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SOME EAST PITTSFIELD SETTLERS

By Emilie S. Piper

It may come as a surprise that some of the first settlers of Pontoosuc Plantation (Pittsfield) chose to locate on the eastern side of the grant of six square miles to Jacob Wendell in 1738. These properties lay between Unkamet's Path (East Street), present day Dalton Division Road (the border with Dalton) and outer Honasada Street (Williams Street). But there was probably good reason why this area was attractive for prospective farmers who bought the land from Indians. "Unkamet's Path" led through the area (from Albany to Northampton); "Unkamet's Meadow" did not need trees chopped down; and the confluence of Unkamet's Brook and the East Branch of the Housatonic ("Unkamet's Crossing") provided a plentiful source of water, along with Brattle Brook and Goodrich Pond. The Indian name, Unkamet's Brook is still on maps, as well as Unkamet Park Drive, a later addition, which runs off of Crane Avenue.

Tradition holds that Solomon Deming and Charles Goodrich were among the first white settlers here. Both were from Wethersfield, Conn., but sources differ as to whether they came together. The Deming genealogy says he lived in Stockbridge for three years first, in fear of Indians away from that settlement. Perhaps Goodrich accompanied Deming on his journey from Stockbridge, liked what he saw, and decided to move soon after.

Charles Goodrich is in the Goodrich genealogy, but the article which follows, published in the *Pittsfield Sun*, Jan. 26, 1876 (before the family genealogy) has some interesting, additional details about the arrival and residence in Pittsfield.

There are clues in the newspaper article as to where these first settlers lived. The unknown author mentions Mrs. William Roberts and David Smith in East Pittsfield, on the Dalton boundary road (present day Dalton Division Road) as the current owners in 1876. Since *Beers' Atlas of Berkshire County* was published that year, we looked there. The map for Pittsfield does not show Dalton Division Road, but the Dalton map does. There we found "David Smith" and "J. H. Roberts." The best estimate, by comparing that map with a current Pittsfield map, puts the original Deming and Goodrich cabins in the vicinity of present day Marchisio Memorial Park. The southwest corner of the park includes a little of Brattle Brook.

Goodrich must have prospered. By the time he died in 1816 he owned 6000 acres, in Pittsfield, Hancock, Lanesboro, Dalton and New Lebanon.

CENTENNIAL FAMILIES OF PITTSFIELD - THE GOODRICHES (Pittsfield Sun)

Charles Goodrich was one of the first settlers in Pittsfield. He was born in 1720, in or near the town of Wethersfield, Ct. His parents were poor farmer people, thrifty, yet poor in the world's goods. Charles was educated in the common English branches in the schools of his native town. In his minority he worked as a "hired-man" for the village farmers, acquiring strong will with muscle, fitting him for future life. Attaining his majority in 1741, he still continued his farmer-avocation.

A neighbor of Mr. Goodrich was Mr. Solomon Deming. Although he had a prosperous living in Wethersfield, Mr. Deming was anxious to better himself, and being of an enterprising genius, he thought to attempt a new settlement. Old hunters had circulated wondrous stories of a fine, fertile country, at the head-waters of the river Housattonog. Mr. Deming, discontented, listened to these yarns, and without taking any pains to verify their statements, he was attacked with "settling fever," and selling his real estate he took his family and the most needed farm implements, and loading his wagons with these, set out northward. This was about 1751-2. A long and tedious journey brought him to Berkshire, Mass.

Passing Sheffield, Lee and Lenox, he penetrated as far north as Dalton. No English or Dutch were nearer than thirty or forty miles. The farmer determined on settlement in those wilds. Now Charles Goodrich, probably in the capacity of a hired-man, seems to have been the companion of the Deming family, and drove the forward team. This is not certain; but we know he arrived there about the same time as Deming, and "drove the first team" within the

bounds of Pittsfield.

Mr. Deming and his hired man, or men, set down on the borders of Pittsfield and began the cutting of logs and the erection of a house. That house was the first built in what is now the town of Pittsfield. The site of this primitive house, long since destroyed by time, was in East Pittsfield, near the Wells' place, the present residence of Mrs. William Roberts, and probably on land now comprised in the farm of David Smith. The house was situate on the west side of the road now bounding Pittsfield on the east, in what is now a meadow pasture. An ancient orchard, doubtless planted by the sons of Deming, and which was adjacent to the house-lot, is still preserved by Mr. Smith; and excellent apples grow in the oldest orchard in Pittsfield; to-day.

Charles Goodrich resided for a time with his friend; then marrying, built himself a house. It is not clear as to who Mrs. Goodrich was, but she was probably the daughter of a later settler. The settlers next after Deming and Goodrich were Messrs. Jones and Brattle. These gentlemen had families, and built houses in the vicinity; that of Jones being near the Strong place, on the road leading from Newell street to town limits. Brattle built a half mile northwest of Deming. The site of his house is still shown by the bank of Sackett, or Brattle brook, on the south side of a hill, on the farm of Amasa Morse. Probably Mrs. Goodrich was a relative of Mr. Brattle or of--(blot)--dence of Mr. Goodrich was some 1Xiles west of Jones'.

In 1753, Goodrich, Deming *et al*, were incorporated as proprietors of the town of Pontosuck. Goodrich was the first town treasurer, and was also in other town offices. He was a Connecticut Calvinist, and instrumental in supporting a church. He was the first representative in the Legislature from Pittsfield, in 1769. He was re-elected in 1770, again in 1773, 1775, 1780, 1785. He was a member of Congress (Provincial) in 1775. He was also made Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He was a great farmer and owned besides his Pittsfield farm a large tract, purchased in 1761, in Hancock, which his brother Benjamin occupied. Benjamin had ten sons who settled in Hancock, who were afterwards Shakers.

Charles Goodrich deceased Nov. 16, 1816, aged 96. A true Christian, a stern defender of liberty in the Revolution - where he was an officer - a man of wealth, an influential citizen, he died in good old age, loved, honored and respected.

The Pittsfield Goodriches are of the family of Charles and his brothers. Gideon Goodrich was a town officer, in 1761. Oren Goodrich was a Representative in 1810, 1811, 1812, 1815, 1819, and 1823. Daniel, Samuel, David, Enoch and Nathan Goodrich were farmers in West Pittsfield in 1761-1800.

We may mention among others of the name who have been influential citizens, Milton, and Noah lately deceased, Levi, builder of the Goodrich Block, in this town; and his several brothers and sons.

Our respected citizens, Chauncy Goodrich, Esq., and George Goodrich, are two of the name highly respected. By intermarriage with other families, the Goodrich blood is present in several of Pittsfield wealthiest and best citizens, whose names space prevents noting.

The Goodrich name endures as a place name: Goodrich Pond. On Walling's map of Berkshire in 1902, it was known as "Sylvan Lake," consisting of 30 acres. (An earlier Registry of Deeds map shows 50 acres, surrounded by a large swamp.) "But it was early known as Goodrich Pond, from one of the most noted settlers, who owned large tracts of land in that vicinity, and there seems to be no good reason why the name of the staunch old patriot should not be preserved in the name of Goodrich Lake." (*q.v.* Sunday Morning Call, July 6, 1902) And so it has been.

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Some of his neighbors' names, mentioned in the previous article, have endured as well, in Deming Street and Deming Park; Brattle Brook, Brattlebrook Park, and Brattle Street in the Lakewood section of Pittsfield. The William Brattle house, built in 1762, is still a private home on outer Williams Street.

Charles Goodrich sold 30 acres to William Brattle on March 15, 1754 for 900 pounds,

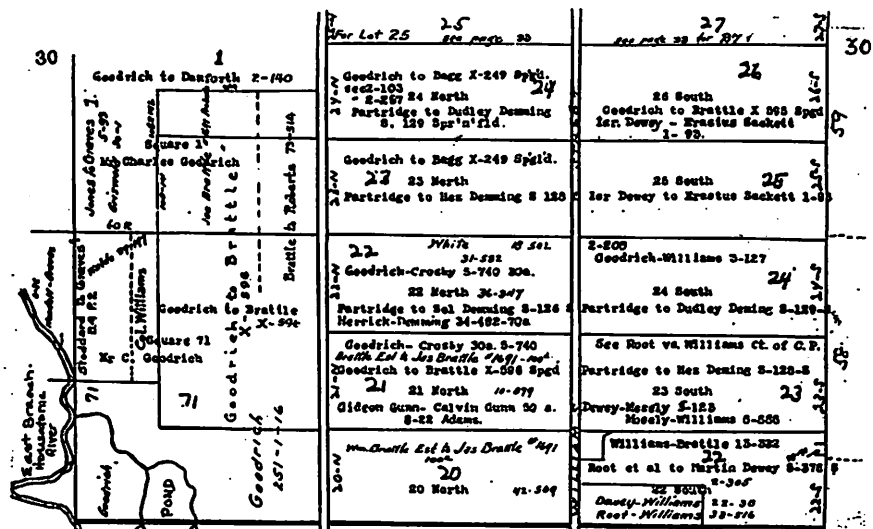
on the east side of Solomon Deming's land. The historic building at 823 North St., known as the "Goodrich House," was built by a later, distant cousin of Charles; Major Butler Goodrich, in 1792.

Does the present "Yankee Orchard" district between Dalton Division Road and outer East Street have any connection with the "ancient orchard"... "planted by the sons of Deming" as mentioned in the article? We cannot say with certainty.

The article mentions another neighbor, Jones. We assume this is probably Elisha Jones, who appears on a plan of Pontoosuck in 1752. Although there is a Jones Avenue in West Pittsfield we cannot say whether there's a relationship. The properties of Elisha Jones, including 300 acres with saw and grist mills, were confiscated, as he was a Tory and joined the British army.

Another eminent settler was Col. William Williams. He too built a log house near the eastern border of Pittsfield in 1753, which he soon fortified to become Fort Anson. It was in the vicinity of the bridge over the outer East Branch of the Housatonic, on the north side, and west of the river, not far from Unkamet's Crossing. In 1906 it's mentioned as having been "on the lot where the Rice cobblestone residence...now stands."

The photocopied map from the Registry of Deeds which follows shows some of the numerous property transactions among these early families.



Colonial and Proprietary Plans - Pittsfield
Portion of a Registry of Deeds Map

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Map of Pittsfield, Mass. City of Pittsfield, Commissioner on Tourism. Arrow Map Co., c.1997

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FAMILY REUNIONS: THE CUTLER FAMILY OF MONTEREY

Foreword by Emilie S. Piper

On May 10, 1900, the *Pittsfield Sun* published an account of a Cutler family reunion (page 2). Eleanor Demarest Cutler and her husband Thurston Irving Cutler had seven children: Mrs. John Dooley, Mrs. Sarah D. Snyder, Albert D. Cutler, Willis Cutler, Rev. Francis B. Cutler, Mrs. Charles A. Pettie, and Samuel H. Cutler.

The following article describes their whereabouts and activities.

A HAPPY FAMILY REUNION

There was a very happy family gathering at the home of Rev. John Dooly from April 25 to May 1. Mrs. Dooly's mother, Eleanor Demarest Cutler, is 84 years of age. She is of Huguenot stock; her home was formerly in Warwarsing, Ulster Co., N. Y., where she married Thurston Irving Cutler, who was a well known tanner in that section. Mrs. Cutler is the mother of eleven children, seven of whom are living. (Mr. Cutler died in 1887.)

These children have not been together at one time in over 40 years, and the reunion was planned by Mrs. Dooly in order to add to the happiness of the mother who lives with her and is quite healthy and active for one of her years. There were present Mrs. Sarah D. Snyder and Albert D. Cutler, of Greenville, Pa., Willis Cutler, a successful carpenter, of Bridgeport, Conn., Rev. Francis B. Cutler and wife of Oxford, Michigan, Mrs. Charles A. Pettie and husband of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Pettie is the inventor of the famous Dreadnaught bicycle tire, and has lately patented a puncture proof rubber tire for automobile and carriage use. Samuel H. Cutler, the proprietor of the Stone Ridge House, Ulster Co., N. Y., was the only one not present, he being prevented from coming by sickness in his family.

The combined ages of Mrs. Cutler's living children represent 368 years, all are married and have fifteen children and five grandchildren. The time spent in reunion was made pleasant by walks and carriage rides in the daytime and in the evening by recounting reminiscences of their childhood days and the years which have passed since they left the old home of their early years. All attended Church Sabbath morning when Pastor Dooly preached on the text Mathew (blur)11, in connection with Luke (blur)13. Rev. Francis B. Cutler, who is the pastor of a flourishing Baptist Church in Oxford, Michigan, preached in the evening.

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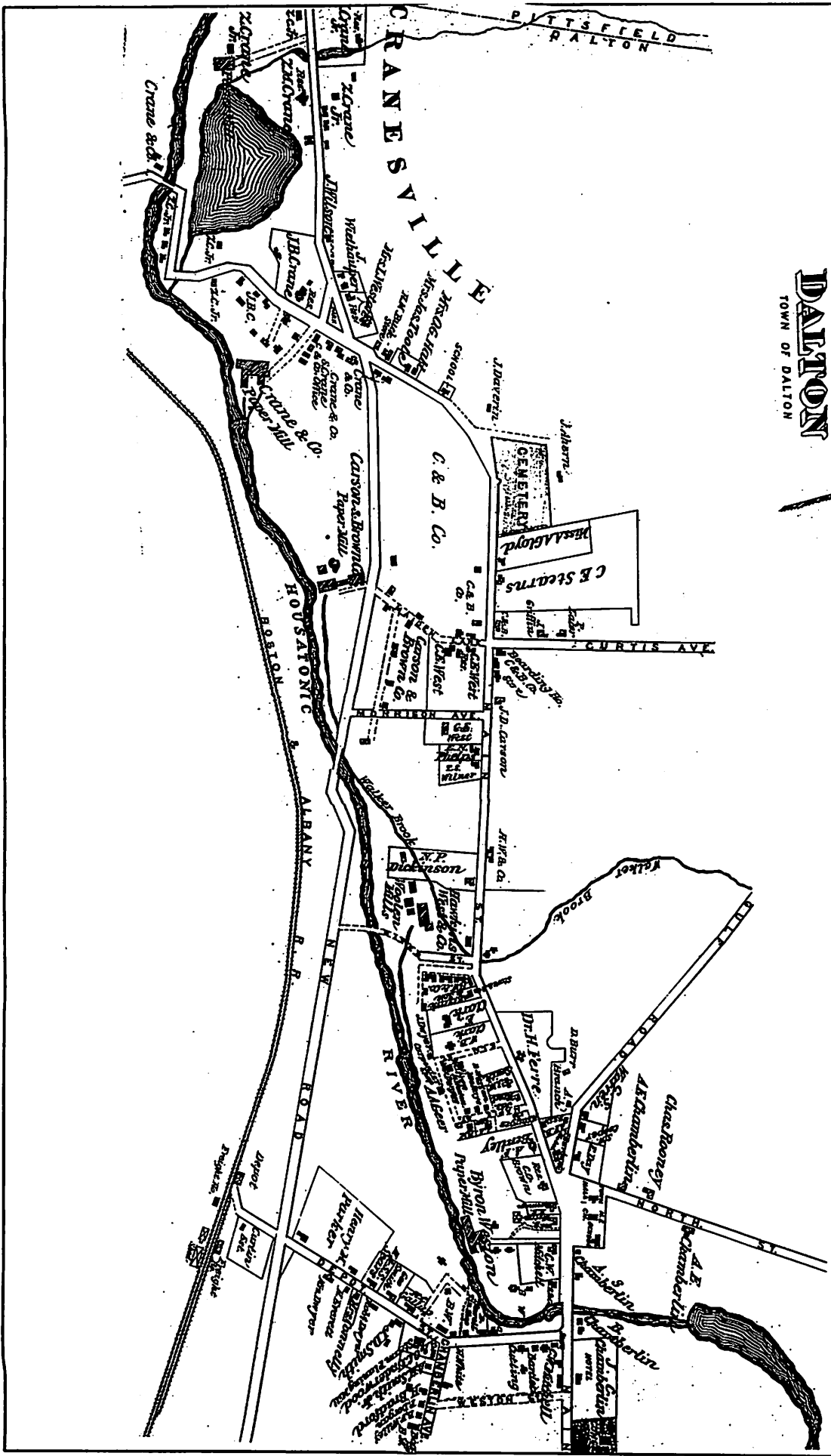
CRANESVILLE [Dalton], MASSACHUSETTS - 1876

Ahern, J.	D-3	Connelly, Mrs.	E-9	Gloyd, A. A.	D-4	Stearns, C. E.	D-4
Bartlett	D-10	Cooper, S. W.	D-8	Griffin, J.	D-5	Sturges, H.	D-8
Bentley, A. F.	D-8	Crane, J. B.	E-2	Hall, O. G., Mrs.	D-3	Toole, Jas., Mrs.	E-3
Bradford, H.	E-10	Crane, Z., Jr.	E-1	Hawkins	D-7	Underwood, H.	E-10
Branch, A.	D-8		F-2	Hayes, Mrs.	D-8	Underwood, O. C.	E-10
Brown	E-4	Crane, Z. M.	E-1	Lalor, F.	D-5	Warren, C. S.	C-5
Buck, H. M.	E-3		E-3	Mitchell, C. W.	D-9	Warren, E.	D-8
Burbank, J.	D-8	Curtis	F-9	Newell, D.	D-9	West	D-7
Burgess, Miss	D-8	Cutting	D-10	Parker, Henry M.	F-9	West, C. E.	D-5
Burr, D.	D-8	Daverin, J.	D-3	Phelps, E. N.	E-5		E-5
Carson	E-4	Day, E.	D-8	Reed, Jas.	D-8	Weston, Byron	D-9
Carson, J. D.	D-5	Dickinson, N. P.	D-7	Rooney, Chas.	D-8	Weston, B.	D-8
Chamberlin, A. E.	C-9	Dorgan, P.	E-10	Sears, H.	E-10	Weston, L., Mrs.	E-3
Chamberlin, A. S.	D-9	Dwyer, J.	E-8	Sears, S. S.	E-10	White, N.	D-10
Chamberlin, B.	D-9	Dwyer, Rob	E-10	Smith, A. H., Jr.	E-10	Wiethauper, J.	E-2
Chamberlin, J. C.	C-10	Ferra, H., Dr.	D-8	Smith, Geo.	E-10	Willey, B. F.	E-10
Clark, E.	D-7	Gallup, H. C.	E-10	Smith, J. D.	E-10	Wilner, T. S.	E-5
Clark, W. B.	D-7	Geer, A. A.	D-8	Smith, J. W.	D-8	Wilson, J.	E-2

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TOWN OF DALTON



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CHESHIRE TAXPAYERS - 1896

Foreword by Emilie S. Piper

If you are looking for residents of Cheshire, Mass. in the 1890's, the following partial list of taxpayers may be helpful, especially since the 1890 Mass. census was destroyed by fire in 1921.

This information is from the *Pittsfield Sun*, June 25, 1896, p.12, "Cheshire Happenings."

The assessors have completed their arduous labors and have found the tax rate to be \$15 on \$1000. The value of the real estate in town is estimated at \$542,000 and personal property at \$122,000. The number of polls is 334.

Some of our heaviest taxpayers are:

Nathan Harkness	\$ 91	J. B. Farnam	53	Nancy Brown	76
Elijah Prince	93	W. B. Dean	122	Card & Jenks	66
Mrs. D. D. Ingalls	60	C. H. Edmonds	64	Thomas Corliss	74
L. J. Northrup	80	G. Z. Dean	86	Cheshire Lime Co.	53
Henry J. Wood	79	George Fassell	69	C. D. Cummings	99
A. J. Leonard	67	Mrs. M. A. Fisk	229	M. L. Curtis	99
Mrs. B. M. Martin	88	A. S. Farnam & Bro.	220	J. P. Campbell	78
F. A. Martin	50	J. D. Ingalls	76	Mrs. Mary Cole	52
George Martin Estate	60	M. V. B. Jenks Estate	98		
A. L. Middlebrook	52	Fred Jacques	63		Non-Residents
J. D. Northrup	63	Henry Ingalls	57		
A. W. Prince	88	Mrs. Sarah Jenks	54	E. A. Adams Estate	82
G. E. Northrup	69	James Kelley	64	Patrick Barrett	80
J. L. Wood	63	Dwight Lamphier	143	Henry Colt Estate	64
P. B. Sweeney	58	Philo Leonard	52	H. Burr Crandall	86
R. J. Dunn	76	George Bradway	64	G. W. Jenks	113
J. B. Dean	165	W. P. Bennett	98	Arthur W. Moors	56
C. J. Fales	70	Dennis Collins	66		

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MYSTERY SOLVED

In Volume 25, Number 1, Page 9 in the article concerning Josiah Jones, we expressed doubt as to the interpretation of part of the material. Well, long time member Charlotte Davis has come forth with the answer in the form of her personal lineage:

Rev. John Eliot m 1632, Roxbury, MA, Hannah Mountfort
 Jemima Eliot m Guilford, CT, Rev. John Woodbridge
 Timothy Woodbridge m 1736, W. Springfield, MA, Abigail Day
 Sylvia Woodbridge m Phineas Morgan
 Miles Morgan m 1803 Lucy Lester
 Mary Morgan m 1839 Andrew Griswold
 Adelaide Griswold m Lee, MA, Moses Pease
 Willis Pease m East Lee, MA, Nora Oakley
 Arthur Pease m 1913, Lee, MA, Lena Navin
 Charlotte Pease m 1939, Lee, MA, Richard Davis

According to Charlotte, Joseph Woodbridge was the son of Rev. John Woodbridge, the grandson of Rev. John Eliot, and brother of Timothy Woodbridge. ■

QUERY SECTION

Roger N. Anderson, Editor

04002 STEVENS-CALLENDER-WILLIAMS-SMITH-LOMMIS-MARSH

Zebulon STEVENS b 1740 d 9 June 1776 in Sheffield, Berkshire Co. of small pox and was buried beside the West Road between Sheffield and Great Barrington. Refer to "A Lonely Grave" in the Berkshire Hills magazine (October 1, 1901). The September 1776 Tax list reveals a widow Rhode(a) STEVENS in Sheffield, whom I presume is Zebulon's wife. He had done some land buying and selling in the first half of the 1770s. Unfortunately that is all I know about him. I would like to know where he was born, when he married Rhode, and his other children. Their son Thomas married Rhoda CALLENDER about 1790. Zebulon and Rhode were probably married abt 1765 in Litchfield County, Kent ?? or Dover, Dutchess Co., NY. Rhode's maiden name could be SMITH, LOMMIS or MARSH. I believe his parents were Thomas STEVENS and Elizabeth WILLIAMS, who were married in Plainfield, CT 28 June 1728 and left for Dutchess Co. along with a Henry, Samuel, William and Ebenezer STEVENS in 1732.

04003 STEVENS-HINMAN-WATSON

A Zebulon STEVENS and a Peruda STEVENS were mustered out from Capt. John WATSON'S 9th Company of Col. Benjamin HINMAN's 4th Regiment on 23 September 1775. Their mission was to secure Fort Ticonderoga. A Cpl. Zebulon STEVENS who enlisted in Capt. John STEVENS Company on 24 January 1776 was taken prisoner at the Cedars 18 May 1776, along with a Phineas and Benjamin STEVENS. My query is - are these Zebulons the same man or two Zeb's ?? I have strong reason to believe they are two individuals, as I have identified Zebulon, Benjamin and Phineas as not in my direct lineage but in a parallel line from Plainfield. The Zebulon mustered out of WATSON's Company could well be the Zebulon who died in 1776 of small pox. The Corporal Zebulon lived on into the 1800's.

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04004 BRYANT-STANTON-WRIGHT

William S. BRYANT, b Chesterfield abt 31 Oct 1827 d Chesterfield 7 Aug 1876 s/o Job S. BRYANT & Polly STANTON m Olive WRIGHT 6 Dec 1849 in Easthampton. Need any information on descendants.

Myron B. Bryant, 778 Park Ave. Naples, Fl., 34110 Email: MBr9250005@aol.com

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THE GENEALOGIST'S LAMENT

My ancestors must have been in the "Witness Protection Program."

My family tree must have been used for firewood.

Whoever said, "Seek and ye shall find" was not a genealogist.

Am I the only person up my tree? --- Seems like it.

I researched my family tree... apparently I don't exist!

I'm not stuck...I'm ancestrally challenged!

I'm stuck in my family tree...And I can't get down!

My husband/wife has started calling cemeteries "Ancestor Farms." ■

STATISTICS OF THE ELIZABETH STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 10th, 1875

From the Vault Pamphlet File at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Principal: H. M. Goodrich; Assistant; M. K. Lamberson; Instructor in Vocal Music:
L. V. Barnard.

Report of Fall Term.

FIRST GRADE.

Number.	NAMES.	Department.	Scholarship.	Absences excused.	Absences unexcused.	Tardiness.	Rank.	Number.	NAMES.	Department.	Scholarship.	Absences excused.	Absences unexcused.	Tardiness.	Rank.
1	Fannie R. Cooley,....	8.9	9.041	5	0	68	470	7	Selden D. Andrews,	9.5	9.541	9	0	0	9.820
2	Hattie T. Cullen	9.	9.675	0	0	19	898	8	Frank L. Peck,	9.	9.757	0	0	0	9.875
3	Nellie E. Peck	10.	9.750	18	0	05	375	9	Wilbur W. Pierce,	8.	9.625	0	0	0	8.612
4	Hattie E. Pixley,....	9.	8.688	2	0	09	132	10	Willie R. Peirson,	8.9	9.410	0	0	0	7.155
5	Mary A. Synan,.....	10.	9.683	0	0	09	916								
6	Mary S. Wadhams....	8.4	9.833	0	0	18	768								

SECOND GRADE.

1	Lizzie Cullen,	9.	9.833	3	0	2	8.916	10	Edward Cullen,	7.5	8.500	8	0	8.5.000
2	Grace O. Smith,	9.9	9.850	4	0	0	9.475	11	Harry G. West,	8.	8.700	4	0	0.7.995
3	Hattie L. Thor,	9.5	9.453	3	0	2	9.476							
4	Agnes L. Fairfield,	9.9	8.833	22	0	0	6.916	12	Charles F. Bassett,	8.8	8.791	2	0	0.8.695
5	Love M. Hart,	8.7	8.760	16	0	0	8.925	13	James Duffy,	8.7	8.994	10	0	0.7.847
6	Kate E. Kirby,							14	James McSweeney,	9.	8.250	10	0	0.7.035
7	Belle M. Merchant,	9.	9.708	2	0	0	9.154	15	Harry E. Robbins,	9.9	9.788	2	0	1.9.544
8	Tillie Montville,	9.	8.750	1	0	0	8.775	16	Edward Tompkins,	10.	8.632	4	0	0.9.010
9	Hattie L. Watkins.	8.7	8.425	10	0	5	6.912	17	Charles Warren,	7.5	7.410	0	0	0.7.458
								18	John Werden,	8.5	8.916	10	0	4.5.208

THIRD GRADE.

1	Eva E. Bates,	0.	9.978	24	0	0	7.689	13	Joseph Burns,	7.	9.625	9	0	7.0.707
2	Lillie Cooley,	0.	9.965	15	0	0	8.482	14	John Conlin,	9.9	9.810	0	0	0.9.873
3	Nellie Connell,	9.	9.834	27	0	0	6.742	15	Frank E. McSweeney,	9.9	9.765	12	0	0.7.632
4	Kittie Coleman,	9.9	9.844	5	0	0	9.372	16	Steven F. Maudigo,	8.5	9.500	8	0	7.7.620
5	Sarah Daly,	9.9	9.970	29	0	0	7.083	17	John McKim,	9.	9.699	0	0	0.9.819
6	Nellie Daly,	9.	9.843	13	0	0	8.121	18	John H. Graudy,	8.9	9.970	0	0	1.9.835
7	Eda Gensler,							19	Willard Plaz,	9.	9.708	0	0	0.9.784
8	Rose M. Harding,	9.9	9.922	0	0	0	9.921	20	Herbert Sanders,	5.	9.211	20	0	4.4.713
9	Eliza Myers,	9.5	9.972	24	0	0	7.338	21	George Smith,	8.	9.832	13	0	7.6.416
10	Eliza Payne,	9.5	9.805	4	0	0	9.252	22	Augustus Smith.					
11	Theresa Siegel,													
12	Nellie Synan,	10.	9.863	0	0	2	9.731							

EXPLANATION.—Pupils are marked from written examinations; the average in such examinations, with deportment and attendance, determines rank.

Each time a scholar is noted for misconduct, 1 is deducted from the term's average in deportment. The absences are counted by half days from time of entering to time of leaving.

STATISTICS.

Whole number belonging,	50
Percentage of attendance,	94
Whole number of absences,	343
" " tardinesses,	64
Number of scholars not absent or tardy,	9
" " not absent,	12
" " not tardy,	20
Number of visits from Superintendent,	3
" " " others,	10

ROLL OF HONOR.

NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY.

Rose M. Harding,	John Conlin,
Hattie E. Pixley,	John McKim,
Mary A. Synan,	Frank Peck,
	Willie Peirson,
	Charles Warren,
	Willard Plaz.

NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT.

Hattie Cullen,	John Conlin,
Rose Harding,	John Grundy,
Mary Synan,	John McKim,
Mary Wadhams,	Frank Peck,
Nellie Synan.	Willie Peirson,
	Willard Plaz.
	Charles Warren.

NAMES OF PUPILS NOT TARDY.

Eva Bates,	Selden D. Andrews,
Lullie Cooley,	Charles Bassett,
Nellie Connell,	John Conlin,
Kittie Coleman,	James Duffy,
Agnes Fairfield,	James McSweney,
Rose Harding,	Frank McSweney,
Belle Merchant,	John McKim,
Eliza Myers,	Frank L. Peck,
Tillie Montville,	Wilbur W. Pierce,
Nellie Peck,	Willie Peirson,
Hattie Pixley,	Eddie Tompkins,
Grace Smith,	Charles Warren,
Mary Synan,	Harry G. West.

NAMES OF PUPILS EXCELLENT IN DEPARTMENT

Eva A. Bates,	Nellie Peck,
Lullie Cooley,	Grace Smith,
Sarah Daly,	Mary Synan,
Agnes Fairfield,	Nellie Synan,
Rose Harding,	Eddie Tompkins.

STATE CENSUS OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1855 GREAT BARRINGTON

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Abstract by Meta L. Stark

Question marks in the age column are those of the enumerator.

62	64	Andrew Wallen	6 M		Mass.
		Elizabeth Wallen	42m F		Mass.
		David ?	16 M M	Farm Labor	Ireland?
Date of Enumeration: September 8, 1855					
62	65	Marlin Hart	34 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Harriet Hart	55 F		Mass.
64	66	John Yon?	35 M	Blacksmith	N.Y.
		Celia Yon?	29 F		Mass.
65	67	Nelson Billings	40 M	Farm Laborer	Con.,
		Phebe Billings	36 F		N.Y.
		Sarah L. Billings	8 F		Mass.
		Martha J. Billings	4 F		Mass.
		Mary E. Billings	17m F		Mass.
66	68	William H. Morrison	30 M	Brushmaker	Mass.
		Sarah L. Morrison	27 F		Mass.
		Sarah A. Turner	51 F		Mass.
67	69	Zeba? Bradley	70 M	Labourer	Conn.
		Abigail Bradley	69 F		Conn.
68	70	William I.? Morrison	46 M	Carpenter	N.Y.
		Martha Morrison	51 F		Mass.
69	71	Louisa Bradley	67 F		Conn.
		Rachel Bradley	54 F		Conn.
		Samantha Bradley	32 F		Mass.
		Arthur A. Bradley	5 M		Mass.
70	72	Francis Kimroy?	31 M B	Laborer	Conn.
		Harriet Kimroy?	28 F B		N.Y.
		William A.? Kimroy?	7 M B		Conn
		Huldah Kimroy?	58m F B		Conn.
		Sophrona Kimroy?	31m F B		Mass.
		Eunice Kimroy?	8m F B		N.Y.
		Huldah Kimroy?	71 F B		Mass.
71	73	Binajah H.? Turner	77 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Laura Turner	71 F		Conn.
72	74	Daniel E. Giddings	49 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Lavina Giddings	47 F		Conn.
		Francis E. Giddings	9 M		Mass.
		Augustine Giddings	51 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Olive L. Giddings	50 F		Conn.
		Theodore Giddings	17 M	Farmer	Mass.
		William Giddings	16 M		Mass.
		Josephine Willey	13 F		Long Island?
73	75	Edward J. Giddings	24 M	Cong. Ch. Layman?	Mass.
		Rebecca J. Giddings	24 F		Conn.
		Franklin H. Giddings	3m M		Mass.

Date of Enumeration: September 9, 1855

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74	76	James Lahey	14 M	Farm Laborer	Ireland
		Eliza Grant	17 F		N.Y.
		Bridget Limson?	19 F		Ireland
75	77	Pat Clary	28 M	Farm Laborer	Ireland
		Bridget Clary	36 F		Ireland
		William Clary	5 M		Mass.
		Maria Clary	32m F		Mass.
		Margaret Clary	16m F		Mass.
76	78	Peter Burghardt	68 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mercy Burghardt	69 F		Conn.
		Charles Burghardt	32 M	Farm Laborer	Mass.
		J. L. H.? Race	26 M	Carpenter	Mass.
		Elizabeth M. Race	27 F		Conn.
		Olivia G.? Race	4 F		Mass.
77	79	Isaac S. Tuttle	32 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lucina Tuttle	55 F		Mass.
78	80	Amos Kane	31 M		N.Y.
		Analiza Kane	26 F		Mass.
		Mary Kane	7 F		Mass.
		William F. Kane	24m M		Mass.
79	81	Nicholas Race	50 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Betsey Race	46 F		Mass.
		Eliza C. Race	13 F		Mass.
		Amma? A. Race	12 F		Mass.
		Julia C. Race	9 F		Mass.
		Georgiana S. Race	5 F		Mass.
		Timothy A. Skinner	19 M	Farm Laborer	N.Y.
		Magdalena Haring?	22 F		Germany
80	82	Isaac Burghardt	59 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Rachel Burghardt	41 F		Mass.
		John S. Burghardt	27 M	Farmer	Mass.
		William H. Burghardt	15 M		Mass.
		Henry W. Burghardt	15 M		Mass.
		Mary E.? Burghardt	17 F		Mass.
		Charlotte T. Burghardt	5 F		Mass.
		Hurow? Hookey	45? M		Germany
		Almira B. Ballou	22 F		Mass.
81	83	Simon Sage	42 M	Mechanic	Conn.
		Susan? Sage	10 F		Conn.
		Mary D. Humphrey	36 F		Mass.
Date of Enumeration: September 11, 1855					
82	84	Egbert S. Tuler?	30 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Eliza A. Tuler?	F		N.Y.
		George Tuler?	20m M		Mass.
		Luman Dennis	13 M		N.Y.
83	85	Edward A. Hurlbut	31 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Jane E. Hurlbut	26 F		Mass.
		Cornelia P. Hurlbut	46 F		Conn.
		Otto Starin	16 M		Germany
		Bridget Kelly	22? F		Ireland
84	86	Isaac Coon	31 M	Farm Labor	N.Y.
		Caroline Coon	32 F		N.Y.
		Charles Coon	38m M		Mass.

85	87	Henry Andrews	27 M	Farm Labor	Mass.
		Elizabeth Andrews	15 F		N.Y.
86	88	Christopher Rorabacker	57 M	Labourer	N.Y.
		Amanda Rorabacker	48 F		N.Y.
		Alexander Rorabacker	10 M		N.Y.
		Irena Rorabacker	8 F		Mass.
		Clarissa Rorabacker	6 F		Mass.
87	89	Rensyler Woolcott	25 M	Farm Labor	N.Y.
		Augusta Woolcott	18 F		Mass.
		Charles S. Coffing	43 M	Farmer	Conn.
88	90	Catherine F. Coffing	42 F		Conn.
		John? H.? Coffing	16 M		Mass.
		Charles F. Coffing, Jr.	14 M		Mass.
		Jake Mernier?	30 M	Farm Labor	France
		Christian Fasbeck?	15 M	Farm Labor	Germany
		Mary N. Patric	22? F		Ireland
		Sylvester Hulbert	64 M	Farmer	Mass.
89	91	Olive Hulbert	50 F		Mass.
		Henry ? Hulbert	20 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Susan M.? Hulbert	22 F		Mass.
		Celeste O.? Hulbert	17 F		Mass.
		Lurora? Chatfield	70 F		Conn.
		William Kane?	29? M		Scotland?
		Oliver Watson	60 M	Wagon Maker	Mass.
90	92	Maria Watson	35 F		Mass.
		Alis M. Watson	13 F		Mass.
		Faxon? Watson	7 M		Mass.
		Corah Watson	10m F		Mass.
Date of Enumeration: September 12, 1855					
91	93	Jarod Murry	59 M	Blacksmith	Mass.
		Mary A. Murry	34 F		Mass.
		Charles Watson	27 M	Carpenter	Mass.
		Emeline Watson	24 F		Mass.
		Sarah M. Watson	3m F		Mass.
		Sarah Warner	50 F		N.Y.
		Edward Dennis	16 M	Farm Labor	N.Y.
92	94	Thomas M. Kinna	44 M	Carpenter	Mass.
		Hanna? Kinna	41 F		Mass.
		Foster? A. Kinna	20 M	Carpenter	Mass.
93	95	Jacob Mead	42 M	Labourer	N.Y.
		Cornelia Mead	28 F		Mass.
		Jane L. Mead	8 F		Mass.
		Mary I. Mead	5 F		Mass.
		Charles H.? Mead	24m M		Mass.
		Sarah E. Leonard	25 F		Mass.
94	96	John H. O'Brian	45 M	Laborer	Mass.
		Ann O'Brian	26 F		Ireland
		Mary E. O'Brian	44m F		Mass.
		Clarissa O'Brian	8m F		Mass.
95	97	Alexander Dutcher	50 M		N.Y.
		Ruhannah Dutcher	48 F		Mass.
		Catharine Dutcher	50 F	(Idiotic)	N.Y.
96	98	Isaac Lester	40 M	Farmer	Mass.

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		Louisa Lester	31 F		N.Y.
		Mary Lester	50m F		Mass.
		S. C. Lester	40m F		Mass.
97	99	John Lester	66 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Catherine Lester	63 F		Mass.
		Lucretia Buck	39 F		Mass.
		Henry Buck	8 M		Mass.
		Catherine Buck	6 F		Mass.
		Abigail Buck	6 F		Mass.
		Eric C. Buck	Blot M		Mass.
		Matilda Buck	12m F		Mass.
98	100	Stephen E. Smith	38 M	Carpenter	Mass.
		Ficha? Smith	38 F		Mass.
		Edward H.? Smith	6 M		Mass.
		Ida? E. Smith	17m F		Mass.
99	101	Frank? Pinchon	65 M		Mass.
		Eliza Pinchon	54 F		Conn.
		Henry? Kelsey	10 M		N.Y.
Date of Enumeration: September 29, 1855					
100	102	Tunis Proper	74 M	Labor	N.Y.
		Hannah Proper	62 F		N.Y.
101	103	Grotius Dewey	73 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Eunice Dewey	58 F		Conn.
		William Dewey	35 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Nancy N. Dewey	24 F		Mass.
		David Haley?	24 M	Farm Labor	Ireland
		Aaron Dings	21 M	Farm Labor	Mass.
		Charles Olds	14 M		Mass.
		Hesther Eaton	26? F		Ireland
102	104	Justin Dewey	58 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Malina Dewey	53 F		Mass.
		Justin Dewey, Jr.	19 M	Student	Mass.
		Thomas Dewey	60 M	Farmer	Mass.
103	105	Thomas S.? Smith	71 M	Wagon Maker	Conn.
		Laura Smith	65 M?		Conn.
		Laura J. Allen	20 F		Mass.
		L. M. Fellows	28 M	Carpenter	Conn.
104	106	Jonathan P. Tobey	62 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Nancy Tobey	53 F		Mass.
		Henry A. Tobey	33 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Langdon Hiwlitz?	24 M	Farm Labor	N.Y.
		Hannah Lister	47 F		Mass.
		Louisa Holmes	16 F		Mass.
105	107	Michael Haley	26 M	Farm Labor	Ireland
		Mary Haley	20 F		Ireland
		David Haley	18m? M		Mass.
106	108	Elizabeth Church	59 F		Mass.
		Darius Church	38 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sylvina Church	31 M		Mass.
		Henry B. Church	8 M		Conn.
		Jennette Church	32m F		Mass.

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BAPTIST CHURCHES IN ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

From the William Bradford Browne Collection at the Berkshire Athenaeum.

The History of Berkshire says that the first Baptist Church in Adams was founded in 1826, but the following subscription list for painting the Adams South Village Baptist Meeting House indicates that there was such a church structure in 1816. It is supposed that the old brick church which stood at the corner of Centre and Commercial Streets was used by all denominations in early days, and it is known to have been painted yellow, and this may be the building painted in 1816.

The subscriptions range from 33 cents to \$2.50, and total \$43.63. The last (being) the subscription of Jonathan Richardson. The roll is dated October 8, 1816 and signed by the following, many of whom are known to have been Quakers.

Erastus Cushing	James Cole	Daniel Dunham	Lapham & Briggs
Daniel Bucklin	Samson Mason	J. Q. Robinson	Stephen B. Jenks
Elijah Parker	Caleb Shrieve	Richmond Brown	Robert B. Briggs
Ozias Streeter	Rhodes Bowerman	John Bucklin	James Jillson
Thomas Robinson	Isaac Brown	Joseph Richmond	Thomas Aldrich
Charles Walker	John Bucklin	John Brown	John Stevens
Samuel Bowen	Isaac U. Hoxie	Israel Cole	Joseph Howland
John Lapham	Isaac Bucklin	Edmund Jenks, Jr.	Liscom Phillips
James Mason	Isaac Howland	Jonathan Richardson	Henry Willmarth
David Staples	Elijah Fisk	Calb Cushing	Henry Tyler
Charles Jenks	Daniel Fisk	William Jenks	Jason Wilcutt
Daniel Read	Freelove Cushing	Ezra D. Whitaker	Jabez Jenks
Jeremiah Bucklin	Samuel Jenks	M. W. Whipple	Warner Elsworth
Daniel McFarland	John Fisk		

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This account was made By Deacon Elisha Ingraham, the first Deacon of the Church, and was found among the church papers.

Adams, July 1, 1826. The 2nd Baptist Church Established. Names of members that was organized.

John L. Barker (Excluded)
Robert R. Briggs
Elisha Carpenter
Elisha Ingraham
Lurana Jenks
Marian Tisdale - died
Malissa Bates
Mary Lee
Betsy Carpenter - dis.
Abigail Ingraham
Rebekah Lapham
Abigail M. Barker
Evaline Fisk - died
Susan Burlingame

(ADMISSIONS)

Asa Richmon - By Baptism
Charlotte Richmon - By Baptism

Polly Vaughn - By Baptism
Lyman Carpenter - Excluded
Elezer Fisher - By Letter Dis.
Prince L. Starks - Dis.
Lucinda Shearman - By Letter - Died
Sarah Jewit - By experience
Polly Raymond - By Letter
Almira Graham - By experience
Experience Shearman - By Letter
Sarah Robens - By Baptism
Ruth Luther - By Baptism
Mary Parker - By Baptism
Susan Sturtevant - By Baptism
Electa Sherdon - By Letter
Mary Lovet - By Bap - Dismissed
Rachel Burlingame - By Bap - Excl
Ester Chapel - By Bap
Cynthia Upton - Letter - Dis.

Thedah Cole	Lepha Carpenter
Patty Darby - By Bapt	Emaline Gideans - Sept 17 By Baptism
Rhoda Haskins - Excluded	Sarah Cretenden - By Baptism
Mariah Belden	Elijah Rutner - Oct 9 By Letter - Dism
Rachel Fisher - Dism	Thomas Bridges - 16 October By Baptism - Excluded
Mary Carpenter	Abel Carpenter - 16 October
Abigail Starks - Dism	Roxie Pain - 16 October - dism
Sarah Martin	Emily Carpenter - 16 October
Lepha Carpenter - By Letter	Nancy Browning - 16 October - Rec By Baptism
Lydia Sturtevant - By Letter	Amos Deming - May 1832 - Rec
Ann Carpenter - Dis By Letter	Priscilla Deming - May 1832 - Rec
Mary Follet - Dism	Sarah Deming - May 1832 - Rec
Hannah Granger - Bapt	Mary Pawl - July 7 1832 - By her Christian walk & experience
Anna Randall	Caroline Longly - July 7 1832 - By Letter - Dropped by long absence
Lura Baker - Excluded	Weltha Godfrey - Nov 1 1833 - Baptism
Rachel Fisher 2d - By Letter Dism	Daniel Smith - Nov 8 1834 - By Baptism
Nathan Miller	Polly Smith - Nov 8 1834 - same
Luis Carpenter	James Mason - Nov 9 1834 - By Baptism
David Dean	Moses Bliss - Nov 22 1834 - By Christian experience
Mrs. Dean - By Baptism	Polly Bliss - Nov 22 1834
Daniel Ward	Marcina Carpenter - Nov 23 1834 - Baptism
Sarah Phillips - Dismiss	Zachariah Padelford - By Letter
Comfort Carpenter	Henry Phillips - By Baptism
Lydia Ward - By Letter	Cecelia Phillips - By Letter
Lydia Carpenter	Jonathan Smith - By Baptism
Ester Eddy	Truman Cole - By Baptism
Lucy Dean - Jany 10 1830 - By Letter	Anna Edmonds - March 7 1835 - By Letter
Mary Barney - Jany 12 1830 - By Letter -Dis	Frederick A. Bates - April 11 1835 - By Letter
Polly Grove - August 15 1830 - By Letter	Elder E. Sweet - July 12 1835 - By Letter
Charlotte Lovit	Chloy Sweet - July 12 1835 - By Letter
Charlott Burlingame	Waith Brown - August 11th - By Letter
David Gideans - By Baptism last of Feb 1831 By Elder Baldwin	Sally Temple - August 12th - By Baptism
Hannah Mason - By Baptism	
Lorinda Fisher - By Baptism June 19 1831 - dis	
William Smith - By Letter July 2 - dism	
Henry F. Baldwin - July 9	
Sarah M. Baldwin - July 9	
Luman Cretinden - Sept 10 1831 By Baptism	

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Adams Jan 28 - 1832

We the undersigned agree to give toward Elder Elnathan Sweet's support the several sums set against our names provided he will preach with us one half the Sabbaths the year ensuing beginning the first of April next.

John Richmond	\$1.00	Alonzo Wells	1.00	Nathan S. Babbitt	.50
Zelotus Richmond	1.00	Snell Babbitt	1.00	David Dean	3.00
A Friend	5.00	Benjamin Bourn		Elijah Turner, Jr.	.50
N. ?	1.00	Ebenezer Leonard	1.00	Ephraim Fisk	2.00
Eben Vaughan	1.50	Ozias Streeter	1.00	David Giddings	1.50
Samuel ?	1.00	Isaac Dean	2.00	Daniel Read	1.00
Alanson King	1.50	Daniel Fisk	1.00	Lewis Carpenter	1.00

Abel E. Carpenter	1.00	Simeon Critten	1.50	Prince L. ?	1.00
James Mason	3.00	Resolva Wood	1.50	Comfort Carpenter	1.50
D. Batcheller	2.00	H. P. Phillips	1.00	Daniel Ward	1.50
A. W. Mason	2.00	Franklin O. Sayles	1.00	Nathan Miller	1.00
A Friend	1.00	Henry Jenkes	1.50	William Miller	1.00
Eleazer Fisher	2.00	Samuel Jenkes	4.00	Daniel Smith	2.00
Elisha Ingraham	3.00	William C. Plunkett	3.00	R. N. Briggs	3.00
Thomas Jenks	3.00	Ezra B. Brown	1.00	R. Cobb	
Asa Richmond	3.00				

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MEMBERS - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS - ABOUT 1835

R. R. Briggs	Charlotte Richmond	Abigail Starks
J. L. Barker	Polly Vaughn	Sally Martin
Elisha Ingraham	Lucinde Sherman	Lefa Carpenter
Elisha Carpenter	Sarah Jewett	Lydia Sturtevant
Eleazer Fisher	Polly Raymond	Anna Carpenter
Prince L. Starks	Almira Graham	Mariam Follett
Nathan Miller	Experience Sherman	Hannah Granger
Lewis Carpenter	Sally Robins	Anna Randal
David Dean	Ruth Luther	Rhuma Baker
Comfort Carpenter	Molly Parker	Rachel Fisher, 2nd
Daniel Ward	Susanna Sturtevant	Sarah Phillips
Asa Richmond	Electa Sheldon	Lydia Ward
Lyman Carpenter	Rachel Burlingame	Lydia Carpenter
David Giddings	Mary Lovett	Lucy Dean
William Smith	Esther Chapell	Esther Eddy
Lurany Jenks	Cynthia Upton	Mary Barney
Miriam Tisdale	Eltheoda Cole	Polly Grove
Melissa Bates	Patty Darby	Hannah Mason
Mary Lee	Rhoda Haskins	Charlotte Burlingame
Betsy Carpenter	Cordelia M. Belding	Lorinda Fisher
Susan Burlingame	Rachel Fisher	Rachel Dean
Abigail Ingraham	Mary Carpenter	Charlotte Lovett
Eveline Fisk		

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107	109	Joshua E. Lawton	65	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Clarra R. Lawton	46	F		Mass.
		Phebe J. Lawton	25	F		N.Y.
		Sarah A. Lawton	23	F		N.Y.
		Patrick Linch	24	M		Ireland
		Ann Butler	36	F		Ireland
108	110	John A. Lawton	34	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Serena M. Lawton	31	F		Conn.
		Louisa M. Lawton	5?	F		Mass.
		Ida J. Lawton	26m	F		Mass.

[To be continued]

ELMER SHEPARD'S NOTEBOOKS

BERKSHIRE COUNTY PROBATE IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY FILES - NORTHAMPTON

From the Elmer I. Shepard Collection at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass.

When Mr. Shepard retired as Professor of Mathematics at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., he took up genealogy, with the objective of documenting every resident of Berkshire County from the earliest settler up to 1850. There is no way of knowing how close he may have come to accomplishing his goal, but judging from the mass of his collected material, he must have done quite well.

The following probate records are copied from Mr. Shepard's notebooks, and laid out as closely as possible to his own writing pattern. Interpretation is left to the reader. Wherever question marks appear, they indicate either Mr. Shepard's or the Editor's doubtfulness as to the accuracy of an entry. These records all date from a time prior to 1761 and the organization of Berkshire County, which had formerly been part of Hampshire County. Please note that Mr. Shepard uses the continental dating order (day-month-year).

BOOK I

Boxes thru 165 for early cases

Fort Mass John Bourne 18 35
Micah Harrington 67 37
Elisha Chapin 27 2
Benj. King 83 16

Berk. Prob. which are in salmon colored Early Hamp. Prob.

H Pr 3 6 Samuel Allin d 1755 New Marlboro
5 41 Ebenezer Ashley d 1752 Sheffield
10 3 Joseph Barnard d 1757 Stockbridge

* * *

13 48 Joseph Benjamin

(Mt. Washington)
Province land W of Shf'd

1740 Cens Mt. W. & 1786 list. (part of sawmill)
28/4/1761 Hannah widow asks adm for self and "brother"
Bond /1/5/1761 £500 Nathan Benjamin County land W of Shf'd
Inv. R.E. £380 part
in Pomfret & Windham William Coit "
R.E. & Pers 278 Mt.W. { Wm. Lyman Nhmp

Debts due from estate 12/11/1761

Josiah Lummis £23-5-0	Stephen Dene £19-16-9
John Dibell £7-12-7	James Vandeusen £3-12-0
Ebenezer Tiler £1-17-9	Nathan Benjamin £9-10-6
John Vangelder £0-16-0	David Mequethy £0-15-0
Daniel Rowley £2-18-6	Elias Willcocks £2-15-0
Benj. Osbon £1-0-0	Samuel Brown £1-10-0
Jonathan Osbon £0-7-6	Zebediah Veardam? £1-2-6
Joseph Price £0-2-6	Zephaniah Davidson £0-2-9
John Mickels £1-6-9	Namiah Dodge £1-15-7
Jacob Adams £0-2-0	Ebenezer Hanoy? £9-4-8
Mary Sackwell £0-17-11	William Shaw £2-10-6
Wm. Cellick £0-8-3	Thomas Steadman, Jr. £3-17-11
Capt. Homes £2-0-0	Ebenezer Graneman? £0-7-0
Ebenezer Molton £5-19-6	Thomas Albanwood £2-17-0
Simeon McNathy? £5-16-11	Jeames Steapeles £1-0-0
(blotted)	Jeames Reament £0-6-0

Elias Willard £4-11-8
 Josiah Dene £1-2-0
 Dockster Lee £1-15-7
 Nathan Miguethy £6-11-3
 Enos Mosher £0-17-6
 John Benedick £0-7-6
 Saml Benton £2-5-5
 Saml Holbert £0-16-9
 Jabez Cary £10-10-11
 Marthew Golding £1-1-7
 Thomas Woulaet? £0-15-0
 Silas Bingham £8-1-9
 Wm Coit £0-6-0
 Joseph Ozbon £8-1-0

Debts due to the estate
 Bazillai Benjamin £11-0-0
 Joseph Orcutt £3-0-0*
 Joshua Adams £7-10-0*
 Robert Nobelle £3-7-6*
 Ebenezer Bostwick £15-0-0*
 Joseph Osbon £3-13-3*
 Total £43-10-9*
 * "desperate"

John Richeson £0-12-0
 Jonathan Coye £0-2-0
 Elisha Holbert £0-10-0
 Timothy Pearl £25-17-2
 Jacob Semans £0-9-0
 Jorge Holt £7-0-?
 William Holt £9-0-0
 Thomas Steadman £1-17-0
 William Forge? £2-8-0
 Zaccheriah Whitne £8-0-0
 Silas Record £0-5-0
 David Preston £0-3-9
 Robert Sprage? £1-0-0
 Thomas Sweatland £0-9-6
 Total £201-5-4

Additional
 John Webb £7-0-?
 Jabez Huntington £0-16-?
 Elizabeth Walker £1-4-0
 Samuel Faulkener £0-9-0
 Nathl Hovey £0-19-0
 Total £9-19-0

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18 35 John Bourne Ft. Mass.
 Bond 14/10/1755 £200 Rachel X Bourne "of Ft. Mass."
 William Chidester "of the Westernmost
 as adm Township, so called
 Jonathan Clapp at Hoosuck
 T. Dwight, Jr. } wit Ebenezer Cole Hatfield
 Timothy Dwight, Esq., J. Prob.

Fort Mass. Dec 3 1755

Elisha Chapin)
 Salah Barnard} apprizers sworn before J. P.
 Edmund Town) Thos. Williams
 Inv. 6-9-7 5/1/1756

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19 30 Samuel Breck Gt. Bar
 Saml Breck of Spgfd minor, son of above
 chooses 7/4/1769 Robert Breck of Spfld as gdn.
 Bond 1/6/1769 £200 Robert Breck Spgfd
 John Worthington "

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19 28 Rev. Robert Breck Spgfd.
 Will 6/10/1783 to w. -----
 s Robert cup with family arms engraved
 David Lumbard exec s Daniel if living & he returns £3
 Abner Smith s George
 John Worthington } wit d Lois w. Josiah Whitney, clerk of
 Prob. 4/5/1784 Pomfret, Ct.

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22 34 Hendrick Burghardt Prob 2/12/58 Shef'd
sig "Burgot"
Will 19/10/1758 to w. Eve $\frac{1}{4}$ land
s. Coonrod 2 lots wild land near Jacob B.'s
horse "Trooper"

Isaac Van Deuse) d. Yonica or Jane)
 Abraham Van Deusen } d Cheshe) 2 rights out in
 Lt. Sam Brown) d Margaret } the Hopland so
 d Mary) called & all after
 d Aca or Elanah) draughts belonging
 rem to s. Rounbarte to same

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22 57 Rev. Aaron Burr late of Princeton, N.J. Stck.
 Bond 7/8/1759 £1000 Timothy Edwards "
 as gdn to Sarah Burr <14 Timothy Dwight, Jr. Nhmp
 Aaron " <14 Eleazar Burt "
 ch of Rev Aaron

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23 1 Aaron Burt "late of Sheffield" Pontoosuck
 Bond 11/4/1758 £200 Wm. Burt Wfd
 as adm { Samuel Smith "
 { Ebenezer Taylor Spgfd
 Bond 23/5/1760 £500 Ebenezer Burt Spgfd
 as adm { Samuel Brooks "
 { Nathan Nevers "
 8/4/1758 Thankful X Burt of Spgfd declines adm
 of estate of son Aaron - asks for son Wm.

Insolv

to Eunice White now w Joel White of Bolton
 late Eunice Ely

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23 61 William Burt } sons of Thankful Burt late of Shf'd
 Aaron
 21/5/1760 Thankful asks for Ebenezer as
 adm of estates of 2 dec'd sons
 Bond 21/5/1760 £500 Ebenezer Burt Spgfd
 in adm to Wm's est. { Joseph Ferre "
 { Danl Burt "

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24 12 Japheth Bush Prob 14/2/58 Shf'd
 Will 10/1/1758 "sick & weak"

to Orphah w. £40 ½ house
 exec eldest s Samuel

s Elnathan} resid.

Israel Ashley) d Orpha w Timothy Palmer 10
 John Ashley } wit d Mercy 5
 Nathl Austin) d Hanna 15

d Mary 10
 d Tabitha 10
 d Rhoda 10
 d Grace 10

Jacob Knight ?? of Zoa where he now dwells,
 for life, in case he behave himself
 well in judgment of selectmen"

Lt. Nathl Austin)
 Ensn Stephen Dewey } Appr 14/4/58 Inv 19/4/58
 Deac Ebenezer Smith)

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24 33 Erastus Butts d -/3/1748 or 1848? Cum
 Sally wid 17/10/48 declines
 Bond 17/10/48 £200 Erastus L. Butts "
 as adm { Charles Ford
 Ephraim Centner?
 1/11/48 allowance to Sally \$39.38 about 50 yrs old, 2 minor ch.
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25 9 Lt. Nathaniel Callendar Shf'd
 Bond 10/8/1756 £500 Ruth Callendar "
 As adm John " "
 Matthew Noble Wfd
 Lt. Nathl Austin)
 Japhet Bush } 19/5/56 Inv.
 Hezekiah Noble) appr.
 Bond without date -/-/1756 signed by Ruth
 rejected Phillip
 John

Bond 7/7/1767 £300 Nathaniel Callendar } Shf'd
 as adm. the former Oliver Ingersoll }
 adm being dec'd Abel Cadwell Wfd
 Bond 10/8/56 £500 Ruth
 as gdn to Nathl) John
 Eunice } <14 Matthew Noble Wfd
 Abner }
 Aaron)

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25 10 Deac. Philip Callendar, husbandman Prob 30/8/1749 Shf'd
 Will 4/10/1743 to w Mary
 s Philip exec.
 Jonathan Hubbard) s John
 Hez. Noble } Wit s Joseph
 Rachel Hubbard) s Nathaniel
 res to v = they to pay to
 d Tamazin)
 d Mary } £60
 d Darah)
 Distrib 13/5/1757 to heirs of Nathaniel dec'd
 to Tamazin-Wilman
 to Naney-Noble
 to Sarah-Addams

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25 30 Lodowick Carner Province Land west of Shf'd- Mt. Wash.
 Bond 5/7/1757 £800 Katharine Carner X
 as adms Jacob " X
 Josiah Sheldon, Timothy Hopkins, yeo.
 Israel Dewey } Wit Jonathan Nash, blacksmith } Sh.
 James Sexton, Sh. 5/7/57 appr.
 Bond 5/7/1757 400 Jacob X
 gdn to Nicholas } <14 Jona Nash
 Mary } Timo Hopkins } Sh
 Bond 5/7/1757 400 Katharine X

gdn to Wainchey)
 Andrew } <14
 Derick)
 Bond 17/5/1758 300 Jacob Carner (sig)
 gdn to Jonikee >14 Jona Nash
 Joshua Root } Sh.
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25 50 s. of Francis Caswell cordwainer dec'd of Shf'd
 Bond 15/5/1758 £200 Stephen Dewey)
 as gdn to Joel >14 Ithamar Hubbell } Shf'd
 Wm. Spencer)
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26 25 Isaac Chamberlain New Marl
 Bond 12/9/1758 £500 Mary Chamberlin }
 as adm Jesse Taylor " }
 Ebenezer Hunt Nhmp
 Solomon Raynsford)
 Samuel Sheldon } appr. Inv. 18/9/58
 Seth Strong)
 Acct 9/7/1771 of Mary Hollister adm
 Settlement ordered 1/3 to " "
 2/7/1771 rem Isaac 2/3 rem
 Mary 1/3 "
 Bond 12/9/58 £500 Jesse Taylor
 Ebenezer Hunt } Nhmp
 as gdn to Isaac }
 Mary } <14
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27 2 Elisha Chapin "late of Westernmost Township at Hoosuck
 so called" gent. West Hoosuck
 Bond 8/12/1756 £500 "Miriam Chapin wid late of Hoosuck West
 Township now of Spgfld"
 as adm Joseph Ely, Jr. } Nhmp
 Asa Wright }
 Inv. 27/1/57
 Isaac Wyman)
 Gad Chapin } appr. List of debts
 Benjamin Emmonds)
 adm acct Insolv
 Bond 8/12/56 £400 Miriam
 as gdn to Leonard) Joseph Ely, Jr. } Nhmp
 Sophia) Asa Wright }
 Samuel } <14
 Sewell)
 Ansie)
 Sewall Chapin 11/4/1769 of Spgfd
 chooses Benj Ely of Spgfd as gdn
 also to Saml Chapin Jr.
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28 49½ Samuel Church Shf'd
 Bond 21/5/1755 £200 Stephen Dewey "

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36 22 William Combs	Shef'd
Bond 10/2/1756 £200 John Combs	Spg'd
Luke Hitchcock 3d	"
Elisha Pomeroy	Nhmp
Inv. Spgfd 29/3/1756 only clothing	

35 42 Eli Colton Jr. No. 69 Rowe
 28/11/1798 Lovisa wid ask for Noadiah Warner
 Ely s 2 little ch

Bond 16/9/1799 Lovisa X wid.
 gdn to Zebina aet 4
 Clarissa aet 1

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36 22 William Combs Shf'd
 Bond 10/2/1756, £200 John Combs Spg'd

Luke Hitchcock "
 Elisha Pomeroy Nhmp

Inv. Spgfd 29/3/1756 only clothing

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37 12 Andrew Cook Prob. 10/5/1814 Plfd
 Will 4/10/1804 to w Ruth

oldest s John \$1 having had a share
 youngest s Joseph farm tools & resid

Perez Packard) d Lois Taylor)
 Stephen Hayward } wit d Amy Ford) \$1 each
 James Hayward) d Anna Ford) & furn
 d Hannah Cook)

heirs of Eunice Rimes?
 & Sarah Rimes?

Bond 10/5/14
 or exec 3000

Joseph Cook
 James Hayward
 Stephen Hayward }Pl

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39 6 Oliver Cooley (from Deerfield) New Marl
 Windham Co., Vt

allowance to wid Sarah 29/4/1785
 s Ebenezer aet 14 5/2/1782 Daniel Cooley of Amh
 gdn

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39 21 John Coone Shf'd
 Bond 5/7/1758 £500 Elizabeth X Coone "

as adm {Benj. Alvord}
 {Samuel Clark} Nhmp

Bond " "
 as gdn to James Coone >14
 sole heir

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41 3 Ch of Ebenezer Crawfoot late of Ptsfd
 Bond 18/4/1783 £100 Joseph Billings Belchert'n
 as gdn to Molly aet 18 Joseph Reed "
 who chose Joseph Billings

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[To be continued]

PITTSFIELD YOUNG LADIES' INSTITUTE

"The Pittsfield Young Ladies' Institute, the most noted and successful institution of learning which has ever existed in Pittsfield was established by the Rev. Wellington Hart Tyler in the fall of 1841." (*q.v.* Smith's History of Pittsfield, Vol.2, p.675) It was located in the North Street - Maplewood Avenue block. Charges for tuition and board were \$45.00 per quarter, with extra charges for music, languages, art, and the use of the piano for practice. Even though the school offered a "very considerable deduction from the principal charge for those who could spend Saturday and the Sabbath of each week at home," we suspect that costs would have represented a substantial burden for those less than affluent.

The early annual catalogues do not specify the age group that would encompass "young ladies." Starting in 1853, catalogues mention 14 to 18.

As the list of graduates contains only a small percentage of the students who attended, we have chosen to list all pupils by year, with eventual graduates marked by an asterisk. Readers may wish to count the multiple references as an indication of the number of years spent in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, home towns are in Massachusetts.

1842

Elizabeth L. Allen, Pittsfield
 M. Malleville Allen, Pittsfield
 Caroline O. Barnes, Pittsfield
 Mary L. Bement, Pittsfield
 Mary Childs Bowers, Island Grove, IL
 Myra P. Brown, Pittsfield
 Mary P. Buel, Pittsfield
 Sarah E. Bunnel, Honesdale, PA
 Elizabeth J. Carson, Pittsfield
 Harriet O. Carson, Canastota, NY
 Ellen D. Catlin, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth A. Chapman, Pittsfield
 E. Janette Chapman, Pittsfield
 Harriet F. Clark, Tyringham
 Electa Colt, Pittsfield
 Catherine Colt, Pittsfield
 Catherine M. Cooley, Pittsfield
 Janette H. Corning, Troy, NY
 Lucy Demon, Washington
 Martha J. Dennis, Troy, NY
 Martha R. Dillingham, Pittsfield
 Maria Dillingham, Pittsfield
 Susan H. Dow, Pittsfield
 Helen M. Dunham, Pittsfield
 Margaret E. Ferguson, Lanesboro
 I. Margaret Fisk, New York City
 Caroline W. Goodrich, Pittsfield
 Lucy P. Goodrich, Pittsfield
 H. Augusta Greves, Sunderland, VT
 E. Geraldine Grow, Millardsville, PA
 Adeline E. Hall, Pittsfield
 Evelina A. Heath, Lansingburg, NY
 Mary L. Hollenback, South Egremont
 Jane R. Hollenbeck, South Egremont
 Mary E. Humphrey, Amherst
 Mary Hunt, Pittsfield

Sarah Hunt, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth R. Hyde, Ashford, CT
 Mary C. Hyde, Ashford, CT
 Jane C. Ingersoll, Pittsfield
 Janette Y. James, North Adams
 Frances Janes, Pittsfield
 Caroline Janes, Pittsfield
 Martha L. Kellogg, Avon, CT
 Mari L. Laflin, Lee
 Margaret C. Ledyard, Pultneyville, NY
 Maria M. Lee, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth W. Marsh, Pittsfield
 Clarissa D. Marsh, Pittsfield
 Emeline R. Moody, Wilbraham
 Cornelia Norton, Richmond
 Ellen H. Nukerck, Palatine, NY
 Susan Osborn, Edgartown
 Mary E. Patterson, Pittsfield
 Maria E. Peck, Pittsfield
 Mary A. Peck, Pittsfield
 Mary Pegg, Pittstown, NY
 Eliza Pegg, Pittstown, NY
 Frances E. Renney, Pittsfield
 Caroline Ross, Pittsfield
 Helen Ross, Pittsfield
 Mary Russell, Pittsfield
 Sarah Russell, Pittsfield
 Catherine Schanck, Freehold, NJ
 Rachel Schuyler, West Troy, NY
 Anna G. Smith, Auburn, NY
 Julia C. Smith, Jersey City, NJ
 Ann E. Smith, South Adams
 Martha A. Smith, Cheshire
 Eliza C. Spelman, Brooklyn, NY
 Eliza C. Spencer, Hinsdale
 L. Alice Sprague, E. Bloomfield, NY
 America Sprague, E. Bloomfield, NY

Catherine M. Stearns, Stearnsville
 Helen M. Stevens, Pittsfield
 Mary H. Stevens, Pittsfield
 Ann Elizabeth Sweet, Carbondale, PA
 Mary E. Talcott, Lanesboro
 Nancy Taylor, Chester
 Julia E. Taylor, Pittsfield
 Jane A. Taylor, Pittsfield
 Mary B. Todd*, Pittsfield
 Martha C. Todd*, Pittsfield
 Sarah A. Tracy, Pittsfield
 A. Eugenia Tyler, North Adams
 Angelica Weidman, Palatine, NY
 Sarah M. Wells, North Adams
 Helen H. Wotkyns, Troy, NY

1843

Helen A. Adams, Fort Plain, NY
 M. Malleville Allen, Pittsfield
 Abigail E. Baird, Becket
 Mary Catherine Barrow, Pittsfield
 Nancy S. Belden, Batavia, NY
 Louise C. Beman, Troy, NY
 Mary L. Bement, Pittsfield
 Sarah P. Benjamin, Pittsfield
 Frances C. Benjamin, Pittsfield
 Mary Ann Bentley, Lebanon Springs, NY
 Pamela S. Bodurtha, Pittsfield
 Mary Childs Bowers, Island Grove, IL
 Sarah P. Brewster*, Pittsfield
 Myra P. Brown, Pittsfield
 Jane Buel, West Stockbridge
 Sarah E. Bunnel, Honesdale, PA
 Marion H. Canfield, Arlington, VT
 Louisa S. Carpenter, Dutchess County, NY
 Elizabeth J. Carson, Pittsfield
 Ellen D. Catlin, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth A. Chapman, Pittsfield
 E. Janette Chapman, Pittsfield
 Harriet F. Clark, Tyringham
 Helen M. Clarke, Richmond
 Mary C. Cogswell, Pittsfield
 Sarah E. Cogswell, Pittsfield
 Olivia M. Coleman, Andover
 Electa Colt, Pittsfield
 Catherine Colt, Pittsfield
 Catherine M. Cooley, Pittsfield
 Janette H. Corning, Troy, NY
 Anna W. Curtis, Canaan 4 Corners, NY
 Mary A. Darling, Worthington
 Martha J. Dennis, Troy, NY
 Virginia E. Dickinson, Binghamton, NY
 Lydia L. Dickinson, Binghamton, NY
 Martha R. Dillingham, Pittsfield
 Helen M. Dunham, Pittsfield
 S. A. Arabella Evans, Pittsfield

Margaret E. Ferguson, Whately
 Helen M. Fiske, Amherst
 I. Margaret Fisk, New York City
 Frances R. Foster, Pittsfield
 Elethia Foster, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth Fox, Palatine, NY
 Sarah A. Gardiner, Pittsfield
 Harriet M. Gay, New Lebanon, NY
 Maria T. Gold, Pittsfield
 Lucy P. Goodrich, Pittsfield
 E. Geraldine Grow, Millardsville, PA
 Adeline E. Hall, Pittsfield
 Cordelia Hall, Syracuse, NY
 Sarah L. Hall, Pittsfield
 Augusta C. Hamilton, Monticello, NY
 Mary M. Harback, Athol
 Charlotte Hart, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth A. Hayden, Pittsfield
 Eveline A. Heath, Lansingburg, NY
 Mary L. Hollenbeck, South Egremont
 Jane R. Hollenbeck, South Egremont
 Emily Houghton, Albany, NY
 Margaretta Hull, Freehold, NJ
 Mary E. Humphrey, Amherst
 Sarah J. Hunt, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth R. Hyde, Ashford, CT
 Mary C. Hyde, Ashford, CT
 Jane C. Ingersoll, Pittsfield
 Frances Janes, Pittsfield
 Caroline Janes, Pittsfield
 Julia P. Jones, Monticello, NY
 Silvia Jordan, Pittsfield
 Clarissa M. Kasson, Bethle(he)m, CT
 Susan L. Kasson, Bethle(he)m, CT
 Mari L. Laflin, Lee
 Irene Lawrence, Syracuse, NY
 Margaret C. Ledyard, Pultneyville, NY
 Catherine Lockwood, Stearnsville
 Eliza J. Maine, Canaan, NY
 Elizabeth W. Marsh, Pittsfield
 Clarissa D. Marsh, Pittsfield
 Maria Mason, Cheshire
 Charlotte A. McCoy, Troy, NY
 Sarah E. Mead, Pittsfield
 Emily Merrill, Pittsfield
 Susan M. Merry, Pittsfield
 Mary E. Merry, Pittsfield
 Fanny E. Montague, Sunderland
 Emeline R. Moody, Wilbraham
 Maria C. Nellis, Palatine, NY
 Susan Newcomb, Bernardston
 Elizabeth P. Nichols, Richmond
 Ellen H. Nukerck, Palatine, NY
 Sarah A. Otis, Pittsfield
 Mary A. Peck, Pittsfield
 Nancy Peck*, Pittsfield

Catherine E. Peck, Sheffield
 Maria E. Peck, Pittsfield
 Maria S. Peck*, Pittsfield
 Frances E. Renne, Pittsfield
 Nancy Maria Richardson, Harford, PA
 Susan F. Robinson, North Adams
 Anvenette L. Sackett, Attlebury, NY
 Catherine Schanck, Freehold, NJ
 Ann E. Smith, South Adams
 Martha A. Smith, Cheshire
 Julia C. Smith, Jersey City, NJ
 Mary E. Smith, South Williamstown
 Eliza C. Spelman, Brooklyn, NY
 Catherine L. Spraker, Palatine Bridge, NY
 Catherine A. Stearns, Stearnsville
 Caroline A. Stimpson, Pittsfield
 Harriet W. Stone, Pleasant Mount, PA
 Ann Elizabeth Sweet, Carbondale, PA
 Mary Elizabeth Swift, Monmouth, ME
 Mary E. Talcott, Lanesborough
 Julia E. Taylor, Pittsfield
 Jane A. Taylor, Pittsfield
 Mary B. Todd*, Pittsfield
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 Sarah A. Tracy, Penfield, NY
 Sarah A. Trumbull, Pittsfield
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 Mary S. Webb, Andover
 Jane C. Webster, Pittsfield
 Angelica Weidman, Palatine, NY
 Sarah M. Wells, North Adams
 Ruth B. Wells, Pittsfield
 Maria L. Williams, Curtisville
 Caroline Whitmarsh, Northampton
 Elizabeth M. Woodburn, Albany, NY
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1844

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 Louisa C. Beman, Troy, NY
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 Frances C. Benjamin, Pittsfield
 Mary Ann Bentley, Lebanon Springs, NY
 Mary Bigelow, Baldwinsville, NY
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 Eva M. Bortal, Claverack, NY
 Pamela S. Bodurtha, Pittsfield

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 Sarah P. Brewster*, Pittsfield
 Henrietta Brown, Peru
 Jane C. Buel, West Stockbridge
 Louisa S. Carpenter, Stanford, NY
 Elizabeth J. Carson, Pittsfield
 Ellen D. Catlin, Pittsfield
 Cynthia E. Chapman, Pittsfield
 Jane M. Chapman, Pittsfield
 E. Janette Chapman, Pittsfield
 Mary E. Clark, Salina, NY
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 Maria L. Dewey, Williamstown
 Virginia E. Dickinson, Binghamton, NY
 Lydia L. Dickinson, Binghamton, NY
 Helen M. Dunham, Pittsfield
 Laura Edwards, Chesterfield
 Eliza Edwards, Chesterfield
 S. A. Arabella Evans, Pittsfield
 Achsah M. Fairbanks, Pittsfield
 Margaret E. Ferguson, Whately
 Helen M. Fiske, Amherst
 Louisa L. Fonda, Livingston, NY
 Frances J. Foster, Lansingburgh, NY
 Elethia Foster, Lansingburgh, NY
 Elizabeth Fox, Palatine, NY
 Sarah A. Gardiner, New Orleans, LA
 Maria T. Gold, Pittsfield
 Harriet M. Gay, New Lebanon, NY
 Electa M. Gay, Pittsfield
 Lucy P. Goodrich, Pittsfield
 Clarissa A. Goodman, Pittsfield
 Helen E. Grennell, Greenfield
 Adeline E. Hall, Pittsfield
 Sarah L. Hall, Pittsfield
 Augusta C. Hamilton, Monticello, NY
 Mary M. Harback, Turner, ME
 Elizabeth A. Hayden, Pittsfield
 Catherine Hayden, Pittsfield
 Jane R. Higginbotham, Pittsfield
 Emeline B. Houghton, New York City
 Maria Hulbert, Lee
 Margaretta Hull, Freehold, NJ
 Sarah J. Hunt, Pittsfield
 Jane C. Ingersoll, Pittsfield
 Caroline Janes, Pittsfield
 Harriet A. Jessup, Montrose, PA

Julia P. Jones, Monticello, NY
 Silvia Jordan, Pittsfield
 H. Louisa Katherin, Herkimer, NY
 Martha Kingman, Pelham
 Frances S. Kingsbury, Framingham
 Grace M. Laflin*, Pittsfield
 Mary C. Latham, Williamstown
 Irene Lawrence, Syracuse, NY
 Margaret C. Ledyard, Pultneyville, NY
 Katharine C. Lockwood, Stearnsville
 Elizabeth W. Marsh, Racine, (WI Territory)
 Clarissa D. Marsh, Racine (WI Territory)
 Maria Mason, Cheshire
 Charlotte A. McCoy, Troy, NY
 Mary E. Mead, Pittsfield
 Julia F. Mead, Pittsfield
 Sarah E. Mead, Pittsfield
 Lucinda Ann McCune, New York City
 Maria R. Merriam, Pittsfield
 Hannah Merrill, Pontoosuc
 Anna G. Merrill, Pontoosuc
 Susan M. Merry, Pittsfield
 Mary E. Merry, Pittsfield
 Sarah J. Merry, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth Mesick, Kinderhook, NY
 Fanny E. Montague, Sunderland
 Lydia H. Munro, Camillus, NY
 Elizabeth P. Nichols, Richmond
 C. Amanda Page, Pittsfield
 Mary A. Peck, Pittsfield
 Nancy Peck*, Pittsfield
 Catharine E. Peck, Sheffield
 Maria S. Peck*, Pittsfield
 Emma Philip, Mellenville, NY
 Helen Pomeroy, Pittsfield
 Julia Putnam, Attica, NY
 Jane L. Quigley, Chester
 Julia F. Redfield, Troy, NY
 Rebecca Reed, Pittsfield
 Frances E. Renne, Pittsfield
 Mary E. Rhoades, Manlius, NY
 Nancy Maria Richardson, Harford, PA
 Susan F. Robinson, North Adams
 Amelia M. Rounds, Housatonicville
 Catharine Schanck, Middletown Point, NJ
 Anvenette L. Sackett, Attlebury, NY
 Blanche V. Shaw, Lanesborough
 Mary E. Smith, South Williamstown
 Hannah C. Smith, Providence, RI
 Jane A. Smyth, Albany, NY
 Eliza C. Spelman, Brooklyn, NY
 Catharine L. Spraker, Palatine Bridge, NY
 Harriette A. Sterling, Salisbury, CT
 Mary H. S. Stevens, Pittsfield
 E. A. Stimpson, Pittsfield
 S. M. Stimpson, Pittsfield

Caroline A. Stimpson, Pittsfield
 Harriet W. Stone, Mount Pleasant, PA
 Ann Elizabeth Sweet, Carbondale, PA
 Mary E. Swift, Monmouth, ME
 Mary E. Talcott, Lanesborough
 Jane A. Taylor, Pittsfield
 Mary B. Todd*, Pittsfield
 Martha C. Todd*, Pittsfield
 Sarah D. Todd, Pittsfield
 Sarah A. Trumbull, Pittsfield
 Eleanor H. Tucker, Pittsfield
 Euphemia M. VanDervoort, Mellenville, NY
 Margaret A. VanDeusen, Pittsfield
 Mary E. VanDeusen, Pittsfield
 Maria R. Warriner, Pittsfield
 Sarah J. Waterman, Williamstown
 Harriet F. White, Albany, NY
 Ruth B. Wells, Pittsfield
 Mary E. Wells, Dundaff, PA
 Elizabeth M. Wilder, Groton
 Maria L. Williams, Curtisville
 Martha A. Wolfe, Troy, NY
 Elizabeth M. Woodburn, Albany, NY

1845

Frances C. Adam*, Canaan, CT
 M. Malleville Allen, Pittsfield
 Rosanna C. Allen, White Creek, NY
 Emma Barnard, Montreal, Canada
 Anna S. Barnes, Lanesborough
 Martha Ann Batcheller, North Brookfield
 Emeline Batcheller, North Brookfield
 Sarah Beers, Orient, Long Island
 Emma J. Beers, Orient, Long Island
 Sarah P. Benjamin, Pittsfield
 Frances C. Benjamin, Pittsfield
 Mary Bigelow, Baldwinsville, NY
 Mary F. Blackinton, North Adams
 Mary Ann L. Blair, West Brookfield
 Helen Bonney, Boston
 Caroline Borden, Fall River
 Eva M. Bortal, Claverack, NY
 Mary Childs Bowers, Island Grove, IL
 Sarah P. Brewster*, Pittsfield
 Lydia F. Bristol, Canaan, NY
 Harriet J. Brown, Cheshire
 Nancy R. Bulkley, Williamstown
 A. M. Bush, Sheffield
 Louise S. Carpenter, Stanford, NY
 Sarah M. Carpenter, Stanford, NY
 Ellen D. Catlin, Pittsfield
 Cynthia E. Chapman, Pittsfield
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THE LITTLE BARN THAT CAME A LONG WAY

By Gloria Morse, Chairperson, Richmond Historical Commission

The little barn on the Daniel and Marjorie Levin property at 490 Rossiter Road is a little gem hidden in a very rough appearance. When viewing it from the road, one would never guess its age by its size or looks.

This little barn has a long history, one that is still a mystery to some today. All this came to light when the Conservation Commission asked the Historical Commission to attend a meeting on the barn. Did anyone know if it was as old as was claimed?

Barns are a fairly new territory for the Massachusetts Historical Commission; for years we have been documenting old houses over fifty years old and historical objects and sites for them. Richmond over the past 200 years has lost a large number of barns, mostly due to lightning or poor judgment in putting away crops, hay for instance. Another, lesser demise of barns is caused by local fire departments and their practice of fire fighting by using these old barns for training. You don't have to pay taxes on what you don't have; old farmers were smart.

The land this little barn started out on was part of the grants for Mt. Ephraim, later Richmond. Agent Samuel Brown bought the land from the original grantee and sold it to Simeon Carpenter, yeoman, from Richmond. James and Richard Carpenter, who came from Rehoboth, Mass. were living there before Simeon bought the land. Simeon Carpenter is listed as having served in several battles of the Revolutionary War and was also listed on the 1777 assessors' list with three polls (voting tax). His wife (no name is listed) joined the Congregational Church in 1788. Nothing more is known about this family.

In November, 1799, Henry Pierson, Esquire, and his wife Phebe, from Long Island, bought the property from Simeon. It had a house, barn, and cowhouse. It is presumed that he moved in shortly with his wife and five children, for the death records list Sophia, the oldest daughter, who died December 20, 1799, age 18. A very bad start.

Henry was about 40 years old as he began to do a lot of business in Richmond. He ran a saw mill with Henry Sherrill, rented out horses and hauled freight to Hudson. Henry had only 19 short years here and died April 3, 1818, age 61 years. His wife Phebe died January 27, 1826, age 76.

His oldest son Josiah then took over the farm, married neighbor Nabby Rossiter in 1822 and raised a large family. He also continued the freight business. His sister Harriet ran Maple Valley Seminary for girls from the old house. Josiah died February 28, 1860 at the age of 76. His son Joseph J. Peirson took the reins of the farm and kept a diary of his crop plantings. He died while plowing his field, May 29, 1919, age 77 years. Joseph and his wife Elvira had three daughters who continued to live in Richmond: Gertrude married Henry Clark, Alice never married, and Martha married James Barnes. This ended 150 years of Peirsons and the little barn. All have now passed away with only the great grandchildren still living in Richmond.

The farm with the barn was bought by a New York couple, David and Carola Gould, who were going to use it as a summer home. Sometime around this time "Pine Top" a cottage, was built; life went on David Gould died. Carola then sold the property to a Lenox couple who intended to use it as a summer retreat. The big old house was rented out.

On the morning of July 16, 1936, fire broke out from defective wiring and nothing could be done to save the house, although the West Stockbridge Fire Department did save the barn and outbuildings. Loss was estimated to be \$5,000. The house was rebuilt and was said to be the same size as the old one - seven rooms. A 1903 Howes Brothers photo of the old house makes it look much larger.

The property was split up in the 1980s; the house going one way and the barn, now a cottage house, another.

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PITTSFIELD'S CHANGING STREETS

Over the course of Pittsfield's history many of its streets have been known by more than one name. Some were not only changed, but the original names have been reused elsewhere, so your ancestor may not have lived exactly where you thought.

Abbey Road was Reed Avenue
 Acorn Street was Daniels Street
 Appleton Avenue was Maple Street
 Bay Avenue was Gay Avenue
 Bossidy Drive was Tower Drive
 Bradford Street was North Main Street
 Capri Terrace was Lake Terrace
 Center Street was Swamp Street
 Chatham Street was Chatham Hill
 Chickering Street was Bridgman Street
 Clinton Avenue was Danielson Avenue
 Cloverdale Street was also "Boulevard"
 Columbus Avenue was Railroad Street
 Copley Terrace at end was Guild's Place
 Courtland Place was Courtlandt Place
 Crane Avenue at Coltsville was Milton Avenue
 Crescent Street was Renne Place and Renne's Court
 Crestview Drive was Amity Street
 Crystal Street was North Avenue
 Curtis Street was Clapp Street
 Dalton Division Road was Division Road and South Dalton Road
 Danforth Avenue was Alder Street on the west and Division Street on the east
 Daniels Avenue was Second Avenue
 Deering Street was Jordan Avenue
 Deming Street was River Street then Water Street
 Demont Avenue was Longview Avenue
 Dewey Avenue was River Street
 Division Street is now Danforth Avenue
 Division Street was South Avenue from Francis to Circular, from Circular to Dewey it was called Prospect Street
 Dwight Street was West Appleton Avenue
 Eagle Street was Cottage Row
 East Park Terrace was Park Terrace
 East Street beyond the Bridge near Dalton was Unkamet Street
 East Street from Elm was Beaver Street
 Edgewood Road was Appletree Avenue
 Elm Street was Bridge Street
 Elmvale Place was Russell Street
 First Street between East and railroad was

Mechanic Street beyond railroad was North First Street
 Fleet Place was Bank of New England Place
 Forest Place was Colt Street
 Fort Hill Avenue was Parker Avenue
 Fourth Street between East and Fenn was Brown's Avenue
 Fourth Street was Willis Street north of railroad tracks
 Francis Avenue was First Avenue
 Gifford Street was Second Street
 Glenwood Avenue was Walnut Street
 Goodman Lane was Wilson Lane
 Goodrich Street, South Church Street and Center Street were Church Street
 Grape Street was Pond Road
 Holmes Road was Middle Street and Wendell Street
 Hubbard Avenue was Maple Street
 Hurley Drive Community Street
 Ivy Lane was Altimont Street
 John Street was Brown Street
 Jubilee Terrace was Francis Terrace for 14 years
 Kellogg Street was Peck Place
 Knox Road was Brickyard Road
 Lillian Street was Kremlin Street
 Linden Street was Francis Street, Bridge Street and Institute Street
 Locust Street was Spring Street
 Madison Avenue was Robbins Street, then Clough Street
 Massachusetts Avenue was East Housatonic Street Extension
 Merrill Road was Dalton Road
 Oliver Avenue was Parker Avenue
 Pomeroy Avenue was Gold Avenue from East Housatonic to Broad, then Willis Avenue from Broad to Holmes
 Rector Street was First Street
 Reuter Avenue was Reuter Place
 Riverview West was Deering Street
 Robbins Avenue on the hill was South Robbins Avenue
 Robbins Avenue was Third Avenue
 Satinet Street was West Court

Second Street between East Street and Fenn was Laflin's Lane; beyond the railroad was North Second Street

South John Street was John Street
 Stearns Avenue was Hall Avenue
 Students Lane was Russell Lane
 Taconic Street was Factory Street
 Third Street was Hubbard Street
 Tyler Street was Allen Avenue east of Burbank Street

Victor Street was Third Street
 View Street was Colt Street
 Wendell Avenue was Williams Avenue (or Street)

Whipple Street was Oliver Street and Robbins Street
 Williams Street was Honasada, Elm and Williams (Street was divided)
 Willis Street was Willis Place
 Woodbine Avenue was South Avenue

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Little Barn - from page 70

Several families have owned the little barn before it came to the Levin family, who decided to fix up the sad little barn. They hired Jack Soban, architect, barn and house builder and David Lanoue, an old barn and house restoring contractor, to look at the barn. They are excited! This is an early 18th century thrashing barn with three bays, local chestnut forming the gun stock posts with other massive timbers framing the barn. Roman numerals are found, which also help date the barn. The rest of the building has been worked on several times and at one time was raised up on a new foundation.

The chestnut wood is a sight to be seen, light colored wood with a rich grain. You can almost see and smell the grain drying in the upper lofts.

Everyone is out looking for big barns! But Jack and David are quick to point out that life in the Berkshires started out small; often the farmer built his barn first, then his house. Life was tough and you had to work to live. There are barns left in Richmond at least as early as this little gem, and some which are now over one hundred years old and becoming scarce as hens' teeth. A lot of fact finding and site work needs to be done on these barns including perhaps finding a way to keep a few non-conforming buildings intact. You don't know what history you are throwing in a dumpster until it's gone.

Sources: The *Pittsfield Sun*, *Berkshire Eagle*, Central Berkshire Registry of Deeds, 1850 Vital Records of Richmond, the Henry Peirson Family Papers, the Ray Williams Papers, Assessor's 1777 papers, the 1903 Howes Brothers photos, the Edward R. Knurow Collection, The Rollin H. Cooke Collection - Richmond Congregational Church membership, Cole Plan, 1797, 1856, 1878 and 1904 maps, William Edwards photos.

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GUIDE TO INTERPRETATION OF THE 1855 MASSACHUSETTS CENSUS

The taking of a census in 1855 was mandated by an act of the General Court of Massachusetts, 21 May 1855. The act provided that a census of each city and town be taken between 1 June and 1 October 1855. The census was to be "as of" the first day of June of the census year.

Reports on the taking of the census stated that the instructions were generally "well observed". Some enumerators, however, were so negligent or heedless that their reports were "scarcely fit to be received". Cautions, still appropriate, were given against relying too absolutely on the census because of "the great liability to error", and the "usual difficulty of arriving at the truth" arising from ignorance and prejudice.

To secure uniform reporting, blank forms were provided and the following data were to be recorded:

1. Dwelling houses numbered in the order of their visitation.
2. Families numbered in the order of visitation, ("family" being all those living in one house, public house or institution.)
3. Name of every person whose usual place of residence was in this family 1 June 1855. Note: Excluded were those born after 1 June. Included were those who had died after 1 June and those temporarily absent. Relationship of household members to the head of the household was not recorded. An aid in establishing relationships exists, nevertheless, in the requirement that the enumerator arrange names in a given order:
 - (1) Master
 - (2) Mistress
 - (3) Children in order of age
 - (4) Male domestics, etc.
 - (5) Female domestics, etc.
 - (6) Boarders, etc.
4. Age. To be given as of last birthday unless next birthday would be within four months, then age at next birthday.
5. Sex.
6. Color. B for Blacks, M for Mulatto, no entry for Whites.
7. Profession, occupation or trade for each male over fifteen. For clergymen, initial letters of denomination.
8. Place of birth. State or territory if native born; country if foreign born.
9. Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.

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