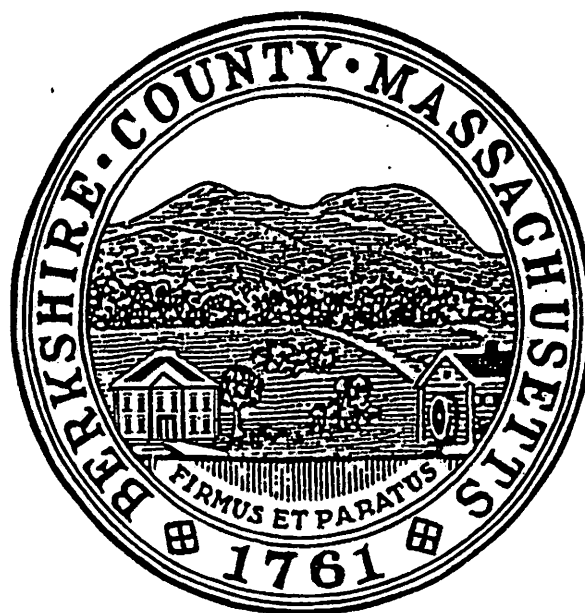


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GOING DIGITAL: NEW ACCESS TO THE EDWARD R. KNUROW MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

By Kathleen M. Reilly, Local History Supervisor, The Berkshire Athenaeum

The son of polish immigrants John & Eleanor Knurowski, Edward R. Knurow was born in 1909 in Marlboro, MA, the eldest of 7 children. He spent most of his career employed by the Mass. Dept. of Conservation as Natural Resources Officer of the Pittsfield district, and died January 30, 1997 in Connecticut, where he and his wife had relocated in their later years.

Beginning in 1946, when he was assigned to the Pittsfield District of the U.S. Natural Resources Department, and continuing for over 30 years, Ed Knurow, who always referred to himself as a Game Warden, explored areas of western Massachusetts that few others have ever seen. In his treks through the back roads and woodlands of the Pittsfield District, which also included the towns of Hancock, Lanesboro, Windsor, Dalton, Peru, Hinsdale and Washington, Knurow discovered old graveyards, cellar holes, abandoned buildings, sites of taverns, saw and grist mills, and nearly obliterated roads and pikes, some dating back to Colonial days. "My interest in these things," Knurow is quoted as saying in a Berkshire Eagle article from 1972, "stems from the days we worked without radios and patrolled the district on foot. I felt that I should get to know the district as well as possible, and that was a large order. I always carried a map with me, and when I found roads or traces of roads that weren't on the map I plotted them. This involved consulting town records, and one thing would lead to another." Over the years, Knurow's interest and curiosity resulted in the accumulation of literally a room full of thick binders, map cases, photographs and boxes "3 deep on the floor" in his Lanesboro home. He traveled throughout Massachusetts and adjoining states to research the mysteries of his finds in the woods. Often he would spend a week at a time, at his own expense, tracking down obscure bits of information at the Massachusetts State Archives. After his retirement in 1972, he traveled even further a field, to western New York State, Ohio, Illinois and beyond, curious to discover what had become of early western Massachusetts residents after they moved westward.

In the mid 1980s, when Knurow and his wife moved to Connecticut with their daughter, his collection, which he had indicated to numerous friends, was to go to the Pittsfield Library and the Berkshire Historical Society, surfaced in the possession of a used bookstore, with a high price placed on each volume. The Athenaeum was able to acquire only two volumes of Pittsfield materials at that time. Over the years however, much of the original collection has found its way back to us. 15 volumes were donated by Arthur Bastien, some 2000 loose photos plus some unbound and large format materials that he had initially retained were given to the library by Knurow himself, and finally, 35 volumes and a portfolio of maps were donated by Judy Rupinski.

The first 17 volumes that the Athenaeum owned received little use for many years due to the difficulties involved in searching 1000s of pages of manuscript material. In 1995 the Berkshire Family History Association began the process of creating a name index to those volumes resulting in increased demand for use of the materials. After the donation of the final 35 volumes and their subsequent indexing, completed in 1999, the demand for use of the collection increased dramatically. Researchers began using this material for historical, personal, genealogical, cultural and social research. Scarcely a week passed without the Local History staff hearing cries of joy as a patron found long-sought and obscure information in the pages of these volumes. A photograph of an historic house since torn down, the burial site of a long dead ancestor, the specific location of an old road or tavern, documentation of the relocation of a town boundary, the movement of a

building or a cemetery, the name change of a street, are but a few examples of the types of answers researchers have found in these pages.

Because it is part of the Athenaeum's mission to ensure the availability of information and materials for independent, self directed learning, the staff was committed to continuing to offer access to this remarkable collection. However, as it is also part of our mandate to preserve these materials for the future, as the collection began to deteriorate with use, these two aspects of our mission become continually more oppositional. Unfortunately, with the increased use, to preserve the fragile manuscript collection it became necessary to prohibit photocopying and researchers were forced to be content with note taking. Athenaeum staff continued to care for the collection, doing repairs, sorting oversized maps into map files and processing photos and negatives into archival storage boxes. Our patrons continued to make fantastic discoveries using Knurow's manuscript materials, but were often disappointed with being unable to obtain a copy of a map, photograph, clipping or other coveted material.

Finally, in 2004 the Library began to pursue grant-funding to assure the permanent preservation of the collection while simultaneously providing state of the art digital access to the information it contains. Because of the size of the Knurow Collection and the nature of its use, much consideration was given to the best way to proceed with providing for its preservation while at the same time offering full access to the wealth of information it contains. Initially, we looked at having the entire collection microfilmed and then providing access through user copies of the film. There were many factors, however, that made this solution less than ideal. Satisfactory reproductions of the detailed photographs in the collection would not be available; pages written in blue ink or pencil would be difficult to reproduce; the meaning of the various colors Knurow used on a given page would be lost; color photos would only be available as black and white images; patrons doing extensive research in the collection would find themselves changing roll after roll of microfilm to find references scattered throughout this massive collection. The list goes on.

Meanwhile, as Athenaeum staff had been working with digital scanning for access to our photo collections over the past two years, it became increasingly evident that if we could make scans of each page of the Knurow Collection and store them on the computers by volume and page number, then patrons would be able to continue to use the master index database to find references in the collection but, instead of requesting the material one book at a time from the vault and then having to take hand copied notes of the information found, they would be able to simply locate the image of the page on the computer with just a few mouse clicks. The desired page could then be quickly printed out. This approach however, would not assure the long term preservation of the collection. Continuing to search for solutions, we learned of the studies conducted at Yale and Cornell concerning the use of Computer Output Microfilm (COM). The idea of scanning the collection for access and then making microfilm from the scans for preservation solved all of the problems outlined above.

As a result of these considerations, we developed a strategy for a hybrid approach to dealing with the needs of this collection, merging the access benefits of digital technology with the time tested technique of microfilming for long term preservation. For permanent preservation purposes, the original documents would be re-housed according to accepted archival standards and microfilm of the entire collection would be created. For access purposes, digital scans of each manuscript page would be made. Those scans would then be loaded onto computers in the Local History Department, with volume and page number from the current arrangement of the collection attached to each scanned image. Using the existing index created by the Berkshire Family History

Association, researchers would be able to quickly access a scan of any page in the collection. The 2000 loose photographs would be sent out for production of 4x5 archival negatives, which would then be scanned to provide access to those images on the Library's computers as well.

In the summer of 2004 the Athenaeum learned that its application for LSTA grant funding had been approved by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and that the project was set to move forward in the fall of 2004. Subsequently, two vendors were chosen to perform the different phases of the project, with Chicago Albumen Works of Housatonic creating the archival negatives for the 2000 photographs and Backstage Library Works of Orem, Utah undertaking the scanning of the manuscript collection and creation of TIFF, JPEG and PDF digital files along with the production of the microfilm for long term preservation. The project turned out to be more labor intensive than either Library staff or the vendor had anticipated, but was finally completed in December of 2005. Nearly 35,000 images were created from the manuscript pages and have now been installed on the computers in the Local History Department.

Accessing the Edward R. Knuow Manuscript Collection is now a simple and streamlined process. Using the index, the researcher performs name searches for the individual(s) sought and either prints the search or "parks" it at the bottom of the computer screen. Locating the references found in the index is accomplished by simply opening the indicated volume with a click of the mouse and selecting the needed page number from the bookmarks menu on the left of the screen. Pages can then be printed on the laser printer for an onsite fee of \$.10/page. Due to its massive size and the nature of some of the included materials, the Knuow Collection is not available via the internet. BFHA members can obtain access using the 2 hours of research that are part of their membership benefits. Consideration is currently being given to the possibility of making the index to the collection available on the BFHA website. Members should watch for updates on this issue.

Preservation of the materials in this and other manuscript collections is of primary importance, but preservation alone results in the severe limitation of public access to the documentation of our past that they provide. The production of digital scans for daily access, microfilm for assurance of long term preservation, and archival negatives and scans of the 2000 individual photographs has assured the preservation of this collection for the future while simultaneously allowing visitors from around the world to enjoy unrestricted access to the images and documents contained in the collection, without risk to the originals. We hope this project may provide a model for preservation and access for similar manuscript collections.

Acknowledgements are extended to: The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners who awarded the Athenaeum a \$40,000 LSTA Grant to undertake this project; The Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Athenaeum for matching funds and for their ongoing commitment to assuring the preservation of the Library's archival collections, and to Athenaeum Director Ron Latham for his continued encouragement and advice; The Berkshire Family History Association for financial support and BFHA president Don Lutes for the Herculean task of indexing the manuscript collection; the staff and volunteers of the Local History Department of the Athenaeum who labored (and continue to labor!) tirelessly to make this project a reality, from the original design phase to the present phase of implementation; and to our project vendors who provided invaluable advice and expertise along with their services: Chicago Albumen Works of Housatonic, MA for their work in creating archival negatives for the 2000 loose photos and Backstage Library Works of Orem, UT for the scanning of the manuscript collection, processing of scans into usable format and creation of computer output microfilm for permanent preservation. ■

BERKSHIRE MILITIA AT PEEKSKILL

By Brian S. Barrett¹

During July 1776, five Berkshire militia companies responded to an alarm at Peekskill, New York. Officials there and General George Washington called this alarm when five British ships sailed up the Hudson River from New York City. While these ships sailed no further than Peekskill, they lingered nearby for about two weeks and harassed patriots during their stay. The mission of the Berkshire men was to help guard the eastern shore of the Hudson River near Peekskill.

Egbert Benson, a Dutchess County official, wrote the letter shown in Figure 1. His letter, written just ten days after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, described the need for troops to defend forts in the Hudson Highlands and a pass near Peekskill at Anthony's Nose. Mr. Benson was chairman of the Committee of Safety in Dutchess County and a member of the New York Provincial Convention. He reached out to his counterpart, Colonel Joshua Portor, in nearby Litchfield County, Connecticut, because Tories were dominant in Dutchess County. These Tories were armed and hostile and anxious to join the British invaders.

Unfortunately, Colonel Portor previously dispatched his own troops to Fort Ticonderoga, so he passed the buck to his friend, Brigadier General John Fellows, of Sheffield, Massachusetts. Portor's letter, shown in Figure 2, was a request to send the Berkshire militia to Anthony's Nose. He included a copy of Benson's letter (Figure 1) so that General Fellows would understand the urgency of the situation.

General Fellows wrote the letter shown in Figure 3 to General George Washington while in Peekskill on July 18. Fellows took Portor's request seriously and he activated about 250 militiamen in Colonel Mark Hopkins' Regiment. How Fellows came to be in Peekskill without his brigade is explained in this letter, but how he ordered the 1st Berkshire to march is not. To arrive in Peekskill on July 18, he probably left Sheffield on horseback on July 13. His statement, that his "Brigade was not ready to march," supports his July 15th departure. It was likely he sent an express rider to Great Barrington with the alarm as soon as he learned about the ships. But Peekskill was quite a jaunt for the Berkshire brigade. Typically, troops marched about twenty miles per day and Peekskill was about 100 miles away. This meant they would arrive at Peekskill about five days later on July 20.

The total patriot force at Peekskill described in the July 18 letter from New York officials is shown in Figure 4. The main body of Berkshire men, among others, was said to be in the Peekskill camp on July 18. The letter emphasizes the count of men at the camp and suggests that 1200 men will arrive by night. It further described a pending meeting to plan overall defense strategy. There's no doubt that Fellows attended this meeting and conferred with militia officers and New York officials about defense strategy but it was unlikely any of his brigade was at the meeting. Why did New York officials state that Fellows' brigade was there when it was not? This information was sure to reach the British in an atmosphere infested with spies. Patriot strategy was a ruse to make the British believe that patriot forces were larger than they actually were.

The letter shown in Figure 5 concerns the pay for the Berkshire men. In it, General Fellows appealed to the Massachusetts General Court to compensate his men. This letter provides insight into the irregular system of paying the militia. While New York officials authorized money to pay the men who responded to the Peekskill alarm, the Massachusetts men were not paid. One can only speculate on the reason, but it may have been that Fellows

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technically responded to the request of Connecticut's Colonel Portor, not New York officials.

The men of the 1st Berkshire must have cheered when they learned the General Court resolved to pay them. The men were to be compensated at Continental Army subsistence rates to boot! That meant that privates were paid about two pounds and officers four to six pounds, depending on rank and service period. Their pay included travel "out and back" home. Figure 6 is a transcription of the resolution and a directive to Berkshire militia officers to submit their pay rolls.

When 250 Berkshire men set out for Peekskill in July 1776, they left ripening crops behind them and risked their lives for freedom. These men made the five-day march to Peekskill because they were worried about the New York Tories gaining momentum. British ships that sailed to Peekskill increased anxieties and General John Fellows called out his men to keep them in check. While the Berkshire men spent only fifteen days on the alarm at Peekskill they made a good show of force. No doubt, they helped discourage the British from any designs on Berkshire County.

Figure 1. Letter from Egbert Benson to Joshua Portor

Dutchess County July --- 1776
Gentlemen

I have this Instant Received an Express from Gen'l Washington informing that some ships of war & Tender had passed the City of New York & Sailed up Hudson's River with design (as) is Supposed to take Possession of the Forts In the high Lands, and directing me to write to you Requesting you to March Immediately with what force you Can Collect to these Posts, particularly to where the Post-road between Albany & New York crosses the Mountain Called Anthony's Nose - you will please prepare an Exact Return of the Number of men you take with you.

I am your Humble Sevt
Egbert Benson Chairman
of the Genl Committee

To Commanding officers of the Militia In the Western Towns of Connecticut.

Note: This letter was transcribed by Brian S. Barrett. Although the date is illegible, it is probable it was written July 13 or 14.

Figure 2. Alarm to Rally the Berkshire Militia

Salisbury (Connecticut) July 16th 1776
Sir

This Instant have Received a Letter from the committee of Dutchess County [and the Copy of which you will see Within] Desiring [sic] to have the militia Raised at the Western Part of Connecticut. Hope you will Be good enough to Join us as soon as Possible with what many as Can be Raised

I am your Humble Sevt
Jshua Portor

To Brigadier Gen'l Fellows of Sheffield

Note: Joshua Portor was Lt. Col. of 14th regiment of Connecticut Militia, manager of Salisbury Foundry in 1777, and inspector of gunpowder in 1777.

Note: Transcribed by Brian S. Barrett on Feb. 10, 2003 from document in Massachusetts Archives, v182 p379. Since General Fellows ordered out 1/3 of the 1st Berkshire on July 15, it is believed Lt. Col. Portor's letter was postdated to July 16, but was actually written on July 14, 1776.

Figure 3. Letter from General John Fellows to General George WashingtonHead Quarters Peekskill 18th July 1776

Sir

On the 15th I Received the inclosed c(opy) which is post dated -- and altho I have the honor of a (Colonian) appointment to serve in the Army under the immediate command of your Excellency. But as my Brigade was not then ready to march, I thought I might render my Country some service by repairing hither. I accordingly ordered Col Hopkins to march with one third part of his Regmt and came here myself with all possible Dispatch where I shall continue until I receive further Orders from your Excellency

As to the state of our affairs here the Enemy's Shipping lies about 8 or 9 miles below (this) in a very wide Part of the River where it is impossible that should be damaged from the shore.

I have viewed Fort Constitution and I am sorry to (advise) that the Garrison there appears to be a very defenseless State. The works under the (largest) Cannon Nine pounders & there is a height of Land on the west side the River within point blank shot of the fort unoccupied & which will greatly Annoy the Fort should the Enemy get Possession of it. The Garrison is badly armed and thinly manned. I have ordered there a Reinforcement of three hundred Men. Should the Enemy send any inconsiderable number of Men into this River, I have no doubt it will be very necessary that a considerable force should be stationed there.

I have not yet viewed Fort Montgomery [sic] but am this moment going there to assist at a Council of War. The Result of which will be immediately transmitted to your Excellency.

*I am Sir with the greatest Esteem,
Your Excellency's most
& Very humble Servent
John Fellows Br Genl*

*P.S. I imagine by Brigade will begin their March generally next Week ____
To Gen George Washington
Headquarters New York*

Note: Transcribed by Brian S. Barrett on Feb. 10, 2003

Figure 4. report from New York Officials About Phantom Berkshire Regiment

Gentlemen: ...We proceeded, in consequence of your orders up the (Hudson) river. When we came to Croton, found the ships anchored in Haverstraw Bay. ...Soon after, General Ten Broeck, from Dutchess, and General Fellows, from Massachusetts, arrived, with part of their brigades, and many more are on their march. We sent an express last evening to General Clinton, to send for Colonel Clinton to meet us at Fort Montgomery at ten o'clock this morning. to confer with us and Generals Ten Broeck and Fellows in order to form a general plan of operation. The returns are not properly made out as yet, by conclude there are about six hundred men now here, and expect there will be, by night, twelve hundred...

From, gentlemen, your very humble servants,

Pierre Van Cortlandt,

Zeph.. Platt.

To the Hon. the Representatives th e State of New-York

Note: Excerpt copied from American Archives by Peter Force, 5th series, v1 p422.

Figure 5. Letter from General John Fellows to Massachusetts General Court

To the Hon'ble the Council and House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled

Humbly Sheweth John Fellows Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of Berkshire, that on or about the fifteenth day of July last I Received an Express from Col'n Portor Commander of the Militia of the Western Parts of the State of Connecticut that some Ships of War and Tenders having passed up the North River to Take Possession of the Forts at the Highlands and Ravage the Country thereabout as was supposed, and Desired My Assistance therein with what Men I Could Raise -

Upon Consideration of the premisses and Knowing the Impossibility of having Timely Instructions from the Council in the Matter I thought fit to Issue My Orders to the first Regiment of the Brigade to March with one third Part of said Regiment to the Highlands of New York and there serve until further orders, and the Necessity of the case should Require, which Orders Being Punctually (Performed) with all Possible Expiditeness, and alertness, by both Officers and Men for the Space of fifteen days in the Most Busy Time in the Year as to Country Business (harvest), think it Reasonable that they should be Paid for their Services.

Wherefore your Petiti'r Preys that the Hon'ble Court would consider the Premisses and Grant a Reasonable Reward to them thus serving. I having no Order of Council therein. Notwithstanding as your Known Wisdom will Direct, and your Petitioner is Duty Bound will Ever Pray

Signed John Fellows

Sheffield May -- 6th 1777

Note: Transcribed by Brian S. Barrett on July 23, 2003 from Massachusetts Archives v182 p379.

Figure 6. Resolution of Massachusetts General Court to Pay Berkshire Militia

RESOLVE ON THE PETITION OF BRIGADIER JOHN FELLOWS.

On The Petition of Brigadiere Fellows Praying that ye Miletia of ye first Regt: of ye County of Berkshire who marched to ye Highlands in the State of New York July ye 15th 1776, on an alarm may be Paid for their services.

Resolved that ye Prayer of the Petition be Granted, and that there be Paid out of the Publick Treasury of this State to the several officers and men who served, agreeable to such Establishment as then subsisted for ye support and Pay of the Continental Army. And the several officers of the several companys who served are Directed to make up their Pay Roles agreeable to said Establishment, and lay them before the Committe on Pay Roles, for Examination and allowance properly authenticated on oath. [Passed June 18.]

Note: This resolution was copied from Chapter 69 of Massachusetts Acts and Resolves 1777-78.

ROLL OF MEN IN CAPTAIN GEORGE KING'S COMPANY - 1st BERKSHIRE

NAME	RANK	DATE	NAME	RANK	DATE
King, George	Capt	Jul 15-Aug 5	Crippen, Hosea		Jul 15-Aug 2
Vining, Richard	Sergt	"	Derby Jr, George	"	"
Hubbard, Abijah	Fifer	"	Griffis, Daniel	"	"
Baldwin, Benjamin	Pvt	"	Hurlbert, Abijah	"	"
Finch, Isaac	"	"	Hurlburt, Joshua	"	"
Hubbard, Nathaniel	"	"	Johnson, Robert	"	"
Kibbe, David	"	"	Kelcey, Ruben	"	"
Kibbe, John	"	"	Milk, Jonathan	"	"
Lee, Warham	Luit	Jul 15-Aug 4	Noble, Nathaniel	"	"
Cowles, Benjamin	Sergt	"	Pixley, Isaac	"	"
Dibble, Samuel	"	"	Pope, Ichabod	"	"
Huggins, John	"	"	Sperry, Nathan	"	"
Noble, Enoch	"	"	Stillwell, Daniel	"	Jul 15-Aug 2
Pior, Thomas	"	"	Spalding, Theophilus	Ens	Jul 15-31
Royce, Jesse	"	"	Campbell, William	Corp	"
Taylor, Micah	"	"	Noble, Hezekiah**	Corp	"

Warner, Benajah	Sergt	Jul 15-Aug 4	Austen, Elijah	Pvt	Jul 15-31
Bacon, Israel	Corp	"	Burrill, Arraham	"	"
Cleveland, Lemuel	"	"	Bush, Daniel	"	"
Loomiss, Zadok	"	"	Callender, Abner	"	"
Goodrich, Joseph	"	"	Chirchill, Joseph	"	"
Callender, Ezekiel	Fifer	"	Hatch, Benjamin	"	"
Beach, Ira	Fifer	"	Joshlin, Lindsey	"	"
Betts, David	Pvt	"	La Barron, Joshua	"	"
Bush, Asahel	"	"	Marvin, Silas	"	"
Callender, Reuben	"	"	Palmer, William	"	"
Case, Ephraim	"	"	Patterson, Charles	"	"
Church, Rueben	"	"	Roach, William	"	"
Cook, Joseph	"	"	Ruff, Daniel	"	"
Dutcher, Christopher	"	"	Speldwin, Jonathan	"	"
Ferre, John	"	"	Spoor, Derick	"	"
Heath, Simeon	"	"	Whipple, Joseph***	"	"
Humphrey, Robert	"	"	Wooding, Amos	"	"
Layrd, Samuel	"	"	Worn, Jacob	"	"
Mead, Jesse	"	"	Worn, Samuel	"	Jul 15-31
Osborn, Nathan	"	"	Burchard, Jonath'n	"	Jul 15-30
Owen, Nathaniel	"	"	Pixley, William	Luit	"
Palmer, Uriah	"	"	Cleveland, Lemuel	Pvt	"
Pratt, Jacob	"	"	Freeman, Silas	"	"
Ramerly, William	"	"	Hopkins, Icabod	"	"
Ransford, Solomon	"	"	Pixley, Hall	"	"
Tracy, Solomon	"	"	Pixley, Moses	"	"
Triscut, Ebenezer	"	"	Van Doser, John	"	Jul 15-29
Welden, James	"	"	Austin, Samuel	"	Jul 15-27
Williams, Warham	"	"	Gains, Judah	"	"
Worn, Benoni	"	"	Hall, Elnathan	"	"
Callender, David	Pvt	Jul 15-Aug 3	Kellogg, Ebenezer	"	"
Brunson, William	Luit	Jul 15-Aug 2	Mix, Amos	"	"
Hopkins, Ehud	Sergt	"	Sacket, King	"	"
Smith, Blodget	Sergt	"	Sage, Selah	"	"
Crippen, Ezra	Corp	"	Taylor, Aaron	"	Jul 15-27
Barret, Eleazer	Pvt	Jul 15-Aug 2			

Total(Jul 15-Aug5)=8 Total(Jul 15-Aug4)=40 Total(Jul 15-Aug2)=18 Total(Jul 15-31)=23 Total(Jul 15-30)=8 Total(Jul 15-27)=8
 Total(Other)=2
 Total = 103

Notes: ** 190 miles out and home

*** 180 miles out and home

Transcribed by Brian S. Barrett from a pay roll of Capt George King's Great Barrington Co at Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary War, Volume 2, Page 169 and Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War.

ROLL OF MEN IN CAPTAIN EPHRAIM FITCH'S COMPANY - 1ST BERKSHIRE COUNTY MILITIA AT THE HIGHLANDS OF NEW YORK ON JULY 15, 1776

NAME	RANK	DATE	NAME	RANK	DATE
Ephraim Fitch	Capt.	Jul 15-Aug 4	Layman, Cornelius	Pvt	Jul 15-Aug 3
Holcomb, Michael	Lt	"	Layman, William	"	"
Loomiss, Zadok	Corpl	"	Loomiss, Andrew, Jr	"	"
Wright, Benjamin	Pvt	"	James Orcut	"	"
Corbin, Moses	Sergt	Jul 15-Aug 3	Peter Orcut	"	"
Read, Daniel	Sergt	"	Trimain, Daniel	"	"
Loomiss, Benjamin	Corpl	"	Trimain, Solomon	"	"
John Kellogg	Fifer	"	Tullar, Joel	"	"
Carner, Andrew	Pvt	"	Winchel, Hezekiah	"	"

Crippen, Hosea	Pvt	Jul 15-Aug 2	Winchel, Joseph	Pvt	Jul 15-Aug 3
Benjamin Dailey	"	Jul 15-Aug 3	Comestock, Samuel	"	Jul 15-25
John Fitch	"	"	Samuel Dailey	"	"
Holenbeg, Ephraim	"	"	Loomiss, Andrew	"	"
Joyner, Robert	"	"	Messenger, Nehemiah	"	"
Joyner, William	"	"	Oliver Prior	Pvt	Jul 15-26
Kellogg Jr, Timothy	"	"	Phelps, Jonah	"	Jul 15-29
Kellogg, Loomis	Pvt	Jul 15-Aug 3	Sage, Allen	"	Jul 15-31

Total (Jul 15-Aug 4) = 2 Total (Jul 15-Aug 3) = 23 Total (Jul 15-25) = 5 misc = 2 Total Men=34

Transcribed by Brian S. Barrett from a pay roll of Capt. Ephraim Fitch's Egremont Company, allowed June 20, 1777. Source: Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary War, Volume 19, Page 61 and Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War.

**ROLL OF MEN IN CAPTAIN ZENAS WHEELER'S COMPANY, COLONEL HOPKINS'S
BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGIMENT AT THE HIGHLANDS OF NEW YORK; ENLISTED JULY 15,
1776; DISCHARGED AUGUST 4, 1776**

NAME	RANK	DATE	NAME	RANK	DATE
Zenas Wheeler	Capt	Jul 15- Aug 4	Harman, Eli	Lieut	Jul 15- Aug 1
Beament, Reuben	Sgt	Jul 15- Aug 4	Johnson, Jacob*	Sgt	Jul 15- Aug 1
Canfield, Gideon	Sgt	Jul 15- Aug 4	Knap, Ezra	Corp'l	Jul 15- Aug 1
Hoyt, Jedediah	Sgt	Jul 15- Aug 4	Adams, Davenport	Pvt	Jul 15- Aug 1
Jackson, Joshua	Corp'l	Jul 15- Aug 4	Baldwin, David	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Collar, Isaac	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Barber, Samuel	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Hide, John	"	"	Blackmore, Joseph	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Chapin, Amos	Pvt	Jul 15- Aug 4	Cooke, Joseph	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Cornish, Gabriel	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Dodge, John	Pvt	Jul 15- Aug 1
Deen, Zebediah	"	"	Foskitt, Joshua	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Fitch, Joseph	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Hermon, Asa	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Hall, Elisha.	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Huggins, Joseph	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Herrick, John *	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Huxley, Dan	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Norton, John	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	King, Amos	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Norton, Phineas	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Parish, Ebenezer	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Shelden, Asa	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Post, Gideon	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Shelden, Elisha	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Ransford, Thomas	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
Ward, Jabez	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	Sheepherd, Solomon	"	"
Post, Gideon, jr	Fifer	Jul 15- Aug 4	Spaldin, Uriah	"	Jul 15- Aug 1
			Taft, Robert	"	"
			Wright, Ebenezer	"	Jul 15- Aug 1

Total (Jul 15- Aug 4) = 19 Total (Jul 15- Aug 1) = 21

Total men= 40

Note: *224 miles out and home

Transcribed from MS&S CD Rom on Jan 22, 2004 and Massachusetts Archives Muster and Pay Rolls, vol. 24, p 70.

**ROLL OF MEN IN CAPTAIN SAMUEL WALCOTT'S COMPANY - 1ST BERKSHIRE COUNTY
MILITIA AT THE HIGHLANDS OF NEW YORK ON JULY 15, 1776**

NAME	RANK	DATE	NAME	RANK	DATE
Samuel Walcott	Capt	Jul 16- Aug 5	Thomas Bates	Corp'l	Jul 16- Aug 1
Nicklas Bond	Segt	"	Roger Underwood	Corp'l	"
Adams, William	Corp'l	"	Hezchiah Wright	"	"
Abel Bush	"	"	Ezra Allen	"	"
Nathaniel Bosworth	Pvt	"	Samuel Allen	"	"
Thomas Cauch	"	"	Obediah Deland	"	"
Daniel Critinton	"	"	Nathaniel Doud	"	"
Frances Hale	"	"	Nathaniel Gilbert	"	"
Charles Kilburn	"	"	Samuel Holdings	"	"
William Manley	"	"	Eli Hubert	"	"
Drake Mills	"	"	Hurd, Daniel	"	"
Philip Moody	"	"	John Puket	"	"
Elisha Sage	"	"	Lot Smith	"	"
Amos Spring	"	"	James Smith	"	"
Charles Wright	"	"	Jacob Wedster	"	"
Thomas Ward	"	Jul 16- Aug 5	Ebenezer Wilcox	"	"
Samuel Sage	Corp'l	Jul 16- Aug 4	Abel Wilcox	"	Jul 16- Aug 1
Nathan Spekman	Pvt	"	Elisha Kilburn	"	Jul 16- 28
Joseph Smith	"	Jul 16- Aug 4	Porter, Simeon	"	"
Josiah Stillman	Luit	Jul 16- Aug 1	Ranne, Willet	"	"
Jabez Coudery	Corp'l	Jul 16- Aug 1	Joel Smith	Pvt	Jul 16- 28

Total (Jul 16- Aug 5) = 16 Total (Jul 16- Aug 4) = 3 Total (Jul 16- Aug 1) = 19
Total (Jul 16- 28) = 4 Total = 42

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**ROLL OF MEN IN CAPTAIN NOAH LANKTON'S COMPANY - 1ST BERKSHIRE COUNTY MILITIA
AT THE HIGHLANDS OF NEW YORK ON JULY 15, 1776**

NAME	RANK	DATE	NAME	RANK	DATE
Noah Lankton	Capt.	Jul 15- Aug 4	David Bewer	Pvt	Jul 15-31
Elijah Warren	Luit.	"	John Chadwick Esq	"	"
Solomon Heath	"	"	John Chadwick Jr	"	"
Ebenezer Chadwick	"	"	Isaac Heath	Luit	"
Jehu Ramsdale	Corpl.	"	Joel Walker	Segt.	"
Noah Taylor	Fifer	"	Thaddeus Graves	"	"
Asa Allen	Pvt	"	Thomas Danford	Pvt	"

Josiah Bushnel	Pvt	Jul 15-Aug 4	Samuel Fuller	Pvt	Jul 15-31
Joseph Chapen	"	"	Solomen Gafield	"	"
Abraham Collins	"	"	Will Hale	"	"
Matthew Dunham	"	"	Hezekiah Joslin*	"	"
Ezra Fuller	"	"	David Orten*	"	"
Simon Heath	"	"	Thomas Robens*	"	"
Ebenezer Rawey	"	"	Reubin Rockwood*	"	"
Callender, Reuben	"	"	Joseph Sibley	"	"
Samuel Rust	"	"	Ebenezer Spring	"	"
Joseph Williams	"	Jul 15- Aug 4	David Taulcutt	"	"
Nathaniel Bradley	"	Jul 15-31	Elisha Tayler	"	Jul 15-31
Joseph Brewer	"	"			

Total (Jul 15- Aug 4) = 17 Total (Jul 15- 31) = 20

Total = 37

Note: * 252 miles out and home

Transcribed by Brian S. Barrett from a pay roll of Capt. Noah
Lankton's Tyrington Company. Source: Massachusetts
Archives, Revolutionary War, Volume 20, Page 203 and MS&S.

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CROSIER REUNIONS

From the *Sunday Morning Call*, August 29, 1889, p.8.

A large delegation from Becket attended the reunion of the Crosier family at Washington last week, a good many of them being relatives, and all agree that in numbers, enthusiasm and a good social time the last one excelled all predecessors. These people, who take so much pains, to say nothing about the expense, for creating a holiday where not only their relatives, but the peasantry of the surrounding towns can come together for a days' social enjoyment, desire to be recognized as they really are. The good speaking which they listen to with earnest attention and the greetings on such occasions, make those gatherings eagerly looked for and the words of congratulation with good wishes for the Crosier family, find universal expression.

Miss Cora Alderman, of West Springfield, and a lady friend, stopped at William M. Geer's on her return from the Crosier reunion.

From the *Pittsfield Sun*, March 3, 1904, p.1.

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Charles Crosier, to the number of 20, met at his home in Washington on Monday, to help him celebrate his twenty-first birthday. Mr. Crosier is one of the leap-year boys who never grow old, and at the age of 88 years, is hale and hearty, and hustling for the taxes.

He was born in Peru, the fourth of a family of nine children, of whom himself and his youngest brother, Reuben Crosier, of Springfield, are all who remain. At the reunion there were representatives from Mittineague, Huntington, Becket, Washington and Hartford. They enjoyed an old-fashioned straw-ride, going through drifts of snow eight or ten feet deep, from Becket station to the old homestead. At 2 o'clock a bountiful repast was partaken of by all present, after which the company enjoyed a greater feast in listening to grandfather's reminiscences of his early days. All left in time to take the train for their several homes, hoping that grandfather might be spared to celebrate his twenty-second birthday, February 29, 1908. ■

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Helen E. Plunkett, Pittsfield
Fanny Pomeroy, Pittsfield
Jessie Pomeroy, Pittsfield
Cornelia E. Pope, Binghamton, NY
Harriet D. Ramsay, Albany, NY
Helen F. Randall, Troy, NY
Mary E. Reed, Cassville, NY
Frances J. Rice, Waverly, NY
Ellen S. Rice, Springfield, VT
Kate A. Riblet, New York City
Alice Riggs, Peoria, IL
Elizabeth Rowland, Fairfield, CT
Mary Sanders, Pittsfield
Frances S. Sayles, South Adams
Ella L. Scott, Pittsfield
Abby J. Seymour, Buffalo, NY
Flora J. Shelton, East Windsor, CT
Maria L. Simonson, Staten Island, NY
Elizabeth Simons*, New York City
Kate P. Smith, New York City

Mary E. Smith, Modena, NY
 Clara Smith, Greenbush, NY
 Imogene Stuart, Bridgeport, Ct
 Elizabeth Sturgis, Brown's Corner, ME
 Arabella Stowe*, New York City
 Jeannette J. Sumner, New York City
 Frances Swift, Falmouth
 Isabel A. Southworth, Chicopee
 Margaret J. Thayer, Brooklyn, NY
 Grace M. Thompson, Brooklyn, NY
 Kitty L. Tompkins, Chatham, NY
 Elizabeth H. Tupper*, Hardwick
 Josephine Turner, Cornwall, NY
 Fanny L. Thomas, Waverly, NY
 Ellenora Thornton, Watervliet, NY
 Annie VanSickler*, Albany, NY
 Catherine VanVolkenburgh*, Chatham
 Centre, NY
 Blanche Valle, St. Louis, MO
 Harriet Wales*, East Randolph
 Gertrude Warner*, Worcester
 Fanny E. Warren, Brimfield
 Sarah Werden, Pittsfield
 Minnie C. Weston, Dalton
 Lucy Willis, Pittsfield
 Eliza Willis, Pittsfield
 Pamela F. Whitcomb*, East Randolph
 Lillie Whitman*, North Bridgeton, ME
 Anna J. Whitney, Canaan, NY
 Abby Wood, Pittsfield

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 Carrie F. Barker, Pittsfield
 L. P. Bartlett, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth S. Briggs, North Adams
 Ella S. Cole, West Medway
 Emily Cole, Pittsfield
 Cornelia S. Colt, Pittsfield
 Mary L. Colt, Pittsfield
 Emma Gordon, Cheshire
 Sarah M. Kittredge, Hinsdale
 Adelaide Morey*, Pittsfield
 Emily C. Morton, Pittsfield
 Abby G. Pope, Dorchester
 Angeline L. Sanford, North Adams
 Harriet Wilbur, North Adams

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Rachel B. Amory, New York City
 Annie B. Baker, Middletown, CT
 Mary W. Bassett, Pittsfield

Julia S. Billings, Philadelphia, PA
 Agatha Birney, Philadelphia, PA
 Sophie H. Birney, Bay City, MI
 Addie M. Bradford, Sheffield
 Adele Brewer, Stockbridge
 Fanny E. Brewster, Pittsfield
 Martha W. Brewster*, Pittsfield
 Mary P. Briggs, Sheffield
 Martha E. Brown, Buffalo, NY
 Mary L. Brown, Pittsfield
 Maria C. Brown, Pittsfield
 Sarah J. Burbank, Pittsfield
 Eugenia F. Burton*, North Adams
 Alice Byington, Stockbridge
 Minnie W. Cady, Pittsfield
 Alice H. Cady, Pittsfield
 Helen A. Caldwell*, Pittsfield
 Jessie Campbell, Pittsfield
 Frank A. Canfield, Piermont, NY
 Ellen F. Canfield, Piermont, NY
 Ella Carpenter, Pittsfield
 Lizzie P. Carter, Pittsfield
 Mary P. Carter, Pittsfield
 Carrie E. Carter, Pittsfield
 Agnes Clamann, Pittsfield
 Anna E. Clapp, Pittsfield
 Sarah A. Coman, Pittsfield
 Millicent A. Cole, Williamstown
 Fanny E. Colt, Pittsfield
 Fannie L. Cooke, Chester
 Mary L. Cooke, Amherst
 Hattie M. Cooley, Pittsfield
 Laura H. Copeland, Brooklyn, NY
 Anna C. Copeland, Brooklyn, NY
 Mary E. Dalton, Springfield
 Annie C. Damon, Concord
 Lillie M. Damon, Concord
 Emma L. Daniels, Pittsfield
 Mary Davis, Pittsfield
 Anna L. Dawes, Pittsfield
 Lois E. Dean, Cheshire
 Fannie E. Draper, Hopedale
 Helen Dunham, Pittsfield
 Anna C. Dutton, Pittsfield
 Mary E. Dutton, Pittsfield
 Hetty P. Dyer, Abington
 Amelia F. Dyer, Abington
 Mathilde Feder, Pittsfield
 Victoria Feder, Pittsfield
 Alice A. Francis, Troy, NY
 Lydia E. Gamwell*, Pittsfield
 Jane M. Garfield, Lee
 Isabell W. Gorham, Marshall, MI
 Mary S. Grimes, Mansfield, OH

Emma Grotrian, Pittsfield
 Lizzie Grout, Worcester
 Lillie Hale*, Pennington, NJ
 Laura F. Haskell, Marshall, MI
 Emma Holland, Pittsfield
 Mary O. Irwin, Middletown, NY
 Lucy Johnson, Uncasville, CT
 Henrietta Kelly, Pittsfield
 May Kellogg, Pittsfield
 Caroline Kellogg, Pittsfield
 Inez Kellogg, Pittsfield
 Elizabeth H. Kilburn, Pittsfield
 Mary E. Kirk, Utica, NY
 Henrietta D. Learned, Pittsfield
 Alice E. Learned, Pittsfield
 Hattie M. Leland, Utica, NY
 Mary L. Leland, Utica, NY
 Alida Marshal, New Albany, IN
 Mary L. Maynard, Utica, NY
 Julia McDermid*, Gloversville, NY
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 Melvina Nickerson, Pittsfield
 Mary G. Olds, Columbus, OH
 Mary E. Parsons, Milwaukee, WI
 Georgianna Patten, Pittsfield
 Carrie N. Patten, Springfield
 Mary J. Pettee*, Pittsfield
 Georgiana Pitcher, Forest Port, NY
 Harriet E. Plunkett, Pittsfield
 Helen E. Plunkett, Pittsfield
 Fanny Pomeroy, Pittsfield
 Ellen M. Pomeroy, Pittsfield
 Laura M. Powell, Pittsfield
 Florence Reynolds*, North Bend, IN
 Minnie Saunders, Pittsfield
 Frances J. Sayles, South Adams
 Anna S. Schenck*, Fonda, NY
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Adams, B.	D-10	Daley, C.	C-4	McAuliffe	B-5	Shiel, J.	A-4
Adams, E.	B-6	Daley, J.	C-4	McCormick, J.	B-4		B-4
Adams, J. W.	B-6	Davis, P.	B-6	McCrea, H. E.	E-4	Shiel, M.	A-3
Alexander, A. H.	B-2	Ferris, W. S.	E-4	Meacham, H.	E-2	Sisson	B-6
Ashley, W.	F-3	Foley, P.	B-9	Merry, J.	C-7	Sisson, H. D.	C-2
Backus, M.	B-8	Garrahan, D.	B-5	Moran, J.	B-4		A-2
Bates, A.	G-2	Gorham, G.	E-3	Parsons, M.	F-3		F-2
Bates, W. G.	E-4	Graham, J. B.	G-10	Pease, J. S.	F-4	Sisson, J.	B-4
	E-5	Griffith, G. D.	E-5	Pease, S., Dr.	B-6	Sisson, U.	B-3
	F-4	Grippen, W.	G-8	Peck, E.	F-9		C-1
Blodgett	B-6	Hall, C.	D-1	Peters, T.	A-6	Smalley, W.	B-6
Bowen, C.	G-2	Hayes, B.	A-6	Phillips, B. F.	G-8	Smith, A.	B-6
Brannan, L.	B-6	Hayes, P.	B-4	Rhoads, D.	D-1	Spooner, M. S.	F-3
Brown, L.	G-9	Head, P.	A-4	Richards, Mr.	E-3	Stanard, D.	B-6
Bulman, S. J.	E-3	Heaton, T.	E-3	Riley, C.	B-9		B-6
Cain, P.	A-5	Hennessey, W.	B-9	Riley, M.	B-7	Stannard, L.	B-6
Carroll, J.	A-10	Hogan, P.	B-6	Robbins, G.	A-4	Stanton, J.	E-4
	B-8	Holcom	B-4		B-5	Stone, A.	F-9
Carroll, T. C.	B-8	Homan, J. F.	E-5	Rogers, M.	B-6	Sykes, H.	G-8
Cary, P.	A-5	Hubbell, G.	G-9	Rood, C.	C-2	Taft, R. C.	F-4
Chapin, A.	B-5	Hudner, J.	B-3	Saxton, A.	G-8	Taft, R. E.	E-3
Chapin, J. H.	E-3		B-7	Scoville, J., Dr.	F-2	Thurston, E. C.	F-4
Clark, H.	F-3	Hudner, T.	B-5		F-3	Thurston, H. C.	E-3
Conley, J.	B-6	Hughes, P.	G-9	Shea, D.	C-4	Turner, J. C.	F-3
Connors, T.	A-6	Jones, J.	G-3	Shean, C.	B-7	Tuttle, L.	G-8
Cook, G. R.	G-7	Leroy, A.	E-4	Shears, A. W.	G-7	Veasey, P.	B-9
Coon, J. H.	G-7	Little, L.	G-9	Shears, G. M.	G-7	Warner, G. G.	C-2
Cooper, A.	G-2	Little, R.	F-10	Shells, J.	G-8	Worthy, T. G.	G-7
Crippen, F.	G-9		G-10	Shelly, J.	F-2	Wrinkle, J.	B-2
Curtis	E-7	Manvel, D.	E-8	Shepard, M.	G-8	Wrinkle, S.	B-3
Curtis, A. W.	E-8	McAuliffe, C.	C-4				

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

61	68	Fanny G. Cady	3	F		Mass.
		Edward Cady	2	M		Mass.
62	69	Mathew Poor	40	M	Laborer	Ireland
		Mary Poor	40	F		Ireland
		Peter Poor	18	M	Laborer	Ireland
63	70	William Clark	63	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Amanda Clark	58	F		Mass.
		Edward Clark	21	M		Mass.
		Maria A. Clark	19	F		Mass.
		Jane L. Clark	14	F		Mass.
64	71	Christopher C. Peirce	36	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Eliza Peirce	35	F		Penn.
		Mary E. Peirce	4	F		Mass.
		Alden H. Peirce	2	M		Mass.
65	72	Loren C. Clark	37	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary C. Clark	34	F		Vt.
		Mary E. Clark	4m	F		Mass.
		William Clark, Sr.	36	M		Mass.
		Lucy E. Clark	32	F		Vt.
		Harriet B. Watkins	9	F		Mass.
66	73	Edwin Morgan	50	M		Mass.
		Lydia Morgan	43	F		Mass.
		Franklin E. Morgan	19	M		Mass.
		Clarrissa E. Morgan	16	F		Mass.
		Chester A. Morgan	5m	M		Mass.
		Azubah Morgan	80	F		Mass.
67	74	Thomas Ranville?	49	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Esther Ranville	50	F		Mass.
		Adaline Ranville	17	F		Mass.
		Albert T.? Ranville	15	M		Mass.
		Lucy J. Ranville	13	F		Mass.
		John H. Ranville	11	M		Mass.
68	75	Marshall Peirce	46	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary F. Peirce	44	F		Mass.
		Adaline M. Peirce	21	F		Mass.
		Clarissa B. Peirce	17	F		Mass.
		Harlan A. Peirce	15	M		Mass.
		Loenza A. Peirce	13	F		Mass.
		Francis M. Peirce	7	M		Mass.
69	76	Daniel Brown, Jr.	55	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary Brown	41	F		Wales
		Eliza E. Brown	24	F		Mass.
		Daniel Brown, Sr.	79	M		Conn.
		Mary J.? Morris	13	F		Wales
70	77	John Abbott	63	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Cynthia Abbott	60	F		Mass.

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71	78	Fortin Graves	54 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Louisa Graves	57 F		Mass.
		Emily Jane Graves	24 F		Mass.
		William A. Graves	21 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Leonard Graves	18 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Dwight Graves	16 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Edward Graves	14 M		N.Y.
		Julia E. Graves	11 F		N.Y.
72	79	Epaphras Curtiss	53 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Orphia Curtiss	52 F		Mass.
		Edwin Curtiss	27 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary M. Curtiss	24 F		Mass.
		Warren Curtiss	16 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Jane E. Curtiss	20 F		Mass.
73	80	Abial Cady	65 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Abigal Cady	60 F		N.Y.
		David B. Cady	19 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Catherine Dwyer	22 F		Ireland
74	81	Amos Raymond	73 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sena? Whipple	20 F		Mass.
75	82	Clark Prince	51 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Priscilla Prince	53 F		Mass.
		Harriet A. Prince	24 F		Mass.
		Priscilla A. Prince	21 F		Mass.
		Loring C. Prince	17 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Martha A. Prince	15 F		Mass.
		Pharrele? Prince	82 F		Mass.
76	83	Elijah A. Wentworth	55 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Cynthia S. Wentworth	44 F		Mass.
		Emely C. Wentworth	14 F		Mass.
		Edward F. Wentworth	5 M		Mass.
		Selden K. Furguson	38 F	Carpenter	N.Y.
		Elizabeth W. Furgurson	12 F		N.Y.
		Muny? Wentworth	63 M	(Pauper)	Mass.
77	84	Lysander M. Francis	40 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary B. Francis	34 F		Mass.
		Charles F. Francis	6 M		Mass.
		Julia E. Francis	3 F		Mass.
		William P. Francis	25 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary M. Francis	22 F		Mass.
		Phebe Cady	16 F		Mass.
		Edwin Torman?	22 M	Farmer	Mass.
78	85	Festus Francis	80 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Abigail Francis	67 F		Mass.
79	86	David Dewyer	40 M		Ireland
		Cathrine Dewyer	34 F		Ireland
		Robert Dewyer	8 M		Mass.
		John Dewyer	6 M		Mass.
		Arabella Dewyer	3 F		Mass.
		David Dewyer, Jr.	8m M		Mass.
80	87	Joseph S. Warren	37 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Cynthia E. Warren	30 F		Mass.
		Francis E. Warren	11 M		Mass.
		Frank E. Warren	9 M		Mass.

		Edwin M. Warren	4 M		Mass.
81	88	Henry Torrey	46 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Helena Torrey	46 F		Mass.
		Arthur E. Torrey	17 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Harland W. Torrey	15 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Luthera Torrey	13 F		Mass.
82	89	Philander F. Booth	45 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Almena Booth	46 F		Mass.
		Lucinda R. Booth	16 F		Mass.
		George F. Booth	12 M		Mass.
		John M. Booth	10 M		Mass.
		Lucinda Booth	75 F		Mass.
83	90	George L. Cleaveland	26 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Aurelia Cleaveland	25 F		Mass.
		Emma G. Cleaveland	3 F		Mass.
		Elizabeth Cleaveland	1 F		Mass.
84	91	Warren Cleaveland	76 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Tryphenia Cleaveland	F		Mass.
		Catherine Cleaveland	F		Mass.
		Joseph Snow	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary Snow	F		Mass.
85	92	Archa? Barrett	69 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Elizabeth C. Barrett	59 F		Mass.
		Louisa Barrett	27 F		Mass.
		Silas Barrett	25 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lewis C. Barrett	23 M	Railroad Repairer	Mass.
		Mary Jane Barrett	22 F		Mass.
		Olive E. Barrett	16 F		Mass.
86	93	Mary Barrett	72 F		Mass.
		Hannah Barrett	29 F		Mass.
87	94	Noah B. Barrett	54 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Elizabeth Barrett	45 F		Mass.
		Henry N. Barrett	20 M		Mass.
		Elizabeth M. Barrett	18 F		Mass.
		Gilbert Barrett	13 M		Mass.
		James Barrett	8 M		Mass.
88	95	Silas I.? Barrett	33 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Hannah L. Barrett	35 F		Mass.
		Mary M. Barrett	10 F		Mass.
		Vesta F. Barrett	7 F		Mass.
89	96	Charles O. Barrett	23 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Ann E. Barrett	20 F		Mass.
		Edward H. Barrett	10m M		Mass.
90	97	Amos Barrett	66 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Jemima? Barrett	63 F		Conn.
		Matilda Barrett	57 F		Mass.
		Rufus Apthorp	27 M	Student	Mass.
		Edward Matthews	18 M	Farmer	Mass.
91	98	John Cady	53 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Eliza E. Cady	51 F		Mass.
		Eliza Cady	9 F		Mass.
92	99	Riley Matthews	51 M	Farmer	Mass.

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THE PHILLIPS FAMILY OF AMERICA

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ORIGIN OF THE RACE AND NAME - THE
PIONEER RHODE ISLAND MERCHANTMEN
FROM WALES - EARLY SETTLEMENT IN
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS - OWNERS AND
FIRST SETTLERS OF THE TOWN OF ASHFIELD

Captain Philip Phillips, the Noted Militiaman
and Hunter - His Eleven Tall and Stalwart
Sons - Traceable History of these and
Descendants.

RECORDS OF REMOTE ANCESTRY

The pioneer Phillips family of New England and the United States were descendants of soldiers from Greece who accompanied the forces of Caesar in the expedition to conquer England and by which their settlement was commenced in England and Scotland, but principally in Wales. This fact is established by the records of this family which have been carefully preserved for over 900 years in a stone structure built and endowed for that purpose and which is located near Cardiff, Wales, and from which has been learned that the name Phillips was originally derived from the Greek word "Phillippos," signifying "lovers of horses." These facts were learned from W. H. Phillips, of later Welsh descent, who in 1855 emigrated from Wales to America as a steerage passenger and finding employ on the Santa Fe Railway afterwards became manager of one of its large hotels at Florence, Kansas, and 20 years later had in charge a dozen or more of a system of hotels on the line of this railway. In 1880 this gentleman revisited his native Wales, making the trip as a cabin passenger, where he spent nearly a year. In an interview with the writer in Kansas the day after his return, he claimed relationship on the ground of family resemblance, and stated that the record building and museum relics of the Phillips family in his native town was the one attractive resort of his boyhood, and not knowing that he should ever revisit Wales again it had been the one supreme point of interest to him on his late trip and that he had spent the greater portion of his vacation time within its walls.

FIRST SETTLEMENT IN NEW ENGLAND

This gentleman stated that these ancient records, so remarkable for the length of time they had been compiled and carefully preserved, together with a large quantity of family relics, gave the names of William, Harry and John Phillips as the pioneer emigrants to New England and that they found residence at Providence, Rhode Island, thus verifying an old American tradition to that effect, and also that previous to their emigration they had been what was known as "merchantmen." These three brothers on their arrival at Providence at once entered upon the business of purchasing and building ocean shipping, which vessels they loaded with the products of New England and dispatched to foreign parts, where these commodities were exchanged for foreign goods and luxuries and these were brought to Providence and from thence distributed to customers in New England and New York settlements.

THE BUSINESS ABANDONED

Tradition has it that for a number of years these brothers made this trade very prosperous, and though meeting with some mishaps from shipwrecks, were not much disturbed by their losses on account of a large and growing demand for New England products abroad, and for foreign fabrics and luxuries at home. But finally a great storm at sea swept several of their valuable returning cargoes from the face of the ocean and involved them in so serious a loss, that they were forced to retire from this maritime business, broke up their partnership, one emigrating to South Carolina, another to the then wilderness of Ohio, and the third to Massachusetts.

STRONG PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RESEMBLANCE

In the years which followed the breaking up of the Providence firm all connecting traces of the South Carolina and Ohio broth-

ers were lost, and nothing has been known of them or their offspring excepting that a descendant of the Massachusetts branch has in quite a number of instances met the Phillips of the South and West, who from physical, mental and facial appearance and decided traits of character, have been quick to claim relationship for these reasons though none of these have been able to trace their ancestry as far back as the Providence merchantmen. However several hardy sea captains on the Massachusetts coast, and the family of the "Phillipses" who had fine manor grounds just north of the city of New York in the Revolutionary days are known to have been descendants of this Massachusetts branch of the family, while the mothers of the late Bishop Phillips Brooks, Bishop Thomas of Nebraska and the parents of Wendell Phillips, the statesman and orator, and Adelaide Phillips, the once noted singer, and many others of the name, are thus to be traced.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PHILLIPS

The first trace of John Phillips, the ancestor of the Massachusetts families, is his son Nicholson Phillips of Easton, Mass. and his son Richard of Weymouth. A son of Richard was Capt. John Phillips of Easton, who was a soldier in the Expedition to Quebec in 1690 and who was granted a large tract of Massachusetts land for this service. Thomas, a son of Capt. John had for his eldest son Capt. Philip Phillips, who was born in Easton, February 3, 1738. Richard Ellis, who married Jane, a daughter of Capt. John Phillips in 1728 the latter being the town clerk and most prominent citizen of Easton, was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1704, his father being a member of a notable Welsh family and a British officer. His father having died, his mother paid his passage to Virginia, but the dishonest Captain of the ship sold him into service at a Massachusetts seaport until he became of age, as the latter claimed to pay for bringing him across the ocean. At the age of 21 he arrived at Easton and in 1740 emigrated to Deerfield.

THE FIRST SETTLERS OF ASHFIELD

In 1745 Ellis was joined by his brother-in-law, Thomas Phillips of Easton and the two

with their families were the first settlers of Ashfield. This tract of land, granted to Capt. John Phillips and his heirs for his service in the war of 1690, was then called Huntstown, and was a wilderness. In the fall of that year on account of Indian raids the families were forced to seek protection at Fort Deerfield. Returning in the spring of 1746 and being joined by a few other settlers they built Ashfield-fort, having named the town on account of the great growth of black and white ash trees in the locality, and having built the fort stockade of ash logs. Richard Ellis died in 1797 at the age of 94, and his wife in 1760, at the age of 51.

CAPTAIN PHILIP PHILLIPS' PRIDE

Captain Philip Phillips, the eldest son of the seven children of Thomas Phillips, was born in 1738, which latter with Richard Ellis and Jane Phillips were the first settlers of Ashfield, was the progenitor of a prominent, influential and numerous family, not only in that township, but afterwards in many sections of the United States. His grave and that of Marcy, his wife, is to be found near the ruins of the old Ashfield fort, he having died August 10, 1800, and his wife October 15, 1815. In his day he is chronicled as having been a very intelligent, resourceful and influential man. He was a brave officer in the second French and Indian war and what was known in his day as a "born fighter." He was for years justice of the peace, the clerk and selectman of the town, and was a member of the General Court. He was the father of eleven sons and two daughters. These sons were all over six feet in height and belonged to the militia company of which their father was Captain, who took great pride in their military training and proficiency, and often marched his eleven grenadiers around the regiment on old military training days, and when in active service in the French and Indian war. Among these sons was a fifer and a drummer, and in the earlier years the Captain, who was a tall and very erect man weighting over 200 pounds, were all dressed from top to toe in the skins of wild animals which had been shot by their sire and themselves, as cloth garments were not then to be purchased except at an extravagant and to many an unobtainable price.

HIS THIRTEEN CHILDREN

These stalwart sons of Captain Philip Phillips with two daughters Hannah and Anna comprised a family of thirteen children all of whom were married but Joshua. The names of these sons of whom records of but five and their offspring are now obtainable were Elijah, Abner, Lemuel, Philip, Samuel, David, Simeon, Israel, Joshua, Abiather and Liscomb. Capt. Philip Phillips himself never performed much hard labor, was a man of but few words, but as a soldier, official, trustee and individual was possessed of that rare executive talent which made him the leading citizen of his day in his town and locality and an enviable reputation in the state.

WOULD TAKE NEITHER SIDE

When the Revolutionary war broke out and the Declaration of American Independence was promulgated, Capt. Philip Phillips had just received from King George of England an appointment under the crown to perform certain public works and functions in the colonies. Previously he had been a strong adherent to the mother country, and this declaration not only came to him as a surprise, greatly disturbing him for a short time, but plunged him into a dilemma which was most vexatious. Not being willing to throw back his appointment as King's Agent into the face of that monarch and unwilling to array himself against the American patriots by retaining it, he finally resolved to take sides with neither. This decision was arrived at by the condition of things in Ashfield and vicinity at that period, many of the oldest families of the town being divided for and against the "rebellion" as it was termed "against King George," while the most of these same families, without any regard to the opinions of their heads, had many valiant sons in the patriot ranks.

TOOK TO THE WOODS WITH DOG AND GUN

Capt. Philip Phillips was the most noted hunter and fisherman of his day, a trait which in one form and another. and often in both, has been wonderfully traceable in the long

list of his descendants. It was when he came to the decision that he could not side with either King or patriots and would remain strictly neutral, that he took his gun and dog and went out into the wilderness of forest about Ashfield, with which he had long been familiar. Every week one of his sons would go out to him in these woods on horseback and convey to him needed supplies of food, garment and other necessities, and return laden with the carcasses of the wild animals which he had slain. He was to be found in one or the other of a chain of rudely constructed hunting lodges in different places or rendezvous which he frequented in the forest, in each of which he left signs when absent, of his present whereabouts. His hunting lodge in the then densely wooded town of Plainfield was a monstrous hollow log lying prone upon the ground with plenty of dry leaves inside. Into this log he would push himself feet foremost in the night and on rainy days, pulling his gun in after him, to be followed by his dog who would lay a crouching sentry at its entrance. It was in this log that he was once covered up in a great snow storm to a depth that it was with the greatest difficulty that he dug himself out from the huge blanket, having supplied himself with air by thrusting his gun-barrel up through the drift. It was in these Plainfield woods that he once shot a large moose, the only animal of this kind known to have ever been killed in Western Massachusetts, which he dressed and which his boys carried home to Ashfield on horseback.

A GREAT HUNTER AND FISHERMAN

The pioneer Nimrod of Ashfield in the autumn of one year killed 28 bears, besides a large quantity of other game, and in October of that year shot and killed a monster salmon in the deep cave pools in the rocky bed of the Deerfield river in Shelburne Falls, a locality then reached from Ashfield by following a line of marked trees. It was in these rocky rapids at Shelburne Falls that every autumn Capt. Phillips and his sons used to catch barrels of salmon for winter food supplies, this stream once having been filled with this savory fish, the annual catch only being limited to the amount of salt which had been conveyed from the seashore on horseback

with which to preserve this delectable piscatory food supply, no longer to be found in Massachusetts waters.

KILLED BY A VENOMOUS SPIDER

In the year 1800 Capt. Philip Phillips when at the age of 61 years died from the effects of the bite of a venomous black spider upon which he placed his hand as he was creeping over the trunk of a fallen tree while hunting in the forest, after which his life was but the matter of a few hours. Fortunately he was accompanied by one of his sons, who gave the alarm to the then small settlement who turned out its male inhabitants in a body to bring the remains to his home. In accordance with the custom of that day his body was borne from his house to the primitive church and thence to burial on the shoulders of three prominent Ashfield citizens.

ELIJAH SETTLES IN WEST VIRGINIA

Of the eleven sons of Capt. Philip Phillips there is no traceable history with the exception of Elijah, Lemuel, Philip, Simeon and Liscomb, Elijah being the oldest and Liscomb the youngest. Elijah emigrated to West Virginia where he raised a family of 17 children and where he died in 1840 at advanced age. His great-grandson, Capt. S. B. Phillips, now an aged and prominent citizen of Buckhannon in that state, is still living and soon after the late war revisited his relatives in Berkshire and the old Ashfield ancestral acres and cemetery. Capt. Phillips during the first years of the Civil war was in command of a West Virginia company which was detailed from one of the state regiments as the body guard of Gen. McClellan when the latter was in command of the army of the Potomac, and of which fourteen members were of the Phillips family. He served with great distinction and bravery throughout that memorable struggle and by his knowledge of the southern country and its peoples rendered most important service to the Union armies and its commanders. After this company had left French Creek, which was then the home of Capt. Phillips and many of his men, it was several times attacked by rebel guerrilla parties who were repulsed and driven off by the musketry fire of a band of brave women

headed by Marcia, the Captain's courageous wife. In their last attack the rebels fired the large wooden bridge spanning French Creek as they retreated, when Mrs. Phillips headed a bucket-brigade of women and extinguished the flames. It is sad to relate that the rough experiences of this woman while her husband and companions were at the front, finally when peace was declared unsettled her reason and caused her death.

THE VISIT OF BROTHER SIMEON

It is related of Elijah, the pioneer ancestor of the West Virginia family, that he was once visited by his brother Simeon of Conway, Franklin County, who was a noted wag, the memory of whose witticisms was long retained by those who knew him. After a long journey by stage, horseback and on foot, Simeon arrived at the West Virginia farm house in rather of a dilapidated state of garment, having concealed his carpet bag in a clump of bushes a short distance therefrom. He had not seen his sister-in-law for many years and of course to his delight she failed to recognize him. He then reeled off a piteous tale of woes and hardships which he ended by begging for a meal or two and for lodgment over night. She at once refused thus to harbor him, giving as her reason that herself and husband for a good deal of that kind of hospitality had been victimized by thieving strollers, and that they had resolved to give all such the cold shoulder. This reception so greatly pleased Sim that he renewed his pathetic pleading to such an extent that she finally told him that if Elijah, who was threshing down in the barn, was willing to keep him for the night, that she would also consent. Sim then tripped down to the barn in high feather, and failing to be recognized as he feared he should be by his sturdy brother, commenced his sad tale of woe to which he added that his wife was willing to succor him if he was. Elijah threshed away in silence until Sim had not another word left in his mischievous vocabulary, and when he suddenly stopped work and took the starch out of the pseudo beggar by shouting "shut up Simeon."

LEMUEL PHILLIPS AND DESCENDANTS

Lemuel the third son of Capt. Philip Phillips settled in Ashfield. His son Lemuel who was born December 6, 1787, and who died June 6, 1818, had eleven children, six sons and five daughters. He first settled in Florida [we assume Florida, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Ed.] and then removed to Ashfield. His oldest son, Charles Phillips, was born in Florida, April 26, 1813, and in 1836 married Emeline Brown of Coleraine. He settled in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, in 1838, and in 1843 removed to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where he engaged in mercantile trade, and where he is still living at the advanced age of 91 years. He has been the father of two sons, Charles W. Phillips and Frank C. Phillips, and three daughters, Sarah E., Celine F. and Anna C. Phillips, of whom the sons and one daughter survive, and also has ten grand and twelve great-grandchildren. The two daughters of the son, Charles W., are Mrs. John Poles and Mrs. Henry Parsons of Southampton, Mass. and the five children of Frank C., are Hattie B. Williamson of Troy, N.Y., Frederick B. Phillips of Brooklyn, N.Y., Frank E. of New York and Josephine and Charles Phillips of Saratoga, the first two sons being prominent lawyers in New York city.

PHILIP PHILLIPS OF CASSADAGA

Philip Phillips, the fourth son of Capt. Philip Phillips, was born in 1764 and removed in 1816 from Ashfield to Cassadaga, N.Y., and was the father of five children. He was accompanied by his son Sawyer, who was born in Ashfield in 1771, and the two were frontier settlers of that region which was then the far west. In 1817 Sawyer Phillips married Jane Parker, the home being at Stockton, he having carried on a farm and having a cooper shop. Sawyer was the father of fifteen children, six of whom died in youth. Thomas D., Williston, William W., and Charles were prominent citizens of Cassadaga, Alonzo a skillful physician at Fredonia, S. Harry and L. Barney residents of Springfield, Ohio, and Rosina the wife of M. E. Beebe, a well-known architect of Buffalo and Fredonia. Of these now supposed to be living are Charles and William W. of Cassadaga, Rosina of Fredonia and possibly one other, while their descendants

are quite numerous in Western New York. Among these is Winnifred, daughter of Williston, and wife of Judge John S. Lambert of the New York Supreme Court.

PHILIP PHILLIPS, THE SACRED SINGER

The most notable son of Sawyer Phillips was Philip Phillips, known for many years in the United States and Europe as a composer and singer of sacred song, to whom became attached the appellation of "the singing pilgrim." This wonderful soul singer was born in a plain farm house at the foot of a wooded hill in Stockton and began his life of song while rocking an accompaniment thereto in his cradle on August 13, 1834, when only four years of age. He was then a favorite little singer in the homes in the neighborhood and church until he was nine years of age, when his heart was nearly broken by the death of his loving and Christian mother. From this bereaved home he went to live with an uncle and finally was apprenticed to a kind and Christian neighbor to learn farming and cheese-making until he became of age. But this good family so heartily helped him to master the science of vocal music to add to his natural gifts, and helped him to purchase a melodeon, that at the age of 18 he was able to earn enough by teaching music and by the sale of melodeons to pay for his time on the farm. It was while with this family he narrowly escaped with his life from the overturning of a boat in Cassadaga lake in which many of a large party of excursionists were drowned and it was here also that he was converted. After serving his full apprenticeship he taught singing schools, sold instruments and published singing books until he embarked in business in Cincinnati and New York, which proving in a measure unsuccessful, he finally devoted his life to travel and song on both continents and thus fulfilled the divine mission to which he was evidently God-appointed. Not only were his musical tours confined to the United States and Canadian provinces and to four visits to the British Isles, but he also sang in every civilized country in the world which he encompassed with his sacred song services, while he made a great contribution to that musical literature during his life.

HIS MONUMENT AT FREDONIA

Philip Phillips was the pioneer publisher and public singer of sacred song for Sabbath and public schools, his literature being welcomed in place of the old style singing or psalm books, though he managed to retain in his works all the gems of more ancient sacred music composition. It was he who found the lamented P. P. Bliss in an obscure town and launched him upon his short but meteoric career as a singer and author. It was he who also discovered in Ira D. Sankey, when the latter was a superintendent in a far western Sabbath school, the rare powers of composition and vocalism which have since made him a famous sacred singer, and as a tribute to his worth and friendship this gentleman has erected a fitting monument to Philip Phillips in the cemetery at Fredonia, where he was buried beside his son James, a sweet youthful tenor singer of remarkable power, distinctness and pathos, a few years prior to the father's death but a short time ago, both

having been stricken down with consumption. They are survived by the wife and mother, Olive M. Phillips of Delaware, Ohio, and by a son Philip, who is an Episcopal rector last known as located in Bowling Green, Ky.

"DON'T SAY I CALLED FOR IT"

It was in those historic days of 1865 and at the time of the closing scenes of the Civil war that Philip Phillips sang that song, replete with pure gospel spirit and which as it were become immortal, "Your Mission," before the United States Christian Mission in the Hall of Representatives at Washington at which the lamented Abraham Lincoln was present and so very soon to become our martyred president, and who handed down a note to Chairman William H. Seward reading, "Near the close let us have 'Your Mission' repeated by Mr. Phillips. Don't say I called for it. - A. Lincoln."

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		Sarah F. Matthews	34	F		Mass.	
		Jane M. Matthews	22	F		Mass.	
		Ann Elisa Matthews	18	F		Mass.	
		Myron F. Matthews	14	M		Mass.	
		Marian F. Matthews	11	F		Mass.	
		Elsa O. Matthews	3	F		Mass.	
93	100	John Putnam	42	M	Farmer	Mass.	
		Flora M. Putnam	37	F		Mass.	
		Ophelia Putnam	16	F		Mass.	
		Flora M. Putnam	13	F		Mass.	
		Walter Putnam	9	M		Mass.	
		James Putnam	7	M		Mass.	
		Henry D. Putnam	2	M		Mass.	
		Mary S. Putnam	5m	F		Mass.	
94	101	John Persip		M	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Nancy Persip		F	M		Mass.
		Samuel Persip		M	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Henry Persip		M	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Laura Persip		F	M		Mass.
95	62	George Cottrell	24	M	Farmer	Mass.	
		Angeline M. Cottrell	23	F		Mass.	
96	103	Anthony Tetro	36	M	Farmer	Canada	
		Lydia Tetro	36	F		Canada	
		Aurelia Tetro	14	F		Canada	

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OLD DAYS IN HOUSATONIC

From the *Pittsfield Sun*, Jan. 28, 1904. Also the *Springfield Republican*, Jan. 17, 1904.

H. H. Turner, a life long resident of Housatonic, wrote the following article a few years before he died at age 94, the oldest person in the village. A son, Noble Bidwell Turner (1842-1942) distinguished himself in many ways, including a term in the legislature. H. H. Turner was also survived by a daughter, Anna R. Turner. (Source: *Great Barrington. Great Town * Great History*, by Bernard Drew.)

Districts in the area had a variety of names: Pine Plain, Van Deusenville, Route Barrow, Slab City, Babylon, and Risingdale.

H. H. TURNER GOES OVER THE "LAPSE OF YEARS"

Interesting Reminiscences of What
He Has Seen and Heard - Personal and General

My ancestors came over in 1630 from England and settled in Lynn. My grandfathers on both sides were living in or near New Haven at the time of the American Revolution, and served in that war. My maternal grandfather Hart, was a minuteman, and was shingling a house when word came that the British were in New Haven, and he immediately reported for duty. On the evacuation of New Haven by the British, they completely stripped everything in the house occupied by my grandfather, carrying off or making way with all the furniture, etc.

In 1795, my grandfather Turner bought the place in Housatonic where my son, Noble B. Turner now lives, and moved there, leaving his son, Zanajah, "bound out" until the time of his majority in New Haven and in 1800 this son of my grandfather (my father) having completed his term of service in New Haven, rejoined my grandfather here. The site of the present town of Housatonic was at that time one vast plain of yellow pine, and was then called, and for many years after, simply "Pine Plain." The two roads which led from the south to the north of the county were the one which at present leads from Great Barrington over Monument mountain to Stockbridge, and the one which coming up from Great Barrington through Van Deusenville on what is now the through road to West Stockbridge, branched off at the corner now known as the Edward Bennett place, and continued through what is now

Housatonic to the present H. H. B. Turner place, where it made an abrupt turn to the north over what is now known as High street and is past what is the P. I. Adams place, and the LaPrieze place to Marshall Warner's school in Glendale (present sculptor French), and so on, through what is now Glendale to Stockbridge, and thence over the hilly road to Lenox. At the point at what is now the present through road between Great Barrington and West Stockbridge, where the road turned to go through what is now Housatonic, the same road continuing to the north from what is now Bennett's corner, went on to West Stockbridge village. As I have said, the country between these two main thoroughfares, north and south through the county, at this point where we are now living in Housatonic, was one large pine plain, and the pine was the only tree standing, because the Indians had burnt all the other kinds of growth and underbrush in order to facilitate their hunting expeditions. An unobstructed forest with high treetops of pine and no underbrush but pine needles would furnish good chances to skulk and shoot. Into this country did come very early the Dutch trader, and the stone house which stands near the Rising mill was built by one of them, a Van Deusen, and this house was at the time of which I am speaking a sort of center of the Dutch settlement. The land this way of what is now known as Risingville on the east side of the river was owned at or about the same time by a man with a wooden leg, and was called "Timbershin," and the little knoll opposite and northeast from Rising mill was called from the circumstance of the killing of some sheep there by a dog, "Routebarrow," or "the hill of the dog." This was the lay of the land when my grandfather came into the county in

1795, and as I was born in the year 1813, the year after the first house was built in what is now called Housatonic, I may say that my own personal recollections date back to the very beginnings of this town.

My grandfather cleared what is now the Housatonic cemetery lot in 1800, and that by father came on from New Haven to help him open up this country. My father was married in 1802 to Miss Laura Hart of Great Barrington and built him a house on the opposite side of the road from where my grandfather lived; the house is still standing (a little red house next to the Williams Giddings place), and in that little red house I was born May 24, 1813. My maternal grandfather Hart lived up the road a piece and kept public house in the house still standing, and known as the Walling place. This road in that time was mainly the place of residence of settlers from Connecticut from New Haven, Haddam and Sherman and they owned contiguous farms. But to return to the opening up of Pine Plain. My grandfather built the first dam and had the first sawmill on exactly the same site as the present Monument mills dam. Where Main street is intersected by High street (at the H. H. B. Turner place) there was a pair of bars, over which was the lane leading down to the sawmill (the present road leading past the Congregational church) and owing to the establishment of a sawmill there, the place all about it was for a considerable time called "Slab City." The first house to be built was that occupied now by the widow Kane next to the Congregational church west, that is, a part of this house is the oldest house in Housatonic, the front and upright part having been built at a later period. It was here that the first sawyer, a man by the name of Chapin, lived. The house where I now live was the second one to be built, and was built by Eber Stone in 1812. The third house to be erected was that on the site of the one owned at the present by Albert J. Hasson, and the circumstances of the "raising" of that house I well remember. It was the custom at "raisings" then to have plenty of whisky on hand. I remember how one of the respected citizens, father of one of our citizens now living, climbed up on the frame of the structure after it was raised, and standing on its top-most beam swung a bottle of whiskey in his hand, and letting it go,

said, "I name this place Babylon." Thereafter "Babylon" took the place of "Slab City" as the name of this settlement until it was finally called Housatonic.

The settlement did not build up very fast, however; Van Deusenville up to 1830 far outstripped it in rapidity of growth. The school house for the region, embracing what is now Housatonic and Van Deusenville, was located on the road where my father lived in North Plain, and was situated just below the Frank E. Giddings place; and it was here that I attended school in my boyhood, the children coming from as far south as the Abbey place, and of course from all this more sparsely settled region where now is the village of Housatonic. I cannot tell the order in which the houses were erected, but one of the very earliest, perhaps the fourth or fifth, is the house now standing north of Snyder & Race's store, and then known as the Parks place, from which the hill close by was called; and there was a house, occupied by the Pratt-Hayden house too, standing on the site of the house just below which in time came to be a school house when the settlement grew a little larger and where the first religious services were held in Housatonic. It was a very slow growth, however, and my own personal recollections date back to the time long before this village began to be anything like a settlement. One of the greatest difficulties we had in those early settling times was with the rattlesnakes which came over from the mountain, swimming the river, and infesting these meadows. Once they bit a dog belonging to my grandfather as they were at work in the field, and the dog acting strangely, they watched him to see what he would do. The dog buried himself in the dirt all over but his head and there he remained two days, when he came out cured of the snakebite and I believe that dog points the way of cure for all snakebites. There is a curative property in earth, and I have proved it many times. One time my father and I were cradling and a rattlesnake rushed out from his hiding and wriggled rapidly off behind me, but we killed him. Another time I was just sitting over a fence when I saw a rattler coiled on the other side. The rattlesnake is an easy snake to kill, and doesn't move very fast. Those were days when we had to work hard; there was not much superfluous energy left for sport.

The chief market in the early part of the last century was Hartford, and an uncle of mine, John Seeley, in driving some cattle from here to Hartford, became ill from exposure during the long walk through Winsted, with bad weather, sleeping in the cold, etc., and died. Our neighbors over on North Plain were rather few and far between, and were mostly from Connecticut, as we were. We attended church in Great Barrington, and once when I was quite a young man I suffered quite a severe accident going to church, the circumstances of which I will relate. It was in winter and my father always put in a foot-stove in the wagon to take with us to church. The wagon, which was without springs, for they didn't have spring wagons in those days, was arranged with seats on the sides for a large load. It was filled with straw on the bottom and the foot-stove in some way became overturned, letting out its live coals upon the straw, which immediately ignited, scared the horses, and threw me out. I was prodigiously hurt, and indeed, so badly injured as to be thereafter excused from militia duty. That accident and one that happened to me in childhood, of which I will now speak, were all the accidents I have had during my long life of 90 years, and never had but one slight sickness. It was when I was little boy of five or six years - I remember it well - that my father brought back from some trip a British mare, and the next year the mare foaled, and as the colt with her mother used to be in the care of my father, I, of course became very much attached to both. My father used to let me go with him when he led them down to the Williams river, back of our house, to water, and when the colt grew bigger he used to lead the colt and let the mare follow. The mare, however, got to be ugly after the colt came, and once when we were going down to watering, my father leading the colt, the mare stayed far behind and father told me to go around behind her and throw a stone at her to make her come on. I did so, and then as my father bade me, threw another, and at that the mare turned and rushed at me, knocking me down and planting her forward feet on my chest in a way that almost proved fatal. I was hurt very badly. And that reminds me that when people died in those days they were buried in home made pine or hemlock coffins. It was

quite a little piece of work to get a coffin ready between the time a person died and the time it would be wanted for the funeral. So my grandfather Hart, who had been a carpenter and house joiner in Farmington, still in a way followed his craft while keeping public house. One day a neighbor came out to him as he was working in the field, and she said: "Capt. Hart, there isn't very much doing now; things are a little slack; I wish you would make me a coffin which can be used for myself when the time comes. I can keep it up in the attic. It will be a handy thing to keep beans in!" I presume my grandfather complied with the rather strange request. As I speak of those old days one thing brings up another, and I would like to mention the fact that one of our neighbors who lived on the side of the house now owned by Frank Giddings was a man by the name of Pope, and as the school house was still farther on, I used to often stop for one of the Pope boys on my way to school. It was a strange sight when I arrived at their meal times to see the whole Pope family, 17 altogether, all seated around one common table. They were not all children of one wife, it's true; and one of the wives of Mr. Pope, Sr. had been a widow and brought him three or four children of her own, but all the rest were his own; and it did look funny to see such a large family at meals.

Speaking of that Pope family revives the memory of an extinct generation; almost I might say, of extinct names of families who once lived in the North Plain district as out neighbors, who came in and bought, they in turn to be succeeded by others. The coming of one of these newer families, that of the Giddings, who came from Sherman, Ct. and who bought the Pope and the Arnold places, contiguous to my father's on the south, as the sequel proved. One Daniel E. Giddings, who died last year at the ripe old age of 96, bought the Pope place, and his brother, Squire Giddings, the Arnold place, and they have been with their descendants, life-long friends and neighbors. In a very intimate way their name became linked with mine and mine with theirs by the coming from Sherman of a cousin of the elder Giddings to visit them. Miss Dorcas Giddings returned to her home in Sherman after her visit in North Plain, and I subsequently paid for a visit at

her own home. I never shall forget that experience. I left home in January of 1840 in a sleigh to drive to Sherman by way of Hudson, N.Y., with the thermometer down to six degrees below zero. Arriving at Hudson the weather had moderated considerably and it was beginning to rain. I put up for the night, and the next day pushed on, but the thaw had commenced evidently in earnest and by the time I had reached Sherman it was very soft and melting. I stayed two days, with, however, no idea that I should be able to get back all right, but when I came to go there was no way but to get my cutter stored and return on horseback. The bridge was down at Gaylord's Bridge and I came back on my tracks and zigzagged my way home as best I could, fording streams and crossing bridges under water from Sherman to Kent, and so on to Salisbury and Sheffield, where I stayed over night. The next day I pushed on through Seekonk to my home, leading my horse across the bridge at Van Deusenville, which was secured by ropes to keep it from being washed away. I was married to Miss Dorcas Giddings in 1842, and my grandfather Turner, having gone to live in Kinderhook with my Uncle Timothy, and my grandfather's property having come into my father's

possession, I pulled down my grandfather's house and built another in its place, where myself and wife went to housekeeping it. It is in this house where my son, Noble, now lives. I moved to Housatonic in 1876, and have ever since lived in the house I am now occupying, which, as I have said, was the second house to be built in this place.

So much personally; to return now to the history of this village. The sawmill business which my grandfather started didn't last very long; possible a dozen years, and it was about 1825 that a man by the name of Selkirk came here and bought the milling industry and turned it into one for making lasts and boot trees, using the same dam for power. Afterwards it changed hands again, and a firm by the name of Ransom, Whittemore & Selkirk turned it into a machine shop. Then another firm got hold of the property, and its members, Whittemore, Dean & Claflin, failed, when the present management of the prosperous Monument mills took hold of the plant and built up the present large and successful industry. - Exchange.

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		Anthony Tetro, Jr.	12 M		Canada
		Mary Tetro	9 F		N. Y.
		Rosa Tetro	8 F		Mass.
		Louisa Tetro	7 F		Mass.
		Frances Tetro	6 F		Mass.
		Isaac Tetro	5 M		Mass.
		Jewell Tetro	4 M		Mass.
		Sarah Tetro	2 F		Mass.
		Ellen Tetro	10m F		Mass.
97	104	Henry Ostrander	67 M	Farmer	N. Y.
		Sarah Ostrander	48 F		Mass.
		Charles Ostrander	18 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Orrelia Ostrander	14 F		Mass.
		Julia Ostrander	12 F		Mass.
		Louisa Ostrander	11 F		Mass.
		George H. Ostrander	? M		Mass.
98	105	John Elzer	25 M	Laborer	Germany
		Amley? Elzer	20 F		Canada

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ANCESTOR TABLES

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

CCCLXXXIV. CHARLES ENOCH CLARK, JR. Submitted by Georgia Deicke
350 Orchard Ave. Grand Junction, CO 81501

I.

1. Charles Enoch CLARK, Jr., 1871-1948; Johnson County, Missouri; Jefferson County, Arkansas.

II.

2. Charles Enoch HASKELL CLARK (Adopted by Enoch CLARK, III), 1839-1923; Somerset, Maine; Johnson County.
3. Anne Irene SPENCER, 1841-1917; Tyringham, Massachusetts; Johnson County.

III.

4. William HASKELL, 1778-1852; Cumberland, Maine.
- 5.*Abigail CLARK, 1809- ; Hampden, Massachusetts.
6. Ambrose SPENCER, 1805-ca1864-8; Stephentown, New York.
7. Abigail STEDMAN, 1808-post1899; Berkshire, Massachusetts.

IV.

8. Nathaniel HASKELL, 1742-1794; Rockingham, New Hampshire; Cumberland, Maine.
9. Deborah BAILEY, ca1743-1806; Falmouth, Maine; Cumberland.
- 10.*Enoch CLARKE, II, 1777-1831; .
- 11.*Abigail KIRKLAND, 1778-1843; .
12. Cyrus SPENCER, 1766-1818; Columbia, New York.
13. Temperance WINSLOW, 1764-ca1829-32; Stephentown; Rensselaer, New York.
14. Tristram STEDMAN, Jr., 1781-1831; Tyringham.
15. Hulda HERRICK, 1786-1862; Lee, Massachusetts; Monterey, Massachusetts.

V.

16. Job HASKELL, 1716-1806; Gloucester, Massachusetts; Cumberland.
17. Mercy LEAVITT, 1716- ; Rockingham.
18. John BAILEY, 1701- ; Essex, Massachusetts.
- 19.*Sarah GIDDINS, - ; .
20. Enoch CLARK, 1726-1800; Hampshire, Massachusetts.
21. Mercy KINGSLEY, 1735-1798; Northampton, Massachusetts.
26. Job WINSLOW, 1738-1809; Bristol, Massachusetts; New Lebanon Springs, New York.
27. Temperance HAYDEN, 1736-1777; East Haddam, Connecticut.
28. Tristram STEDMAN, Sr., ca1705- ; Tyringham.
29. Penelope HAZARD, ca1760- ; Tyringham.
30. Hezekiah HERRICK, 1759-1848; Coventry, Connecticut; Cortlandville, New York.
31. Rachel BIRD, ca1761- ; Tyringham.

VI.

32. William HASKELL, 1689/90-1766; Essex.
33. Jemimah HUBBARD, 1684-1761; Essex.
34. Thomas LEAVITT, 1689-1761; Rockingham.
35. Elizabeth LOCK, 1694-1776; Rockingham.
36. John BAILEY, 1678-1747; Essex.

- 37. Mary BARTLETT, 1684-1708, Essex.
- 40. Josiah CLARK, 1697-1789; Northampton.
- 41. Thankful SHELDON, 1697-1774; Hampshire.
- 42. Moses KINGSLEY, 1705-1773; Hampshire.
- 52. Job WINSLOW, 1718- ; Bristol.
- 56. Samuel STEDMAN, - ;
- 57. Sarah HULL, - ;
- 60. Ezekiel HERRICK, II, 1729-1810; Beverly, Massachusetts or
Coventry, Connecticut.
- 61. Abigail WILSON, 1737- ; Coventry.
- 62. Joseph BIRD, II, 1733-1811; Tyringham.
- 63. Hulda SPRAGUE, ca1739- ; Tyringham.

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REVISIONIST HISTORY

Thanks to Bob Benefiel

An amateur genealogy researcher discovered that his great-great uncle, Remus Starr, a fellow lacking in character, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows.

On the back of the picture is this inscription: "Remus Starr; horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889."

In a family history subsequently written by his descendant, Remus' picture is cropped, scanned in as an enlarged image, and edited with image processing software so that all that's seen is a head shot. The accompanying revisionist history states:

"Remus Starr was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana Railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing suddenly collapsed."

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THE SOULE/CHANTER RESEARCH PROJECT

It is finally possible to identify the connection between Alden Soule/Mary Chanter and George Soule of the Mayflower through the latest research project. The "Y" chromosome passes from father to son so the genetic marker reveals if two individuals are related. The "Y" chromosome mutates at a known rate, therefore it is possible to estimate how far back in time a common ancestor existed. We are looking for male Soules who descended from Alden and Mary. They must have the last name of Soule. The test is a very simple "cheek swab." If you are such an individual or know someone who is please call 407-568-3737 and ask for Eleanor or call 925-862-0829 and ask for Louise. You may also Email either of us at Elnrvnsn@aol.com or Lwthroop@aol.com

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SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING QUERIES

1. Give the full name, including middle name or initial, of the person subject to enquiry.
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.
3. If unable to give a complete description of the person under enquiry, start with a son or daughter for whom more information might be available and ask for that person's ancestry.
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.
7. Do not abbreviate the names of persons or towns.
8. For any locale outside Massachusetts, be sure to identify the state.
9. Dates should be written: day, month, year as: 13 Oct 1743.
10. Use multiple queries rather than several parts to the same query.
11. Queries should not exceed four or five lines and should be submitted as an ASCII file on a diskette or E-mailed to bfha@berkshire.net marked as a query on the subject line. Printed or typed queries will also continue to be accepted.
12. Well-known abbreviations may be used but elaborate use of them is not required.
13. Address for reply should be stated on each card so that the Editor is not obliged to keep their envelope as well in order to have a complete record.
14. Acknowledge receipt of all replies and reimburse respondent for postage and the cost of any material copied. One should not be left out of pocket for having answered a call for help. If the submitted material is of little use, that is the risk assumed in transactions by correspondence.
15. When requesting information, always include a SASE.
16. Help your query editor judge the effectiveness of this section. If you make a contact that provides significant help with your search, won't you let us know?

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