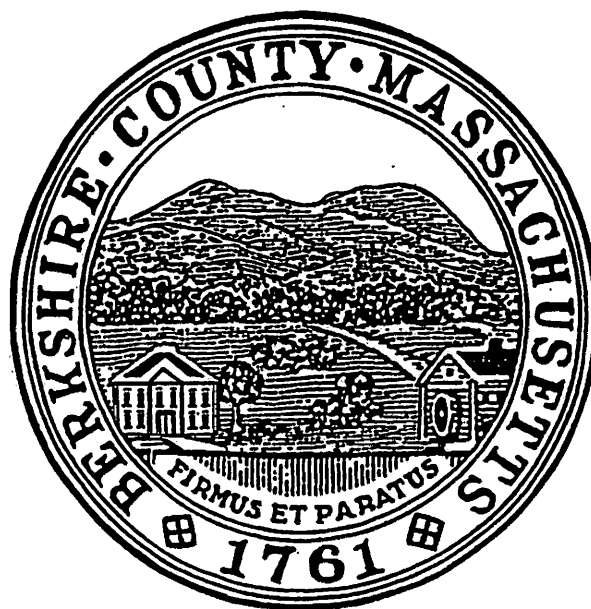


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HON. MARSHALL WILCOX - HIS REMINISCENT RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF OTIS

From *The Berkshire Hills*, May 1, 1904

Hon. Marshall Wilcox, the venerable dean of the Berkshire Bar, for many years eminent in his profession in this county in court and office practice, an accomplished jurist and eloquent advocate in an elder legal coterie of distinguished associates of whom but two or three are now living, passed his 83rd birthday March 10, 1904, remarkably well reserved both mentally and physically, rich and ripe in services and experiences, and in reputation and in honors won. It is sufficient to say that his long and active career as a lawyer and citizen has ever been marked with fidelity and honesty not only to his clientele and profession, but to his county and state and to his country as well.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Stockbridge, his parents having been Loring and Maria (Bradley) Wilcox. He was educated in the town schools and afterwards entered the old Lenox Academy, the intellectual cradle of so many of the distinguished sons of the county of whom but a mere handful now survive, but who always held that institution in loving remembrance. Entering Williams College he graduated in 1844, is one of the oldest members of its alumni, which conferred upon him the degree of L.L.D. in 1871, and upon whose commencement exercises he has ever been a faithful and constant attendant. Besides he is the president of the Kappa Alpha Society, one of the oldest and most prominent college secret organizations of the United States.

After his college graduation he studied law with Lester Filley at Otis, and after his admission to the bar in 1853 settled in practice in Lee, having married Nancy F., daughter of William and Lucy (Bull) Bradley, (who were natives of Lee) at Detroit, Michigan, January 7, 1857. While resident at Lee in 1866 he was elected to the House of Representatives and in 1868 to the State Senate. In 1871 he removed to Pittsfield, where in the firms of Bowerman & Wilcox, and later by himself, and at present as associated with

Charles M. Wilcox, his only son, he has continued in law practice, though in late years gradually retiring on account of age from the more active duties of this calling.

In order to accurately describe conditions and peoples in the old time flourishing Berkshire farming towns such as Cheshire, Lanesboro, Williamstown, Dalton, Hinsdale, Tyringham, Monterey, Otis and Sandisfield in the first half of the past century, the following sketch of the town of Otis and his reminiscences as connected therewith, has been kindly contributed to "The Berkshire Hills" by Mr. Wilcox and with which town he was most familiar in early years.

The town of Otis is in the southeast corner of Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Its soil is rough and rugged. The Farmington river flows through it from north to south, ponds of a variety of sizes flood an area of from four to five thousand acres, while it is well-watered by springs and brooks which abound in trout, pickerel and other fish. This town was incorporated in 1809 or 1810 and took its name of Otis in honor of Harrison G. Otis of Boston, who was at that time the speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

The population of the town was intelligent and thrifty. The Hartford and Albany turnpike so-called, was the principal highway through the town and was the stage-road from Pittsfield to Hartford, Connecticut, over which trips were made each way daily, this being long before the advent of railroads, telegraphs and telephones. Otis was a business center for many years for a considerable country round about it. Otis Center had two churches, two good hotels, two general stores doing a large business, two large establishments for the manufacture of pig-iron, together with sawmills, clothier's works, a carding mill, gristmill, a rake factory, and mechanics of various kinds. There were also resident in the village able clergymen, doctors and lawyers. It was certainly an enter-

prising locality and of it its people were justly proud.

It was in 1839 that I was at Lenox Academy pursuing my studies. The Hon. Lester Filley who settled in Otis as a lawyer in the fall of 1839, being in attendance upon court in Lenox, invited me to ride from thence to his Otis home. This gentleman had in August of that year married my mother for his second wife. We reached the home just after dark and my reception by my mother and two sisters and by the children of my host was most cordial. As the fates would have it Otis became my home during the period in which I remained at the Lenox Academy, during my four years at Williams College, while studying law, and after my admission to the bar and until 1853 when I shouldered my pack and settled in Lee, remaining there until 1871, when I removed to Pittsfield. My residence in Otis was a pleasant chapter in my life and therefore I may be pardoned this digression from my subject. Mr. Filley was kind as a father and his suggestions and teachings in matters relating to my profession were most valuable to me.

The morning after my first arrival at Otis I started out to look over the town. While glancing down the Main street I observed a man of dignified port slowing crossing the road. "There," remarked my companion, "goes Basil Seymour, Esq., and he is the richest man in the town, being worth twenty thousand dollars." I gazed at this personage in great amazement, for men of such great wealth were very uncommon in those days. I soon found that the people of the town were all industrious and substantial citizens, most hospitable to strangers as well as to friends coming within their gates, and that they favorably ranked with the inhabitants of other towns in the county. By reason of his professional standing and zeal in advancing the welfare of the community, Mr. Filley was justly regarded as the most prominent citizen, and many other excellent and capable men co-operated with him in giving dignity and character to the town. Of these Basil Seymour, Samuel Picket, Hiram Sears, Timothy Jones, Charles J. Carter and Elam P. Norton

were but a few of those deserving of mention.

The citizens of Otis maintained a select school of good repute as also a flourishing debating society. In the winter seasons a course of lectures were well sustained and meetings and entertainments of various kinds were frequent. Temperance meetings were an amusing feature of Otis life at that period, as well as in other towns in that section of the county, and an enthusiasm was exhibited in these which would be hard to be understood in these modern days. Most of the temperance lecturers were men who professed to be reformed drunkards. These would recount the stories of their wretched lives and of their redemption therefrom to sobriety and home happiness. An example of their unique eloquence is sufficient to illustrate the general character of their discourses. This orator, after warning all to avoid the dangers of partaking of strong drink, and to keep clear of all temptations, climaxed his eloquence by shouting, "Don't touch, nor handle it! Away with your campfire, your hell-fire, your damnation and salvation, which is a great injury to the soul!"

Between 1840 and 1850 Otis had a fine set of sturdy and intelligent young men. Many of these had employment in the stores and hotels and were in the service of Porter & Carter, who were extensive contractors and builders and carried on the manufacture of cabinet ware. On a certain occasion a dozen of these were in attendance upon a gathering at the hotel in North Blandford, which proved to one of considerable hilarity. In consequence these Otis boys were arraigned before a Justice of the Peace for conduct which was pardonable rather than criminal. When brought before the court they were ranged in a line before the Justice, who read the complaint and addressing the first one in the line asked "are you guilty or not guilty?" to which the reply, in a moderate tone of voice, was "not guilty." Then the Justice proceeded to ask the others in the line, one by one, if they were guilty or not guilty, to which each replied in turn in an octave higher than his predecessor, "not guilty." Imagine how this court room re-

sounded with this intensified contempt which the boys manifested because of these proceedings.

This trial did not close until about midnight, when the Justice re-formed the boys in line to receive their sentences. To the first one he said, "you are found guilty and you are fined 25 cents," and so he went down the line, fining each 25 or 50 cents, each replying "I appeal," until he reached the last boy, whom he fined the sum of 12½ cents. To this the latter lad shouted "I appeal, and I won't pay it until it amounts to two dollars." These appeals were entered in the Court of Common Pleas in Springfield, Hampden County, and this court dismissed the prosecution. I am sorry to state that hardly any of these men are living. In fact I know of but only one, and he is the individual who said he would not pay his fine until it amounted to two dollars. He resides in Pittsfield and is one of our most substantial citizens. I shall call him Jones for sake of brevity, without repeating his many initials.

Lester Filley was a very social gentleman and a very good liver. His dining room often presented scenes of enjoyable festivities. On one of these occasions a company of friends had visited him and at the close of their stay he provided a team to take them home over the turnpike. The late Judge Bishop of Lenox was one of this company. A ride of five miles brought the party near to the toll gate where 25 cents was to be paid for the use of the road. Messrs. Filley and Bishop sat upon the same seat, and all instinctively strove to reach their pockets to get the money for this toll. As Mr. Bishop was endeavoring to push his hand into his pocket he jostled against Mr. Filley, and thereupon the latter facetiously remarked, "Brother Bishop, if you expect to pay this toll please don't be fumbling around in my pocket for a quarter, but take it from your own." To this Mr. Bishop naively replied, "Brother Filley, I would as soon expect to find an honest man in all Otis as a quarter of a dollar in your pocket." Then Mr. Filley paid the toll and they drove on in high glee.

It is exceedingly pleasant to revive the recollections of the far away period of my

life in Otis. Hardly a person lives there today who was then embraced in its citizenship. The railroads in and about the middle of the nineteenth century completely changed the centers of business and lines of travel and transportation, and thereby Otis and many other of the old county towns were left in the background, losing their people, their industries and opportunities for enterprise and thrift.

A word in reference to the faithful clergymen who were located at Otis for the greater portion of my residence in the town. The Rev. Hugh Gibson of the Congregational Church was a native of Scotland and was educated in one of its universities, both he and his excellent wife were greatly beloved, and the charm of their Scottish accent still lingers in my memory. The good pastor used to fervently pray "that things might be for the better and not for the worser." It was a good prayer notwithstanding the homeliness in its expression. The Rev. Ethan Allen was the rector of the Episcopal church and was deservedly esteemed. I yet believe the prayer of Mr. Gibson will be answered and that things will "be for the better and not for the worser" in Otis and other decadent towns in the county. The electric street railways will finally rejuvenate these localities and repopulate them with good citizens in comfortable and happy homes.

Otis has many advantages. Its natural scenery is attractive, its waters are pure and uncontaminated, its atmosphere gives health and vigor, and with the electric roads sure to come in the near future, it is difficult to conceive of a locality where people from the cities, and weary of the burdens and worries of business, can better seek rest and comfort than here, where land is very cheap and residences may be constructed to suit one's means or fancy. This would be a rare haven for a sensible man; a man of moderate means in need of recuperation, health and rest, who would avoid the vanities and demoralizing influences which are supposed to flow from the examples of what is found among high-toned society people, whose claims for consideration are based on mere wealth, rather than on merit.

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM JOHNS

From *The Berkshire Hills*, September 1, 1902

HIS COMMISSION IN THE OLD TRAINING DAYS

In the early years of the last century there resided in the southern portion of West Stockbridge a citizen of some repute, named William Johns. Deeds in the possession of his descendants show that his father, Stephen, Sr., coming from Bloomfield, N.Y. in 1768, purchased 56 acres of land in "The Gore," west of Stockbridge. This man, if our informant is correct, had a family of six girls and three boys. Mary, one of the daughters, married Dr. John Adams, who settled there in colonial times. The son William, whom we are considering, as he grew to manhood, took an active interest in town affairs. He opened a marble quarry and operated a lime kiln over 80 years ago on land since annexed in the north part of Alford.

Besides his interest in the local affairs of his neighborhood, he became active in military matters. This coming to the state authorities, William Johns received a commission as Ensign, from Governor Caleb Strong, April 7, 1807. He made such progress in the manual of arms, that in two years he was advanced to the chief command of the company then being drilled in that part of West Stockbridge. His commission as Captain is dated May 13, 1809. It is signed by Governor Levi Lincoln, William Tudor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, and Joseph Whiton, Brigadier-General. This company belonged to the second regiment of infantry, first brigade, ninth division of Massachusetts.

One of the orders issued by Captain Johns was as follows: "Militia of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, West Stockbridge, April 20, 1813. To Sergeant Wakeman Brooks, greetings: You are hereby ordered and directed to notify and warn all the non-commissioned officers and soldiers belonging to the company under my command to appear at the house of Samuel Knight, in said West Stockbridge, on Tuesday, the 4th day of May, 1813, at one P.M., with arms and equipments, as the law directs, for the purpose of inspection and drill. Hereof fail not and of the warrant make due returns with your doings thereon, unto myself, seven days before the day of appearance, aforesaid."

The above mentioned commission with the warrant and list of men, the writer copied from the original documents several years ago. They were then in the possession of Mrs. William Carson of Alford, a direct descendant of the old Captain. If the commission is yet in existence it should be presented for safe keeping to the Berkshire Historical Society.

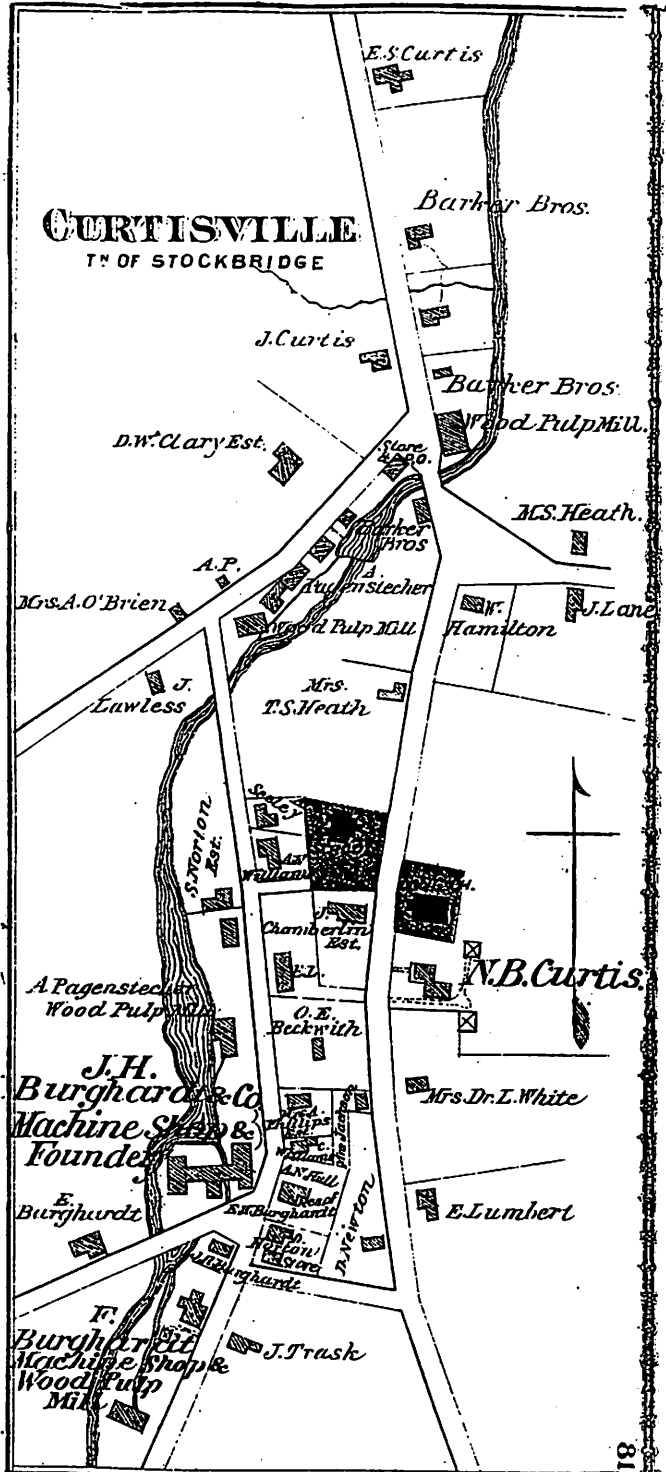
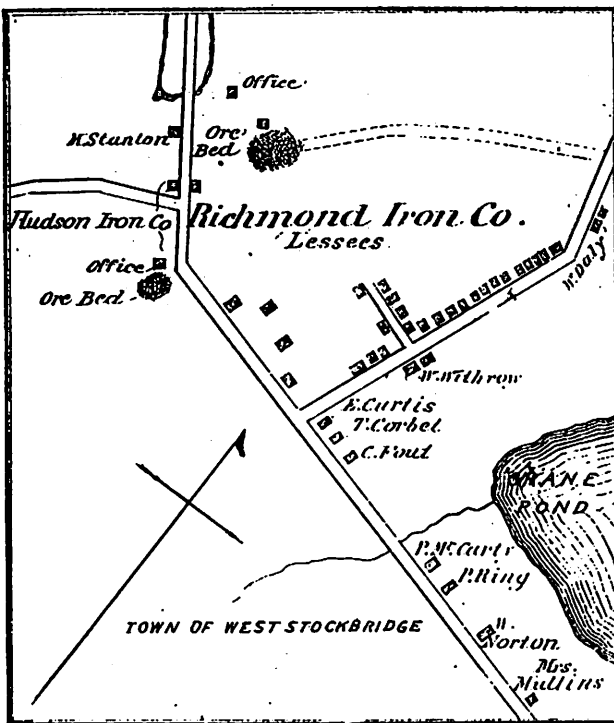
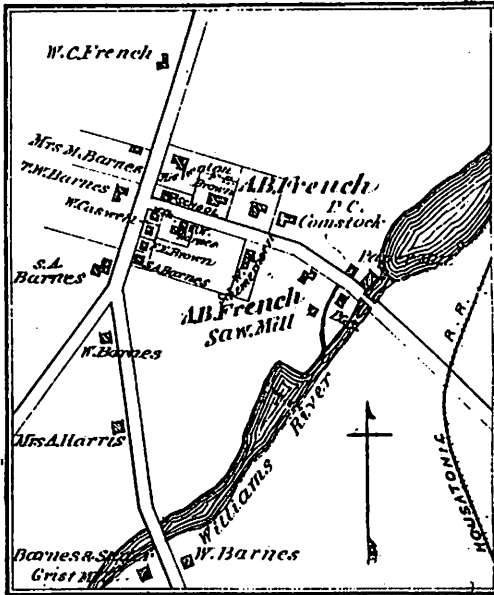
Appended to the orders of Capt. Johns was the following list of men who belonged to this company 89 years ago: Eli Barnett, Moses Nelson, William Milligan, Jared Reed, Ezra French, Ronnell Picket, Enos French, Solomon Reed, Martin Hendrick, Jesse Thayer, Aaron Brown, Elkana Reed, Elijah Hewins, George Wilson, Gilbert Wilson, William E. Bloss, Ephraim Fosket, Jr., John Easland, Jr. ■

CURTISVILLE AND WILLIAMSVILLE - 1876 (Towns of Stockbridge and West Stockbridge)

Barker Brothers	F-3	Burghardt, E.	D-8	Curtis, J.	F-3	Jackson, Mrs.	F-7	Pagenstecher, A.	F-5
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Barnes, S. A.	B-3	Burghardt, J. H.	E-7	Fout, C.	B-8	Lumbert, E.	F-8	Schemerhorn, W.	B-3
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Barnes, W.	B-3	Chamberlin, J.	F-6	French, W. C.	B-2	Mullins, Mrs.	C-9	Stanton, M.	B-6
	B-5	Clary, D. W.	E-4	Hamilton, W.	F-5	Norton, D.	E-8	Trask, J.	E-9
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Brown, F. E.	B-3	Corbet, T.	B-8	Heath, M. S.	G-4	Norton, W.	C-9	Williams, A. N.	E-6
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WILLIAMSVILLE Tⁿ OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE



BIBLE RECORDS

From the Flora Cone Collection at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass.

TINNEY-HICOCK FAMILY BIBLE

GRANDPARENTS

Married January 8, 1837 at Stamford, Vt. by S. C. Millard, J.P.
 Stephen Tinney, born Conway, Mass., died April 14, 1894, Adams, Mass.
 Caroline Hicock, born Pittsfield, Mass., died May 5th, 1891, Adams, Mass.

John K. Hicock, born March 15, 1817, Pittsfield, Mass. died October 22, 1871, North Adams, Mass.
 Elisabeth A. Walden, born May 27, 1840, North Adams, Mass., died February 1st, 1913, North Adams, Mass.

PARENTS

Married December 18, 1874 at Chicopee, Mass. by A. DeF. Palmer
 Adelbert Tinney, born September 4, 1845, Adams, Mass., died November 19, 1921, Adams, Mass. Maternal Great Grandparents were Elisha Baker and Lizzie Kent.
 Nellie Francis Hicock, born June 22, 1857, North Adams, Mass.

CHILDREN

Carrie C. Tinney, born August 1, 1875 at Adams, Mass., died April 25, 1884
 Herbert Sylvester Tinney, born October 17, 1883 at Adams, Mass.
 Marion Edith Tinney, born November 6, 1893 at Adams, Mass.

GRANDPARENTS

Married January 9, 1809
 Moses Hicock, born November 9, 1786, died April 30, 1865, Adams, Mass.
 Laura (Baker) Hicock, born January 9, 1789, died August 30, 1878, Pittsfield, Mass.

PARENTS

Married December 18, 1874 at Chicopee, Mass. by A. DeF. Palmer
 Adelbert Tinney, born September 4, 1845, Adams, Mass., died November 19, 1921, Adams, Mass.
 Nellie F. (Hicock) Tinney, born June 22, 1857, North Adams, Mass.

PARENTS

Married Sept. 28, 1904 at Adams, Mass. by Rev. Albert E. Plue
 Herbert Sylvester Tinney, born October 17, 188-, Adams, Mass.
 Lillian Augusta Horton, born December 4, 1884, Adams, Mass.
 Herbert Sylvester Tinney was married the second time to Mrs. Maude Hathaway, August 28, 1926 at Troy, N.Y. by Rev. Burdick

Ethel Eugene Tinney, born July 29, 1905 - 10:30 PM, Adams, Mass.
 Kenneth Tinney, born Feb 17, 1907, Adams, Mass., died August 5, 1910
 Kathryn F. Tinney, born May 6, 1904, North Adams, Mass.

MISCELLANY

Arnold Hunt Walden and Mahalie Wilbur were united in marriage.
 Martha Hicock, born October 17, 1814, died September 17, 1865
 Vasie Adeline Hicock, born September 30, 1821
 Mary B. Hicock, born December 2, 1831, died February 28, 1861
 Sarah E. Hicock, born July 30, 1835, died March 29, 1915

Edward Sylvester Tinney, born March 6, 1838, died October 10, 1860, Adams, Mass.
 Peter Tinney, born January 22, 1843, died March 7, 1845
 Charles Henry Tinney, born June 23, 1847, died February 28, 1897, Adams, Mass.
 George Tinney, born July 1, 1850, died January 30, 1853, Adams, Mass.
 Joseph Hicock
 Lizzie Kent, Great Grandmother on mother's side
 George L. Hicock, died November 17, 1880
 Marion Edith Tinney, born Monday, November 6, 1893
 John Kent Hicock
 Elisha Baker Aunt Sarah's Grandfather on Mother's side

SCHERMERHORN-FOLMSBEE FAMILY BIBLE

BIRTHS

Abraham R. Schermerhorn born October 10th, 1795
 Lydia VanValkenburgh born September 2nd, 1797
 Hellen Schermerhorn born March 28th, 1816
 Sally Ann Schermerhorn born November 18th, 1817
 Eveline Schermerhorn born July 30th, 1819
 Lucas A. Schermerhorn born July 1st, 1821
 Mary Jane Schermerhorn born May 30th, 1823
 Elanor Schermerhorn born August 8th, 1825
 Catharine A. Schermerhorn born September 21st, 1827
 Richard Schermerhorn born April 28th, 1829
 Philip Schermerhorn born August 2nd, 1831
 Charity Schermerhorn born April 9th, 1834
 Elizabeth Schermerhorn born March 20th, 1837
 David S. Folmsbee born May 29th, 1828
 Catharine A. Folmsbee born September 21st, 1827
 Mary Estella Folmsbee born July 18th, 1853
 Abraham S. Folmsbee born August 19th, 1858
 Alice Amelia Folmsbee born November 25, 1861
 George Barnes Perry born September 8th 1848
 Mary Estella Perry born July 8th 1853
 Walter J. Perry born August 27th, 1874
 Lucy H. Perry born October 1st, 1880
 Deloss Folmsbee born August 28th, 1881
 Mary E. Folmsbee born February 18th, 1888

MARRIAGES

Abraham R. Schermerhorn & Lydia VanValkenburgh married March 2nd, 1815
 John A. Miller & Hellen Schermerhorn married November 26th, 1835
 John Randerson & Sally Ann Schermerhorn married July 22nd 1844
 James M. Sheffer & Mary Jane Schermerhorn married January 9th, 1843
 Lucas A. Schermerhorn & Anna Mariah Folmsbee married December 3rd, 1846
 George H. Folmsbee & Eleanor Schermerhorn married September 5th, 1849
 David S. Folmsbee & Catharine A. Schermerhorn married September 25th, 1850
 Riar Schermerhorn & Charity Schermerhorn married October 3rd, 1853
 Charlie K. VanValkenburgh & Elizabeth Schermerhorn married January 5th, 1870
 George B. Perry & Mary Estella Folmsbee married December 20th, 1871
 Abram S. Folmsbee & Joanna Michael married November 27th, 1879
 Mortimer W. Strong & Alice A. Folmsbee married October 1st, 1889
 Lawrence R. Waterman & Mabel C. Strong married January 17th, 1917

Shailer M. Cone & Flora W. Waterman married June 19th, 1943

Conrad Delander Cone & Carole Ann Denault married January 22nd 1966

DEATHS

Philip Schermerhorn died August 16th, 1834, age 3 years & 14 days

Eveline Schermerhorn died September 8th, 1840 age 21 years 1 month 8 days

Sallyann Schermerhorn wife of John Randerson died March 20th, 1851 age 33 years 4 months 2 days

Richard Schermerhorn died July 20th 1851 age 22 years 2 months 22 days

Abram R. Schermerhorn died March 1st, 1853 age 57 years 4 months 21 days

Lydia Schermerhorn died March 31st, 1871 age 74 years & 8 months

James M. Shaffer, M.D. died March, 1905

Luke A. Schermerhorn died April 4th, 1905

David S. Folmsbee died September 10th, 1906 age 77

Catherine A. Folmsbee died May 11th, 1912 age 84

Mary E. Perry died July 26th, 1913 age 60 years & 18 days

Hazel A. Strong died November 20th, 1918 - born 1893

William H. Strong died February 6th, 1922

Mortimer W. Strong died March 30th, 1925 - born June 1, 1855

Alice A. Strong died March 20th, 1926 - born November 5, 1861

Cyrus A. Strong died June 9th, 1927

Mabel S. Strong (Hall, Fish) died April 10th, 1983

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CROSIER REUNIONS

From the *Sunday Morning Call*, August 29, 1889

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

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. ■

THE WARNER FAMILY

From the Flora Cone Collection at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass.

On Friday P.M. April 8, 1922, Peace Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held what was called an afternoon with our ancestors at which time Mrs. Anna Russell Whiting read this paper, containing these facts.

The Revolutionary ancestors that my 5 bars represent, consisting of a Captain, Ensign, Fifer and two Privates. Captain (Jonathan) Warner was born in Northampton July 16, 1743. Died in Williamsburg, Mass. Oct. 15, 1826.

His services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

In the Burgoyne campaign, after the British captured Fort Ticonderoga, a messenger with the news reached Williamsburg, Mass. Sunday morning. He reined up at the door of the church in the midst of the sermon and proclaimed his message of alarm. Church services gave way to a war meeting on the spot and fifty volunteers were obtained before night in response to Capt. Fairfield's call. Jonathan Warner was one of these.

Capt. Warner was wounded in the battle of Saratoga in making a bayonet charge; a ball struck his shoulder.¹ A muster-roll of the Captain Abel Thayer Company that marched April 21, 1775 includes the name of Jonathan Warner.² Captain Jonathan Warner's commissions were signed by John Hancock,³ and are in the family possessions.

Captain Jonathan Warner removed from Northampton and settled in the eastern part of Williamsburg; he married Eglah Sheldon. It was perhaps one of the most singular matches ever made. He was possessed of a giant will, she was meek and submissive. There was no want of family government. He ruled his wife as well as his children with despotic sway. His government though absolute was kind. The love between husband and wife was remarkable. When Capt. Warner died, after a wedded life of more than three score years, his wife also laid down and died from no apparent reason, unless that she felt that there was nothing left to detain her. Capt. Warner offered the same prayer both night and morning for over sixty years. It had

been pruned of every expression inappropriate, never omitting a human need and, as uttered by him, full of life and meaning. He would stand at the back of his elbow chair pausing emphatically at each change of subject.

His library consisted of the Bible, Watt's Hymns, Pilgrims Progress; he took the Hampshire Gazette from its first issue, a little brown sheet as large as Fools Cap paper; this paper advertised, "Cash paid for rags at this office."

When visiting his friends he would talk fast and finish quickly; when they visited him he was not always as attentive. He was a carpenter as well as an extensive farmer. He was a master builder of the old church in Williamsburg, (the first one) and also of churches in Goshen, Ashfield, Chesterfield and Worthington, besides those in other towns, never charging one cent of profit on wages or material used. He was cousin of Seth Warner of Bennington fame.

From the first settlement of Williamsburg he was an active supporter of all good works, a church goer and a Sabbath keeper in the true Puritan fashion, systematic in business, quick of perception, sound of judgment, a little fretful, but of a truly kind heart.

Jonathan Warner was an officer during the war of the Revolution. His first commission appointed him 2nd Lieutenant; it was dated at Watertown, April 8, 1776, and was signed by the major part of the Council of Massachusetts Bay. Later he received two other commissions signed by the major part of the Council. In 1771 he received a Captain's commission signed by Governor John Hancock. His time of service in the Army is unknown. He was wounded in the shoulder by a ball which troubled him all through life. He refused to apply for a pension as he thought the country too poor to pay for it. Four of his six sons settled on

adjoining farms. The gun he carried is in the museum at Lexington, Mass.

Captain Jonathan Warner enlisted at Williamsburg in Captain Fairfield's Company. He fought in the war of 1812 in Capt. E. Goss' Detached Co. of Mendon, Lieut. Col. W. Hastings' Regt.

Captain Warner married Eglah Shelden, daughter of Isrial Shelden, born Southampton 1715 died 1791, served in Capt. Lemuel Pomeroy's Co. at Lexington and Bennington alarms. He turned out under Col. Ezra May in the Expedition to Saratoga April 21, 1775, enlisted April 28, 1775.

Isrial Shelden's father John Shelden fought in Queen Anne's War and Indian wars of N.E. in 1704. His wife and two children were taken to Canada as prisoners, afterward returned to Deerfield, their native town. Capt. Warner and Eglah Shelden had ten children; the seventh a daughter Paulina Warner, born Oct. 27, 1771, married Elijah Nash son of John Nash of Williamsburg, born June 12, 1772, married Feb. 14, 1796. He have the Nash family history back to the 15th century. Elijah and Paulina Nash of Conway, had nine children, the 4th a daughter Wealthy Warner Nash, born Feb. 8, 1797, died in Pittsfield May 21, 1858, married Solomon Lincoln Russell (whose mother was Mehitable Lincoln of the Abraham Lincoln family) married May 31, 1821. Solomon Lincoln Russell born Chesterfield, Mass. son of John Russell born Bromfield (Brimfield? Ed.), Mass. died in Chesterfield Nov. 11. 1828. He was blind from the age of 16, but managed a general store at Utleys Corners, Chesterfield, and was successful despite his blindness. He married Sarah Rice. Have the Russell history back to 1601 to Russell Duke of Bedford, also the Coat of Arms of the Russell and Whiting families, also a picture of the old home at Chesterfield. The frame of which is made from clapboards, taken from an old house. Solomon Lincoln Russell and his brother Zeno bought the Berkshire Hotel, Pittsfield, then the leading stage hotel of the town on the corner of North and West Sts., where the Berkshire Life Ins. Co. now is. They sold the hotel which was closely identified with much of the history of Pittsfield in 1835 and settled on a farm about

3/4 of a mile north, living on land which was later owned and occupied by his son Solomon Nash Russell. Russell Terrace and Charles Street, also Russell School were named for other members of the family and the House of Mercy buildings stand on what was the Russell farm. Solomon and Wealthy Nash Russell had eight children of whom my father Hezekiah Stone was the seventh. He was a boiler maker and bridge builder by trade and his shop was where the E. D. Jones machine shop now stands. He was born on the Russell farm Dec. 7, 1835. In his youth a spirit of adventure led him to the Western frontier and to Australia, he having gone there in a sailing ship and was 86 days out of sight of land in going there, in construction camps of railroad and telegraph lines, he was foreman of the gang of men that strung the first telegraph line in Australia, from Melbourne to Sidney. When he planned to return home he wrote to his mother and said on what boat he would leave Melbourne, and the next day a large pole fell on his leg, breaking the bone in two places so he did not sail on that boat, which was burned at sea and never made port, so he was mourned as lost at sea by his family. When he really recovered from his injury, he took another ship coming by way of the Big Horn, and South America, landing at San Francisco, 96 days or over 3 months out of sight of land. In crossing this country home much traveling was done in prairie wagons.

In 1887 and 1888 he was one of the town's selectmen, a member of the Public Works Board in 92-93-94, was Councilman from the 4th ward in 97-98. In 1900 he was elected Mayor and re-elected in 1901, the only mayor thus far that was born in Pittsfield. In 1908 he retired from politics, after having served as a member of the House of Representatives for one term. He was one of the original members and officers of the Co-operative Bank and was vice-president at his death. He was a Mason 57 years, being a charter member of 7 of 9 original societies. He was Past Master of both Mystic and Crescent Lodges, a Past Commander of Berkshire Commandery. Three times District Deputy, an officer of Onota Lodge of Perfection and many other branches of the order

and a 32nd degree mason a man very decided in his views, very kind at heart and just, abhorred sham in any form, and I hope it may be said of me when I die, as it was of him, that he was just what he seemed to be. He married Martha Anna Rowley, born Aug. 6, 1843, in Warnerville, N.Y., seventh child of Dr. Julius Rowley and Anna Snyder. They had nine children of which I am the seventh, making father the 7th, mother the 7th and I the 7th. Well that is what I know of the two Revolutionary ancestors on my father's side.

ON MOTHER'S SIDE

Ensign Nicholas Warner of Capt. Brown's Co., 15th Regt. of the United Districts of Schoharie and Duanesburgh.⁴ He and his brother Capt. George Warner were taken prisoners by the Indians. George had the nails drawn from his toes and fingers, but Nicholas was treated kindly because his father had treated them kindly. Capt. George had a nickname Taut, and was known as Capt. Taut Warner. Capt. George Warner and Nicholas Warner both fought in the War of 1812, in Capt. J. Hunt's Co., Lieut. Col. S. K. Chamberlin's Regt. Nicholas Warner, born 1749, died 1835, married Martha Shaffer, born 1750, died 1836, their daughter Catherine Warner born 1788, died 1883, married 1806 to Peter W. Snyder, born in Schoharie Co., N.Y. Mar. 19, 1784, died at Warnerville, N.Y. Sept. 8, 1850. Their daughter Anna Snyder, born 1807, died in Pittsfield Nov. 4, 1876, married at Cobleskill, N.Y. Sept. 25, 1835 to Dr. Julius Rowley, born Sharon, N.Y. Mar. 18, 1801, died Warnerville, N.Y. Feb. 10, 1846, their daughter Martha was my mother. Ebenezer Rowley, Jr. born East Haddam, Ct., Oct. 20, 1727, died Winsted, Ct. Feb. 7, 1811, married Oct. 18, 1750. Ebenezer Rowley, Fifer in 9th Company under Capt. Abraham Files of Haddam, Ct., 8th Regt. Huntington.⁵ Ebenezer Rowley married Susanna, daughter of Cornelius Anable, born Nov. 4, 1704 at East Haddam, Ct., a descendant of Anthony Anable and Anna Elcock, married 1644. We have their history back to 1600 and right here is where our Mayflower ancestry comes in.

Ebenezer Rowley's father Moses Rowley, married Elizabeth Fuller, daughter of Capt.

Matthew Fuller, son of Samuel Fuller, grandson of Edward Fuller, who came in the Mayflower. Another of his daughters married a descendant of John Howland of the Mayflower and it is through the wives of these men that we are eligible to the Colonial Dames and Puritan Mothers and Daughters societies.

Ebenezer's son Elijah married Sally Morgan, born 1775, died 1815.

5th Bar. Sally Morgan's father Nathan Morgan, born in Preston, Conn., Nov. 29, 1744, married 1775, died at Scott, Cortland Co., N.Y. 1790. Nathan Morgan from the town of Preston, Conn. served in the Lexington Alarm, enlisted in Capt. Gallup's Co. Sept. 8 1776, discharged Nov. 17, 1776, was Sergeant in Capt. Elderkin's Co., 7th Regt. of Windham, Conn. line, enlisted Jan. 17, 1776, served 3 years.

Nathan married Jerusha Benton, born 1775, died 1815, married 1796. Their daughter Sally Morgan married Elijah Rowley, born 1775, died 1827. Their son D. Julius Rowley married Ann Snyder. Their daughter Martha Anna, my mother, married Hezekiah Russell.

It is a strange thing that though this record goes from this age back for 12 generations and some of the history back to 1624, that our line of the name of both Russell and Rowley becomes extinct with this generation as all the descendants are female.

In this age when statistics show that 3/4 of the population of Massachusetts is of foreign extraction, it is nice to be able to trace one's ancestry to the type of Americans that have stood for the Stars and Stripes from the beginning. America first and always!

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THE PHILLIPS FAMILY OF AMERICA

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SIMEON PHILLIPS OF CONWAY

Simeon, the seventh son of Capt. Philip Phillips, who settled in Conway where he resided until his death and was the father of a numerous family, was with his wife Ruth a devout Episcopalian. As late as 1828 he was remarkably strong and athletic and is remembered by a living nephew to have stood upon his head in a chair to amuse him. While all of the Phillips race had a great love of humor "Uncle Sim" was a bright and particular star in the firmament of fun and joke. He is survived by his son, Simeon Phillips, who resided with his daughter Mrs. Jennie E. Wood on Conway street in Greenfield and who on February 22, 1904, had attained the age of 89 years, though quite feeble both physically and mentally. This gentleman during his active life extending well along into the years has been a skillful mechanic, first as a watch and clock maker and than as a machinist and manufacturer of fine tools at the head of the Greenfield Tool Company. Like his ancestor he has long been a prominent Episcopalian and for many years has filled the office of senior warden in St. Luke's Episcopal church in Greenfield which position he still retains. He resided in Conway up to early manhood since which time he has made his home in Greenfield, where he has been an energetic and popular business man and manufacturer and one of its most respected citizens.

DR. LISCOMB PHILLIPS OF SAVOY AND ADAMS

Liscomb Phillips, the eleventh son of Capt. Philip Phillips and ancestor of the Berkshire family, was born in Ashfield, March 23, 1777, and after studying medicine with Dr. Bryant of Cummington, the father of William Cullen Bryant, the poet, set up in the practice of medicine and surgery in Savoy. Previous to this Zachariah Padelford of Taunton, a son of Jonathan Padelford, who was born of Welch and French descent in

Wales in 1628, and had died in Taunton in 1660, bought a small farm in Savoy, the former having served with distinction in the Continental armies in the Revolution and having been discharged therefrom soon after the surrender of General Cornwallis. With her brother, Nancy Padelford, a fine horse-woman who had made three trips on horseback from Savoy to Taunton through the wilderness, resided, having come hither to teach school. Dr. Phillips made his home with the Padelfords, and afterwards married her. The cellar and orchard of the old Padelford farm, a little way up from the intersection of the Jackson road with the old highway to Adams is still pointed out and the site and orchard of the Dr. Phillips home still farther up the Jackson road and about three-quarters of a mile from Savoy Hollow is still to be seen. Many descendants of the Padelford family are still to be found in Rhode Island and of these was Governor Padelford of that state, who in the last century frequently visited his relatives in Berkshire. Zachariah Padelford and wife afterwards removed to Adams where they died, the old-fashioned cottage where they lived until his death on the Broadley mill grounds still standing as a pattern of peculiar ancient architecture.

HIS REMOVAL TO AND DEATH IN ADAMS

After a number of years' residence in Savoy, in which Dr. Phillips became eminent in his profession, he removed to the south village of Adams having purchased a fine colonial mansion on Park street, formerly standing on the north end of the present home lot of Hon. W. B. Plunkett, and which for very many years was known as the Phillips homestead. While resident in Adams Dr. Phillips had a large and lucrative practice in that and in adjacent towns, and while in the midst of his active and busy life was suddenly stricken down by the rupture of a blood vessel in his brain and expired almost instantly. He had just returned from a horseback

visit to Savoy, and while in the act of repairing the fastening of the door of his barn, suddenly sat down upon the sill, when his wife observed blood pouring from his nose in a stream. Help was summoned and the first to reach him was George N. Briggs, his then near neighbor and personal friend, who with others carried him into the house where in a few minutes he expired without a groan or word though evidently cognizant of his condition, October 10, 1821, at the age of 44 years. In Berkshire medical records of that year has been found this tribute of his fellow physicians to his worth as a physician and citizen: "Possessed by nature of a strong, investigating mind, which was cultivated with more than ordinary care in scientific acquirement, he further possessed those noble qualities of soul which eminently fitted him for the various relations of husband, father, neighbor and friend. As a physician his ride was extensive, and he possessed the unbounded confidence of his patients."

HIS EIGHT CHILDREN

Dr. Liscomb Phillips was the father of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, and by his sudden taking off in the prime of his young manhood, the task of rearing his young family fell upon his wife as a duty involving the severest trial and the greatest hardship. Yet she rose up most bravely and nobly to meet the emergency and surviving two of these children before her death saw the others all comfortably settled in life, and filling honorable and respected positions therein. Of this family Henry Padelford Phillips was born in Savoy in 1807, Sarah in 1808, Erasmus D. in 1809, Charles in 1811, Julia in 1812, William in 1814, while Benjamin F. was born in Adams in 1817, Horatio in 1818 and Albert L. in 1821.

DR. HENRY P. PHILLIPS

Dr. Henry Padelford Phillips, the oldest son of Dr. Liscomb Phillips, and who was born in Savoy in 1807, was attending a select school on Stafford's Hill at the time of his father's sudden death. On the Monday morning of this day his father had met him as he was coming down from Savoy from a professional visit at a little brook, at which

being on horseback, he was watering his animal, the lad having walked from the village on foot and standing on a small rude bridge above him. Here the father, as if in premonition of his fate, counseled his son as to his duty in life, to be faithful in his studies, honest in all his acts and purposes, loving and dutiful to his parents, brothers, sisters and friends, to seek Christ while still in youth, and through divine inspiration to ever strive to serve his country and his fellow men with an earnestness of purpose and fidelity sure to bring him not only rich reward in his life, but in that to come.

GRADUATES AT THE BERKSHIRE MEDICAL COLLEGE

When but a few hours afterwards he was hastily summoned home to look upon the face of his loving father cold and silent in death, while his afflicted mother and a group of younger brothers and sisters clustered around him, he was so overcome by the anguish of this scene that its sad memories never were forgotten in after life, and especially when he was present at the old Phillips homestead. Becoming the reliance of his mother and the stay of the young family, at the age of sixteen years he devoted himself with such assiduity to his favorite study of medicine that he soon after entered the old Berkshire Medical College, from which he graduated as a doctor of medicine at the commencement of 1827, but when twenty years of age, having been the youngest graduate that ever went out from this institution. In 1824 he had for fellow students Mark Hopkins of Stockbridge, Thomas A. Brayton of Adams, Henry L. Sabin of Williamstown, Erastus Cushing of Lanesboro, B. F. Kittredge of Hinsdale and Charles S. Goodrich and Oliver Root of Pittsfield. Dr. Josiah Goodhue being president of the college and Dr. H. H. Childs professor of the theory and practice of physic.

A TEMPERANCE MAN FOR LIFE

But few noteworthy incidents are remembered of his early life excepting that the unflinching temperance principles of his whole career, in which he never imbibed a drop of spirituous liquors and which he always maintained with great heroism, were

the result of the grief and tears of his mother over the circumstance of some evil-disposed persons having persuaded him and his companion, John Hall, to partake of rum and molasses in a decoction called "black-strap," when on a boyhood visit to North Adams, a tippie much in fashion in the early days. His promise to his grieved mother on this occasion he most religiously observed through youth and manhood down to his death, while he met with Dr. Elihu Smead Hawkes, who graduated at the Berkshire Medical College in 1826, were the greatest temperance champions and most fearless foes of the rum traffic the locality of North Adams ever knew, and in the maintenance of the courage of their convictions often risked their lives in a warfare which had no cessation while they lived and showed not a shadow of compromise.

A THOROUGH FRIGHT

Though a lad of great determination and courage, when young Phillips was first introduced to the anatomical department of the old Berkshire Medical College, which in 1824 stood on the site of St. Stephen's Guild House, and mischievous students in the older classes had locked the doors and applied galvanic batteries to the body of a large and muscular colored man which had been placed on the operating table, he afterwards confessed to having been so completely demoralized by fright, that he could have made his exit, however great were his necessities for acquiring this profession, that he should have given it a wide berth forever.

HIS RESIDENCE IN LANESBORO

After his graduation Dr. Phillips returned to Adams, where he remained for a single year. His extreme youthfulness for a practitioner of medicine, though full of energy and spirit, caused him much embarrassment, and he soon felt the necessity of allying himself with some older and skillful physician. Accordingly he removed to Lanesboro, where he became associated in practice with Dr. William H. Tyler, a pioneer practitioner of that period, having a great clientage not only in the old township itself, but in all the country adjacent thereto. The degree to

which he commanded the respect and confidence of his senior, then one of the most skillful and reputable members of the profession in Western Massachusetts, may be judged from the fact that one year after becoming associated with him, and at the age of 22 years, he wedded Cecelia H., his eldest daughter, in 1829, the marriage taking place at New Lebanon Springs, a custom quite fashionable with the young people of that day in the old town to avoid the publicity of announcement of marriage banns in the old time churches three times before the wedding day.

PRACTICES AT SOUTH ADAMS

After practicing in Lanesboro for some time afterwards with his father-in-law and residing in a two-story house which is still standing opposite the Dr. Pratt residence in North Lanesboro, a structure which had been before and since occupied by many of the old town's physicians, he removed to South Adams. For a number of years his office was on the old Phillips homestead grounds and afterwards he built a resident which is still standing just northeast of the railway station. In 1836 he removed to North Adams having purchased a small story-and-a-half wooden dwelling and lot which is the present site of the Frank Walker residence on South Church street. Hither he had his small wooden office drawn by oxen from South Adams, which was placed on the northwest corner of this home lot, with an entrance by wooden steps from the highway. The old cottage has been removed to the southern portion of the city where it is still standing, while the doctor's office is now located near the foot of Holden street.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AT NORTH ADAMS

Dr. Phillips successfully practiced medicine and surgery in North Adams for 45 years, and many of its older citizenship still hold him in reverent and grateful remembrance. Not only did he have a large village clientage, but he had a lucrative practice in the hill towns of Clarksburg, Stamford, Florida and Savoy, and whatever be the climatic conditions in summer or in winter,

by day or by night, he never refused to obey a summons to the bedsides of the sick, suffering and wounded. Many times he was snow-bound on the Florida hills and made several escapes from such imprisonment on snow-shoes. was once pursued by a wildcat in that town, and thrown on a dark and stormy night from his high-wheeled sulky, while descending the winding steep of the Hoosac mountain. But he always maintained his indomitable courage, and though in early practice the driver of the swiftest and often the most vicious horses, always miraculously escaped injury.

HEROIC AS A PHYSICIAN

As a physician and surgeon he seemed to be always ready to take his diagnosed chances with a patient with a forceful courage to compel success even when brother physicians were doubtful, in very many instances he wrested his patients as it were from out of the very clutches of death, and for such brave achievements he was greatly honored by those he thus rescued. He was not in any sense a nurse, but rather an intrepid commander in cases of peril and emergency, totally ignored the arguments of all who opposed or remonstrated, when he saw there was a tread of possibility of saving a human life, and took upon himself the full responsibility of his procedure. He was quick to detect imagined or natural causes in simple cases of illness and with a cheerful "you'll soon be out of this," and a proper remedy, would waste no time in such visits.

HIS SUCCESS WITH CHILDREN

When meeting with chronic ailments he would generally pass these cases over to his father-in-law, Dr. Tyler, who a few years after his removal to North Adams joined him there, where he practiced and was called in counsel by all the physicians of the locality until he was 85 years of age. Dr. Phillips was a great lover and favorite of children, and such was his marvelous success in his treatment of such in illness, that he was not only in great demand by those who were his patrons, but by those having little folks who were suffering, but of whom he was not the family physician. For this reason he was

named the children's doctor, for by feeling the throbbing heart beatings in the wrist, he was singularly successful in tracing and treating juvenile ailments without asking the little ones any questions. It was before the days when medicines were put up in sugar tablets and when nauseous medicines had often to be forced down the throats of children by violence, often accompanied by scold words. But such was the winning way into those childish hearts possessed by Dr. Phillips that they would smile and offer not the slightest opposition when he administered to them the most appalling doses. The memory of his open buggy filled with these little folks, full of glee and laughter at his companionship, and their welcome to him in his visits to the homes of wealth and poverty alike, is a pleasurable one, though the strange trust and affinity in these happenings were hard to be understood.

AN EARNEST AND ACTIVE CITIZEN

Aside from his profession Dr. Phillips had a decided taste for agricultural pursuits, which he indulged in by the acquisition of a few acres of land in Clarksburg, which he cleared of a second growth of timber and successfully cultivated during his life. He was greatly interested in all national, public and local affairs, was a persistent reader and a frequent contributor to the columns of the local and city press. On his arrival at North Adams he became a member of the First Baptist church in 1836 and being possessed of a fine tenor voice was a leading member of its choir under the leadership of Harvey Ingraham during the pastorates of Elders Alden, Love and Sanford, to whom he was greatly attached. He was a member of the Massachusetts State Medical Society from 1837 to 1881, and also a member of the old Berkshire Medical Society until its division for the formation of the Northern Berkshire Medical Association, of which he was president at the time of his death from pneumonia, Nov. 24, 1881 at the age of 75 years and four months.

AN ABOLITIONIST IN 1840

While resident in North Adams he was an active and zealous temperance worker and

was most prominent in assisting and promoting every effort and enterprise for the good and growth of the locality. Originally an ardent Whig, becoming wearied of the injustice and exactions of the slave-holding power in the nation, and thoroughly impressed that the holding of the black race in bondage was a national crime, in 1840 he allied himself to the little band of abolitionists raised up by God to inaugurate the movement to wipe off this curse from the face of the Republic. It was in 1840 that with William Brown, a humble mechanic working in the old stone mill on River street, that he bore the odium of having for the first time cast an abolition vote in the town of Adams. Though ridiculed and persecuted by Whig and Democrat alike, he never faltered or compromised, though his steadfast adhesion to his faith at times greatly interfered with his practice, so bitter at that period were the defendants of slavery in Northern Berkshire. With a few other noble men in Berkshire County he harbored and helped northward fleeing slaves in disobedience of the iniquitous National Fugitive Slave Law, which he openly held in defiance. He was gratified to have lived to see the country redeemed from this crime by the voice of the people and by the Civil War, and later became a member of the Republican party. But a few years prior to his death he paid an extended visit to the South, and so thoroughly sympathized with its peoples and their misgovernment after the war, that he voted for Horace Greeley and Samuel J. Tilden when Democratic nominees for the presidency.

His eldest son, W. H. Phillips, resident with his only daughter Clara Harris Phillips in Pittsfield, is the editor and manager of "The Berkshire Hills Monthly" and was born in Lanesboro in 1830. Dr. Henry T. Phillips, the second son, was born in Lanesboro in 1832 and died in Cheshire a few years since. Harlan L. Phillips of South Norwalk Ct., the third son, was born in Adams in 1835, and his only daughter Anna G. Phillips was born in North Adams in which city the mother deceased quite a number of years ago.

SARAH, WIFE OF WILLIAM SMITH

Sarah, the eldest daughter, married William Smith, a skillful mechanic, a man of

marked intellectual ability and a member of a once noted Berkshire family. They, with their only daughter Ann, who became an accomplished teacher in the city of New York where she married Prof. Silas E. Herring, a noted pianist, composer and inventor of such fame in Germany and the United States, died many years ago. A son, Roscoe Smith, became a talented organist and musician at Albion, N. Y., and by his death a few years since that branch of the family is now represented by his only daughter. Prof. Herring and his esteemed wife were resident for quite a number of years in University Place, New York, and it was here that he invented the Palmelodicon, with which he gave several concerts in the sixties in Northern Berkshire. So deeply attached to his wife was this once celebrated musician and teacher, that soon after her death he returned to Germany where all trace of him has been lost.

ERASMUS D. PHILLIPS

Erasmus D. Phillips was a graduate of Williams College, paying the most of this expenses thereat by teaching school in the winter months, which occupation he commenced when but fifteen years of age. Afterwards he studied law and being admitted to practice settled in 1837 at Oak Creek, Wisconsin, now a portion of the site of the city of Milwaukee, where he purchased a tract of government land, held the office of Justice of the Peace and filled other responsible positions. While resident there he became so familiar with land titles and tracts that when the locality became a city his legal services were constantly sought in the settlement of vexed land questions connected therewith. In 1856 he removed to Lake Geneva in that state, where in connection with Dr. Thomas Browning, an emigrant from Adams who afterward became his brother-in-law, he opened the first drug store. He afterwards established a mercantile house and from that time until his death in 1902, at the home of his married daughter, Alice Ford, at the advanced age of 92, confined himself while able to law practice. His only son Darwin died early in life and he survived his wife but a few years.

He was all through his life a thorough master of the Latin and Greek languages and

retained his remarkable eyesight to the last. He was a man of high ideals, pure character, honesty of purpose and strict integrity. As with the most of the descendants of Capt. Philip Phillips of Ashfield down to the present generation, he was a noted hunter and fisherman by inheritance, and which he pursued with great skill and success from youth long past manhood. While resident in Wisconsin, to which he emigrated when that state was a wilderness, he was its champion hunter of the honey of wide bees of which he captured many tons. In following these bees in the forests he several times lost his bearings, on two occasions encountering hostile Indians and only saving his life by his courage and his mastery of the Indian language.

It was the late Judge James T. Robinson, who was an ardent trout fisherman himself, who used to carry the string of this pioneer Isaack Walton of the Berkshire hills in boyhood, when he would angle in the south branch of the Hoosac river and who said, "I never saw such luck as that of Uncle Erasmus in all my life. He would angle all the way down from Wilmarth's factory, through the Howland meadows and when we reached North Adams, oh what a string of half and quarter pounders we had. When other sportsmen in later days thought that stream was all fished out of trout, he would come down from the west and perform that wonderful feat every time he tried it. Why, he would creep up to a spring hole in that stream, and he knew just where these all were, and take out the spotted beauties just as though they were waiting for him and his artificial fly, for he never soiled his hands with worms, grubs or grasshoppers."

CHARLES PHILLIPS, THE SOLDIER

Charles Phillips having learned the trade of harness-making with John Hall of Adams was with the latter in 1840 at work at that trade in an upper room of a building on the east side of Center street near the bridge. Later on he enlisted in the United States army, was stationed on Governor's Island in New York harbor and served as quartermaster for his regiment, purchasing all their supplies of food and clothing and needed necessities in that city. After the expiration of his enlistment he followed his trade in dif-

ferent localities and then his whereabouts for a long time were unknown to his relatives. Sometime after the close of the Mexican war, when his eldest brother was in conversation with a North Adams soldier who had served in that conflict, he was told that a comrade in General Cushing's Massachusetts regiment, who bore some resemblance to him, frequently asked after the Phillips family, and seemed to have a familiar knowledge of Berkshire county and its peoples. It afterwards proved that this soldier was Charles Phillips, who had enlisted under the name of George Hoose to prevent his people indulging in any worry on his account. At the close of the war he was granted a land bounty located at Black Creek, Wisconsin, where he was married and reared an interesting family. For several years he resided with his children at Adams, having returned thither to give them an education. But preferring the west to the east finally all returned to Wisconsin, where he died on a fine farm now occupied by his son Henry and his two daughters, his two other sons, Frank and Albert, having deceased.

JULIA, WIFE OF STOEL E. DEAN

Julia A., the second daughter, became the wife of Stoel E. Dean, a notable member of the famous Dean brothers of Adams, who owned and carried on for many years a large number of tanneries in Adams, Cheshire and Dalton during the last century. Mr. Dean at a later period was a woolen manufacturer in partnership with B. F. Phillips and afterwards with his son-in-law, A. H. Lamont, at Adams and Bridgeport, Ct. Both parents, who were once prominent citizens of Adams, have passed away together with their two married daughters Helen Dean Lamont and Julia Dean Crowell. The two surviving daughters are Miss S. Jane Dean of Adams and Mrs. Charles A. Wilkinson of Binghamton, N.Y.

BENJAMIN F. PHILLIPS

Benjamin Franklin Phillips, the last survivor of the Dr. Liscomb Phillips family, and also of the pioneer manufacturers of Northern and Central Berkshire, celebrated his 87th birthday at his home on Crandall street, Adams, February 7, 1904, he having been born in that town in 1817. In early youth he

attended a district school on the grounds now occupied by the Sheldon House on the corner of Sheldon and East streets, and afterwards was a pupil at the old brick academy, which formerly stood on the site of the present Town Hall at the corner of Park and School streets. When but 14 years of age he took a position in the Isaac Hoxie fulling and custom carding mill, which was in operation on the site of the present Renfrew dye house on Dean street. After four years' service in the Hoxie mill, the late Abial P. Butler of Lanesboro and North Adams, purchased the machinery therein and removed the same to West Troy, N. Y., where he continued the manufacture, and with whom Mr. Phillips was associated for five years as a boss finisher, when in 1840 he was engaged in the same capacity at the Van Rensselaer woolen mill in Albany, where he remained for eight years. In 1846, while resident of Albany, he married Cecelia Morin and of the three children born of this union, Albert L., Charles and Emma J., but the well-known eldest son, Albert L., now 57 years of age, survives, at the present time a very popular and successful dealer in woolen machinery and resident at Worcester. Emma J., who was of a loving and modest disposition and a great favorite, died at Adams at the age of 29 years and Charles in infancy. In 1848 Mr. Phillips removed from Albany to Philmont where he remained for two years, having charge of the piece dying and finishing in the woolen manufactory of Philip & Aiken.

Returning to Adams in 1850 Mr. Phillips formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Stoel E. Dean, with the firm name of Dean & Phillips, for the manufacture of satinets and union cassimeres. Their factory was located on the present site of the mammoth Berkshire Mill, No. 1, and the partnership continued for three years, when Mr. Phillips purchased the interest of Mr. Dean and leased the mill property of him for a term of five years. Having Sanford Blackinton and William Pollock for silent partners, he conducted the business under the firm name of B. F. Phillips & Co. At the end of two years Peter Blackinton purchased the interest of the silent partners, the business was continued for two years as Blackinton & Phillips, when Stoel E. Dean purchased a third interest in 1857, this arrangement continuing until 1860, when the

partnership was dissolved, the old plant being continued by Mr. Dean and his son-in-law as the firm of Dean & Lamont for a number of years.

Blackinton & Phillips then purchased the old Anthony cotton mill property at the foot of the hill leading down into Maple Grove, and moving the same southward erected on the site the present stone mill now owned by the Renfrew Manufacturing Company. This partnership was continued until 1868, the firm having during its continuance built the present brick woolen mill, a number of rods south of the Maple Grove railway station, it having greatly prospered during what was known as the Civil war days, since which the history of woolen manufacture in the county has been more prolific in reverses than in prosperity, and full of ups and downs.

In 1868, Mr. Blackinton taking the stone mill and Mr. Phillips the brick, a partnership was formed by Mr. Phillips retaining a one-half interest in the brick mill, the other half being taken by five skilled workmen named John Fowler, John Morin, Henry Glazier, Frank Leonard and William Clayton. This firm existed for eight years, when in 1876 a reorganization took place and the business was continued by B. F. and A. L. Phillips as B. F. Phillips & Son, and a second son, B. F. Phillips, Jr. being admitted to partnership in 1892, the firm became B. F. Phillips & Sons. In the latter part of 1893 the Phillips Woolen Co. was organized, but soon after the business was discontinued and the property was leased to Glennon & Co., of Dalton, the mill now being operated by Graham & Clark.

Mr. Phillips married Miss Maria O'Neil in 1863, and their son, B. F., Jr. is now engaged in the paper business at Holyoke. Of their three daughters, Susan is a popular teacher in the schools of Adams, Sarah is the wife of Postmaster Peter Smith, and Helen resides with her parents. Mr. Phillips, though incapacitated by his age from active business, still bears his years with remarkable physical vigor and with a rare retention of his mental faculties. He has been prominently identified with the Baptist church of Adams since joining the same in 1856, having served it in many official capacities and for many years as a deacon. He joined Berkshire Lodge of Free Masons in 1853 and was the

first member to be initiated in this body after its organization, his father having been a Worshipful Master in this fraternity early in the last century. He was a member of the society of Odd Fellows in West Troy during his residence there in 1840, but never affiliated with the Adams Lodge. He was a member of the House of Representatives from Adams in 1862-3, has been a trustee of the South Adams Savings Bank since its organization, and has been vice-president of the same since 1890.

ALBERT L. PHILLIPS

Albert L. Phillips, the youngest son of Dr. Liscomb, who was born in Adams in 1821, was one of the brightest and most active and fun loving lads ever hailing that locality as his birth place. There are a few of the older inhabitants of the once south village now living from whom the memory of the youthful pranks of "Bert Phillips" has not entirely passed away. He served with his elder brother, B.F., for several years in acquiring a knowledge of woolen manufacture, but quite early in life sought a home in the west having settled in Racine, Wisconsin. Having attained in the east a skillful knowledge of the grades and qualities of wool he soon became an extensive buyer of that staple for eastern manufacturers and continued this profitable business through life, having built a large storehouse in that city, when his dealings became more extensive and his trade had increased to large proportions, and thus acquired competence. He was for many years a confirmed bachelor and resisted all the efforts of the fair ones of his locality to capture him, which afforded his western acquaintance much merriment. It was therefore a matter of great surprise when he visited the east late in life and wedded a helpmate at Petersburg, N.Y. He was an ardent republican in politics, filled several important offices in Racine and was at one period a member of the Wisconsin State Senate. His death in 1893 was followed by that of his wife shortly afterwards, and they were childless.

SOME OTHER FACTS

A sad fatality in the family of Dr. Liscomb Phillips was the death of the fourth

son, William, at the age of eleven years. While playing ball with a number of Adams schoolmates the club slipped from the grasp of one of these and striking him in the head with great velocity he was instantly killed. The sad event so thoroughly influenced the family as for many years afterwards to prevent their witnessing this game and much less participating in it. Horatio, the sixth son, died in infancy.

One of the daughters of Capt. Philip Phillips, the Ashfield pioneer, whose tombstone has been broken in twain for several years and which should be replaced by a monument by his descendants, married Ebenezer Porter of Ashfield and was the mother of Landlord Porter of the Ashfield House.

Two sons of Capt. Philip Phillips, Elijah and David, both having married sisters from Scotland named Goodwin, emigrated from Ashfield to West Virginia in 1817, with their families, making the journey in ox carts via New (York?) State state. They settled on French Creek, Lewis County, which is now Upshur County. Elijah's wife was Cynthia and David's Anna. The children of Elijah were Abizar, Cynthia, Lydia, Adelia, Jonathan and Edwin. David's family consisted of seven sons, David, William, John, Richard, Ebenezer, Uriah and Horace. Richard, the son of David was the father of Capt. S. B. Phillips of Buckhannon, the veteran of the Civil war.

Lemuel, the third son of Capt. Philip Phillips, had six sons and five daughters. His son and namesake Lemuel had one son and two daughters, this son being Charles Phillips, now resident in Saratoga. The father of Charles died in Florida when the lad was but five years old, after which he went to Ashfield where he lived with his grandfather until he was 18 years of age.

Rev. Roselle J. Phillips of St. Stephen's church, Pittsfield, who traces his immediate descent from English parentage, states that while on a trip to the continent he came upon a cemetery three miles from Cardiff, Wales, in which a large number of the Phillips peoples were buried, from which place the three pioneers of the race in America originally emigrated.

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 Lizzie Pratt, Lanesborough
 Charlotte G. Rice, Lee
 Angie L. Sandford, North Adams
 Sophia M. Warriner, Hinsdale

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STATE CENSUS OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1855 HINSDALE

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Abstract by Meta L. Stark

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

98	105	Mary Elzer	18m	F		Canada
		John Elzer	3m	M		Canada
99	106	Francis Barnes	38	M	Farmer	Canada
		Catherine Barnes	29	F		Canada
		Mary Chapman	10	F		Mass.
100	107	Francis Altuzia?	55	M	Laborer	Switz'd
		Mary Altuzia?	55	F		Canada
101	108	Daniel Reed	57	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Charlotte Reed	54	F		Mass.
		Caroline M. Shaver	27	F		Mass.
		Malissa Ormsbee	23	F		Mass.
		Abner Church	10	M		Mass.
102	109	Lewis Cole	57	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Rhoda Cole	54	F		Mass.
		Cynthia Cole	29	F		Mass.
		Maria Cole	27	F		Mass.
		Elvira Cole	23	F		Mass.
		Emily Cole	20	F		Mass.
		Charles Cole	15	M		Mass.
103	110	William Roth	44	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Amanda Roth	43	F		Mass.
		Leander C. Roth	12	M		Mass.
104	111	Edward Cheeseman	53	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lucinda Cheeseman	44	F		Mass.
		John M. Cheeseman	18	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sidney H. Cheeseman	12	M		Mass.
		Edwin Cheeseman	8	M		Mass.
		Edward Cheeseman	8	M		Mass.
		Mary Jane Cheeseman	8	F		Mass.
		Clarissa Bill	48	F		Mass.
105	112	Amos S. Cone	29	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Dolly S. Cone	16	F		Mass.
		Clinton A. Cone	5	M		Mass.
		Charlotte M. Cone	4	F		Mass.
		Francis S. Cone	1	M		Mass.
107	126	Morgan Gamwell	50	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Amanda Gamwell	53	F		Mass.
		Huston Gamwell	23	M	Student	Mass.
		Herbert Gamwell	21	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Rosetta Gamwell	19	F		Mass.
		Charlotte Gamwell	17	F		Mass.
		Alexander Gamwell	16	M	Farmer	Mass.
		William Gamwell	9	M		Mass.
		Persis Chapell	21	F		Mass.
		Orlando Chapell	19	M	Farmer	Mass.
106	113	Horace Spring	45	M	Farmer	Mass.

		Susan Spring	44 F		Mass.
		George H. Spring	20 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Maria Spring	16 F		Mass.
		Milo Spring	13 M		Mass.
		Charlotte M. Spring	11 F		Mass.
107	114	John Day	30 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Almira Day	29 F		Mass.
		Willis John Day	2 M		Mass.
108	115	Lemuel Bullard	90 M	Farmer	
		Nancy Bullard	57 F		Mass.
		Orsemus Bill	30 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Laura Bill	29 F		Mass.
		William Bill	28 M	Farmer	Mass.
		William Hodge	17 M	Farmer	N.Y.?
109	116	Henry Crosier	37 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Elizabeth Crosier	35 F		Mass.
		Edward H. Crosier	11 M		Mass.
		Monroe Crosier	9 M		Mass.
		Ella E. Crosier	5 F		Mass.
		Charles A. Crosier	2 M		Conn.
	117	Louis Racicot	23 M	Farmer	Canada
		Selinda Racicot	16 F		Vt.
		Joseph Beledo?	23 M		Canada
108	119	Joseph A. Lyman	72 M		Conn.
		Caroline Lyman	71 F		Mass.
		Joseph A. Lyman, Jr.	47 M		Mass.
		Lucina Lyman	36 F		Mass.
		? Lyman	13 M		Mass.
	119	Clark T. Lyman	42 M		Mass.
		Lydia Lyman	36 F		Mass.
		Mary E. Lyman	12 F		Mass.
		Sarah J.? Lyman	7 F		Mass.
		Charles D. Lyman	3 M		Mass.
		Edmund Powers	35 M		Ireland
120		David Eames	68 M		Mass.
		Eunace Eames	47 F		Mass.
121		Andrew M. Eames	34 M		Mass.
		Jennett O. Eames	25 F		Mass.
122		Henry Pitt	69 M		Mass.
		Sophia Pitt	67 F		Mass.
		William B. Pitt	33 M		Mass.
		Cordelia Pitt	29 F		Mass.
123		Lathrop Ladd	54 M		Mass.
		Hannah Ladd	54 F		Conn.
		Jennett Ladd	17 F		Mass.
		Esther Fisk	91 F		Conn.
124		Warren Ladd	28 M		Mass.
		Corinth F. Ladd	27 F		Mass.
		George W. Ladd	7m M		Mass.
118	125	William Loveland	35 M		Mass.
		Lucina A. Loveland	29 F		Mass.
		Mary E. Loveland	7 F		Mass.

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EARLY HISTORY OF ZION'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transcribed by Roger N. Anderson

The present Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 74 First Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts was established in 1859 as a church to serve the German speaking people of Pittsfield. The oldest record of the establishment of this church is contained in an untitled booklet held in the archives of the present church. Included in this booklet are the agreements among the people involved and the list of the contributors (and the amount of contribution). Apparently the contributors extended to businesses and to others beyond the Pittsfield German community.

This booklet is written in old German Script so the records hereby transcribed are not without errors. Names that did not suggest a good guess are listed as ??.

This booklet has been scanned to a PDF file format on a CD and is available from the Berkshire Family History Association (\$5.00, postpaid) for others to make a more scholarly transcription.

The first page of this booklet list the following names without any further explanation as to their significance. Possibly these were professional people who help with the formulations of the agreements that follow.

Professor Chadbourne	Tutor Prince	August Geise
Professor Bascom	D Derry	Charles Backus
Professor Tatlock	J White	Louis Schwartz
Professor Lincoln	?? and Wells	Charles Lafier
Professor Phillips	Prof Gilson	Taylor
Deacon Davis	Barrington Langsdorf	Geo Gamwell
Professor Perry	Georg Leon Young	Georg Schnier
Professor Hoffman	?? Fricke	

The first of the written agreements is titled:

THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH & SOCIETY OF PITTSFIELD

We the subscribers hereby unite and associate ourselves, under the provisions of Chapter fifty six of the acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed in the year eighteen hundred and fifty seven, for the purpose of constituting and organizing a church and religious society, to be located in the town of Pittsfield in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to be designated and known as the **Germanic Evangelical Church & Society of Pittsfield**. The purpose and object of this association is hereby declared to be The support of an Evangelical Gospel Ministry and to this end, the providing and possessing a place and house of worship, and the holding so much real estate as may be necessary and proper therefor: and the support and maintenance of a pastor or minister who shall be of the Protestant faith.

The form of church government is declared to be that commonly known as congregational.

Said society is to be organized according to the provisions of sections twenty six, twenty seven, twenty eight and twenty nine of the twentieth Chapter of the Statutes of Massachusetts and it is hereby declared to be the intention and design of the subscribers before named that said society, shall when so organized act and exist under and by virtue of the provisions of said twentieth Chapter of the revised Statutes so far as the same shall be applicable.

Gary Gravel	Henry Prediger	Frank Ambach
Adam Deitz	Nickoles Hodecker	Julius Ambach
Wilhelm Frankforst	Pierre Roehn	Charles Ambach
Christian Mugler	Henry Rahn	Erdman Leidhold

Christian Bohlmann
Wm Renziehausen

Name not discernable
Andrew Bruckner

William Riell

This Document was recorded in Book 155, page 72 in the Berkshire L.L., Lenox, Nov Nov 14, 1859. (Lenox was the County Seat of Berkshire County at that time.) The second of the agreements is titled:

To Whom it may concern:

The German population of Pittsfield now numbers nearly 400 souls. They speak and understand the English language very imperfectly. They are a people, industrious, frugal and intelligent - seldom amenable to any law which they have violated. For a few years past they have occasionally had public worship and preaching, in their own language and their desire for these privileges has been constantly increasing.

They have to this end - Procured an educated and excellent minister the Rev. Mr. Grotian:

They have set up public worship in the Town Hall twice every Sabbath: They have organized legally, as will be seen by the paper preceding this page, a Parish, according to laws of Massachusetts: They have agreed to pay the Rev. Mr. Grotian \$500 salary and have already raised \$400 among themselves, and have asked the Mass. Min. Society to aid them: They have chosen Deacons and Trustees according to their usage:

They have stated meetings for the culmination of sacred music:

They have determined, God helping, to make their society permanent, & in this land of strangers, to worship their fathers' God:

They proposed at the suitable time, to approach the town and ask them for a place or land owned by the town, suitable on which to erect a church. But in order to show the town their sincerity, their earnest wish, & their means, they now propose to open a subscription for the erection of a German Church - to be used solely & forever - as a house of Evangelical public worship. It shall be held in trust to this end alone. On the basis of the foregoing statement the following subscription is to be opened.

John Todd, Pittsfield, January 10, 1860

I heartily approve of the above recommendations by Dr. Todd

H. Hessanchamp, January 10, 1860

The third written agreement was apparently submitted to the contributors and served as a basis for the contributors.

We the subscribers, to aid the foregoing object, engage to pay to the Trustees of the German Evangelical Society, by the first of October 1860, the sums that one signs against our names respectively, on the conditions-

1. That there is a reasonable sum raised-
2. That on completing the subscription, it shall be the notice of Rev. Humphrey, Rev. Dr. Bruce, and Rev Foster, the Rev. Dr. Porter Methodist Ministers for time being, that the society can safely go forward and build.

Contributors and amounts were listed. The listing that follows is only the name of the contributor, in the same order as in the original document. The total of all contributions was \$2374.00, an amount sufficient to build the church.

D Campbell
Anonymous
Charles Clamann
J Barker & Brothers
Robt Lafeire
Olcott Osborn
S Russell
Wm Pollock

H. H. Childs
E. H. Kellogg
W B Cooley
Thomas B Strong
T Allen & Son
D & H Stearns
Thos Allen
Taconic Mills by Geo

Learned, treas
Pittsfield Woolen Co by
Wm F Bacon, Treas
Edw. Learned
P Springsteen
James Markum
A C Goodrich
W G Backus

J D Adams
 J R Warriner
 F F Rewell
 Robt Cotts
 H G Davis
 James D Colt
 C W Kinson
 M Moran
 H Colt
 G Brown
 N Mason
 Elisha S Tracy
 Wm M Walker
 Roswell Root
 Eliakim Weller
 E B Oliver
 John Feeley
 W J Howard
 E Werden
 Wm Renne
 Geo N Briggs
 Thomas Taylor
 J H Dunham
 Jarad Ingersoll
 H Goodman
 ?? ??
 Mrs D Carson
 A Spears
 E G Friend
 Albert Friend
 James S Ensign
 Gerry Guilds
 M A Kent
 C B Platt & son
 James Buel
 Merrick Ross
 J C Parker
 O S Root
 C P Peak
 D S Francis
 Thomas Colt
 Murdock & Smith
 Harvey Cole
 Oliver Root
 O E Brewster
 John C West & Brothers
 Curtis Pomeroy
 Wm Pierce
 A Burbank
 J Roxwell
 S M Cooley
 G W Goodrich
 G W Howland
 T Childs

H Chickering
 Geo Campbell
 J Squier
 J H Manning
 E W Buel
 Frank A Cady
 Benj Chickering
 England & son
 D N Bassett
 S W Mortin
 A N Allen
 L G Lloyd
 Levi Beebe
 J L Peck
 E R Colt
 H B Brewster
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 Gearg ??
 Falden White
 Carl Ludwig Boehn
 F W Hinsdale
 Friedrick August Laureyn
 C H Plunkett
 Joh George Jud
 Z M Crane
 ?? ??
 ?? ??
 Wm J Harding
 George Gravy
 C Mugler
 H Prediger
 Peter Fair
 Andrew Breakner
 June Geitz
 Christian Bohlmann
 Augustus Bohlman
 Hannah Bohlman
 Caroline Bohlman
 C W Hawkins
 E B Whittelsey
 W Taylor
 A E Taylor
 Charles Dawson
 H W Dunbar
 E Pomeroy
 S Goodrich
 A Browning
 T Wilke
 Wilhelm Reinhard
 ?? ??
 Nicholas Hodecker
 Piere Roehm
 ?? Rinall
 Frederick Andler

Nick Waldschmidt
 John Reehl
 Henry Roehn
 Peter Hodecker
 Adolph Guttman
 Edith Jones
 Henry Benz
 Daniel Kraus
 F Langervate
 Frederick Striskrott
 Daniel Braunsoalder
 Julius Ambach
 Erdman Leidhold
 Charls Ambach
 Charles Gohrebler
 Gustav Leindeck
 Gottlieb Neuber
 M Feige
 Wm Renzeihaven
 August Renzeihousen
 Wm Renzeihousinge
 ??? Linz
 ??? Linz
 ??? Linz
 Jacob Hern
 Loier Greve
 E Erhart
 Jacob Rash
 Adolph Husy
 Jacob Bentz
 A Mahmer
 W W Goodman
 S L Russell
 Anthony Maynard
 Samuel Kusch
 Timothy Chapman
 George Prediger
 C A Werden
 A M Smith
 William Reinhardt
 Emil Ende
 A W Goodrich
 G W Skelter
 Wm Clark
 T A Gleason
 A P May
 S Harwood
 Chauncey Goodrich
 Marshall Shepardson
 Samuel Elsworth
 Otto Feder
 Peter Schwartz
 H W Taft
 W S Tucker

Donation from a lady
 G B Sedgwick
 F W Rackemauer
 George J Tucker
 M ??
 Mr B F Hale
 M B Kate
 J H Butler
 Cash RMD
 S S Parker
 A G Carrior
 Ferdinand Hess
 Joseph Mayer
 John Krempein
 Reinhard Strassler
 Frederick Leipold
 Johan M Habercorn
 Charles Lauckhardt
 Edmund Hubner
 Andrew Schmidt
 A Vesters
 John Hecker
 Christopher Lauckhardt
 James Barnes
 D K Mend
 David Perters
 O W Robbins
 Mer Wilson
 G W Wolliran
 H Harrington
 S V R Daniels
 J B Warner
 G W Fairfield
 James J Murray
 S Newman
 Dutton Peirson
 H W ??
 John H Fleuker
 N Russell
 G W Bristol
 W Scofnick
 M Schneider
 Tanner
 D North
 Julius Fugmann
 John Breasby
 E Clapp
 Mrs K Wilson
 Geo W Bohman
 George F Glentz
 Charls Leynes
 Geo F Zoph
 Leah Clapp
 William P Warriner

L Scott
 S W Newton
 A lady
 H Henry
 M Wilson
 B Bement
 Thomas Doram
 C A Chapman
 C F Hall
 J M Ishum
 John A Walker
 Andrea Fresch
 F Burgard
 Jon Lanjohl
 O G Blinn
 T Clapp, 3rd
 W J Dodge
 Johann Hammany
 W B Rice
 Caleb Goodrich
 L A Morewood
 J P Rockwell
 Mrs M S Weller
 Jerry Langlotz
 Heinrick Growe
 T W Tyler
 T T Wilner
 S M Dean & son
 John Fredle
 Daniel Lehmann
 Carl Wart
 Barbara Havenstein
 William Robinson
 N G Brown
 C T Bunnell
 F Bennett
 Cash
 E L Hawkes
 Friend
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 Morris Lindner
 John Tichler
 John Mall
 Charles Weber
 Jas H Wylie
 Charles Truauische
 August Deinert
 W J Chapman
 Cash

Mark Hopkins
 J H Hosford
 John Bascom
 P A Chadbourne
 Cash
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 Parry Williamson
 Jason Parsons
 Erdman Watt
 Hoffnagel
 ?? Churchill
 Willhelm ??
 Wm Hadler
 Valtin Klein
 David ??
 S Wilson
 Lansing Sundkin
 Tennebring
 John G Hoppe
 George Abrahams
 John Watson
 Z R Wood
 L Henry
 Frohlich
 Edward Enkelmann
 Louis Deinkhoff
 W Stepkov
 W Clamann
 F Blessing
 P Bolt
 H Lange
 J L Richards
 Samuel Randall
 W Fabian
 Georg Eckardt
 August Purkier
 Edmond Gamonchie
 John Crossley
 A Jackson Crossley
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 T Brucker
 F Gundlach
 H D Standish
 Jacob Martin
 Justus Gerby
 Martin Benz
 Wm J Bartlett
 Geo H Phelps
 John C Millein
 Thadus Rodel
 ?? ??
 ?? ??
 John Ensinger

Amereus Neil	Ferdinand Hoffmann	Clov
Phillip Siegel	Cash	Gimlich
Daniel Caln	Fred Kaser	G Hopkins
August Giefe	Geo E Root	H Humphrey
Christian Habich	A Friend	A Grotian
H Lucke	Georg Schneider	T N Lincoln
John E Dellert.	D R Williams	Bale
Johann Dufur	J L Goodrich	Cash
Louis Schmetz	Langmoon	John E Merrill
George Jason	Fred Weiss	Cash
Johann Deegan	Cash	Martin Schmuchtenberyer
N K Schneier	John Freund	W A Taylor
Chas C E Butler	S Newman	L Payne
T Raifstanetz		

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SOULE/CHANTER RESEARCH PROJECT - AN UPDATE

We have had one Soule man from Berkshire County come forward and he has completed the "cheek swab" test. Yes, he does have the same or almost identical genetic pattern as George of the Mayflower. 14 men have now been identified but he is the only one from Berkshire County. Unfortunately, we have not been able to connect him to Alden Soule/Mary Chanter. If you know of other Soule men in Berkshire County please let us contact him. 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. Elrsvnsn@aol.com or Lwthroop@aol.com

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	George W. Loveland	6 M		Mass.
	Charlie E. Loveland	1 M		Mass.
	Samuel D. Tower	13 M		Mass.
118 127	Elijah H. Goodrich	55 M	Farmer	Mass.
	Mary A. Goodrich	47 F		Mass.
	A. Washburn Goodrich	22 M	Farmer	Mass.
	Chanucey Goodrich	19 M	Farmer	Mass.
	Elijah H. Goodrich, Jr.	16 M	Farmer	Mass.
	Charles W. Goodrich	14 M		Mass.
	Henry L. Goodrich	11 M		Mass.
	Irene Leland	62 F		Mass.
	Mary Dowd	30 F		Ireland
	Mary Jane Dowd	5 F		N.Y.
	George Boardman	28 M	Farmer	Canada
119 128	Joseph White	65 M	Farmer	Mass.
	Sophia White	60 F		Mass.
	Simon H. White	24 M	Farmer	Mass.

[To be continued]

19th CENTURY DEACONS AND MINISTERS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN HOUSATONIC

From the *Pittsfield Sun*, February 1, 1900

Local biography and history have been written and printed to a considerable extent lately, a part of which is authentic but the remainder is simply "bosh." I resided on the same street with the late J. M. Seely many years and never, to this day have I heard or known of him being called "Uncle Mark." Mr. Seely was highly respected by every one old and young. He was chorister of the Congregational church choir nearly, if not quite a quarter of a century. He was a capital story teller and always full of fun.

When I first came to this village, he was generally called upon as auctioneer to sell the left overs at church suppers. One time particularly, I remember how he brought down the house when a couple of mince pies were handed him to dispose of. He began with "How much am I offered for these pies? They are first class." After receiving two or three bids he added "I will vouch for these pies; for I know the lady who made them, and she broke out three of her teeth a chawin' the meat." It's enough to add, that said pies were quickly sold.

He frequently went to New York on business for the firm of which he was a member. On one of his trips one of the bunco chaps in the city hailed him with "How are you Mr. Jones?" He replied as though he was an old acquaintance, and chatted familiarly, answering interrogations with regard to the store. On going up the street Mr. Bunco met an old friend to whom he introduced Mr. Seely. The third party wheeled about and accompanied them until they reached a certain place, where they invited Mr. Seely to enter. He at once gazed at them in his comic way, and pulled down the lower lid of his left eye and interrogated, "Do you see anything green?" I need not add that his friends deserted him as hastily as possible.

Now with regard to the Deacon of this church being pictured so ludicrously I will

add, for the benefit of the would be historian, that the deacons of this church were all good, intelligent men, and were as follows: A. D. Whitmore from 1842 until his death, 1895. He was a manufacturer here for many years, making lasts and afterward manufactured folding furniture. Alanson A. French from 1842 to 1848 when he resigned and moved west, where he was elected deacon of a large church. N. B. Pickett from 1843 until his death. He was a noted physician in Berkshire County and highly respected for his deep piety. Christopher C. French from 1866 until the present time. A teacher Albert Moore from 1875 and still holding the office. H. Barnes the noted civil engineer, and Frank Adams are also deacons at the present time.

I now take pleasure in announcing the names of the ministers from the organization of the church until the present time.

From 1840 to 1845	Charles B. Boynton
" 1845 to 1849	Ebenezer B. Andrews
" 1849 to 1851	David N. Merritt
" 1851 to 1853	G. E. Humphrey
" 1853 to 1854	Jacob G. Miller
" 1855 to 1857	E. J. Giddings
" 1857 to 1866	Josiah Brewer
" 1866 to 1869	Amos E. Lawrence
" 1869 to 1871	Timothy A. Hazen
" 1871 to 1873	Archibald Burpee
" 1874 to 1886	Charles W. Malloy
" 1887	Frank E. Butler several years.

After his resignation Rev. A. J. Benedict was secured, and is yet with us.

The above are facts. Rev. Zolva Whitmore with whom I was well acquainted, never was pastor or acting pastor of this church. Query, why do not newspaper correspondents visit the older people who were well acquainted with the subject of their correspondence before writing them up.

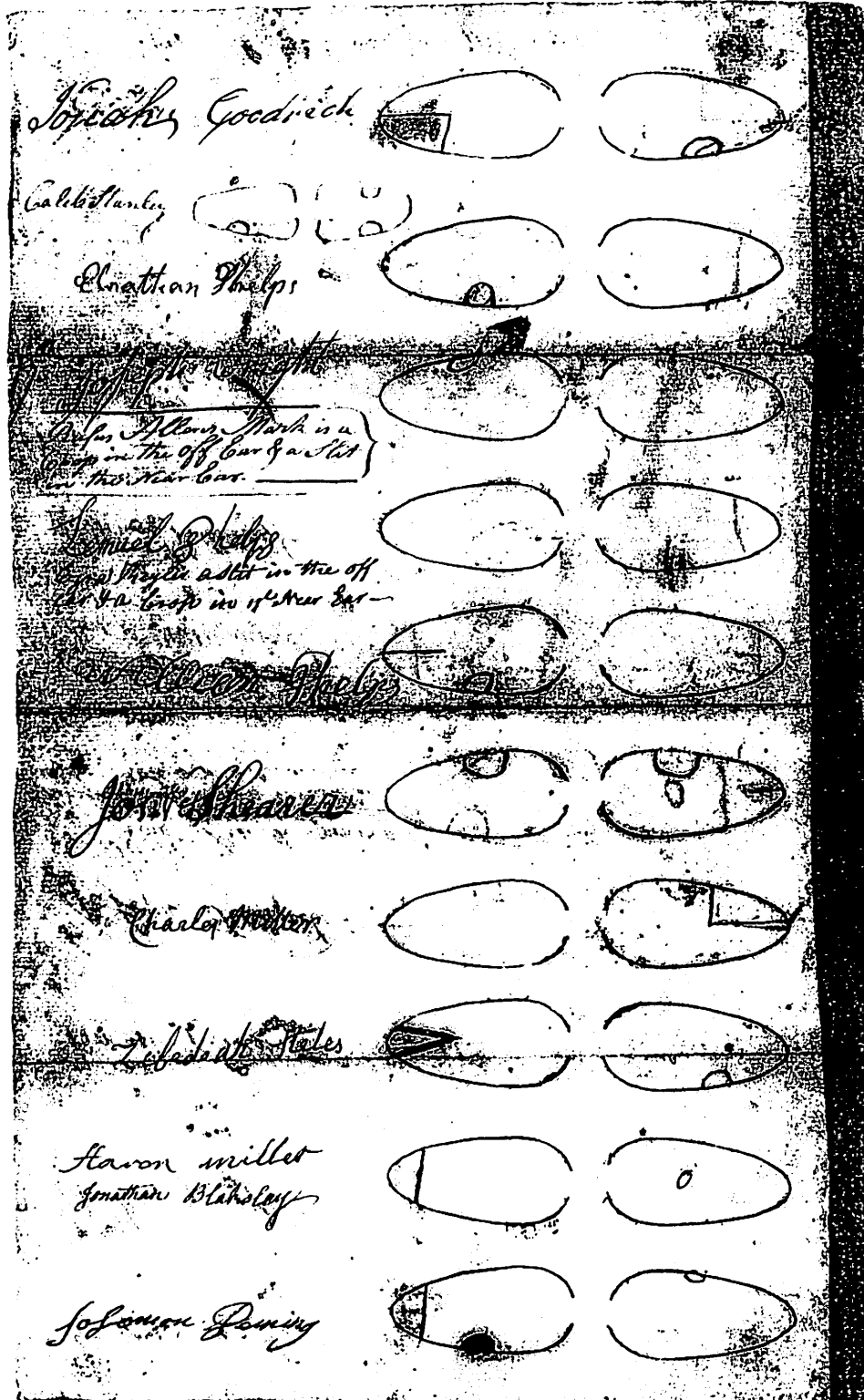
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Thanks to Brendon Hills and Pat Schley

SOME PITTSFIELD EARMARKS

From Town of Pittsfield Original Papers XXIV #9 at the Berkshire Athenaeum.



Stephen Crawford



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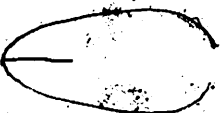
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John W. Birmingham



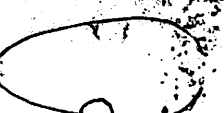
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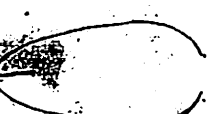
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Wm. L. Dan. Hubbard, junr.



John Eastern made a note
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James D. Smith

GUIDE TO INTERPRETATION OF THE 1855 MASSACHUSETTS CENSUS

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

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

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

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

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