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### SCATTERED CHILDREN OF PERU

### Introduction by Emilie S. Piper

In the last issue of *Berkshire Genealogist*, Winter 2005, we published an article by Charles S. French, the Peru correspondent for the *Pittsfield Sun*, describing the summer tourist season there and the farms which welcomed guests. Almost a year later, on July 13, 1893, the *Sun* published French's sequel, highlighting the members of some of the old families, and their successes in Peru and elsewhere. Among them were an inventor, a photographer, a fruit packer, physicians (including a woman), engineers, store keepers, an attorney, and some who continued farming. Some destinations beyond the Berkshires included Maryland, Colorado, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, and California.

We have included another item of the same date from the news of the towns. Present day parents of college students may surely admire Amasa Frissell's determination to provide a

"liberal education" for five of his six children.

French also apologizes for not being able to include all the Peru citizens worthy of mention in his article. Does anyone know whether there were enough subscribers for him to publish his material for a history of Peru?

# THE PITTSFIELD SUN - JULY 13, 1893 SCATTERED CHILDREN OF PERU;

### Their Present Location and Employment

A year ago we described in a brief article some of the natural attractions of our native town. Our purpose in this paper is quite different. We wish, for the mutual information of many old residents, to give brief sketches of a few natives of the old town. Our work is necessarily very fragmentary, partly because we do not wish to trespass too far upon the kindness of President Mink, who has so generously allotted us this space, and partly because of the difficulty of gathering and preparing the necessary material without neglecting our numerous home duties. We have thought best to include sketches of a few persons still remaining in Peru. If our work proves acceptable we may with the consent of our generous friend just mentioned, continue it in a future issue of the Sun.

There is much that is interesting in the history of Peru - there is much too in its traditions, which have been handed down from father to son through many generations, susceptible of poetic treatment. We have selected a poem embodying one such tradition to accompany these sketches. It was originally written by request for the forthcoming *Picturesque Berkshire*, but has been withdrawn for use in the *Sun*.

# Charles H. Ball, Inventor and Bridge Builder

Born in Peru, Jan. 14, 1861, a son of William Ball, the subject of this sketch early showed himself possessed of a natural mechanical and inventive genius. For several years past he has been employed in bridge building, and during the past three years has been busy in inventing and building the "pipe

bridge," which bears his name.

Mr. Ball early recognized the principle of natural philosophy, as applied to bridge building, that the strongest form in which a given amount of matter can be arranged is a cylinder, and although he is not, and does not profess to be, the original inventor of the "pipe bridge," he is the inventor of the simplest, strongest, most durable and cheapest kind of the pipe bridge.

It is a significant fact those towns which used the Ball bridges, Hawley, Cummington, Worthington and Windsor, are enthusiastic in praise of them. Many of these bridges are placed on stage roads, where they have born successfully the strain of the heaviest team-

ing.

A combination of favorable circumstances has induced Mr. Ball to begin his bridge building in East Windsor, where excellent water power and a modest 30 by 60 foot two story building give him the requisite facilities for introducing to public notice his "cheapest iron bridge in the world." We predict for this enterprising and ingenious son of Peru a

successful business career.

Walter Ball, a brother of Charles, also shares the family tendency to mechanical skill. He is now, we believe, foreman of a machine shop in Denver Colorado, and has also been employed in the mines near there. A short story of his camp life so impressed us that we will relate it as nearly as we can remember it.

"My comrade had taken the only rifle, leaving me for the night in the tent with only a revolver for protection. Above my tent, in a tree, hung a ham. Suddenly in the moonlight, a dark shadow fell upon me, as a mountain lion climbed the tree, knocked off the ham with his paw and made off with it. I never before was so glad to lose anything glad the beast was contented with taking the ham."

We have very pleasant recollections of friend Walter as a pupil.

# Austin Stowell, Proprietor of the "Fernery"

Austin, son of Franklin Stowell, has the best known of Peru's summer homes, one of the most beautifully situated farm houses to be found anywhere. Mr. Stowell, from the variety of positions he has held in town and church affairs, might be called our first citizen very appropriately if we had such a title to bestow. We also present a very accurate view of the Fernery, which will be recognized by many who have been its delighted guests.\* Of the products of Mr. Stowell's excellent farm, the best known is the Fernery maple syrup. The whole process of sugar making here is most carefully and neatly managed, and the result is maple syrup of the highest excellence.

### The "Fernery"

Billows of ferns in the woods close by,
Cloud castles white in the blue o'erhead,
Vistas of bloom in the orchard nigh,
Carpets of green on the sweet fields spread.

Waters are tumbling down through the ravine, Shielding from vision the beautiful trout, Stealthily lurking in bowers of green,
Anglers most cunning are pulling them out.

Nature has lavishly scattered around,
Many-hued flowers to gladden the eye,
Violets sweet of a kind rarely found
Modestly nod to the streams lullaby.

### Joseph B. Ford

The popular Hinsdale dealer in house furnishings is a native of Peru, a son of that wonderfully vigorous and versatile old gentleman, William R. Ford. He began work in his present line in Adams in the furniture business. Later he was a faithful employee of F. W. Strong in Hinsdale and still later in Dalton. He spent some time at his chosen vocation in Washington, D.C. Two years ago he bought the Hinsdale business of his former employer, F. W. Strong, having already acquired the good will and earned the respect and confidence of a large circle of business acquaintances in Hinsdale and vicinity. A goodly percentage of Hinsdale's merchants are either natives or former residents of Peru, and none of these is more strongly intrenched in the sympathy and good will of the people of Hinsdale than friend Ford, and none is more worthy of it. His business includes plumbing, stoves and tin ware, furniture, and in short, is best described by the term house furnishing.

Charles Ford, grandfather of Joseph B. Ford, came to Peru (which was then Partridgefield) in 1798. That journey has become historic. William Roderic Ford, still hale and hearty at 82, occupies the old homestead, of which a perfect picture is given in Mr. French's book of poems, "Sugar Maple." This house, almost a century old, is the birthplace of the subject of our sketch and one of the most interesting spots in Peru.

#### C. L. Mulette

Photography, that wonderful art which secures and preserves for us the looks of our loved ones and the beauties of the landscape with unerring accuracy and with lightning swiftness has made rapid advances in recent years, and has been supplemented by that almost as wonderful discovery of photoengraving.

<sup>\*</sup>See the French article in the Winter 2005 issue.

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When Mr. French decided to publish the poem on which he had spent his leisure, at intervals, for a dozen of years, he sought the aid of the most distinguished photographer in Pittsfield, who referred him at once to an artist nearer home. "Mr. Mulette of Hinsdale" said Mr. Wheeler, "can do just as good work as I can. Employ him." So it happened that Mr. Mulette was employed to illustrate "Sugar Maples," the book which has carried the beauties of Peru into more than half the states of the Union. The photoengraving process has faithfully reproduced Mr. Mulette's work and the "Peru book," thus forms a strong testimonial to this photographer's skill. The pictures of the old church and the Ford house, for example, are rarely excelled. This work has given friend Mulette a strong hold upon Peru people, and we hope many of the beautiful scenes with which the good old town abounds, may yet be caught and preserved by him. He is just as successful in portrait work as in views.

### H. B. Messenger, Fruit Packer, Fredericksburg, Md.

"Burdett," as he is called, is a son of Henry A. and Eliza F. Messenger, who was born in Peru and lived here until, for the improvement of his father's health, the family removed to their present location in Maryland - although the father died some few years since. Burdett has been in the fruit canning business four years, and during the last three years has been manufacturing cans for his own use and that of other firms, making now 35,000 cans per week. His younger brother, Robert, is working with him, and the business is steadily increasing. His canned goods are mostly sold in New England, a large part of the season's "pack" being already disposed of to Downing Sturtevant of Springfield, Mass. Anyone who knew the boy Burdett would expect that the man would put up only reliable goods and the Messenger brand of tomatoes can be relied upon for their high degree of excellence.

The Messenger family is one whose removal from Peru has weakened the town not only in material resources but in mental and moral power. We are glad of their success in their southern home. Of their location, Mrs. Messenger, in a letter to a friend, writes: "It certainly has many advantages situated as it is between the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay. The climate is desirable, being warmer in winter and cooler in summer than among the mountains north, or in the same latitude in the west. Almost all kinds of fruits grow here, also water melons, cantaloups, white and sweet potatoes, and all kinds of grain and clover. A great many domestic fowls of all kinds are raised, they, with their eggs, having the best market in the country."

Of Henry A. Messenger's brothers, Cyrus, the oldest, lives in Washington, this county; Albert G. lives in Wheeler County, Nebraska; Lyman C. at Devil's Lake, Baraboo, Wisconsin, and Ashley at Valley Springs, California

### Dwight Frissell And Sons

Probably the most successful farmers in Peru at this time are D. Frissell and Sons. Dwight is a son of Socrates Frissell and is now 67 years old. Of the large family raised by Socrates Frissell, Emerson S. lives in Holyoke, aged 77, in the block owned by his son Glenville C., the baker and caterer; Mary P. married Joseph Knight and died in Lakeville, Ct.; Mason M. is professor in a dental college at Minneapolis. He is 71. John C. was a farmer and died at Blue Rapids, Kansas. Edward I., a physician, died in a hospital in Florida during the rebellion. Martha died at her daughter's home in Middlefield. She married for her first husband Baxter Haskell, and a Mr. Hart for her second. Ralph B. is a fruit raiser in California, aged 61. Joseph B. is an engineer at Clinton, Iowa.

Of Dwight Frissell's sons, Amasa is said to have the best milk route in New Bedford; E. Merle is a successful physician at Webster; John and Homer remain on the old farm with their father. "In union there is strength," and the still strong and able-bodied father and his thorough-going wide-awake sons are demonstrating the fact that a Peru farm, well worked and managed, can be made to yield good returns.

### The Ghost in Scarlet

It is said that some of Burgoyne's captured

troops were marched through Peru on their way to Boston and there is a dim and shadowy tradition that some of the British captives buried treasure near an old barn in Peru where they spent the night.

The patriot troops victorious
Southward returned again,
Home from a conquest glorious
With Burgoyne's captured train.

Loud sounds of happy voices
Shook the wood-glades of Peru;
The countryside rejoices
As the captured troops march through.

An old barn standing yonder
Gave shelter for a night;
When o'er these hills you wander
You still are shown its site.

But when the stars were burning
Then down in the ravine,
By lover late returning,
A scarlet form was seen.

Upon his ample shoulder
The Briton bore a spade,
While his surprised beholder
No step to trace him made.

And still when moonlight showers
Fall o'er the woodlands green
Within those leafy bowers
A scarlet form is seen.

He digs in many places
The maple woods amid,
But finds no welcome traces
Of treasure long since hid. C.S.F.

#### F. G. Creamer

Timothy Creamer is an industrious, frugal farmer, and he and his worthy helpmeet have reared a thrifty family of children, of whom John is a machinist in New Jersey, Frank is the Peru merchant and postmaster, William C., just married and settled in Boston, is a salesman for D. H. Geer & son, the Boston honey merchants. Thomas is with his parents.

F. G. Creamer takes unusual pains to supply the wants of the farming community

and the result is that he is building up a good trade not in Peru alone, but in Windsor, Worthington and Middlefield. It takes a peculiar talent to run a country store successfully and that talent Friend Frank seems to possess abundantly.

### Sunset Cottage

This cosy place is pleasantly located and affords a summer home to a few well-satisfied guests. Mrs. Susan P. French, the owner, has this year secured the use of the Congregational parsonage, just across the road, thus giving her more room and better conveniences for guests. If desired she would lease her own house a few months and occupy the parsonage (which, by the way, for our own convenience, we have christened Sunrise Cottage.)

"Sugar Maple and Other Poems" may still be obtained of the author, Charles S. French, Peru, Mass., who will send a copy post paid to any address, for one dollar. It has ten fine illustrations.

### A New Business

At Sunset Cottage is the canning, in Mason jars, of blueberries and other wild fruit. Those put up last year gave excellent satisfaction, and, should berries be abundant, a much larger quantity will be canned this year. If you want to be sure of securing a first rate quality of canned blueberries (or other wild berries) send your order to Sunset Cottage, Peru, Mass. and it will be filled to your satisfaction.

### Thomas A. Frissell

Keeper of a general store in Hinsdale, was born in Peru, Oct. 18, 1851 and left his native town at the age of twenty years. His father died when he was only four weeks old, leaving six children. His mother, aged 83 years, is living with her oldest son Solon E. Frissell, at Springfield.

Mr. Frissell entered mercantile life at Hinsdale in 1879. An active member of the Congregational church and Y.P.S.C.E. he secured the adoption of the free seat and weekly pledge system, both of which have been successful.

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Although a successful merchant he is best known for his earnest, consistent and longcontinued efforts in behalf of the temperance

cause and prohibition.

He signed the pledge when 10 years old, became a Good Templar at 15 and is now a member of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society, the Sons of Temperance and an honorary member of the W.C.T.U. He became a Prohibitionist in 1876 and has been its candidate for County Commissioner and representative, his native town giving him a majority of her votes for the latter office, and Hinsdale 35, twice as many as any other candidates on the ticket received.

Mr. Frissell is an enthusiastic member of the Grange. He is agent for the American Express Co., and for 6 years has had a millinery department to his store.

As to his prices we have more than once priced goods at Pittsfield only to find that "Frissell, the Hinsdale grocer," sold them

more cheaply.

Mr. Frissell believes that the Prohibition cause is right and must win in "God's own time." The respect in which he is held by all parties is shown by his election to the office of tax collector and school committee in Hinsdale.

He is a brother of Seraph Frissell, M.D., whose sketch we give elsewhere and of Mrs. Messenger, mother of H. B. Messenger also sketched in this article. He is upright in all his business relations, an honor to his native town and to the town of his adoption.

### Seraph Frissell, M.D.

Born in Peru, Aug. 20, 1840, third daughter of Capt. Augustus and Laura Emmons Frissell, she earned her own living after she was fifteen years old, and in 1861 realized the object of her childhood's ambition by entering Mt. Holyoke Seminary, where she took the four year course, which she accomplished in three years, but as she taught school five years in the meantime, she did not graduate until '69.

She began the study of medicine in '72, graduating from the medical department of Michigan university in '75. She spent about two years in hospital practice in Detroit and Boston, locating in Pittsfield in 1876. During her stay in Pittsfield she was the first presi-

dent of the W.C.T.U. there, also president of Women's board of South church seven years beside being the pioneer woman physician of Pittsfield. She removed to Springfield in 1884, where her present residence is 796 State street.

She was physician at Mt. Holyoke Seminary during the school year '90 to '91. She was the first woman to join Hampden County Medical Society. She is an honorary member of Alumnae of Philadelphia Woman's medical college and superintendent of Heredity and Health department of Hampton county W.C.T.U.

The aim of this successful physician has been, not to accumulate a fortune, but to deal honestly with her patients and cure them if possible.

We can bear testimony from our own experience, to her skill as a physician, as can all her acquaintances to her personal worth and eminent christian character.

### Ira J. Geer

A graduate of Williams College and a prosperous Chicago lawyer, is one of the most successful men who has gone out from Peru. His parents, Dea. Jewett H. Geer and wife, still occupy the old homestead in the south part of Peru, their later years made happy by the presence of their son, Sumner C. Geer and his wife.

### George T. Newcomb's

Pleasant home, "Glendale" is this season open to summer boarders. It is one of the loveliest spots in town and we have no doubt will be thoroughly appreciated by the city people.

### Harwin H. A. Stearns

Has a cosy, well kept place, where summer guests will find the best of country fare and an excellent host and hostess.

### **PERU**

Some of our people think they have a hard load, but just read the record of what a Peru farmer in old times did and stop grumbling. Amasa Frissell, (grandfather of Dwight,)

gave all to his six children, except one, a liberal education and to that one, Socrates, he gave \$1000. Mason graduated at Williams college and is a judge in Missouri. Judith became a missionary to the Indians after receiving a good education. John, also a Williams graduate, became a surgeon. Amasa Cogswell was educated at Harvard college, preached 18 years in South Amenia, N.Y., and is now secretary of the American Tract society. Elizabeth was educated at Mt. Holyoke seminary. Besides educating these children and meeting the ordinary expenses of a citizen this old fashioned Peru farmer gave \$500 to Mt. Holyoke seminary and divided \$5000 among several religious and charitable organizations. Verily "there were giants in those days." Probably the men of the present generation could accomplish more if they were as self-denying as those of old.

By the way, the original Frissell came from Woodstock, Ct. He had five sons and a daughter. One son, John, died early. Lemuel staid with his father on what is now called the Sennett farm. Amasa, William and Thomas occupied neighboring farms. Sarah married John Pierce.

For those who may feel like criticising us because many, equally worthy of mention, are omitted from our "Children of Peru" article we would say that we could not do more at this time, but hope to mention others in the future, in the History of Peru in preparation, if no sooner.

Mr. C. F. French is gathering material for a history of Peru, which will not however be published unless its financial success is assured. It will be sold by subscription and only enough copies printed to furnish advance subscribers.

### CRANESVILLE S. S. UNION - ESTABLISHED MAY 5, 1854

From a ledger in the Berkshire Athenaeum Vault.

Cranesville S. S. Union Met May 1st 1859, and elected the following Officers for the ensuing year: Dr. Smead, President; H. Cady, Vice-President; W. Holden, Superintendent; L. Goodman, Assistant; J. Salmon, Librarian; Z. Crane, Secty & Tresr.

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[All the above students were numbered, in the same order as above, from 1 to 54. Ed.]

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### THE CAMPBELL FAMILY OF PITTSFIELD

### Introduction by Emilie S. Piper

The following article published in the *Berkshire Hills Magazine* (Vol. 1, No. 9, March 1, 1901, p.84) makes an assertion that previous accounts of this family have been inaccurate. We have no idea what these mistakes were, or when they appeared in print, but it would be interesting to know whether the following description is correct. Is there a reader out there who can verify this *Berkshire Hills Magazine* record?

### The Campbell Family of Pittsfield

As the history of the Campbell family is so thoroughly interwoven with that of manufacturing enterprise in the first three quarters of the past century as it relates to Pittsfield, and as the previous published genealogical descriptions of the Berkshire Campbells are thoroughly faulty, and have led to many errors in press notices concerning different members of the family, from time to time, we are pleased to be able to publish the following:

### Capt. David Campbell

Capt. David Campbell, the first of the family to settle in Pittsfield, was a native of Southwick, Mass., and the youngest son of Robert and Mary (Pierce) Campbell of that town. He was born April 30, 1758, and married Lucy, daughter of Matthew and Lucy (Loomis) Laflin of Southwick. They resided for a time in Suffield, Conn., where David Campbell Jr. was born, Dec. 12, 1782. Several years later, (about 1787) Capt. Campbell removed with his family to Pittsfield, which became their permanent home with the exception of a short residence in Lenox. Being a man of much enterprise, he engaged in business of a varied character, and died Feb. 27, 1836 in his 87th year, leaving a large family.

### David Campbell, Jr.

His son, David Campbell, Jr., with like sagacity, embarked in many lines of business, and was usually successful in whatever he undertook. The enterprise best known in Pittsfield at present, was the establishment of the mill at Pontoosuc, his partners being Henry Shaw, Thaddeus Clapp, Senior, and his brother, the late George W. Campbell.

October 4, 1807, he married Nancy, daughter of Capt. Daniel and Lavinia (Phelps) Pepoon, both of Hebron, Conn. Capt. Pepoon was a well known citizen of Stockbridge and Pittsfield, in which places he engaged in business for many years. In Pittsfield he preceded Capt. Campbell as proprietor of the coffee house on Bank Row.

### Three Davids Under One Roof

Just south of the present Backus Block, on the east side of South street, stands to-day, the old time mansion where David Campbell, Jr., lived. Here, July 11, 1816 David or "King" Campbell was born. When the latter was but seven years of age his mother Nancy Campbell died. David Campbell, Jr., with his family, Mrs. Ensign H. Kellogg of East street being a daughter, then became members of Capt. David Campbell's household, and the three Davids thus resided together for a number of years.

### David, or "King" Campbell

The late David Campbell, familiarly known as "King," served on Gov. George N. Briggs' staff for a number of years, his commission reading "Aid-de-Camp to the commander in chief, with the rank of Lieut. Col.," and was dated Feb. 5, 1844. For many years he was in charge of the company's store at Pontoosuc, and there are those living who can testify to his unbounded generosity, never failing kindness to the families employed in the mill, and genial and courteous treatment of all with whom he came in contact whatever might be their station in life. In 1855 he went abroad with his uncle Dr. Robert Campbell who was a director of the Boston and Albany railroad in 1845.

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### WHAT'S IN A NAME? - STILL ANOTHER SEQUEL

In the process of producing our many indexes we encounter quite a variety of names and name combinations that are real rib ticklers. We hope you find this selection at least mildly amusing and remember, some day people will be laughing at our quaint names. (See also 16:2:41, 17:3:89, 18:4:140, 20:3:99 22:3:101 for more laughs.) Readers are welcome to add to the collection.

Endearing D. Johnson Submarinus Norcross Hateevil Nutter Rev. Orange Green Pasco Glub Winter Somers Sufferenus Snell Bertha Broomhead Purloin Parker Ingenious Sylvester Cloudesley Shovel Minnie Tizzle California Gold Dodo Pierson Smallhope Biggs God Van Horn

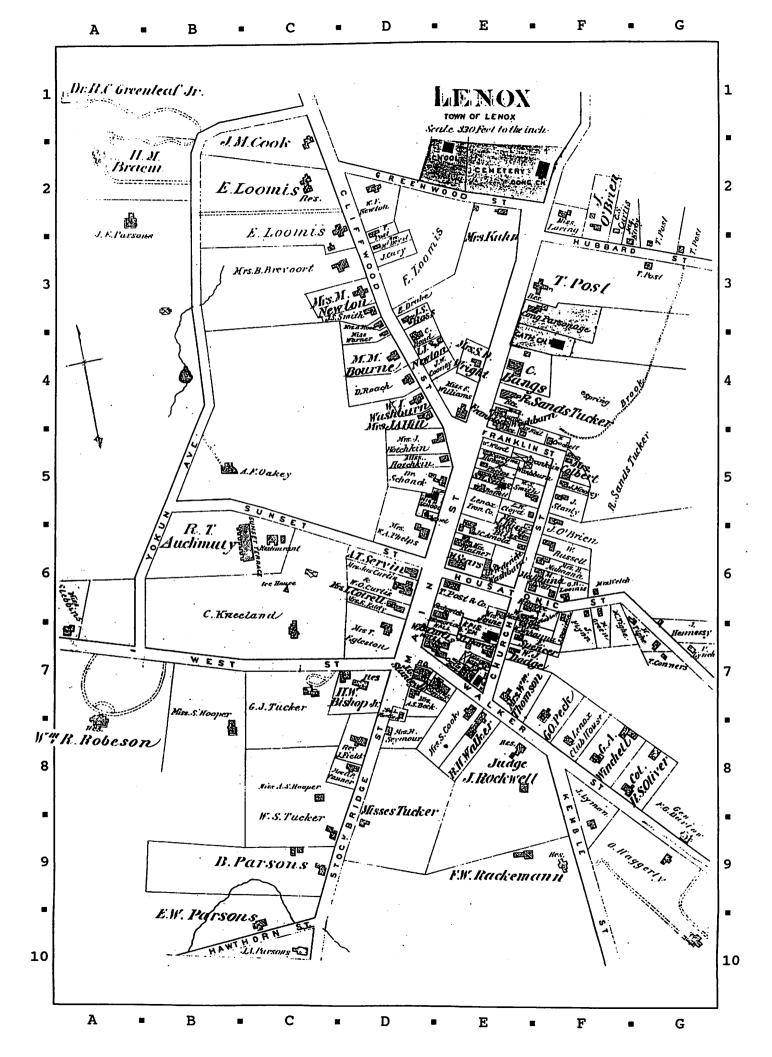
Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin Pond (We've all seen Biblical names, but a whole Biblical Quotation? Daniel 5:25)
Haile & Frost Manufacturing Co.

The last child of Davis and Beulah Clark Patterson of Sudbury, Mass., born 9/1/1784 was named, appropriately, "Finis." We wonder how they knew.

Sisters Priscilla P. and Mary Purrington married, respectively, Edward J. Pinkham and Edwin J. Tinkham

### LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS [Central] - 1876

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Barlow, F. G., Gen.	G-9	Green, M.	F-7		F-5	Smith, J. S.	<b>D-3</b>
Barrett, J. L.	E-7	Greenleaf, R. C.	A-1	Oliver, R. S., Col.	G-8	Smith, W. S.	F-5
Beck, A. S., Mrs	E-8	Haggerty, O.	G-9	O'Neil, J.	E-5	Spencer, E.	E-7
Bishop, H. W.	D-7	Hennessy, J.	G-7	O'Neil, P.	F-6	Stanley, J. G.	E-7
Bliss, J., Mrs.	F-6	Hill, J. A., Mrs.	D-4	Parsons, B.	C-9	Stanly, J.	F-5
Bond, C.	D-3	Hooper, S., Miss	B-7	Parsons, E. W.	C-10	Stebbins, Miss	A-7
Bourne, M. M.	D-4	Hotchkiss, J., Mrs.	D-5	Parsons, J. A.	C-10	Tanner, O. P., Mrs.	D-8
Bream, H. M.	A-2	Jenna, Mrs.	E-7	Parsons, J. E.	A-2	Thomason, Wm.	E-7
Brevoort, B., Mrs.	C-3	Kirby, Jas.	F-3	Peck, G. O.	F-7	Tighe, M.	F-7
Cary, J.	D-3	Kneeland, C.	C-6	Phelps, H.	E-5	Tucker, G. J.	C-7
Cloyd, L. H.	E-6	Kuhn, Mrs.	E-2	Phelps, W. A., Mrs.	D-5	Tucker, Misses	D-9
Colbert, Mrs.	F-5	Lenox Iron Co.	E-6	Platner, Mrs.	E-6	Tucker, R. Sands	E-4
Conners, T.	G-7	Loomis, E.	C-2	Post, T.	D-2	Walker, R. H.	E-8
Cook, J. M.	C-2	·	D-3	·	F-3	Ward, W.	E-5
Cook, S., Mrs.	D-9	Loomis, G. H.	F-6		G-3	Warner, Miss	D-4
Cooney, J. W.	D-4	Loring, Miss	F-2	Post, T. & Co.	E-6	Washburn	F-5
Cottrell, L., Mrs.	D-6	Lyman, J.	F-9	Rackmann, F. W.	E-9	Washburn, A.	E-5
Crockett, X.	F-5	Mackey, J.	F-5	Roach, D.	D-4	Washburn, Franklin	E-5
Curtis, C. S.	F-3	Mahanna, B., Mrs.	F-6	Rockwell, J.	E-8	Washburn, Frederick	c E-6
Curtis, James, Mrs.	D-6	Mahanna, M.	F-6	Roleson, William R.	A-8	Washburn, S.	F-7
Curtis, W. O.	D-6	Mahanna, W.	F-7	Root, A., Mrs.	D-4	Washburn, W. I.	D-4
Dodge, W. J.	F-7	McDevit, Mrs.	D-3	Ross, J. S.	D-3	Welch, Mrs.	F-6
Drake, E.	D-3	Michael, Caroline	E-5	Russell, W.	F-6	Williams, E., Miss	E-4
	F-6	Miles, Mrs.	E-7	Schenck, Dr.	D-5	Winchell, G. A.	F-8
Eddy, E., Mrs.	D-6	Newton, L. J.	D-4	Sears, M.	E-6	Wright, S. H., Mrs.	E-4
Egleston, T., Mrs.	D-6	Newton, M., Mrs.	D-3				



### WHITHER GOEST THOU, GENTLEMAN JOHNNY?

From Miscellaneous Manuscripts Folder IV, Berkshire Athenaeum Vault.

The exact routes taken during Revolutionary War troop movements have always been a bone of contention for historians, not to mention the towns through which the troops were alleged to have passed. These two letters speculate on the possible movements of General John Burgoyne's forces following his defeat at Saratoga.

Lemuel Thompson came from New London, Conn. He married a daughter of Deacon Judd of Otis, and settled in Mount Hunger, South Tyringham, now Monterey. He had six children, three were sons, Alanson, Albert B. and Oliver J. Albert came to North Tyringham. He married, lived, and died here. He was my brother-in-law, whence I became familiar with all the family. Alanson settled on the old Spring farm. Albert talked with me many times about Burgoyne's camping there, and that a soldier died there and was buried on a large knoll, in the swamp back of the camp. He said he worked for Alanson when he was young and often saw this grave, which was then discernible. Albert's daughter F. L. Thompson is now in Springfield, Mass. with her cousin D. A. Heath. I wrote to her some weeks ago asking many questions, wishing to obtain additional and better evidence than I then had. Oliver J. Thompson went to California at the time of the gold excitement. He has not been in Berkshire County since. I knew he had returned to the eastern part of the state somewhere and I requested my niece to get an answer from him, if he was able to write. He is 84 years old, with feeble health. I have received a letter from my niece dated March 2d 1899 enclosing a letter from her Uncle Oliver. She writes, "I remember hearing father tell the same that Uncle speaks of - but it did not impress me as it will hereafter. My cousins and I have been over them knolls a great many times. They were one of our favorite places to play, and get wintergreens. Very likely, we have tramped over that soldier's bones a great many times. Dwight wrote to Uncle Oliver. He wants his letter saved. I will take it there some time." The cousins she speaks of were Alanson's daughters. The time was some 50 years ago. I will now copy Oliver J. Thompson's letter. I can retain it here until next spring, perhaps longer, where it may be seen.

Everett, Feb 28th, 1899. I send you my recollections of the route Burgoyne must have taken to have reached the Spring place. From Albany to Chatham Four Corners, that is near the state line. From there to West Stockbridge. From there to Great Barrington, Then he took the main, or great, road through to Springfield. His route lay through South Tyringham, south of Langton's pond. He kept the broad road and made his camp on the Spring and Judd places, which are the two first farms in Otis. Asa Judd bought the Spring place and sold it to Alanson Thompson. You can get the truth by finding Judd's deed recorded in Lenox, date I think about 1812 to 1820. I have often heard Grand-Mother Judd tell of the camp of Burgovne's Hessians and some of the Officers eating with her, and of the burial of a soldier, how they fired vollies over the grave. The camp was probably on the right hand side of the road going east, and directly across the road from both the Spring house and the Judd house. South of this is a swamp, through which runs a stream of good water, sufficient for camp use, no other stream in the vicinity could supply such a camp. Across the stream still south are the knolls, all dry and several feet above the wet-land. The Spring place is about 13 miles from Great Barrington. I think I have answered all the questions friend Daniel wished answered. Any further information I could give I would gladly do it. Yours, O.J.T., 40 Everett St., West Everett, Mass.

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In A.D. 1844 we found on our meadow these relics of an English soldier. On our low grounds are many cradle knolls (so called) formed by the blowing over of large hemlock trees, genus conium. The dirt attached to the clumpy roots of these trees. When they decayed formed the knoll by the

side of the hollow from which it was excavated. Near the side of a spring and a few rods from Hop Brook was a cluster of these knolls. To improve the mowing we decided to level them. In a large hollow we found these relics at or so near the surface that the moss had grown on the gun barrel and sword hilt. Some of the relics found are not here. The barrel of the musket has disappeared. The pelvis bone of a large man was in condition to retain its form. Doctor Asa Welch of Lee borrowed this and took it home for comparison and study. He died suddenly, we did not call for it until after several months, when Mrs. Welch told me that she had let Doctor Wright of Lee have the skeleton and all the human bones that the Doctor had when he died. Doctor Wright said he did not remember any such bone. The trees where the relics were found had fallen south east across the water. We then believed the wounded soldier lay under these fallen trees, where he could get water and died there. We can not know who he was or what position he occupied. A Sergeant well equipped for protection of the Colonies during the French and Indian War. Or to march through the forests to Fort Massachusetts to protect our

northern borders. It is also possible if not probable that this non-commissioned officer was one of the soldiers of Burgoyne's army who passed through Berkshire from Albany to Boston. These relics were found in North Tyringham in the valley of Hop brook some three miles from where Burgoyne encamped in Otis on the Spring place which joins on South Tyringham, now Monterey. Burgoyne himself could not have been in all the places tradition gives. But if his army was divided into sections who took different routs, perhaps to procure variety of rations. This would account for Burgoyne's soldiers being in so many places. A squad may have passed through Stockbridge, thence to North Tyringham. Or our soldiers may have gone there, perhaps with others for forage. There was then many families living in Sodom, who were noted for being reckless and wicked people, for which cause the place was called Sodom. If molested in any way these people would not hesitate to shoot the intruder. They were located less than one fourth mile, up to one half mile, or more from where these relics were found.

Tyringham, March 1, 1899 Daniel Clark, per E.J.P.

### DALTON PETITION TO ANNEX LOTS

From Town of Pittsfield Original Papers; Folder XXIV B#3 at the Berkshire Athenaeum.

### Berkshire SS

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Dalton in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, holden at the meeting house on the fifth day of September in the year of our Lord 1796

Whereas, Nathaniel Kellogg, Daniel Foot, Rich'd E. Colt, Malcom Henry, Naphtali Webb, John Jeffords & Solomon Clark preferred a petition to this town at their meeting held on the second of May last praying that the Lots No. 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 & 66 might be voted off by the Inhabitants of the town of Dalton to be annexed to some other town and the prayer of the petition was not then granted, the town taking the prayer of the petition into consideration again at this time. Voted that the prayer of the petition be granted -

A true extract from the record Attn Wm Williams; town Clerk

Dalton April 1st 1797

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### **OLD QUERIES NEVER DIE**

In 1998 (BG 19:3:107) we published the following query for member Nancy Warner. We don't know if the tree soon bore fruit for Nancy, but Barb Baxter < GenealogyNut@ConnectNC.net > recently saw the query posted on our Web Site and offered a very comprehensive answer.

BURK(E)-CANFIELD(CAMFIELD)-READ-OVERACKER-ALLEN
Seek m info Joseph BURK b 1760 Ware River, MA d 1814 bur Lorain Co., OH s/o Tille
BURK & Lydia READ, m (1) Chloe CANFIELD b 1767 New Marlboro, MA d 1833 bur
Washtenaw Co., MI, d/o Joseph CANFIELD & Rachel ALLEN. She m (2) Adam OVERACKER 1826 Cuyahoga Co., OH. Children: (1) Silas b VT?, (2) Allen, (3) Orrin d by 1828.
(4) Lovinia b 1792 VT? (WARNER), (5) Sophia (LENDER), (6) Roxanna (CRAMPTON), (7)
Chloe b 1801 OH, (8) Ira b 1803 OH, (9) Orpha lost in woods at age 4.
Nancy Warner, 4110 Jonathan, Dearborn, MI 48126

Here is Barb's response:

The Joseph Burk of whom she speaks is the brother of my Sylvanus Burk(e) who went to Cleveland, OH and died there. Tille was a Revolutionary War Patriot and Sylvanus was a soldier - I had never heard about Joseph before but he probably fought also. That line has not been well researched.

Tille was the son of Richard(3) Burk and his wife and his wife Mary Wait. Richard(3) was the son of Richard(2) Burk and his wife Abigail (Sawtell), and Richard(2) Burk was the son of the emigrant Richard(1) Burk and his wife Mary (Parmenter).

Richard(1) and Richard(2) were of Sudbury - Richard(3) probably was born in either Stow or Sudbury or possibly Ware River. Richard(3) married Mary (Wait) in Northampton, Hampshire Co. 28 Dec 1726 (actually that was the date of the intentions).

Tilley/Tille was probably born in Brookfield, Worcester Co. My Sylvanus is found in Goshen VR and the rest are found in the Chesterfield VR.

Burk, Tilly, Chesterfield. Private, Capt. Robert Webster's (8th) co., Col. John Fellows's (8th) regt.; company return dated Dorchester, Oct. 8, 1775; reported went to Quebec Sept. 9, 1775; also, return of men enlisted into Continental Army from Capt. William White's (1st Chesterfield) co., Hampshire Co. regt., dated April 2, 1779; residence, Chesterfield; enlisted for town of Chesterfield; joined Capt. Luke Day's co., Col. Alden's regt.; enlistment, 3 years from March -, 1777; reported mustered by Ruggles Woodbridge, Esq.; also, Sergeant; Capt. Luke Day's co., Col. Brooks's (late Alden's) regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from March 20, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; reported as serving 18 mos 11 days as Sergeant, 15 mos. as Private; also, Capt. Day's co., (late) Col. Ichabod Alden's (6th) regt.; return of men in camp before Aug. 15, 1777, certified to at Cherry Valley, Feb. 24, 1779; also, same co. and regt.; muster roll for March and April, 1779, dated Cherry Valley; enlisted Sept. 30, 1778; also, Private, Capt. Day's co., Col. Brooks's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to March 12, 1780. (Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors in the War of the Revolution Vol 2, p. 851.)

Tilley had a sister Mary/Molly/Mollee Burk who married the above Capt. Robert Webster, so Tille served in his brother-in-law's unit (as did my Sylvanus) and I am descended from both Sylvanus and his cousin Mollee. This woman has been misidentified by everyone as Mary BURT - There was no Mary Burt living in the area. I have a photocopy of the original intentions (I had to bleed all over the town clerk of Dudley to get it but she was very kind). The handwriting from 1764 could be either Burk or Burt. Sylvanus was in the same unit. Sylvanus married Achsah Webster, daughter of Mollee Burk and Robert Webster - another cousin marriage. If Joseph was in your area for a time, this information may be useful to you. If you are interested in his siblings I can give you those names. Joseph was a new one for me that I had not found. Tilly m. Lydia Read Mar 17 1760 in Ware River so I suspect Joseph wasn't born until 1761. That fits well with my Sylvanus who was born 23 Oct 1763. I have

just been working on getting my Sylvanus a new grave stone from the VA because it is almost

illegible since 4 Jul 1835 when he died.

Looking at something I have here which involves Cleveland records - Joseph had been injured in some way whether in the fighting or a tree falling on him or some such thing and had a bad leg. He was a mail carrier (my notes are old and sketchy) along Lake Erie between Cleveland and what is now the PA line. He is mentioned slightly in the Pioneer Families of Cleveland but since he must have moved to Lorain Co which is the next county west there wasn't much that I recall. So I obviously had heard of him before! After just so many years and so many people they all run together. Capt. Webster d. 30 Jul 1778 in Goshen in battle.

### PETITION FOR RELIGIOUS EQUALITY

From Town of Pittsfield Original Papers Folder XVII A#10, Berkshire Athenaeum. To the honorable the Senate & the honorable House of Representatives & etc.

Humbly shew the Inhabitants of the town of Pittsfield in the county of Berkshire, that the majority of the inhabitants of said town are of the Denomination of Christians called Congregationalists & that the said town consists of but one parish that in said town there are four heads of families who are Episcopalians, about 10 heads of families who are Anabaptists, and about as many Shakers who support the public worship of Almighty God by Voluntary Donations - that at the last October Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in this county in an action Henry Van Schaack Esqr against Woodbridge Little Esquire & others assessors of the said town of Pittsfield it was adjudged by the court unanimously that a town has no constitutional power to grant & raise monies for the support of public worship by a tax on all its inhabitants when some of those inhabitants are Episcopalians not withstanding the statute of March 23, 1786 entitled "an act for regulating Towns setting forth thus forever & for the service of town officers & for the repealing all Laws heretofore made for that purpose" gives towns power to grant and raise such sums of money as they may deem necessary for "the support of the ministry" the prayer of this petition therefore is that your honors would take the case of the said inhabitants into your consideration & pass such a law, if it be constitutional as will enable said inhabitants who are congregationalists to support the public worship of God in said town, & they as in duty bound will pray & etc.

### DISSENTERS FROM THE MINISTER'S TAX

From Town of Pittsfield Original Papers, Folder XVII A#10, Berkshire Athenaeum.

Charls Bishop	John Francis	Negro Grant	Jesse Smith
R. Baker	Josiah Francis	Negro Anthony	John Seymour
Joshua Burch	Dyer Fitch	Negro Thomas	Josiah Talbott
Ichabod Clark	Daniel Goodrich	Hezekiah Osborn	Henery VanShack
Rufus Cogswell	Shadrick Hurlbut	Negro Gunn?	Benjamin Welch
Luther Cogswell	James Herd	Caleb Rogers	Asa Bacon
Calvin Cogswell	Bohan Kellogg	Nathan Robison	Ephraim Welch?
Augustus Črandel	Moses Murren	Moses Southwick	Josiah Norton
John Deming			

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### SHEFFIELD'S BOW WOW CEMETERY

### Introduction by Emilie S. Piper

Sheffield, Massachusetts: Cemetery Inscriptions, by Cynthia Tryon Hoogs, includes a listing of names and dates found on stones there in 1984, with additional names incorporated from a D.A.R. list of 1940. The Berkshire Courier was also consulted for death notices and obituaries, as well as Sheffield church and vital records. This volume is in the local history collection at the Berkshire Athenaeum.

The following article written for the *Berkshire Hills Magazine*, July 1, 1901, page 132, includes many of the names in Hoogs, but mentions in addition some interesting details, such as maiden names, vocations, locations, and military service. Perhaps these will be clues for further research.

#### **BOW WOW CEMETERY**

Historic Burial Place in Southern Berkshire

### The Oldest Grave

In the northwest part of Sheffield, a mile or more from South Egremont, is located the Bow Wow Cemetery. This interesting burial place was opened for the reception of the dead several years before the Revolutionary War, but why that part of the town is called after the barking of dogs is something we have not been able to discover. The oldest and one of the most interesting graves is that of Simon Willard. When we visited the place about fifteen years ago we found that the old tombstone had broken off and lay flat on the ground. But by close inspection we read this inscription. "Here lies the body of Mr. Simon Willard, who was killed --- 19th, 1766, aged 56 years." How he was killed is explained by a following verse:

"Stop here ye gay and ponder well my death; The blue lightnings flew and stopped my breath;

But a more tremendous bolt shall rend the skies

When I and all that sleep in death shall rise."

It is traditional that he stood in the door of his house, watching the progress of a thunder shower when he was suddenly electrocuted by a charge of lightning from the heavenly batteries. In this connection it is of interest to record that a new grave stone with the original inscription was erected a few years ago by the late Franklyn Leonard Pope, a descendant of Mr. Willard. [It seems oddly ironic that Mr. Pope also died by electrocu-

tion. Ed. BG] That portion of land south of the Indian reservation in Egremont was for many years called Willard's Hollow, in memory of Simon Willard. In searching deeds we find that in 1757 he purchased land of the Indians on Mount Washington, but in 1760 he sold this land to Elisha Sheldon and settled on his farm in the hollow. His son Simon Willard, Jr., in 1807 resided in Hudson, but the following year he moved to Egremont, and on July 7th of that year the General Court confirmed him in his title to 89 acres of land.

Not far from the grave of Simon, is that of Elijah Willard, who died July 26, 1830, aged 58. Lieut. Jonah Westover died August 10, 1768, aged 60 years.

### The Olds Family

As we wander among the moss covered gravestones we copy the following and wonder whether they left any descendants: Deacon Timothy Kellogg, died September 17, 1797, aged 72; Deacon Ebenezer Olds, June 24, 1802, aged 74. These were deacons of the First Congregational Church at South Egremont, under the pastorate of Rev. Eliphalet Steele, 1770-1794. Phebe, the first wife of Deacon Olds, died Nov. 22, 1786, aged 50. Another grave marked A. O., 1766, was probably one of the Olds family. Hannah, the second wife of Deacon Olds, survived till August 31, 1840. She was 95 years of age and a brief record to her memory informs us that she was the consort of Thomas Stevenson, who lost his life in the defence of his country, Aug., 1776.

The Roots, Jacobs and Stoddards

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An inscription which at once attracted our attention is in memory of Widow Abigal Root, wife of Joshua Root of Gt. Barrington, died in Egremont, September 15, 1797, aged 73. Referring to the History of Great Barrington, page 115, we find that this was Joshua Root, Jr., who died in 1791. He was of a family of nine children of Joshua Root, Sr., who came from Westfield, where he was born in 1682. It is to be regretted that we do not know the maiden name of Abigail or the reason why she was not taken to Great Barrington for burial. Several of the Jacob family, prominent in Sheffield over one hundred years ago, here found their last resting place. Joseph Jacob, died December 6, 1786, aged 94; Mrs. Thankful Jacob, wife of Richard Jacob, May 28, 1787, aged 60; Richard Jacob, January 14, 1809, aged 84; Sara, second wife, March 1, 1799, aged 69; Sylvina, wife of Israel Jacob, March 15, 1796, aged 30. An inscription of special interest to the writer, because she was his great aunt, is in memory of Mrs. Sybel Stoddard, wife of Reuben Stoddard, who departed this life February 8, 1816, in the 37th year of her age. She was a daughter of Bethel Smith and was born at Woodbury, Ct.; Reuben Stoddard died May 8, 1828, aged 49. \

### The King Family

Other inscriptions found among the pines in the old part of the yard are: In memory of Mary, wife of Elijah King, who departed this life April 2, 1790, in the 28 year of her age; Sarah Haxtun, March 3, 1791, aged 21. This Mary King, wife of Elijah King, was Mary Benjamin of Mount Washington, and probably a daughter of Captain Nathan Benjamin who died in 1785, aged 49, and is buried quite near. Elijah King and wife were the

grandparents of the well known Methodist preacher, James King, D.D., of the New York Conference and Joseph E. King, D.D., president of Fort Edward Institute.

#### Other Ancient Graves

The youngest person whose grave we found was that of a son of Major Joseph and Susanna Benjamin, who died January 30, 1793, aged five weeks and 14 days. Comfort Sparks, a candidate for the Gospel ministry, died October 3, 1838, aged 25; Samuel Bacon, October 4, 1807 aged 50; Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Bacon, October 30, 1804, age 14; John M. Smith, born at Pittsfield, August 11, 1801, died April 14, 1858; Rebecca, his wife, Feb. 22, 1870, aged 64; Merrit Smith, May 31, 1852, aged 8; Samuel Smith, October 8, 1858, aged 8

### The Bushnell Family

For over a century the Bushnell family has been prominent in church and town affairs at Sheffield. Samuel Bushnell 1746-1830; Hester, his wife, 1800, aged 54; Samuel Bushnell, 1740-1858; Amy his wife, 1820, aged 40: Samuel Bushnell, 1784-1857; Chloe Hopkins, his wife, born September 19, 1784, died December 22, 1857; Enoch Bushnell died February 5, 1820, aged 48; Chloe Hopkins, wife of the last mentioned Samuel Bushnell, was a daughter of Ehud and Chloe Hopkins of Alford and Egremont. She was a great-granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Hopkins, first pastor of the Congregational Church at Great Barrington. Here we have three Bushnells by the same name, but which was father or son we will determine in a further article.

> H. C. Warner New York City

### CORRIGENDUM

Berkshire Genealogist Volume 26, Number 1, Page 25. Ancestor Table CCCLXXVIII was submitted by Orville Rickard Chapman. Our apologies to Mr. Chapman for the error.

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### 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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BOOK 3

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152 40 Zachariah Walker
                                           1745 Shef'd
       Will 4-3-1744/45 to w. Elizabeth
                                         all "until
         David Walker 'that now lives with us' arrive
         at the age of 21 yrs." then 1/2 to him
     Elisha Noble )
                                    1/2 to w. for life
     James Robb
                  } wit
     Jonth Hubberd)
                        Prob 12/11/1745 who was exec?
                            *
                                *
152 44 Lt. Charles Walters
                                          Stck. 1759
       Lt. Elijah Williams, Stck 10-4-1759 adm £300
         Insolv.
                            * * *
153 31 Ebenezer Warner
                                         Shef'd 1759
       wid Martha X
                                 30-8-1759 adm £500
           Timothy Hopkins Shfd
           Isaac Davis of No. 1
     Settlement £27 - 9/11 to wid Martha
                                            1/3
          29/11/1769
                                Benajah
                                           double
                              v Hanniel
                              v Abraham
                                                  £ 18/18/7 R.E.
                              v Jehiel
                                                  £ 2/5/9/3 Pers.
                              v dau
                                Jemimah Taylor
                                Zerviah Austins
      Martha 30-8-1759
                         gdn to v <14
                            *
156 39 David Welch
                                          Mt. Wash.
                                  1758 "West of Shef'd"
      Samuel Welch
                    } "Province land so called West of Shef'd"
      John Coates
      John Tullar, Shef'd
                                 29/3/1758 adm £200
          (Tullar
  appr Coates
29-3-58 John Willson
                          (Prov land W. of Shef'd)
          (Josiah Loomis
                           aptd 9/2/59
                            *
                                *
156 40 Samuel Welch
                                       1761 Egremont
      wid. Hannah 3-2/1761 declines & asks son
                  Josiah X Welch Shfd )
                                             18-3-1761 adm £500
 Timothy Dwight
                  Jacob Spoor
                                    } Egr.
   J.Prob.
                  Joseph Winchell
                 (Lt. Jonah Westover)
                                             R.E. 100 a £145
            appr {Timothy Kellogg } Egre. Pers 21-17-9
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18-3-61 (Lt. Robert Joyner )
 T. Dwight Jr.
                                7sh/2d/1 per £
                   Insolv.
    Req. Prob.
              Dr. Joseph Lee
      Debts
              Widow Hannah
  2-2-1768 Wid. Hannah now w. Luke Noble asks dowry.
                                 *
                                     *
157 3 Ira Wells
                   d 15-5/1842
                                            Lenox
      transferred to Hamp Co. as Berk. Judge W. P. Walker
                               5-7-42 adm
      wid Hannah
          David B. Eells} Lenox
          John Cook
     allowance 3-5-1843 at request of ch.
      of balance of personal 223.15
       Request of heirs 12-5-43 David B. Eells
                                  Clarissa
                                  George
                                  Wm. M.
                                  Henry
                                  William Robinson
                                  Eliza M. Robinson
157 38 Lt. Nathaniel Westover, "husbandman" 1756
                                                       Shef'd
           Will 10-11-1755 to w Mary 1/3
                               s Nathaniel 2/15 resid.
                               s Jonathan 2/15
                                                    11
                              s Oliver
                                             2/15
   Wm. Spencer
                              s Theophilus 2/15
   Hanah Molton X } wit
   John Callender )
                               d Sarah w Abraham Andrus)
                                 Mary
                                 Anna
                                                         }each 1/15
                                 Lydia
                                 Lucretia
        Mary - exec
    *Prob 8-6-1756
                                 Tryphena
                                 Salvina (Sylphina)
 *Jonathan Root
 *Mercy Root, mother of late decd Nathl
   *Jonathan Root of Shef'd
                              2-12-1757 asks for Jonathan as adm.
    *David Pixley Stck *Jacob Cooper
                              3-12-1757 adm
*Mr. Shepard annotated in margin "do these belong to Nathl Jr."
and "did distr of Nathl Sr. 1758 include Nathl Jr."
          Debts due from Ichabod Hubbell £12}desperate
Stephen Stark £13
                      wid Thankful Sacket £1/4
    Debt due to David Ingersole £42/6/9
Pet for distr 5-3-1757 by Marcy Root ab? Westover
          Distr to v 1-5-1758 by Antho Austin )
                                   John Callender)
                                    Stephen Dewey } Shefd
                                   Aaron Root
                                   Hez. Noble
       Jonah Westover Shefd 15-11-1756 gdn to - <14
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Wm Lyman
        Samuel Clark Nhmp
                            is gdn to v
                                 11
                                     v Oliver >14
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161 44 Ens. Josiah Williams
                                         1759 Stck
      Will 4-4-1759 mother Abigail resid.
               to ch of eldest sister (Mrs. Abigail Dwight)
                    viz. Electa Sergeant £10 + all
                   household goods I had from my w Joanna decd
                          Erastus Sergeant £40 & great Bible
   Elizur Dickinson)
   Solomon Glezen } wit
                           John
                                            £80
                           Pamela Dwight
   Nathan Ball
                   )
                           Henry
                    sister Judith Williams £40
                           Elizabeth "
                                            £60
               to sisters of sd decd w. Mary & Susanna
               dau of Joseph Day of Newark £4 each
 Prob. 11-12-1759 bro Elijah all R.E. he to pay legacies.
          Joseph Woodbridge) Inv. R.E. 200 a Stck.
                                            200 a New Framingham
 29-12-59 Samuel Brown }Stck
          David Pixley
                           )
162 19 Dr. Wm. Williams
                                       1760 Salisbury, Ct.
      Wm. Williams Esq. Pontoosuck 3-12-1760 adm to his sons
         Seth Pomeroy }Nhmp
          Wm Lyman
                              "Province land w of Shef'd" 1758
162 42 David Winchell
   Will 22-2/1758 to 2 sons
                                   Joseph
Azariah } all R.E. + £250
      John Tuller, Shef'd
  until s. Joseph is of age. to w. Mary all Pers they to pay
                                                     all debts
     Samuel X Welch)
     Josiah X Welch} wit
                             d Anna £50 at 18 or mar.
                              s Pelatiah 5 sh.
     John Coates )
                              d Mary Van Gilder 5 Sh.
   Codicil 27-2-1758 to d Mary Van Gilder £10
                     Catherine Van Deusen)
   Prob. 29-3-1758
                     John Willdon } wit
                     John Coates
162 43 Eliakim Winchell d at Cape Breton Shef'd 1754
     father Samuel " Shef'd 21-2-1754 adm
          Samuel Smith Wfd.
          Asahel Clapp Nhmp.
164 17 Dr. Charles Worthington
                                               Lenox 1840
       Exec J. T. Goodrich, Stck. 3-8-1840 send to Hamp. Co. because J. Pr. of Berk owned property
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in common with dec'd.

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to w. Sarah
   Will
   exec to pay for s. Charles education expense in college
   residue to be sold and go to Ch Mary
   friend & s-in-law J. T. Goodrich Sarah w. J. T. Goodrich
                                     Elizabeth w. J. H. Strong
       Charles Sedgwick )
                                    Harriet
                         } wit
       Jos. Tucker
       Robt Worthington )
                                     Charles (by Robt gdn)
                   Prob 4-8-1840 Guy Worthington Lenox surety
   Bond $8000
                                  Robt
                                     New Marl 1778
164 53 Dr. Elihu Wright
      Joel Wright
                               1-12-1778 gdn to Augustus s of
          James Shephard Nhmp
                                              Dr. Wright aet 16
                               2-6-1783 gdn to Elisha s of
       Seth Lyman
          Eliphaz Wright Nhmp
                                              Dr. Wright aet 15
                                   *
                                       Stck 1760
165 58 Jehoiakim Yokun
      Samuel Brown Jr. Stck 23-5-1760 gdn to Timothy s of
         Elisha Pomeroy Nhmp
                                          Jehoiakim >14
         Zebadiah Dewey of #1 (Tyr)
   Ephraim Paumphkhannhyn included & then erased
165 61 Ezekiel Younglove
                                   Shefd 1750
      Daniel Kellogg, Shef'd 29-8-1750 gdn to ch Abilene)
          Stephen Mack
                                                   Sarah } <14
          John Shepherd, Jr. Wfd
                                                   Hannah )
165 65 Samuel X Younglove
                                     Shefd 1750
      Will 8?-5-1750 to w Abigail all except 5 Sh
    Luke Noble )
                                       to each ch.
    David Church} wit
                                 d Abigail 2d
    Simeon Noble)
                                 d Sary
                                 d Elizabeth
                                 s Saml
   Prob 11-6+ 1750
                                 s Jonathan
  Bond 11-6-1750
                                s Timothy
   (Eprm Williams witness)
                                s Titus
                                 d Meriam
                                 d Hanner
                     MISCELLANEOUS PROBATE
757 Ebenezer Messenger
    Bond of Benoni Messenger of No. 4 Yeoman
    Elijah Williams Esq of Stock surety
    Thomas Beard of No. 4
        Bond for £50 as adm of Ebenezer of No. 4 2/3/1763
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758 Nathan Messenger Same as above £40

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763 Martin Dewey of Amenia, N.Y.
      Jedediah Dewey } exec.
                                   Pet for Insolv.
                                28/12/1768
      Martin
         Martin Dewey, Gent.
      Inv. late of Cromelbow Precinct of Dutchess Co.
      10/8/1762
      Notes
                    John Dyer, Westfd £29 Sylvanus Persey Ptsfd
 by Benj. Benedict
                                  11
                                       37 Danl Race Greenville
& Rockwell Hopkins
                      " & Ezra Clapp 380 Elnathan Smith
 of Amenia
                    Abner Dewey, Ptsfd 52 Elisha Root Westfd Saml " Gt B 1 Saml Willson Blanford
                                  Shefd 20 Eldad Taylor Jr. No.4
                     Stephen "
                                  " Mathew Laflin Westfd
" 6 Asa Noble
                    Daniel "
                     Josiah "
                                    " -19-1 Jacob Noble
                     Eli Root
                     Wm. Donegay Canaan 4 Michael Burke, Amenia
                     James Dewey Sheff 4 Andrew Downes
                                          Thaddeus Noble
                     Aaron Sheldon "
                                                              **
                                    11
                                           Wm Baker
                     Israel Dewey
                                    **
                                           John Way
                     Azariah Root
                     Gershom Martindale
       John Crippen, Jr. Stephen Nash
                                                Joseph Miller
                                                John Tibbuls
                           Elizabeth Barker
       Ephraim Knap
                                                Timothy Robinson
                           Abel Olds
       Samuel Gibbs
                                                Caleb Root, Canaan
                            Thomas Dewey
       Caleb Strong
                           John Clark
       Samuel Warner
   Bond vs. Aaron Buck of Dutchess Co. £1280
      May 1760
                  190 a
                  Reuben Hinman of No 3 Hamp Co. £600 Benj. Meilser?
                  Robert Freeman of Dutch Co.
       27/6/61
   Laying in Prov. of Mass Bay in N.E.
    Obadiah Moore & Jona Shepherd 2/11/61 £11/12/9
    Ezra Strong
                      Reuben Gunn
                     Deacon John Shepard 28/8/1762
                                                        £11/5/6/2
    Samuel Noble
                                            23/7/60
                     Rachael Shepard
    Thomas Noble
                      Wm Loomis
                                  Etc.
    James Loomis
 Due from estate
  John Wilson, Blanford Roswell & Michael Hopkins of
                                                     Dutch Co.
                                 John Crippen in the goar
  John Williams, Gt B.
                                Abner Dewey, Ptsfd
            11
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  Mark Hopkins, Esq.
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Grover Bud of Dutch Co.

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gdn Thomas Brown of Sandisfield
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802 James Dewey, Pownal, N.H.

21/9/1767

Josiah Dewey of Ministers Grant so called East of Stockbridge

7845 Willard Bates d -/9/1852 Pownal, Vt Mar 1853 Pet of H. L. Dawes of Ad. left wid

4/11/52

creditor

Bond 300

Inv. R.E. in No Ad & Clarksburg \$75.00

11237 Samuel W. P. Hall Pownal 2/5/71 Pet 6/3/71 of Hariet A. Hall of Pown Gdn

for gdn of Samuel W. P. ch of Wanton late of Pown

Harriet Thomas H.) G. F. } kin Addie C. ) E. J.

11844 Sylvester W. Rood

Pet of Maria W. wid & Hylan S. & Ella C.

for A. G. Parker of Pown as adm

to w. Maria A. 1/2

12/9/1867 to 3 youngest ch. viz son Hillard S.

to other ch. Eson E.

dau Ella C. son John W.

Pown

Clarissa S. Mary P.

Nancy J.

11962 Mary E. Myers d. 21/2/74 Pown 7/4/74

Pet of Delos Myers of Pown husb

23/3/84 & Mark Myers & Fredric E. Foster ch. of Mary E.

11968 Mark Myers Gdn b.3/2/74

Pet 23/3/1874 of Delos as Gdn.

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Quaint epitaphs are not necessarily old; this one is from the Dwight Cemetery, Dwight Village, Route 9, Belchertown, MA. This is apparently a wooden marker, inscribed with a wood-burning tool.

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July 21, 1920 - Nov. 11, 1973

Too bad she died. She made such lovely doughnuts.

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

103	109	Sarah J. Kellogg	27				Mass.
		Robert F. Kellogg		M			Mass.
		Julia E. Kellogg	3	F			Mass.
		Willis S. Kellogg	1				Mass.
		Celia E. Kellogg	63	F			Mass.
104	110	Sarah Simpson	66	$\mathbf{F}$			England
		Fanny Moore	30	$\mathbf{F}$			Mass.
		Sarah Moore	24	F			Mass.
		Georgiana Moore	16	F			Mass.
		Mary Yorker	24?	F			N.Y.
105	111	Lucy A. Whiting	60	F		•	Mass.
		Isabelle Whiting	21	F			Mass.
		Catherine Ferris	20	F	В		Mass.
106	112	Washington Bissel	30	M		1	N.Y.
		Charlotte Bissel	26	F		•	Mass.
		Clarence Bissel	4	M			Mass.
		Catharine Garry	22	F			Ireland
106	113	Iona Hulbert	58	M		Farmer	Mass.
		Eliza A. Hulbert	51	F			N.Y.
107	114	Luke B. Miller	41	M		Baker	Mass.
		Caroline Miller	41	F			Conn.
		Alfred Couch	18	M		Baker	Mass.
		Charles Crotty	19	M		Laborer	Ireland
		Asa B. Stevens	26			Peddler	Mass.
108	115	Egbert Couch	30			Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah Couch	27				N.Y.
		Harriet M. Couch		F			Mass.
		Jared N. Hayes	25			Laborer	Conn.
109	116	Elisha Doolittle	32			Merchant	Conn.
		Theresa Doolittle	27				Mass.
		Arthur H. Doolittle	4				Mass.
		George E. Doolittle	9m				Mass.
		Honora Broderick	25?				Ireland
109	117	Horace Holmes	48			Hatter	Mass.
		Martha A. Holmes	31				Mass.
		Herbert E. Holmes		M			Mass.
		Clara E. Holmes	8 m				Mass.
		Delia M. Schutt	21				Mass.
		Orville Holmes	43			Carpenter	Mass.
110	118	Edward Whittier	36			Printer	Mass.
		Maria Whittier	32				Mass.
		Cathaline Whittier		F			Mass.
		Margaret Durffo	20?				Ireland
111	119	Aurelius Gilbert	32			Merchant	Conn'.
		Sophia Gilbert	35				Conn.
		George O.? Gilbert	8	M			Ohio

	Eliza A. Hurlbutt	50	F			Conn.
	Ellen Carmer?	45	F			Ireland
112 120	John D. Cushing	60	M		Editor	Mass.
	Angelina Cushing	50	F			Mass.
	Charlotte Cushing	23				Mass.
	Alice Cushing	15				Mass.
	Ann E. Cushing	12				Mass.
	Charles Gilmore	15				Mass.
	William H. Gould	14				Conn.
	Catherine Grimace?	16	_			N.Y.
					Merchant	N.Y.
113 121	Benjamin F. Durant	55			Merchanc	Conn.
	Lucy A. Durant	45				N.Y.
	Martha B. Durant	19				
	Lucy A. Durant		F			N.Y.
	Frank Durant	5				Mass.
	Mary Hues	35				Ireland
	Andrew L. Hubbell	21			Clerk	Conn.
114 122	Charles B. Crippen	33			Livery	Mass.
	Susan I.? Crippen	29	$\mathbf{F}$			Mass.
	Aaron Crippen	55	M			Mass.
	Mary L. Crippen	46	F			Mass.
	Peter Royl?	20	M			N.J. or N.Y.?
115 122	John P. Perkins	36	M		Physician	Mass.
	Achsah W. Perkins	31	F		-	Mass.
115 123	Jane B. Watson	39	F			Conn.
	Emma V.? Watson	17				Conn.
116 124	Constant Southworth					Conn.
110 11.	Julia M. Southworth	47				Mass.
116 124	Grace Southworth	6				Mass.
110 129	Albert Rogers	20		В		Mass.
	Harriet E. Gibbs	29		_		N.C.
	William Gibbs	4				Cal.
	Ellen Gibbs	1				N.Y.
		21				Ireland
	Jane Taylor	21	r			ITEIANG
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117 125	Joanna Dreskill	65				Ireland
	Owen Dreskill	17			Laborer	Ireland
118 126	Peter Haley	35			Laborer	Ireland
	Mary Haley	35				Ireland
	Michael Haley	13	M			Ireland
	Thomas Haley	11	M			Ireland
	John Haley	9	M			Ireland
	Catharine Haley	7	F			Ireland
	Matthew Haley -	4	M			Ireland
119 127	William O'Hara	38			Laborer	Ireland
	Margaret O'Hara	24				Ireland
120 128	Francis O'Hara	31				Ireland
	Elijah F. Gibbs	27			Merchant	Mass.
	Ellen A. Gibbs	22				Mass.
122 130	Jarvis Jones	41			Tailor	N.Y.
122 130	Elouisa Jones	37				Conn.
	Hannah M. Jones	15				Conn.
	idinian M. Cones	10	-			<b></b>

		Sarah L. Jones		F		Conn.
		Henry Gibbs	18		Tailor	Germany
122	131	Walter Dyer	26?		Coachman	N.Y.
		Corintha Dyer	25?			N.Y.
		Lizzy Dyer		F		N.Y.
123	132	William Bostwick	28	M	Bank Cashier	N.Y.
		Amelia V. Bostwick	25	F		Mass.
		Charles W. Bostwick	1	M		Mass.
		Clara Gibson	30	F		Mass.
		Bridget Burns	26?	F		Ireland
		Ellen Crotty	14	F		Ireland
		William Sayre	17	M	Bank Clerk	N.Y.
124	133	Henry Luka	36	М	Tailor	Germany
		Harriet Luka	37			Mass.
		Dorothy Luka		F		Mass.
		Joseph Pabst	17		Tailor	Germany
125	134	Jacob G. Maddocks	30		Cooper	Mo.
		Elizabeth Maddocks	29			Mo.
		Chester Maddocks	10			Mo.
		Adolphus Maddocks		M		Mo.
		Areste Maddocks	_	M		Mo.
		Peter Roffaniti	23		Making Images	Italy
		Marshall Roffaniti	18		Making Images Making Images	Italy
126	125	Winthrop Robbins	49		Blacksmith	Conn.
120	133	Betsey P. Robbins	50		DIACKSMICH	Mass.
		Frederick Robbins	22		Laborer	Mass.
		Emogene Robbins	24		Laborer	Conn.
		Ernest Robbins	24 4m	r		Mass.
		Ralph Robbins	16	M	Blacksmith	Mass.
		Rosanna Robbins	13		DIACKSMITCH	Mass.
		Daniel Robbins	12			Mass.
		Mary Robbins	10			Mass.
		Susan Robbins		F		
		Emma Robbins		F		Mass.
		Robert McCurdy			Blacksmith	Mass.
126	126	Edward Robbins	35		Blacksmith	Ireland
126	130		25		Blacksmith	Conn.
		Elizabeth Robbins	21			Conn.
		Stanley Robbins		M		Mass.
107	107	Orin Robbins		M	T	Mass.
12/	13/	George I. Kipp	36		Livery	Mass.
		Jane Kipp	32			Mass.
		Mary C. Kipp		F		Mass.
		Frances A. Kipp		F		Mass.
		Ida Kipp		F		Mass.
		Silas Eddy	65		Carpenter	Conn.
128	138	Calvin C. Crane	49		Carpenter	Mass.
		Lucretia Crane	52			N.Y.
	4.5.5	Carrie Crane	24		-	Mass.
129	139	Stephen S. N. Greely			Clergyman C.	N.H.
		Sarah P. Greely	35			N.H.
		Helen E. Greely	14			N.H.
		Frank N. Greely	5			Mass.
		Hannah M. Symmes	24			Mass.
		Ella F. Weed	15	F		R.I.

	Letia O'Neal	10				N.Y.
130 140	George Harris	52			Farmer	Mass.
	Hannah Harris	50				Mass.
	Esther Harris	24	_			Mass.
131 141	Calvin Rood	50			Merchant	Conn.
	Catharine Rood	24				Mass.
	Bridget McCormick	24				Ireland
132 142	Rodney Hill	53				Mass.
	Sarah A. Hill	51				N.Y.
	Catharine Elmendorph	12	F			Mass.
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133 143	Charles T. Kellogg	42			Manufacturer	Mass.
	Louisa Kellogg	38				Mass.
	Frances Kellogg	15	F			Mass.
	George Kellogg	13				Mass.
	Dwight T. Kellogg	10				Mass.
	Mary Kellogg	-	F			Mass.
	Charles Kellogg		M			Mass.
134 144	John Kellogg	69			Farmer	Mass.
	Hopy Kellogg	55				Conn.?
	Fanny Kellogg	36				Mass.
	John Kellogg, Jr.	34			Farmer	Mass.
	Frederick Kellogg	32			Farmer	Mass.
	Susan Corby	18				N.J.
135 145	John Philips	27?			Laborer	Mass.
	Sarah Philips	23?				N.Y.
136 146	Daniel Rood	73				Conn.
	Salome Rood	60				Mass.
	Emma Rood	43				Conn.
	William Campbell	11				N.Y.
136 147	Francis Eddy	37			Tinner?	Mass.
	Nancy Eddy	30				Mass.
	Kate Eddy	10				Mass.
	Catharine Burns	13			_	Ireland
137 148	Augustine Loop	43			Surveyor	N.Y.
	Mary V. Loop	33				Mass.
	Arthur A. Loop	12				Mass.
	Charles E. Loop	10				Mass.
	Augusta M. Loop		F			Mass.
	Lillian A.? Loop		F			Mass.
	Mary Britt	17				Ireland
138 149	Lonson N.Burghardt	43			Shoemaker	Mass.
	Catherine S.Burghard					Germany
	Washington Burghardt	13				Mass.
	Catherine S.Burghard		_		Ch a swala sa	Mass.
120 150	Erastus Havercorn	24			Shoemaker	Germany
	Charles N. Emerson	33			Lawyer	Mass.
•	Jeannie F.? Emerson Edward Emerson	30				N.C.
	Edith Emerson	10				Mass.
	Grace S. Emerson	_	F F			Mass.
	Francis E. Emerson		r M			Mass.
	Alice Emerson		M F			Mass.
	WITCE DWELDON	Z	Г			Mass.

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	Bridget McCarty	23 F		Ireland
	Ellen McCarty	19 F		Ireland
140 151	John L. Dodge	40 M	Bank President	Mass.
	Laura Dodge	40 F		Mass.
	Henry L. Dodge	14 M		Ohio
	Lucy L. Dodge	4 F		Mass.
	John S. Dodge	2 M		Mass.
	Bridget Tearney	18 F		Ireland
	John Dodge	69 M	Farmer	Mass.
	George R. Dodge	28 M	Farmer	Mass.
141 152	Edward Austin	31 M	Sheriff	Mass.
	Mary Austin	33 F		Mass.
	Ada F. Austin	5 F		Mass.
	Margaret Broderick	21 F		Ireland
	Harriet Seymour	19 F		Mass.
	Mary J. Seymour	24 F		Mass.
142 153	Frederick Langsdorf	45 M	Cabinet Maker	Germany
1.0 100	Mary Langsdorf	34 F		Germany
	Frank Langsdorf	11 M		N.Y.
143 154	Lydia W. Rossetor	65 F		Mass.
110 101	Nancy Crossman	52 F		Mass.
	Julia Crossman	25 F		N.Y.?
	Cornelia Crossman	21 F		N.Y.?
	Dorothy Fuzenbeck?	22 F		Germany
	Sarah J. Gabrath	12 F		Ireland
	Mary W. Seymour	60 F		N.Y.
	William W. Seymour	31 M	Clergyman E.	N.Y.
144 155	John D. Noxon	35 M	Blacksmith	N.Y.
	Elizabeth A. Noxon	35 F		Mass.
	Joseph J.? Noxon	10 M		Mass.
	Charles H. Noxon	3 M		Mass.
	Sterling N. Noxon	2 M		Mass.
	William E.? Noxon	6m M		Mass.
	Betsey Shores?	30 F		Ireland
	Charles J. Noxon	20 M		N.Y.
145 156	John Flynn	35 M	Stone Mason	Ireland
	Ann Flynn	28 F		Ireland
	James Flynn	7 M		Mass.
	John Flynn, Jr.	6 M		Mass.
	Michael Flynn	4 M		Mass.
	Mary A. Flynn	2 F		Mass.
	Marcella Flynn	7 F		Mass.
	Peter Shepard	50? M	Laborer	France
146 157	Jerry? Crotty	46 M	Laborer	Ireland
	Margaret Crotty	42 F		Ireland
	Morris Crotty	18 M	Laborer	Ireland
	Mary Crotty	12 F		Ireland
	Margaret Crotty	8 F		Ireland
	Kate Crotty	6 F		Ireland
	James Crotty	2 M		Mass.
147 158	John O'Brien	56 M	Laborer	Ireland
	Mary O'Brien	50 F		Ireland

		Ellen O'Brien	32	E		Ireland
		Mary O'Brien	28	_		Ireland
		Margaret O'Brien	19			Ireland
		Kate O'Brien	17			Ireland
		Patrick McCarty	46	_	Laborer	Ireland
		Lizzy McCarty		F		Ireland
148	159	John Welch	40?		Laborer	Ireland
		Margaret Welch	35?			Ireland
		John Welch, Jr.	15			Mass.
		Thomas Welch	13			Mass.
		Mary Welch	11	F		Mass.
		Kate Welch	9	F		Mass.
		Michael Welch	5	M		Mass.
149	160	Lewis G. Ramsey	39	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Lucinda Ramsey	35	F		N.Y.
		Legrand Ramsey	8	M		Mass.
		Julia Ramsey	7	M		Mass.
		Glovnor? Ramsey	6	M		Mass.
		Grace E. Ramsey	2	F		Mass.
		George F. Ramsey	_	M		Mass.
		Kate Haley	20?	F		Ireland
150	161	Huse Anderson	27		Laborer	Mass.
		Lydia Anderson	24	_		N.Y.
		George Anderson	•	M		Mass.
151	162	Josiah B. Fairchilds			Laborer	Conn.
		Rebecca Fairchilds	24			N.Y.
		Isabelle Fairchilds	4	_		Mass.
		Mary Fairchilds	6	_		Mass.
		Phebe A. Fairchilds	2	_		Mass.
151	163		31		Harness Maker	N.Y.
		Catharine Wilson	30			N.Y.
		William Wilson	9			Conn.
		James E. Wilson	•	M		Conn.
		Charles N. Wilson	5	M		Conn.

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### SEARCHING FOR DESCENDANTS

The Berkshire Historical Society has recently received a donation of an original Revolutionary War muster roll for Captain David Noble's company of Pittsfield volunteers.

Memorial Day weekend they are planning a gathering to display the gift and honor the

Memorial Day weekend they are planning a gathering to display the gift and honor the donor. The Society would like to locate as many living descendants of those on the roll as possible, who are:

Captain David Noble John Corbin Caleb Goodrich Wenham Strong	Aaron Stiles Joel Dickinson Timothy Miller	Richard Baseter Ebenezer Wright James Easton	Thomas Taylor Nathan Dillano Charles Belding
Wenham Strong	Joel Osborn	Joseph Easton	Timothy Childs
Zebediah Stiles	William Scott	Joseph Cotton	•

If you are a descendant you may contact Peri Caverly at pbcaverly@aol.com>, or, Call (413) 684-3687.

### QUERY SECTION

### Roger N. Anderson, Editor

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#### GOODRICH

Moses GOODRICH b 1751/2, d 1823 Pittsfield, m Asenath, who d 1831 Pittsfield. Family resided Pittsfield 1780s through 1820s. Children: Elizabeth, Betsey, Moses, Abner, Elijah, Charles, Lois. Moses served in Revolutionary War in Capt. David Noble's company in 1775. Who are Moses' and Asenath's parents and where were they born?

Carole McCarty, 39w809 Crosscreek Lane, St. Charles, IL 60175

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### **GRIFFIN-BAKER**

George GRIFFIN was listed on the 1790 census of Lee, MA. The listing included a male and a female 16-45 years of age. In "The Vital Records of Western Massachusetts CD" when his name is entered it is posted to a BAKER household under "The Lanesboro, Massachusetts Methodist Church Records." An article in the now defunct "Downeast Ancestry Magazine" titled "From Whence They Came" states that George GRIFFIN came to Northport, Waldo County, ME from the Lee/Lenox, MA area in 1800. About 1812 he removed to Searsmont, Waldo County, and both eventually died there ca 1850. A son Jacob GRIFFIN was interviewed many years later at 90 years of age by an associate of a Belfast, ME newspaper and added that his father was a revolutionary soldier and passed away "at a good old age." Would like to communicate with any individuals having more information on this family.

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### STEVENS-FULLER-BROWN

Samuel STEVENS b 1711 and d Dec 1, 1760. When living in Richmond, MA had ten children, the fifth was Elisha b Aug 7, 1737. He lived for a time in Richmond. He m 1770 in Killingworth, CT Lois Fuller, the daughter of Jeremiah and Bethiah FULLER. They had a farm near Richmond. A son Elisha STEVENS, Jr. bap Sep 22, 1785 in Richmond. He m (int) at Stockbridge, Mar 3, 1803 Margaret BROWN. Request info on the BROWN family, the names of Margaret's mother and father, birth dates, siblings, etc. I have no info on this BROWN family. Margaret and Elisha, Jr. emigrated from Richmond to Portage Co., OH in 1808 and had eight children.

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### DARK SUNDAY

Queens County New Brunswick

The eeriest natural phenomenon during those early years was Dark Sunday. Sunday, November 7, 1819, was so dark it was impossible to see the distance of a yard ahead in the middle of the afternoon. It seemed as though a black veil had spread across the sun. People burned candles all day and churches, which had no artificial lighting in those days, were forced to cancel their services. In addition, rain fell all afternoon and evening. Needless to say, a fear of the unknown was everywhere, sometimes approaching absolute terror. Many believed the end of the world had come. The next day the sun rose as usual and everything was back to normal, but reports showed that the darkness had prevailed over most of New Brunswick. No damage had been done and there was no loss of life. Scientists have never been able to explain this phenomenon.

### GUIDE TO INTERPRETATION OF THE 1855 MASSACHUSETTS CENSUS

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

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

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

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

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