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PITTSFIELD - BASEBALL'S GARDEN OF EDEN

On the morning of May 12th readers of Pittsfield's daily paper *The Berkshire Eagle* were greeted by a bold page 1 headline which read, "JOY IN MUDVILLE - Pittsfield scores a first: 1791 bylaw banned 'baseball' near meetinghouse. Historian reveals earliest written reference to game." While Pittsfield residents probably weren't particularly delighted at having their fair city called Mudville, there was no mistaking that baseball history had been rewritten.

It all started in April, 2003 when baseball historian and author John Thorn had logged on to a website which offered a digital copy of J. E. A. Smith's *History of Pittsfield*, *Berkshire County*, *Massachusetts*, 1734-1800, published in 1869. There, on page 447, was a reference to the following bylaw:

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Pittsfield qualified to vote in Town Meetings, holden on Monday the fifth day of Sept. 1791. Voted The following ByeLaw for the Preservation of the Windows in the New Meeting House in said Town, viz.,

Be it ordained by the said Inhabitants, that no Person, an Inhabitant of said Town shall be permitted to play at any Game called Wicket, Cricket, Baseball, Batball, Football, Cat, Fives, or any Game or Games with Balls within the Distance of Eighty Yards from said Meeting House - and every such Person who shall play at any of the said Games or other Games with Balls within the Distance aforesaid shall for every Instance thereof, forfeit the Sum of five schillings to be recovered by Action of Debt brought before any Justice of the Peace to the Use of the Person who shall sue and prosecute therefor. And be it further ordained that in every Instance where any Minor shall be guilty of a Breach of this Law, his Parent, Master, Mistress or Guardian shall forfeit the like Sum to be recovered in Manner & to the Use aforesaid.

While untold numbers of people no doubt had read Smith's account of the passage of this bylaw, apparently no one ever reasoned that *baseball* and 1791 had never before appeared in the same context. It was more than a trivial document; it was the earliest known reference to baseball in North America.

About a year later, Thorn met former New York Yankees pitcher Jim Bouton, who at the time was interested in renovating Pittsfield's Wahconah Park. Pittsfield's Mayor James M. Ruberto, reportedly an avid baseball fan, was also working to bring professional baseball back to Pittsfield. Everything had come together. Mayor Ruberto called a press conference, and on May 11th Historian Thorn, standing before a battery of media microphones and a city council chamber packed with reporters, proclaimed Pittsfield to be, until further notice, the "birthplace of baseball." Mayor Ruberto was quick to dub our city "Baseball's Garden of Eden."

This was a big story. It found its way to the wire services and on May 12th Pittsfield was certainly not alone in having the story on its front pages. We heard reports of coverage, not only in many major papers, including the New York Times, but also on CNN and "Good Morning America." We heard from one individual who had logged on to a Japanese website and discovered a story, of course written in Japanese characters, but with the Arabic number 1791 embedded. Knowing Japan's passion for baseball, we made a logical assumption.

THORN WAS NOT THE DISCOVERER

At this point in the story, veteran readers of *Berkshire Genealogist* may be getting a feeling of *deja vu*, for it was on these pages, in our Winter, 2000 issue that we carried the same revelation. Your editor discovered the bylaw sometime in October, 1999 while preparing a name index for Volume 33 of the Berkshire Athenaeum's Edward R. Knurow Collection. Mr. Knurow had copied the document, which he found in a city hall record book. Your editor also recognized that this represented a change of baseball history and appended the following editorial comment:

[According to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, "It was in Cooperstown, New York, in the summer of 1839, that Abner Doubleday was alleged to have laid out the first baseball field and conducted the first game of baseball ever played." Could Pittsfield have jumped the historical gun by over 48 years? Ed.]

JOSIAH HULET - EARLY SANDISFIELD SETTLER

By Ron Bernard¹

Sandisfield was named in honor of Lord Samuel Sandys who was a member of the "Privy Council" and the newly appointed first Lord of "Trade and The Plantations." To this point the land was part of the "Housatonic Township No. 3" and was sparsely populated by a few intrepid settlers who trickled in over the previous 25 years or so. "Proprietors" who lived in Worcester County owned most of the land. By the 1750s these large landholders had divided the original nine "Meadow Lots" into home lots typically of about 60 to 80 acres. They made plans to lay out settlements, open up roads, construct bridges and to attract settlers.

Town Clerk George Sheppard's wonderful 1885 historical account of the town states that "(Sandisfield) was incorporated March 6th, 1762. The first town meeting called after the incorporation was by virtue of a warrant issued by Joseph Dwight, Esq., of Great Barrington, justice of the peace, April 7th, in the 'second year of the reign of George the Third of Great

Britain, 1762.[†]"

New families trekked in mainly from crowded and over worked farming communities in Connecticut and central Massachusetts. They were hardy and determined to say the least. Imagine what they faced. For starters a vast hilly forested wilderness with granite boulders everywhere. Long, cold, unforgiving winters followed by very wet, muddy growing seasons. No roads. Lurking forest creatures. Horrible epidemics every few years. No welcoming committees and government handouts, that's for sure.

What were they like? Why did they come to these parts? How did they fare? What is

their legacy to us, today's inhabitants?

In 2001 I purchased an old Federal style farmhouse on Cold Spring Road near Lower Spectacle Pond. I was looking forward to an enjoyable retirement in a safe, quiet and clean environment with friendly, plain living neighbors. Ah, the great outdoors. Winter sports! What a change from the hectic pressured everyday world of the New England city/suburb. I hoped to make some new friends. I planned to support community activities. Hartford might as well be a thousand miles away.

The old homestead was so charming and inviting. More than 210 years old, it retained much of its original fabric-- unusual even in New England. Gas lights. Old fireplaces, one still with its sturdy iron crane to hold cooking pots. Original "12-over-12" windows. A cute little privy -- a two-holer no less! A pair of tremendous gnarled apple trees, probably older than the house. Eternal sentries in the back yard, refusing to yield their ground to time or the elements or animals. Beautiful, massive sugar maples gracing the front. "Thank goodness those frugal Yankees refrained from 'improving' the place", I thought. Man, you gotta respect something which was built by pioneers' hands using nearby trees and stones with few nails and crude tools. It has withstood countless storms and the perils of pests, fire, and falling trees. What about the wear and tear by country families for some two centuries? How many folks were born - and died - in here? If only the walls could talk. Awesome. That was the first day.

On the second day I notice that the barn is collapsing, the 3-layered roof is leaking and the heating system is completely shot. The privy is falling apart. It's like a rain forest in the basement. Stinks down there. How come they didn't replace the floor in that room a hundred years ago? And you know, those nifty retro gas lights do not seem to be so safe or all that useful actually. A surrounding wooden deck dating to the 1920s is suffocating the foundation. Its gotta go. Soon. Those big rocks all over the yard - were they always there? Black flies?

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Yikes! What do you mean there's no Town trash pick up? There's an interesting bat colony in the attic, over there by the mother of all bee hives. The kitchen was installed when? 1938 - you're kidding, right? Mice, probably hundreds, are forming war parties to protect their ancestral homeland. Chipmunks have engineered impressive earth works leading into the foundation. So that's why they call it a mudroom. What's that funny smell and what the hell is a septic system anyway? Help!!

Like the settlers of the 18th century, I had discovered Sandisfield by following the Farmington River north, traveling the same road into town. For some of the same reasons too. And like them, I was committed. No turning back. Besides, all I had to do was fix the place, not build something from scratch in the woods while also farming to survive. What could

possibly go wrong?

Actually, everything. But my neighbors became my friends and were very encouraging. I hired as many local tradesmen as possible. They threatened to charge me more if I helped with the work. After two years repairs and improvements were completed. We succeeded in not damaging original fabric and historical details - a main objective. Now the place is re-

stored, revitalized and happy.

The renovations forced me to become intimately acquainted with every detail, every nook and cranny. After a while it seemed that I even knew the original farmer-builder. It was fun to imagine the family and neighbors, probably, constructing it and then living and working there. They scratched some dates and inscriptions for future dwellers to ponder. They built the house to last and for their own generations. I am grateful for that. They would be proud to see their house today, pretty much original, and relieved to know that there were good caretakers through the years and at the right times.

By the mid 1800s so many Berkshire families were emigrating, lured by the promise of an improved life. So with plenty of good, cheap fertile land and grasses out there they headed west, many to New York State and to the "Western Reserve" in Ohio. Old settler-family names disappeared, gone, except inscriptions in the cemeteries and the land records. Typically a farmstead was passed down to one son who somehow kept it going while also minding aging parents. Subdividing already marginal, difficult land was pointless. His brothers moved on. But some remained to do "lumbering" or "smithing."

It was part of the classic national expansion pattern. Surely the old clans from Sandis-field's Beech Plain section were involved. Spring, Hawley, Wentworth, Clark, Jones, Fuller, Allen, Strickland, Belden, Judd, Wilcox, Pease, Adams and others. Today, only a few of these names are still common in town.

I purchased a copy of local historian Anne Hoffman's informative "Sandisfield --Biography of a Town." It got me to wondering about all this. What ever happened to the Hulett's who lovingly built my old farmhouse in the Beech Plain? I inquired of the neighbors and old timers. I checked with local historical societies. I pored through town records. Senior members of the Etzel family, the previous owners since the early 1900s, drew a blank. Are there any descendants in town? Nearby? Did anybody know anything about the Hulett's?

Genealogical accounts of the family's beginnings in America are varied and unclear. But it is possible that John Howlett, b.1645 in Ipswich, was the son of Thomas who landed in Boston as early as 1630 from England. Researchers have found the name in nearby Charlestown as well as in Ipswich and Newton. Michael Howlett was born to John and Abigail Powell in 1679, probably in Boston. In 1704 he married Experience Newton in the town of

Newton. They removed by 1709 to Killingly, Windham County, Connecticut Colony.

Michael and Experience -- don't you love that name! -- had at least eight children: Josiah b.1707 in Boston or Newton; Daniel b.1709 in Killingly; Nathaniel (or possibly Nehemiah) b.1713; David b.1715; John b.1716; Michael b.1717; Oliver b.1718; and a daughter, finally! - Experience b.1721. It was among these sons that the family name evolved to Hulet. Today it is most commonly found as Hulett as well as Hewlett, Hulit, and other variations. More importantly the grandsons of Michael from northeastern Connecticut are the progenitors of thousands of Hulett's around the country today.

Their first son, Josiah, lived his entire life in Killingly and probably inherited the

homestead. He and his wife Lydia (???), had 12 children. The daughters were: Abigail b.1730/1; Lydia b.1731/2; Experience b.1740; Abigail 2nd b. 1751 and Eunice b.1755. Their sons were: Michael (1734-1825); Obadiah b.1736; Jacob b.1738; Josiah "II" (b. about 1743 - d. 1834 Sandisfield); John b.1745; Daniel (1748-1838) and Elam b.1758.

By the 1760s Connecticut farming communities were crowed with big families on shrinking farms. Their land was also tired. In Killingly the records show that people speculated on land. If they were shrewd, they could make money and possibly secure a better future. For the Hulets, opportunity lay to the west but still relatively close to their roots. So, three of Michael's grandsons packed up and headed for the Berkshires and Vermont to establish new farms.

I found a land record dated December 27, 1777 whereby Phillip Hopkins of the Rhode Island colony sold to Josiah Hulet and his wife Elizabeth a "tract of land of 80 acres in Killingly" for the sum of "two hundred forty pounds of lawful money." Less than two years later, on November 13, 1779, Josiah re-sold this parcel for "1000 pounds lawful money to Simeon Wheaton of Swansea of the Massachusetts Bay." Josiah signed his name while Elizabeth made her "X." With this tidy profit (indeed!) I believe that Josiah and his growing family immediately set out to join uncle John who settled in Tyringham about ten years earlier.

We quickly find Josiah in the Berkshire County land records, November 14, 1780, where he and Lemuel How(e) of Great Barrington sold to David Chapman of Norwich, Connecticut a tract of land in Great Barrington for 480 pounds. The circumstances and relationship of Josiah and Lemuel Howe are unknown but the record definitely establishes his

presence in the area by 1780.

On April 19, 1784 Amos Hutchinson of Sandisfield sold to "Josiah Hulet of Newmalbrow" a lot of 65 acres in the "Beach Plain" for "one hundred fifty pounds lawful money." This was the homestead lot. In 1796 Josiah purchased an adjacent parcel from Waite Robbins of Wethersfield, Connecticut for "one hundred fifty dollars cash" thereby expanding the family farm to at least 120 acres.

The previous owners told me they had a professional laboratory analysis done on some of the "cut" nails taken from the Josiah Hulet house. The results suggest that it was built by 1790. Believe it or not, old nail date analysis is quite accurate. Machine-made nail technology was introduced in the late 18th century. New machines and processes and improvements were frequent, quickly making existing nails obsolete. A company in Boston keeps busy analyzing samples from architectural historians. Imagine hundreds of years from now when historians are trying to precisely date the crude late 20th century personal computers for their museums. What will they do? Why, refer to the Intel Company records for the various Pentium chips, of course. It is the same with old cut nails.

With the aid of his considerable extended family and his adult son Obadiah, Josiah built his house on the west side of Cold Spring Rd., then a narrow dirt path albeit an important passage for farm wagons in the Beech Plain. Just across the street, in the clearing, are remains of several mid-19th century structures and two old wells. By a stand of extremely old sugar maples there we find an interesting, unnatural rise in the land. Clearly this mound and the rubble stones poking up around the perimeter represent an early structure. Had this been their first "dwelling house," so-called, in 1784? Perhaps an archaeological dig one day will reveal the answer.

Josiah and Elizabeth had seven children, a typical number for the times. The girls, Selah and Phoebe, and a boy - Obadiah, were all born in Killingly by 1775. Daughter Percis ("Percy") was born in New Marlboro in 1782. The Sandisfield births were Azuba ("Ruba" -1785), Betsey ("Eunice" -1787) and finally in 1791 the third in a line of Josiahs.

Genealogists have been unable to trace the lives of these girls, except possibly for Betsey who is thought to have died in Vermont in 1857. Massachusetts vital statistics provide no clues about them. Selah and Obadiah were members of the Sandisfield Baptist church. We know they were all alive in 1828 when Josiah Sr. made out his will. Otherwise, so far, they have truly "disappeared." Could they have joined communal sects such as the Shakers, which were growing fast in the early 1800s? On the other hand, the record is rich with information

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about Josiah Sr. (1743-1834) and his sons, Obadiah (1774-1855) and Josiah Jr. (1791-1889).

Everyday life in the early 1800's Berkshire farming communities was arduous to say the least. The forest was their best friend — a typical farm family consumed 20 cords of wood per year! But the forest was also a formidable foe. They were constantly attacking it to clear farming land. Did you ever wonder how they managed to fell all that old growth with crude tools? It was by "girdling" or simply removing a ring of bark and letting the tree die in place for subsequent felling although limbs would be removed. Large stumps were left to decay or were burned or hauled to the perimeter and set atop rubble stonewalls to form a livestock fence. New England farms were not pretty places in those days, resembling battlefields, actually.

One of the first things early homesteaders did was to plant an apple orchard, usually right out the back door. And although trees bore crabbed fruit of little value, the apples were good enough for home use. Some families even gave their trees names. It is interesting to observe the many little orchards scattered around town today -- probably legacies of the early settlers.

As for the people, they became like their hard, rocky land - rugged and serious. The farmer, unpretentious in his uncomfortable and ill-fitting clothes, was nevertheless very dignified. He was always exhausted from never ending tilling and planting, haying, woodcutting, stone removal and countless other demands. They weathered physically just like their buildings and land. Children became like their parents. Sundays, however, were strictly reserved for church and rest. Work was taboo. The people were very honest and reverent and devoted to their church, which played an important role in community life.

A young woman of the early 19th century could expect to have a wretched life of drudgery, working from early morning to late night six days a week. Many women bore ten or more children and usually saw some of them die young. Death in childbirth or because of epidemics was not uncommon and the bereaved had to remarry quickly. There wasn't much time for romance. Survival was at stake.

I wonder if our society today can imagine the heroic self-denial and just how hard previous generations worked to establish this nation and consequently our own amazingly comfortable way of life. They seem super human to me. They deserve to be remembered with our total respect and gratitude.

This was the reality for the Josiah Hulet family in the Beech Plain. But their work ethic, thriftiness and very hard labor began to pay off. Hulet land holdings were substantial and their comfortable house was certainly better than average by standards of the day. The 1810 US Census indicates that Josiah's eldest son, Obadiah, 34, was living "next to" his father, alone. One can imagine that he preferred living in the family's first cabin than in the main house with five sisters and a mother!

In Tyringham, Josiah's likely sponsor, cousin John and his four sons - all Revolutionary War veterans — pulled up stakes and headed west. Obadiah, who had been essential in the establishment of the farm in Sandisfield, followed the lead of his cousins and in 1829 went to Alabama where he married and purchased various parcels totaling 400 acres by 1832. He also purchased 400 acres in Mississippi in 1841 but seems to have been an absentee landlord there because he removed with family to the Republic of Texas by 1835. He and his son James served in the Texas militia. He died there in 1855 at age 81. Obadiah's sons, James and William, served in the Confederacy.

In April 1828 Josiah Sr. made his last will and testament, which was witnessed by George Hull, Josiah Sage and Roswell Heath. He bequeathed "to my son Josiah, a real and personal estate except my bedding and household furniture, including Land, Buildings, neat stock of farming utensils conditioned that he furnish myself and my beloved wife Elizabeth with a decent and comfortable maintenance and support in health and sickness during our natural lives; and that he pay the following legacies I bequest within two years from the time of my decease, provided I survive my present wife, or, if she survives me, then, within two years from the date of her decease -- That is to say - to each of my two sons Obadiah and Silas (?? Must be nickname for Josiah Jr. - RB) or their heirs One Hundred and Fifty Dollars -

To my daughter Phebe One Hundred and twenty Dollars; To each of my daughters Sela, Eunice, Percy and Ruba or their heirs Sixty Dollars and to Horace Hulet Twenty Dollars. I give and bequeath all my bedding and household furniture to be equally divided among my five daughters or their heirs. I hereby appoint my said son Josiah Hulet my sole Executor of this my last will and testament."

Only four months after the will had been written, Elizabeth died at age 82. Josiah Sr. died in Sandisfield on March 4, 1832 at age 91 having lived a long and industrious life. The

homestead then passed to Josiah, Jr.

In 1815 Josiah sought his bride, Mary, also 25, from the neighboring Henry Spring Jr. family. Although they certainly were childhood friends, most likely this was an arranged marriage which was customary in early 19th century America. Josiah and Mary were married on July 4. In those days it was THE holiday. A young country celebrated this day like no other, so we can imagine that a Hulet-Spring wedding then would be exceptionally festive. Times were good and the future looked bright for the hard working residents of Sandisfield's Beech Plain.

Spring is a very early Massachusetts family, which arrived in the Berkshires via Brookfield and before that in the 17th century traces to Weston and Watertown. Henry Spring Jr, (1733-?) son of Capt. Henry Spring (1712-62) settled in town right after the Revolutionary War. The record suggests that Housatonic Plantation land had been promised to Capt. Spring for meritorious service in the colonial militia. Somehow the family wound up with some inferior hilly and rocky lots around the ponds. But, they made the best of it, operating a successful hotel, or tavern as they were called, together with a stable to accommodate as many as 20 horses. According to Shepard (1885), the Spring place was "crowded with customers most of the time." Today the buildings are gone and the road is a ghost. A casual hiker would never conceive that this humble little trail in the deep woods was once a section of the "great Boston-Albany road."

The Henry Spring Jr. family consisted of five girls and two boys including yet another Henry, (b.1761 Brookfield - d.1832 Sandisfield) who became the next head of the Sandisfield clan. Let's call him Henry III. (Author's note: The Spring family causes fits for genealogical research because a "Henry" heads four of the first six generations of the ancestral line to Sandisfield. Eighteenth and 19th century records are often incomplete or unclear and confusing, especially land records when two or more people in the area have the same name. There

were at least three Henry Springs in the area at this time.)

Henry III and first wife Orpha (?) introduced seven children between 1784-92 including our Mary A. who married Josiah Hulet. Orpha died in Sandisfield in 1794 and Henry quickly took another wife -- Phoebe (?), aka "Fear." They produced five more children between 1796-1806. Unfortunately the maiden names of his wives are still unknown and town records and cemetery notations confuse the two. Phoebe's first daughter was also named Phoebe. She married David Waters. Can you picture Jay Leno with this one? "Ladies and gentlemen --- the Spring-Waters wedding!"

Josiah and Mary Hulet had four children: Emily A., born 1818; Marcia Ann, born 1823; George H., born 1826; and Giles Spring, born 1834. Emily and Marcia married neighbors. Wentworth brothers, William and Orsen in 1838 and 1843 respectively. Both girls were

only 20 on their big days.

Family research often reveals long forgotten but really poignant incidents. Marcia Ann Hulett's story is one of these. Only eight months after marrying her William, not yet even 21, she died tragically of "typhus fever." And only two years later older sister Emily died of an unknown cause at age 26. It appears she left two little children, William and Warren. So much sadness in the Hulett and Wentworth families in the 1840s. Both girls gone. I kept thinking about it. So, I went to town records to try to learn more. Mid 19th century vital records keeping by Berkshire town clerks was not especially good. But thanks to Sandisfield's former long time town clerk, Flora Rhodes, there is at least an account of death causes for most of the years in the 1843-56 period. The reports of causes of death and fatal diseases were informal

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and probably voluntary -- thus possibly not especially accurate. Yet the overall picture presented certainly gives pause for thought - and thanks - from our safe 21st century vantage point.

SANDISFIELD DEATHS 1844-45 & 1848-56														
CAUSE	1844	1845	~	1848	1849	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	тот	%
"Consumption"	3		Г	2	4	2	8	6	8	6	3	5	47	0.21
"Old Age"				2		3	9	4	1	1	7	5	32	0.14
Typhus	12	3						2	3	4			24	0.10
Scarlet (fever)	10	2						1			1		14	0.06
"Dropsy" / brain	2				1		1	1	1	2	5		13	0.06
Fever		1		2	2	2		1		1			9	0.04
Typhoid		1							2		3	3	9	0.04
Pneumonia/Lung	1	1				1	2		2		1		8	0.03
Liver				1	3			1	1	2			8	0.03
"Fits"				1			1		2	2	1	1	8	0.03
Accidents							1		3		3		7	0.03
Heart Condition						1	1	1		1	1		5	0.02
Diabetes				2		1			1				4	0.02
Cancer				1	1			1	1				4	0.02
Dysentery/diarrhea		1						1			1		3	0.01
Cholera				1							1		2	0.01
Child birth									1				1	0.00
None indicated	1			3				2			1	1	8	0.03
All other (9)	1	3				3	2	5	1		7	1	23	0.10
TOTAL	30	12		15	11	13	25	26	27	19	35	16	229	1.00
Source: Sandisfield	Source: Sandisfield Vital Statistics													

At least 229 Sandisfield residents died in 1844-45 and 1848-56. Probably one-half died from infectious diseases that are virtually unknown today. Most startling is that about one-quarter died from tuberculosis, or as it was known, "consumption." Poor Marcia Hulett died in a vicious typhus outbreak in August 1844, which claimed at least 12 people in this small town. Typhoid, dysentery, cholera - dreadful diseases - were frequent visitors. Malaria was no stranger either. Before widespread vaccination became available in the 19th century, New England experienced horrible epidemics of smallpox nearly every decade. Country residents were typically hit harder than city dwellers because their acquired immunological protection was less. Moreover, sanitary conditions on farms were appalling. Poorly designed outdoor privies and carelessly discarded household and animal waste polluted wells and streams. People also did not understand that these practices attracted countless flies and fleas that carried deadly pathogens. Personal hygiene was not good. Louse-borne illnesses were common. Medical understanding was poor and treatments were largely useless, often worsening condi-

tions. Children died in disproportionate numbers. Few families were unaffected. As if farm life was not tough enough!

Perhaps such atrocious conditions and misery combined with his sisters' deaths motivated the Hulett's last child, Giles, to study medicine. Although only 26 at the time, the 1860 census notes his occupation as "physician." Shortly thereafter he married Salome Amelia Parker, only about 18. She came from a prominent family in Wyoming County in western New York. The couple moved to nearby Alford and had four children there. Giles and Salome were no strangers to tragedy: three of their four children died young in Alford. They moved to Arcade, New York, Salome's hometown, by 1880 surely relieved to leave that unhappy place and start anew. Dr. Hulett practiced out of his home until his death in 1907

Surviving son Frank Hulett studied law in Ohio in 1880. He returned to eventually own and publish the lively Arcade Leader newspaper. Salome was chief editor - with reputation for a caustic pen - until her death in 1908. Frank married an English actress and they had a daughter, Gladys (1896-1991), who achieved fame as a child actress on Broadway and then was a "bombshell" in many popular silent films. Meanwhile, older brother George remained in Sandisfield to care for his parents and maintain the family's interests.

Josiah died on January 19, 1889 of "general debility" in the house where he'd been born 98 years earlier. Mary Spring Hulet, his wife of 74 years, died that December at 99 of "old age." George laid his parents to rest in the New Boston burying ground. Did his only close relative, his brother, physician Dr. Giles Spring Hulett and wife Salome, now prominent citizens of the town of Arcade in far off western New York state, attend the funerals? We wonder if word of the passings could reach them and trips could be arranged in time? Family funerals of parents whose children had moved far away and who could not get back in time had to be extremely sad affairs. Likewise, consider their reactions upon the news of family deaths back east that had occurred weeks or months before. No last good byes for so many. The national expansion movement and its family separations of the 18th and 19th century came with a price, didn't it?

Born on December 16, 1826, the first recorded mention of George Hulett is the 1850 census where, at age 24, his occupation is listed as a "peddler"- the 19th century term for salesman. We can only speculate about George's product line. Perhaps output from the Hulett farm? So-called home-industry shops were ubiquitous among New England farms at the time. Housed in converted barns or similar structures or in the basement, a shop was a natural extension of a farm's production. With the aid of an apprentice or two a resourceful Yankee farming family could make and sell products and services resulting from, say, blacksmithing or coopering, wood work, wagon making and repair, numerous leather goods and so on. Various farm shops began to specialize in certain functions. And these activities sometimes evolved into distinct new businesses such as gun making or tanning or, later, mechanical products and repair. Did our young George purvey farm shop goods? Maybe so.

Although of age, George apparently did not serve the Union in the Civil War although many men from Sandisfield were drafted under the town's quota and 22 died in the conflict. By 1862 his brother had moved to Alford, Mass. and his parents were 72 years of age. George was probably managing the farm. Perhaps he was granted an exemption or performed alternate public service. The country and the Union Army badly needed productive northern farms. Possibly he paid someone else the (legal) going rate of \$300 to take his place in the ranks. Yet, one can imagine that by 1863 men who did not go to the war were not too popular among families that had sent sons, and most from Sandisfield did. Could this be a reason why George hadn't by then, and never did, marry? We'll leave this delicate area for further research.

Starting with the purchase of parcels of land from Artemas Spring in 1850 and Daniel Spring in 1852, the Berkshire county land records include numerous transactions involving George Hulett as well as individual transactions by his father Josiah Jr. and his mother, Mary. George however was especially active, buying and mortgaging nearby properties in the Beech Plain section in 1862, 1864, 1867 and 1870. Some of these transactions jointly involved his

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mother, but by the 1870's it is clear that family finances were in his hands. But not all the deals worked out. In 1871 Caleb Tufts foreclosed on property George had acquired a year before. In 1877 the Town foreclosed on George and Mary for back taxes (only \$24.27!) on a parcel near their farm. These were very hard times. A difficult post war recovery led to the severe recession of the 1870's. In Sandisfield a much anticipated railroad line by-passed the town; as a result taxes increased and land values declined even more. The south Berkshire farming towns were definitely on the down swing. Maybe struggling families like the Hulett's tried to earn some money from land transactions, just like their grandparents had done a hundred years earlier in Connecticut before moving away from their own declining local economies.

In October 1885 when Mary was 95 years old, she signed a quitclaim on the Hulett land holdings to son George for \$100. We assume that husband Josiah, 94, although still sharp according to Shepard's account that year, was by then uninvolved. Town Clerk Shepard recorded the deed with annotation indicating that Mary was blind but in full understanding of the proceedings.

So, now it is 1890. George, 65, is living alone, probably, on the old farm, certainly a much-reduced enterprise. We imagine that the next 15 years are unremarkable, as he grows old, tending to his gardens and various properties. Then an amazing event: George gets a letter from a young woman purporting to be his daughter! In the Sandisfield town files I found an undated but probably 1904 draft of an article obviously intended for a local newspaper. Here it is:

LOST THIRTY YEARS Father, Aged 80, and Daughter Happily Re-united

"Father and daughter, after a separation of nearly 30 years, and each early giving the other up as dead, found each other last Saturday just at night. Some time during the past winter a letter was received by parties in Sandisfield, Mass., from a lady in Tarriffville, Conn., making inquiries for one George H. Hulett, saying her name before marriage was Georgie A. Hulett, and that she was the daughter of George H. Hulett and that she had been trying for a long time to locate her father, if living. She said she was born in Berkshire County, Mass., in 1874 or 1875, and that her mother's name before marriage was Julia Wood. She says when about one year old she was taken and was brought up by one W. C. Neumann. Since then she has never seen her father or mother and never knew where they were. She says she has written to several towns in the county, but got no trace. She had been told that her father was at one time a prominent lawyer in the county. Her name is now Mrs. E. F. Converse and she lives, as stated above, in Tarriffville, Conn.

"After writing the above, or making the above inquiries, she was informed that George H. Hulett lived in Sandisfield and was well and doing well and that his post office was Montville and that she had best correspond directly with him, which she did. It has resulted in her finding her father and he finding a long lost daughter, for Saturday, when the stage arrived in Montville from Winsted, she, with her husband was aboard and on the way to George H. Hulett's. Gordon Stratton took them over to Mr. Hulett's, a distance of about three miles. There was great joy in the Hulett household when they arrived. Her old and somewhat feeble father, who is nearly 80 years of age, nearly broke down with joy to think that after so many years of separation they should at last see each other. May they live to enjoy each other's society for years to come, is the wish of everyone."

A later reviewer - probably the energetic Town Clerk Flora Rhodes (1972-95) noted: "No record of Georgie's birth - No record of Julia Wood. On George H. Hulett's death record it says he is single. Although the Converse's came to live in Sandisfield there is no mention of them in town files."

What a discovery! It turns out that Georgiana and her husband, Willis or William Converse actually moved to Lenox and not Sandisfield. They are clearly there in the 1910

census with two children, Franklin, 5, and Carlyna, 3, both born in Massachusetts. Georgiana lists her age as 37. Willis, 50, hailed from Connecticut. But what about her mother, the elusive Julia Wood? I found her in the New Boston cemetery, besides Wood family members from Sandisfield. Her tombstone indicates she "Died Jan. 25, 1879 age 26 ys." Although neither Julia's birth nor death were recorded by any Massachusetts town, one Daniel Wood of Lee reported the birth of a girl on February 23, 1853. Good enough.

The unfortunate Julia died only five or six years after her child was born and placed into adoption. Sketchy records hint that hers was a struggling, hard luck family. Daniel Wood

married twice. Did Julia's mother die in childbirth or while Julia was a child?

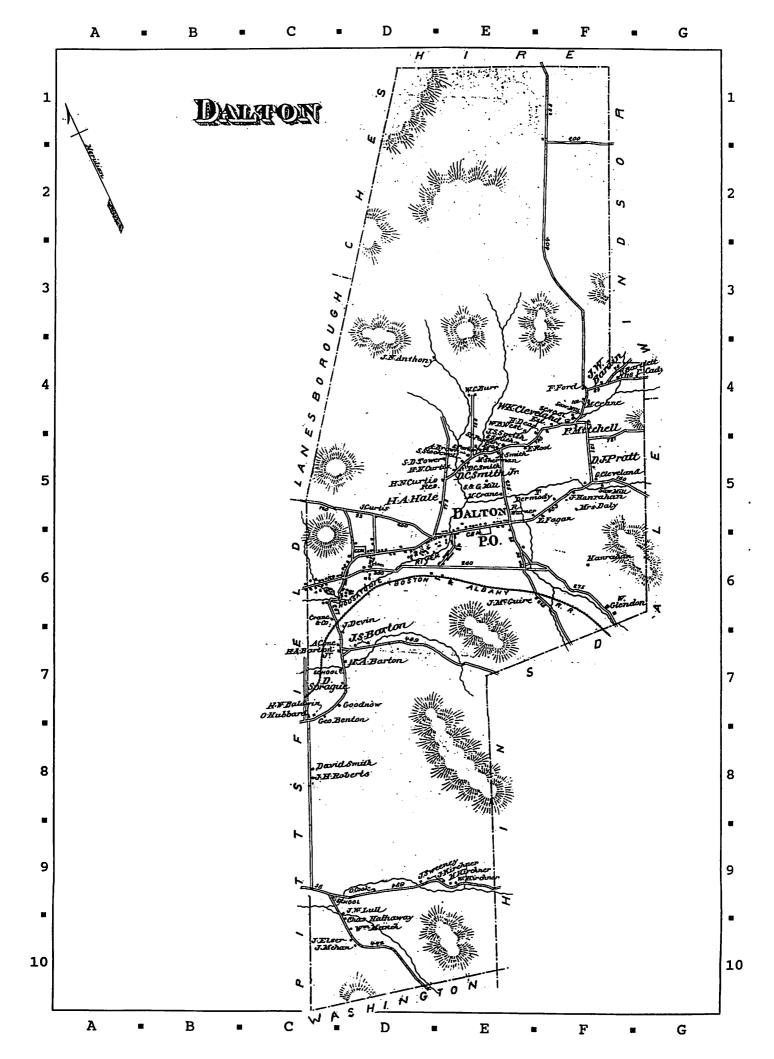
George Hulett drafted his last will and testament on May 5, 1904, apparently soon after the reunion with Georgiana. He died alone at the house in which he'd been born, on November 19, 1907 -- "found dead" at age 81. Lewis Shepard was appointed executor and arranged for George to be buried next to his parents, per his wish. His considerable real estate was estimated then, amazingly, at only \$602 and his personal property at \$423. Holdings included the main house and farm and a variety of lots in the Beech Plain, typically 30 to 60 acres with numerous buildings. His assets included the "White store in Montville" -\$100. George's explicit wishes were. "to my brother Giles S. Hulett, nothing. My nephew, William Wentworth had his share and split it. To my nephew Warren Wentworth - nothing. To Myron Spring, I give the farm of 150 acres including the "library" and 1 set of cane seat chairs and my best goose feather bed and bed stand. To Mary A. Griswold wife of Lyman Griswold, \$25. To Mrs. Georgiana Converse, \$25. All the rest to Clark (?) A. Clafin of Sandisfield to use in trust to support Laura Allen and at her death any residue to Myron Spring." It seems that George remembered the people who'd been kind to him in his later years.

The main Hulett property was eventually sold through court administration to George Etzel Sr. in 1909 and several generations of that family enjoyed it for 92 years. George Hulett's passing certainly marked a melancholy and anti-climactic end to the vital Hulett family story in Sandisfield. Such families had arrived in the 1780s to a wild and difficult land with dreams and determination to make better lives. The Huletts' experiences and contributions certainly mirror those of so many of our early families. Their legacy is not only marvelous old houses, enchanting stone walls and hardy apple orchards, but also their values - iron will and respect for labor, family, church and community ...those special ideals that formed the foundation of American society. And so, to them, I say: "Thank you. You are not forgotten."

If you have information about the Huletts or Springs in south Berkshire, I would appreciate hearing from you. Also see the ancestor table on page 96. Please contact me at: Ronbernard@aol.com

DALTON, MASSACHUSETTS - 1876

Anthony, J. N.	E-4	Cone, A.	D-7	Hanrahan	F-6	Root, E.	F-4
•		•	E-4		F-5	Sherman, M.	E-5
Baldwin, H. W.	C-7	Crane, M.		Hanrahan, J.			
Bardin, J. W.	F-4		F-4	Hathaway, Chas	. D-9	Smith, A.	F-5
Bartlett, D.	F-4	Curtis, H. N.	E-5	Hubbard, O.	C-7	Smith, David	C-8
Barton, H. A., J	r.D-7	Curtis, J.	D-5	Kirchener, H.	D-9	Smith, J. S.	E-3
Barton, H. A.	D-7	Daly, Mrs.	F-3	Kirchener, J.	D-9	Smith, S. S.	E-5
Barton, J. S.	D-7	Dean, H.	E-4	Lull, J. W.	D-9	Sprague, D.	D-7
Benton, Geo.	D-7	Dermody, T.	F-5	Meham, J.	D-10	Stockwell, S.	E-5
Brown, A.	E-5	Devin, J.	D-6	Mitchell, P.	F-5	Sweeney, J.	D-9
Burr, W. C.	E-4	Fagan, E.	F-5	Munch, Wm.	D-10	Tower, S. D.	E-5
Cady, C.	F-4	Ford, F.	F-4	Parker, S.	E-5	Warner, R.	F-5
Cleveland, G.	F-5	Glendon, W.	F-6	Pratt, D. J.	F-5	West, W. B.	E-4
Cleveland, W. K	. F-4	Goodrow	D-7	Roberts, J. H.	C-8		



ELMER SHEPARD'S NOTEBOOKS BERKSHIRE COUNTY PROBATE IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY FILES - NORTHAMPTON

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

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44 3 Jabez Davis
                                         Tyr
Bond 22/2/1757 £300 Jellen X Davis
                                Isaac Gearfield<sub>} No. 1?</sub>
  wit Abigail X Dewey
                                Giles Slater
   Jacob Brown
   John Chadwick
                  } appr
   Giles Slaughter) 3/5/57
                                Inv. £46
   Settlement to Jelin wid w Benj.
                           now Heath
              to ch Jabez
1/5/70
      30/5/72
                    Nathan
                    Jelin w Jonathan Lane Tyr
                    Hannah
                             none to Elizabeth dead?
                                *
45 43 Azariah Dewey late of the green woods between Blanford
                                              and Sheffield Tyr.
Bond 30/3/1761 £500 Zebediah Hewey of No. 1?
        as adm
                             Joseph Egleston
                             Stephen Kellogg
                                *
                                               Shef'd
45 60 Samuel Dewey
Bond 13/8/1734 £600 Rebecca X wid.
                         Deac. David Ackley
    As adm
                                               Wfd
                         Benj. Stebbins
                                               Nhmp
      Insolv.
Bond 13/8/34 £500 Rebecca
   as qdn to Sarah "one of the heirs"
45 63 Thomas Dewey
                                                     Shf'd
                              Addijah Dewey
Bond 20/5/1742 £200
                                                   Wstfd
                                       "sadler"
       as adm
                                 Thos Ingersole Esq. "
    Insolv
              2 sh /11/1 per £1 Samuel Mirick, yeo Spfd
       (Joseph Pixley
       { Moses Ingersol
                            Inv. £71/09/2 old tenor
                         3/6/42
       ( John Pixley
50 12 John Druce
                    had bro. Ichabod, dec'd
                                                      Tyr
Bond 13/6/1756 £300 Esther X Druce wid
                       John Jackson } No.1
                       Isaac Davis
Capt. Timothy Woodbridge)
Deac. John Jackson
                        } appr.
Isaac Davis
Minute John's estate supposed to belong partly to
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Bro Ichabod decd's ch.
        Hopestill Biglow married John's widd,
        gdn to Ichabod's ch.
        w. Joseph Whipple of Grafton
        William, Danl & Mary, Jona, Lois
        Nathan & Eliza Druce all Heirs
        Of Ichabod bro of John of No. 1
        13/9/61 "Esther w of Hopestill Biglow of No. 1
        wid of John Druce"
                                          1758
53 26 Jonathan Edwards
Will 14/3/1753 "in usual state of health"
                                Timothy )
             to each of 3 sons Jonathan 638 oz of silver
                                Pierpont)
 "so much of this sum as is necessary to be expended for bringing
   them up to learning, or to some trade."
  to such as brought up to learning my whole library
           to d Elizabeth when 18 638 oz silver
           to d Lucy
                Susannah 319 oz silver at 18 or marriage if
                                                        before
                Eunice )
    (Timothy Woodbridge, Esq
wit {Samuel Brown
    (Stephen Nash
                    to d Esther m Rev. Aaron Burr 279 oz silver
                                    in addition to 40 already had
                       d Sarah m Elihu Parsons, have already d Mary m Timothy Dwight received full
                                                 received full
                                                 porton of 219 oz
                     to w Sarah Exec all mss & £10 of books, but
                            all library if no son brought up to
  Prob 13/5/1758
                            learning
        (Jos. Woodbridge)
                                Inv. 25/7/59
                               "Quick Stock"
   Appr {Lt Saml Brown } St
        (Josiah Jones )
                               A negro boy named Titus £30
                               Horse 3/6
                               Yoke of oxen
                                               11-
                                 &C
             R.E. Lands in Stck
                   480 a in ministers grant on rd
                          to Pontoosuck £144
   T. Dwight Jr. exec
                          land in Pelham Winchester Township
                          1½ right in Marlboro land at W?? $1
   Tim Edwards
                          1 right in Susquehannah purchase £2/4
                             Lucy Edwards
Bond 23/7/1760 £500
   as gdn to Eunice >14
                               Timothy "
                                                     st
   Sukey Edwards | wit
                               Jahleen Woodbridge)
   T. Dwight, Jr.
Bond 29/7/1758? £600 w Sarah Edwards
  as gdn to Susannah <14
                               Supply Kingsley Nhmp
                                Joseph Allin
             Eunice
    Mary Dwight
    T. Dwight, Jr. } wit
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Bond 29/7/58 £590
  as gdn to Elizabeth)
            Jonathan } <14
            Pierpoint)
  Eunice Edwards }wit
  T. Dwight, Jr.
Bond 20/3/1761 £500
                                Timothy Edwards
   as gdn to Pierpoint <14
                                   Elihu Parsons
                                                   } St
  heir of Rev. Jona & Mrs. Sarah
                                    Elijah Williams)
53 28 Jonathan Edwards?
                                    New Haven
Bond 11/10/1784 £100
                          Jonathan
    as gdn to Walter aet 12
                                   Eleazer Porter, Jr. Hadley
              Mary
                     aet 11
              Jerusha aet 8
    ch & heirs of Jona & Mary his decd wife.
54 1 Elijah Egleston
                                         Windsor Ct 1803
Petition 26/9/1803 of Matty Eglestone
                                             Elijah
                      Jedidiah
                                             Eunice
                      Elijah Miller, Jr. gdn Mary Ann
for John Tilley, Wind Ct. as adm for estate in Mass.
  or Sylvester Judd, Esq. Whmp
54 54 Ch of Jacob Ensign
                                           Ptsfd
                            Step-dau
         Mary >14 (& daughter in law of Thomas Clook (ark) late
         of Granville) chooses 5/6/1810 Joel Root, Gran
         James >14
         Bond 17/7/1810
                               Joel Root
                                    Elihu Stone | Gran
         as gdn to Mary
                   Pamela
                                    James Coe
                    James
55 26 Capt. John Fellows
                                              Shef'd
     Will 30/8/1757 "sick & weak in body"
                              to w. Jerusha
      (William C.? (sig "Corpe)
                                 s. Ezra 45 a. & already given
  Wit{Samuel Austin
                           exec d. Rachel Holmes £20 +
      (Wm. Coit
                                  d. Sarah
                                                  £60
                                  s. John
                                                  land w. of Sh
                                  s. William
                                              when 21 land in Sh
                                                 land in Torkann?
                              to Hannah Douglas
   Prob. 16/5/1758
                         Negro man Cuff right in iron works
                                               & saw mill
                    "husbandman"
55 43 Samuel Ferre
                                                 Shef'd
      Will 8/9/1752
                         "sick & weak"
                        to w. Margaret
                           s. Joseph
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Samuel Loomis Jr. )
                          s. Samuel
                                          exec
                   }wit
 Kattharun "
                          s. John
                          s. Azariah
 Deac Daniel Kellogg)
                          s. Solomon
                          d. Margaret
  Prob 8/11/1752
                          d. Martha
    Appr. Deac. Danl Kellogg )
           James Sexton
                            } Shfd
           Obadiah Noble
                             )
      [spacing uncertain - this may
                                belong with next entry. Ed.]
55 53 John Ferry Was this father of Samuel?
                                                       Spgfd
     will
                              w. Mary
                              s. John
                                                exec
     Wm. Pynchon
                     )
                              s. Saml
                            d. Mary Loomis
     Ebenezer Warner
    William Sanderson Wit
                             s. Joseph
     John Warner
                             d. Martha Taylor
    Prob 21/5/1746
66 25 Zachariah Hallibert
                                         1792 Ptsfd
      Edmund Barlo, Granville 6/4/1792 gdn
         to Martin aet 10 son of Zachariah
                               * *
67 39 Micah Harrington
                                       1756 Ft. Mass.
Bond 25/2/1756 £400 Elisha Harrington
                                     Holden
        as adm{Benj Alvord Nhmp
Thos Temple Roadt
                             Roadtown (Shutesbury)
         Moses Graves )
                        Inv in Pognoiag, Worc. Co.
  Appr
  1/7/56 Samuel Smith } Hatfd Horse & saddle 6/13/4
         Thos Train )
                                Lot #44 100 a. 26/13/4
        Inv Right Lot #7 W. Hoosick by Joseph Lord
                    £26/13/2
                                        Robert Marble
            Fire arm
                       42/8
                                        Abner Lee
   List of debts and cr.
 Letter from Joseph Harrington in Weston 26/1/1756
  in re adm of son Micah (lately deceased at or near
 Lake George) declines and asks aptment of s. Elisha of Holden
67 44 James Harris see Norwich
                                          1843 Becket
71 13 Joseph Hicks
                                1759 Sheff'd
Will 22/4/1758 on Province land West of Shef
                   to w. Patience
Saml Culver, exec to Elizabeth only ch of s. Simeon at 18 yrs.
                      s. Wheaton res.
 Wm Webb
                      s. Levi
               )
                                            )
                      d. Patience Miller
 Isaak Spoor
               }wit
                                            } 20 sh NY money?
 Saml Messenger)
                      d. Cybbell Mafe?
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d. Priscilla Thompson )
  Prob 13/2/1759
                                           5 sh
                         Lyllus Robards
         Jonas Nash
                       Shef
   Appr.
         Isaac Spoor prov land W. of Sh
71 51 Ch of Levi Hinsdale b 1781 d 19/2/1830 (VR) late of Hins-
dale John Leland amh? 21/5/1839 gdn to Harriet A. (N.?)
                                          Aurelia B.
75 41 John Huggins
                                     Shefd
                                             Housatonic
     Appr. James Smith )
                                  estate in
     2/9/1732 Ezekiel Ashley} Hous
             John Pell
                          )
             Capt. Wm Pynchon Jr.)
                                         estate in Spqfd
     Appr.
    11/9/32 John Burt
                                    Spgfd
                                 }
             Luke Hitchcock 2d
Bond 28/8/1732 £500 Kezia wid
                                gentlewoman
       as adm
                 Japheth Bush Wfd
                 John Worthington Spqfd
    19/7/1771 Danll Lawrence gent Shef'd distrib of
     dower to Kezia Downing w Dr. Nathl
                   gdn 28/8/1732 to John Zenas <14
     Kezia
     Cornelius Jones, Spgfd 16/5/1750 gdn to Zenas
                               *
75 42 Capt. John Huggins
                                              Shef'd
      Wid Abigail 6/1/1761 asks for (adms below)
        Bond 11/2/1761 £500 James Sexton )
                             Stephen Dewey }
             as adm
                             Joseph Noble )
           (Capt. Stephen Dewey
          {Deac Silas Kellogg
                                 Inv Pers £30/14
           (Aaron Root
                                27/3/61
     Insolv. 2 sh/9½ per £
                               *
74 44 Capt. Zenas Huggins
                                             Shef'd 1761
    Will 22/7/1760 "about to go into army"
    James Sexton exec to mother Kezia Downing £20
                         to bros Roswell Downing 4 each
    Stephen Dewey)
                                 Nathl
    Aaron Root } wit
                             sis Mary Keyes
                        s in law wid Abigail Huggins wid John
    John Collins )
                                                 maintenance
                         to nieces Kezia Huggins
                                                 } 10 each at 18
                                   Lucy
                                           11
    Prob 11/2/1761
                            neph
                                   Zadock
                                                } resid when 21
                                           11
                                   John
77 8 Moses Ingersoll
                                                  Shef'd
    Bond 3/4/1751 £2000 Catherine wid } Shef'd
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Samuel Hopkins
                         Joseph Woodbridge
                                             Stck
     Settlement 9/7/51 to Catherine
                          Peter
                                  only s. (double) (?Jane wife)
                          Elinor Gunn w Stephen
                          Joanna Hopkins w Rev. Saml
                          Lydia Ingersoll w Wm.
    Dist 3/7/51
                          Elizabeth
                          Bathsheba
   Catharine X 23/5/51 gdn to Peter >14
                        Shefd
         Danl Kellogg
         John Shepard
                        Wfd
                                qdn to Bathsheba <14
78 3 Daniel Jackson
                                          1761 Shef'd
    Bond 11/2/1761 £500
                          Joseph Noble
               as adm
                              James Sexton
                              Stephen Dewey
    appr Stephen Dewey
          John Collins
                           Insolv
                            * *
78 4 Deac. John Jackson
                                         1757 No. 1 New Marl
    Bond 7/6/57 £800 Mercy Jackson
           as adm
                        John
                                           No. 1
                             John Chadwick
                             Isaac Garfield
   appr Saml Brown
                                Inv
                                         R.E. £1018
                                                       (fine
         Saml Sedgwick
                               7/7/57
                                         Pers
                                                211/5/6 job)
         Jacob Brown
      Settlement
                          to Mercy
                                     wid
        8/11/57
                          to John
                                    eldest double
                             Deborah Thomas w Ezekiel
                             Giles
                             Caleb
                             Saml
                             Beulah
                             Ebenezer
                             Mary
    Distr 20/12/58
                             Solomon
    John Chadwick 7/6/1757 gdn to Beulah >14
                                     Saml >14
    Mercy
                                            <14
                                  tp
78 45 David Jewell
                               1759 Prov land w. of Shef'd
    Bond 28/8/1759 Christian Higby w of Daniel who d 9/11/62
          as adm X
                        Danl Higby living on county land w of
                        Ithamar Hubbell } Sh
                                                         Shef'd
                        Jonathan Nash
  appr Wm Coit
                      } Province land w of Shef'd
        Ezra Fellows
        Jonathan Petit)
                        [To be continued]
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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.

109 111	Jeremiah Thomas Mrs. Thomas Thomas Thomas Thomas	36 M 35 F 18 M 12 F 9 M		Mass. Conn. Conn. Conn.
Date of	Enumeration: July 9,	1855	Enumerator: Henry Foote	
1 1	Lyman A. Loring Eunice A. Loring Cora A. Loring Waity Lamson?	29 M 30 F 6m F 19 F		N.Y. Conn. Mass. Mass.
2 2	Adam Drum Louisa Drum German Drum Wesley Sabins	38 M 25 F 9m M 15 M		N.Y. N.Y. N.Y.
3 3	Edgar B. Welch Almon F.? Loring Sarah J. Loring Almon N. Loring Sarah J.Loring Celeste A. Loring Benjamin H. Loring	15 M 57 M 54 F 22 M 24 F 20 F 16 M	Farmer	Mass. Conn. Mass. Mass. Mass. Mass. Mass.
4 4	Rachael Loring Sopiena? Hollenbeck Baristonia? Hunt John F. Warner Mary J. Warner John A. Warner James A. Warner	86 F 50? F 85 F 36 M 37 F 7 M	Tailor	Mass. Mass. Mass. Mass. Mass.
5 5	Isaac Perry Harriet S. Perry Asenath Perry	42 M 45 F 78 F		Mass. Mass. Mass. Mass.
6 6	Cyrus Hudson Amarit Hudson Henry Hudson Kate Hudson Laura A. Hudson Mary Laihiff? Ann Chapman William Hudson	51 M 34 F 13 M 7 F 49 F 18? F 63 F 59 M		Mass. N.Y. Mass. Mass. Ireland Mass. Mass.
7 7	John Mangan Bridget B. Mangan Mary Mangan James Mangan	38 M 30 F 9 F 4 M		Ireland Wales
8 8	Charles Mangan Jacob Burghardt Mary Ann Burghardt	1 M 75 M 46 F		Mass. Mass. N.Y.

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		Henry I.? Burghardt	24			Mass.
		Mark D. Burghardt	21			Mass.
		Cyrus A. Burghardt	16			Mass.
		Ann Mary Burghardt	14			Mass.
		Samuel H. Burghardt	12			Mass.
_	_	Sarah G.? Burghardt		F		Mass.
9	9	Elnathan Barns	31			Mass.
		Elizabeth Barns	31			Mass.
		Olive L. Barns	_	F		Mass.
10	10	Jesse Ford	67			Mass.
		Thirsey C. Ford	55			N.Y.
		Enos J. Ford	12			Mass.
		Wesley Ford		M		Mass.
		Mercey Braze	28	\mathbf{F}		Mass.
11	11	Henry C. Parsons	45	M	Laborer	Mass.
		Elisa Parsons	41	F		Conn.
		Frank F. Parsons	7	M		Mass.
12	12	Solomon Winegar	75	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Mary Winegar	27	F		Mass.
		Martha Winegar	20	F		Mass.
		Caroline Austin	32			N.Y.
		Jasper Curtiss	74		(Insane)	Conn.
12	13	Harvey Winegar	38		Farmer	N.Y.
		Lucy A. Winegar	33			Mass.
		Anna Mary Winegar	11			Mass.
		William H. Winegar		M		Mass.
		Caroline Winegar		F		Mass.
		Wilbur C. Winegar		M		Mass.
		James E. Winegar		M		Mass.
		Margaret Moore	32			Ireland
13	14	Isaac Lee	57		Farmor	_
13	14		55		Farmer	Conn.
		Mary Lee	35			Conn
		Lucy A. Lamson			T	Mass.
		Luther E. Lee	22		Farmer	Mass.
		Eunice E. Lee	19			Mass.
	4.5	Adelbert A. Lamson	12		- 1	Mass.
14	15	George W. Ferry	29		Laborer	Mass.
		Mary Ferry	35			Ireland
		Robert W. Ferry	6			Mass.
		Margaret A. Ferry	2			Mass.
15	16		35		Farmer	Mass.
		Harriet M. Race	27			Mass.
		Reuben H. Race	4			Mass.
		Porter H. Race	2	M		Mass.
		Lurania Potter	25	F		Mass.
		Martha L. Potter	13	F		Conn.
Date	e of	Enumeration: July 10,	18	55		
16	17		60		Blacksmith	N.Y.
10	_ /	Christina Reasoner	59		DIGCKSWICH	Mass.
		Harriet A. Lee	29			
		Pamelia J. Reasoner	29			Mass.
		William R.? Lee				Mass.
			9			N.Y.
		Joseph T. Lee	6	M		N.Y.

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17	18	Isaac Crippen	48	M		Carpenter	Mass.
		Harriet Crippen	46	F		-	N.Y.
		Harriet S. Crippen	24	F			Mass.
18	19	Harvey Gilbert	48	M		Farmer	Conn.
		Maria Gilbert	45	F			Mass.
		George E. Gilbert	16	M			Mass.
19	20	Margaret Root	64	F			Mass.
		Mary Oakes	44	F			Mass.
		George Oakes	15	M			Mass.
		Mary Oakes	13	F			Mass.
		William H. Oakes	11	M			Mass.
		Norman Oakes	9	M			Mass.
		Henry Root	11	M			Mass.
		Lewellen Root	8	M			Mass.
		Guraldine Brazee	2	F			Mass.
20	21	Harlo Burghardt	52	M	В	Laborer	Mass.
		Altha Burghardt	50	F	В		Conn.
		Lucinda M. Burghardt	20	F	В		Mass.
		Abert? Burghardt	17	M	В		Mass.
		George H. Burghardt	9	M	В		Mass.
		Dewit C. Burghardt	7	M	В		Mass.
		Phila Rosomer	63	F	В		N.Y.
		Augustus Jackson	64		В		N.Y.
21	22	James Freeman	69	M	В		R.I.
		Lucinda Freeman	63		В		Mass.
22	23	Theon Freeman	69	M		Farmer	Mass.
		Betsy Freeman	64	F			Mass.
		George H. Freeman	30	M			Mass.
23	24	Mary McArthur	47		В		N.Y.
		Dinah McArthur	50	F	В		N.Y.
		John McArthur	13	M	В		N.Y.
		Mary McArthur	18	F	В		N.Y.
24	25	William Haggerty	45	M		Stone Cutter	Ireland
		Martha Haggerty	30	F			N.Y.
		Chris? Haggerty		M			N.Y.
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25	26	Joel Ives	74				Conn.
25	20	Walter E. Ives	41			Laborer	Mass.
		Elizabeth Ives	39			Haborer	Mass.
26	27	Joel Baldwin	34			Farmer	Mass.
26	27		29			raimei	Mass.
		Nancy M. Baldwin Marian L. Baldwin	13				Mass.
		Curtiss W. Baldwin	9 m				Mass.
		Trelawny L. Hacket?	12				Conn.
		Ellen Kinsey?	40?				Ireland
		Horatio Piper?	23		В		Mass.
27	28	Enos Foote	61		ט		Conn.
<i>4 1</i>	20	Sarah Foote	57				Conn.
		Enos C. Foote	30				Conn.
		Mary N. Foote	49				Conn.
		Lydia W. Crippen	11				Mass.
		Joseph Lee	34			Laborer	Mass.
		Clarissa B. Lee		F			Conn.
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		Emma Lee Ezra Foote	20				Mass. Conn.
28	30	Priscilla Calender Charles Callender	66 35			Tahaway	Conn
		Mary A. Cogswell	31			Laborer	Mass. Mass.
		Mary A. Cogswell		F			Mass.
29	31	George G. Pierce	47			Farmer	Conn.
		Eliza A. Pierce	37				N.Y.
		Mary G. Pierce Edward I.? Pierce	16				Mass.
		Charlotte E. Pierce	12 10				Mass. Mass.
		Margaret Kelly	19				Ireland
		John Koones	28				Germany
		Conradt Stadl	40				Germany
30	32	Abram Jackson	47		В	Laborer	N.Y.
		Jane M. Jackson Laura Jackson	39 18		B B		Mass.
		Abram Jackson, Jr.	17		В		Mass. Mass.
		Othellow Jackson	15		В		Mass.
		Sarah Jackson	14	F	В		Mass.
		Ann A. Jackson	11		В		Mass.
31	33	Esther Cone	68				Conn.
		Stephen Cone Charles Haggerty	39	M M			Conn.
		Eliza Haggerty		F			N.Y. N.Y.
Dat	e of	Enumeration: July 12,					
32	34	James Sedgwick	45?			Teacher	Mass.
		George B. Sedgwick		M		10001101	Mass.
		Margaret Nassaro?	23	F			Del.
		Mary McCormick	20				Ireland
		Marian Sedgwick	75				Conn.
		Elizabeth L. Jenkins Alzina? Jenkins	30 15				Maine?
33	35	Edward Leavitt	30				Mass. N.Y.
		Mary U. Leavitt	30				N.Y.
		Thomas Murray	28	M			Ireland
		John Farrell	33				Ireland
		Bridget Flaherty Maria Lafferty	24 36				Ireland
34	36	Thomas Tuckey	51				Ireland Ireland
		Hannah Tuckey	45				Ireland
		James Tuckey	17				Ireland
		Mary Tuckey	14				Ireland
		Catharine Tuckey	12				Ireland
		John Tuckey Thomas Tuckey	10	M M			Ireland
35	37	John Curtain	39				Ireland Ireland
_		Catherine Curtain	31				Ireland
		Helen Curtain	5				Mass.
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ANCESTOR TABLES

[An asterisk preceding an entry indicates that the correspondent is seeking more information on that ancestor.]

CCCLXXV. DOROTHY MARIE KOWALIK, submitted by Dorothy Marie Kowalik Huotari, 5990 Richmond Hwy., Apt. 605, Alexandria, VA 22303-2748

I.

1. Dorothy Marie KOWALIK, 1951- ; Duluth, Minnesota; Phoenix, Arizona; Alexandria.

- John Stanley KOWALIK, 1915-1981; Rockford, Illinois; Duluth.
 Evelyn Christine ROOT, 1925-2003; Cohasset, Minnesota; Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Duluth.

III.

- 4.*Michael KOWALIK (KOWALCZAK), 1881-1953; Galicia, Austria; Poland; Duluth.
- 5.*Julia BOJKO, 1892-1982; Galicia; Poland; Duluth.
- 6. John Gordon ROOT, 1895-1975; Long Prairie, Minnesota; Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota.
- 7. Olive Roberta TIZZARD, 1904-1966; Duluth; Cohasset; Grand Rapids.
- 9.*Helena MERENDIUK, 1849-1920; Poland; Duluth.
- ; Austria; Poland. 10.*Jan BOJKO,
- 11.*Malania KUSZNIER,
- 12.*Bradford Luzerne ROOT, 1845-1910; Ohio; Blue Earth County, Minnesota; Long Prairie.
- 13. *Mary Ellen BUTLER, 1853-1913; Long Prairie.

- 24.*Gorton John ROOT, ca1819-1905; Massachusetts; Huntsburg, Ohio; Blue Earth County.
- 25.*Lovina McCALL, 1822-1918; Huntsburg; Blue Earth County, Long Prairie.
- 26.*Garret/Jared BUTLER, ca1826-1891; Springfield, Massachusetts; Long Prairie.
- 27.*Hannah COMSTOCK MADISON, 1818-1866; Erie, Pennsylvania; Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin; Long Prairie.

CCCLXXVI. GEORGE A. HULETT, submitted by Ronald Bernard, P. O. Box 1788, Farmington, CT 06034-1288 See related article on page 76.

1. George A. HULETT, 1826-1907; Sandisfield, Massachusetts.

- 2. Josiah H. HULET, 3rd, 1791-1889; Sandisfield.
- 3. Mary A. SPRING, 1790-1889; Sandisfield.

III.

- 4. Josiah HULET, 2nd, 1743-1834; Killingly, Connecticut; Sandisfield.
- 5.*Elizabeth WHITTEMORE, ca1746-1828; Killingly; Sandisfield.
- 6. Henry SPRING, 1761-1832; Brookfield, Massachusetts; Sandisfield.
- 7.*Orpha (Fear) -1794;

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8. Josiah HULET, 1st, 1707-ca1789;
                 , ca1711-
 9.*Lydia
12. Henry SPRING, Jr., 1733-
13. Hannah WHITNEY, 1737-1766;
IV.
16. Michael HOWLETT, 1679-
17. Experience NEWTON, 1683-
24. Capt. Henry SPRING, 1712-
25. Abigail CHADWICK, 1713-
26. William WHITNEY, 1706-
27. Hannah HARRINGTON, 1716-
1855 Census - from page 95
        John Curtain
                               7m M
                                                              Mass.
36
    38
        Ann Smith
                               45 F
                                                              N.Y.
        Sevickes? Blatchford
                               35 M
                                           Merchant
                                                              N.Y.
        Jane B. Blatchford
                               25 F
                                                              N.Y.
        Louis Schoneltz
                              20? M
                                           Gardener
                                                              Germany
        Catharine Harty
                              28? F
                                                               Ireland
        Mary Jewel
                              12? F
                                                              N.Y.
        Susan Bacon
37
                               54 F
                                                              Mass.
        Fanny Wainwright
                               68 F
                                                              Mass.
        Gordon Wainwright
                               43 M
                                                              Mass.
        George W. Briggs
38
                               23 M
                                           Mason
                                                              Mass.
        Amy Briggs
                               23 F
                                                              Mass.
        Clarence F. Briggs
                                1 M
                                                              Mass.
39
    41
        Clarkson F. Collins
                               34 M
                                           Physician
                                                              N.Y.
        Lydia C. Collins
                               30 F
                                                              Mass.
        Glenville Collins
                                8 M
                                                               ?
        Michael Murray
                               25 M
                                           Laborer
                                                              Ireland
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        Thomas Dinean?
                              25? M
                                           Laborer
                                                              England
        Catharine Murphy
                              25? F
                                                               Ireland
        Catharine Riley
                              25? F
                                                               Ireland
        Catharine Roach
                              25? F
                                                               Ireland
        Lucy Freeman
                               38 F
                                      В
                                                              Mass.
        Elvira Sprague
                               26 F
                                                              Vt.
        Frederick G. Coffin
                               28 M
                                                              Mass.
        Rebecca A. Coffin
                               25 F
                                                              Mass.
        Caroline C. Potts
                                                              N.Y.
                               24 F
                                                               Ireland
40
    42
        John Armstrong
                               34 M
        Jane Armstrong
                               26 F
                                                               Ireland
                                3 M
                                                              Mass.
        William Armstrong
        Margaret I. Armstrong
                               1 F
                                                              Mass.
        Cornelia Culver
                               58 F
                                                              N.Y.
    43
41
        Laura Culver
                               50 F
                                                              N.Y.
        Watey B. Foster
                               50 F
                                                               N.Y.
        Ralph Taylor
                               59 M
42
                                                               Conn.
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QUERY SECTION

Roger N. Anderson, Editor

04005

ALLEN

The members of the Pittsfield, Massachusetts Historical Commission wish to contact members of the Thomas ALLEN family. Thomas ALLEN (1832-1916) was the grandson of the famous Rev. Thomas ALLEN (named the "Fighting Parson" for his work during the Revolutionary War). Rev. ALLEN was born in Northampton and became the parson of the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield in 1764.

The grandson, Thomas ALLEN, became a director of the Union-Pacific Railroad and moved to St. Louis, MO. He owned a granite quarry there. He was also a state senator in Missouri.

The Historical Commission is in the planning stages of restoring his Queen Anne mansion on East Street in Pittsfield, which was built in 1885.

Family members may contact the Historical Commission at (413)499-6840 (Thaddeus Clapp House) or write to the commission at Pittsfield City Hall, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

04006

ARNOLD

In my family bloodline there at least two Samuel ARNOLDs, the last I can verify lived in Canaan, NY in 1792. In West Stockbridge, MA I once saw, leaning against a house, a tombstone bearing the inscription "Major Samuel Arnold, departed March 11, 1802 in the 41st year of his life." I'm suspicious that West Stockbridge may not have been the original location of the stone. Where did this Samuel Arnold's family come from - possibly Connecticut? Elsewhere in New York?

Arthur A. Arnold, Jr., 41 Waltham Cir., W. Yarmouth, MA 02673

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GOULD-JOHNSON-WILBUR-HERENDON

Patience WILBUR m Samuel GOULD, s of Eli GOULD and Bernice JOHNSON 9 June 1841 (Pownal, VT rec.). An article in Berkshire Hills Magazine states that Samuel GOULD is the brother-in-law of Deacon Jeremiah WILBUR and Jeremiah's father was Selectman James WILBUR. Thus Jeremiah and Patience would be siblings and James their father. Others indicate her parents were Jeremiah WILBUR and Patience HERENDON. I would like to hear from anyone who has proof of her parentage. Also need b & d of Patience.

Mrs. Richard Stolt, 546 Stuart Lane, Palatine, IL 60067

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GOOD NEWS

Member Ann Hunt reports that she has found new census information on the Internet. If you go to Familysearch.org you will find the 1880 U.S. Census, the 1881 British Census and the 1881 Canadian Census. This site is free.

Also on the Internet is Ancestry.com, to which you must be a subscriber. They have made available the 1920 U.S. Census and the 1930 U.S. Census for all 50 states. More are to be added.

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1847

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THE BURNETT FAMILY REUNION

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The Burnett family of northern Berkshire County and adjoining Franklin County has a long history of family reunions, some of which were reported in the local newspapers. The first formal gathering took place in Savoy in 1889, again in 1892, 1894, and much later in 1941. There were probably other meetings, but those reprinted here appeared in the *Pittsfield Sun*. This paper often included news of family reunions, which can be a useful genealogical tool for finding relatives who have moved on to more distant places.

In 1941 the Berkshire Eagle and the Springfield Union reported the reunion in Adams, Mass. There were about 200 members of the Burnett Family Association at that time. Homer Burnett was re-elected president at age 76. These two articles are filed in the Berkshire

Athenaeum's Local History Department "Family History File."

Maps of Florida and Savoy from Beers' Atlas of Berkshire County, 1876, include Burnett names, which have been circled for ease in finding. Some family historians may

recognize married daughters' surnames.

The Sun article of 1894 mentions Archibald Burnett, with a farm on the border of Conway and Ashfield, begun in 1796, and still in the family. In Beers' Atlas of Franklin County, 1871, page 35. "A. Burnett" is shown on the eastern edge of Ashfield, abutting Conway - surely the same place mentioned as the reunion site.

Further information about the Burnetts can be found in the Berkshire Family History Association data base at the Berkshire Athenaeum. We found references for Stephen, George,

Archibald, Daniel, Willis, and Alfred Burnett.

For some Burnetts in Warwick, Mass., their town of origin in New England, see Morse, Charles A. Warwick, Biography of a Town, 1763-1963, Cambridge, MA: Dresser, Chapman and Grimes, c.1963. The index includes Andrew, Henry, and Captain William Burnet; and Dr. Joel, and William Burnett, Jr.

The heading for the first article of 1889, (Pittsfield Sun, September 7, 1889, page 6, below), is "New State." This was a section of Savoy, and was also the name of a Shaker set-

tlement there, now partly in the Savoy State Forest.

NEW STATE

The Burnett Family Reunion

One of the social entertainments of the past week was the reunion of the Burnett family on Wednesday at the home of Herbert

W. Burnett, Savoy Center.

The day was especially fine. At nine a.m. carriages arrived bringing entire families, with well filled boxes, baskets and bags, chicken pies, baked beans, cakes, pies, fruits, melons and everything eatable that heart could wish. Representatives of the family coming from different points, Savoy was of course thoroughly represented, as were also Florida, Monroe, North Adams, Adams, Plainfield, Ashfield and Conway.

Dinner was served at 12 o'clock on tables erected for the purpose in a carriage

house. The spread was elaborate and abundant, this part of the program being looked after and cared for by our well known caterer Z. E. Kemp, with a corps of assistants and waiters. After all had been served, the president called the assemblage to order, when the election of officers took place with the following result: President, Herbert W. Burnett, Savoy Center; Secretary, Willis W. Burnett, New State; Treasurer, Isaac N. Burnett, Florida: Committee of arrangements, Emory D. Church and wife, Ashfield; Francis Tower and wife, North Adams; Committee on program, Mrs. John Lilly, Mrs. Maud Dyer and Winifred Church, Ashfield; Miss Fannie Burnett and Mrs. Mamie Walker, Savoy Center, and Mr. Fred C. Bates, Conway. Voted to hold the next reunion at the home of Emory D. Church in Ashfield, on the last Wednesday in August, 1900.

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This party numbering one hundred and twenty persons was made up of four generations, descendants of Robert Burnett who was born in England 1697, and first came to this country a surgeon on board a British man of war and finally deserted, and on some date unknown settled on territory known as Gardner's Canada which in 1768 was incorporated into the town of Warwick, Franklin Co., Mass. He reared five sons and one daughter, only one of the six branches of this family being represented at this gathering. At the meeting one year ago four branches of the family were represented.

Pittsfield Sun, September 15, 1892, page 1 SAVOY CENTRE

The Burnett Family Reunion

One of the notable and pleasant occurrences of the past week took place at the home of Isaac N. Burnett on Thursday, Sept. 8, it being a reunion of the descendants of Dr. Robert Burnett, who came from Scotland and settled on the soil in what is now the town of Warwick, in Franklin county, Mass., at that time embraced in the county of Hampshire.

It was thirty-six years before the general court of Massachusetts granted the territory of Warwick to descendants of 39 soldiers from Roxbury and Brookline under Captain Andrew Gardner in an expedition to Canada in 1690, in which all perished except one Newton. The name Burnet, spelled with one "t" dates back in this country to near the landing of the Pilgrims, and in Scotland nearly five centuries.

The immediate descendants of Robert were four sons and one daughter. His descendants have become very numerous, and are scattered far and wide.

At the reunion four generations were fairly represented. A commodious pavilion was reared to protect the parties from the scorching rays of the sun, under which was placed heavily loaded tables. The willing guests were well seated, the president of the day in an easy and happy manner called the assemblage to order when the divine blessing was invoked by Mr. Horace W. Burnett, he

being a direct descendant as well as one of the oldest representatives of the family. After the inner man had been well served the president of the day called on the several speakers, who responded.

A history, with sketches and incidents of the family, was given for nearly two hundred years in the past.

Letters were read from numerous parties expressive of congratulations, mingled with regrets at their inability to be present.

Florida and Savoy were most thoroughly represented, numerous parties from Adams and North Adams were in attendance and Mr. and Mrs. Noyes of your city were here, Mrs. Noyes being in the direct line of descent. Others were: Mr. Charles Guilford of Greenfield; Mr. Alfred Burnett and family of Hadley; Alonzo Burnett, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Willis Burnett and Mr. Barrus and wife of Ashfield; Mrs. Leonard Stearns, Mrs. William Stearns and Mrs. Freelove Bachelder of Conway, three sisters whose combined age is more than 220 years. They were born in Savoy, daughters of the late Ira and Rosilla Burnett Bates.

On the arrival of the noon train the company was made glad by the coming of Mr. George Washington Burnett and wife, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Ira S. Higgins of Brattleboro. On the whole this reunion is not to be soon forgotten, and many people learned of their extended relationship in this family line. We easily trace two branches of our line of the family and descent from Robert, who came from Scotland in the year 1700.

1st, Robert	1st, Robert
2nd, Dr. Isaac	2nd, Archibald
3rd, Dr. Nathan	3rd, Daniel, Sr.
4th, Dr. Isaac, 2nd	4th, Daniel, Jr.
5th, Stephen P.	5th, Willis W.
6th, George W.	6th, Alfred W.
7th, Frank L.	7th, Arca H.
8th, John	•

The union drum corps held their yearly festival and picnic party at the house of Herbert W. Burnett on Monday, Sept. 5th. It was a fine day and a goodly number gathered from Windsor and Adams, Plainfield being well represented. Abundant refreshments were served and well discussed and

there was good music, enthusiastic speeches and a good time generally. The next will be held with A. J. McCullock on Labor Day, 1893.

Mrs. Theodore Burnett has been called to Monroe to care for her sick aunt.

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A Notable Family Reunion

The reunion of the Burnett family took place at the home of Willis Burnett, South Ashfield, Sept. 5th, 1894. The day was fine and all that could have been wished with the exception of drought and dust.

People from long distances began to arrive on the previous day, some coming by rail and stage, others by their own conveyances until more than 150 persons were on the grounds.

The services of Caterer Wise of Greenfield had been secured, with his spacious tent, under which tables were erected and well laden. At this juncture a clam bake under the direction of Mr. Fletcher Flagg of Conway was opened. Grace was said by Mr. Lawrence of Williamsburg. Then came the hearty work of discussing the appetizing and ever relishing clam bake and its appurtenances.

This part of the program being thoroughly completed came the business meeting. The following named persons were chosen officers for the ensuing year; President, Liverty L. Burnett of Adams; secretary, Willis W. Burnett of Savoy Centre; treasurer, Isaac N. Burnett of Florida; vice presidents, Murray J. Guilford, Greenfield; Willis Burnett, South Ashfield; Francis Tower, North Adams; George W. Burnett, Brattleboro, Vt.; and Herbert W. Burnett, Savoy Centre.

The next in order was a short address and reading family history and reading of the genealogy, which are not always easy to follow. This gathering was made more interesting from the fact that it occurred on an old homestead that has been held and kept in the family since it was first purchased by Archibald Burnett in the year 1796, twelve acres,

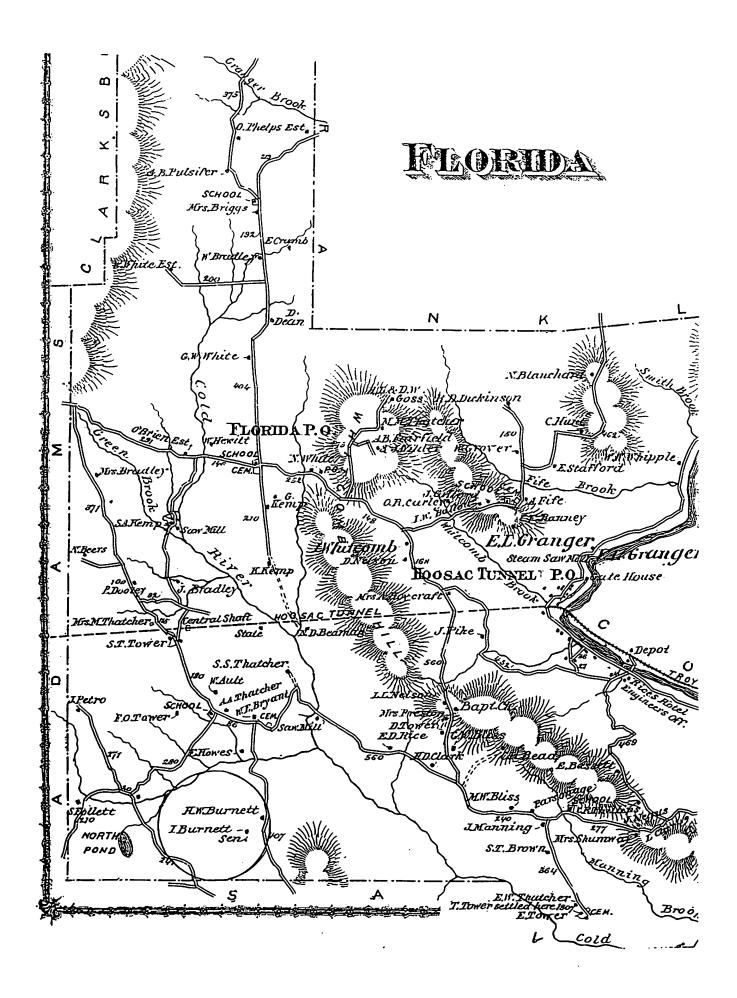
the consideration for the same being 12 pounds and 10 shillings. The homestead has grown to 300 acres lying in the town of Ashfield and Conway, the house standing upon the line of the towns.

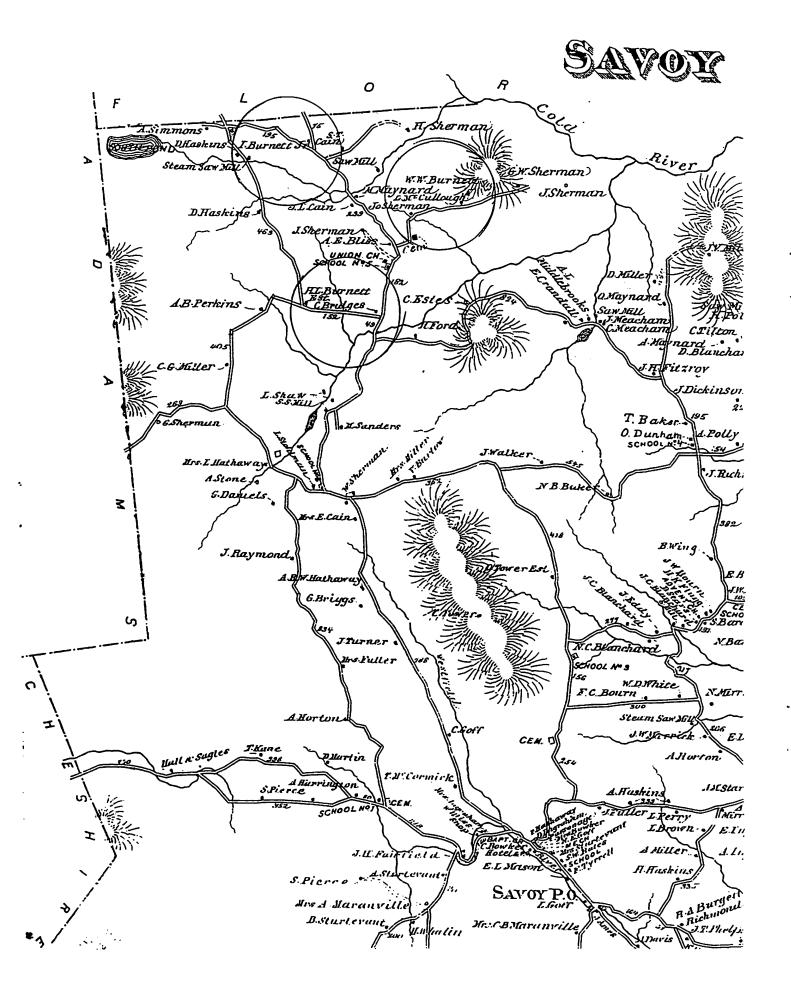
We follow our name and family back to Scotland in 1524, when the name was Burnard, who received from Robert Bruce a charter of lands it being in the 18th year of that King's reign. Very soon thereafter it was Burnett. Robert, the father of Archibald, was born in Cheshire, England, in 1697. In early life he was forced on board a man of war. He ran away from the service, as he said he should and studied medicine, but from some cause never practiced. He married and settled on territory now Warwick, Franklin county, Mass., where he reared a large family and educated two sons for physicians. The descendants of Robert have become very numerous and are scattered in many of the states. Savoy was represented at the meting by 33, Florida by 23. Adams was also represented as were may towns in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties.

In the early history of the family, in Scotland, among the barons and lords, their coat of arms consisted of a hunting horn in the base with a Highlander in hunting garb with greyhound for supporter, to show they were the King's foresters, a striking similarity in the characteristics in our ancestors and of their descendants of today, and if anything was to be added to complete the coat of arms it should be fishing tackle and a bee hunter's outfit.

It was voted that the next reunion be held at the home of Herbert W. Burnett, Savoy Centre, on the first Wednesday in September, 1895.

A vote of thanks was given George W. Burnett and Hollis H. Burnett of Brattleboro, Vt., to Mrs. Charlotte Burnett Gould of Readsboro, Vt., to Mrs. Marcia Burnett Carpenter, New Salem, Franklin county, Mass., and Mrs. Rizpah Kemp of Florida, for congratulations and letters read. The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to our host and hostess and also with three rousing cheers, most of the party leaving for their homes, yet quite a large party filled up the house and stayed over until the next morning, all being well satisfied with the enjoyable time.





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