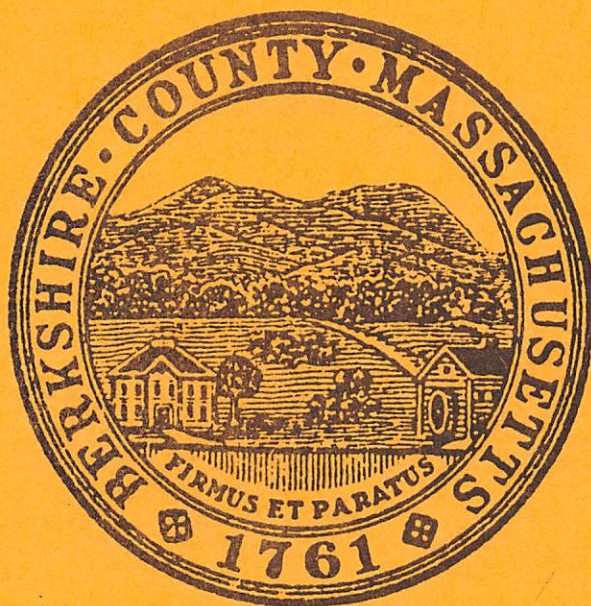


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# THE MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS TO 1850 SERIES

by Charlotte P. Davis\*

This series is invaluable to the genealogist because the books record births, marriages, and deaths to 1850 as taken from town, church and grave records (and sometimes Bible records).

A separate book holds the records of each town in the series with two exceptions: three small towns (Buckland, Colrain, and Montague) are in one volume; Stoughton vital records are included with those of Canton. A few large cities' records took from two to six volumes. The books were written and published in a similar format, making for easy reference.

The series was produced under the supervision of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston. One can follow the progress of the printing in the society's Annual Reports. Publication began in 1903, continued to 1918, was resumed in 1920, and came to an end in 1945.

The State of Massachusetts, which underwrote the printing of the series, had 500 copies of each volume printed and gave them to public officers, libraries, and historical societies in Massachusetts and to certain libraries outside the state. The set appears on the shelves of almost every town library in Massachusetts. Unfortunately very few libraries have a complete set and it was difficult to say what constitutes a complete set. A study was undertaken to learn if possible how many volumes were printed and which towns were included.

So far as can be determined, the series is comprised of 240 volumes containing the records of 202 out of the 312 towns of Massachusetts. Berkshire County and Barnstable County did not fare as well as the rest of the state.

These cities and towns were included in this Vital Records to 1850 series:

## BERKSHIRE COUNTY

Alford	New Ashford	Washington
Becket	Otis	West Stockbridge
Dalton	Peru	Williamstown
Great Barrington	Richmond	Windsor
Hinsdale	Sandisfield	
Lee	Tyringham	

Records of sixteen of the county's towns were not printed.

The rest of the state:

Abington, 2 vols.	Arlington	Athol
Acton	Ashburnham	Attleboro
Amesbury	Ashfield	Auburn
Andover, 2 vols.		
Barre	Boxborough	Brockton
Bedford	Boxford	Brookfield
Bellingham	Boylston	Brookline
Berlin	Bradford	Buckland
Beverly, 2 vols.	Brewster	Burlington
Billerica	Bridgewater, 2 vols.	
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Dana	Deerfield	Dudley
Danvers, 2 vols.	Douglas	Dunstable
Dartmouth, 3 vols.	Dover	Duxbury
Dedham	Dracut	
East Bridgewater	Edgartown	Essex
Foxborough	Framingham	Franklin
Gardner	Gloucester, 3 vols.	Greenfield
Georgetown	Grafton	Groton
Gill	Granville	
Halifax	Harvard	Holliston
Hamilton	Haverhill, 2 vols.	Hopkinton
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Hardwick		
Ipswich, 3 vols.	Kingston	
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Leominster		
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Manchester	Medway	Millbury
Mansfield	Mendon	Milton
Marblehead, 3 vols.	Methuen	Montague
Marlborough, 3 vols.	Middlefield	Montgomery
Medfield	Middleton	

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Pelham	Phillipston	Princeton
Pembroke	Plympton	
Reading	Rockport	Royalston
Rehoboth	Rowley	Rutland
Rochester, 2 vols.	Roxbury, 2 vols.	
Salem, 6 vols.	Sherborn	Stoughton
Salisbury	Shirley	Stow
Saugus	Shrewsbury	Sturbridge
Scituate	Southborough	Sudbury
Sharon	Spencer	Sutton
Shelburne	Stoneham	Swansea
Taunton, 3 vols.	Tisbury	Truro
Templeton	Topsfield	Tyngsboro
Tewksbury		
Upton	Uxbridge	
Wakefield	West Newbury	Wilmington
Walpole	West Springfield, 2 vols.	
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Warren	Westford	Worcester
Wayland	Westminster	Worthington
Wenham	Weston	Wrentham, 2 vols.
WestBoylston	Westport	
West Bridgewater	Weymouth, 2 vols.	

Many towns whose records were not printed, realizing the value of the project, have published their records independently in the last decade; others are working on them now. Among these are Falmouth, Harwich, Marshfield, Southbridge, Sterling, Webster, Yarmouth, and Berkshire County's Cummington.

#### SAMPLE ENTRIES

##### Dalton Births

SIMMONS, Joseph, June 26, 1799. G.R.I.

##### Dalton DEATHS

SIMMONS, Lucy Ann, d. Joseph and Lucy M., Nov. 17, 182[worn], a. 2y. G.R.I.

##### Tyringham Marriages

YOUNG, Ann and Josiah Bushel, Nov. 26, 1778 C.R.

VITAL RECORDS PROJECT  
BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

by Donald Lutes

The Vital Records Project was begun early in 1981 to provide researchers with a complete set, at the Berkshire Athenaeum, of the birth, marriage, and death records of the city of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, for the period 1761 to 1939.

Abstracts of the marriage records from 1844 to 1939 are now complete, with about 47,000 entries. As of this writing, copies of birth records from the same period are in progress, with about sixty per cent of the 64,000 entries now on file.

Marriage records contain: names and addresses of both individuals (cross-indexed), age, birthplace, ordinal number of the marriage, occupation, names of parents, date of marriage, name of clergyman, clerk or justice of peace officiating; place of marriage; and the volume and page of the original record. As an adjunct to the marriage records, we are planning an alphabetical card index of local clergymen with church affiliations, so that a link with possible religious records may be provided.

Birth records contain: name of child, birthplace, birthdate, address of parents at time of the birth, sex, father's name and occupation, mother's maiden name, parents' birthplaces, birth data such as "twin" or "stillborn," and the volume and page reference to the original record.

Researchers using these records are advised that no attempt has been made by the transcriber to correct errors, no matter how obvious they may be. Therefore, comparison with the original records may be appropriate.

Still undecided is the treatment of volume one of the vital records, which includes the period 1761 to 1843 and contains not only birth, marriage, and death records but also marriage intentions, all mixed into one continuous record, handwritten and sometimes unclear. Present thoughts about transcription of this particular volume lean toward omission as most, if not all, of the entries are presently available, not only on the LDS microfilm, but also from the Rollin H. Cooke collection in the Local History Department of the Berkshire Athenaeum.

The association began the project by purchasing a complete set of of the microfilm of the original records from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. All information was transcribed onto 3" by 5" index cards.

Fundraising efforts in 1981 and 1982 made possible the acquisition of two sixty-drawer card files to house the



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collection. A third file will be purchased by the association when required, as necessary funds have already been raised. As each file cabinet cost over \$900, the fundraising part of the project was a project unto itself.

We hope that the continuing support of our members, both in funds and effort, will enable us to complete the entire project in the not too distant future.

Anyone who has attempted research on a large family whose members have long resided in one locale can appreciate the time-saving aspect of this alphabetical card system.

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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: GATEWAY TO THE WEST

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- 2) Western Massachusetts families.

George Sanborn, Jr.

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## GRAVEYARDS OF WASHINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

by Thelma Wells\*

TOWN HALL CEMETERY

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BALLENTINE Anna, widow of Rev. Wm. Ballentine, b. 1762[?], d. 13 Feb. 1842, age 80  
 WHIPPLE Lydia, wife of Elijah; b. 28 Dec. 1798; age 31  
 SMITH Sally, wife of George; b. 1769[?]; d. 4 Sept. 1795; age 26  
 SMITH Sally Harriot[?]; dau. of George and Sally Smith; b.[?]; d. 30 Aug. 1796  
 MESSANGER Hannah; b. 1769[?]; d. 11 Dec. 1863; age 94  
 MILLIKAN Alexander; b. 1769[?]; d. 30 April 1803; age 34  
 MILLIKAN Robert; b. 1763; d. 23 Dec. 1787; age 24  
 MC KNIGHT \_\_\_\_\_; b. 1800; d. 22 Jan. 1801; age 100  
 MC KNIGHT Robert; b. 1699[?]; d. April 1776; age 77  
 MILLIKAN Maryan[?]; wife of Wm. Millikan; b.[?]; d. 10 May 1813  
 MILLIKAN William; b. 1725; d. 6 March 1788; age 63  
 Badly deteriorated stone  
 MC KNIGHT Susannah, wife of James McKnight; b. 1726; d. 27 Nov. 1812; age 86  
 MILLIKAN William; b. 1762; d. 8 July 1850; age 88  
 Susannah Millikan, his wife, b. 1761; d. 26 Aug. 1846, age 85

## SAVERY family:

Hiram S.; d. 1763; d. 1830; age 76[?]  
 Sarah M. S.; b. 1776; d. 1844; age 68[?]  
 Horace S.; b. 1793; d. 1829; age 36[?]  
 Harvey S.; b. 1795; d. 1863; age 68[?]  
 Nancey M. S.; b. 1810; d. 1895; age 85[?]

## Badly deteriorated stone.

COREY Clark; b[?]; d. 16 Feb. 1865  
 COREY Sarah; wife of Clark Corey; b. 1793[?]; d. 2 Aug. 1831; age 38.  
 MORGAN William; b. 1777[?]; d. 23 July 1837; age 60[?]  
 CHEESMAN Mary H., dau. of Abel and Mary; b. 1833; d. 25 Feb. 1839; age 5  
 BELL William O.; b.[?]; d. 10 Oct. 1856.  
 BELL Emily, dau. of Wm. and Millissa R.; b. 1835; d. 14 Dec. 1839; age 4  
 MESSANGER Kate, dau. of Homer[?] R. and [?]; b. 1846[?]; d. 7 Aug. 1853; age 7  
 MESSANGER Elizabeth, wife of Alonzo B.; b. 1820[?]; d. 6 June

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1853; age 33  
 MESSANGER Cyrena, wife of [?] Messenger; b. 1783; d. 5 April 1854; age 71  
 MESSANGER William B.; b. 1840[?]; d. 23 May 1848; age 48  
 MESSANGER Mary J., wife of Curtis Messenger; b. 1817[?]; d. Sept ---, age 59  
 MESSANGER Martha J., dau. of Curtis M. and Marry; b[?]; d.[?]  
 MESSANGER Emmer J., dau. of Curtis M. and Mary; b.[?]; d.[?]; 6mos 18days  
 CURTIS Hannah; b. 1789; d. 15 Mat 1872; age 83  
 Illegible stone  
 MESSANGER family:  
 George W.; b. 1858; d. 1930; age 72[?]  
 Harriet F. Middlebrook; b. 1845; d. 1931; age 86[?]  
 Caroline L.; b. 1915; age 92[?]  
 Myron C.; b. 1852; d. 1940; age 92[?]  
 Jennie Middlebrook Tier; b. 1871; d. 1938; age 66  
 Hattie Middlebrook Hoyt; b. 1868; d. 1942; age 74[?]  
 Georgianna Middlebrook; b. 1873; d. 1957; age 84[?]  
 Justine; b. 8 Feb. 1879; d. 12 March 1879; age 74  
 Hannah, his wife; b. 22 Dec. 1803; d. 2 Nov. 1898; age 95  
 MORGAN Ambrose E.; b. 23 Apr. 1843; d. 12 May 1864; age 21  
 Justin L.; b. 16 Jan. 1850; d. 24 Oct. 1867; age 17.  
 LANGELEY Little Henry[?], [Rev. Langely's son - see history]; b.[?]; d. 20 Sept. 1861  
 Illegible stone  
 CHAPEL Freddie B., son of George and Mary E.; b. 1853; d. 12 Feb. 1857; 3 yrs 6 mos  
 GARDNER family:  
 John G.; b. 1907; living  
 Martha S.; b. 1909; living  
 John R.; a bronze plaque next to grave - ALC U.S. Air Force; b. 1940; d. 1967; age 27  
 TIER Victor; b. 1884; d. 1951; age 67[?]  
 His wife, Jennie Middlebrook; b. 1871; d. 1937; age 66[?]  
 SHAW Harry C.; b. 1880; d. 1963; age 83[?]  
 MARKMUELLER Rudolf K.; b. 1878; d. 1961; age 83[?]  
 His wife, Emma T.; b. 1881; d. 1957; age 76[?]  
 LAWRENCE Dennis, Jr., b. June 1935; d. 12 Aug. 1935; 1 mo 20 days  
 [In same grave, ashes and stone of Lawrence Dennis, Sr.]

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STONEHOUSE ROAD CEMETERY

Information in this abstract: name; birth date; death date; age.  
 Not all data were given in every instance.

EAMES Anthony; b. 1753; d. Feb. 24, 1808; 55  
 CULVER Dorothy M.; b. 1911; d. 1912; 1[?]



- COREY Floyd F.; b. May 7, 1895; d. Nov. 8, 1914; 19
- CULVER Emily J.; b. 1910; d. 1912; 2[?]
- CULVER Grace. V.; b. 1886; d. 1962; 76[?]
- CULVER Andrew J.; b. 1887
- BEACH Addison K.; b. 1851; d. 1961; 65[?]
- BEACH Mary B.; b. 1870 [death date not recorded; may not be buried here]
- KENT Emerson Edwin; Mass. Pvt., U.S. Marine Corps; d. Aug. 21, 1926.
- PEER C. E. Liddy; b. [?]; d. [?]
- LUDERITZ Edward; b. 1851; d. 1931; 80[?]  
Julia, his wife; b. 1849; d. 1910; 61[?]
- SCHULZE and BECKER headstone:  
Mary; b. 1867; d. 1955; 88[?]  
Fred; b. 1862; d. 1931; 69[?]  
Christian; b. 1828; d. 1903; 75[?]  
Ernestine; b. 1827; d. 1903; 75[?]  
August; b. 1825; d. 1909; 84[?]
- POMEROY Rupert; son of A. B. and Mary E., b. July 29, 1878; d. Mar. 17, 1888; 89
- SQUIRE Betsey; wife of Salmon; b. 1795[?]; d. Jan. 9, 1878; 83
- SQUIRES Salmon; b. 1789; d. May 9, 1865; 75
- STACY George L. "Member of Co. L. 7th Reg't N.Y. heavy artillery was wounded at Cold Harbor May 30;" b. 1844[?]; d. June 23, 1864; 20
- STACY John E.; b. Oct. 13, 1818; d. Oct. 13, 1854; 36  
His wife, Clarissa M.; b. Oct. 10, 1820; d. Dec. 14, 1890; 70
- BALLARD Carrie, wife of James E.; b. 1834; d. July 16, 1855; 20
- SMITH Alvin, son of Lucinda and [?] Smith; b. 1810[?]; d. Aug. 26, 1814; 4  
Sidney, son of George and Susanna Smith; b. 1810[?]; d. Dec. 9, 1814; 4
- CRANE Lucy; b. 1810; d. June 22, 1897; 86
- MABIE Mary Dewey; b. 1821[?]; d. May 21, 1897; 76
- DEWEY Mary Ann; b. 1841[?]; d. July 23, 1866; 25
- DEWEY Henry; b. 1806[?]; d. Aug. 8, 1852; 46
- EAMES Mark; B. Oct. 21, 1783; d. June 9, 1817; 33  
Harriet Maria, dau. of Mark and Harriet Eames; b. Mar. 1, 1815; d. Nov. 18, 1816; 1
- MARTIN Clark; b. 1779; d. July 12, 1823; 44
- Headstone
- MANLEY Frederick White; b. Sept. 2, 1810; d. Feb. 4, 1871; 60  
His wife, Mary Louisa Hale; b. Aug. 5, 1819; d. Feb. 8, 1864; 44
- PIERS Charles E., member Co. E. 14th Regt. Conn. Vol.; b. July 22, 1844; Dec. 27, 1865; 21
- MANLEY Daniel; b. Dec. 9, 1780; d. Aug. 16, 1854; 73  
His wife, Matilda White; b. Aug. 16, 1780; d. July 5, 1872; 91  
Their dau., Fanny Alivira; b. Mar. 30, 1817; d. Dec. 12, 1876; 60
- MANLEY Alice Irene, dau of F.W. and M.L. Manley; b. June 26,

1855; d. July 29, 1858; 3  
 COOK Timothy; b. 1758[?]; d. Feb. 21, 1798; 40  
 Badly deteriorated stone  
 SQUIRE Stephen W.; b. 1769[?]; d. Oct. 23, 1817; 48  
 DEMING Absolom; b.[?]; d.[?]  
 DEMING Sally, wife of Absolom Deming; b.1785[?]; d. May 12, 1870; 85  
 KENNERSON Helen, wife of Elisha W. Kennerson; b. [?]; d. Aug. 11, 1869  
 WHITTEMORE Aaron; b. [?]; d. Oct. 15, 1832  
 CRANE Amos; b. 1774[?]; d. July 25, 1863; 89  
 CRANE Martha, wife of Amos; b. 1776[?]; d. Nov. 16, 1841; 64  
 CRANE William Harvey, son of Amos and Martha; b. 1816; d. July 4, 1818; 2  
 CRANE John M.; b. 1813; d. Feb. 6, 1891; 77yrs 10mos  
 CRANE Sarah M., wife of John M. Crane; b. 1817; d. Oct 24, 1845; 28  
 WRIGHT Mary C., wife of John M. Crane; b. 1823; d. Feb. 5, 1880; age 65  
 MAY William; b. 1769; d. Aug. 25, 1821; 52  
 MAY Laura; b. 1798; d. Mar. 11, 1823; 25  
 MAY Hiram N.; b. Feb. 8, 1898; 65  
 HART Asahel E.; b. 1828[?]; d. Mar. 28, 1911; 83  
 His wife; b.1839[?]; d. Sept. 13, 1879; 40  
 Carrie L., their dau.; b. 1862; d. Sept. 9, 1863; 1  
 COY Levi; b. 1815[?]; d. Mar. 9, 1881; 66  
 LOVE Nettie May "our baby," dau. of George W. and N. A. Love[?]; b.[?]; d. Mar. 13, 1884  
 WOOD Raymond A.; b. 1897; d. 1980  
 WOOD Blanche I.; b. 1897; d. 1969; 72[?]  
 WOOD Ethel M.; b. 1917; d. 1941; 24[?]  
 GOLDEN William; b. [?]; d. May 25, 1888; 80[?]  
 ARNOLD Anna, wife of Timothy Arnold; b. 1755; d. Dec. 29, 1840; 85  
 ARNOLD Timothy; b. 1756[?]; d. Mar. 7, 1835; 79  
 ARNOLD Sylvester, son of T. and A. Arnold; b. 1792[?]; d. Oct. 18, 1854; 53  
 GEER Frederick A., son of Edward T. and Satrah J. Geer; b. 1866; d. Nov. 11, 1867; 1  
 GEER John W.; b. July 20, 1827; d. Aug. 4, 1862; 35  
 Children of John and [?] Geer:  
 Florence E.; b. May 23, 1855; d. Sept. 3, 1863; 8 mos  
 Milton R.; b. Mar. 17, 1858; d. Sept. 11, 1858; 6 mos  
 Timothy; b. Sept. 28, 1859; d. same day  
 EAMES Sahrah, wife of Robert Eames; b. 1800[?]; d. Jan. 30, 1850; 50  
 EAMES Robert; b. 1794[?]; d. Aug. 18, 1832; 38  
 EAMES Anna, wife of Mark Eames; b. 1763[?]; d. Feb. 13, 1854; 91  
 EAMES Mark; b. 1754[?]; d. Nov. 25, 1821; 67  
 EAMES Medad; b.[?]; d. Dec. 18, 1861  
 TWADSELL Dolly T.; b. 1791[?]; d. Apr. 16, 1843; 52  
 Illegible stone

- SPELLMAN Sylvia; b. 1792[?]; d. May 23, 1824; 32  
HASKINS Amos; b. 1768[?]; d. Sept. 8, 1834; 66  
Lovisey, his wife; b. 1775[?]; d. Jan. 29, 1840; 65  
Illegible stone  
EAMES Beulah, wife of Philip Eames; b.[?]; d. [?]  
--- Hannah H; b.[?]; d.[?]  
EAMES Beulah E., dau. of P. and B. Eames; b. 1817; d. Dec. 6, 1818; 1  
EAMES Harriet E., dau. of P. and B. Eames; b. 1874[?]; d. Sept. 29, 1876; 2  
EAMES Jane P., dau of P. and B. Eames; b. 1819; d. Oct. 12, 1826; 13  
EAMES Edwin A., son of P. and B. Eames; b. 1829[?]; d. Aug. 17, 1833; 13  
EAMES Infant son of Philip and Hannah H. Eames; b. 1816; d. Dec. 1816  
EAMES George D., son of P. and H. H. Eames; b. 1842; d. Nov. 30, 1867; 1  
SQUIRES Clara MN., dau. of Josiah and Angeline Squires; b. Jan. 6, 1866; d. Nov. 30, 1867; 1  
SQUIRES Josiah; b. Mar. 22, 1818; d. May 20, 1879; 61  
BROWN Levi; b. 1775[?]; d. Feb. 23, 1818; 43  
HIGGINS Barney; b. 1771[?]; d. Feb. 6, 1840; 69  
HIGGINS Anna, wife of Barney Higgins and former widow of Levi Brown; b. 1781[?]; d. Oct. 26, 1841; 60  
BROWN Laura, dau. of Levi and Anna Brown; b. 1817[?]; d. May 18, 1848; 31  
WALKER Amanda A.; b. 1820[?]; d. Oct. 15, 1889; 69  
WALKER Thomas; b. 1818[?]; d. May 2, 1891; 73  
MC DERMOTT Daniel; b. 1821[?]; d. July 29, 1876; 55  
MC DERMOTT Catharine, wife of Daniel McDermott; b. 1827[?]; d. Apr. 17, 1872; 44  
MC DERMOTT Elizabeth, wife of James McDermott, Donald McDermott; b. 1849; d. 1877; 28  
HUMPHREY Morris, b. 1788[?]; d. July 17, 1863; 75  
Elizabeth, his wife; b. 1786[?]; d. May 14, 1866; 80  
BILL Jere; be.[?]; d. May 29, ---[?]  
BILL Polly Maria, dau. of Jere and Sophia Bill; b. 1822[?]; d. Oct. 17, 1842; 20  
MAY Sarah Maria, wife of Nathaniel May; b. 1820[?]; d. Jan. 18, 1890; 79  
MAY Nathaniel; b. 1803[?]; d. Mar. 21, 1885; 82  
MAY Caroline, wife of Nathaniel May; b. 1797[?]; d. Oct. 23, 1846; 49  
MESSANGER Alvin R., son of Col. Bille and Miranda Messenger; b. 1795; d. Jan. 23, 1828; 32  
CASE Ezekiel; b. 1759[?]; d. Aug. 21, 1825; 66  
CASWELL Calra A., wife of William Caswell; b. 1819[?]; d. May 14, 1843; 24  
GAMWELL Aaron; b. 1796[?]; d. Oct. 5, 1832; 36  
BEACH Ransford; b. 1890[?]; d. Dec. 6, 1879; 80  
BEACH Lucretia, wife of Ransford Beach; d. Aug. 16, 1835;  
BEACH L. Jane, dau. of W. and L. Beach; b. 1847[?]; d. Sept.



- 11, 1863; 16  
BEACH Lucy, wife of William Beach; b. Feb. 18, 1815; d. Feb. 7, 1899; 83  
BEACH William; b. 1811[?]; d. Dec. 13, 1876; 65  
BEACH Lewis M.; b. 1849[?]; d. March 9, 1877; 22  
BEACH Royal O.; b. 1845; d. 1912; 67[?]  
BRONSON Charles M., son of Peleg and Ann E. Bronson; b. May 1859[?]; d. Aug. 11, 1858; 3 mos  
SIBLEY Martha, wife of Daniel Sibley; b. 1801[?]; d. June 14, 1882; 81  
SIBLEY Daniel; b. 1812[?]; d. Oct. 20, 1862; 50  
SIBLEY Ezra; b. 1736[?]; d. June 19, 1817; 81  
SIBLEY Anna, his wife; b. 1761[?]; d. Nov. 10, 1851; 90  
MERRIMAN Martha Ann, wife of Hiram Merriman; b. 1819[?]; d. June 30, 1839; 20  
WATKINS George M., son of Abel and Phebe Watkins; b. 1850; d. May 7, 1851; 1 yr 8 mos  
HIGGINS Arnold, son of Asahel and Lydia Higgins; b. 1847; d. Sept. 9, 1848; 10 mos 9 days  
HIGGINS Barney, son of Asahel and Lydia Higgins; b. 1811[?]; d. Aug. 27, 1811; 3 mos  
POMEROY Edwin, son of Alanson S. and Anna Pomeroy; b. 1814[?]; d. Feb. 8, 1815; 3 mos  
POMEROY Mary E., wife of Alanson S. Pomeroy; b. 1818[?]; d. April 12, 1839; 21  
POMEROY Anne Brown; b. 1806[?]; d. Jan. 29, 1877; 71  
POMEROY Joseph; b. 1786[?]; d. June 2, 1843; 57  
POMEROY Miranda; b. 170-[?]; d. Jan. 19, 1866; 76  
MATTOON Theodocia, wife of Aramiah Mattoon; b. 1796[?]; d. Sept. 23, 1855; 59  
MATTOON Henry; b. 1824[?]; d. Oct. 2, 1842; 18  
MATTOON Rufus; b. 1760[?]; d. April 2, 1844; 84  
BOND Mary Williams; b. 1853; d. 1881; 28[?]  
CURTIS Belle L., dau. of Chester and Lurelia Curtis; b. 1851; d. Sept. 22, 1866; 14  
Illegible stone.  
SEAGERS Susan S., dau. of Henry and Ruth Seagers; b. 1843[?]; d. Aug. 29, 1862; 19  
KITTLE Mary M., dau. of Samuel and Ruth Kittle; b. 1857[?]; d. Jan. 27, 1852; 25  
SEAGERS Ruth, wife of Henry Seagers; b. 1803[?]; d. Dec. 7, 1870; 67  
SEAGERS Henry; b. 1897[?]; d. Jan. 2, 1874; 77  
WRIGHT Eunice L., dau. of Caleb and Martha M. Wright; b. 1831[?]; d. June 21, 1847; 16  
WRIGHT Hannah L., dau. of C. and M. Wright; b. 1845[?]; d. March 17, 1846; 9 mos  
LOVELAND Orin; b. 1822[?]; d. May 24, 1851; 29  
LOVELAND Olive, wife of Erastus Loveland; b. 1780[?]; d. June 11, 1849; 61  
LOVELAND Erastus; b. 1888[?]; d. Aug. 16, 1840; 52  
LOVELAND Erastus, Jr.; b. 1817[?]; d. Sept. 3, 1843; 26  
DIBBLE Sarah A., dau. of Seymour and Clarissa; b. 1844; d. Feb.

- 26, 1845; 7 mos  
 DIBBLE Nancy A., dau. of Seymour and Clarissa; b. 1836; d. Aug. 31, 1838; 1  
 Illegible stone.  
 ROBBINS George W. J., son of James and Nancy Robbins; b. 1818; d. April 29, 1822; 4  
 BEIGEL Family  
 Karl F.; b. 1841; d. 1913; 72[?]  
 Christine Kempf; b. 1862; d. 1897; 35[?]  
 Fred; b. 1894; d. 1908; 14[?]  
 George P.; b. 1884; d. 1930; 46[?]  
 baby Peer; d. 1901  
 JORDAN Family  
 Sidney D.; b. 1823; d. 1908; 85[?]  
 Emily A. Middlebrook, his wife; b. 1834; d. 1907; 73[?]  
 Lyman H.; b. 1866; d. 1904; 38[?]  
 Ella A.; b. 1856; d. 1933; 77[?]  
 Arthur A.; b. 1856; d. 1938; 82[?]  
 Harrie E. Sanders, his wife; b. 1875; d. 1948; 73[?]  
 TETROE Edward H.; b. 1863[?]; d. Aug. 4, 1901; 38  
 Mary M., his wife; b. 1850[?]; d. Feb. 22, 1902; 52  
 FROST Albert L.; b. 1854; d. 1900; 46[?]  
 Alice Gleason, his wife; b. 1854; d. 1895; 41[?]  
 HOUHLIN Barbara; b. Dec. 6, 1822; d. Sept. 4, 1909; 86  
 WAGNER Louis  
 WAGNER Carl, Co. K, 316th Inf. U.S.A.; b. Mar. 1, 1892; d. Aug. 27, 1924; 32  
 WAGNER John; b. 1865; d. 1918; 53  
 FREILER Anna; b. 1874; d. 1936; 62  
 COLBURN Alfred W.; b. 1847; d. 1932; 85[?]  
 Frances R. Shelly, his wife; b. 1856; d. [?]  
 RADWICK Elmer A., Mass. Tec. 4 309 Inf. 78 Inf. Div. W.W.II; b. March 13, 1919; d. March 14, 1945; 26  
 RADWICH Alexander J.; b. 1882; d. 1966; 84[?]  
 Minnie Colburn, his wife; b. 1887; d. 1963; 76[?]  
 JOHNSTON Charles F.; b. 1891; d. 1950; 59[?]  
 JOHNSTON Henriette H.; b. 1887; d. 1963; 76  
 JOHNSTON Ruth W.[?]; b. 1918; d. 1933; 4[?]  
 DOBBERSTEIN Robert E.; b. 1865; d. 1924; 59[?]  
 DOBBETSTEIN Hedwig; b. 1869; d. 1932; 63[?]  
 DOBBERSTEIN William R.; b. 1896; d. 1926; 30[?]  
 LANE Frank; b. 1873[?]; d. 1943; 70[?]  
 WAGNER John; d. 1913 (or 1973)

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Note: This abstract was made from the record of inscriptions by former town of Washington historian, Louise Elliot. Neither Mrs. Wells nor the Editor has examined the tombstones or otherwise attempted to resolve discrepancies. Errors and inconsistencies may be the result of the stonecutting, the transcribing, or the original typing from Mrs. Elliot's notes. As with any printed material, a check with the original may be in order. Editor.

## THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF WILLIAMSTOWN

by Annette Jenks\*

In the 1740s the General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony was anxious to establish its territorial rights to an area which had not been clearly defined as belonging either to Massachusetts or New York. Dutch settlers were moving eastward, settling on land very near the westernmost fort in the line of defense which the Bay Colony had built to protect against encroachment from the French and the Indians.

Williamstown, at that time called West Hoosac, was first surveyed in 1749. According to the wishes of the General Court, the Main Street lots were laid out and then placed on sale at Boston, Watertown, Worcester, Springfield, Northampton, Canaan, Litchfield, and Fort Massachusetts.

Nearly a quarter of the lots were bought by soldiers stationed at Fort Massachusetts, or were given to them in lieu of back pay. The fort was located on the Hoosic River four miles to the east in what is now the city of North Adams. A small number of soldiers from Fort Massachusetts were stationed at an outpost called Fort West Hoosac on the Indian trail running north and south from Vermont to Connecticut, now Route 7. These soldiers were the first to begin clearing the lots and building their homes in West Hoosac, probably to help relieve the boredom of life at a frontier post.

Robert R. R. Brooks in Williamstown: The First Two Hundred-Years (McClelland Press, 1953) writes:

Isaac Wyman, second in command at Fort Massachusetts, surgeon; Seth Hudson, surgeon; Benjamin Simonds, sentinel; Thomas Train, sentinel; Ezekiel Foster, sentinel; and Ebenezer Graves, sentinel, were probably the first six who, in the fall of 1752 or spring of 1753 framed, clapboarded and shingled their own one-room homes without benefit of sawmill. By September 1753, there were seven others: Elisha Higgins, Silas Pratt, Tyrus Pratt, Gideon Warren, Allen Curtiss, Elihu Curtiss and Darius Mead who began to clear their land and build their houses. Mary Davis Simonds, wife of Benjamin, established a claim to the affection of the town by giving birth on April 8, 1753 to Rachel, the first white child born in the township.

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Colonel Ephraim Williams, Jr., was commander of the line of forts placed strategically to defend the northwestern area of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He was the son of Ephraim Williams, Sr., of Stockbridge and a member of the prominent Williams family of Deerfield. He bought two lots on Main Street, but before he could become involved in the new settlement at West Hoosac, he was killed in the Battle of Crown Point, New York, in 1755. As if he had a premonition of his death, he wrote a will while staying in Albany a month before his departure for Crown Point. In his will, he bequeathed his residual estate to the establishment of a free school in West Hoosac, but only if the name of the town was changed to Williamstown.

In its first decade the town grew slowly because of the insecurities and dangers of intermittent raids by French and Indian forces attacking from the southern end of Lake Champlain. The Treaty of Paris in 1763 brought stability and a surge of settlers from the more populated areas to the east and south. Those who followed the Housatonic River northward to Pittsfield, then pushed into the mountainous regions beyond, came mainly from the Connecticut towns of Colchester, Middleton, Weathersfield, Danbury, Winsted, Canaan, and Litchfield. The more prominent names from this group in the early history of the town were Richard Stratton, William and Josiah Horsford, Thomas Dunton, Joseph Deming, Samuel Kellogg, David Noble, James and Jonathan Meacham, Asa Johnson, John Smedley, Ephraim Seelye, Titus Harrison, and Samuel Sloan.

Probably the new inhabitants had been too busy clearing their land, building their homes, and conducting other necessary business to consider the implementation of Ephraim Williams's bequests. At any rate, it was not until 21 June 1765 that the town was incorporated by the General Court of Massachusetts as Williams Town.

There followed a period of growth until, in 1774, there were 1,015 residents of Williamstown. The mountains surrounding the valley floor in the center of town had been cleared of forest and there were operating farms on all the steep hillsides.

When the battle cry went around Williamstown in August 1777 to muster troops for the Battle of Bennington, fourteen miles to the north, 160 men marched under the direction of Captain Samuel Clark from the South Part and Captain Nehemiah Smedley from the North Part. Colonel Benjamin Simonds, one of the most prominent of Williamstown's early settlers, was in Bennington and serving as a strategist at the Catamount Tavern with the Council of Safety.

Bread was baked in the huge basement oven in Captain Smedley's house to feed the soldiers in Bennington, following arrangements made by Benedict Arnold on his way north to Bennington the previous week.

On the day of battle, it has been told, sounds of the cannon-fire could be heard as far south as Williamstown. Several days later, after the decisive victory by the Colonial Army over General John Burgoyne's troops, Hessian and British captive soldiers were marched south through the town. One of the Hessian soldiers, Johann Hintersass (John Henderson), escaped from the line of march in Williamstown, established a home on the lower slopes of the Green Mountain Range and lived there for many years, leaving descendants in the area.

With peace established, the town fathers could again turn to the rather nebulous and lofty idea of the "Free School" that Ephraim Williams had dreamed of thirty years earlier. In 1785, the General Court incorporated a Board of Trustees to whom the town granted a site for the school on one of the Main Street lots, situated at the top of a prominent hill. Using funds from the estate of Ephraim Williams and, when there were not enough, funds resulting from a lottery conducted among the residents of the town, the brick building still standing today, though considerably changed, known as "West College," was completed and opened to students in 1791.

Almost immediately the new, well-equipped school attracted a large number of students. The courses in the upper grades were especially popular even though a small tuition was charged for its offerings in liberal arts. From this experience, the trustees soon perceived the demand for the college courses at the school, resulting in their petition for a charter from the Massachusetts Legislature to establish a private college in Williamstown. With the charter being granted in 1793, the free school became Williams College and, from a genealogical perspective, an important part of the history of Williamstown. Many prominent men have been connected with Williams College, most notably Mark Hopkins in the early years, and their active participation in town affairs has helped to add an extra dimension to the lives of the people in a small isolated village in the Berkshire Hills.

By the beginning of the 19th century, there were over 2,000 residents of Williamstown. The character of the town was rural. Later on, most of the cleared meadows reverted to tree-shaded mountains, hiding the vigorous efforts of those first hardy settlers. But the legacy of their plans to create something from the wilderness has given us a town which attracts a mixture of residents, composed of townspeople, college faculty, summer residents, and retired people, all of whom appreciate the culture and the natural beauty surrounding them in this northwestern corner of Massachusetts.

## ANCESTOR TABLES

(Rules for submission are in volume 4, number 3, Summer 1983)

V. Frederick Sears Eaton. Submitted by his grandson, Richard Eaton, 24932 Newton, Dearborn, MI 48124

## I

1. Frederick Sears Eaton, 1859-1918, Peru, Ohio, and Calumet, Mich.

## II

2. Alvin Case Eaton, 1817-1868, Leyden and Manheim, N.Y.; Peru, Ohio.

3. Mary Jane Sears, 1827-1895, Bronson, Ohio.

## III

4. Comfort Eaton, 1772-1826, North Adams, Mass., Fairfield and Leyden, N.Y.

5. Mary Ayres, 1782-1871, New Braintree, Mass., Salisbury, N.Y., Peru, Ohio.

6. Frederick Sears, 1799-1879, Venice, N.Y., Bronson and Norwalk, Ohio.

7. Charity Ketchum, 1804-1850, Philipstown, N.Y.

## IV

8. \*John Eaton, 1724-1788, Killingly, Conn.; North Adams, Mass.

9. \*Hannah Johnson, 1737- , Woodstock, Conn.

10. Jabez Ayres, 1737-1824, New Braintree, Mass.; Salisbury, N.Y.

11. Persis Stewart, 1743-1833, Marlborough, Mass.

12. \*Joshua Sears, 1766-1806, Sandisfield, Mass.; Venice, N.Y.

13. \*Martha ---.

14. John Ketchum, 1755-1808, Crompond and Philipstown, N.Y.

15. \*Phebe VanVelzor, 1765-1844, Norwalk, Ohio.

## V

16. Jonathan Eaton, 1681-1748, Dedham, Mass; Killingly, Conn.

17. Lydia Starr, 1687-1751.

18. \*Nathaniel Johnson, 1702-1785, Woodstock, Conn.

19. \*Mary Robins, 1714- .

20. Jabez Ayres, 1690-1718, Newbury, Mass.; Brookline, Mass.

21. Rebecca Kimball, 1694- , Haverhill, Mass.

22. Daniel Stewart, 1691- , Marlborough, Mass.

23. Persis Witt, 1698-1786, Lynn, Mass.

24. Joshua Sears, 1736-1779, Sandisfield, Mass.

25. \*Sarah Blackmore, 1744-1824, Newburyport, Mass.

26-27.

28. Timothy Ketcham, 1722-1760, Huntington and Crompond, N.Y.

29. \*Amy Lane.

30-31.

## VI

32. John Eaton, 1636-1715, Dedham, Mass.

33. Alice ---, 1694- .

34. Comfort Starr, 1662-1729, Dedham, Mass.



35. Mary Stone, 1665-1735.
36. Smith Johnson, 1672-1730, Woodstock, Conn.
37. Sarah Mills, 1668-1766.
- 38-39.
40. Samuel Ayres, 1650- , Newbury and Rowley, Mass.
41. Abigail Fellows.
42. Henry Kimball, 1655-1698, Wenham and Haverhill, Mass.
43. Hannah Marsh, 1657-1697.
44. Alexander Stewart, -1731, Marlborough, Mass.
45. Deborah Rediat, 1652-1721.
46. John Witt, Lynn, Mass.
47. Elizabeth Baker.
48. Joshua Sears, 1708-1753, Harwich, Mass.; Middleton, Conn.
49. Rebecca Mayo, 1713- .
- 50-55.
56. John Ketcham, 1689-1740, Huntington, N.Y.
57. Miriam ---.
58. Daniel Lane, Peekskill, N.Y.
59. Mary ---.
- 60-63.

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VI. Glenn Parkhurst Smith, 312 Doty St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

I

1. Glenn Parkhurst Smith, 1912- , Oswego, Ill.; Ann Arbor, Mich.

II

2. Royce Edward Smith, 1877-1952, Oswego, Ill.
3. Amy Effie Parkhurst, 1878-1961.

III

4. Edward Austin Smith, 1848-1935, New Marlborough, Mass.; Oswego, Ill.
5. Anna Reed, 1848-1939, White House Station, N.J.
6. Amos James Parkhurst, 1841-1930, Oswego, Ill.
7. Alice Lillian Head, 1858-1936, Dayton, Ill.

IV

8. Horace H. Smith, 1809-1879, W. Stockbridge, New Marlborough, Mass; Oswego, Ill.
9. Clarissa R. Royce, 1808-1896, Great Barrington, Mass.
10. Isaac Farley Reed, 1818-1895, White House Station, N.J.; Oswego, Ill.
11. Ann Ogden Dickerson, 1808-1877, Succasunna, N.J.
12. Nahum Amos Parkhurst, 1805-1875, Mayville, N.Y.; Oswego, Ill.
13. Roxana Ashley, 1811-1892, Martinsburg, N.Y.
14. \*Samuel D. Head, 1816-1885, England; Dayton, Ohio.
15. Adeline A. Warner, 1819-1869, Camillus, N.Y.; Oswego, Ill.

## V

- 16. Ariel Smith, 1780-1847, West Stockbridge, Mass.
- 17.\*Sally ---, - , 1780-1820.
- 18. Ezra D. Royce, 1768-1852, Sheffield, Great Barrington, Mass.
- 19. Susanna Lane, 1769-1852, Mansfield, Mass.
- 20. Ralph Lanning Reed, 1790-1870, Deahook, N.J.
- 21. Christina Eversole, 1796-1869.
- 22. Thomas Dickerson, 1767-1835, Bergen, Succasunna, N.J.
- 23. Elizabeth Slaght, 1768-1846.
- 24. Nahum Parkhurst, 1768-1833, Holliston, Mass.; Mayville, N.Y.
- 25.\*Abigail ---, 1772-1850.
- 26. Stephen Ashley, 1784-1853, Sheffield, Mass.; Mayville, N.Y.;  
Oswego, Il.
- 27. Roxanna Pitcher, 1789-1838, Westfield, Mass.; Martinsburg,  
N.Y.
- 28-29.
- 30.\*Joel Warner, 1797-1843, Camillus, N.Y.; Oswego, Ill.
- 31.\*Clarissa Foster, 1798-1863.

## VI

- 32.\*Eliphalet Smith, 1739-1825, West Stockbridge, Mass.
- 33.\*Lois Neal, 1743-1816.
- 34-35.
- 36.\*Jesse Royce, 1742-183-, Wallingford, Conn.; Sheffield, Mass;  
Aurelius, N.Y.
- 37.\*Molly Austin, 1750-18--.
- 38.\*Abial Lane, 1736-1803, Mansfield, Mass.
- 39. Susannah Lane, 1740-1832.
- 40.
- 41.\*Mercy Lanning, - , Hunterdon Co., N.J.
- 42. John Eversole, 1771-1844, Oldwick, N.J.
- 43. Catherine Van Fleet, 1773-1845.
- 44. Thomas Dickerson, 1737-1800, Southold, N.Y.; Toxbury, N.J.
- 45.\*Eleanor Van Winkle.
- 46.\*Cornelius Slaght, 1728-1797, Succasunna, N.J.
- 47.\*Elizabeth Tone.
- 48.\*William Parkhurst, 1731- , Holliston, Mass.
- 49.\*Martha Perry, 1736- .
- 50-51.
- 52. Daniel Ashley, 1759-1826, Sheffield, Mass.; Martinsburg, N.Y.
- 53. Olive Boardman, 1760-1795.
- 54. Reuben Pitcher, 1763-1844, Westfield, Mass.; Martinsburg,  
N.Y.
- 55.\*Martha Barrett, -1829.
- 56-63.

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## THE QUERY SECTION

by J. Bradley Cooper

### Some Thoughts on Genealogical Correspondence

One of the by-products of participating in a queries program is the opportunity it presents for corresponding with other people engaged in similar research. To get the most out of such correspondence, some general rules may be of help.

1. If one has a difficult longhand style, print or type the letter so that the recipient can read what has been written.
2. Put the return address on both the letter and the envelope. then the correspondent is not obliged to match up and retain both in file.
3. Sign your full name. It is a good idea to print or type the name beneath the signature. Many signatures are difficult to read.
4. Write a thank-you note for all correspondence received, particularly if the information has been helpful. It is a nice gesture to enclose a postage stamp. Whoever has answered the query should not be left out-of-pocket for his kindness.
5. Keep letters crisp and to the point. Rambling letters are confusing and discourage a reply.
6. When requesting information, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply. Offer to repay any copying charges.
7. It is better to ask a few questions at a time rather than to deluge the correspondent with question after question.
8. Identify the source of your information in a response, as the one placing the query may wish to use the data in a way that requires he identify the origin.
9. Identify how you came in possession of the correspondent's name and address, as "referring to your query in the Winter issue of the Berkshire Genealogist."

\*\* The usefulness of this Query Section can be greatly increased if a copy of each reply is sent to the query editor. Replies may then be printed and linked to the query so that everyone may benefit from this information.

\*\*\* We are continuing to receive queries which present data but do not ask a question or give any indication of what is desired. These can not be published.

## QUERIES

All locations are in Massachusetts unless otherwise noted.

84001

BAGG

Need date of birth for David Bagg, born ca. 1783 Westfield.  
Philo W. Van Wagoner, 8891 Collingwood Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90069

84002 CURTISS - ANDREWS - EDMINSTER  
Azor Curtiss, son of Azor and Margery (Andrews) Curtiss, born 22 Oct. 1749, Farmington, married 23 Aug. 1772 Stockbridge, Elizabeth Edminster. Need ancestry of Elizabeth.

84003 WATKINS - TRAVIS  
Samuel Watkins, born 1747; died 5 Aug. 1813, Hinsdale; married Susanna Travis, born 1742, died 20 Feb. 1812. Who were their parents?

84004 WATKINS - TRAVIS - EDMINSTER  
Elisha Watkins, son of Samuel and Susanna (Travis) Watkins, born 1768; died 7 Nov. 1815, Hinsdale; married 28 Dec. 1795 Deliverance Curtis(s), daughter of Azor and Elizabeth (Edminster) Curtiss. Had children: Curtis, Horace, Lemman, Lura, Betsy, Sally, and Daniel. Desire to correspond with their descendants.

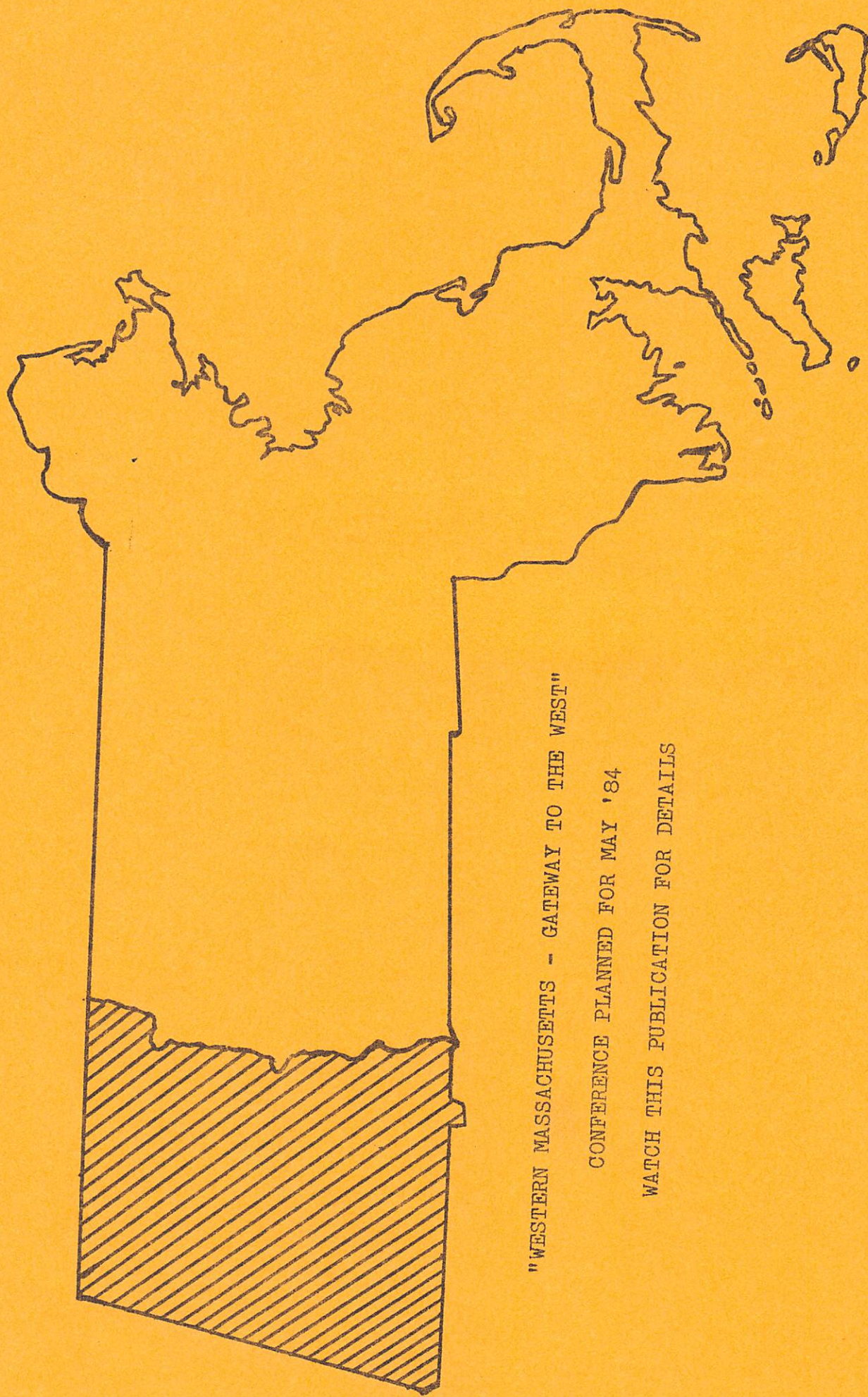
84005 WATKINS - CURTIS  
Horace Watkins, living in Wyoming Co., N.Y., 1830; lived in Richfield, Summit Co., Ohio, 1850; married Paulina ---, born Vermont ca. 1805. Had children: Eliza, Caroline, Blighton, Annis, Arthur, Almeron, Napier. Was Horace son of Elisha and Deliverance (Curtis) Watkins, born 20 Jan. 1803, Peru, Mass.? Who were parents of Paulina?  
Amy Wright, 6504 Reeder, Apt. 201, Shawnee, KS 66203

84006 SEARS - BLACKMORE - ADAMS  
Was Joshua Sears, born 7 Nov. 1766, Sandisfield, the son of Joshua and Sarah (Blackmore) Sears, the same Joshua Sears who settled Scipio (now Venice) Cayuga County, N.Y., ca. 1795? My ancestor, Frederick Sears, was born 25 Sept. 1799 in Scipio. May's Sears Genealogy states that Joshua Sears of Sandisfield had sons Frederick and Harvey (no birth dates given), and Joshua moved to New York State. Storke's History of Cayuga County mentions Major Samuel Adams came from Sandisfield in February 1796 and stayed at Joshua Sears's farm in Venice. Who was Joshua Sears's wife?  
Richard Eaton, 24932 Newton, Dearborn, MI 48124

84007 WESTOVER - LULL  
Anna Westover, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary, married Benjamin Lull born 1729. According to an 1883 letter of a descendant, they had children: Nathaniel, Jonathan, Oliver, Theophilus, Sarah, Mary, Anna, Lydia, Lucretia, Tryphenia, and Silvena. Who were Nathaniel and Mary?  
Mrs. J. A. Lighthall, 1311 Chesnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104

84008 STEVENS - CONE  
Nelson H. Stevens, born 5 Dec. 1810, Richmond, married Mary Cone of West Stockbridge, 15 May 1831; died 21 Aug. 1867, buried Cone Hill Cemetery, Richmond. Who were his parents and children?  
Mrs. Barbara J. Halseth, 233 10th N.W., Mason City, IA 50401





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