls of microfilm, which they have no money to replace. Hence all film is kept under lock and key. One has to sign name, address, phone number, social security number and attendant marks numbers of the films when taken, also time taken. When finished with them, they are returned to attendant who signs them in and returns them immediately to the cabinets. Do you suppose this is why facilities are reluctant to open records to the public?

Submitted by Peg Owens, Box 28, Lancaster MA 01237

BEVERLY KNIGHTS c/o Owens
Box 281
Lanesboro, MA 01237

CHART #1

		8 KNIGHT, John A	
		b ca 1840 (census)	
		@ VT	
		d	
		@	
(Father of 2)		9 SCOVIL, Julia E	
4 KNIGHT(S), ChasQuincy		b ca 1850/51	
b 5 Nov 1871		@ Moreau? NY	
@ Moreau, NY		d after 1910	
d 15 June 1960		@ N.J.	
@ No Adams, MA		m	
Bur NoAdams		10 SAFFORD, LeRoy	
		b 24 Feb 1850	
(Mother of 2)		@ Salem? NY	
5 SAFFORD, Effie M		d 20 Nov 1912	
b 5 Sept 1874		@ Alliance Neb	
@ Bald Mt., NY		11 GRIFFIN, Mary Malinda	
d 2 Oct 1926		b 8 Dec 1853	
@ Saratoga Spgs NY		@ Bolton NY	
m 12 Dec 1896		d 28 Nov 1874	
@ Glens Falls NY		@ Salem? NY Bur Salem	
Bur NoAdams		m ca 1873	
		12 FLETCHER, Patrick	
(Father of 3)		b ca 1858	
6 FLETCHER, Harold		@ Co. Mayo, Ire.	
b 5 Mar 1898		d 25 Nov 1937	
@ Wales, MA		@ Pittsfield, MA	
d 31 Jul 1968		13 MULROONEY, Mary Jane	
@ Pittsfield MA		Born 24 Sept 1861	
Bur StJoseph's		@ Pittsfield, MA	
Cem		d 1941	
		@ Pittsfield, MA	
(Mother of 1)		m 30 Nov 1887	
3 FLETCHER, Mary Janet		@ Pittsfield, MA	
b 26 Sep 1918		14 ADAMS, Peter	
@ Dalton MA		b ca 1870	
d 18 Jul 1979		@ Osceola, NY	
@ GtBarrington MA		d	
m 24 Jun 1939		@	
@ Stamford VT		15 WARREN, Margaret	
Bur StJoseph's Cem		b ca 1877	
Pittsfield		@ Redfield NY	
		d	
(Mother of 3)		@	
7 ADAMS, Jessie Mar-		m	
garet			
b 4 Dec 1898			
@ Hinsdale MA			
d 20 Aug 1971			
@ Pittsfield MA			
m 18 Feb 1918			
@ Dalton MA			
Bur StJoseph's			
cem			

WATCH FOR YOUR ARTICLES. THEY WILL BE USED. PLEASE KEEP
SENDING MATERIAL

Locally, we are fortunate in having a Mormon Stake House in
Loudonville NY Records from all over the world are available.

BEVERLY KNIGHTS C/O Owens
PO Box 281
Lanesboro MA

CHART #2

<p>(Father of 1)</p> <p>2 SCOVIL, Charles A</p> <p>b 11 Jun 1815 @ Moreau NY d 28 Aug 1892 @ Glens Falls, NY</p>	<p>(Father of 2)</p> <p>4 SCOVIL, Anson</p> <p>b ca 1782 @ Watertown CT d @</p>	<p>8 SCOVIL, Samuel</p> <p>b 14 Oct 1757 @ Wallingford CT d 3 Jun 1824</p>
<p>(Mother of 2)</p> <p>5 BLAKESLEY, Amanda</p> <p>b ca 1791 (GS) @ CT ? d 1 Apr 1842 @ Moreau NY m @</p>	<p>(Mother of 2)</p> <p>5 BLAKESLEY, Amanda</p> <p>b ca 1791 (GS) @ CT ? d 1 Apr 1842 @ Moreau NY m @</p>	<p>9 HITCHCOCK, Lydia</p> <p>b 8 Dec 1759 @ Cheshire CT d @ m</p>
<p>1 SCOVIL, Julia E</p> <p>b 1850/51 (Census) @ Moreau? NY d After 1910 @ NJ m ca 1870/71 @</p> <p>KNIGHT, John A (name of spouse)</p>	<p>(Father of 3)</p> <p>6 STEVENS, John B</p> <p>b ca 1790/91 @ d 27 May 1846 (GS) @ Moreau NY</p>	<p>11</p> <p>b @ d @ m</p>
<p>(Mother of 1)</p> <p>3 STEVENS, Sarah</p> <p>b ca 1824/25 @ Moreau NY d 28 Jun 1882 @ Glens Falls, NY M ca 1843 @</p>	<p>(Mother of 3)</p> <p>7 Rosetts/ Betsy?</p> <p>b @ d 5 Mar 1835 (GS) @ m @</p>	<p>12 STEVENS, Nehemiah?</p> <p>b ca 1761 @ d 6 Jan 1843 (GS) @ Moreau, NY Bur Reynolds Cem</p> <p>13 , Hannah</p> <p>b ca 1762 @ d 4 Apr 1822 @ Moreau, NY m</p>
		<p>14</p> <p>b @ d @ m @</p>

MAIN IRISHH ARCHIVES & LIBRARIES:

Important sources of genealogical information are in Dublin City. General Civil registration of births, marriages and deaths began in 1864. These records are kept at the office of the Registrar-General, The Custom House, Dublin 1. Marriages of Catholics are recorded from 1845. Certified copies of entries are available.

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IRISH --- continued --

The National Library, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 has a splendid collection of books and manuscripts. There are many sources of information for the genealogist - directories, family histories, journals of local antiquarian and historical societies, topographical works and histories of particular areas. There are also collections of newspapers, both national and provincial. The manuscript collection includes deeds, letters, rentals and other papers relating to many Irish families. The Library has an immense card index system.

If your ancestors were Presbyterian, the Presbyterian Historical Society, Church House, Fishwick Place, Belfast 1 may be able to help. The Society holds some Presbyterian registers and can provide information on others kept by local members.

Submitted by: Charles Cole, Manchester, N. H.

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BUSHNELL SAGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, Main Street, Sheffield.
Jon Campbell, Librarian

In the Sheffield Library most of the genealogy books and related old records are in the safe - one must ask at the desk for permission to see them.

They have several unusual books here such as - "Indian Deeds of Hampden County" (this included Berkshire County at the time) with index. Only 200 copies were printed in Springfield in 1905. Another book "Bylaws, Regulations & Reports of Frances E. Willard Memorial Woman's Christian Temperance Union Or. 1898" (in Sheffield, hand written). Another leather-bound, hand written book, unique to Sheffield was "Sheffield Society for Detection of Horse Thieves." It was in existence from 1869 to 1913. If a dues paying member lost their horse, the "official riders" (there were 12) would ride out, up to 50 miles in search of the horse. Many horses were stolen since Sheffield was so close to the State line!

Church records? All the Sheffield Methodist Church records from 1844 - 1965.

Also Congregational church records from 1791 (not complete)

Cemetery records? There are 2 books of gravestone inscriptions from the Sheffield cemeteries.
Index.

There are separate genealogy books on the following Sheffield families: Ashley, Boardman, Chapin (2 vol), Dean, Dyer, Kellog (3 vol), Noble, Porter, Toot, Spoor and Wickwire.

Also in the safe are the Assessors Records from 1730 1897 on microfilm.

Unfortunately, Sheffield didnot have their vital records to 1850 printed in the "Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850" Series. However the Library has a fine special bookcase for 200 of these brown books, including many Berkshire towns.

On the open shelves there are many other reference books on Berkshire County history, "Mass. Soldiers & Sailors in the Revolution" and "Civil War Soldiers, Sailors & Marines" series; the "1790 Census" and Sheffield" by Preiss (pub. 1976).

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Use of the copy machine is available for a small fee,

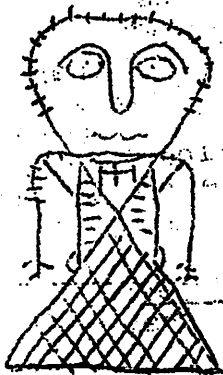
Library Hours: Tues - Fri 1 PM to 5 PM
Sat 10 AM to 5 PM
Tues & Fri evenings 7 to 9 PM
Telephone: 229-7788

Submitted by Charlotte P Davis 9 Navin Rd Lee MA 01238

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Sheffield Society for the Detection of
horse thieves is not taking in new members -- sorry!

MY ALBEE TRE :

1. Benjamin, (Hannah ?) b England d 1674? Braintree, MA ?
2. James (Hannah Cook) b ca 1640, m 1671 ?, d ca 1717 Mendon,
Milford ?
3. Benjamin (Abial ?) b 1680 ?, m ca 1692 ?, d ?
4. Obadiah (Jean ?) b 10/29/1705 ?
5. Eleazer (Mercy Shippee) m: Smithfield RI Nov 8, 1743
6. Eleazer (Serai Ballou) b ca 1750, d Mt Tabor VT 3/3/1831
7. Zattu, (Mary, (Polly) Chapman) b RI 1/20/1786, m VT 2/23/1806
d ?
8. Heman Chapman (Mary Rosin) b VT 9/17/1820, m OH 1/2/1841
d IA 8/19/1893
9. Nelson Luther (Ella Crosby) b IA 6/17/1854, m IA 10/3/1877
d 8/14/1936
10. Rena Louisa (G W Burns) b IA 3/19/84, m IA 1/4/04
d IA 5/1/59
11. Ruth Elizabeth Burns (H Lee Anderson) b IA 1/6/14, m 6/24/50
submitted by Ruth E Anderson, Billings MT



THE ASSOCIATION for Gravestone Studies

DID YOU KNOW THAT ::

..The folk carving on a gravestone in
Williamstown's Westlawn Cemetery has been
copied and used on the letterhead of the
American Gravestone Society?

Town Clerk Betty F Kovacs was surprised to
learn of this local connection last summer
when members of the Society were in Williams-
town attending a week-long conference at Williams College.

The gravestone holding this honor marks the burial place
of Elizabeth Smith who died December 28, 1771, at the age of 26.
It is located in the oldest section of the cemetery near a
maple tree which marks the boundary between Westlawn and Main
Street.

It is, in fact, the oldest gravestone except for another
of a child who died in 1762. There are no others among the
older stones with the Smith family name. Who Elizabeth Smith
was and how the American Gravestone Society adopted the
primitive art of her stone for use on their letterhead is
a mystery... Does anyone know?

Submitted by: Annette Jenks, 1119 N Hoosac Rd Williamstown MA
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"IT WAS FOR HIM TO SPEAK FIRST"

My interest in family genealogy brought a photocopy of an old letter to me in the midst of the Christmas mail. The original had lain pressed between the pages of a mother's bible that was left to her son who gave it to his daughter. Its sad lesson seemed a bit more poignant with the copy coming to me at Christmas time.

Laura was a girl of thirteen years when she wrote the letter. She was alone and unhappy on her first time away from the family farm, having been sent about thirty miles away to a school in the small Massachusetts town of Becket.

"Dear Father and Mother,

I arrived safe and Mr. Lowland came to the depot to meet me. I went to school in the afternoon and there is a girl that bords there and she sleeps with me and I guess she is a pretty good girl. She bords herself and goes home every Friday night. Mrs. Wate is her grandmother, I believe. I saw Chance and he did not speek so I did not. I don't like it up here a bit. I wish I was home. Miss Snow changed my arithmatic and Glgerbra and she gives verses to paste and I don't like it a bit. I had rather study my own books. You must write soon and let me know how you are. Did you get home all right? Mrs. Lowland told me this morning when she bakes her bred she would bake for me.

Mama, I arnt going to ask Chance for any potatoes. He would not speek to me when he saw me and I aint going to crawl after them. It was for him to speek first.

Love to all.

Laura"

The letter is undated but from family history it is known to have been written in the fall of 1882. Laura was taken sick at Christmas time and died in December of that year.

We have no idea who the person "Chance" was or why he did not speak. He may have been a family friend or even a relative. Certainly, as the thoughtless slight is brought up twice in the letter, he was more than someone who just provided the family with their winter store of potatoes. Laura felt, "It was up to him to speek first."

What really happened, we cannot know, one hundred years after the letter was written. However, it seems clear that Chance missed his chance... perhaps his last, to easily make this little girl's sadness lighter. He may have never realized this; and, not knowing, may never felt regret for the hurt or the omitted kindness. Like a lot of us, he may not have known how important the recognition of friendship can be.

How often it is up to us to speak first. How hard for us to remember that this one time may be our last chance to do so.

Submitted by:

Charles T. Cole 1 Birchwood Lane, RFD # 7
Manchester, NH 03104

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JAPANESE PROVERB: _____

For one word a man is often deemed wise.

For one word a man is often deemed foolish.

VERMONT RESEARCH

Cousin Cile and I have visited two Vermont town Halls within the past three weeks. We feel neither experience has been worth repeating.

We spent three hours in Dorset one morning. The new town clerk has made several changes which help researchers and has made available an early volume of town council meeting with some VR included. In that Cile found a marriage record for her gr.gr. parents, Betsey Streeter and Rev. John Fairman in 1846. I found nothing. The town clerk was gracious and offered to stay open any afternoon if we would make an appointment. However, she told us all VT town clerks had received a directive to charge researchers at least \$2 an hour per person. We each paid her \$6 for the privilege of looking at their books, and Cile paid another \$6 for the marriage record and two xeroxed pages. Yesterday we went to Rupert -- up, up, up into the beautiful hills. One has to make an appointment to see Mr. Beebe, the town clerk. Ours was for 10 a.m., so I left Lanesboro at 7:30. After picking up Cile, her dau. Cile, gr.dau. Roxanne and her friend Nancy in Manchester, we took off for Rupert. And there we sat until Mr. Beebe arrived at 10:40 to unlock the door.

The office is in an old, unpainted shed that looks like it might cave in during a good wind. It is in back of a dwelling house, nothing to indicate that town clerk might be found here. There is very little space to work - no copy machine or any modern convenience that we could see. Incidentally, there is no place in the area where one can get a sandwich, drink, or use a rest room.

There were very few records there. Cile and I went thru deeds ca 1794 to 1832 hoping to find proof that our John Lanfear of Dorset was the brother of Ezra Lanfear of Rupert. (Land records found in Amams, MA registry of Deeds mention both men as living in Bennington, VT when distribution of property of John Lanfear of Windsor, MA was made) Young Cile, Roxanne and Nancy were doing more recent VR. Roxanne and Nancy have recently joined the L.D.S. Church in Bennington, so Roxanne will have to research her Dad's King line. Her gr. mother Cile, gave her all the records available on the maternal lines.

We gave up at the end of an hour. When we settled with Mr. Beebe, he dawdled, "Well, just give me \$2. each for the hour. I could charge you \$5. but I won't" Enough is Enough! The next town clerk might decide \$5. is fair for us - or any of you doing research in VT. It doesn't do me much good to write for information. I sent a check and stamped envelope to both Ira and Milton town clerks and to the Dorset Historical Society some time ago. No reply from them. We have reached the conclusion that the least expensive and quickest way to examine VT records is to go to Montpelier for a few days, where there are no charges except for copying. VR, census probates, deeds town council meetings, etc are all there. Right next to those buildings is the VT Historical Society Library. They have many holdings, not the least of which are cemetery records from almost every town, which were the gift of the state DAR chapters.

Time, gas and town clerks fees make day trips impractical. Its Montpelier for me -- I Hope!

Submitted by Thelma (Peg) Owens



Delaware Archives DOVER

If you are fortunate enough to have ancestors who came to this country through the ports of Philadelphia or New Castle, Delaware -- those who came as early colonists under the protection of the Duke of York or with William Penn's colonists after 1680 -- then you have an excellent excuse to visit the lovely little town of Dover, Del. . . Dover is the capital of Delaware, the first state. (first, that is, to adopt the constitution) It is a picturesque town with 18th and 19th century houses surrounding a village green which was planned by William Penn in 1683.

The target of genealogists would certainly be the Bureau of Archives and Records, Hall of Records, an imposing title for the repository of all the noncurrent records of the state of Delaware, its counties and large municipalities. These contain many genealogical references but there are other sources as well. Among these would be manuscript collections, church records and Bible record.

There is also a small but very helpful library staff. If you can be there on a less busy day, as I was, you might have personal help with the Reverend Turner Collection which contains notes on over one thousand Delmarva families. Even if you don't find the "lost" ancestor it is well worth a visit to this very interesting Hall of Records.

When your eyes begin "to cross" from too much searching of documents and microfilm, take a walk around the village green. Stop at the Visitor Center in the State House Annex first to collect information for the walking tour.

A word of caution: there has been a recent change in the Search Room hours. It is now closed Sunday and Monday, but open Tuesday through Friday 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM; Saturday is from 8:00 AM till 3:45 PM

The entire building is closed for lunch 12 to 1.

Submitted by: Elva Forman 193 Allengate Ave, Pittsfield MA 01201

SAVOY FOREST

A while ago the Reverend Sinclair D. Hart of Grace Episcopal Church of North Attleborough stopped in the library to search for information about his ancestors in Williamstown. Not only were we able to help him discover his great-great uncle, Keyes Danforth, who wrote a book of Reminiscences about Williamstown in the early 1800s -- the book is, incidentally, one of our principal reference sources for genealogical information about early Williamstown families -- but he gave us some valuable information as well.

He told of a history that was written about the land which now encompasses the Savoy Mountain State Forest. Ms. Laura Sylvan of West Lebanon, New Hampshire, who served as a summer intern at Forest Headquarters several years ago, compiled the history as a summer project. She included in her paper historical maps and photographs as well as an inventory of the old cemeteries which are located within the Forest boundaries.

Always with an eye and an ear open for information which we can add to our files, we contacted David Carlon, supervisor

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of the Reservation and received permission from him to make photocopies of the cemetery listings.

Ms. Sylvan writes that during the last century there were quite a number of farms and homes on the top of the mountain in Savoy and the headstones in these small cemeteries reflect many of the names of local farmers and homeowners.

So we can thank Rev. Hart, Laura Sylvan and David Carlon for providing us with additional listings to add to our cemetery inventory.

SAVOY MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST CEMETERIES -- more information is available on the gravestones; only the main facts are shown here:

NORTH SIDE OF BURNETT POND

<u>1</u>	Elsina --- Levi Roberts	<u>4</u>	Charles F. Carter --- Junne E
<u>2</u>	Annie --- Robbert Robbert	<u>5</u>	Mary Ann -- William Carter
<u>3</u>	Eber L. Maynerd -- Amy A (or Emma)	<u>6</u>	James M Carter - Juliaell

BANNIS ROAD, COUTHERN END

<u>1</u>	Wilks Walker -- Ruth	<u>6</u>	Edward Babbitt -- Abigail
<u>2</u>	John Graham -- Olive	<u>7</u>	John Bourne -- Lovisa
<u>3</u>	Alden Carpenter - Delilah	<u>8</u>	Olive Bourne
<u>4</u>	Alvin Haskins - Ratiel	<u>9</u>	Cromwell Goff - Abigail
<u>5</u>	Simeon Hodges - Sarah	<u>10</u>	Sellem Babbitt - Betty

LEWIS HILL CEMETERY ^{2nd wife}

<u>1</u>	Bradish Dunham - Candace	<u>2</u>	Charles Dunham - CarolineM
<u>2</u>	James Cornell		

BROWN HILL ROAD

<u>1</u>	Noah Staples - Abigail	<u>4</u>	Samuel N Staples
<u>2</u>	Thomas Ellison	<u>5</u>	Patty ??
<u>3</u>	Susan Ellison	<u>6</u>	(Several unmarked stones)

SOUTH COUNTY ROAD IN FLORIDA

<u>1</u>	Jary Thatcher-Lucretia	<u>10</u>	Archibald Thatcher - Mary
<u>2</u>	Alfred Thatcher	<u>11</u>	William Thatcher - Emeline
<u>3</u>	Sumner Thatcher	<u>12</u>	Lumburs Thatcher - Achssan
<u>4</u>	Amelia Thatcher	<u>13</u>	Ebenezer Thatcher - Hannah Mixer
<u>5</u>	Leonard Thatcher	<u>14</u>	Sally,
<u>6</u>	Kelly Sherman - Susan	<u>15?</u>	Ephram Tower - Minerva
<u>7</u>	Michael Sweeney	<u>16</u>	Harvey Brown
<u>8</u>	Clark Hemenway - Irene	<u>17</u>	Freeburn Wheeler - Nancy
<u>9</u>	Albertus Manning - Joanna	<u>18</u>	Laurette Nancy - James Tower William
		<u>19</u>	Nathan White - Sylvia T

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TANNERY ROAD

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| <u>1</u> Daniel Estes - Betsey | <u>4</u> Tilson B Dunham - ?? |
| <u>2</u> Chester Barton - Caroline | |
| <u>3</u> Daniel N Barton | |

SAVOY CENTER

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <u>1</u> Rosetta P Hathway -- John | <u>5</u> John E Schulyler |
| Turner | |
| <u>2</u> Ebenezer A Turner - Rachel | <u>6</u> N. J. Stone |
| <u>3</u> Edward Thayer - Marcella | <u>7</u> Henry Stone |
| <u>4</u> Elijah Turner - Hanah | <u>8</u> Harriet Turner - Jason
Chilson |

RANNIS ROAD (Tower Cemetery)

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| <u>1</u> Florinda Granger - Orrin
Tower | <u>3</u> Alfred W Burnett - Lucy E |
| <u>2</u> James Jeffers - Eunice M | |

SHERMAN ROAD (New State)

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| <u>1</u> Delia L TheodoreL Burnett
Lydia F (2) | <u>13</u> A.J. McCullough - ?? |
| <u>2</u> Willis W Burnett - Susan A
Sherman | <u>14</u> Leonard McCullough - Lucy
Ann |
| <u>3</u> Norman Greenslet - F Ella
Burnett | <u>15</u> Warren Bliss -- Anna |
| <u>4</u> Joseph Sherman - Melinda Pike | <u>16</u> George H Nye - Agnes J
Daniels |
| <u>5</u> Henry Sherman - Hilda | <u>17</u> Vincent Barlow-Josephane |
| <u>6</u> George Sherman - Mary P | <u>18</u> Joel B Sheldon - Abigail S |
| <u>7</u> Moses Sanders - Sarah A
Morcott | <u>19</u> W.H. Coddington - Sarah Cain |
| <u>8</u> John L Cain - Sarah | <u>20</u> Joseph Harlow - Electa
Haskin |
| <u>9</u> James Cain - Sarah | <u>21</u> Sophia Haskins |
| <u>10</u> Dennis A Haskins - Mary
McCormick | <u>22</u> Samuel Haskins -- Betsy |
| <u>11</u> Elmer Leroy Haskins - Helen
M. Hanley | |
| <u>12</u> Dennis Haskins - Fidelia A
Burnett | |

THIS IS AN INCOMPLETE LISTING
OF THE STONES.

NOTE: Children are not listed above -- a more complete list
is located in the Williamstown Library.

Submitted by: Annette Jenks 1119 N Hoosac Rd, Williamstown MA
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AN OLD (?) PROVERB: "Some people know the price of everything,
and the value of nothing."

PITTSFIELD MARRIAGE RECORDS 1761-1939

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

ACKERMAN, ALICE AMANDA

ADAMS, ELIZA

ACKERMAN, GUY B.

ADAMS, ETTA LILLIAN

ACKERT, JOHN EDWARD

ADAMS, EVA

ACKHART, GEORGE HAROLD

ADAMS, EZRA B. JR.

ACKLEY, DAVID ALFORD

ADAMS, FLORENCE MAE

ACLY, CHARLES AUSTIN

ADAMS, FREDERICK

ACLY, HARRY M.

ADAMS, HARRY E.

ACLY, JOHN CHURCHILL

ADAMS, HELEN G.

ACUFF, LORETTA

ADAMS, HOWARD

ADAM, DIEHL

ADAMS, HOWARD F.

ADAM, WILLIAM L.

ADAMS, JOHN

ADAMA, JESSE

ADAMS, JOHN D.

ADAMCZZK, MARY A.

ADAMS, JOHN H.

ADAMS, ABIGAIL

ADAMS, JUNIUS D.

ADAMS, AGNES G.

ADAMS, LINEWOOD

ADAMS, ALBERT E.

ADAMS, MARY J.

ADAMS, AUGUSTA

ADAMS, PHILIP LUCIUS

ADAMS, BEULAH EVA

ADAMS, ROBERT BRUCE

ADAMS, CHARLES

ADAMS, RUTH SARAH

ADAMS, CHARLES E.

ADAMS, SARAH J.

ADAMS, CHARLES F.

ADAMS, THOMAS

ADAMS, CHARLES T.

ADAMS, VIOLA

ADAMS, CLARA

ADAMS, VIRGINIA MARY

ADAMS, DONALD BENTON

ADAMS, WILLIAM

ADAMS, EDWARD N.

ADAMS, WILLIAM ARTHUR

ADAMS, EDWIN

ADAMS, WILLIAM H.

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.

Marshall, Shelby & Martha D. Noble. comp. Handbook to Historic Resources of the Upper Hudson Valley. Old Chatham, NY: Federation of Historical Services, 1980. vi & 86 pp., illus., map. \$2.50.

One of the more frustrating aspect of genealogical or historical research is the inability to locate records or information sources of any type. While many institutions and groups try to publicize their holdings, it is not uncommon for a researcher unfamiliar with an area to be completely unaware of collections which might hold the information he or she needs. The Handbook to Historic Resources of the Upper Hudson Valley is a successful attempt to mitigate that problem for the Upper Hudson Valley, comprising the counties of Albany, Columbia, Greene and Rensselaer.

Organized by county, the booklet serves as an annotated directory to a wide variety of sources, including museums, historic sites, historical societies, municipal historians, selected government offices and more. The section devoted to Albany County also lists area chapters of hereditary societies and earliest existing religious denominations prior to 1900, features that would have proven equally valuable for the other counties. This guide is a necessary tool for anyone conducting historical or genealogical research in the Upper Hudson Valley.

Alwyn, James. Scottish Roots; A Step-By-Step Guide for Ancestor Hunters. Gretna, Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Co., 1981. 181 pp., illus., app. \$13.95.

This book is not a comprehensive or definitive guide to Scottish genealogical research, nor is it intended as such. Rather, it is a very readable, informal and informative general introduction on the subject. All the basics of research in Scotland are covered, ranging from sources at home to major research institutions in Scotland. A particularly useful section provides advice for conducting research from outside the country, which is probably the case for most genealogists.

Alwyn writes well, as befits his background as a former journalist and freelance writer. Although well-organized, the book suffers from the lack of an index, a rather glaring omission in any modern nonfiction volume. There are a number of useful appendices, although a list of search costs at the main Scottish government record repository, New Register House, would seem superfluous, given the rapid changes in prices. An appendix listing the names and addresses of the various record sources mentioned in the text would have been of more lasting value, especially without an index.

Nevertheless, Scottish Roots is a fine introduction to Scottish genealogy, particularly for those fortunate enough to travel to the "old country".

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.

AFRO-AMERICAN. Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. Vol. 1, No. 1, Summer, 1980 - current. Gift of Marcia Eisenberg and the AAH&GS.

BRAYTON. Brayton Family History. By Clifford Ross Brayton, Jr. Vol. II, 1982. vii & 629 pp., index. \$35. Write: The Author, P.O. Box 4848, Rochester, NY 14612

MASSACHUSETTS State Census for Berkshire County, 1855 & 1865. 1 microfilm reel each census. Gift of Ken & Thelma Wells.

MORRISON. Morrison-Wells and Nelson-Watson Families and Collateral Lines. By Dorothy Nelson Grant. 15 pp., illus., index. \$14. Write: The Author, 2635 Central Park Ave., Evanston, ILL. 60201.

OGBURN. A Collection of Genealogical Information about the Ogburn Family in the United States. By Fielding & Patricia Ogburn, 1981. 314 pp., index. Write: Fielding Ogburn, 11 Lakeside, Rockville, MD. 20850

RISING. Genealogy Rising Families of America, 1635-1981. By Gale J. Banner, ed., 1981. Burlington, MA. Goodway Graphics of Mass., Inc. ix & 593 pp., illus., charts, maps, index. Write: The Editor, 193 Dalton Rd., Belmont, MA. 02178.

RUGG. Rugg-Holt Genealogies. By Mary Rugg Dobbins, 1981. 217 pp., illus., indexed. \$22. Write: The Compiler, Rt. 6, Box 15A, Booneville, MS. 38829

STORRS. The Storrs-Moulton-Smith Connection. By Storrs Hurlbut Smith, Jr., 1981. 69 pp., index. \$5. Write: Jessamine S. Herbst, 3500-32 West Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA. 90305.

TABOR. A Tabor Saga. By Clifford Clark Tabor & Brian Howard Tabor. Asheville, NC: Biltmore Press, 1981. 325 pp., illus., maps, index. \$18. Write: C.C. Tabor, 92 Botany Dr., Asheville, NC. 28805

THOMPSON Thompson Twigs. By Marie Thompson Eberle, 1981. 188 pp., illus., index. \$12. Write: The Author, 2 Brookside Court, Edwardsville, ILL. 62025.

VAUGHAN. George Vaughan of Middleboro, Mass. and Some of His Descendants. By Agnes Vaughan Woods. 27 pp. \$2.00. Write: H.M. Karkos, Box 501, Wilton, Maine.

WELLS. Wells Cemetery Inscriptions, Rutland County, Vermont. By Margaret R. Jenks. 35 pp., illus., map, index. \$7. Write: The Author, 12727 No. East 116th Lane, F8, Kirkland, WA. 98033.

WHITE. John White of Otsego County, New York, 1756-1843, Patriot and Pioneer. By Elnore White Farquhar. 54 pp., illus., maps, charts, notes, biblio, typescript. \$12.50. Write: The Author, 10440 Apache Rd., Richmond, Virginia 23235

QUERIES ? ? ?

WILLIAMS Samuel Williams b 1746 Plainfield CT, s of Samuel & Dorkas (Cleveland) Williams, d New Marlborough 1791 w Hannah, Olive & Huldah. Need their surnames.
Reply to James O Schuyler 898 Cordilleras Av
San Carlos CA 94070

BIRCHARD BURCHARD David Birchard b ca 1754, d New Marlboro MA 2Aug1825
Need his bp, par., & maiden name of w.
Reply to Frank J Kelly, PO Box 302 Lee MA 01238

BISSELL Israel Bissell Need desc. who went west.
Reply to Doris Amsbury, 320 Jones St MtClemens
MI 48043

DIMMICK Andrew J Dimmick b 1830 NY. m Euphracia -- b PA
Poss. rel to Mary Dimmick who m Solan Ellis in
Ashfield MA. Seek p of Andrew & Euphracia.
Theophilus Dimmick b 1760 Falmouth MA d 1813
Catskill Seek his ch.
Reply to Helen M Powell PO Box 288
Pittsfield MA 01202

SAXTON James Saxton & w Abelenah (Gilbert) came to Sheffield
MA prior to 1739. Their s Jasper b 14Feb1739
m Martha ? in Sheffield. Seek info on Martha, James,
& belenah.
Reply to Harvey H McIntyre 12 Ashlawn Rd.
Malvern PA 19355

McKNIGHT GRISWOLD Louise McKnight b 3Jun1809 MA, d 31Aug1866, Wayne Co
PA m Horace Griswold b 15Nov1800 MA Seek par of
Louise. Seek bdt, bp for Horace, & where m.
Reply to Esther Griswold, 226 East Sixth,
Huthcinson KS 67501

MARTIN WILLIAMS Reuben Martin m Sarah Williams ca 1774 Lanesboro
MA? s Stoddard b Lanesboro MA. Reuben b 1786
Where?
Reply to Betty L Heiss 410-20 Mile Rd
Cedar Springs MI 49319

PATRICIA SAYS --

I am interested in obtaining information on my ancestor,
CLARK HALL, who was born in Windsor MA 27Jan1786, the 8th
child of Asa Hall (1752-1825) and Abigail Converse (1756-
1824). Clark married Elizabeth Parker ca 1806. He died
14Dec1859 in Wheatland, Monroe, New York and is buried next
to Elizabeth in Scottsville Cemetery.

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My primary interest concerns the names and vital statistics for the children of Clark and Betsey (Parker) Hall, but I am also interested in their ancestors. I have a family sheet for Asa Hall and Abigail Converse and their 13 children, and I will be happy to share what information I have.

Additional ancestors:

ASA HALL b 20Mar1752 Plainfield, Windham CT, m ca 1770
d 14Apr1825 Windsor, Berkshire, MA p: John Hall & Jemima Kinney Read
JOHN HALL m Jemima Kinney Read 6Jun1749 (she m Silas Read 15May1746) His p: Samuel Hall & Abigail Fellows
SAMUEL HALL b 1693?? m 4Jan1720/21; d 5Nov1770 Plainfield CT
Abigail Fellows b 13May1701 Plainfield CT

Some of the above information came from the CONVERSE FAMILY some from the New London County Historical Society, 11 Blinman St., New London, CT 06320

I do research in Trinity County, California, if any of your members had ancestors who went to Californic during the Gold Rush. Weaverville, county seat of Trinity County, was founded in July 1850, and the records are good, and many have been indexed. I share that information which I have.

Submitted by: Patricia Johnsen Hicks (Mrs Frank E., Jr)
PO Box 370, Weaverville CA 96093

Children & Genealogy -

I had an interesting experience this fall, which involved working with a group of eight, nine and ten year old children on learning something about Genealogy. We worked one-hour sessions, four days a week for nine weeks. Several different activities related to Genealogy were used to maintain the interest for such a long period of time. The children had not heard the word, Genealogy, let alone knowing what it meant.

The first session was spent discussing the meaning, giving examples and explaining some of the projects they would be working on. Their first assignment was to get the address of the grandparents. I had a booklet of spirit master, titled Finding your Roots, which was filled with sheets to be used to gather information about the grandparents' background. We also decided to ask the grandparents to send a photo, a copy of a favorite recipe, most enjoyable vacation spot, favorite color, etc.

After the children had written to the grandparents, stressing an immediate reply, they were ready to make a very attractive cover for a booklet to keep the collection of information pages in.

Each child then filled in a page about their own life, as well as an "Interest Profile" telling about things they have done at certain ages, and things they hope to do in the future.

The next step was to take home an "In-Depth Interview" sheet for each parent. The child was to do the interviewing, but in most cases the parent found it easier to fill in the sheet. I then had to be sure to read the new material to the children, making sure they were aware of certain facts about their parents.

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"CHILDREN & GENEALOGY" -continued-

As letters were returned from the grandparents each child had to make a map showing where they were born as well as the parents and grandparents. It was a thrill when the letters were received to learn that many of the great grandparents had been born in Russia, Poland, Rumania and Austria. It was possible to include an interesting and meaningful Geography lesson.

At this point of activity we were responsible for presenting some type of display related to Genealogy. The group decided they wanted to make a family tree which would look like a real tree. Our beautiful fall weather gave us a chance to spend an afternoon surrounded by many trees to be sketched.

Another project of interest was looking at several books of family Coats of Arms. Each child proceeded to design his or her own Coat of Arms using symbols they were especially interested in. The drawings were then transferred onto clay.

On niceafternoon we walked to the Westlawn Cemetery in Williamstown, so everyone could see and copy the actual types of information to be gained from checking gravestones. We were fortunate to be in the oldest section of the cemetery, where some of Williamstown's first families had been buried. the children were able to see for the first time, beautiful etchings and engravings that were still clear and legible.

I managed to borrow several books that traced family names and meanings. We spent some time trying to trace each child's name and we had success in most cases. They had some idea of how difficult it is to find a family name due to changes through the generations.

At the end of the nine weeks we discussed the various activities they had worked on. Following the letters from the grandparents, the cemetery trip seemed to be the most enjoyable projects of all. In spite of problems that we encountered, some of the children had assembled interesting, complete information through three generations. My intentions were to create enough interest, so later in life they can add to their collection they now have with pride in their family and heritage.

EXAMPLES FROM WORKSHEETS:

How can you go about finding your roots?
Why should you?

Ask yourself these questions:

How am I like those around me?

How am I different?

How have the people who have gone before me contributed to me as a unique individual today?

What will I pass on to those who will follow me?

HOW TO BEGIN:

You'll need to put together the things you know about now, and then add to your knowledge with research and interviews.

****You may run into some problems: your investigation can't possibly be complete; fill in all the information you do find; that's all a historian can do, no matter what his sources.

If you are adopted and cant locate biological parents, fill in those facts regarding those people you live with.

When you are ready for in-depth interviews about your close relatives, start with parents, then refer to other relatives.

--Submitted by: Dot Seney Williamstown MA

FAMILY HISTORY - CANADIAN STYLE

Last July, Edna Garnett and I started out for our Elder-hostel experience in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Our goal was a course in Family History using the provincial archives at the University of New Brunswick.

Our first stop was at Dover, New Hampshire, in the town library.. Edna was researching the Varney family and there was much material there on the Varneys of Dover NH and Salmon River, and the Berwicks in Maine, just across the river.

We left Sautrday morning and drove up Route 95 to Lincoln, Maine, on the Penobscot River. Next morning, we continued on to Houlton, Maine, and over into New Brunswick at Woodstock, then along the St. John River valley on Trans-Canada Route #2 into Frederickton. At the Lady Beaverbrook Residence where we were to stay the week, a huge ELDERHOSTEL banner over the doorway greeted us.

The charter of the University of New Brunswick was drafted in 1785, modelled on the King's college, New York, and shares with the Univ. of Georgia the distinction of being the first provincial or state institution of higher learning in North America. The beautiful Old Arts Building is the oldest university building still in use in Canada, and dates from 1829. . . . Our two courses in addition to the Family History and Woodlot Management Operations courses were in the Forestry Building and Historic Homes (Buildings) in Fredericton. The Lady Beaverbrook Residence is a lovely old ivy-covered brick building with a clock tower (the clock never struck the right hour). Besides our classes and scheduled evening programs there were shops, sightseeing, harness racing, art shows, museums, Farmers Market, and the beautiful countryside.

On Friday, we were taken to King's Landing, a living historical settlement, a 300 acre riverside site which was a meticulous restoration in the St John River Valley, 1790 - 1870. Sixty buildings are original ones, moved intact and placed in surroundings closely resembling their original locations. We saw the saw mill, which operated by water power, farm animals raised for food, and vegetable gardens which feed the people who live there. Also shown were the carding of wool, weaving, cooking and baking over the open fireplaces.

We took a 2 hour drive to the Mactaquac hydro-electric plant, the dam spanning the St John River, and up into the forests which form about 90% of the land in New Brunswick. From our course, we came to appreciate the problems of managing such immense reaches of forest.

Our course relating to the old homes, and buildings of Fredericton was of interest. Many of the original buildings had burned. The present city Hall was built in 1870 on the ashes of the previous one, and its location is called Phoenix Square.

Our Family History course was taught by Dr Robert F Fellows, a well-know archivist, and author of the book on researching ancestors in New Brunswick (see bibliography). This class was fun, and absorbing -- even for those who had never thought about doing their family's history. By the end of the week they were as enthusiastic about the subject as the rest of the class. Each morn ng was started with cartoons projected on a screen. These were from a book "They Died Laughing" Some of the Epitaphs were:.

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"FAMILY HISTORY - CANADIAN STYLE" - continued -

"Here lies an atheist - all dressed up and no place to go."

"Jolly Green Giant - Rest in Peas"

"Ludwig VonBeethoven -- De-composing"

Another one (spelling error) "He ass-ended into heaven"

GOOD IDEAS, AND POINTS TO REMEMBER FROM DR. BOB

A. All of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were called Nova Scotia until 1784, when Fredericton became the capitol of New Brunswick.

B. Do not put ink on back of pictures (do not use rubber stamp, either.)

C. Do not put scotch tape on any original documents.

D. Keep photographs carefully -- away from heat and dampness, etc.

E. Zerox will last 75 - 100 years.

F. Keep in mind that boundaries changed (or were in dispute) country, county and township. Look in records of neighboring areas, also.

G. When the Crown (in Canada) issued land grants, biographical data was included - sometimes the names of wife and children were included.

H. At a cemetery (remember many were buried on their own land) - if taking a photo, outline with chalk. Clean letters with a potato brush.

We left Fredericton and arrived in St. Johns about noon. My grandfather was born here, and I was particularly interested in the city. We went to the New Brunswick Museum, where there was genealogy material, including census books. King's Square is laid out to simulate the British flag. This was the end of Loyalist week and a log cabin had been built at the square, and auctioned off that morning.

I found in Fredericton that my paternal great-grandmother who was married and died in St. Johns, was born in Eastport, Maine. The border here was in dispute for a long time and the people themselves didn't always know which country they were in. Her brother fought in the Civil War, and was a Confederate prisoner at Libby prison. I assume they were U.S. citizens, although I haven't found the record of their births. Edna found two Varney families in Eastport, and we visited them, and discovered they had mutual ancestors.

Next, we spent a day at the Maine State Archives, in Augusta. Later, we also stopped at the Concord N.H. archives. From Concord, we drove across New Hampshire and across Vermont and so home, down through Williamstown. All in all, this was a very exciting trip in which we combined family visits, family research, new sights and sounds, history and new contacts plus an invaluable lesson in archive research.

REFERENCES: "Researching Your Ancestors in New Brunswick"

pub-Robert Fellows, Historical Pub., 119 Moss Av

Fredericton, N.B. Canada E3A 2G2

"New Brunswick, A History 1784-1867" W.S. MacNutt

"Atlantic Provinces, Emergence of Colonial

Society 1712 - 1857" by W.S. MacNutt

Submitted by: Mrs. M. L. Stark, Berkshire Trailer Park (D-3)
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INSCRIPTION

While at a yard sale this summer my daughter purchased "The Civil War in Song and Story" by Frank Moore. In the front of the book is an inscription that I have copied as written hoping it will be of help to someone. As I also have Shermans in my line she was quite elated when she found the book.

Top of page, in ink - Frank Sherman

Rest in pencil - Daniel W Sherman Milltown Calais Maine

I Enlisted 1st with Fred Granger to go in 9th Me - My Father took me away as the steamer was leaving Calais in Aug 1861 in Sept Enlisted with (D?)ySander (A?)umes & Tom Reed of Calais for 1st Me Cavalry. Went to Augusta & did not wigh but 108 & they sent me home & in Oct Enlisted with Capt George Washburn & went in Co K. 12th Me Served (3?) yrs and 2 months Dis Nov 20 1864 Jan 1865 Enlisted in 1st Me Battlion for lone year.

Submitted by: Betty L Heiss 410-20 Mile Rd, Cedar Spr MI 49319

MONEY TALKED in the Revolutionary days-as it does today!
The following was taken from the early records of Sheffield

1780 Berkshire ss. To Either of the Constables of the town
of Sheffield - Greetings.

June 16th In the name of the people of Massachusetts Bay you
are hereby required fourthwith to warn all the male
inhabitants of said town from twenty one years old and
upward to Meet at the Meeting house of said town on
forgoing the Sixteenth day of June Currant at one
o'clock afternoon to act on the following articles (viz).

first to Chose a moderator to Regulate the Meeting

2ly to see if the town will come into some proper and Just
Method to raise their Cota of men to serve in the Contin-
ental army for the term of six months as is required by
this State and Choose a Com^der for the same also to
transact any other Business Proper to be acted at the
Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make on return of this warrent
with your Doings thereon to us at the time and place
above mentioned given under our hand and seal this
thirteenth day of June 1780.

Berkshire ss June
Sixteenth 1780

Augustus Austin } Selectmen of
Euphraim Kellog } Sheffield
Elisha Ensign }

In obedience to the within
we have warned and
given notice to the
freeholders and

David Collender } Constables of
Prince Winslow } Sheffield

other inhabitants of the town of Sheffield to meet at the
time and place within mentioned.

A REPORT OF THE TOWN MEETING FOLLOWS
ON THE NEXT PAGE.

"MONEY TALKS" -continued-

June 16 On a legal town meeting held in Sheffield June 16 1780
Col. Aaron Root was chosen Moderator

At the same meeting voted to raise a sum of money to
Encourage any man to Engage in the Continental Service
for six months

Voted to Chose a Committee to hire the Cota of men
required by the Gen^l Court of this town for the term of
six months with Discretionary orders to serve in the Contin-
ental army.

Voted that the number of the Com^{tt} shall consist of nine
men three from each Company.

Voted that the Commissioned officers be a Com^{tt} to hire
the men above mentioned. Also voted that there be three
men out of each Company toact in conjunction with the officers
in hiring the men and Zack: Goodrich Zerdoc Lomis
John Westover Jrⁿ Samuel Bush Corp^l Fellows Dan Raymond
Nath^l Owen David Benton Frederick Saxton be a committee
for the above said purpose.

Voted that the Commissioned officers of the ___ Company with
Joseph Collender and Jonathan Hubbard be joined to the
___ Com^{tte} to agree with some satiable men to serve as
soldiers in the Continental army.

Voted that this Com^{tte} make report at the next town
meeting & then

Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Wednesday at one
of the clock afternoon.

June Meet according to adjournment

21 Col Root Moderator - the above mentioned Com^{tte} reported
1780 that men may be procured for fourty shilling pr. month
Silver money or paper money equivalent in addition to the
State pay to serve six months in the Continental army

then voted to adjourn this meeting to Wednesday the 28 day
instant at one oclock afternoon.

Accordingly it was adjourned.

Submitted by: Mrs R P Davis 9 Navin Ave, Lee MA 01238

SYRACUSE NATURALIZATIONS

We hear naturalizations have been performed in
Syracuse since about 1802
A local researcher put two books together from individual
records stored in the County Clerk's Office. The same informa-
tion is believed to be on film in the Photostat Dept Unfort-
unately, they contain only dates and sponsors from 1802 to
1859.

From 1860, naturalizations are in a ledger in the
Naturalization Office in the Onondago County Clerk's Office

Submitted by: A.M.O'Connor

THE POPE AND MY EXTENDED MATERNAL FAMILY

The city of Meriden, New Haven County, CT., USA is the birthplace and youthful home of my mother, Mary Agnes (Mik) Maciora. She was the ninth child of ten children born to Ignatius Michael Mik (b. Oct. 7, 1887 in Wisniowa, Ropczyce, Rzeszow, Poland - d. Sept 2, 1956 in Meriden Ct., USA) the son of Jan (April 6, 1854 - Oct 21, 1922) and Teresa (Medrygal) Mik and Helen Elizabeth (By(u)kowski) Mik 9b. May 29, 1887 in Rozanka, Strzyzow, Rzeszow, Poland - d. Sept 26, 1957 in Meriden CT, USA) Ignatius Mik arrived in New York, NY on Dec 28, 1906 and Helen arrived also in New York on Nov 8, 1905 and both settled in Meriden CT. Her grandparents were married at St. Stanislaus', Bishop and Martyr, R. C. Church in Meriden, CT on October 15, 1907 by Rev. John L. Ceppa. Fr. Ceppa became a Monsignor in 1945, and was Pastor of the parish. There have been 43 descendants in three generations of the Mik family to date.

Our story lies in the southeastern province of Rzeszow, Poland, in the small village of Rozanka. My grandmother, Helen was the daughter of Jozef and Anna (Cierpial) Bykowski. When Helen was 6 years old, her mother, Anna, died on Nov 7, 1893 at age 28. Shortly afterward Jozef remarried to a woman named Karolina. They had four children and the living conditions were close at the time. At this time there were at least six children as Helen had a younger brother and two adults in a small cottage. In 1905 Helen turned 18 years old and it was decided that she should go to her paternal uncle in Meriden, CT., USA and start a life for herself there as Poland offered few opportunities at the time. This section of Poland called Galicia was controlled by Austria, though politically freer, it was poor. Helen's half-sister, Maria (Bykowska) Jurasz who remained in Poland occasionally corresponded with her. Maria had a daughter, Janina, who was born in 1931 and she maintained correspondence with the family. My maternal Aunt Katherine Mary (Mik) Astramowicz gave me Janina's address in May 1976 and I started writing to her. My half first cousin once removed is named Janina (Jurasz) Klosowicz, her husband is Tadeusz Klosowicz and they live in the village of Kobyle, 38-130 Frysztak, Province of Rzeszow, Poland.

From July 10 - August 7, 1980, I attended the Kosciuszko Foundation-Jagiellonian University Summer Session in Krakow, Poland. Krakow is in southern Poland and ancient capital of the Polish nation from 1013 - March 18, 1596. Among the relatives, I stayed at the Klosowicz home in Kobyle for four days and grew close to them.

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The Pope and my family -- continued
 Tadeusz and Janina (Jurasz) Klosowicz had three daughters whose names are: Krystyna (b. 1955), Zofia (b. 1956) and Marta (b. 1957). Krystyna and Zofia are teachers and Marta works in the Foreign Currency Department of the Bank of Poland in Strzyzow. Both Krystyna and Zofia attended a Teachers University in Krakow. While there Krystyna met a man named Tadeusz Lepiarski, a resident of Krakow, Poland's third largest city (approx. 715,000 inhabitants in 1980). He is a tramcar repairman and mechanic and very industrious. Tadeusz and Krystyna (Klosowicz) Lepiarski were married in May 1978 at St. Florian's R. C. Church that was built in 1184 and rebuilt in 1680. Pope John Paul II served there as an assistant pastor from 1948 - 1951. The Lepiarskis have a son named Konrad who was born in March 1979. Krystyna is presently teaching Polish Language and Literature to High School students in Krakow.

The Lepiarski family have been residents of Krakow for over 200 years and have lived at ulica Katowa 4 for about 75 years. Their 3½ room apartment is only a ten minute walk from the cmentarz Rakosicki (Kakowicki Cemetery). On Tuesday evening, July 29, 1980 Tadeusz, Krystyna, Konrad Lepiarski and I went to the cemetery which is the second largest in Poland and first communal cemetery in Krakow established in 1803. This is a peaceful and quiet setting though there is an expressway nearby. Many Poles were there that evening walking around and visiting graves of family. There are many large and old green trees which offer a great deal of shade. There are many historic and interesting designed tombstones here. Numerous Poles earthly remains are laid to rest here. Some notables are: Henryk Jordan (1842 - 1907), a physician and founder of a park in Krakow, Juliusz (1824 - 99) and Wojciech (1857 - 1942), father and son who were renowned painters of battle and hunt scenes. Jan Matejko (1838 - 93) one of the greatest painters of Polish historical scenes. The chemist, Karol Olszewski (1846 - 1915) and his partner the physicist, Aygmunt F Wroblewski (1845 - 88) and Helena Modrzejewska (1844 - 1909) a Polish and American actress who died in California. In the 1870 - 1890s she was an outstanding Shakespearean actress who appeared throughout the country.

Of contemporary and special significance, is the Wojtyla-Kaczorowski family vault, where the remains of the Pope's family are. Pope John Paul II's father, Karol Wojtyla 9 (b. Aug 18, 1879 - d. Feb 18, 1941), his mother, Emilia (Kaczorowska) Wojtyla (b. Mar 27, 1884 - d. Apr 13, 1929) and his brother, Dr. Edmund Wojtla (Dec 27, 1906 - d. July 4, 1933) and other members of the Kaczorowski family are interred here. It is a source of pride and live for many Poles and there is a sea of memorial candles and flowers at this location. With reverence I Prayed by the monument and thought of the marvelous, intelligent, peaceloving and popular Pope whose family was here.

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The Pope and my family -- continued.

I left the cemetery that night with a feeling of deep gratitude to God for my being a Polish-American, and to have such sincere and warm cousins in Poland as family members. Our common ancestor, my great grandfather, Jozef Bykowski (b. Nov 25, 1849 - d. Sept 30, 1916 both in Rozanka, Strzyzow, Rzeszow, Poland) probably never thought of my grandparents and parents who gave me my life and identity.

It is with great interest and joy that I follow the excursions of the Pope, John Paul II. I was so pleased with the warm reception which the Pope was recently accorded in Great Britain and Argentina. When I see him I remember that evening and my relatives back in Poland and I hope that freedom and stability will return to the Polish nation soon. May the Pope's prayers help his native Poland return to a fuller and happier life, which he exemplifies.

Submitted by Joseph G. V. Maciora
Pittsfield, Mass June 18, 1982

ANNUAL BLUE REUNION

The BLUE REUNION was held July 25, 1982 at the American Legion Hall near Pleasant Hill, Louisiana. To receive information on the 1983 reunion, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Angie Blue
2703 South Grand
Monroe, Louisiana 71202.

A LETTER



Dear Laura,

You ask for information about your grandparents on your father's side. They had a hard life but a fruitful one.

I am 85 now and still able to "do" for myself. I wish I could do more for others. God has been good to me.

John Cole was one of 14 children born on a boat bound from Kingston, Canada to Oswego, NY. At nine years of age his father "bound him out". Unhappy he ran away. John asked a sea Captain in Oswego for a job. He was "hired on" and left without telling his father.

He was gone 3 years. He visited England, Scotland and Wales. He sailed a 2nd time with the same Captain for another 3-1/2 years. Now almost 16 and in young manhood he left for his third sea trip.

When he returned to Oswego he found his people had moved. He worked in the locks between the lakes until the first freight train was ready to go from Albany NY to Springfield, MA. Then as a brake man he made the run to Springfield.

Men were talking about the war between the North and South. A regiment was forming in Pittsfield at Park Square. Father enlisted into the 37th regiment. He was in battle most of the time and at the battle of the Wilderness was one of the few survivors. He had been left for dead but was found and taken to a field hospital. He was transferred to a regiment of Becket men.

At the close of the war he came to Becket with his comrades and that is how Father and Mother came together. Many of Father's old comrades visited and talked over the Civil war.

Caroline J. Parker married James Madison Chaffee. They had 3 boys and 1 girl; Chancy, Daniel, Ellen C, and Frank Lester.

Your grandmother Cole's maiden name was Ellen Charlotte Chaffee Cole; daughter of Caroline I. Parker from Lenox. John Cole and Ellen Chaffee were married in Washington MA in June of 1867. They had seven children::

John Madison Cole	b May 19, 1867
Laura Huldah Cole	b April 1869
Charles Edgar Cole	b July 27, 1870
Fred Leroy Cole	b Dec 24, 1871
George Barnes Cole	b July 8, 1873
Ellen Agnes Cole (letter writer)	b May 11, 1876
Lena Lavina Cole	b July, 1878

Mother was a school teacher in Becket when she met my Father, an honorably discharged Civil War veteran. The school house still stands but has been converted into a dwelling. From that land you can see Yokem Pond -- two seasons.

DANIEL has two children; James and Ida. Ida married Win Decker. They adopted a cousin of Ida's. She married Frank Schlafer.

CHANCY had one daughter

FRANK had one son

Grandfather James Madison Chaffee was from England. He and his brother were among a ship-load of men sent here to help settle this country. They were anchored outside what is now Boston. While the officers went to town twenty men jumped overboard. Grandfather and a brother swam to land but had to separate and went their way alone. Grandfather Chaffee came to Becket and built a house where it still stands. His family was born there and both grandparents died there.

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"A LETTER" -continued

Through Mother's efforts it was found that my father John Cole was entitled to both pension and back pay from the army. With a sizeable amount of cash they bought a farm, horses and cows and started life again out of debt.

You know Mother was a teacher but father did not have any education, only one or 2 years. He could not read or write only what we as children helped him to write his name.

I believe you know the rest -- as you and your people often came to the farm when you were small.

Love and best to you both
Aunt Nellie

NOTE

Copy of edited letter written May 28, 1961 by Ellen Cole McQuatt of Pittsfield to Laura Cole Bosworth of Holyoke MA

Submitted by:

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY LIBRARIES

As an aid to members we will briefly outline the genealogical facilities available in the Libraries in the various towns of Berkshire County. If it proves helpful and of interest we could cover each city and town.

LEE LIBRARY, Main Street Lee - Miss Betty Dennis, Librarian

In the Lee Library the Genealogy Department is down-stairs one must ask at the desk for the key. In the pleasant basement rooms one finds all the genealogy and related books and the machine for reading microfilm and microfiche.

One of the most unusual items is a book by D M Wilcox on "Gravestone Inscriptions, Lee, Mass". It included all gravestone inscriptions found in Lee Fairmont Cemetery and the South Lee Cemetery until 1850. There are also many fine photographs of the old decorative stones. Today some of these stones have disappeared or become illegible, making the book invaluable to the researcher. Good index, too.

The local newspaper the "Berkshire Gleaner" printed in Lee from 1856 to 1944 is available - all completely bound in books and on microfilm. The paper often included news from the surrounding towns. There is a hand-written Index for a part of this collection.

There are separate genealogy books on the following Lee families: Bosworth, Bradley, Dall'Ava, Field (2 vol.), Foote, Hopkins, Hurlbut, Kent, Nye, Perkins, Phelps, Shannon, Smith, Stevens, Street, Usher, and Washburn. Also "Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families" 2 vol. (many from Barnstable settled in Lee after the Revolution.)

Other pertinent Lee items -- All the Lee yearly Town Reports from 1777 to the present day 1982. Beginning in 1886 these Reports included the town's Vital Statistics. The Lee School records and Lee Directories to 1968. The three histories of Lee by Hyde, Gale and Consolati respectively.

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"Lee Vital Records to 1850" - nearly every town library in Massachusetts has some copies of the "Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850" Series. A separate book was printed for each town. These books, printed in 1900, originally included almost all cities and towns in Massachusetts. They included the birth, marriage and death records taken from town, church, and gravestone records. In Lee you will find 222 of these original brown books - a large collection.

Church records? All the Lee Methodist Church records are here. Also early Congregational Church records to 1801.

The leather bound Guest Registers of the Morgan House reveal many illustrious names. The Registers are all here from 1867.

A fund of information could be gleaned from the Old Picture File. Here old pictures of Lee people, activities and buildings (many donated during the Bicentennial), reveal the life of yesteryear.

Socm to be completed -- a copy of the Massachusetts Historical Commission's "Historic Site Inventory of Lee 1982".

There are many other fine reference books on Berkshire County, Mass. Pilgrims, Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors of Revolution Series, Civil War Soldiers, Sailors & Marine Series, the D.A.R. Lineage books to 1979 and many other fine volumes too numerous to mention.

Lee Library hours: Tues - Fri 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat 10 AM - 2 PM

Evenings Tues & Thurs 7 PM to 9 PM

Charlotte Davis will continue to visit libraries and librarians. Next issue Sheffield Library. Meanwhile, if you have any questions she will be glad to help you where possible.

Submitted by:

Mrs Richard Davis 9 Navin Ave Lee MA 01238

KINGSLEY & WHITE families

By Silas Kingsley 1st
1842, in the 70th
year of his age

Silas is Father of Silas Kingsley and
grandfather of Spencer S Kingsley.

To my children:-

Our ancestors, agreeable to the investigation of Professor J.L.Kingsley, LL.D. of New Haven, as furnished me by the Rev. Phineas Kingsley of East Sheldon, Vt. -

1st. - Two brothers named John and Stephen emigrated from Hampshire County, England, before or in the year 1638. John, who is our ancestor, had three sons: John, Samuel and Eldad. Eldad's birth is recoreded in Dorchester, Mass., the year before mentioned. Probably the others were born in England.

John son of the first John, was one of the original proprietors of Tauntaon, Mass. He, with his brothers above mentioned, settled in that part of Tauntaon afterwards called Swanzy.

John supposed to be a son of the second John, and grandson of the first, was born in Swanzy and lived there forty years, and then with a numerous family, moved to Windham, Conn. and settled in Scotland Parish. He died March 17th, 1733, aged 68 years. Eight children survived him, viz., John, Josiah, Amos, Eldad, Elizabeth, Tabitha and Lydia. Josiah and Amos were twins. Amos was my grandfather. He married Ruth Adams of Canterbury CT

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June 12, 1723. Isiah, their first son, was born June 11, 1725. Nathaniel, John, Amos, Samuel, Joseph, Elijah and daughters Alice, Abiah, Ruth. Amos was my father. He married Mary Wadsworth, whose father (Jonathan Wadsworth) moved from Norwich, Conn to Becket, but was originally from Massachusetts. He married Rebecca Davenport of Mendon, Mass. I know but little of the ancestors of the Wadsworth family. I think I have heard that my grandfather's father or grandfather was a captain in the Indian War, and was killed by the Indians. There was a Benjamin Wadsworth, a minister in Boston, a relative (cousin I believe). He made my grandfather a present of a silver spoon, on the handle of which was inscribed B.W. to J. W., which I have seen and ate from many a time, and which I suppose Lawton Wadsworth now has. The Davenports were wealthy. Seth, brother to Grandma especially (whom I have seen). My mother I think was the oldest of the family. Her name was Mary. Mary, Benjamin, Joseph, Jonathan, Stephen, Jabez, Seth, Rebekah, Elizabeth, Sarah. Joseph died young, left one child, and one born soon after her decease. The rest all lived and all except one died in Becket. They were all respectable farmers, but had no high sounding titles. Seth, the youngest of the family, died in Ohio in 1840, aged 75 years. Rebecca married Oliver Snow, and died in her confinement of her fifth child, in the meridian of life. Elizabeth married Asa Snow, brother to Oliver, and is now the only survivor of the family. Sarah married Enos Kingsley.

My father's sisters: Ruth married Elisha Rudd, Alice Nathaniel Rudd, Abiah Henry Vitts, she left no child. The others did. Most had large families, both W's and K's. Among all of our ancestors I know of no high, worldly honors of distinction, but most, if not all, in the immediate line of the Kingsleys were considered pious. My grandfather was eminently so, as I well remember.

Dr. Oliver Brewster, who was a native of Connecticut, in the midst of our relatives of that name said to me, that there were the most pious persons of that name of any other he was acquainted with according to their numbers, and they were numerous there. About forty years ago I was introduced to an aged gentleman of wealth and respectability, who lived in Lebanon, Conn., where my uncle Joseph Kingsley and several of his children then lived, and most of the name were numerous in that and the neighboring towns. He observed that here was something peculiar in regard to those of that name. "He never knew one rich, and he never knew one very poor". Perhaps some of their pious ancestors had adopted Aarur's prayer in behalf of themselves and posterity. Your mother, Anne White, was born in Western, Mass. June 21, 1774, but soon was brought with the rest of the family to Glasgo, now Blondford, the native place of her mother, whose parents were among the first settlers of the place, which were principally respectable protestant families from Ireland. Her father's name was Cannon, and I believe a deacon of the Presbyterian Church. She was herself a member of that church, and considered eminently pious. Your mother's father (Dr. John White) was a descendant of Perrigrine White, the first child born at Plymouth before the landing of the "Pilgrim Puritans". The number of generations I do not know. His father came into this town (Chester) in his old age with his son Elijah (who lived and died in Middlefield) died soon and his grave is in the Centre Burying Ground. His father was killed by the Indians in Brookfield, Mass. in one of the Indian Wars. This grave Angelina Lloyd could see from the window of the Academy of the boarding house when at school there.

"KINGSLEY & WHITE FAMILIES" -continued-

Professor Kingsley's great grandfather and my grandfather were brothers. His name was Ezra. Phineas Kingsley is a nephew of the late Deacon Enos Kingsley. His father is of the same name. He lived and died in Rutland, Vt.

Professor Kingsley supposes that all the Kingsleys and Kinsleys in this country sprang from John and Stephen, first mentioned, and that former name was the original. He says nothing concerning the Northampton Kingsleys, which have been numerous for a great many years. I have heard my father speak of them and told the name of their ancestors, which I should think was Moses, and one of those who emigrated from England. The Professor is undoubtedly correct concerning the line of our ancestors.

John Kingsley, born in Hampshire, England, settled in Dorchester, Mass. on or before 1638, was one of the original purchasers of Taunton, Mass.

Eldad's birth is recorded in Dorchester, Mass 1638 - d. 1679. m. Mehitable Morey (or Maurey) 1662. He with his brothers settled in that part of Taunton afterward called Swanzy.

John, born 1665 - d. March 17, 1733, aged 68 years. m. Sarah Sabin 1686. He was born in Swanzy and lived there forty years, and then with a numerous family moved to Windham, Conn. and settled in Scotland Parish. Eight children survived him, viz, John, Josiah, Amos, Ezra, Eldad, Elizabeth, Tabitha and Lydia.

Amos, b. in Swanzy 1696, d. in Becket 1787. m. Ruth Adams June 1, 1723. Their children were Isaac, Nathaniel, John, Amos, Samuel, Joseph, Elijah, Alice, Abiah and Ruth. Ruth m. Elisha Rudd; Alice m. Nathaniel Rudd; Abiah Henry Vitts. She left no children.

Amos married Mary Wadsworth, whose father was Jonathan Wadsworth of Becket, Mass. Their children were Mary, Benjamin, Joseph, Janathan, Stephen, Jabez, Seth, Silas, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Sarah. Seth, the youngest of the family died in Ohio in 1840, aged 75 years. The others, Silas excepted, all lived and died in Becket. Rebecca m. Oliver Snow left 5 children. Elizabeth m. Asa Snow, brother of Oliver. Sarah m. Enos Kingsley.

Mary, b. 1776 - d. 1846. Married Vassall White June 7, 1791. They moved from Becket to Litchfield, N.Y. and he died December 1, 1830. Their children were Vassall, Whitman 1, Whitman 2, Elihah, Amos, Albert, Milton, John, Rebecca, Mary, Sarah, Julia, Amanda, Maria and Sardes.

Vassall White, son of Dr. John White b. June 7, 1761. m Mary Kingsley June 7, 1776; she was b. March 20, 1776. ch: Vassel b Nov 8, 1792; Whitman V White b. June 13, 1794; John White b June 21, 1797; Mary & Rebecca White b. Aug 20, 1803; Albert White b. Oct 1, 1805; Sally Eliza White b. Aug 8, 1807; Milton White b. Nov 15, 1809; Elijah Kingsley White b. Aug 21, 1811; Harmony Amanda White b. May 25, 1813; Julia White b. April 30 1815; Fanny Maria White, b May 14, 1817; Whitman White b. June 13, 1819.

(NOTE) In the paragraph headed "Dr Oliver Brewster", it is stated that "her father's name was Cannon", I believe this should read "her grandfather's name was Cannon". However, the paper was copied exactly as written.
Submitted by:

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BALLOU *from* France ALBEE

My gr gr gr grandmother was Serai Ballou. She was the wife of Eleazer John Albee once of Milford, Mass. I have two books compiled by a Rev. Adin Ballou of that town with the date of ca 1880. He tells of Maruin Ballou and of his early history in Rhode Island. The information I have shows that Serai Ballou's family were of Smithfield, RI. Some time after the Revolution Serai and Eleazer Albee moved to Vermont, probably close to Mr. Tabor. I believe at that time it was called Harwich. A listing in "Branches and Twigs", a bulletin of the Genealogical Society of Vermont, shows an Obadiah Ballou who married Mary Ann Fairchild. He was born in 1730 in RI. It also gives another Obadiah Ballou who married a Desmaris Bartlett. He too was born in Rhode Island, as well as the first Ballou, Obadiah, in 1689. He married in 1717 and died in 1768. The reason I mention this is that I am trying to find out who the parents of Serai Ballou were: since this is included in the Vermont publication I thought perhaps it related to Serai's family.

In the compilations of Rev. Adin Ballou he states that Maturin Ballou left France when the French Huguenots were being put upon. He went to England according to Rev. Ballou, married a Hannah Pike, and then came to the colonies where he appears to have been in Rhode Island ca 1640. The information in the Vermont publication states he was born in England in 1610, married in Rhode Island in 1646 and died in Rhode Island ca 1661. I make mention of this because the two sources do not agree.

There was also a James Ballou who married a Susanna Whitman, that he was born in Rhode Island in 1652, married in 1683, and d ca 1741. The Rev. Ballou does not mention this individual, that is as to dates. He shows that he was descended from Maturin to a James, to a second James, to an Ariel and then to a second Ariel who was his father apparently.

I am wondering if any one in your organization could set me on the right track to look for the ancestors of Serai Ballou Albee.

In this same book of Ballous he shows our Albee family, having been descended from Benjamin Albee who first appears in Braintree in 1641. He was active in the Quinshipaug Plantation, surveyed it and build the first corn-mill there, later Mendon, Mass. From him descended James, Benjamin, Obadia, Eleazer (1), Eleazar (2), my gr gr gr grandfather, who married Serai Ballou. I have the names of their wives, but do not in all instances have last names. This is all continued in Ballou's compilation. A Mercy Shippee was the wife of the first Eleazer, my gr gr gr gr grandfather. I can find no Shippees in Milford, but Eleazaer and Mercy were married in Smithfield RI, Nov 8, 1743 - -
Is there any one that might know the name of Benjamin (1) wife? Mr. Ballou states that it was either Hannah or Sarah.
Submitted by: Ruth B Anderson 2611 Phyllis La, Apt 56
Billings Montana 59102

While in my Junior year (Sept. 1976 - June 1977) at St. Joseph's Central High School in Pittsfield, I served as a library aide under the supervision of Sister Jean Bostley, S.S.J. When my tasks and homework were completed one Autumn day I saw the National Geographic Atlas and perused through it. I came across a detailed map of Poland and was able to locate key locations of my grandparents places of origin. An atlas is a helpful tool when working on one's genealogy.

I have located my grandparent's names on ship passenger lists. My paternal grandfather, Felix F. Maciora arrived in New York, N.Y. on March 26, 1899 and my paternal grandmother, Victoria (Zysk) Maciora, arrived in New York, on Dec. 23, 1902. My maternal grandfather, Ignatius M. Mik, arrived in New York, N.Y. on Dec. 28, 1906 and my maternal grandmother arrived in New York on Nov. 8, 1905. Both pairs of grandparents were married in Connecticut where they first met and grew to know their respective spouses. The below listed locations are where my grandparents were born in Poland:

Paternal side: Grandpa: Charubin, Turosl, Lomza
 Grandma: Bandysie (z), Myszyniec, Ostroleka
 Maternal side: Grandpa: Wisniowa, Ropczyce, Rzeszow
 Grandma: Rozanka, Strzyzow, Rzeszow

I identified the Roman Catholic Church's dioceses where my ancestors were included in parish records and through my cousin's requests to the priest for me and my letters to several diocesan archivists this is the information I have been able to obtain:

Please see charts on following page.

Through perserverance, patience and an atlas I managed to reconstruct my family history. Best wishes to all in their endeavors.

Joseph G. V. Maciora
 Pittsfield, Mass.

Editor's Note: Joe is a 23 year old college student attending Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, CT. He is an avid genealogist and has travelled to Poland (July 10 to August 7, 1980), to see the land of his ancestors. There will be many articles from Joe's "digging".

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The Springfield Library on State Street in Springfield has added to their collection of material for French- Canadian research. There is a pamphlet listing the marriage repetoires Tanguay, Druin, etc that are available there.

The Library also has all the Massachusetts census including Soundex for 1880 & 1900 in the reference department.

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Jan Mik

b. 6 Apr. 1854
m. 17 Nov. 1880
d. 21 Oct. 1922

Ignatius M. Mik

b. Oct. 1887
m. 15 Oct. 1907
d. 2 Sept. 1956

Teresa Medrygal

b. 19 Jan. 1863
d. 21 Dec. 1936

Mother:

Mary A. Mik

b. 17 Nov. 1921
Meriden CT
New Haven Co.

Josef Bykowski

b. 25 Nov. 1849
m. 9 Mar. 1886
d. 30 Sept. 1916

Helen E. Bykowski

b. 29 May 1887
d. 26 Sept. 1957

Anna Cierpial

b. 13 Oct. 1865
d. 7 Nov. 1893

Tomasz Mik

b. 25 Nov. 1824
m. 29 Oct. 1849
d. 27 Jan. 1900

Katarzyna Drelich

b. 16 Nov. 1833
d. 30 Apr. 1917

Josef Medrygal

b. 1834
m.
d. 1895

Katarzyna Ciolkosz

b.
d.

Kazimierz Bykowski

b. 1820
m. 13 Nov. 1843
d. 16 Apr. 1883

Tekla Dedor

b. 1818
d. 7 Dec. 1877

Kazimierz Cierpial

b. 11 Feb. 1837
m. 12 Oct. 1857
d.

Marja Gruszczyńska

b. 27 July 1841
d.

Wojciech Mik

b. 22 Mar. 1796
m. 19 Nov. 1821
d. 25 Feb. 1849
Marianna Szeliga
b. 2 Dec. 1798
d. 29 Dec. 1826

Jakub Drelich

b.
m.
d.
Katarzyna Salamon
b.
d.

b.
m.
d.

b.
d.

b.
m.
d.

b.
d.

Jakub Bykowski

b. 1790
m. 1815
d. 1865
Franciszka
Wojnarowska

b.
d.

Tomasz Dedor

b.
m.

d.

Marianna Szymanska

b.
d.

Kasper Cierpial

b. 1800
m. 1820
d. 1870
Anna Saletnik

b.
d.

Josef Gruszczyński

b. 1820
m.
d. 1875
Magdalena Wilusz

b.
d.

Maternal Line

Maciora, J.G.V.
 89 Palomino Dr.
 Pittsfield, MA 01201

Josef Maciora

b. 1794
 m. 1820
 d. 1870

Josef Maciora

b. 2 Aug. 1836
 m. 1860
 d. Apr. 1915

Marianna Plona

b.
 d.

Felix F. Maciora

b. 18 May 1878
 m. 13 Sept. 1904
 d. 12 Dec. 1952

Zuzanna Lenkiewicz

b.
 d. 1904

Father:

Joseph G. Maciora

b. 18 Aug. 1921
 Middletown CT
 Middlesex Co.

Joseph Zysk

b. 1845
 m. 1875
 d.

Victoria Zysk

b. 1885
 d. 19 July 1940

Marja Biega

b.
 d..

Paternal Line

Continuation of Maternal Line:

Marcian Mik

Wojcieck Mik

1763 - ?
 m. -29 Oct. 1787
 Anna Zuczek
 1764 - ?

Blazej Saletnik

Anna Saletnik

1770 - 1840
 ?

Stanislaw Wilusz

Mivhal Szeliga

Magdalena Wilusz

1785 - 1855

Marianna Szeliga

Apolonia Goles

?

MORE MONTANA

I have enclosed the Albee genealogy insofar as I know it. Incidentally, these books of Ballou's are priceless on these old families who settled originally in the area, Medford, Hopedale, etc. I'd be glad to send you any thing you might want. The books are very fragile, and I don't know if they would stand up under zexing, but I can type off any thing one might want, particularly the early history of the Albee family during the time of King Phillip's wars.

BALLOU

NAME	BP	DATE	MP	DATE	DP	DATE
Rena Louisa (Burns, G.W.)	IA	3/29/1884	IA	1/4/04	IA	5/5/50
N. L. (Ella Crosby)	IA	6/17/1854	IA	10/3/1887	IA	8/14/36
Heman C (Mary Rosin)	VT	1/2/1820	OH	1/2/1841	IA	8/19/1893
Zattu (Mary Chapman)	RI	1/20/1786	VT	2/23/1806	VT	
Eleazer ² (Serai Ballou)			RI		VT	3/3/1831
Eleazer ¹ (Mercy Shippee)	MA		MA	11/8/1743	MA	
Obadiah (Jean ?)	MA	10/25/170?	MA			
Benjamin (Abial ?)	MA	ca 1680	MA	ca 1692	MA	
James (Hannah Cook)	MA	ca 1649	MA	ca 1671	MA	ca 1717
Benjamin (Hannah ?)	ENG					

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Billings MT 59102

RAMBLING

around Berkshire County in December was a pleasure.
No icy roads, no snow and not too cold.

Sheffield was the target for two trips. On the first one we visited Bow Wow Cemetery. Dr. Craig Glenn Gunter has ancestors there. Farley, my black Lab puppy, is a native of Bow Wow Road so he enjoyed our delving into ancestors. Many stones are gone but the cemetery is in excellent condition. I understand Sidney . Curtiss mows and preserves where possible. Snapped a couple of pictures. Cemetery list in the library.

Second trip was with Charlotte Davis who is a fantastic genealogist. We spent the morning in the Town Hall. Natalie Funk, the Town Clerk, was so helpful I cannot find words to describe her kindness and patience with us.

Charlotte Davis did the heavy digging and Natalie xeroxed it and what did I do? I had a ball. Natalie's mother came in and rattled off names and dates while I sat enthralled with the whole thing. Genealogy! Wow!

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The records there and the original sign up sheets for soldiers sent me back in time. Most of the men who signed up had to make a mark; some signed with poor spelling. But they went to war and that's why we are here.

The records in the original books go into great detail. From my short (9 AM to 12 noon) stay there I would say if you have roots in Sheffield try the Town Hall.

My first visit to Sheffield Town Hall was several years ago with the Berkshire County Historical Society. At that time I caught a glimpse of something about Syracuse, New York my home town.

At 1 PM we invaded -- no Charlotte invaded the library. Right away I found cemetery lists and snuck into a corner totally content while Charlotte did the work again. Her library reports are short and to the point but her delving is of the kind that only a master in the art would do. She knows her reference material. She had the Librarian and his assistant on their toes. While she listed their resources. When she finishes all the libraries in Berkshire County she is going to make a master list of all resource material and its availability.

Charlotte is ambitious and efficient. It will be a cracker jack project. Would you believe that out of 400 copies of the Genealogist, Charlotte Davis got the one with a blank sheet where her article should have been in the November issue? I wonder what the odds are? If you have any questions on resources and materials other than that found at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Charlotte Davis of Navin Avenue, Lee, MA, 01238 would be a good contact. She is a docent for the D.A.R. library in Washington D.C. You have the feeling that if it were possible to tap her brain, facts would leak out same as sap from a maple tree.

Marcia Eisenburg is another one of those people you would like to capture, house and feed in a place where only you have access, until you drained all you want and need out of her. Both these women know Washington like I know my toaster. Marcia is Editor of Tree Talks, and hip on Syracuse sources. You can guess why I'd like to capture her.

James Schyler of San Carlos California discovered he has a distant relative in Olive E Slocum in Guilford, Conn. Virginia Siter was contacted by someone in her line. Someone in Penn. sent a Genealogist Quarterly to a woman in Montana who is pursuing the Ballou line in this area. There have been so many cross-overs that I am losing track. Hey you out there please have a Hayes in your line!

At a Christmas sale I saw the name Weller. Out in Colorado Michael Turner is leaving no stone unturned to find Wellers. We managed to bring him into contact with someone in Texas. Will attempt to get pictures of the Weller stone in Pittsfield Cemetery.

At present you can find the Quarterly on file at New York State Library, Albany, NY; Canadian Archives, Ottawa Canada; Syracuse Public Library, Salt Lake City Mormon Library, Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, Williamstown Public Library and in numerous other Genealogical libraries and Societies.

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Stan Moore sometimes I wonder how you feel about this Club that you started. You laid a firm foundation. Do we measure up to your original dreams? Are we more or less than you planned? Stan is a quiet unassuming Norman man. He is a professional genealogist. We salute Stan Moore, our cornerstone.

Now is the time to thank the finest CREW anyone could have assembled and to tell you that every letter you have written was appreciated. Many new and out-of-state friendships have been made and valued immensely. The fun I've had with Vital Statistics and the Quarterly cant be measured. When this issue goes to bed in the Post Office, I will be resigning from B.F.H.A. Thank you for so much fun.

Anne M O'Connor

CITY & TOWN CLERKS IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MA 1981/82

TOWNS	INCORPORATED	CLERKS
Adams 01220	1778	I. Aubrey Scully
Alford 01230	1775	LindaVanDeusen(Mrs Alfred, Jr)
Becket 01223	1765	Karen M Avalue Mrs. Frank)
Cheshire 01225	1793	Ruth L Andrew
Clarksburg 01247	1798	Barbara M Perry (Mrs Fred)
Dalton 01226	1784	Robert G Bartlett
Egremont 01258	1775	Lynn H Wood
Florida 01343	1805	Hedvig A Ileson (Mrs Einar)
Great Barrington 01230	1761	James T Coffee, Jr.
Hancock 01237	1776	Eugene Jones
Hinsdale 01235	1804	Jean D Munn
Lanesboro 01237	1765	Bonnie A Andrews
Lee 01238	1777	John J Nagle
Lenox 01240	1767	Rita T Payson(Mrs Michael A)
Monterey 01245	1847	Suzanne S MacIver
Mt. Washington 12517	1779	Elizabeth M Muller
New Ashford 01237	1835	Carlanne Rancourt (Mrs Philip)
New Marlborough 01244	1775	Margaret W Smith
North Adams 01247	1878	MaryAnn Abuisi, City Clerk
Otis 01253	1810	Rosa M McBride
Peru 01235 (Hinsdale)	1771	Mary M Wheeler
Pittsfield 01201	1761	Francis J Condron, City Clerk
Richmond 01254	1765	Helen L Kingsley
Sandisfield 01255	1762	Flora B Rhodes
Savoy 01256	1797	Carole A Sherman (Mrs Ralph)
Sheffield 01257	1733	Minnie L Markham
Stockbridge 01262	1739	Lillian C Rathbun (Mrs Henry V)
Tyringham 01264	1762	Alice M Hale
Washington 01223	1727	BarbaraAnn Gonzales (Mrs David)
West Stockbridge 01266	1774	Elizabeth Lavalette
Williamstown 01267	1765	Betty F Kovacs(Mrs Henry E)
Windsor 01270	1778	Janet Boody

Submitted by: Peg Owens Box 28 Lanesboro MA 01237

POST SCRIPT

With one expert (Edith Fagley), a half-expert, (Don Baldwin) and two frankly dumb looker-oners - well, one was dumber than the other -- the "other" was Peg Owens, a new and somewhat fancy electric mimeograph we put the Quarterly to bed.

There were plenty of laughs, a few cuss words, but the spirit of cooperation was never higher than with this crew. Bob Faye and Don Baldwin remet after 15 years even though they live within a few blocks from each other

If you see teeth marks holding the paper together its because we didnt get the new stapler for which we had a bake sale in November.

This issue came at a bad time for Mr Lutes, so he couldn't mimeograph for us.

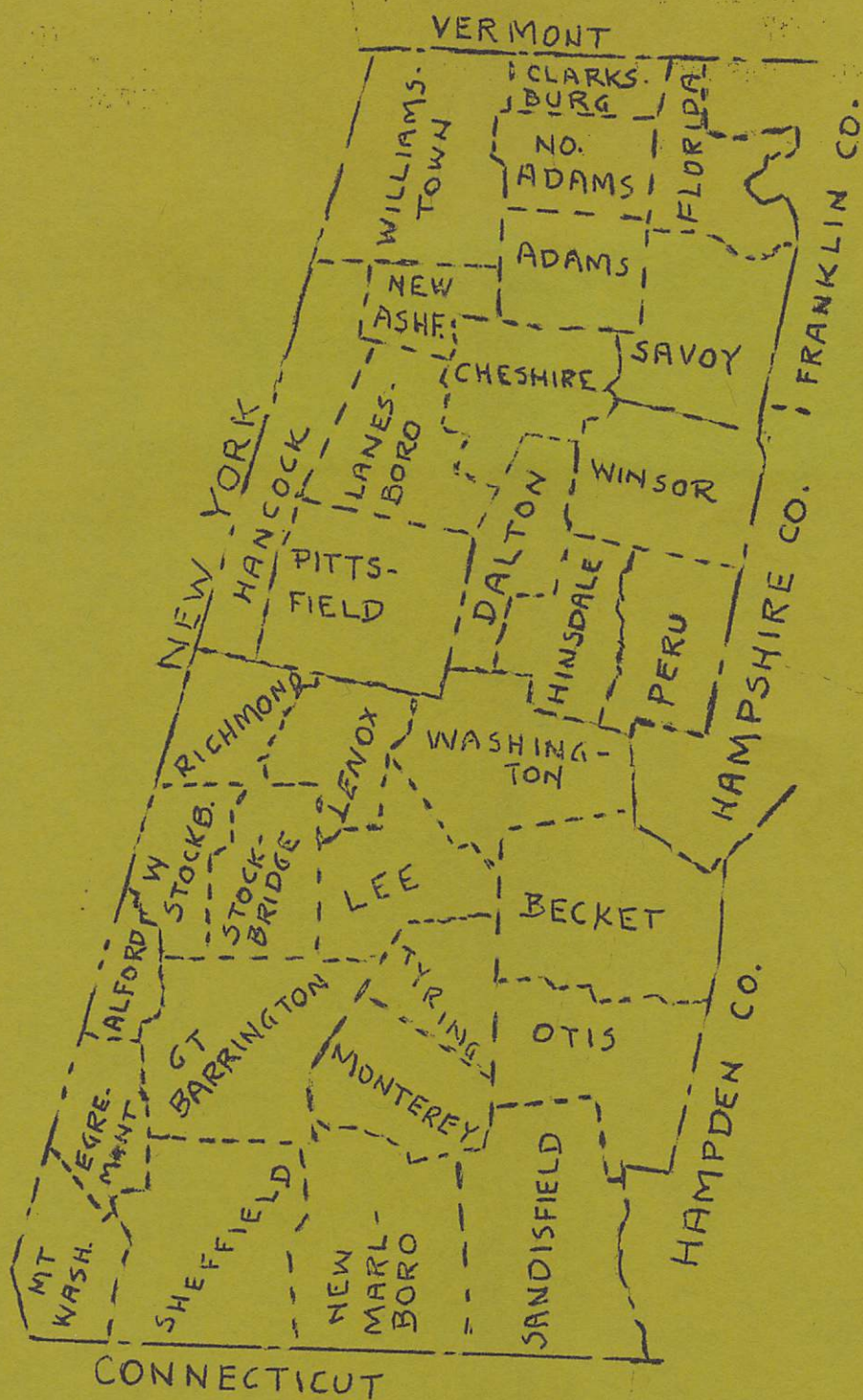
Fagley, Owens, 2 Fords, Christina Faye, Marjorie Woods, Harriett Sawyer, Baldwin and O'Connor put this paper together; please remember when you see our mistakes we had a ball making them.

Thirty.

A.M.O.'C....



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