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1890's TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN PERU: THE COTTAGES AND THEIR GUESTS

Introduction by Emilie S. Piper

The Berkshires have become a well known tourist destination, famous for a variety of cultural attractions. But would you have guessed that a hundred or so years ago the hilltown of Peru was a popular vacation spot? It was not music, theater, museums, or dance that attracted visitors. Rather, Peru touted splendid, panoramic views of over 10,000 square miles, healthful spring water, botanical delights, a much above average summer preacher, a most obliging store keeper, and fine commodious old farmhouses providing hospitable boarding opportunities. Some of their names are descriptive of their charms: The Fernery, Brooklett Cottage, Fringed Gentian Farm, Traveller's Retreat, and Sunnyside.

A sampling of well known Berkshire visitors to the hilltown were Zenas M. Crane, Hon. Francis W. Rockwell, Dr. Paddock, Rector Newton, and Miss Agnes Morewood

(Herman Melville's grand niece).

The following article published in the *Pittsfield Sun*, September 15, 1892, page 2, was written by Charles S. French (1856-1914), Peru's most famous author. The poetry is his, later published in a volume called *Sugar Maple*. Even though his idyllic picture of Peru reflects the changing times, it is no less valid. The sons of generations of farmers were moving on to greener pastures or opportunities, and by their hospitality to summer boards, old timers found another beneficial source of income. A year later French published another article called "Scattered Children of Peru" in which he describes the successes of the next generation

"GRAND OLD PERU"

OVERLOOKING FIVE STATES

Pleasant Homes and Magnificent Landscapes
- Brief Sketches of the Area, the Fernery,
Sunset Cottage, Bonnihame, Crescent
Farm, the old Church, French's Hill and
other Points of Interest.

From a poem entitled "Sugar Maple," yet unpublished although warmly endorsed by America's best loved poet, John G. Whittier, we copy the following lines, descriptive of the outlook from French's Hill in Peru:

"Above the lesser lights which rise In wild profusion round, Does noble Greylock proudly rear Its summit, forest crowned.

Beneath us, westward, lies Ashmere, A lovely mountain lake Whose waters from the dancing brooks Unceasing tribute take.

Their peaks against the western sky
The Catskill mountains raise:
Monadnock, o'er New Hampshire's hills
Its pyramid displays.

Like trusty sentinels that guard Connecticut's bright stream Their tops ablaze with morning light Mounts Tom and Holyoke gleam.

Upraised above the Worcester hills O'er many a lovely home. Through clearest atmosphere we see Wachusett's beauteous dome.

See near us noble Bryant's home Amid the Hampshire hills His name is graven on its rocks And murmured by its rills.

Let us thank God that He has sent
One soul these hills among
Whose deep toned voice so truthfully
Their loveliness has sung.

Oh Bryant! In the hearts of men Thy memory is secure So long as these, thy native hills In majesty endure.

But at our feet the fairest sight
In all this glorious view
Lifts high toward heaven its steeple bright
The white Church of Peru.

Peru is certainly "beautiful for situation" and is just beginning to receive a small part of the recognition from the city people which it deserves. The summer of 1876, "Centennial Summer," found quite a number of city guests in Peru. "The Aery," of which Mrs. Susan P. French was the then hostess, "Rockwell Homestead," "Prospect Farm," then the home of H.A. Messenger, "The Maples" kept by Mrs. Pratt and Brooklett Cottage, then the home of Mrs. Harriet Parks, were all filled to overflowing with city guests.

None of these places are now under the same ownership as then, and none, except the first one mentioned, now makes a business of entertaining summer guests, and even the Aery has done nothing in that line this season, owing to sickness and death in the family early in the year. But the business of caring for summer guests in Peru, although it has changed its location and its management somewhat, is, we believe, on a better basis than ever, and the outlook bright for the future. We will describe the principal summer homes in town in the order of their accessibility. The Aery, now owned by Henry Barlow, has the advantage over all others as regards location, being directly opposite the historic "Peru meeting-house" and close by store and postoffice. Right here we will quote again from "Sugar Maple," the before mentioned poem:

Our fathers built their house of prayer Upon a mountain summit, where The water from its west roof side Sought Housatonic's busy tide, And turned the millwheels which it found Upon its journey to the sound. The drops which on its east roof fell With countless others went to swell The brook which constant tribute gave Connecticut's sea-seeking wave.

The old church, both from its historic interest and from its sightly location, (The views from the belfry are grand) attracts a great many visitors every summer.

Among past guests at the Aery we may mention Supt. Job Williams of the Deaf and Dumb asylum at Hartford, Mr. Corbin, a grammar school principal, also of Hartford, and Mr. Learned, a Boston commission merchant. The Aery has large, pleasant rooms, and the water, having a slightly mineral taste, from the 150 foot artesian well in the yard at the front of the house has been highly recommended by some physicians. Said one, "I wish I could always drink this water."

Before leaving Peru Hill we ought to mention the store of Frank G. Creamer. Says a gentleman who has summered in Peru: "I have experienced much less inconvenience than I expected here in the country on account of the pains which Mr. Creamer takes to cater to everybody's wants. Many a little article which I expected to be obliged to send away for I found your merchant supplied with. For instance, I wanted a new harness and Mr. Creamer supplied it and at a reasonable price. I know something of harnesses and their value and was well pleased with my bargain." This is only one instance. Friend Creamer is very obliging and will take all reasonable pains to supply everyone's needs.

Sunset Cottage, owned by Mrs. Susan P. French, is just west of Peru Hill, so near by that the Hinsdale and Worthington stage receives and delivers passengers there, although this cottage and the parsonage have a short road all to themselves, a part of what was formerly the old Boston and Albany turnpike, before the day of railroads. No one who has looked westward from Peru Hill at sunset will ask the reason for the name.

"When at evening you stand
By our church old and grand
And the Catskills and Greylock behold
In its garden of green
Sunset Cottage is seen
Gainst a background of crimson and gold"

From Sunset Cottage and the parsonage which are so near together that guests frequently secure board at the former and rooms at the latter, we think the view of Greylock is the most beautiful we have ever seen. That from Windsor Hill may be grander but at Sunset Cottage the view is softened buy the 15 miles of distance, while the grand outline of the mountain is preserved. "I believe I can see Mt. Anthony in Bennington, Vt. from here" exclaimed Pastor Armstrong rapturously as he came to breakfast at the cottage one morning. A climb to the belfry, the short

walk to White Rock Hill, just south of the cottage, and a minute's examination of the atlas settled the question in favor of Mt. Anthony and Bald.Mt. between which rises the battle monument of Bennington. White Rock Hill as an outlook is gaining in popularity. It has many of the attractions of French's Hill with the advantage of an unobstructed view in all directions. North of Sunset Cottage is "Spruce Retreat" as Pastor Armstrong has christened the picnic grove on the parsonage farm. Mrs. French takes great pains to provide for the happiness of her guests, who are quite apt to become her lasting friends. Although sickness has interfered to prevent the entertainment of many guests this year there have been Rev. Lynn P. Armstrong and his mother, his grandfather, Capt. Daniel Paddock and his aunt Miss Paddock of Bennington, Vt.; Miss Mary E. L. Burnham and Miss Irmingard Burnham, sisters of Springfield; Mrs. Laura E. Schweizer, Mrs. Alfred P. Morewood and Miss Agnes Morewood, of Pittsfield. Mrs. French's love of nature, particularly her enthusiastic devotion to botany, rarely meeting a new acquaintance in the vegetable kingdom without learning its name, sometimes forms a strong bond of sympathy between her and her guests.

White Rock Hill, owned by John B. French and Spaulding Hill, owned by Belker W. Ackert, offer very desirable sits for summer homes.

Rev. Lynn P. Armstrong is our summer preacher, utilizing in this way his vacation from Williams College. Last summer he preached in Cummington, and we have had many evidences of the esteem in which he is held there. His preaching here has resulted in a larger attendance than is usual here, and, we trust, in permanent good as well. That which pleases us most in the matter of his sermons is his sympathy with reforms and fearlessness in advocating them and, in the manner of his address, his independence of manuscript and the perfectly natural way in which he uses his voice, which is an excellent one.

One mile east of Peru Hill is Bonnihame, the pretty cottage owned by Edwin Shumway, with its dormer windows and pleasant verandas overlooking the northern and eastern hills, occupied the present season by A. D. Matthews of Brooklyn and his family and friends. Following is a list of the permanent guests at Bonnihame this season: Mr. A. D. Matthews, Miss Elizabeth C. Matthews, Mrs. Frank Bond, Miss L. Belle Bond, Miss Mary A. Fuller, Mrs. L. K. Lapham, Mrs. S. Schoonmaker, Miss E. E. Schoonmaker, Miss Grace Farr, Miss Etta Gildersleeve, Miss Esther A. Clark, Mrs. James Lane. The following have visited Bonnihame this summer and are from Brooklyn: Miss Carrie Lane, Miss Ella Lane, Mr. Herbert Lane, Miss Esther Forman. The four just mentioned are grandchildren of Mr. A. D. Matthews. Miss Alice Taylor and Miss May Taylor have also been here and very recently Gardner D. Matthews of Brooklyn. Mr. Matthews is at the head of the Brooklyn mercantile firm of A. D. Matthews & Sons. A few figures will give some idea of the extent of their business and of its growth. In 1837 Mr. Matthews paid only \$30 for six months rent. In answer to a question in regard to the rent now paid annually by his firm he said. "That is one of the things we never tell. I will say however that it is more than the valuation of the town of Peru." From their great store, 398 to 402 Fulton street, Brooklyn, they can completely furnish a house from garret to cellar and clothe the inmates. The force of clerks employed varies from 375 to 500 according to the season and more than forty horses are required for delivery of goods.

Mr. Matthews was born in the south part of Hinsdale and derives his ancestry partly from the Stowells of Peru. He is now 82 years old and his great success in business life has failed to make him exclusive or unsocial. He is a very pleasant man to converse with and delights to entertain guests with tales of his boyhood. He recalls making the trip from Hinsdale to Boston on foot with stock when a boy. We were particularly impressed with his recital of the manner in which he earned 30 cents when a boy at Sunday school. The offer was made of one cent for every thirty verses which any child should commit to memory. (How many children would be induced by any such offer now?) Yet young Azel Matthews committed to memory 900 verses during the season and when he had received the princely reward of 30 cents a missionary appeared on the scene

and begged the children's money. The boy finally divided with him the money, which he had proposed to use for the purchase of buttons for a new jacket. He has retained through life generous habits and been not only a successful man of business but what is much better, an active Christian worker. His generosity to Peru church in recent years has been a great and much appreciated help.

Our venerable benefactor, who we hope may be given health and strength to summer in Peru many years more, would doubtless endorse the following sentiment from "Sugar Maple" regarding the "old meeting house."

"Return, O ancient holy days,
When to these courts of prayer and praise
The steeple bell, with accents strong,
Called forth a glad and numerous throng
From many a rocky wind swept height
Or vale late sought by morning light."

All the guests at Bonnihame express their satisfaction with Mr. Shumway's pretty, comfortable and convenient cottage and we learn that the same parties desire even now to engage it for another year. We have enjoyed the hospitality of the "Bonnihamers" and know they have been taking solid comfort this summer. The satisfaction has been by no means on one side. Our townspeople have enjoyed having these pleasant, social and helpful people in their midst as much as they have enjoyed being here. We congratulate neighbor Shumway on his success and we hope that others of our pleasant farm houses may be occupied in a similar manner. We hope, too, that some men of means may purchase and build here. We believe that men of wealth can get as much satisfaction from the outlay of money here as elsewhere.

About two miles east from Peru Hill is Crescent Farm, the property of G. Byron Parks. Brother Parks is an energetic and successful farmer and his wife an amiable and efficient hostess. The rooms are large and pleasant, the fare excellent and we know of no place which we would feel more free to recommend to summer guests than Crescent Farm. The situation, too, is of the best. "Uncle Sam's" mail carrier passes both the east and west daily, leaving mail or passengers and baggage at the door. From the house, or quite near it, one looks into

Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut, besides overlooking much of our own state. Mr. and Mrs. Parks are young people and this is a new line of business to them but we predict for them success. George P. Watkins and family and H. C. Hubert and family of New York City and G. A. Bottum and family of Gloversville, N.Y. have been recent guests there.

In the south east part of Peru is Charles M. Hatheway's Maple Grove Dairy Farm. Mr. Hatheway's sister, Mrs. May of Westfield, spends her summers here. There are beautiful views here, as well as a kind host and hostess, and, could our friends accommodate them, they would have a large number of guests without the necessity of advertising. This last sentence is equally true of Charles B. Pike's Fringed Gentian Farm close by.

The name is appropriate not only on account of the abundance of this lovely flower but of its suggestion of the character of the occupants. A present guest here is Mrs. Lloyd of Blandford.

Driving eastward from the places just mentioned we reach the last known of our summer homes, Austin Stowell's "Fernery." It is not surprising that they call it the "Fernery," exclaimed a Springfield lady who accompanied us on a recent drive, as she looked through the vistas of beautiful maples which flank the house upon seemingly endless waves of ferns. It is the Stowell homestead, from which eight children bearing the ancient and honored name have gone forth to various vocations. Only once has the circle been broken by death. The pretty farmhouse, accommodating 20 guests amid very pleasing surroundings, fertile meadows in front, the fruitful orchard at the left and the great maple forest and deep ravine with its famous brook trout behind to the northward, stands about 700 feet (as an estimate) above the middle branch of the Westfield River, only a mile or two distant, and 2100 feet above sea-level. What Mr.Stowell's place lacks in accessibility is more than made good by the romantic surroundings and by his liberality in placing himself and his team so frequently at the disposal of his guests. Guests are met at Hinsdale station, or at the stage at Peru Hill, and Mr. Stowell's omnibus, sometimes carrying fourteen persons, makes a trip now to

Parish Falls, then to French's Hill and by and by to the Bryant place, Cummington, or some

picnic-ground.

Among the guests at the Fernery during this or other seasons have been the following well known men or their families or both: A. W. Hooker and Rev. Mr. Makepeace of Springfield, Z. M. Crane of Dalton, Hon. Francis W. Rockwell, Dr. Paddock and Rector Newton of Pittsfield; Rev. Asa Dilts of Plainfield, N.J., Rev. C. H. Snedeker of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Rev. Mr. Blake of Webster.

The Fernery is the home of which we have very pleasant personal recollections of days where

"Amid the maples gorgeously
The autumn embers glowed
And rivaled in their crimson flame
The hues which sunset showed.

Beside our path the gentian bright Upheld its cup of blue, Its dewy petals scarce as sweet As were the hours we knew."

French' Hill offers some of the best views to be had in this part of the county. The longest distance which we are certain of seeing from this point is Marlborough, about 80 miles, air line, to the eastward. This hill not only overlooks a large portion of our own state but a portion of every adjoining state except Rhode Island. Wachusett Mt. is about 60 miles distant, Monadnock, in New Hampshire, about an equal distance. Several clusters of buildings, about 40 or 50 miles distant we have been unable to locate but we think one of them is Pelham Heights. The statement recently made that Peru overlooks 10,000 square miles of territory is an under rather than an over estimate. Greylock bars the view to the northwest but westward the view is uninterrupted to the Catskills.

C. W. Clark's "Traveller's Retreat" at the foot of French Hill would have a large number of summer guests if Brother Clark could accommodate them. The same is true of S. H. Pelton's pretty home "Sunnyside." At the south part of Peru, Lot W. Brewster has a very pretty well-kept farm-house called Grove Cottage from the beautiful maple wood which shelters it, an excellent home for summer guests.

Dea. Jewett H. Geer's pretty home, Maple Cottage, also has a grand old maple grove which so impressed the artists of Picturesque Berkshire that they photographed it for that book. This is a very beautiful section.

One of the most attractive homes is that of Geo. T. Newcombe. The name of this lovely spot at the south extremity of the town is Glendale. Beautiful woodlands form a principal feature of this part of Peru.

Crosier Hill, in this part of the town,

affords a grand outlook.

King C. Phillips, whose neat home is opposite Bonnihame, has a pleasant place for guests.

Dwight Frissell and Sons have a magnificent old house which would be promptly filled if open to guests. The Frissells have the largest things in town - the largest farm, the largest house, cut the largest crop of hay, 130 tons, keep the largest stock and pay the largest taxes.

Two old houses, both of which were selected for illustrations in Picturesque Berkshire, are W. R. Ford's and Thomas Grace's, the old Rockwell homestead.

One of the prettiest dwellings in town is the home of W. R. Peirce at the extreme north of the town. There are beautiful views there also.

But we must close this rambling letter with many pleasant homes where summer guests would find enjoyment unmentioned.

Good spring water abounds everywhere in Peru.

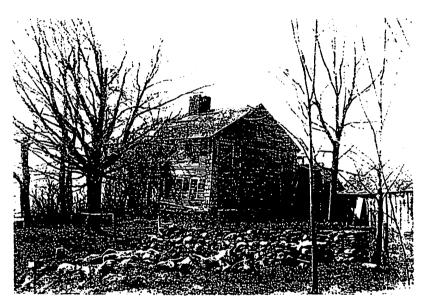
The first page of photographs which follow are from the 1893 publication mentioned by French: *Picturesque Berkshire* (Part 1, pages 84-85. Picturesque Publishing Co., Northampton, MA, 1893). The caption "Old houses on the way to Hinsdale" refers to the Rockwell homestead, center, owned by Thomas Grace in 1891.

The second page of photographs is from French's book Sugar Maple (2nd ed., Hartford, Conn., c.1899).

Beers' Atlas of 1897 shows the location of some of the families on the map of Peru. For further information about the Ford family for Fall, 2003, Vol. 24, No. 4, Pages 116-118.



THE STORE ON PERU HILL



THE OLD FORD MANSION



OLD HOUSES ON THE WAY TO HINSDALE



"FROM BLEAK FARM HOUSE ON WIND SWEPT HEIGHT."
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"IS THIS FAIR FARM HOUSE TRIM AND NEAT."
"THE FERNERY" IN SUMMER, PERU, MASS. - PAGE 66



"THE OLD BRICK HOUSE JUST OPPOSITE."
AS IT LOOKED IN THE SUMMER OF 1876
THE AERY, PERU, MASS.

MISCELLANEOUS VITAL RECORDS

From the Miscellaneous Letters and Early Publications Archival Box in the Berkshire Athenaeum Vault.

Jedediah Tracy and Electa Luce was married January the 20th 1803

Our first Child was borne May the 12th 1804

Hannah Mariah Tracy was borne August the 29th 1805

Charles Rodney was born 12th April 1808

Charles was born February the 11th 1812

Henry Tracy was Born Sept. 11th 1813

Emily Tracy was Born October 11th 1816

Electa Tracy was Born April 25th 1818

Betsey Tracy was Borne 3rd April 1821

Emmaline Tracy Died 1839 Aged 1 year and ---

Gilbert N. Tracy Died Dec. 23, 1840 Aged 3 months and 26 days

Willard N. Tracy Died Jan. 23, 1847 Aged 4 months and 26 days

Hannah Tracy Died Dec. 31st 1858 Aged 40 years 1 month and 12 days

Garrold? Park

Erwin Tracy Drown Died April 21st 1887 Aged 20 years and 5 months

Nelson Tracy Died June 19, 1890 Aged 83 years and 5 months

Nelson Tracy Born Jan 26, 1807 Hannah Thorn Born Nov 19, 1818

Married April 19, 1837

Wm H. Drown Born July 24th 1828 Ella M. Tracy Born Oct 21, 1841

Married Feb 22nd 1861

Wm. B. Clark Born Dec 21, 1847 Lizzie Tracy Born July 29, 1848

Married Sept 6th 1869

these are all the marriages that are chronicled

BIRTHS

Emeline Tracy Born May 16, 1838 Ella Maria Tracy Born Mar 27, 1841

Elizabeth Tracy Born July 29, 1848

Mary Emma Tracy Born July 5, 1854

Gilbert N. Tracy Born March 27, 1840 Willard N. Tracy Born Aug 29, 1846 Caroline Tracy Born July 10, 1851

Sarah Cornelia Tracy Born Sept 11, 1856

DEATHS

Emerson E. Beach died August 21st 1848 Aged 17 mo George Rodolph Beach died July 1850 aged 7 m Dec 1853 Eliott Beach aged 3 yrs

April 1854 Charles S. Beach aged 1 year

Canaan July 10th 1797 Nath'l Merrell Jr. Book

Pittsfield Feb 1st 1895

These are the names of my Grandfather Beach and family who lived in Beach Street Litchfield Conn.

Grandfathers name was Laban Beach His wife Sarah Kilborn

His sons were Laban, Anson, Julius,

James.

His daughters Sally Gilbert, Lydia Norton, Lucretia Clark, Ursula Emmons.

The heirs of Oner Green are remembered in his will in 1816. Witnesses Levi Stoddard, Noah Beach, Henry Wooster.

My Grandfather Nath'l Merrell was Born in the year 1762 Oct 3rd and entered the army of the United States Feb 1st 1777 and was discharged from said army Nov 3rd 1783.

Was married to Huldah Hurlburt July 2nd 1789. She was born March 25th 1763.

My Mother Fanny Merrell was born April 6th 1790. The next child was born Feb 26, 1792 died in 21 hours.

Huldah was born Feb 27th 1794 All these in Goshen Litchfield Co., Conn.

Mariah was born Aug 22 1796 in New Canaan, N. York state

Hiram was born June 3rd 1779 in Canaan, Conn.

There was other children Hannah Belden, Nathaniel, another son died unmarried.

My Grandfather Nathaniel Merrills spelled also Merrils and Merrell Enlisted from Litchfield in Col. Samuel Wyllys Regt., the 3rd Conn. Capt. Henry Champeons Company, Capt. Champeon being from Colchester. Merrell enlisted for the War on Feb 1st 1777 was served in same regiment again from July 1st 1780 to Dec 14th 1780. Regt serving along the Hudson. He previously served in 1st Regt Conn Line Formation of 1777 to 1781 as a levied man from Oct 16th '79 to Jan 1st 1780.

Nathaniel Merrell served at Battles of White Plains, Bound Brook, Story Point & Yorktown. In census of 1840 was listed as a pensonar 80 years old and lived in Canaan Conn. Adgt General report of Hartford Conn of the Revolutionary Soldiers.

The Regt. wintering at Morristown

Hights. In 1775 He enlisted in the 6th Co. Capt. Abijah Rowlee of Hebron of the 8th Regt Col. Jedediah Huntington of Norwich on July 8 and served till Dec 18th

Titus Merrell enlisted in same
Company on July 12th and was discharged
Dec 18 1775. This Regt. was raised according to act of July session of Legislature 1775
and was recruited mostly in New London,
Hartford and Windham Counties served along
the sound till Sept 14 '75 when by order of
Washington it was ordered to Boston Camps
and entered General Spencers Brigade where
it remained till discharged Dec 25 1775.
Adopted as Continental Army and reorganized by Col. Huntington in '76. Nathaniel
Merrell received Soldiers pay from Jan 1
1781 - Dec 31 1781.

Titus Merrill enlisted according to muster roll of Camp Mt. Independence dated Ticonderoga Nov 25th 1776 on Feb 5 '75 discharged with many others at Cedars a place 40 miles above Montreal on May 19 '76 See American Archives 5 see Vol 1 Page 168. Other Merrells who served are Jerijah, Pheneas, Elijah and Solomon.

É. M. Northrop Pittsfield, Mass. Aug 1898 Homer F. Northrop Mother's grandmother was a Kilbourn.

MARRIAGES

Lucius S. Beach was married to Rebecca Willton Oct 16th 1836
Nelson L. Beach was married to Mary A. Pardee Sept 25th 1833
Aner F. Woodin was married to Maria F. Beach August 1839
Samuel Porter was married to Minerva H. Beach Jan 1842
Henry S. Purdee was married to Almira Beach 1837
James H. Beach was married to Annie Coy March 31st 1844
Frederick I. Northrop was married to Elizabeth M. Beach Sept 20th 1846
Guy W. Beach was married to Cornelia Sanford Sep 12th 1847

BIRTHS - MY FATHER'S FAMILY

My Father James Beach was born June 26th 1791 My Mother Fanny Beach was born April 6th 1790 Lucius S. Beach was born Sept 4th 1811 Nelson L. Beach was born Feb 8th 1813 Maria F. Beach was born Oct 26th 1815 Minerva H. Beach was born Jan 28th 1817 James H. Beach was born Feb 10th 1819 Almira Beach was born March 2nd 1821 Alvira C. Beach was born May 11th 1823

Guy W. Beach was born March 25th 1825 Hiram E. Beach was born March 31st 1828 Elizabeth M. Beach was born June 12th 1830 William S. Beach was born June 12th 1833 Frederick I. Northrop was born May 29th 1827

GRANDCHILDREN

Beach born Dec 1849
Guy Beach Porter born April 1850
Porter born June 1852
Charles Smith Beach born April 1853
Beach born June 1852

Beach born April 1854

Lilian Ardeth Northrop born Jan 31, 1853
Charlotte A. Beach was born June 20th 1836
Franklin L. Beach was born Sept 16th 1840
Mary Jane Beach was born June 18th 1839
Maria F. Woodin was born May 1840
Ellen M. Pardee was born Sept 1st 1838
George A. Pardee was born Oct 1840
Wales Porter was born May 29th 1844
Edgar H. Beach was born May 11th 1845
Juliaett Beach was born Nov 7 1846
Francis L. Porter was born Jan 27 1847
Emerson E. Beach was born March 1847
George Rodolph Beach was born ? 1848
Frederick Star Northrop was born Feb 21 1849

DEATHS

My Father James Beach Died Feb 16th 1841 Aged 50 Alvira C. Beach Died May 15th 1823 Aged 4 days Maria F. Woodin Died Feb 11th 1842 Aged 27 Almira Pardee Died March 22nd 1841 Aged 20

Pittsfield Jan 28th 1898

This is a list of the names of my ancestors on my father's side as gathered by Mr. Edward H. Pardee of 23 Broad Street, New York.

- 1. Thomas Beach, Emigrant. Children: 2. Sarah, 3. John 4. Mary 5. Samuel 6. Zopher.
- John. Children: 7. Lettrie, 8. Mary, 9. Hannah, 10. Thomas, 11. John, 12. Samuel.
 Samuel. 13. Bulah, 14. Rhoda, 15. Zopher, 16. Phebe, 17. Samuel, 18. Benoni, 19. Esther, 20. Eunice, 21. Benias, 22. Hannah, 23. Samuel, 24. Laban. 25. James.
- 4. Laban. Children: 26. Laban, married Tryphenia Spencer and had 2 other wives removed to Rochester, N.Y. raised a family ad died there. 27. Sarah, married Calvin Gilbert of Litchfield, Conn., 28. Lydia, Married ---- Norton of Litchfield, Conn., 29. Lucretia married Ebenezar Clark of Chestnut Hill, Litchfield, Conn., 30. Anson, married Pamelia Abernathy. Children were: Anson, Bradley, Ursala, Elmina, Almon, James. Almon died 1894. His widow lives in Milton, Conn. His daughter married Dwight Seeley lives in Plainville, Conn. Almina is the widow of Samuel Beach late of Litchfield, Conn. 31. Honor, married Samuel Green. 32. Ursula, married Leman Emmons. Children: Harriet, Lucretia, Harmon, Samuel, Asa, Mary Ann and Lemon. 33. Julius, of Montrose, Pa., married Fanny Atwell. Children: Larenza, Louisa, Theron, Emeline, Jeanette and Miranda Sophronia. 34. Andrew, married Polly Garner. Children: Truman,

Hiram. 35. James, married Fanny Merrill daughter of Nathaniel Merrill of

Goshen, Conn.

- James. Children: 36. Lucius S. married Rebecca Welton Bronson. Children: Mary J., Abbott and Juliaett Dawley. 37. Nelson L. married Mary Ann Pardee. Children: Charlotte Ann married S. Smith of West Haven, Conn., Frank, unmarried. 38. Maria Fanny married Aner F. Woodin. Child: Maria Satchwell, wife of Henry Satchwell of Waterbury, Conn.
- [At this point the document becomes unclear as to the separation of generations, therefore we present the remainder as listed. Ed.]
 - 39. Minerva H. married Samuel Portor of Waterbury, Conn. Children: Wales, Frances, Guy, Edith, Martha, Mary. One little girl died. Wales lives in Waterbury. Guy in Watertown, Conn. has six children, last one, Edith married Luther Andrews of Wollcott, Conn., has 13 children last one Martha & Mary live in Meriden, Conn. Married Frank Beach and J. Atkinson.

40. James married Anna Coy. Children: Edgar, Charles, Ralph & Julia, New

Britain, Conn.

41. Almira married Henry S. Pardee. Children: Ellen, now Mrs. Alling of Mil lidgville, Ga. and George Andrew of New York City. Almira died March 20th 1841. Born March 2nd 1821

42. Almira, lived only 3 days.

43. Guy W. married Cornelia Sanford. 4 children, all dead.

44. Hiram E. Married Helen Young of Utica, N.Y. 2 children one died Ole? B.

living

45. Elizabeth M. married Frederick J. Northrop. Children: Homer F. of Waterbury, Conn. married Ada McGinnis. They have 2 children and last one Merwin J. and Myrtie A. Wesley B. married Susie Hanerfield (Homerfield?) has 3 children Fred J., Clifford W. and S. Alena, all of Waterbury, Conn. Detta L. married Gardiner B. Moore has 2 children living, Persy M. and M. S. Elizabeth last one Ralph, Homer. Alfred James died 3 years and 7 months old.
46. William S. married Louisa Holmes, 2nd Elizabeth Alger, 3rd Mrs. Mary Lester. Children: Minnie now in Rome, Ga., James A. of Hartford, Conn.,

Louisa Inez? and Alise she died.

From the Pittsfield Sun, January 8, 1859.

MARRIED

In this town, Jan. 6, at the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Teeling, by Rev. Dr. Porter, Mr. Albert H. Blake to Miss Elizabeth A. Thompson, all of this town.

At Cheshire, Dec. 31, by Rev. M. Stoddard, Mr. John H. Fisk to Miss Sarah N. Brown, both of Adams; Jan. 1, by same, Mr. Erastus M. Hubbard to Miss Cynthia A. White, both of C.

At Williamstown, Dec. 29, by Rev. Prof. Tatlock, Mr. John Tatlock to Miss Lucy B.,

daughter of the late Seymour Whitman, Esq.

At Hancock, Nov. 9, by Rev. A. P. Viets, Mr. Henry S. Cranston of Oneida, N.Y. to Miss S. Minerva Smith of H; Jan 4, by the same, John Jay Gardner, Esq. to Miss Abbie Smith.

At North Adams, Jan. 1, by Rev. W. H. Waggoner, Mr. George Gregson to Miss

Lucinda Wickwire.

At Chatham, N.Y., Dec. 12, Mr. Theodore Holmes of Tyringham, formerly of Lee, to Miss Susan, daughter of Mr. Alvirus Heath of T.

At Salisbury, Ct., Dec. 28, by the Rev. C. S. Brown, Mr. Nelson Andrus of Sheffield, Ms. to Miss Sarah J. Knickerbocker.

At Northampton, Jan. 6, Mr. Eli A. Shaw to Miss Ann M. Pitcher, both of Chester-

field.

DIED

In this town, Jan 11, Mrs. Sally, aged 73, wife of Mr. Daniel E. Barker.

In this town, Jan. 9, Miss Ellen O., aged 19 years and 10 months, daughter of Preston & Betsey Hunt.

In this town, Jan. 4, Edward, aged 13, son of Joel Foster (colored.)

At South Williamstown, Jan. 10, Mr. John P. Jordon, aged 72½ years.

At Windsor, Jan. 7, Mrs. Bersheba, aged 85 years and 10 months, relict of the late John Prince.

At Florida, Jan. 5, Mr. Robert V. Blanchard, aged 59.

At Williamstown, Dec. 9, Cora E., aged 4 years and 3 months, daughter of Mr. Wm. H. Wilson; Dec. 26, Seneca, infant son of Sylvester and Eudora Bailey; Jan 3, of a cancer, Sarah, aged 90, wife of Dea. Thos. Bingham.

At North Adams. Dec. 31, Mrs. Harriet D., aged 31, wife of Mr. Oliver Brown.

At Worthington, Dec. 28, Mrs. Lydia, aged 67, widow of the late Mr. Luther Geer.

At New York, Dec. 31, Mr. James M. Beals, aged 28.

At Huntington, Dec. 30, Mrs. Mary, aged 26, wife of Mr. A. J. Lindsey, and daughter of Benj. Little, Esq., of Chester.

At Brighton, Michigan, Dec. 9, Mr. Charles S. Norton, in his 53rd year, son of the

late Mr. Gideon Norton of Lanesboro', Mass.

At Boston, Jan. 9, Mrs. Armilla, aged 72, wife of Mr. W. A. Thompson and mother of Col. James M. Thompson of Springfield.

At Hopkinton, Jan. 4, Lydia Mirick, 84, mother of C. A. Mirick of Greenfield, and G.

W. Mirick of Shelburne Falls.

At Easthampton, Jan. 5, Mrs. Caroline Ernz, aged 21, daughter of Mr. Wm. Closs of Greenfield.

At Northampton, Jan 11, Mrs. Cordelia, 32, wife of Mr. Dorus S. Axtell.

DEATHS IN HINSDALE

The No. of deaths in Hinsdale during the year 1858 was 23, viz:-

March 6, Bartholomew Bush, aged 50 years.

March 9, Isaac Gleason, aged 78 years.

March 18, Harriet Tracy, aged 42 years.

April 16, John T. Mack, aged 79 years.

April 29, Ellen Murphy, aged 41 years.

May 7, Abigail Parsons, aged 94 years.

May 15, Sarah Peirce, aged 80 years.

May 31, Silas Bottom, aged 81 years.

June 9, Mary Birmingham, aged 60 years.

June 21, Mary Birmingham, aged 60 years.

Aug. 15, Clinton Watkins, aged 1 year, 3 months.

Aug. 19, Franklin Morgan, aged 22 years.

Aug. 26, Fanny Ramsdell, aged 80 years.

Sept. 3, Child of Christopher Peirce, aged 5 months.

Oct. 23, W. I. S. Clough, aged 6 months

Oct. 24, William O'Brien, aged 1 year, 6 months.

Nov. 13, child of Michael Cullen, aged 1 day.

Nov. 15, Henry Percip, aged 4 months.

Nov. 10, Mary Payne, aged 11 (or 14) years.

Nov. 22, James Coyle, aged 50 years.

Nov. 20, Charlotte____, aged 23 years.

Dec. 26, Daniel Brown, Jr., aged 58 years.

Yours, respectfully, John Cady

DEATHS IN LANESBOROUGH

The following deaths occurred in Lanesborough during the year 1858:-

Jan. 29, Eunice, widow of Uri Bradley, 89 years.

Jan. 31, William, son of Hervey Chase, 16 years. Feb. 16, Infant child of Leman Wood, 2 weeks.

Feb. 17, Widow Betsey Day, 85 years.

March 4, Elsie, Widow of Elisha Wood, 69 years. May 8, Oliver Moore, 25 years.

May 8, Infant in Berkshire Village, 2 months.

July 9, Cyrus Whipple, 39 years.

Aug. 19, Charles Burlingame, 66 years.

The population is about 1400 - therefore, the ratio of mortality is less than two-fifths of one per cent. No death has occurred since August and very little sickness.

Yours respectfully, Sam'l B. Shaw

Longley, T. L.

UNION CHURCH - WASHINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS ORGANIZED DECEMBER 23, 1863, MEMBERS LIST PRINTED IN 1865

From the Vertical Files, Local History Department, Berkshire Athenaeum.

Abbott, Amos Chapel, J. M. Abbott, Charles V. Chapel, Lucy Ann Abbott, Fanny Chapel, Maria G. Abbott, George Clapp, Diana Baker, Almira S., d Crosier, Charles Barnum, Caroline, d Crosier, Lewis Barnum, N. T., d Crosier, Louisa Barnum, Sally Crosier, Mary A. Barrows, Sarah Deming, Sally Beach, Charlotte Dibble, Charlotte M. Beach, Lucy Dibble, Seymour Beach, Mary Gamwell, William Beach, William Hart, A. E. Bell, Mary B. Hathaway, Charles Blake, Lucy Hathaway, Mary Ann Blake, M. M. Higgins, Harriet Higgins, Henry I. Bronson, Emory Bronson, Lucy Higgins, Mary L. Brooker, L. W. Johnson, Edmund Brooker, Sarah Johnson, Elihu Chadwick, James L. Johnson, Mary Chadwick, Mary Ann Johnson, Sarah Chapel, Amos Longley, M. M. Chapel, Hannah Jane Longley, M. R.

Lyman, Mary Elizabeth Manley, F. W. Messenger, Mary Jane Messenger, Palmyra E. Morgan, Hannah B. Morgan, Justin Partridge, Hannah Partridge, Polly Partridge, William Pomeroy, A. B. Pomeroy, Miranda Porter, Mary Smith, Erastus Smith, Maria B. Spring, Charlotte Spring, Horace Spring, Maria Spring, Milo Spring, Susan Tyler, Aurelia * Wing, S. I. Wing, Lucy

ELMER SHEPARD'S NOTEBOOKS

BERKSHIRE COUNTY PROBATE IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY FILES - NORTHAMPTON

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113 48 Noah Phelps
                                         Housatonic 1732
                         Joseph Eggleston Wfd
Bond 11/4/1732 £200 John Phelps
                         Isaac Colton
                                           Spafd
            Daniel Kellogg
Appr
            Moses King
 8/5/33
                                 Inv. R.E. £340
            Benjamin Sacket
                                     Pers --
115 11 John Pixley
                                        Sheffield 1756
       Mercy X wid
                             24/11/1756
                         )
                                         £500 as adm
          Jonathan Nash } Sh
          Timothy Hopkins)
        (Tim'o Woodbridge Esq.
Appr
                                  Inv.
                                            R.E. 425
24/6/57 {Stephen Nash
                                  26/1/1757 Pers 103
        (Jon'n Nash
   Debts from Clark Pixley £6
   Settlement 10/4/59
                        to Mercy
   & Distr
                        ch v John
                                      double
                           - Hall
                           - Saml
                                   £61/5/3/3 each above
                           - Isaac
                           - Desire
                                      all from Prs
   Moses Pixley of Shef'd uncle 24/11/56 gdn to v >14
   Mercy
            8/2/57
                                                  - <14
115 12
       Deacon Jonah Pixley
                                               Shef'd 1751
         Elizabeth wid. Shfd
                                        23/9/1751 £800 adm
            Tim Woodbridge, Stck gent
            David Pixley
                            Stck
Appr Lt. Tim Woodbridge
                           Stck
            Tim Hopkins Shfd Asahel King
                                   Inv R.E. 294
                                        Pers 205
 Settlement 10/3/1752 to wid Elizabeth
                          dau Elizabeth w Josiah Phelps Jr.
                                       double
                            s Wm
                            d Esther
                           gdn 20/2/1752 to Wm
          Elizabeth
                                             Esther \} < 14
            Jonathan Pixley
                              Shef
            Eleazer Hannum
                              Nhmp
117 43 Truman Powell
                                              Mt. Wash 1759
       Eunice X wid of above late of Spencerstown declines & asks
                                                 son Seth 21/7/59
       Seth Powell Prov land w of Shef 26/7/1759 aptd adm
         Heirs decline Joseph, Martin & Truman Powell
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Appr John Dean
         Silas Kellogg Shef'd
         Thos Skinner Mt. Wash
    Joseph Gillet prov land w of Shef'd 26/7/1759 £500 adm
                 Equiv land between Blanford & No. 1
    John Gillet
118 26 Gordon A. Pratt now of Cum
        illeg ch of Philena Pratt
                                    late of Windsor 1841
      Deac. James W. Briggs Cum 18/5/1841 gdn to Gordon A. >14
      Zebina Dawes
                               *
                                      late of Ptsfd
                                                      1787
121 35 Charles Reed
         Samuel Partridge Hatfd 5/4/1787 gdn to s Thomas aet 17
124 41 John Root
                         late of Ptsfd
                                         1782
      Joseph Root of Somers 5/8/1782 $200 adm
      Timothy " "
                      11
      2/8/1782 Timothy father & Azubah wid
                    ask for Joseph as adm.
124 45 Jonathan Root
                                           Shef'd 1761
      s. Abraham Root Shfd 10/2/61 £200 adm
         Thomas Noble Wfd
         Martin Root
  List of 98 credits
    Settlement
                       to Mary wid
      £2681 10/5/1763 to Abraham (double)
                       to Lydia w. Ephr. Fitch
                       to Hannah w. Nath'l Downing Jr.
                       to Stephen
                     16/3/1761 gdn to Hannah d of Ens Jon'a >14
  Eph Fitch Shfd
      Joseph Woodbridge }Stck.
                                      Housatonic 1730
124 53 Joshua Root
        Margaret X wid of Lower Township of Housatonic
          John Root Wfd. Gent 10/11/1730 £500 as adm
          Benjamin Hibbins Nhmp Gent.
     Margaret 10/11/1730 gdn to Hannah
                                 Thomas
                                            )
                                 Ruth
                                 Experience } <14
                                 Catharine
                                 Israel
                                            )
                          gdn to Mercy
                                          } >14
                                 Joshua
                                 Margaret )
                               " Israel & Katherine
      Margaret 10/7/44
    Settlement
                 Mercy Barns
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9/10/1744 Margaret
                               )
                 Hannah Waller } £157/12/01 R.E.
                 Ruth Kellogg
                                   28/18/32 Pers
                 Experience
                 Catharine
 Distr 29/10/44
                                       Sheffield 1753
127 7 Benjamin Sackett yeo.
                 Will 27/8/1746 to w. Thankful
                            to s. Benj. £5 more than others s. King Res when 21
 Eldad Taylor )
 David Mosely } Wit
                                s. Zebulon
 Matthew Noble)
                                d. Abigail
                                           £20
                                d. Deborah
 bro. Daniel Sacket of Wfd exec.
        & Thankful wid.
                 20/11/52 Daniel refuses
 Prob. 1/12/52
                   Thankful X exec.
 Appr. Ebenezer Smith 2d)
       Deac James Dewey } Shfd
 Joseph Taylor ) 7/2/1753 Benj. now 21 Thankful asks distribution
    Thankful 7/2/53 gdn to Abigail
                              Thankful } <14
      Benj
                        gdn to King
        **
                              Zebulon } >14
                                          Sheff'd 1760
127 17 Samuel Sackett
 Book 9 201 Will 23/4/1760 to w. Ruth
                              s Saml
                                         2/5 of res
                    exec.
                             d Thankful 1/5 "
   John Callander)
                            d Abigail 1/5
   Eben Trumble } wit
                             d Rachel
                                         1/5
   Zenas Huggins )
    Prob 28/8/1760
127 33 Ens. Obadiah Santell (Sartwell) Windsor #4 1749
         13/3/1749 Rachel wid declines
       Simon Sartwell of Hatf'd 13/3/49 £500 adm.
          Lt. Joseph Billings Hatf'd
          Martin Ashley
                               Wfd
    Appr Capt. Seth Dwight )
          Lt. Joseph Billing } Hatf'd
          Mr. John Field
    Joseph Billing 27/10/1752 gdn to Solomon >14
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                                *
                                 Sheff'd 1754
129 6 Deac. Joseph Seegar yeo.
       Will 30/4/1754 "very sick" to w. Annah 1/3
                               exec. s Jonathan 2/3
                                    d Annah Stevens £15
    John Ashley
                               & to her heirs 15 a land
                      } wit
    Aaron Root
    Joseph Taylor, Jr.) d in law Thankful Churchill 5 sh
                       (former w. s. Joseph now w Saml Churchill
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John Ashley, Esq)
                     Appr 21/5/54
      Prob 21/5/54
                                                   } Shfd
                                   John Huggins
                                   Aaron Sheldon
129 19 Rev. John Sergeant, clerk
                                              Stockbridge 1749
    Will 27/7/1749 "very sick"
       exec to w. Abigail all pers furn & live stock & £20
                   choice of books from library which ---
  Timothy Woodbridge to s Erastus
                                              & 2 guns
  Mrs. Sarah Jones
                           d Julia
  Mrs. Anna Jones
                           d Electa
                                     desk
                           s Erastus 1/3 more of R.E, than to
                                       others i.e. Electa & John
                            s John 1/2 more than Electa
      If exec obtains pay for any services as Chaplain in the
      designed expedition against Canada; out of this £5 to ch.
      in Stck.
   Codicil 27/7/49 if w. has ch.
       same wit Prob 14/11/49
 Appr. 6/11/49 Lt. Timothy Woodbridge)
                                 } Stck
               Lt. Sam'l Brown
       7/6/50 Capt. Martin Kellogg )
 Bond 8/6/50 Abigail gentlewoman to pay legacies
                     £500 Timothy Woodbridge, gent.
Martin Kellogg
                           Sam'l Brown, gent.
Ephraim Williams Wit
 Inv. full list of books old tenor 24/16/0
             R.E. £384
                                   131/15/0
                                   156/11/0
Abigail 23/9/1751 £500 gdn to Erastus)
                                John
                                     } <14
                                Electa )
130 1 George Shaw
                                      New Marl
                                                 1761
       John Shaw 22/5/1761 £500
                                    adm
           Elihu Wright<sub>} New M</sub>
            Rufus Brown
    Allowances 2/9/61 to wid Martha £10
    Petition of Martha 10/7/61 as to sheep (incl in
     inventory) left her by her son Nath'l who died
     at Crown Point last campaign
       Insolv. 11 sh/11/1 to £
130 43 Lt. Benjamin Sheldon
                                          Sheffield 1752
       Elisebath Shealdon)
                              25/10/52 decline &
       Benjaman Shelden
                                   ask for "his brother, Capt.
       Ezakel
                                       John Ashley, Jr."
       Wm
                                   aptd 3/11/52
           Insolv 14 sh/1½ per £
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Sheffield 1738
135 33 John Smith
        Will 11/8/1738 to w. Priscilla
                                 s. Josiah
                                                 10 sh
   Jonathan Hubbard)
                                 s. James
   Joseph Seeger } wit
                                 d. Mercy Gillett £20
             " Jr.)
                                 d. Lydia Pixley
                                                  为 R.E.
                                 s. Nath'l
                                                  ₹ R.E.
                                 s. Nathan
   Prob 14/11/1738
                                   4
                                      No. 1 New Marl. 1759
139 9 Reuben Spaulding
     Mary wid 4/12/1759 Adm
        John Chadwick
        Joshua Warren, Jr.
                                       Sheff'd 1757
139 29 Cornelius Spoor
      Jacob E. Iselsteine of Claverack ) 29/11/1757 adm £500
      Jacob Spoor
                                       } Shfd
           Hendrick Burghardt
           Aaron Sheldon
                                       )
         " 29/11/57 gdn to Johannes)
                           David
                           Charles } <14
                           Mary
                                   )
                                         Shef'd 1752
139 30 Johannes Spoor
                                     R.E. in Shfd
     Will 3/6/1751
                       s. Isaac
                                   )
                                  } 600 a in Shfd
                          Jacob
                          Cornelius) mulatto man Joseph to be
                                     free at 25 years of age
   Dan'l Kellogg
                       s. Johannes
                 )
                          Hendrick great bible
                 } wit
   Jehiel Bryan
   Nath'l Kellogg )
                          Abram
                                          Isabel negro & her ch
                          Derick
                                          Juditto
                       d. Mary Nash
  Prob 8/11/52
                       d. Johanna Denike
                                          Sandisfield 1778
139 33 Ephraim Sprague
       Abner Pomeroy, gent, Shmp 3/3/1778 gdn to Damaris dau of
                                                 Ephraim >14
                                            Housatonic 1731
144 53 Lawrence Surdam
       Sam'l X Surdam) 19/5/1731 £200 adm "late of Shef'd"
         John Huggins}
                       Hous.
         Sam'l Bebee )
       Elenor X wid 11/2/1734-5 gdn to Peter
                                        Andrew } <14
                                         Teunis )
151 2 John VanGelder "husbandman"
                                             Shef'd 1758
     Will 22/5/1758 to w. Mary rights of land
       as follows: 1 right in Taughconnock beyond the mts.
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1 right in Taughconnock mts.
                   1 " province land west of
                                      Sheffield old line
                   homestead on "Indian Land" annexed to Shfd.
                      s. Nicholas 5 sh.
                      s. Joseph
 Andrew Loomis )
 Jacob X Karner wit s. John
                      s. Matheus
 John Coates )
                      s. Jacob
                      s. Andrew
                                  11
                      d. Magdalena Winchell 5 sh.
                      d. Catharine
                    gds. James s. of Henry
                  Jacob Spoor of Province Land exec.
Prob. 12/9/1758
                 John Coats of Prov. Land west of & adjoining to
  appr. 12/9/58
                                          11
                 Robert Joiner "
                 James Sexton Shef'd
                     500a £600
   Inv. 5-Jan-1758
                     rights 44
                     pers
                             22
                            *
151 9 Elias VanSchaack
                                            Stock.
                                                    1754
   Will 23-2-1750 yeoman, very sick
   to Negro-man Coffee "whom I have heretofore manumitted and
                       ⅓ of all Pers.
    set free
   to Negro-woman Nany "whom I have heretofore manumitted and
    set free
                      of all Pers resid.
       Sam'l Brown Jr. Stck. exec.
    Elijah Brown )
                  } wit
    John Flagg
    James Phillips)
                          Prob 11-6-1754
  Appr. Josiah Jones Stck 13-6-54 Stephen Nash
     Inv. land in Kinderhook
                                 £108 +
152 33 Mary Walker d. 10-12-1838
                                          Lenox
                                                  1839
      wid of Hon. Wm dec'd
  Will 18-1-1833 to friend Clarinda w Rev. Charles Prentice
  gt bible procured in exch. for Hebrew Bible belonging to
  my first husband Elisha Parmalee
    George Walker ) nieces Mary Lyman, Andover, O. )
                            Alma Grinnell, Adams, NY} spoons
    Romanta Osborne wit
                              Lydia Owen, Andover, O. ) M.P.
    Ruby Williams )
          to nephew Myron Hutchinson, Salisbury, Ct.
          to Lucy w. Wm. P. Walker furn & table cloths
          to Henry W. Bishop, Esq. (my adopted son) sugar tongs
          to Sarah Worthington w. Dr. Charles
                                                resid
             (her father my late husband)
                                                clothes & furn
          to Wm P. Walker son of late husb res.
     Petition of Wm P. Walker J. Prob. Berk Co.
17-12-1838 left no ch. heirs are bros Asa Hutchinson, Salisbury Ct
                                     Daniel " , Jericho, Vt
                  ch of dec'd sister ____ Claghorn supposed in Vt
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Petitioner is resid legatee
     Hamp. Co. being "most ancient next adjoining Co."
      Ithamar Conkey, J. Prob. Hamp Co.
Prob. 1-2-1839 (the J.Prob of Berk Co. is exec & legatee in will)
152 39 William Walker d. 31-10-1831
                                          Lenox
   Will 27-5-1831 to w. Mary support to next Apr & amounts
                                                as listed
                exec s Wm P. 8/12 & resid
                     d Sarah w. Dr. Charles Worthington
Jos Tucker )
                     to Charles Charles Worthington land in Wash
Wm S. Tucker} wit
                     to qds Wm.
                                      Scott's? Bible
David Ward )
                     to friend Henry Walker Bishop
    Prob. 1-12-1831 in Hamp Co. Sam'l Hinkley J. Prob.
     Inv. R.E. 11214
         Pers 1057.71
                            library listed
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[To be continued]

CENTRAL SHEFFIELD, HARTSVILLE, SOUTHFIELD AND NEW MARLBOROUGH - 1876

Adomo M. I. Ir	E-9	Coldonius of Man.	~ ~	Course M. Miss	~ ^	0	
Adams, M. J., Jr.		Calderwood, Mary	G-3	French, M., Miss	C-3	Segar, H.	F-4
Adams, W. H.	D-8	Callender, H.	B-5	Gaylord, J. M.	F-7	Sheldon, G.	F-3
Andrus, E. D.	B-7	Canfield, E. S.	F-5	Gleason, E. P.	E-2	Sheldon, Mrs.	F-3
Andrus, F. O.	D-4	Canfield, K. S.	F-7	Hamblin, A. P., Mrs.		Shelton, M. E.	G-8
Baldwin, E. S.	F-5	Canfield, M. R.	G-5	Hamblin, B. B.	F-3	Sisson	F-4
Baldwin, I. N.	F-6	Catlin, L.	F-8	Harmon, L.	F-8	Smith, G., Mrs.	E-3
Baldwin, J. R.	F-6	Church, R.	F-3	Hartwell, C. L.	F-5	Smith, M. J.	E-3
Baldwin, W. R.	F-6	Conway, J.	D-3	Hawley, F. J.	F-5	Stevens	F-2
Barber, L.	G-5	Conway, M. J.	A-5	Huggin, J.	D-3		F-3
Barnard, C. M., Mrs.	D-3	Cook, A. H., Mrs.	D-4	Huggins, D. T.	F-2	Taylor, N.	F-9
Barnard, J. G., Gen.	B-8	Cook, J. M.	G-7	Huggins, H. D.	D-3	Train, H. D.	C-4
	C-8	Dewey, C. O.	B-6	Kellogg, S. R.	B-6	Turner, A. T.	G-6
Bartholomew, H.	E-2	Dewey, Orville, Rev.	B-5	Leonard, C., Mrs.	D-4	Turner, S. A.	F-5
Bassett, A.	E-3	Dewey, O.	C-6	Little, L.	D-3	Tuttle, C.	F-8
Benjamin, J. M.	C-5	-	D-5	•	E-3	Tuttle, I. N.	E-8
Bennett, A., Mrs.	E-3	Dickson, J. N.	C-3	Lowell, A.	F-3	VanDeusen, Mrs.	G-6
Bergman, B.	F-8	Doncastle, J.	F-3	McMurray, H. H.	C-4	Vosburgh, E. J.	D-3
Bills, S. F., Mrs.	D-2		G-3	Mercein, M., Mrs.	E-2	Wagner, J.	F-8
Booth, Walter	G-6	Duncan, Mrs.	F-8	Miller, J. L., Dr.	D-2	Walker, W.	F-8
Bradford, J.	B-5	Dutcher, H.	C-4	Miller, S. R.	D-3	Walter, C.	G-5
	C-4	Eames, C. J.	F-9	Noble, Mason, Jr.,	G-4		G-6
	C-7	Elton, R. G.	E-4	O'Connell, D.	A-4	Walter, H. F.	G-5
Brett, A.	F-3	Ensign, A. R., Mrs.	D-4	Peck, O.	D-3	Webster, M., Miss	F-6
Bristol, A.	F-3	Field, J. H.	E-3	Pettis, J.	F-5	Wheeler, K.	D-8
Brown, J.	D-3	French, C.	A-8	Porter, J., Miss	D-2	Wheeler, N.	D-8
Bugg, H.	D-8		B-9	Richardson, M. C.	F-9	Wilcox, D., Mrs.	C-4
Bullard, J. H.	C-7		C-3	Rising, J. A., Dr.	E-9	Wright, S. W.	E-8
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1. Genevieve E. METCALFE, 1934- ; Massachusetts; California; Utah.
 2. John B. METCALFE, 1905-1970; Massachusetts; California; Utah.
 3. Genevieve A. PARKER, 1907-1995; Alaska; Massachusetts.
III.
 4. George W. METCALFE, 1872-1962; New York; Tennessee; Utah.
 5. Edith BROWNLOW, 1874-1962; Tennessee; California; Massachusetts.
 6. Frederick B. PARKER, 1876-1962; Washington; Yukon Terr.; Alaska.
 7. Genevieve R. BOAS, 1881-1961; Massachusetts; Yukon Terr.; Alaska.
IV.
 8. George W. METCALFE, 1837-1874; New York.
 9. Nannie WICKHAM, 1840-1916; New York; Tennessee; France.
10. George BROWNLOW, 1831-1897; England; Tennessee.
11. Helène L. PORTA, 1843-1875; Brazil; England; Tennessee.
12. Frederick A. PARKER, 1849-1929; England; Washington; Alaska.
13. Alice E. CARPENTER, 1857-1921; British Columbia; Wisconsin,
    California.
14.*John BOAS,
15.*Lenore ROBERTS,
16. Azel E. METCALF, 1808-1882; New York.
17. Anna Marie BELKNAP, 1815-1906; New York.
18.*Stephen F. WICKHAM, 1805-1862; New York.
19.*Irene H. SHIPMAN, 1811-1870; New York.
20.*George BROWNLOW, 1797-
                               ; England.
21.*Elizabeth ESPENER,
                               ; England.
22. Francois L. PORTA, 1815-1846; Switzerland; Brazil.
23. Jeanne F. M. TAUXE, 1812-1852; Switzerland; Brazil.
24. Frederick B. RAVEN, 1822-1910; England.
25.*Margaret PARKER, 1829-1914; England; Ireland.
26. Chauncey R. CARPENTER, 1832-1918; New York; Wisconsin; British
    Columbia.
27. Rossabella E. GLEASON, 1838-1921; New York; Wisconsin; British
    Columbia.
VI.
32. Eliphalet METCALF, 1763-1813; Connecticut; New York.
33. Bethia EDGERTON, 1772-1852; Connecticut; New York.
34. Erastus BELKNAP, 1793-1868; New York. 35.*Hannah JACKSON, 1798-1870; New York.
36.*Jacob WICKHAM, 1783-1853; New York.
37.*Dorothea FINCH, 1783-1843; New York.
38. Samuel SHIPMAN, 1777-1823; New York.
39. Rhoda NEWELL, 1778-1841; New York.
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; England.

40.*John BROWNLOW, 1760-1799; England.

41.*Susannah OVERTON,

- 44. Marc Louis Theodore PORTA, 1783-1825; Switzerland.
- 45. Françoise Catherine MANGE, 1780-1828; Switzerland.
- 47.*Francoise Claudine DUCVAUX, 1795-1875; Switzerland.
- 48.*Frederick RAVEN, -1826; England.
- 49.*Ann , ;
- 52. Daniel CARPENTER, 1796-1858; New York.
- 53. Eliza SMITH, 1803-1860; New York.
- 54. Enoch GLEASON, 1802-1891; New York; Wisconsin.
- 55. Elizabeth DARBE, 1806-1903; Massachusetts; New York; Wisconsin.

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- 1. Orville Richard CHAPMAN, 1930- ; Riverside, California; Berkeley, California; Congo, Africa.
- II.
- 2. Glen Willis CHAPMAN, 1885-1943; Clay Center, Kansas; Riverside; Los Alamitos, California.
- 3. Helen Susannah RICKARD, 1890-1985; Cortland, New York; Riverside; Alhambra, California.

III.

- 4. Dwight Leonard CHAPMAN, 1838-1893; Huntington, Ohio; Burlingame, Kansas; Ossawatomie, Kansas.
- 5. Emily INGERSOLL, 1850-1916; Delta, Michigan; Burlingame; Riverside.
- 6. Elziver Orlando RICKARD, 1859-1930; Cortland; McLean, New York; Riverside.
- 7. Mary Mineah RONK, 1862-1939; McLean; Riverside.

IV.

- 8. William Fisher CHAPMAN, 1812-1886; Montgomery, Massachusetts; Huntington.
- 9. Rowena BABCOCK, 1811-1886; Blandford, Massachusetts; Rochester, Ohio; Huntington.
- 10. Elihu Parsons INGERSOLL, 1804-1887; Lee, Massachusetts; Oberlin, Ohio; Rosedale, Kansas.
- 11. Catherine GILBERT, 1810-1886; Rome, New York; Oberlin; Rosedale.
- 12. George Washington RICKARD, 1812-1886; Truxton, New York; Cortland.
- 13. Ann SCHERMERHORN, 1818-1889; Truxton; Cortland.
- 14. Semon DuBois RONK, 1822-1864; New Hurley, New York; McLean.
- 15. Susannah HART, 1819-1887; McLean.

V.

- 16. Abner CHAPMAN, 1772-1851; Groton, Connecticut; Vergennes, Vermont; Lanesboro, Massachusetts.
- 17. *Olive FISHER, 1778-1854; Vergennes; Huntington; Lanesboro.
- 18. Stephen BABCOCK, 1777-1835; Rhode Island; Blandford; Rochester.
- 19. Patia MARCY, 1778-1867; Otis, Massachusetts; Blandford; Rochester.
- 20. David INGERSOLL, 1759-1839; Great Barrington, Massachusetts; Lee, Massachusetts.
- 21. Sarah PARSONS, 1760-1837; Stockbridge, Massachusetts; Lee.
- 22. Moses GILLET, 1776-1848; New Hartford, Connecticut; Rome,

New York.

- 23. Silvia MERRELL, 1778-1813; New Hartford; Rome.
- 24. Calvin RICKARD, ca1768-1813; Shutesbury, Massachusetts; Truxton.
- 25. Lois PIERCE, 1772-1841; Lakeville, Massachusetts; Shutesbury; Truxton.
- 26. James Nicholas SCHERMERHORN, Schenectady, New York; Charleston, New York; Truxton.
- 27. Martha (Machtelt) WELLS, 1787-1879; Schenectady; Charleston; Truxton.
- 28. Johannes Cornelius RONK, 1791-1832; New Paltz, New York; Ulster County, New York.
- 29. Elizabeth SMITH, 1793- ; Montgomery, New York; Ulster County.
- 30. Amos HART, 1776-1863; Hopewell, New Jersey; McLean.
- 31. Ruth STOUT, 1780-1840; Hopewell; McLean.

VI.

- 32. Isaac CHAPMAN, 1740-1826; Groton; Montgomery.
- 33. Mary BRADFORD, 1742-1806; Kingston, Massachusetts; Groton; Montgomery.
- 34.*John FISHER, 1751-1826; Addison, Vermont; Lanesboro; Cheshire, Massachusetts.
- 35. *Eunice , 1749-1813; Addison; Lanesboro; Cheshire.
- 36. Abijah BABCOCK, 1740-1814; Rhode Island; Blandford.
- 37. Mary WATSON, -1836; Rhode Island; Becket, Massachusetts; Otis.
- 38. Smith MARCY, 1741-1829; Woodstock, Connecticut; Becket; Otis.
- 39. Patience LAWTON, 1743-1841; Becket; Freedom, Ohio.
- 40. William INGERSOLL, 1724-1815; Springfield, Massachusetts; Lee.
- 41. Lydia INGERSOLL, 1727-1804; Great Barrington; Springfield.
- 42. Elihu PARSONS, 1719-1785; Northampton, Massachusetts; Stockbridge.
- 43. Sarah EDWARDS, 1728-1805; Northampton; Goshen, Massachusetts.
- 44. Matthew GILLETT, Jr., 1747-1809; New Hartford.
- 45. Lois DOUGLAS, 1749-1830; New Hartford.
- 46. Joseph MERRELL, 1743-1821; New Hartford.
- 47. Lydia FLOWER, 1748-1821; New Hartford.
- 48. Samuel RICKARD, 1724-1784; Plympton, Massachusetts; Middleboro, Masachusetts.
- 49. Zerviah BUMPUS, 1727-1792; Rochester; Plympton; Tolland, Connecticut.
- 50. John PIERCE, 1731-1823; Middleboro; Shutesbury.
- 51. Sarah ROUNSVILLE, 1731-1774; Middleboro.
- 52. Nicholas SCHERMERHORN, 1760-1819; Schenectady; Truxton.
- 53. Engeltie SCHERMERHORN, 1760-1834; Schenectady; Truston
- 54. Teunis WELLS, 1761-1836; Rensselaerwyck, New York; Schenectady; Truxton.
- 55. Annatjie VANVLIET, -1846; Schenectady; Truxton.
- 56. Cornelius RONK; 1745-ante1814; Shawangunk, New York; Ulster County.
- 57. Annatjie TERWILLIGER, 1760-1824; Shawangunk; Ulster County.
- 58. Frederick SMITH, -ca1817; Montgomery; Ulster County.
- 59. Hannah NIVER, ; Montgomery; Ulster County.
- 60. Joseph HART, Jr. -1794; New Jersey.
- 61. Francis PHILLIPS, ; New Jersey.
- 62. Andrew STOUT, 1728-1807; New Jersey.
- 63. Sarah STOUT, ; New Jersey.

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THE BOOKSTALL

IF THEY CLOSE THE DOOR ON YOU, GO IN THE WINDOW: ORIGINS OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN SHEFFIELD, GREAT BARRINGTON AND STOCK-BRIDGE, by Bernard A. Drew. Soft bound, 6" X 9", 128pp w/index and bibliography. \$15.00 plus \$2.25 tax and shipping. Attic Revivals Press, 24 Gilmore Ave., Great Barrington, MA 01230-1438.

Original archival research and a dozen recent interviews are at the heart of a comprehensive look into the history of the Black population of South Berkshire. The author has been scholar in residence during summer 2004 to the Sheffield Historical Society and the Trustees of Reservations under a program of the Bay State Historical League. He had access to two dozen ledger and account books from the Col. John Ashley family of Sheffield covering the 1780s and '90s when, thanks to Mumbet's successful court suit, enslaved blacks in Massachusetts secured their independence. Their transition to freemen farmers was gradual. Few were able to own sustainable farms. But the persevered, and many demonstrated their heroism in the nations cause by enlisting in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Drew surrounds this new information about Zack, Jupiter, Harry, Adam and others with research into county records and recent conversations to present a picture of nine major waves of African American immigration from the 1730s to the present. Several area scholars assisted with the research. Emilie S. Piper of Pittsfield brought to light significant information about Cuffee and Nana Negro of Stockbridge in the 1740s, and Professor Robert Paynter of the University of Massachusetts, archeologist at the early 1800s Burghardt-DuBois site in Great Barrington, shared findings from his summer 2003 field school.

"The African American population was and is distinct in these and neighboring towns, was and is largely isolated, yet was and is very much a part of the fabric of the community," Drew said. "The Various immigrations of Blacks have alternated with the arrival of Irish, Polish, French, Italians, Hispanics and other ethnic groups. All grappled with economic and social adversity. All helped build and shape the community. All provide South Berkshire's ethnic richness and strength."

While general histories of African Americans have looked at a single time period - such as the slavery era, the Underground Railroad, The Massachusetts 54th Regiment, the Harlem Renaissance or the modern Civil Rights movement, this book encompasses all periods to note changes and discover continuing community threads from the time of the earliest free Blacks and slaves to settle here. Descendants from at least two Revolutionary War-era families are still to be found in the area today. Many in South Berkshire's small Black community came from the deep south beginning in the 1930s. Speaking with the author, they tell why they came north and attitudes they encountered as they settled here.

HOW TO GET YOUR NOTICE PUBLISHED

From the Massachusetts Eagle of Thursday, May 30, 1839, p3. Published in Lenox.

"Married in this town on Thursday last, by Rev. Dr. Shepard, Mr. Samuel A. Hurlbut, of Lee, to Miss Mary R. Plunket of this town."

The following editorial note was appended to the announcement: "A magnificent loaf of cake accompanied the foregoing notice. May their kindness, who in the festive hour, did not forget that unfortunate individual, 'the man of types,' be returned to them in a tenfold measure, and the choicest of earth's blessings be theirs."

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		Joseph Crippen	26		Carpenter	Mass.
		Martha Crippen	21		-	Conn.
66	68	Sheldon Leavitt	37	M	Merchant	N.Y.
		Josephine Leavitt	34	F		N.Y.
		Sheldon Leavitt, Jr.	11	M		N.Y.
		Josephine Leavitt	8	F		La.?
		Mary Leavitt	5	F		N.Y.
		Frank K. Leavitt	2m	M		Mass.
		Bridget Hues?	26	\mathbf{F}		Ireland
		Catharine Casey	28	F		Ireland
		Ellen McNevin	25			Ireland
		Margaret Meliville?	25			Ireland
		Dennis Casey	26		Coachman	Ireland
		Elizabeth Watson	35			N.Y.
67	69	John E. Tuck	50		Farmer	Mass.
		Lucy Tuck	50	F		Mass.
68	70	George A. Emerick	36	M	Mill Wright	N.Y.
		Jane A. Emerick	34	F	•	N.Y.
		Adee? Emerick	9	F		Mass.
		Theron Emerick	6	M		Mass.
		Harriet T. Emerick	3	F		Mass.
69	71	Claudius Wheeler	65	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary Wheeler	65	F		Mass.
		Merritt I. Wheeler	29	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Henry K. Buel	26	M	Merchant	Mass.
		Georgiana Buel	23	F		Mass.
		Lucinda Wheeler	66	\mathbf{F}		Mass.
		Peter Corvel?	15	M		N.J.?
70	72	Lina? Parks	57	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Sarah W. Parks	43	F		N.Y.
		Dewit C. Parks	14	M		Mass.
		Wallace Parks	12	M		Mass.
		Frank Parks	9	M		Mass.
		Mary Murray	15	F		Mass.
71	73	Freeman Houghtaling	31	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Lodessa Houghtaling	24			N.Y.
		Orren Houghtaling	3	F		Mass.
		Charles Houghtaling	5m			Mass.
		John P. Houghtaling	67		Laborer	N.Y.
		Mary Houghtaling	62			N.Y.
		Charles Burghardt	18		Laborer	Mass.
		John Leonard	16		Laborer	N.Y.
		Edwin Shears	65	M	(Insane?)	Mass.

72	74	ziiomproii	41			Cooper	England
		Emeline Thompson	47				N.Y.
		Charles F. Thompson		M			Mass.
73	75	Mary E. Thompson Linus Manville	56	F		Formore	Mass.
, ,	, 5	Diantha Manville	51			Farmer	Conn.
		Hiram Manville	26			Farmer	Mass. Mass.
		Edward Manville	17			Farmer	Mass.
		Lucy Manville	11			raimer	Mass.
		Amanda Manville	40	_			Conn.
74	76	Samuel Whitwell	19			Laborer	England
		Marilla Townsend	46			Dabot Ct	Mass.
		Ellen M. Townsend	21				Mass.
		Margaret I. Townsend					Mass.
		Mary C. Townsend	15				Mass.
75	77	Joseph K. Barrett	44	_		Carpenter	N.Y.
		Mercia Barrett	37				Conn.
		Caroline M. Barrett	18				Conn.
		Julia A. Barrett	12				Mass.
		Sarah E. Barrett	10	F			Mass.
		George A. Barrett	6	M			Mass.
		John C. Barrett	2	M			Mass.
		Emma D. Barrett	1	F			Mass.
76	78	Ebenezer Pope	54	M		Farmer	Mass.
		Electa Pope	52				Mass.
		Franklin Pope	14				Mass.
		Henry Pope	6				Mass.
		Ralph Pope	11				Mass.
		William Wainwright	76			Mason	Mass.
		Mary Wainwright	76				Mass.
77	79	Ira Burghardt	54		В	Laborer	Mass.
		Elizabeth Burghardt	35		В		Mass.
		Violet L. Burghardt	11		В		Mass.
		Harriet Burghardt		F	В		Mass.
		Mercy Burghardt		F	В		Mass.
		Frederick Burghardt	_	M	В		Mass.
78	0.0	Emma Burghardt		F		T a b a see	Mass.
70	80	Othella Burghardt Sarah Burghardt	66		В	Laborer	Mass. N.Y.
		Francis Burghardt	64 10		B B		Mass.
		George Burghardt		M	В		Mass.
		Charles Burghardt	-	M	В		Mass.
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79	82	James Kelley	30			Laborer	Ireland
		Hannah Kelley	25				Ireland
		James Kelley, Jr.	7				Mass.
		John Kelley		M			Mass.
		Thomas Kelley	3	M			Mass.
		Mary Kelley Patrick Kelley	5 6m	_			Mass.
80	83	Harvey Holmes	55			Laborer	Mass.
-	. .	Mary I.? Holmes	29			Tanotet	Mass.
		Frank Holmes		M			Mass. Mass.
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81	84	Gilbert Woodruff	45	M		Shoemaker	Mass.
		Eliza Woodruff	43	F			Mass.
		Frederick D. Woodruff	19	M			Mass.
		Ellen E. Woodruff	12	F			Mass.
82	85	Elisha Basset	30	M		Carpenter	Mass.
		Sarah Basset	29	F		-	Mass.
		Anson Basset		M			Mass.
		George Basset	4	M			Mass.
83	86	Luther Briggs	26	M			Mass.
		Eliza Briggs	27				Conn.
		Alice Briggs	9m				Mass.
		Ellen Warner	12				Conn.
84	87	John N. Robbins	52			Stonecutter	Conn.
	- ,	Elizabeth Robbins	47				Conn.
		Albert T. Robbins	17			Laborer	Mass.
		Asenith C. Robbins	12				Mass.
		Charlotte A. Robbins	10				Mass.
85	88	William N. Deland	47			Farmer	Mass.
		Roxana Deland	42				Conn.
		Frank O. Deland	14				Mass.
		Mary D.? Deland	12				Mass.
		Frederick N. Deland	11				Mass.
		Emily R. Deland	9	F			Mass.
		Electa Deland	74				Mass.
86	89	Charles A. Burghardt	42	M	В	Porter	Mass.
00	0,5	Frances P. Burghardt	20	F	В	101001	Mass.
		Charles A. Burghardt		M	В	Coachman	Mass.
		Benjamin P. Burghardt			В	Coaciman	Mass.
		Laura M. Burghardt	9	F	В		Mass.
		Mary D. Burghardt	9	F	В		Mass.
86	90	Bately Cummings	27	_	ט	Laborer	Ireland
00	20	Catherine Cummings	25			Edborci	Ireland
		Frederick Cummings		M			Mass.
		George Cummings		M			Mass.
86	91	Patrick Hart	27			Laborer	Ireland
00	71	Ellen Hart	23			Laborer	Ireland
		Mary A. Hart	3				
		John Hart		M			Mass.
87	92	Seth Norton	52			Merchant	Mass. Mass.
07	92	Betsey Norton	53			Merchanc	
			42			Merchant	Mass.
		Chauncey W. Norton Harriet C. Norton	23			Merchant	Mass.
			44			Tarmon	N.Y.
		Billings Palmer Harriet Palmer				Lawyer	Conn.
		Harriet O. Palmer	27				Ohio
				F		D.D. Agont	Mass.
		Theodore M. Chapin	34			R.R. Agent	Conn.
		Frances L. Chapin	32			Clerk	Mass.
		Henry W. Hyde	31			Clerk	Mass.
		Sarah E. Hyde	31			Morchant	Mass.
		Cyrus S. Plank	29			Merchant	N.Y.
		Mary E. Plank Bertha Plank	27?	F			Mass.
		Walter McIntyre	27			Merchant	Mass.
		Delia McIntyre				Merchant	N.Y.
		Derra MCTHCALE	24	Ľ			Mass.

		Sloat Pixley Henry Goodsill William K. Putnam	21 23 30	M		P. O. Clerk Tailor Tailor	Mass. Conn. Conn.
		William Evans	25			Musician	Wales
		Frederick T. Sanford				Merchant	Mass.
		Henry Gibson	27			Clerk	Mass.
		W. H. Parks	30			Physician	N.Y.
		Benjamin Gardner	46			Laborer	N.Y.
		Albert J.? Gardner Julia Keefe		M			Mass.
		Mary Mayhu	18				Ireland
88	93	Edwin Hurlburt	21				Ireland
00	75	Laura A. Hurlburt	37 35			Merchant	Mass.
		Ellen A. Hurlburt	13	_			Conn.
		Edwin C.? Hurlburt	11	_			Mass.
		Preston Hurlburt	9				Mass.
		Eugene Hurlburt		M			Mass.
		Clara E.? Hurlburt	3				Mass.
89	94		67			Harnessmaker	Mass.
		Esther Henderson	55			narnessmaker	Conn.
		Caleb Culver	30	_		Laborer	Mass.
		Hannah Culver	38			Edborer	Mass. Mass.
		Jessie Culver	4				Mass.
		Jane Anthony	40		В		Mass.
		Levi Jackson	13		B		Mass.
90	95	Mary Kellogg	62		_		Mass.
		Sarah Kellogg	62				Mass.
		Nancy Kellogg	52				Mass.
		William Sherwood	65	M		Teacher	Conn.
		Lydia A. Sherwood	60	F			Mass.
		Thomas Burghardt	69	M	В		Mass.
		Maria Vanness	62	F	В		Mass.
		Mary Vanness	17	F	В		Mass.
91	96	John Maley?	30?	M		Gardener	Ireland
		Winifred Maley	24	F			Ireland
		William Maley	2	M			Mass.
		Charles Maley	1	M			Mass.
92	97	Pamelia Ives	51				Mass.
		Estelle Ives	24				Mass.
00	0.0	Mary Van Blake	21		В		Conn.
93	98	George Pynchon	65			Merchant	Mass.
		Harriet Pynchon	49	_			Mass.
		Edward R. Pynchon	23			Merchant	Mass.
		Francis W. Pynchon	19			Laborer	Mass.
		Mary Pynchon	88				Mass.
		Katy Conley Mary Crotty	30?	_			Ireland
		Michael McCormick	14	_		T = 10 = = = = =	Ireland
94	99	William Whittaker	17			Laborer	Mass.
74		Ann Whittaker	55 54			Carpenter	England
		Oliver Pease	26			maile-	England
Da+4	a of					Tailor	Mass.
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95	TOO	Barey? W. Pattison	50	M		Farmer	Mass.

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		Angelica R. Pattison	47	F				N.Y.
		Charles Pattison	20	M				Mass.
		Cornelia H. Pattison	15	F				Mass.
		Augusta A. Pattison	13					Mass.
		Edward H. Pattison	12					Mass.
		Mary Pattison	9	F				Mass.
		Frederick W. Pattison		M				Mass.
		Ella Pattison	4	F				Mass.
		Jane Chamberlain	28	_				Mass.
		Beda Olds	46					Conn.
96	101	Frederick Lawrence	42			Merchant		Conn.
90	101	Helen E. Lawrence	28	F			٠,	Conn.
		Elizabeth F. Lawrence		F				Mass.
		Helen A. Lawrence		F				Mass.
		Frederick S. Lawrence	_	M				Conn.
				F				Mass.
		Harriet L. Lawrence	18	_				Ireland
0.7	100	Ellen B. Healey		F				N.Y.
97	102	Rebecca VanDeusen		_				Mass.
. =			45?					N.Y.
97	103	Hannah Merrifield		F				N.Y.
00.		Elizabeth Merrifield	17			Tarmow		Mass.
98	104	Samuel B. Sumner	25			Lawyer		Conn.
		Georgina Sumner	21					Ireland
		Mary O'Neal	16			Merchant		Mass.
		Gilbert L. Granger	39			Merchant		
		Harriet A. Granger	38					Conn.
		Henry C. Granger		M		Laborer		Mass.
99	T02	George A. Leonard	27			Laborer		Conn.
		Nancy A. Leonard	31			36 a a a la a a da		Mass.
100	106	Charles H. Fargo	30			Merchant		Mass.
		Eveline M. Fargo	26					Mass.
		Charles C. Fargo		M		T = 1:		Mass.
		William H. Porter	21			Laborer		Mass.
		Margaret Conway	21			_		Ireland
101	107	Increase Sumner	54			Lawyer		Mass.
		Clara A. Sumner	43					Mass.
		Charles R. Sumner	20					Mass.
		Julia Sumner	26					Mass.
		Albert Sumner	14					Mass.
		Katy? Falin	35				• (************************************	Ireland
102	108	Theodore Dewey	33			Merchant	to the second	Mass.
		Catherine M. Dewey	28					Mass.
		Florence Dewey		F				Mass.
		Stanley M. Dewey		M				Mass.
		Maria Hall	20?		В			Mass.
		Mary E. Fairgrove	13					N.Y.
		Denis Buckbee	20			Clerk		Mass.
		Henry W. Hudson	13					Mass.
		Frederick T. Whiting		M		Apothecary		Mass.
		R. Maria Whiting	26					N.Y.
		John Fred Whiting		M		• -		Mass.
103	109	Alfred S. Kellogg	36	M		Tailor		Mass.

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- 2. Establish identity of the person by giving place and date of birth, place and date of death, parentage, place and date of marriage and identity of spouse to the extent these data are known, as:

John DOE b Hartford, CT 12 Jan 1900; d Fairfield, CT 19 Mar 1967 s/o Richard & Abigail (WESTON) DOE m Hartford 11 June 1923.

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- 4. Identify spouse in manner described in (2) above.
- 5. State what information is desired, as:
 Need ancestors of John and Abigail.
- 6. Place the question at the end of the query.
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- 8. For any locale outside Massachusetts, be sure to identify the state.
- 9. Dates should be written: day, month, year as: 13 Oct 1743.
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