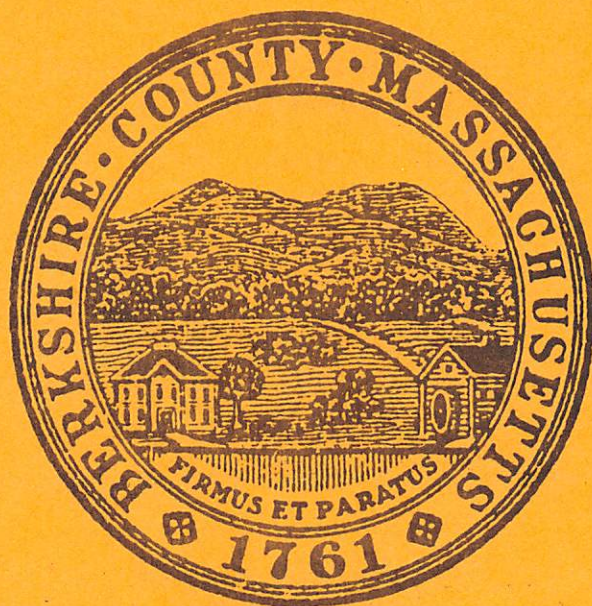


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FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

J. Bradley Cooper*

At the November 1984 meeting of the Berkshire Family History Association considerable interest in family associations was expressed. Of these there are a great number in existence or in a state of suspended animation. Unfortunately, there is no master list of such associations and to whom interest in them should be expressed.

These societies generally have as their avowed purpose the perpetuation of the memory and exploits of an immigrant ancestor and the preservation of related memorabilia. Some of them maintain scholarships awarded for some purpose appropriate to the ancestor. Others maintain and operate old houses and their furnishings bearing some relationship to the ancestor. Some of these societies do practically nothing observable by the general membership save for periodic collection of a few dollars as annual dues. The only concrete activity may be the notice of the annual meeting held in some location with which the early life of the ancestor was connected. Others of the societies issue periodic newsletters, many of them excellent, containing much relevant genealogical information. Some of these publications are outstanding. Those of the Parke Society and the Towne Family Association come to mind. Some of them have annual reunions lasting two or three days with programs of a genealogical nature, a business meeting, an opportunity to see the sights which are usually related in some way to the family activity in the past, and, of course, an annual banquet. Ample opportunity is provided to visit with family members, compare notes and fill in blank spaces in the family tree. The annual dues are usually quite nominal - ten dollars or less.

The benefits to be derived from participating in a well-run family group are well worth any expense involved. Examples of well-run associations, known to the writer from personal experience, are the Parke Society, the Towne Family Association, and the Willard Association.

The Parke Society was organized in Stonington, Connecticut, in 1963, Mrs. Ruby Parke Anderson being the founder. Anyone able to trace ancestry to a progenitor born in the British Isles or North America before the American Revolution, whose name was Parke, Parkes, Parks, or Park is entitled to regular membership. Many of the members are descended from either Robert Park of New London, Connecticut, or Richard Parks of Newton, Massachusetts. What relationship, if any, existed

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between these two men has not been discovered.

This Society has voluminous genealogical material available to members. It publishes a newsletter, running to twenty-five to thirty pages of family news and new genealogical data of interest to Parke descendants. An annual reunion of two or three days duration is held in some location connected with Parke activity - this year Williamsburg, Virginia, and last year in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Society membership is approaching seven hundred throughout the United States and some in Canada. In order to serve the members better and reduce travel involved, the country has been divided into nine regions, each with its own get-togethers. New England is Region One and the first meeting was held in South Deerfield in November, 1984.

An on-going activity is assigning various members the task of locating and reporting on all Parke graves in the local cemeteries from which a master list will be compiled. Society membership information may be obtained from:

Theodore E. Parks, Historian-Registrar
P.O. Box 590
Milwaukee, WI 53201

The activities of the Towne Family Association are substantially the same as those of the Parke Society enumerated above. The quarterly *About Towne* is excellent, twenty to thirty pages of genealogical data and family pictures. This is a very friendly organization and its meetings are excellent, this year in West Lebanon, September 1985 in New Hampshire.

Membership is open to all persons by invitation or recommendation, having ties through blood relationship, marriage, collateral lines, friendship, or interest. It is to be noted that this family was probably one of the worst sufferers during the witchcraft delusion in 1692. Three daughters were accused of practicing witchcraft and two of them were executed.

An on-going activity is the collection of the Towne lineages of the various members for consolidation suitable for publication. Membership information may be obtained from:

Towne Family Association
38 Sayles Road
Asheville, NC 28803

The Willard Family Association has a long history, the 75th reunion having been held in 1983 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. A rather modest newsletter of but three or four pages is published three times a year. A student loan fund is maintained by the society. Among the sponsored activities is a tour of England next May, visiting many of the places usually

included in a tour itinerary but concluding with a stay in Horsmonden, Kent, England, which was the original seat of the Willard family. Membership is open to all descendants of Simon Willard and his brother George as well as their sister Margery (Willard) Davis. Membership is also welcomed from other Willards and their spouses. Further information may be obtained from:

Mrs. Emma Rietzel
30 Main St.
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Future issues of *Berkshire Genealogist* may contain additional information on family associations if there is sufficient interest. In particular, it would be desirable to provide some sort of master listing from such information as may be available. Listings may now be found in the *Genealogical Helper*, the *Nutmegger*, the *Hereditary Register of the United States of America* and other publications. However, these are fragmentary listings and by no means cover the entire field.

Perhaps there are other members of Berkshire Family History Association who might be willing to share their experiences with family associations. It would be very helpful to have knowledge of what associations are represented within our membership.

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Please share your experience with Mr. Cooper. We will report on your response in a future issue. Editor.

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IS THIS FAMILY YOURS?

Winch Family Bible

Two loose sheets, apparently from a small Bible, were found among manuscripts in the local history and genealogy department of the Berkshire Athenaeum by Ruth Degenhardt, department head.

Luther Winch born April th 3 1819

Eliza Jane Winch born May th 20 1821

Lucy Moriah Winch born July th 19 1824 And died the 18 of Nov 1829

Lafayette Winch born Feb th 5 18-6 And died the 13 Feb 1826

Leonard Winch born Sept the 22 1828

Martha Moriah Winch born Sept th 19 1833

Francis Amelia Winch born June 2-, 1836

Mariett Winch born Oct th 25 1839

In a different hand:

Luther Winch Died August 12th 1860 age 60 services attended by Rev Mr Ammermon chapter read 14th psalm

Eliza Winch died July 17 1861 aged 63 years

BERKSHIRE COUNTY CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

by Richard C. Leab*

Old North Street Cemetery, Cheshire
 Located on Route 8, not far from the Baptist Church.

Recorded 4 November 1984 by William O. Herrick and Richard C. Leab.

DOUGHTY John, a native of Moulton, England, d. August 15,
 1851, ae 28
 BROWN Achsah, dau. of Lydia Brown, d. February 28, 1852, ae
 5 years
 CRANE Charles A., son of Augustus & Mary Crane, d. October
 9, 1855, ae 3 years
 CLARK Maryette, dau. of Lyman T. & Sarah A. Clark, d. August
 15, 1851, ae 10 months
 RIDER Sandford, d. June 30, 1852, ae 47 years 9mos, 10days
 RIDER Emmer E., dau. of Columbus & Minerva, ae 11 mos 21
 days
 PHILB--- James Ernest, son of Rev. James & Mrs. Julia N.
 Philb---, d. Oct. 18, 18--, ae 11 mos
 MASON James E., son of James N. & Abigail Mason, d. October
 22, 1854, 4 years 2 mos.
 TANNER Candace, relict of William Tanner, d. December 16,
 1851, ae 57
 EDMUNDS Lucy, wife of Joab Edmunds, d. December 14, 1854 ae 44
 years
 HAMMOND Mary L., dau. of Julius C. & Betsey Hammond, d. August
 16, 1826, ae 1 year 6 mos 7 days
 POTTER Dolly W., d. November 10, 1851, in her 46th year
 POTTER Capt. Daniel B., d. August 7, 1844, in his 41st year
 POTTER Asahel, d. September 26, 1848, ae 81
 MOULTEN Mrs. Hannah, widow of Capt. Michael Moulten, late of
 Newport, who d. April 30, 1802, in her 81st year of
 age
 GREENE Jeremiah F., who d. October 1806, in his 61st year
 GREENE Rebecca, after a long & painful sickness, d. June 14,
 1817, in her 67th year
 REED Abraham, d. November 29, 1818 ae 81
 REED Jael, wife of Abraham Reed, d. November 10, 1815
 MASON Anne, wife of Brooks Mason, d. October 23, 1802, in
 her 61st year
 MASON Mr. Brooks Mason, d. June 15, 1825, in his 88th year
 MARTIN Sibbel Eddy, child of Edward & Sibbel Martin, d. March
 16, 1801, 3 mos

*Contributed by Richard C. Leab, 164 Bartlett Ave., Pitts-
 field, MA 01201.

- BROWN Darius, d. February 6, 1835, in his 59th year
BROWN Daughters of Darius & Anna Brown:
Chloe, d. March 20, 1803, ae 3 years 4 mos
Lavinia, d. November 12, 1803 ae 10 days
BROWN Anna, wife of Darius Brown, d. August 23, 1829 in her
52nd year
MASON George F., son of Levi & Marselle Mason, d. March 16,
1836 3[?] years
MASON Marselle, consort of Levi Mason, d. November 17, 1841
ae 44 years
MASON Levi, d. November 23, 1841, ae 63 years
CLAPLIM Elisha, d. March 29, 1807, in his 6th year
BUCKLIN John Bucklin, Esq., d. December 5, 1803, in his 86th
year
BUCKLIN Jerusha, wife of John Bucklin, d. June 23, 1776, in
her 60th year of small pox
BUCKLIN Jane, d. December 10, 1825, in her 83rd year
PECKHAM Jane, wife of --- Peckham, d. September 25[?], 1778
in her 75th year
MARTIN Chloe, wife of Edward Martin, d. October 13, 1797, in
her 42nd year of her age
MARTIN Sibbel, wife of Mr. Edward Martin, d. September 24,
1816, in her 60th year
MARTIN Edward, d. May 6, 1830, in his 77th[?] year
TIBBITS William, son of John & Wait Tibbits, d. September --,
1775 in his 5th year
TIBBITS Patience, daughter of John & Wait Tibbits, d. Septem-
ber --, 1775, in her 4th year
BARKER Ann, consort of Hon. James Barker, Esq., d. April 17,
1797, in her 65th year
BARKER Hon. James Barker, Esq., d. January 17, 1796, in his
71st year
BARKER Sally, wife of Joel Barker, d. December 4, 1821, ae
24 years
BARKER In memory of Betsey Barker, consort of Ezra Barker,
Esq., d. February 13, 1792, ae 26 years; also
BARKER Polly, their daughter, d. August 15, 1792, ae 1 year
BARKER Ezra Barker, Esq., d. July 6, 1818, in his 59th year
BARKER Sally, wife of Ezra Barker, Esq., d. January 28, 1854,
ae 83
MASON Abiah, d. June 19, 1822, in her 85th year
MASON Barnet, d. December 6, 1804, in his 70th year
MASON Miss Patience Mason, d. February 28, 1817, in her 54th
year
MASON Silas, d. March 25, 1829, in his 50th year
MASON Mrs. Achsah, wife of Mr. Silas Mason, d. May 15, 1815,
in her 32nd year
MASON Marinda, d. October 28, 1832, ae 34 years
CARPENTER Esther, wife of Dea. Stephen Carpenter, d. July 27,
1839, ae 97
GREEN Eli, d. November 9, 1817, in his 40th year
GREEN Miss Adeline, d. November 12, 1826, in her 19th year

TANNER William, d. July 10, 1843, 69 years
 FESSENDEN Sibel E. Fessenden, wife of Wm. G. Farnsworth, d.
 FARNSWORTH September 11th, 1844, ae 23 years
 FESSENDIN Calvin, d. February 5, 1839, ae 25 years
 MASON Mr. Jesse, d. October 17, 1823, in his 87th year
 MASON Lois, wife to Mr. Jesse Mason, d. September 1, 1788,
 in her 51st year.
 MASON Rhobe, d. April 16, 1804, ae 52 years
 MASON In memory of James Mason, died at Westfield, now Ft.
 Ann, N.Y., on the 17 day of April 1790, ae 38.
 Stone erected by his son James, 1831
 BROWN Patty, daughter of Asaph & Roena Brown, b. August 8,
 1814, & d. October 20, 1817
 BROWN Abraham Brown, Jun., whose departure from animal life
 was on the 21st January 1803 in his 23rd year
 WESCOTT Stephen, d. November 28, 1837 ae 77 years
 WESCOTT Mrs. Antis Wescott, wife of Mr. Stephen Wescott, d.
 March 24, 1812, in her 51st year
 WESTCOTT Stukely, d. 1802 in his 76th year
 WESTCOTT Anna, wife of Stuckely Westcott, d. 1819, in her
 83rd year
 HORTON Isaac, d. December 2, 1811, in his 61st year
 SWIFT Deborah, wife of Silas Swift, d. December 12, 1802,
 in her 56th year
 SWIFT Silas, d. January 12, 1803, in his 58th year
 BAXTER Alice, wife of Daniel W. Baxter, d. March 22, 1852,
 ae 60 years
 BAXTER Sibbel, wife of Daniel W. Baxter, d. June 17, 1841,
 in her 47th year
 REYMOND Seviah, wife of Rufus Reymond, d. March 31, 1842, in
 her 90th year
 CROFMAN Simeon, son of Mr. Nathaniel & Marcy Crofman, d.
 August 12, 1793, in his 2nd year
 PRISSLERY Mrs. Prisslery, wife of Mr. Elkana Tingly, d.
 TINGLY February 7, 1790, in her 34th year
 INGLES Anney, wife of Samuel Ingles, d. March 22, 1805, ae
 62 years
 LYMAN Moses, d. September 3, 1811, ae 69 years
 LYMAN Lucy, wife of Lieut. Moses Lyman, d. February 17,
 1802, in her 56th year
 DAGGLE Penelope, wife of John Daggel, d. January 26, 1800,
 ae 78
 NEWTON Ruth, wife of Jason Newton & daughter of John & Ruth
 CHASE Chase, d. August 21st 1782, in her 18th year
 CHASE Anna, daughter of John & Ruth Chase, d. August 12,
 1792, in her 22nd year
 CHASE John, d. April 14, 1815, in his 86th year
 CHASE Ruth, wife of John Chase, d. March 2, 1802, in her
 65th year
 CHASE Lillis, wife of John Chase, Jr., d. July 22, 1810, in
 her 49th year
 CHASE Infant child of John & Mary Chase, d. 1811[?]

- CHASE Lucy Mariah, daughter of John & Mary Chase, d. September 20, 1822, in her 11th year
- SWEET Lucinda, wife of Rev. Elnathan Sweet, d. August 28, 1826, ae 25
- SWEET Henry C., son of J. & L.C. Sweet, d. April 7, 1848, ae 13 mos 14 days
- SWEET George W., son of J. & L.C. Sweet, d. Nov. 25, 1849, ae 13 mos 11 days
- SWEET Infant son of J. & L.C. Sweet, b. and d. August 8, 1856
- BURTON Levina, wife of William Burton, d. April 6, 1827, ae 51 years 4 mos 17 daysqw
- SMITH Mary, daughter of Daniel & Mary Smith, d. June 4, 1829, 4 years 1 month
- SMITH Henry, son of Daniel Smith, ae 11 mos
- WILBUR Desire, wife of Hezekiah Wilbur, d. October 9, 1802, ae 28 years
- ---, d. October ---, 1802, ae 10 mos
- COTT Martha, daughter of Dr. Nath'l & Sarah Cott, who made her exit April 26, 1790 ae 25 mos
- SANDER ---, d. November 26, 1806, ae 2- years
- PHILLIPS Lucy, daughter of Capt. Perley & Mrs. Alice Phillips, d. February 15, 1793, in her 7th year
- EDMUNDS Lawrence, son of Ezra & Louisa Edmunds, d. June 13 ae 18 mos [no year given]
- FISH "Our Mother" Sally, wife of Allen Fish, d. January 19, 1857, ae 72 years
- FISH Allen, d. January 20, 1838, in his 59th year
- WHITMARSH Mary Louisa, daughter of Tollman & Patience Whitmarsh, d. July 23, 1838, in her 16th year
- BRIGGS Lydia N., daughter of Asaph & Lilly Briggs, d. November 25, 1833, 14 mos 10 days
- LINCOLN Diana, d. January 26, 1852, ae 77 years
- ALLEN Mrs. Amy, wife of Mr. Benjamin Allen, d. March 1, 1794, in her 31st year
- FULLER Vivas F., son of Farley & Betsey Fuller, d. October 14, 1847, ae 17 years 11 mos 19 days
- MASON Mary, wife of Nathan Mason, d. April 12, 1816, ae 30
- JENKS Mrs. Miranda, wife of Mr. Welcome Jenks, d. February 19, 1820, in her 23rd year
- FRANKLIN Oliver, d. March 17, 1810, his 62nd year
- WHITMARSH Patience B., wife of Ebenezer Cole, and relict of COLE Tolman Whitmarsh, d. June 4, 1836, ae 67 years
- WHITMARSH Tollman, d. October 5, 1842, in his 56th year
- WHITMARSH Emaline, daughter of Tollman & Patience Whitmarsh, d. December 19, 1836, in his 29th year
- ROUNDS Jabez, d. October 20, 1842, 76 years 3 mos 20 days
- WHITMARSH Laura Jane, daughter of Tollman & Patience Whitmarsh, d. December 1, 1833, in her 20th year
- HAMMOND Capt. Aaron, d. October 1, 1840, in his 55th year
- HAMMOND Lovina, wife of Aaron Hammond & daughter of Joseph B. BROWN Brown, d. October 22, 1846, ae 30 years & 13 days

- HAMMOND Arad, son of Capt. Aaron & Esther Hammond, d. March 26, 1822, in his 14th year
- FRANCIS Mrs. Leaah, d. February 24, 1814, in her 49th year
- BUCK David, d. June 2, 1840, ae 28
- BUCK Jonathan, son of Asahel & Abigail Buck, d. December 15, 1804, in his 18th year
- BUCK Mrs. Abigail, wife of Asahel Buck, d. October 3, 1811, in her 49th year
- COLE --- S., d. February 4, 18-1, 5 mos 4 days
- COLE Joseph Benton, son of A.S. & C.M. Cole, d. March 25, 1839 ae 2years 2mos
- DEMARANVILLE Robert, d. February 19, 1844, ae 40 years
- BALCOM Mrs. Betsey, wife of Mr. Luke Balcom, d. November 13, 1815, in her 40th year
- BUTLER Delilah, wife of Alpheus S. Butler, d. May 3, 1848, ae 59 years
- WESCOTT Lydia, d. January 21, 1837, in her 66th year
- RIDER Everett, son of Harriet & Bradford Rider, d. June 10, 1842, in his 3rd year
- EDDY In memory of Jael Eddy, died May 19, 1814, ae 90
- EDDY Also in memory of Michael Eddy, died May 16, 1801, ae 85 & is buried in Swansey, Ms.

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SOUTH CEMETERY, Hinsdale
Located on Route 8, near Bissellville Campground

Recorded 28 October 1984 by William O. Herrick and Richard C. Leab.

- DUN--- wife of William Dun---, d. June 20, 1843, ae 31 years
- WING Dea. Samuel, d. December 17, 1863, ae 90 years
- WING Mrs. Abigail, wife of Dea. Samuel Wing, d. October 16, 1824, ae 47 years
- CROSSETT Mercy A., wife of Chester Crossett, d. November 30, 1847, ae 39 years
- MATTHEWS Thomas, "Our Father," d. October 13, 1824, ae 57 years
- MATTHEWS Phebe, b. 1802, d. 1832
- BENEDICT John F., d. November 20, 1843, ae 68 years
- LOVELAND Alonzo, d. September 19, 1845, ae 31 years
- RUSS Joseph, d. November 22, 1825, ae 32 years
- RUSS Hannah, wife of Ebenezer Russ, d. July 9, 1843, ae 82 years
- GAMWELL Mr. James, d. April 2, 1830, in the 69th year of his age
- GAMWELL Mary, wife of James Gamwell, d. November 11, 1857, ae 86 years
- GAMWELL Julia, wife of Morgan Gamwell, d. June 3, 1844, ae 41 years
- GAMWELL Morgan, d. June 16, 1884, ae 84 years

NASH Mrs. Abigail, d. December 27, 1824, in the 29th year
of her age
NASH Deacon Elijah, d. July 14, 1829, ae 73 years
SPENCER Lucy, wife of Samuel W. Spencer, d. June 16, 1829, ae
50 years
BARRETT Lucy, wife of Thomas P. Barrett and daughter of
SPENCER Samuel W. Spencer, d. July 12, 1834, ae 25 years
BARRETT Fidelia M., wife of Thomas P. Barrett, d. February
23, 1854, ae 41 years
SPRING Charlotte, daughter of Ciril & Rosetta Spring, d.
October 8, 1840, ae 20 years
SPRING Rosetta, wife of Ciril Spring, d. April 17, 1845, ae
66 years
SPRING Ciril, d. August 28, 1872, ae 96 years 11 mos.
CADY Charlott, d. April 15, 1908, ae 68 years
CADY John, d. February 24, 1909, ae 88 years
SIMMONS Betsey P., wife of Joseph Simmons, d. October 11,
1889, ae 78 years 9 mos.
SIMMONS Ebenezer, d. April 18, 1852, ae 82 years
SIMMONS Nancy Cary, wife of E. Simmons, d. May 1, 1855, ae 82
CARY years
SIMMONS Joseph W., d. January 28, 1900, ae 83 years
SIMMONS Chauncey, d. November 25, 1838, ae 24 years
SIMMONS Alice A., wife of George G. Simmons, d. October 19,
1878, ae 23 years
SIMMONS George G. Simmons, d. January 11, 1930, ae 81 years
TOWER Libbie, wife of John W. Tower, d. in Hinsdale, May
26, 1865, ae 25 years
BRECKENRIDGE Gertie May, daughter of S.F. & P.E. Breckenridge,
d. November 1, 1882, ae 7 mos 8 days
BRECKENRIDGE Clyde P., son of S.F. & P.E. Breckenridge, d.
November 22, 1880, ae 18 weeks
BRECKENRIDGE Edith E., daughter of S.F. & P.E. Breckenridge, d.
September 13, 1872, ae 16 weeks
BRECKENRIDGE Charlie F., son of S.F. & P.E. Breckenridge, d.
August 25, 1870, ae 7 weeks 1 day
MESSENGER Milan, son of Cyrus & Charlotte Messenger, d. March
13, 1850, ae 1 year 8 mos. 6 days
CHEESEMAN Mary, wife of Abel Cheeseman, d. February 22, 1842,
ae 80 years
CHEESEMAN Edward, d. May 7, 1885, ae 83 years
CHEESEMAN Lucinda Bill, wife of Edward Cheeseman, d. March 11,
BILL 1885, ae 75 years
CHEESEMAN Mary Ann, daughter of Edward & Lucinda Cheeseman, d.
September 15, 1843, ae 3 years 3 mos.
CHAPEL Oliver P., d. July 24, 1842, ae 39 years
CHAPEL Martha R., daughter of Oliver P. & Amanda Chapel, d.
August 23, 1842, ae 13 years 11 mos.
SPRING Amanda, daughter of Ciril & Rosetta Spring, d. March
3, 1870, ae 68 years
ROTH William 1810-1901
LOVELAND Amanda Loveland, his wife 1812-1876

ROTH Emily M. Roth, their daughter, wife of George England
 ENGLAND 1836-1859
 SPRING Hervy T., d. January 10, 1853, ae 27 years
 --- Little Mary
 SPRING Mary, wife of Hervy T. Spring, d. November 7, 1849,
 ae 22 years
 SPRING Ciril, son of Harlow & Sarah M. Spring, d. August 3,
 1838
 SPRING Andrew, son of Harlow & Sarah M. Spring, d. June 1,
 1847, ae 19 years
 SPRING Sarah M., wife of Harlow Spring, d. August 16, 1849,
 ae 39 years
 SPRING Sarah M., daughter of Harlow & Sarah M. Spring, d.
 July 15, 1852, ae 14 years 5 days
 SPRING Horace 1809-1897
 SPRING Susan P., his wife 1810-1900
 SPRING Milo, son of Horace & Susan Spring, d. February 15,
 1868 ae 26 years "late of the 49 Mass. Vol."
 SPRING Willis H., son of Horace & Susan Spring, d. October
 24, 1853 ae 1 year 1 month
 SPRING Lottie M. 1844-1905
 SPRING Earl C., d. August 7, 1907, ae 13 years
 COLE "Mother" Rhoda, wife of Lewis Cole, d. August --,
 1882
 COLE Emily, d. March 5, 1877 ae 4- years --mos 10 days
 BARBER Infant, daughter of Lyman & Maria Barber, d.
 September 19, 1859, ae 6 weeks 5 days
 DAVIS Sarah A., daughter of Sylvester & Elvira Davis, d.
 November 19, 1869, ae 4 mos 28 days
 DAVIS Elvira M., wife of Sylvester Davis, b. June 30,
 1832, d. October 30, 1896 ae 64 years 4 mos
 COLE ---, son of --- & Mary Cole, d. May 7, 1872[?]
 ELDRIDG Lucina, wife of Heman Eldridg, d. February 16, 1851,
 ae 44 years
 ELDRIDGE Thomas H., son of Heman & Lucina Eldridge, d. June
 29, 1842 ae 9 years 3 mos 13 days
 ELDRIDG Henry G., son of Heman & Lucina Eldridg, d. December
 7, 1852 ae 18 years
 ELDRIDGE Briggs 1837-1921 "Our Father"
 ELDRIDGE Harriet C., wife of Briggs Eldridge, d. February 23,
 1890 ae 47 years 11 mos "Our Mother"
 ELDRIDGE Delbert S., d. November 3, 1883 ae 20 years 9 mos
 "Bertie"
 BILL Mr. Cyrus, d. November 25, 1843 ae 35 years
 BILLS Harvey J., d. October 6, 1863 ae 31 years
 BILL Marshal E., d. June 2, 1865 ae 47 years
 LOVELAND William, d. November 11, 1872 ae 53 years
 LOVELAND Dexter B., d. August 26, 1859 ae 4 mos &
 2 infants; children of Wm. & Lucina Loveland
 REED Daniel, d. April 11, 1798, d. January 22, 1876
 REED Charlotte, wife of Daniel Reed, b. February 7, 1802,
 d. April 27, 1862

CHURCH Harriett, b. May 11, 1798, d. September 24, 1877
 BEACH Jessie F., daughter of A.K. & Mary Beach, b. August
 19, 1895, d. May 16, 1896
 PORTER children of Deacon James Porter
 Laurinda, d. June 20, 1826 ae 4 years
 Fordyce, d. July 7, 1824 ae 10 mos.

A few stones are now broken and illegible.

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WILBUR BURIAL GROUND, North Adams
 located off Bellows Pipe Road

Recorded 14 October 1984 by William O. Herrick and Richard
 C. Leab.

BABCOCK Children of Smith M. & Mary Babcock
 Charles H., d. October 4, 1863, ae 6 years, 8 mos, 11
 days
 Ellen J., d. September 27, 1863, ae 13 years 10 mos
 15 days
 CLEGG Albertson D., son of Jonathan & Lydia Clegg, died
 September 4, 1851, ae 2 mos 17 days
 CLEGG Charles A., son of Jonathan & Lydia Clegg, died
 January 15, 1853, ae 1 year 1 month 11 days
 PHETTEPLACE Cyrel, d. June 9, 1843, ae 42 years
 SLY Waty, wife of Jemaney Sly, d. March 13, 1842, ae 77
 years
 SLY Jemmy, d. May 22, 1853, ae 85[?] years
 WILBUR Jeremiah, d. June 30, 1813, in 60th year of his age
 WILBUR Patience, wife of Jeremiah Wilbur, d. --- 28, 1807,
 in the 48th year of her age
 WILBUR William, d. September 30, 1854
 WILBUR Annis, wife of William Wilbur, d. March 24, 1837, ae
 39[?] years
 WILBUR George, d. June 21, 1807, in 18th year of his age
 --- John Holden, d. September 13, 1831, ae 32 years
 WILBUR William Anson, son of James & Sally Wilbur, born July
 30, 1826, age 11 ---
 Infant son of James & Sally Wilbur, b. March 9, 1828
 WILBUR James, b. September ---, 1786, d. September ---,
 1841, ae 55 years
 MORGAN ---, daughter of Jemeny & --- Morgan, d. March 11,
 1844, ae 1 year 1 month 1 day
 WILBUR Jeremiah, son of James & Sally Wilbur, b. June 29,
 1815, d. January 8, 1816
 SLY James N., son of --- & Jerusha Sly, d. September ---,
 1837, ae 3 mos
 WILBUR stone illegible

There are also several fieldstone markers.

YOKUM BURIAL GROUND, Becket
Located off Tyre Road.

Recorded 28 October 1984 by William O. Herrick and Richard C. Leab.

CHAFFEE Willard, son of Mr. Benjamin & Mrs. Mercy Chafee, d.
January 20, 1802, 5 years 4 mos. 5 days
--- James, d. March 6, 1802, ae 2 hours
--- Lysander R., d. August 27, 1813, ae 1 year 11 mos
---, d. June 9, 1815
SNOW Nelson, d. August 24, 1815, ae 13[?] years 7 mos 28
days
SNOW Letice, wife of Austin Davis, d. January 15, 1894, ae
94 years
DAVIS Austin, d. September 25, 1848, ae 57 years
MOORE Homer[?] H., son of ---, d. February 12, 1862
SNOW Mr. Nathan, d. October 18, 1835, ae 76
SNOW Mrs. Patty, wife of Nathan Snow, d. February 15, 1835
ae 73
SNOW Thankful, wife of Nathan Snow, d. February 8, 1812 ae
52 years
SNOW Nathan Snow, Jr., d. April 13, 1815, ae 22 years 2 mos
17 days
--- Infant, d. February 28, 186-
--- Infant, d. --- 19, 1862[?]

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GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY LIBRARIES

by Charlotte P. Davis*

BECKET ATHENAEUM

Main Street, Becket

Barbara C. Davis, Librarian
Ethel Mecum, Genealogy Librarian

This library is in the center of North Becket in a fine building erected in 1850 for the first Congregational Church. The interior has been completely and very well renovated, making an attractive library. The genealogical and historical material is together in one area and well organized. (This is the first library I have visited where a professional staff all donate their services! Volunteerism at its very best!)

Separate genealogies cover these Becket families: Geer, Higley, Knowlton, William Lane, Kellog (3 volumes), Mack, Messenger, and Rice. In addition, there is a Lane and Hill Photograph Album. One large handwritten book by Miss Snow, *Genealogical Records of Inhabitants of Becket*, gives a brief genealogy of each of the following Becket families: Bowers (Ellis McElwain), Briggs, Conant (Morley), Earl, Hood, Little (Clark, Bell, Lester), Loveland (Taylor), Loveland (Streeter), Pitt (Taylor, Shaw, Viets), Prence, Putnam (Gallup, Fuller), Rarrows, Smith (Snow, Hopkins), Smith (McElwain), Snow (Conant), Snow (Chesseman), Spellman (Snow), Wadsworth (Stevens, Morgan), and Williams.

Many early families left Becket and moved to Windham County, Ohio. Books relating to this: *Celebration of the Settlement of Windham, Ohio, 1861*, and two diaries, one of their leaving Becket and one of pioneer life in Lorraine County, Ohio.

Church records: a copy of the *Becket Congregational Church Records, 1765-1830* lists early members and more. Cemetery records: the Historical Commission members are now working on listing all buried in the three large cemeteries - West Becket, Becket Center, and North Becket.

Town histories - *Bicentennial History of Becket, 1975*, by Archer and Mulholland; *Becket's First Fifty Years* by Brewster, 1952; *History of Basketmaking; Report of Buildings* by Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, 1979; and a history of the Grange. Letters on Becket history, handwritten in 1876. Scrap-

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books on the 1927 flood, the P.T.A., and seven on Becket started in 1900 and continuing to the present day, indexed.

Becket Town Reports - 1900 to the present.

Standard reference books: Berkshire County histories by Beers and Pope; *Berkshire County Atlas*; *History of Massachusetts*; *History of New England* by Winthrop and Hubbard; *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution*; *Massachusetts in the Army and Navy in the Civil War* (2 vols.); *Sons of the American Revolution* (4 vols.); *Mayflower Families* (2 vols.); *Bradford's History of Plymouth Plantation*.

A few books not found in every library: *Boundary Lines of Berkshire County*, 1915; an 1803 *Probate Directory*; *Goodwin's Town Officers and Massachusetts Laws*; *Picturesque Berkshire County*, North Berkshire, 1 volume, South Berkshire, 1 volume, 1893; the *Domestic Journal* published in Springfield 1887-90, 1893-94.

Becket was included in the Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850 series. The library has the volume for its town and 212 others of that series.

The library has not only a microfilm reader but fine genealogical films: *Society Meeting*, Jan. 1799; *Town School Report*, 1860 -1930; *Old Church Volume 3*; *History of Town of Becket* Vols. 1-6 (from old vault); *Home Mortgage* books, Vols. 1-3; *Vital Records Index A-Z* (genealogical records of inhabitants).

Somewhere in almost every town today, one finds a copy machine; in Becket, it is in the library.

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Saturday 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Main Street, Hancock

Mrs. Joan Burdick, Librarian

Hancock is a fine example of the renewed interest in every county town in the town's history and its early settlers and local history groups and library committees working together to preserve the town's records. Their library is such a pleasant small building one can understand why it is so well patronized.

A vertical file contains folders with records and genea-

logies for these Hancock families: Beal and Boardman, Belding, Corey, Hall and Briggs Vaughn, Hand, Labarron, Murphy, Perigo, Phillips, Robinson, Rodman and Hazard, Smith and Sweets. There are separate books for Gardner, Gorton, Eldridge, Hadsel (Hod-soll), and J. Gardner Smith. Also *Some Descendants of Four Pioneer Families* about the Carpenter, Goodrich, Kittle, and Knapen families who came from Rhode Island and Connecticut to Stephentown, N.Y., and Hancock, Mass. The Gardner family history is also in the *History of Onondaga County, New York, 1615-1878* by Clayton, 1878.

Some unusual books in this library - *Marriage Notices 1785-1794*, for the whole United States, by Bolton; *Bailey's Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800; Names Changed in Massachusetts 1780-1892*, 2 vols.; *Manuals for the General Court (Mass.)*, 1925 to 1960; and 10 volumes of *Plymouth Colony Records*, which include the laws, meetings, and activities of Plymouth Colony from 1620 to 1694.

Standard genealogical reference books found here - *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution*; *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War*; *Pope's Pioneers of Massachusetts*; *General History of New England to 1690* by Hubbard, and *Massachusetts Acts and Resolves* from 1972.

The library has the one history written about the town, *Hancock Through the Years* by Nellie L. Cameron, 1976.

Hancock, unfortunately, was not included in the series *Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850*. The library has ten volumes of this set.

Hancock vital records - the Rollin H. Cooke extracts of births, marriages, and deaths from town records and copies from Amos Hammond's *His Book*. Other vital records, kept at the home of the Town Clerk at present, go back to the beginning of the town but have gaps due to fires.

The library has Town Reports from 1885 to 1982 and copies of the census of Hancock for 1800, 1810, and 1820,

There has been only one church in Hancock - The Hancock Baptist. Some of the early church's baptism, marriage, and death records are in the library.

A copy machine is here for the convenience of townspeople.

Hours: Friday 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Telephone: 413 738-5419

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WINDSOR, TOWN TAX LIST, 1814

A small booklet was made by hand sewing several sheets of paper together, then drawing vertical lines to make columns for the several categories of taxes recorded. There is no cover. The first outside page carries this inscription:

"State tax made in the year 1814 by Assessors of the town of Winsor is 11 Cents on the poll & three cents one Mill on the dollar.

E. Baldwin

R.Cooper[?] Assessors

Amount of tax with over layings is \$171.04

To J Bealls"

Information recorded in the booklet is: Names; Poll Tax; Real Estate; Personal Estate; Tax.

	Poll	Real Estate	Personal	Tax
Allen Zebulon	33	54	38	1,25
Axtell Eben	11	51	21	83
Axtell Sylvester	11	42	33	83
Axtell Thomas	11	41	17	92
Allen Phillip	11	2		13
Blanchard Eb ^r	11	35	22	68
Bussey Benjamin	11	1,49	73	2,33
Baldwin Samuel	11	75	60	1,46
Barber Thomas	11	27	24	62
Barber Thomas Jun	11	7		18
Bardeen for Bassett farm	11	40	10	61
Beals Jonah & James	22	20	30	72
Beals David	11	22	19	52
Beals Goshen	11	34	16	61
Baldwin Ephraim	11	98	84	1,93
Brown Alpheus	11	56	37	±1,04 ²
for J Brown farm		30		± 30 ²
Brown Alpheus Jr	11	00	8	19
Ball Moses	22	84	52	1,50
Ball Eben	11	00	6	17
Ball Horace	11	93	12	1,16
Bird Eben ^r	11	49	36	96
Bird John	11 for 2	75	24	77
for Hollis farm	for Lyman 1	59		
Bird Widow	00	9	11	20

(To be continued)

ANCESTOR TABLES

- XI. Virginia Mae Gorton. Submitted by Virginia Gorton Bonne,
3371 Crystal Court, Coconut Grove, FL 33133.

I

1. Virginia Mae Gorton, 1930- ; Wis.; Boone Co., Cook Co., Ill.

II

- 2.*Wendell Eldridge Gorton, 1900-1953; Pike Co., Ill.; Wis.; Adams Co., Ill.
3. Edna Lena Euler, 1907-1967; Stephenson Co., Ill.; Wis.; Boone Co.; Ill.

III

4. Carroll Boren Gorton, 1876-1946; Pike Co., Adams Co., Ill.
5. Florence Betha Stevens, 1879-1937; Pike Co., Adams Co., Ill.
6. Herman Conrad Euler, 1888-1958; Stephenson Co., Ill.; Pasco Co., Fla.
7. Ida Minnie Steffan, 1888-1965; Stephenson Co., Winnebago Co., Ill.

IV

8. Thomas Eldredge Gorton, 1846-1910; Pike Co., Ill.
9. Rebecca Lydia Myers, 1845-1923; Pa.; Pike Co., Ill.
10.*Nathan Marion Stevens, 1846-1930; Ind.; Pike Co., Ill.
11. Malinda Peterson, 1845-1925; Pike Co., Ill.
12.*Conrad Henry Euler, 1856-1927; Germany; Stephenson Co., Ill.
13.*Louisa Martin, 1853-1912; Germany; Stephenson Co., Ill.
14. Frederick Carl Steffen, 1863-1944; Stephenson Co., Ill.
15. Lena Minnie Brandt, 1862-1890; Stephenson Co., Ill.

V

- 16.*Thomas Acock Gorton, 1821-1901; Berkshire Co., Mass.; Pike Co., Ill.
17.*Eliza Jane Summers, 1819- ; Highland Co., Ohio; Pike Co.
18. William Myers, 1819-1895; Cumberland Co., Pa.; Pike Co.
19. Mary Wike, 1815-1887; Cumberland Co., Pa.; Pike Co., Ill.
20.*--- Stevens, - ; N.C.; S.C.
21.*--- ---; - ; Ohio; Ind; N.C.
22.*Benjamin Abbott Peterson, 1811-1829; Clark Co., Ohio; Pike Co., Ill.
23.*Bethalinda Shaul, 1812-1888; Clark Co., Ohio; Pike Co., Ill.
24-27.*
28.*Frederick Steffen, 1830-1904; Germany; Stephenson Co., Ill.
29.*Maria Anna Hobleman, 1828-1890; Germany; Stephenson Co.
30.*Fred G. Brandy, 1825-1865; Germany; Stephenson Co., Ill.
31.*Minnie Dunkerdt, 1830-1907; Germany; Stephenson Co., Ill.

VI

- 32.*John Gorton, 1781-1843; Conn.; Pike Co., Ill.
33.*Comfort Robinson, 1788-1860; Mass.; Pike Co., Ill.
34.*John Summers.
35.*Lucy H. Elkins, - ; Va.
36.*Jacob Myers, 1794-1871; Cumberland Co., Pa.; Pike Co., Ill.

- 37.*Lydia Line, -1872; Cumberland Co., Pa.; Pike Co., Ill.
- 38.*George Wike, 1781-1825; Cumberland Co., Pa.
- 39.*Mary Essig, 1782-1862; Pa.; Pike Co., Ill.
- 40-43.*
- 44.*William Abbott Peterson.
- 45.*Ruth Rubart Shehan, - ; Md.
- 46.*Mathew Shaul, - ; Va.
- 47.*Mary Botkin, - ; Va.

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XII. Neil Stephan Bonne. Submitted by Virginia Gorton Bonne,
3371 Crystal Court, Coconut Grove, FL 33133.

I

- 1. Neil Stephan Bonne, 1929- ; Winnebago Co., Ill.

II

- 2.*Cornelius S. Bonne, 1902-1949; Winnebago Co., Cook Co., Ill.
- 3.*Elizabeth Barbara Robertson, 1902-1949; Eau Claire, Wis.;
Winnebago Co., Cook Co., Ill.

III

- 4.*Cornelius S. Bonne, 1861-1904; Treschilling, Friesland, Holland; Winnebago Co., Ill.
- 5.*Alice Mary Curry, 1871-1932; Ogle Co., Winnebago Co., Ill.
- 6.*Angus Robertson, 1861- ; Canada; Cameron, Wis.
- 7. Edna Viola Skinner, 1883-1968; Knapp, Wis.; Winnebago Co.,
Ill.

IV

- 8.*George/Jort Bonne, 1827-1898; Midsland, Friesland, Holland.
- 9.*Rimka Ariens Roos, 1832-1906; Holland; Winnebago Co., Ill.
- 10.*Malachi/Malcohn J. Curry, 1843-1892; Clare Co., Ireland;
Winnebago Co., Ill.
- 11.*Mary A. Downey, 1843-1892; Clare Co., Ireland; Winnebago Co.,
Ill.
- 12.*Duncan Robertson.
- 13.*Catherine Kenedy.
- 14.*Stephen Skinner, 1833-1902; England; Dunn Co., Eau Claire
Co., Wis.
- 15.*Ellen Barbara Burn, 1852-1935; Ind.; Wisc.

V

- 16.*Jort Bonne, - ; Holland.
- 17.*Trijntje Cupido; Holland.
- 18.*Arjen Roos.
- 19.*Neeltje De Boer.
- 20-27.*
- 28. William Skinner, -1888; England; N.Y.; Dunn Co., Wis.
- 29.
- 30. Jacob Burn, - ; Ohio; Wis.
- 31. Mary Francis, - ; Ohio; Wis.
- 32. Cornelis Iensis Bonne, - ; Holland.
- 33. Neeke C. Kooyman, - ; Holland.
- 34-63*

QUERY SECTION

J. Bradley Cooper, editor*

The Query Section is for the convenience of members. Queries are printed on a space-available basis.

QUERIES

All locations are in Massachusetts unless otherwise noted.

85001

CHURCH

David Church married Rachel ---, ca. 1760, possibly in Vermont. He died in Great Barrington. Children were Reuben, Samuel, Joseph, Lydia, and Rhoda. Reuben was a Loyalist; went to Canada ca. 1775. Lydia married John Kellog, 1779 in Great Barrington. Need parents of David, date and place of his birth. Jeanne Abrams, 1300 Chaparral Drive, Carson City, NV 89701

85002

BALLOU - LOVETT - COOK

Seek information on Stephen Ballou, son of Nathaniel and Mary Lovett, married June 1751, Cumberland, Providence Co., R.I., to Mehitabel Cook, daughter of Josiah and Mary.

85003

WHIPPLE - ANGEL - ASHTON

Seek information on children of Eleazer Whipple and Alice Angell, married 26 January 1669, Providence County, R.I. He was the son of John and Sarah Whipple. Alice was daughter of Thomas Angell and Alice Ashton. Two known children: Deborah, born 1 August 1670, Providence County, R.I., and Daniel, who married Anne Cumberland.

85004

PARTRIDGE - STAPLES

Seek information on Nancy Partridge, born 11 June 1808, in Massachusetts, died 18 August 1887, probably in Iowa. She married Alexis Staples ca. 1831, probably in Massachusetts. Need data on their children.

85005

PRAY - BROWN - HOLMES

Seek information on children of John Pray and Sarah Brown, and on Sarah, daughter of John Brown and Mary Holmes. Daughter Mary Pray married Joseph Brown and had son Stephen, born 1 December 1714, Scituate Township, Providence County, R.I. Mycolynda Updegraff, P.O. Box 421, Dillard, OR 97432

The following query is reprinted from Volume 5, Number 4 because the name of Sarah White was given erroneously there:

84034

CHILSON - WHITE

Joseph Chilson married Sarah White, daughter of John White and Sarah ---, in Mendon. Need information on Joseph and Sarah. Shirley Tuck, 396 Grayling, New Hudson, MI 48165

*J. Bradley Cooper, C.G., 221 Holmes Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

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City directory information

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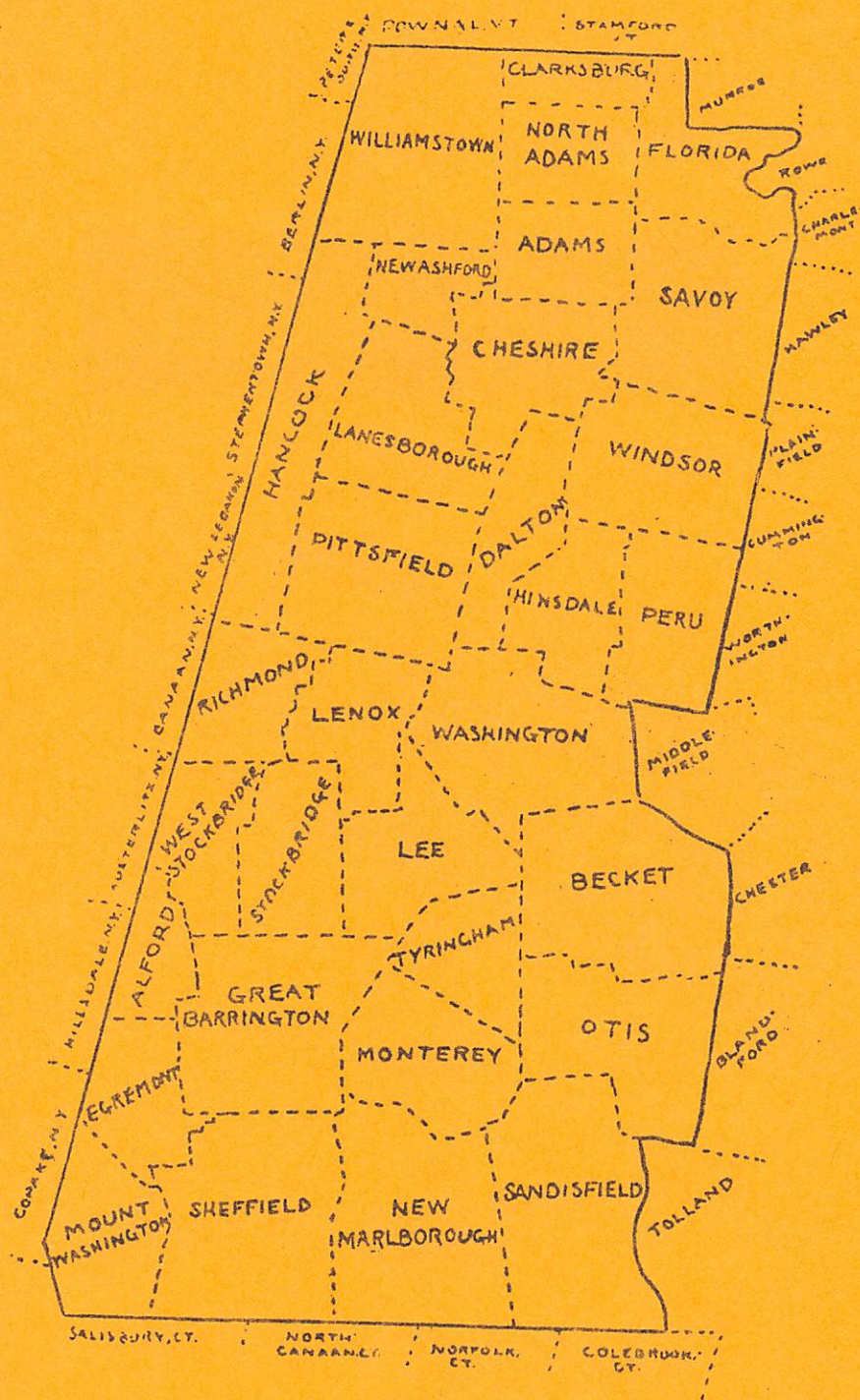
School records

Tax lists which act as a substitute for the census

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