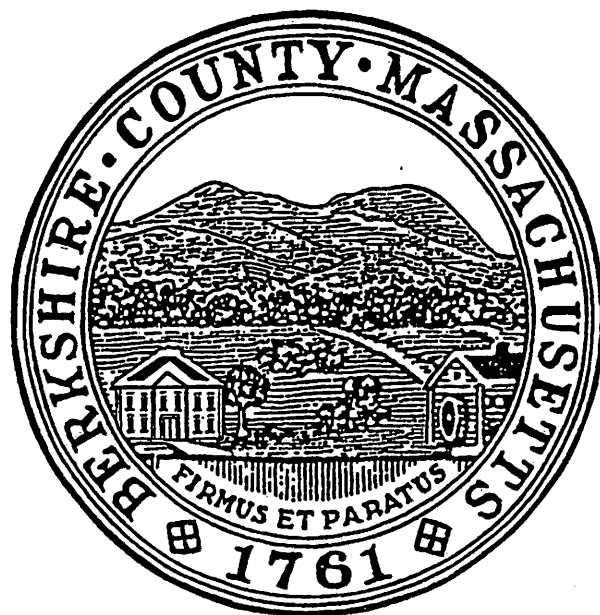


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THE CHAMBERLIN FAMILIES IN DALTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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The New England Historical and Genealogical Society has initiated a project to publish books of sketches of all the families recorded in the 1790 census as living in the western counties of Massachusetts. This will serve as a one-time cross-section of such families, but it will do little to give a sense of where those families came from, how long they remained in that area and when and where they might have migrated. Similarly, a bare-bones genealogical listing of ancestors and descendants over several generations does little to convey what they were up to.

This note seeks to tell the story of one group of closely related Chamberlin families that had a prominent role in the town of Dalton, Berkshire County, Massachusetts over a period of roughly 160 years, but is now represented there only in the town's historical records, a street name, a Little League ball field, many grave stones and monuments, and a few historical plaques. It also gives a perspective on one migratory pattern from initial coastal settlement in the 17th Century to New England hinterland in the 18th and early 19th Century linked to water power and a mix of farming and industry, and finally spread into the rest of the country throughout the 19th and 20th Centuries.¹

All of these families were descendants of Henry-1 Chamberlin and his wife, Jane, who migrated from England arriving in the town of Hingham, Suffolk County, Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1639.² Henry died at his son William's home in Hull, Massachusetts, in 1674.³ William's younger of two sons, Joseph-3, born in Hull about 1665, moved to Colchester, New London County, Connecticut, by 1705 where he became a tavern keeper.⁴ Joseph's youngest of six sons, John-4, born in Colchester 31 January, 1707/8, led a migration of several Chamberlins from Colchester to Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in the 1770s-1780s. Three of John's sons, Eliphalet-5 (1740-1824), Joseph-5 (1741/2-1810), and Benjamin-5 (1750-1824) along with two of Joseph's sons, Martin-6 (1761-1832) and Jacob-6 (1766-1853) accounted for five of the six Chamberlin households in Dalton in the 1790 U.S. census.⁵ A second Benjamin-5 Chamberlin (Benjamin-4, Joseph-3, William-2, Henry-1) (1744-1813) in the 1790 U.S. census was John's nephew. Of the 129 households in Dalton recorded in the 1790 U.S. census, six were headed by these closely related Chamberlins.

Furthermore, there are indications that some of the Chamberlin families were not counted in the 1790 U.S. census. R. W. Fischer in his booklet, *The Dalton Papers*,⁶ lists a John

¹ Much of the genealogical information in this note is from the records of David Conrad Chamberlin, Sr. Family Group Records, which are accessible through the World Chamberlain Genealogical Society website. Information on land holdings is from the Registry records for Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in Adams and Pittsfield,

² James B Parker, in a personal communication, informed me that the David Conrad Chamberlin, Sr. genealogical records indicating that Henry-1 emigrated from Hingham, England have not been confirmed by records from England, so the first record for him is when he was received as a "townsman" in Hingham, Massachusetts on 17 Feb 1638/1639 Ref.: Hingham Town Records, vol. I, p. 81.

³ Ethel Farrington Smith, *Early Families of Hull, Massachusetts*, (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historical and Genealogical Society, 2007), pp. 66-76.

⁴ Smith, *Early Families of Hull...*, p. 75.

⁵ Another of John's sons, John, Jr. (1735-1817) may have been in Dalton in 1790, but was not recorded in the census as a separate household. He died in Dalton in 1817.

⁶ R. W. Fischer, *The Dalton Papers: Eighteenth Century Dalton from Original Town Manuscripts*. (Dalton, Massachusetts: no publisher, 1997), 140 pp.

Chamberlin and a Daniel Chamberlin as being present and active in Dalton in 1780 and 1790. He records John Chamberlin as born in 1767 and died in 1851, which are the dates for John-6 (John, Jr.-5, John-4, Joseph-3, William-2, Henry-1). Daniel-6 (1771-1839) was a son of Joseph-5, and a brother of Martin and Jacob. John-6 was only 23 in 1790 and never married, so he might not have qualified as a head of household for the census. Similarly Daniel-6 was only 19 and did not marry until 1794, so was probably living with his parents or one of his brothers.

TABLE 1 - Chamberlin Male Heads of Households in Dalton, Massachusetts in Various Censuses, 1790-1920

Name, generation, ancestor, birth/death years	Where Born	Years Recorded in Dalton Census	Where Died	Where Buried
1. John4 (Joseph3, William2, Henry1), 1708-1808	Colchester, CN		Dalton, MA	
2. John Jr.5 (John4), 1735-1817	Colchester, CN	1790-1810	Dalton, MA	Dalton, MA East Cem
3. Eliphalet5 (John4), 1740-1824	Colchester, CN	1790-1800	Springwater, NY	
4. Joseph5, (John4), 1742-1810	Colchester, CN	1790-1810	Dalton, MA	Dalton, MA Main Cem
5. Benjamin5, (John4), 1750-1824	Colchester, CN	1790-1800	Amsterdam, NY	
6. Benjamin Jr.5 (Benjamin4, Joseph, William, Henry) 1744-	Colchester, CN	1790	Dalton, MA	
7. Martin6 (Joseph5), 1761-1832	Colchester, CN	1790-1830	Dalton, MA	Dalton, MA Main Cem
8. Elisha6 (John Jr.5), 1765-1836	Colchester, CN	1790-1830	Dalton, MA	???
9. Jacob6 (Joseph5), 1766-1853	Colchester, CN	1790-1830	Riga, NY	
10. John6 (John Jr.5), 1767-1851	Colchester, CN	1800-1850	Dalton, MA	Dalton, MA East Cem
11. Daniel6 (Joseph5), 1771-1839	Colchester, CN	1800-1830	Dalton, MA	???
12. Ephraim6 (Benjamin Jr.5), 1771-1843	Colchester, CN		Burlington, NY	???
13. Solomon Kellogg6 (Eliphalet5), 1778-1859	Colchester, CN	1810	Springwater, NY	
14. Ezekiel6 (John Jr.5), 1780-1825	Colchester, CN	1810-1820	Dalton, MA	Dalton, MA East Cem
15. Eliphalet Jr6 (Eliphalet5) 1780-1836	Colchester, CN	1820	Dalton, MA	
16. Henry6 (John Jr.5), 1782-1869	Colchester, CN	1840-1860	Pittsfield, MA	Dalton, MA East Cem
17. Joseph7 (Martin6), 1786-1865	Unionville, CN	1820	Dalton, MA	Dalton, MA Main Cem
18. Martin Jr.7 (Martin6) 1798-1853	Dalton, MA	1830	Pittsfield, MA	
19. Griffin7 (Martin6), 1803-1871	Dalton, MA		Pittsfield, MA	Dalton, MA Main Cem
20. Burr C.7 (Ezekiel6), 1808-1880	Dalton, MA	1840-1880	Dalton, MA	Dalton, MA Main Cem
21. Albert S.7 (Ezekiel6), 1812-1891	Dalton, MA	1850-60	Dalton, MA	
22. Ezekiel8 (Albert S.7), 1835-	Dalton, MA		Easton, MA?	
23. John C.8 (Burr7), 1835-1911	Bainbridge, NY	1850-1910	Dalton, MA	Dalton, MA Main Cem
24. Albert D.8 (Albert S.7) 1841-	Dalton, MA		Douglas, WY?	Dalton, MA Main Cem
25. Ansel E.8 (Burr7) 1844-1926	Dalton, MA	1850-1920?		Dalton, MA Main Cem
26. Charles H.9 (Ansel E.8) 1875-1934	Dalton, MA	1880-1930		Dalton, MA Main Cem
27. Burr Clark9 (Ansel E.8) 1877-1932	Dalton, MA	1900		Dalton, MA Main Cem

Joseph Chamberlin stayed on in Dalton until his death in 1810, but his two brothers, Eliphalet and Benjamin moved on to New York State during the first decade of the 19th Century. Joseph's son, Martin, and his nephew, Benjamin-5 (1744), also remained in Dalton whereas his son, Jacob, migrated to New York after 1810. So, three of the original six Chamberlin families in the 1790 U.S. census remained in Dalton until their deaths while the other three moved to upstate New York early in the 19th Century.

Other members of the family moved into Dalton around the turn of the century so that in the 1800 U.S. census there were seven Chamberlin households listed, and in the 1810 U.S. census there were eight Chamberlin households in Dalton. Table 1 provides information on 26 heads of Chamberlin households recorded in the Dalton censuses between 1790 and 1930. It shows where they were born, what decades they were recorded as being in Dalton in the censuses, where they died, if known, and where they were buried. All the members of the fourth,

fifth and sixth generations who lived in Dalton were born in Colchester, Connecticut. Members of the seventh, eighth and ninth generations were mostly born in Dalton. There were ten members of the sixth generation who were at some time heads of households in Dalton. This number diminished to five members of the seventh generation, four of the eighth, only two of the ninth, and none of the tenth generation. Burr Clark Chamberlin, the last of the ninth generation was reportedly captain of his (football) team at Yale,⁷ and was later recorded in the 1930 U.S. census as living at 1010 5th Ave., New York, in the same building with Wendell Willkie, a 38-year old lawyer from Indiana, whose wife was Edith.⁸ These facts correspond with those of Wendell Willkie who ran for President in 1940.

Origins of Dalton

Before there was a town of Dalton there was an area known as "The Ashuelot Equivalent." This tract of roughly 9,400 acres was granted in 1743 to a group of proprietors who were members of the Massachusetts Bay Colony whose land along the Ashuelot River in southern New Hampshire had been awarded to the province of New Hampshire thereby displacing them. "In 1749, by the order of the General Court [of Massachusetts] the Equivalent [was] divided into 88 lots, each of about 110 acres, which were then allotted in five divisions to the five proprietors."⁹ The Ashuelot Equivalent was incorporated as the Town of Dalton by an act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislature on 20 March 1784.

Early Roles of the Chamberlins in Dalton

John-4 Chamberlin (Joseph-3, William-2, Henry-1) was probably the first member of the family to visit the Ashuelot Equivalent. He acquired property in Pittsfield, Massachusetts in 1760s, but retained property and business interests in Colchester, Connecticut until the 1790s.¹⁰ Four of his sons, John Jr. (1735-1817), Eliphalet (1740-1824), Joseph (1742-1810) and Benjamin (1750-1824) undoubtedly traveled to Berkshire County, Massachusetts with him as they began acquiring property in the Asheuelot Equivalent in the 1770s.

Land Acquisitions

The Chamberlin families acquired sizable landholdings in what became the center of Dalton beginning with Joseph Chamberlin's purchase of Lot 76 (118 acres in the Ashuelot Equivalent) in 1773.¹¹ This was followed by his brother Benjamin's purchase of one-half of lot 81 (50 acres) in 1779,¹² and his son Martin's purchase of Lot 77 (109 acres) in 1788.¹³ Also, in 1788, Joseph sold the south half of Lot 76 plus 1/4 ownership of a sawmill and a dam to his brothers, Eliphalet and Benjamin.¹⁴ Joseph's son, Jacob, acquired part of Lot 79 in 1789.¹⁵ All

⁷ D. C. Chamberlin, Sr. Family Group Records.

⁸ 1930 U.S. census, Manhattan, New York, New York, roll 1566, p. 20B, enumeration district 547, image: 809.0.

⁹ Town of Dalton, *The 150th Anniversary of Dalton, Massachusetts*, (Dalton, Massachusetts, no publisher, 1936), p. 10

¹⁰ David C. Chamberlin, Family Group Records,

¹¹ Deed, John Hastings to Joseph Chamberlin, 12 May 1773, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Pittsfield Registry, Book 10, p. 610.

¹² Deed, Wait Goodrich to Benjamin Chamberlin, 10 Apr 10 1779, Berkshire County, Massachusetts Pittsfield Registry, Book 18, p. 481.

¹³ Deed, Obadiah Dickinson to Martin Chamberlin, 21 Apr 1788, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Pittsfield Registry, Book 26, p. 261.

¹⁴ Deed, Joseph and Phebe Chamberlin to Eliphalet Chamberlin and Benjamin Chamberlin, 20 Apr 1788, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Pittsfield Registry, Book 26, pp. 263-4.

of these lots were on the western side of Dalton along the boundary with Pittsfield. They also were adjacent to or straddling the Housatonic River where it passes through the town.

In 1801 and 1802, Joseph's brother, John Chamberlin Jr.-5, and nephew, John Chamberlin-6, built two prominent houses on opposite banks of the Housatonic River on the north side of Main Street that were owned and occupied by Chamberlins throughout the 19th Century. The first house, constructed in 1801 on the west bank of the river, was occupied by John Chamberlin-6 until his death in 1851, and thereafter by his nephew, Albert S. Chamberlin-7. Albert and his family were living in this house with their Uncle John for a number of years prior to his death.¹⁶

The house on the east bank was constructed in 1802, probably by either John's brother Ezekiel-6, or their father, John Jr.-5.¹⁷ This house was owned and occupied by Ezekiel and his family until he died in 1825 and then probably occupied by his widow Ruby and his children thereafter. By the 1840 census, Burr Chamberlin appears as a head of household with two children under five, and Ruby Chamberlin is the head of another household with one other younger female age 15-20 sharing her residence.¹⁸

In his will of 28 Nov 1850, John Chamberlin-6, bequeathed his house on the west bank of the river to his nephew, Albert S. Chamberlin, "upon condition that he quit claim to his brother, Burr Chamberlin, all his rights in the dwelling house and land lying east of the Housatonic River, late the homestead of their father, also all his rights in the dwelling house near the Methodist Church... which is now occupied by the widow Ruby Chamberlin and was set off to her as dower."¹⁹ This implies that both Albert and Burr Chamberlin had inheritance rights to their father's homestead and that John, in bequeathing his property on the west bank to Albert, wanted to assure that Burr would have a clear title to his father's homestead on the east bank.

Martin-6 Chamberlin had a homestead near the western boundary of Dalton combining Lot 77 with one-half of Lot 76 which he acquired from his father. This property was sold by Martin's son, Griffin-7 Chamberlin, the executor of his estate, to Henry Marsh in 1835.²⁰

Roles in the Community

Various Chamberlins had prominent roles in the Town of Dalton in its early years. Joseph was the Moderator of the first Town Meeting in 1784 that voted to establish the Town of Dalton. His brother Eliphalet was elected a Selectman and appointed to the positions of Assessor and Tythingman. Joseph was a Surveyor of Ways and Benjamin-5 (1744) was also a Tythingman, and later a Selectman.²¹

¹⁵ Deed, John and Lucretia Williams to Jacob Chamberlin, 15 Sep 1789, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Adams Registry, Book 5, p.503.

¹⁶ The U.S.census records for 1840 and 1850 suggest that Albert and his family were living with his uncle.

¹⁷ Ezekiel⁶ was born in 1780 and would have been only 22 years old in 1802, and unlikely to have been able to build such a large house. It seems more likely that it was built by his father, John Jr.⁵, who would have been 67 years old in 1802, and died in 1817, leaving the house to be occupied by his youngest son, Ezekiel, and his family. Then when Ezekiel died in 1825, his oldest son, Burr, continued to occupy this house until it was granted to him by the will of his uncle John in 1851.

¹⁸ 1840 U.S.Census.

¹⁹ John Chamberlin will (28 Nov 1850), recorded 6 Jan 1852, Probated Records of Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, No. 7677.

²⁰ Martin Chamberlin will (27 Dec. 1832), recorded 5 Feb 1833, Probate Records of Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, No. 5314. The deed from Griffin Chamberlin to Henry Marsh, 11 Aug 1835, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Adams Registry, Book 40, p. 423.

²¹ Fischer, *The Dalton Papers*....

Joseph, Benjamin and Eliphalet had all served in the Revolutionary War. After the end of that war, Joseph and Benjamin were also involved in Shay's Rebellion in 1786 when various towns in Western Massachusetts rebelled against the perceived oppression of the eastern-dominated Commonwealth government. Benjamin co-authored, with Abijah Parks and Charles Day, a statement of "Grievances" that was approved by the Dalton Town Meeting on 31 August 1786.²² Joseph was imprisoned in the Northampton jail from 16 February to 19 March 1787 for his involvement in the rebellion.²³ These acts, and resistance to paying taxes, led to the Town of Dalton being excluded from the Constitutional Convention convened in Boston in January 1788 to ratify the Federal Constitution.²⁴

The first meeting house in Dalton and the cemetery surrounding it were located on Lot 78, property belonging to Jacob Chamberlin.²⁵ A stone marker commemorating this structure, built in 1791, is now in the middle of the town's principal cemetery on Main Street. Martin and Jacob were Principals of the Union Library Society which established the first library serving Dalton and Pittsfield in 1796.²⁶

Ephraim Clark, who was married to Lydia-6 Chamberlin, daughter of John Jr.-5, built the Eagle Hotel on East Main Street in 1801 and it served as a resting place for the coaches traveling from Albany through Northampton to Boston.²⁷ After Ephraim Clark's death this hotel passed into the control of other members of the Chamberlin family and was managed by John C.-8 Chamberlin, son of Burr-7, through the latter half of the 19th Century. The hotel building was torn down in 1926.²⁸

John-5 Chamberlin was the first postmaster in Dalton, holding that position from 1812 to 1836. The post office was located in his residence on the west bank of the Housatonic River.

Chamberlin Involvements in the Dalton Paper Mills

In 1801 Martin-6 Chamberlin sold 17 acres of Lot 77 along the Housatonic River to Henry Wiswell, Zenas Crane and Daniel Gilbert who built Dalton's first paper mill on that site.²⁹ The story has been passed down that he would not accept payment for the property until the mill was up and running.³⁰

Martin's father, Joseph, was a partner with David Carson in a second paper mill on the Housatonic established in 1809.³¹ These mills became the basis for the Crane Paper Company which has been a dominant element in the town of Dalton for the past two centuries. In the middle of the 19th Century, Henry-6 Chamberlin, together with his son Ezekiel-7 and his two

²² Fischer, *The Dalton Papers...*, pp 80-81.

²³ "Knurow Collection," *Berkshire Family History Collection*, volume 19, p 14, located in Berkshire Athenuem, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

²⁴ Fischer, *The Dalton Papers...*, pp 83-87.

²⁵ Jacob Chamberlin purchased 3 acres in Lot 78 from Andrew Spaford. 8 Apr 1791, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Adams Registry, Book 5, p. 504. Jacob appears to have owned more of Lot 78, but the deeds that record these purchases have not been identified.

²⁶ Fischer, *The Dalton Papers...*, pp. 137-38.

²⁷ Town of Dalton, *The 150th Anniversary of Dalton...*, p. 61.

²⁸ Town of Dalton, *The 150th Anniversary...* p. 61.

²⁹ Deed, Martin and Mary Chamberlin to Henry Wiswell, Zenas Crane & Daniel Gilbert, 26 Dec 1801, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Adams Registry, Book 9, p. 93.

³⁰ Town of Dalton, *The 150th Anniversary of Dalton...* p 49

³¹ Town of Dalton, *The 150th Anniversary of Dalton...* pp. 47-60

nephews, Burr-7 and Albert S.-7, owned and ran the Defiance paper mill which they sold to Byron Weston in 1863.³²

Property Holdings in Latter Half of the 19th Century.

By the middle of the 19th Century most of the Chamberlin property holdings along the western boundary of Dalton had been sold. As noted previously, Martin Chamberlin's homestead, consisting of most of lot 77 and the north half of lot 76, had been sold by his son and executor, Griffin-7 Chamberlin to Henry Marsh of Dalton in 1835.

On a map from 1876, Burr-7 Chamberlin and Albert S.-7 Chamberlin owned the two houses and properties on the east and west banks respectively of the Housatonic River north of Main Street. Burr's older son, John-8 Chamberlin, owned the Eagle Hotel property, and his younger son, Ansel E.-8 Chamberlin, owned property to the north of the two old houses.

Towards the end of the century, as shown on a similar map for 1893, Ansel E. Chamberlin had acquired more of the family property in this part of Dalton, except for the Hotel and land on the south side of Main Street near the Old Cemetery, owned by his brother John-8. Finally, in 1941-2, descendants of Ansel and his son, Burr Clark-9 Chamberlin, sold these remaining properties along the river to Lyman Galusha and Lula R. Williams, thus ending over a century and a half of Chamberlin ownership of significant properties in the Town of Dalton.³³

Chamberlins from Dalton in the Chamberlain Association of America

There were four Chamberlins from Dalton who were members of the Chamberlain Association of America at the end of the 19th Century: John C.-8, Ansel E.-8, Charles H.-9, and Burr Clark-9. My great aunt, Gertrude Chamberlin-8 (Linus Parmelee-7, Martin-6), residing in Boston, was also a member.

Cemeteries and Graves

There are many Chamberlin tombstones in the two main cemeteries in Dalton. The earliest cemetery on East Main Street, on land probably owned by Chamberlins, contains the graves of the earlier residents who died in the early part of the 19th Century. The larger cemetery to the west on Main Street, on what was probably land that belonged to Jacob and Martin Chamberlin, contains the graves mostly of family members who died after 1825.

Moving in and Moving on

This century and a half pattern of movement of one extended family into a frontier town in Western Massachusetts during and shortly after the Revolutionary War, building to a peak in the first half of the 19th Century and then moving on to other parts of the country over the next half century is perhaps fairly typical of those times. Agriculture and waterpower-driven industry, such as the paper mills, provided the initial attraction and obviously led to significant wealth accumulation as exemplified by the substantial houses that were built by several of the

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³² Town of Dalton, *The 150th Anniversary of Dalton...* p. 55

³³ Deed, Mildred Curtis Chamberlin, Trustee for Ansel E. Chamberlin, to Lyman Galusha, 23 May 1940, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Pittsfield Registry Book 483, p. 582; Deed, Burr Clark Chamberlin to Lula Williams, 18 Apr 1941, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Pittsfield Registry, Book 492, p.428; Deed, Mildred Chamberlin Fortune to Lula Williams, 21 Apr 1941, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Pittsfield Registry, Book. 497, p. 118.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WILLIAMSTOWN

MEMBERSHIP LIST, 1779 TO 1848

An asterisk denotes that the person against whose name it stands, is dead (as of 1848); the letter l, that the person came from a sister church, with letter of recommendation; d, that the person has been dismissed; w, withdrawn to a church of another denomination; r, removed to distant parts; s, suspended; and x, excommunicated.

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*Elisha Baker
*Phebe Nichols Baker
*Martha Young Blair, w
*Daniel Burbank
*Mary Marks Burbank
*Samuel Burchard
*Elizabeth Hamilton Burchard
*Sarah Byam
*Hannah Davis
*Elizabeth Downs Downing
*Thomas Dunton, d
*Mary Davis Dunton, d
*Nathan Foot, d
*Marianne Foot, d
*Israel Harris, d
*Sarah Moss Harris, d
*Rachel Baldwin Hawkins
*Sampson Howe, d
*Hannah Foot Howe, d
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*Persis Johnson, d
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*Jonathan Meacham, r
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*Abigail Wright
*Gideon Wright, r
*Sarah Wright, r

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*Martha Marks Talmadge
*Elizabeth Eggleston, l, d
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1780

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*David Nichols, d
*Annis Hurlbut Nichols, d
*Deac. Ebenezer Stratton
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*John Day
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*Anna Barnum Clark
*Elizabeth Hinds Wheeler, d
*Mary Lamb Cook
*Jonathan Woodward, d
*Delight Woodward, d
*Huldah Clark Moss, l, d
*Patience Clark, d

1781

*Anna Wheeler Wilcox, r
*Phebe Ballard, r
*Elizabeth McMichael, r
*Rhoda Steward, r
*Abraham Stark, d
*Eunice Gilbert Stark, d
*Solomon Moss, d
*Mary Russel Searle, r
*Jesse Byam, w
*Tryphena Smedley Kinney, d
*William Hosford, r
*Esther Smedley Hosford

*Daniel Stratton, r
*Mary Auger Stratton
*Joel Stratton, r
*Elizabeth Clarke
*Mercy Simonds Kellogg, d
*Mary Dewey Sloan, d
*John Torrey, d
*Jemima Smedley Hosford, d
*Relief Snow, x
*Ruth Stratton Foster, d
*Anna Clarke Moss, d

1782

*Hannah Town Bodaman
*Anna Satterlee Watson, r
*Dorcas Beckley Deming, d
*Margaret Williams, d
*Lucy Elliott Swift, l, d

1783

*Daniel Smith, l, d

1784

*Eunice Lusk Boardman
*Lucy Edwards Porter
*Lydia Lindsley Smedley, l

1785

*Lucy Clapp Henderson, l, d
*Hannah Ladd Younger, l

1786

*Ephraim Ladd, l, d
*Lois Chapman Ladd, l, d

1788

*Isaac Higgins, d

1789

*Ann Cabot Barret, l, d
*Ruth Torrey Frazer, d

1790

*Sarah Luce Byam, r
*Rebecca Sherwood Standish, r
*Sarah Woodcock West, d

1792

*Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, D.D., l, d
*Mary Backus Fitch, d
*William Foster, d
*Ruth Bennet Foster, d
*Mary Starkweather Stebbins
Deac. Levi Smedley
*Lydia Gibbs Smedley
*Electa Simonds Edwards, d

1793

*Humphrey Richardson, l, d

*Margaret Webb Richardson, 1,d
 *Elijah Smedley
 Lucy Gibbs Smedley
 *Joseph Osborn, d
 *Abilene Simonds Paddock, d
 *Cynthia Wright Kellogg, d
 *James Fowler
 *Anna Smedley Fowler
 *Deliverance Humphrey Smedley
 *James Robertson, d

1794

*Deac. Zadock Ford
 *Eunice Bridges Ford
 *Nathaniel Steele
 *Jerusha Steward, d
 *Rachel Bliss Talmadge
 *Mercy Jepson Hawkins, d
 *Mary Crocker
 *Abigail Tyrrel Phelps, r

1795

*Joseph Pike, 1,d
 *Rev. Jedidiah Bushnell, d
 *Rev. Nathaniel Turner, d

1796

*Joseph Torrey
 *Deborah Foster Cook, 1,d

1797

 Lucy Seymour Whitman, 1
 *Rev. Amasa Jerome, d
 *Joel Baldwin
 *Prudence Simonds Bridges
 *Oliver Barret
 *Mercy French Barret

1798

*Levius Eddy, 1,d
 *Deborah Doane Eddy, 1
 *Elizabeth Eddy Hitchcock, 1
 *Lemuel Higgins, Jr., 1,d
 *Lemuel Higgins, 1,r
 *Elizabeth Higgins, 1,r

1799

*Prudence Wells Bulkeley, 1,r
 *Thomas Smith, d
 *Elihu Sherman, 1
 *Elizabeth Claggin Sherman, 1
 *Sarah Phelps Porter
 Deodamus Noble Skinner, r
 *Nathaniel Kellogg, d
 *Mehitable Simonds Kellogg, d
 *Anna Whitman Balch, d

1800

*Dorothy Wilder Wheelock, 1,r
 Mehitable Smith Bardwell, 1
 *Hannah Meek Kilborn
 *Sarah Sloane Mun, d
 *Simon Wells, 1,d
 *Anna Gould Simonds, 1
 *Daniel Harris, 1
 *Mary Harris Harris, 1,r

1801

*John P. Whitman
 Philene Foot Smart, r
 *Mary Sloan Starkweather
 *Elizabeth Jones Starr, d
 *Hannah Edmonds Foot
 *Rhoda Dewey Chamnberlain
 *Beulah Stevens Gould, d
 Mary Cox
 *Mary Bridges Northam

1802

*Betsey Hubbell Cox
 *John Foot, d
 Huldah Rossiter Foot, d
 *Aaron Foot, d
 *Mary Robertson, d

1803

*Israel Jones
 *Alithea Todd Jones
 *Lemuel Kennedy, 1
 *Rebecca Pope Kennedy, 1
 *Stephen Parsons, 1,d
 *Maria Noble Dewey
 *Elizabeth Daggett Wheldon, 1,d
 *John Wheldon, 1,d
 *Sarah Babcock Wheldon, 1,d
 Lucy Northam White, 1,d
 *Eliza Tucker Baker, d

1804

*Rebecca Hawkins Pike, d
 *Amanda Rogers Goodrich, x
 Sarah Taintor Bulkeley
 *Anna Bridges Talmadge
 *Abigail M. Wolcott Gaylord, d
 *Pamela Green, d

1805

*Reuben Judd
 *Sarah Leice Judd
 *Deroxa Lamb Andrews, d
 *Jedida Sherman Foot, d
 *Jabez Fitch, 1
 *John Kilborn
 *Paoli Chamberlain, d
 *William H. Wheldon, d
 Rev. Ephraim G. Swift, d
 *Catharine Cotting Washburn, d
 Sarah Train Blair
 *Mary Mosier Wright, d
 *Polypheme Towner Nash, d
 Mary Bardwell Badger, d
 Martha Bardwell Allen, d
 Laurana Green Wilcox, d
 *Annis Roberts
 *Sarah Wheelock Perry, d
 *Charlotte Brainerd, d
 Clarinda Swift Clark, d
 *Lydia Kennedy Taft
 *Eunice Ford Northam
 Lucinda Harris, d
 Huldah Fowler Welch
 *Abigail Preston, d
 *Perley Putnam, d
 *Mary Simonds Putnam, d

Dr. Samuel Smith
 *Abiah Hubbell Woodcock
 *Mabel Northrop Porter
 *Eunice Hosford, d
 Lydia Sherman Hayden, d
 *Amasa Ford, r
 *Sukey Wheelock, r
 *Betsey Wheelock Douglas, d
 *Emily Wheelock Smedley, d
 *Elizabeth Archer Younger, r
 Elizabeth Thomas, d
 Deac. Deodatus Noble, d
 *Betsey Bulkeley Noble, d
 *Daniel Porter
 Mary Badger Porter
 Lois Rossiter Hubbell, d
 Betsey Towner Smith
 Abiah Towner Byington, d
 Mary Wolcott, d
 Lucinda Wheelock Blackman, d
 Lucretia Duncan Forbes, d
 *Cyrus Stratton, r
 Rev. Francis L. Robbins, d
 Elijah Chamberlain, d
 Martha Geer, r
 *Electa Smedley
 *Eleanor Dewey West, d

1806

 Zeviah Pierce Parsons, d
 Deliverance Fowler Smedley, w
 Mary Wheelock, r
 *Anna Ford Bridges
 *Rhoda Wheldon Chamberlain
 *Eli Wilson, r
 Eli Porter
 *Samuel Pike
 *Gurdon Bulkeley, 1
 *Fanny Wright Bulkeley, 1
 *Pelatiah Marsh, 1,d
 *Samuel Wright
 *Stephen Smith, w
 *James Smedley, d
 *Adna Smedley
 Levi Smedley, Jr.
 *Charlotte Bulkeley Emerson
 *Daniel Day, d
 *Martha Isham Day, d
 *Deliverance Smedley Baldwin, d
 Sarah Ann Cowee Larrabee, r
 *Lemuel Smedley, x
 Asenath Moss Smedley, d
 *Samuel Burbank, d
 *Sybil Jeffords Deming, d
 Elizabeth Deming Beers, d
 *Mehitabel Fowler Porter, 1
 *Sarah Landers, r
 *Lydia Harrington Kinney, d
 *Dimmis Isham Tyler
 *Chloe Blair, r
 *Harriet Skinner Wing, d
 Nancy Phelps Merrill, d
 Rev. Byram Green, d
 *Robert C. Robbins, d
 *Jonathan Wheldon, 1

*Anna Lyman Wheldon, l
 *Miriam Cowee Danforth
 Elizabeth Daniels Roberts, d
 Sarah Booth, d
 *Elijah A. Bingham, d
 Samuel Bridges
 *Lois Skinner Day
 Lurana Dota, d
 *Abigail Bulkeley Day, d
 Lucy Swift Sheldon, d
 Deborah Eddy Coe, d
 Wealthy Ann D. Phelps Foster, d
 *Rufus R. Raymond, x
 *Rev. Gordon Hall, d
 Munis Kinney, d
 John Hubbard, r

1807

Daniel C. Adams, r
 Rev. Abel Cutler, d
 Rev. Sylvester Seddon, r
 *Charles Parsons
 *Lucy Baldwin Parsons, r
 Jerusha Robbins Northam, d
 Elizaebth Higgins Green, d
 *Joseph Fletcher, r
 Thomas Cox
 *John Cox, w
 *Charles Kellogg, d
 *Ebenezer Fitch, Jr.
 William Pike, r
 *James Paul
 *Zeviah Short Paul
 *Esther Bulkeley Sabin
 Eunice Marsh, d
 Lydia Kinney, d
 *Lyman Northam
 *Peter Barret, d
 *Mehitabel Green Green, d
 *James H. Meacham
 Abigail Warner Meacham
 Rhoda Fletcher, r
 Nancy Wheldon
 *Eleanor Crandall, d
 Rev. Chauncey Eddy, d
 *Judah Paddock, l, r
 Obadiah Bardwell
 *Timothy Northam
 *Rebecca Meacham Northam
 David Deming, d
 *Sarah Lewis Deming, d
 *Lucy Meacham
 Rev. Isaac Jones, d

1808

*Benjamin Barrett, d
 *Martin Bates, l
 *Philinda Towner Cone
 Marcia Kilborn
 Maria Balch, d
 *Sybil Deming Krigger
 *Lydia Stoddard Deming
 Cynthia Deming, d
 *Jemima Harrington Mills, d
 *Waitstill Chapel Chamberlain

*Dorothy Wheelock Ross, r
 1809

Nancy Baker Fowler, r
 *Sarah Fitch Knowlton, d
 *Elsie Skinner Sickles, r

1810

*Rev. Lyman Barrett, d
 Maria Sabin, w

1811

*Persis Cook Bates
 *Hannah Tuttle Rossiter
 Melissa Rossiter, d
 *John Hickcox, d

1812

Rev. Samuel Robertson, d
 Rebecca Kennedy Bingham, d
 *Harriet Sheldon Douglas, d
 Maria Cogswell Sloan, d
 Eliza Green Hawks, d
 Lydia Weaver Kennedy, d
 Sarah Kennedy, r
 *Sarah Carpenter, r
 Rev. Roswell Hawks, d
 *John Nichols, r
 Austin Wing, d
 *Royal L. Porter, r
 *Cynthia Powers Bulkeley, d
 Mary Starkweather Bartlett, r
 Eliza A. Noble Brewster
 Betsey Hitchcock Keene, d
 *Amanda Skinner
 Betsey Eddy Loomis, d
 Chene White Comstock, d
 *Roxana Rice, d
 Mehitabel Kellogg Fairbanks, d
 Julia Stratton Willey, r
 *Lucy Smedley Balch, d
 Rachel Smedley Hawks, d
 Lydia Smedley Sheldon, d
 Mary Smedley Brown
 Martha Kellogg Francis, d
 Sion Martindale, r
 *Samuel Mills, jr.
 Rev. Ephraim Chapin, d
 *Rev. Alex M. Cowan, d
 Mason C. Fitch, d
 *Rev. Edward W. Rosseter, d
 Rev. Alfred White, r
 Rev. Chester Dewey, l, d
 Laura Seymour Whitman, l
 *Seth White, l, r
 Relief Stone White, l, r
 *Mehitabel Anders Stone
 Phebe Towner Page, d
 *Abigail Ring Daniels, d
 *Mary Mason Hutchinson, d
 Maria Cone Emmons, d
 Sarah Northam Hickcox
 Deac. Andrew Beers, d
 David W. Roberts, d
 Betsey Kellogg Bacon, d

1813

Hannah Hemmingway, d
 *Miriam Barus Roberts
 *Mary Day, l, r
 *Alma Harrison Stratton
 *Levi Cromwell
 *Sarah Sherwood Green
 *Electa Jones King, d

1814

Sylvanus Stone, l
 *Catharine Norman King, l
 *Mary Norman Beebe, l, d
 *Hannah Norman, l
 *Deac. Cheney Taft, l
 Melinda Parmenter Penniman, l
 Mary Smedley Stratton, d
 Olive Olds Bartlett, l
 Ruth Seymour Benjamin, l
 Lucy Benjamin Perry, l
 *Ruth Benjamin Jenkins, l, d
 Asenath Torrey Converse, l, d
 *Elizabeth Baldwin Jones

1815

*Dr. Alfred Perry, l, d
 Mary Bigelow Stone, d
 *Mary Stratton Foster
 Zenas Roberts, r
 *Clarissa Green
 Timothy M. Baker, d
 *Sarah H. Chamberlain Deming, d
 Laura Wright Hilliard, d
 *Lilly Bow Cromwell
 *Nehemiah Woodcock
 Betsey Wright Roberts, d
 *Salome Wright Deming, d
 *Hannah Cowles Pratt, x

1816

Mary Harris, d
 *Cynthia Jones Jones, l, d
 Roxana Freeman Dunsett, l
 Phebe Smith, r
 *Eliza Barnes Gridley, l, d
 Elizabeth Page, l, d
 *Rev. Zephaniah S. Moore, D.D.
 Phebe Drury Moore, l, d

1817

*Samuel Kellogg, x
 *Isabel Blair Kellogg
 *Rev. David L. Coe, d
 *Abigail Stratton Bardwell
 Sarah Harris, x
 *Esther Bulkeley Sabin, l
 *Susanna Wright Nash, r
 *Mindwell Jones Waters, l
 *Rev. Ebenezer Kellogg, l
 *Daniel Noble
 Esther B. Woolcott Noble
 *Josephus Bardwell
 *Frederick Kilborn
 Olive Torrey, d
 Mary Bushnell Danforth
 Clarissa Tyler Danforth
 Nancy Porter Bulkeley, d

*Electa Porter Stevens, w
 *Peggy Jacobs Cuff
 *Lucy West Curtis
 *Electa Olds Kennedy, r
 1818

*Eunice Northam Skinner, l,d
 Lucy Sloan McIntosh, d
 *Moses Batchellor, l
 *Alvan Bishop, l,d
 *Melintha Sherman Bishop, l,d
 Silas Stone, l,s
 *Thomas Faxon, d
 Chester Balch, l,d
 *Clarissa Danforth Hickcox
 1819

*Sarah Bennet Howard, l
 Lucretia Raymond Walden
 Olive Wells Eddy, d
 *Jane Adams, l,d
 *Mehitable Skinner Sabin
 *Christopher Penniman
 *Josiah Talmadge, d
 Sarah Fuller Williams, r
 Lydia M. Lillibridge Hoxsey
 Freeman Page, d
 Mary Wells Bulkeley
 *William Sherman, x
 *Charlotte Abbott Nichols, r
 Jussou C. Jewett, w
 Silas Comstock, d
 Ruth Kinney Noble
 *Sarah Cox McCrea
 Clarissa Stockwell Cox
 Irene Smedley Bridges
 *Martin Deming, r
 *Mary Utley Deming
 Hervey Smedley, d
 Rachel Orton Smedley, d
 William Bridges, d
 *Wealthy Stone Bridges
 Justin Ford
 Mary Eddy Smedley
 *Ira Ford
 Anna Sherman Ford
 Chester Stone
 Harvey Blake, w
 Ralph Chamberlain, d
 Catharine Windsor Chamberlain, d
 Mary Brownell Chamberlain
 Asa Northam, Jr., r
 *Edward Northam, r
 Hubbard Foot, r
 Daniel Harris, r
 Mary Windsor Harris, r
 *Lucy Waters
 Fanny Judd, r
 *Pamela Judd White, d
 Harriet A. Bulkeley Wheeler, d
 Clarissa Bardwell Loomis, d
 Lucy Bardwell Baker, d
 Annis Smedley
 Mary Smedley Foot

Amena Porter Peabody, d
 Elizabeth Jones, d
 Sophia Smith Jilson
 Sarah Howard Sherman
 *Elizabeth Howard, d
 Emily Folsom, r
 *Eunice Larabee Cutler, d
 Enoch C. Mosier, x
 Betsey Meacham Mosier
 Pomeroy Stone, r
 *Stephen Hickcox
 Hiram Booth, r
 *Salmon Deming, d
 *Artemas Crittendon, d
 Eliza Boies Crittendon, d
 Samuel Talmadge, d
 *Abigail Gibbs Talmadge, d
 John G. Krigger, x
 Francis Deming, d
 Arad Hosford
 Sophia Bardwell Hosford
 *Samuel Penniman
 Bernard Blair, r
 Dudley White, d
 Noah Cook
 Lydia Bardwell Cook
 Laura Shattuck Towner, r
 Catharine Jones Day
 *Cynthia Towner Bridges
 Lucinda Jones Brown
 Mercy L. Jenks Tyler
 *Lucy Brewster Young
 *Olive Stoddard Johnson, d
 *Mary Deming Mills
 Sarah Bulkeley Bishop, d
 Alice Blair Bacon, d
 Harriet Taft Mallory Northam, d
 Lois Harrison Willey, r
 Martha I. Day Miller, d
 Nancy Deming, d
 Harriet Mills, d
 Miriam Hickox, d
 Eleanor Williams Burchard, r
 *Sarah Wheldon
 *Hannah Stone Bridges, d
 Mary Ann Towner, r
 *Sarah Smith Stone
 Mary Phelps, r
 *Eliza Chamberlain, w
 *Abigail Meacham
 Cynthia Reynolds Beardsley, d
 *Letitia Harrison Stephenson
 Mariah M. Goodman Faxon, l,d
 Thomas J. Towner, x
 Ira Nash, d
 *Albert Bulkley, d
 Charles G. Judd, d
 Benjamin Botsford, r
 George W. Benjamin, r
 *Zelotes Ford, d
 *Samuel Stephenson
 John Willey, r
 Jeremiah H. Hosford
 Mary Talmadge Hosford

Clarissa Brasin, d
 1820
 Lucy M. Nash Batchellor, l
 Laura Bacon Kellogg, r
 Sophia Towner

1821
 *Nathaniel Carpenter, d
 *Lavina Carpenter, d
 *Absalom B. Kellogg
 Esther Kellogg Wheldon
 Seymour Whitman
 *Martha Pettingil Stone, l
 *Timothy Ware
 *Orin Ware
 *Henry Ware
 *Chloe Millington Bugbee
 Adeline Kennedy Holden, d
 Mary Hale, r
 *John Wright, l,d
 Huldah Dewey Wright, l,d
 Marcia Talmadge Baker, d
 Henrietta Day Skinner, r
 *Esther Wiswall Monroe, d
 Harriet Hickcox Huxley, d
 *Eliza A. Hickcox Monroe
 Clarissa D. Hickcox Huxley, d
 Sarah Hickcox Young, d
 Cynthia Crandall Danforth, d
 Sarah Nash Benedict, d
 Mehitabel Wheldon
 Minerva Smedley Thomas
 William Thomas, l
 Jerusha Rich Thomas, l
 Laura Leonard Northam, l,d
 Charlotte Penniman Bartlett
 Emily Kent Northam, l
 Almira Foot, d
 Annis Stone Butler, d
 Lucy Harrison Walker, d
 *Nancy Chapman Beardsley, w
 *Amanda Hull Deyo, d
 Sarah Larrabee, r
 *Mary Bulkeley
 Deac. James Smedley, M.D.
 Alfred Monroe, d
 John B. Foot, r
 Preserved Larrabee, r
 *Sylvester Larrabee
 Schuyler Putnam, d
 Zeri Jordon, d
 John Lewis, d
 Hiram W. Bulkeley, d
 1824
 Chester Crosset, d
 Samuel G. Noyes, l,r
 Ruth K. Bliss Ingraham, d
 Mary Stratton, r
 John Crossett, d
 Anna Keyes Crossett, d
 *Cynthia Gurley
 *Elizabeth Brown Sherman
 *Jerusha Brown Harrison
 Mary Harrison Sherman, r

Nancy Neff Latham, l
Deborah Tower Ford, r

1825

Rachel Hall Benton, l,d
Samuel Gould, l,d
Betsey Paul White, r

1826

Caroline Clinton Dewey, l,d
Henry P. Penniman, l,w

*Samuel Tyler

Asa Northam, d

*Erastus Day

Abraham B. Hanson, w
Charles A. Butler, d

*Amasa T. Bridges, r

Stephen Hosford
Amie Brown Hosford

*Daniel Thayer

*Mary Curtis Thayer

*Catharine Draper Thayer
Truman Paul

*Lavina Wells Paul

*Abigail Hinds Russel

*Ann Kellogg Northam, r

Frances L. Griffin Smith, d

Ellen Maria Griffin Crawford, d

Charles S. Benjamin, l,d

*Carlina E. Bulkley Benjamin
Abby Benjamin Sabin

*Lucy S. Whitman Sabin

Jerusha B. Harrison Thatcher, d

*John Harrison, d

Laura B. Boyd, d

Lucy Maria Bridges Smedley

*Mary Ann Bridges Mather

*Elizabeth Sloane

*Maria Sloane

*Lorinda Ann Sylvester Taft, d

Lois W. Taft Andros, d

Betsey L. K. Taft

Rev. George C. Wood, r

Frances E. Bulkeley Wood, d

*Rev. Benjamin F. Hoxsey, r

*Sophia A. Bulkeley Hoxsey, r

*Lucy Converse, r

Lois Converse Goodrich, d

*Lucy Orton

Hannah Smith Day, d

*Juliette Talmadge Shattuck

Dr. Albert W. Smith, d

Betsey A. Smith Bradley, r

*Nancy E. Smith

Sophia Meach Youngs, d

Hannah S. Oakley Streeter, w

Liberty Bartlett

Almira Bartlett Meacham

Eliza E. Bartlett Cone

Abigail Thomas

Frances Thomas Graves, d

Dinah Storts, r

Henry Hubbard, d

*James B. Malody, r

Jonathan S. Ware, d

Samuel T. Danforth, d

Charles T. Bulkeley, r

Sylvanus Thomas, r

Stephen Bates, r

Rev. David Cushing, d

Rev. Hollis Reed, r

Rev. Moses A. Curtis, w

Dea. Asahel Foote

Rev. George W. Hathaway, r

Samuel W. Leonard, r

Rev. Mason Noble, r

George H. Tracy, r

Edward Lasell

Horace Gleason, r

Consider Parish, d

Rev. Baruch B. Beckwith, r

Henry R. Hubbell, d

Sidney Warner, r

Charles Danforth, d

*Ebenezer H. Stratton, r

Mary Chase Gleason, l,r

*Charlotte B. Talmadge Ford

Sopia Crowell Stone

*Susan Crowell Stone

*Benjamin Bicknell

Hannah Pool Bicknell

Eliza D. Newton Harrison, r

Caleb Brown

Sophia Southworth Brown

Mary Day Bulkeley

*Reuben Young, d

*Currence Meek Young

Sarah Meek Young, d

Zeviah C. Young Smith, d

Edward C. Young, r

Eliza Wood Young, r

Horrace H. Young, r

Alexander Reed

Sarah T. Daniels Reed

Ann Elmira Babbitt Clothier, r

Electa M. Beers, d

Mary Whipple, d

Electa Green, d

Lyman Hubbell, d

Mary Hubbell Hopkins

Nathan Hubbell, r

*Alanson Nash

Moses Deming, w

Martin I. Townsend, d

Amos Ford, d

Lyman Green, r

Esek Green, r

Edward D. Roberts, d

*Henry Hurlbut

Thomas P. Goodrich, d

Ralph Meach, d

Ephraim H. Smith, r

George T. Blair, r

*Anson Dunsett

Asahel Foote, x

Robert M. Bailey, l,d

Maria Bailey, l,d

Delia Monroe, d

Sarah M. Blair

Sarah Ann Manuel Safford, r
Elizabeth Hutchinson Meach, w

Susanna Krigger Madison, r

Anna Krigger, r

Wealthy C. Burgess Bailey, r

Rachel Isbel Loomis, d

Reed Mills, d

Abigail Comstock Mills, d

*Rachel Burbank, d

Catharine J. Day Kellogg

Alfred Griffin, r

B. B. Phares, l,d

1827

Eli Northam, d

Jerusha Northam Hooker, d

Ruth Ann Northam, d

Frances Maria Northam, d

Daniel P. Merriam, d

Polly R. Beers Merriam, d

Hannah S. Ward Holland, d

*Mary Northam, d

Laura Waters

*Abigail Preston Rossiter, d

Rev. Sardis M. Morley, r

Benjamin F. Mather

Ridley Bannister, l,r

Martha Abbot Bannister, l,r

Celinda L. Bulkeley Chapman, d

Julia A. Kellogg Bulkeley, d

Ann Northam, r

Sarah Macomber, r

Caroline D. Carver Smith, d

Frances D. Smith Wilson, d

*Laura T. Benton

Dea. Ebenezer Emmons, M.D., l

1828

*Susan Coit Kellogg, l

Sarah Childs Peabody, l

Mary A. Roberts, d

*Anna M. Nash

*Charles D. Sabin

Dea. Henry L. Sabin, M.D., l

*Nathan West, l,r

Elizabeth Foote, d

1829

Emeline Meacham

Jared R. Avery, l,d

Benjamin Sanford, l,r

*Rev. Sylvester Hovey, l,d

Dea. William Dickinson, l,d

Elizabeth Worthington

Dickinson, l,d

*Braddock Meach

Eleazer Larrabee, r

Julia Ann Fuller Beardsley, d

Elizabeth Blake

Betsey Chamberlain Noble

Asa Talmadge, l,x

Abigail Tyler Talmadge, l

John Eastman, l,d

1830

Abiathar Gardner, l,d

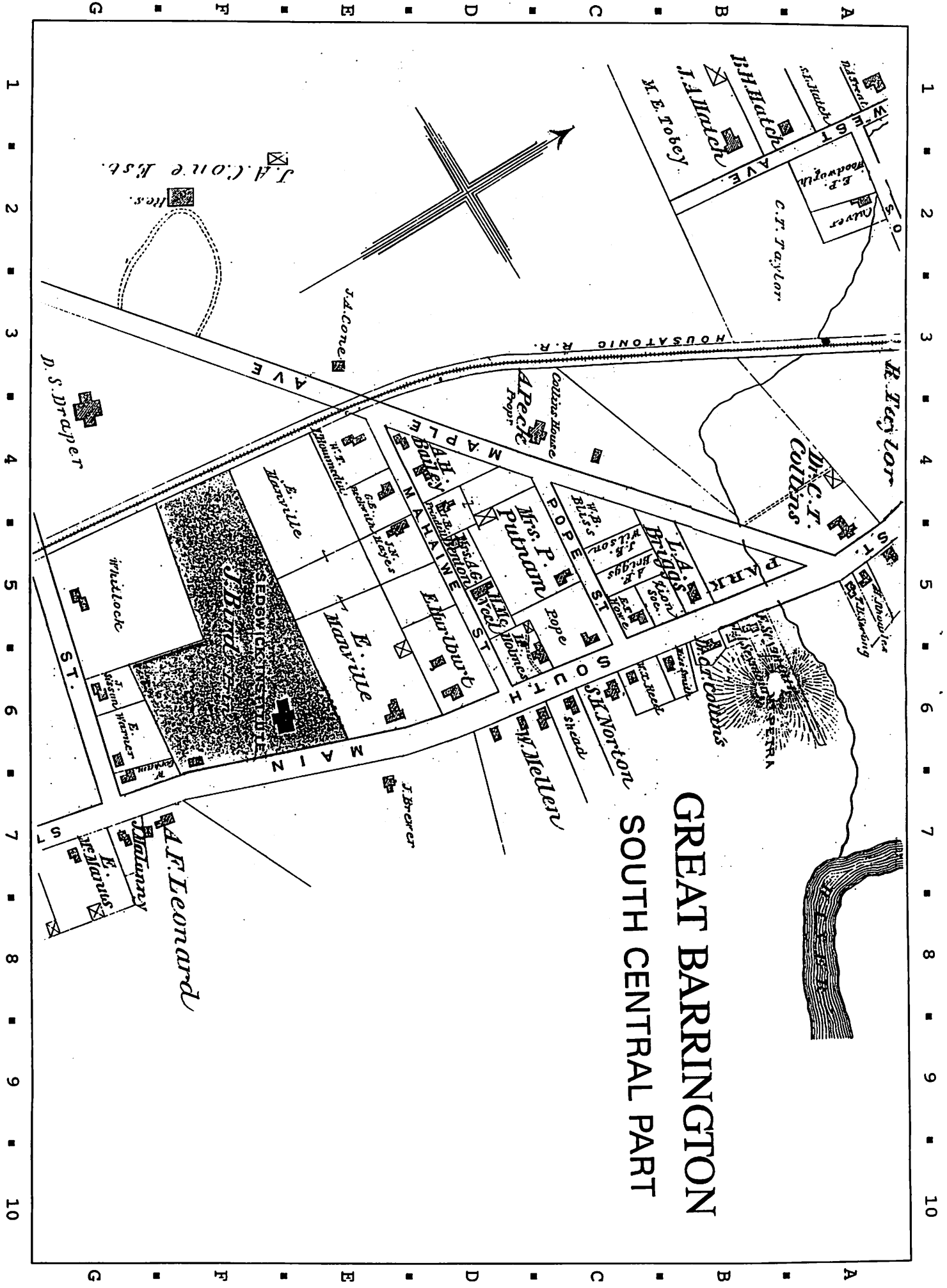
*Harriet Sloane, d
Susan Sloane
William G. Weston, d
Don Carlos Woodcock, r
John I. Mack, r
Rev. Ephraim G. Strong, l, d
Giles S. Bardwell, l
Sally Magee Bardwell, l
*Titus Deming
Gay Evans, r
Sarah Eaton Sabin, d
Rebecca Young Green
Hester L. Whitman Deming
*Rebecca Young, d
Polly Mills, d
Mary A. Talmadge Dunn
Sarah Ann Pettingel, d
Julia Crandall, d
Mary W. Dickinson Johnson, d
Susan Bird, d
Eliza D. Young, d
Catharine Starkweather
Woodbridge, d
Jane H. Starkweather Pratt, d
Ruth A. Whitman Lasell
Jane E. Smedley Day
Hannah E. Bulkeley Griffin
Edward A. Dickinson, d
Gershom Bulkeley, Jr., d
Eli R. Deming, d
James H. Comstock, r
Henry B. Hosford, r
*Henry W. Gridley
Samuel B. Gridley, d
1832
Rev. Aaron H. Hand, d
Dwight Thomas
Jerusha Thomas, d
Orange T. Johnson, d
Abigail Gregory Johnson, d
Elizabeth Dickinson, d
Julia F. Dickinson, d
Juliette Roberts, r
Betsey M. Nash, r
Elizabeth J. Deming, d

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Bailey, A. H.	D-4	Cone, J. A.	E-3	Hurlburt, E.	D-5	Peck, A.	D-4	Smith, Miss	B-6
Beckwith, G. E.	E-4		F-2	Leonard, A. F.	F-7	Pope	C-5	Strong, T. B.	A-5
Benton, A. G.	D-5	Culver	A-2	L'Hommedieu, W. T.	E-4	Prindell, I. R.	D-4	Taylor, C. T.	B-2
Bird, J.	F-5	Draper, G. S.	G-4	Malanny, J.	G-7	Putnam, P., Mrs.	D-5	Taylor, R.	A-4
Bliss, W. B.	C-4	Gorham, W.	E-6	Manville, E.	E-5	Reed, W. X.	C-6	Tobey, M. E.	B-1
Brewer, J.	E-7	Hatch, B. H.	B-1	Manville, E.	F-4	Rhoades, H.	A-5	Treat, D. A.	A-1
Briggs, A. F.	C-5	Hatch, S. T.	A-1	McManus, E.	G-7	Seymour, F.	B-5	Warner, E.	G-6
Briggs, L. A.	B-5	Hayes, J. N.	E-5	McNeel, H.	D-5	Seymour, J. A.	B-5	Whitlock	G-5
Collins	C-4	Holmes, H.	D-5	Mellen, W.	D-6	Shead	C-6	Wilson, J. E.	C-5
Collins, C. T., Dr.	A-4	Howe, E. T.	C-5	Norton, S. K.	C-6	Sisson, J.	G-6	Woodworth, E. P.	A-2
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COLONEL WILLIAM WILLIAMS

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THE PITTSFIELD PIONEER AND BUILDER OF FORTS MASSACHUSETTS AND ANSON

Colonel William Williams, who built a log house in 1753 on the lot where the Rice cobble stone residence in the east part of Pittsfield now stands, was more than an ordinary man among the pioneer settlers of the town. The story of his life previous to his coming to Berkshire shows that he was of a highly adventurous spirit. He was born in Weston in 1711, of honorable and reverend parentage, Rev. William Williams, his father, having graduated at Harvard in 1705, his grandfather in 1683, and himself in 1729. His mother was Hannah Stoddard.

After graduation Col. Williams studied medicine and entered into the practice of that profession, finally giving it up as not consonant with his genius. The *Berkshire Chronicle* of 1789 contains the following anecdote of him: "While Dr. Williams was in the practice of physic a person who had been blind from infancy applied to him for cure. Being fertile in invention the doctor pulverized a piece of broken stone jar and placed the powder on the eyes of the patient, with the result that this powder soon ate off the film and thus the blind man was restored to sight." This fact is mentioned to show that Col. Williams was skilled in his profession and that he was an adept in healing the wounds and infirmities of mankind which to common minds seemed incurable.

Col. Williams married Miriam Tyler of Boston, a lady of rare intellect combined with sterling common sense, and by the aid of her family established himself as a merchant in that city. Failing to succeed in trade, in 1740 he secured a commission as Ensign under Gen. Oglethorpe and participated in the unsuccessful expedition against St. Augustine. This Gen. Oglethorpe, when a member of the British parliament in 1722, had a dear friend die of small-pox in a debtor's prison, and as a result he was made chairman of an investigating commission to expose the infamous crimes and cruelty of prison officials of that day. The insight which he thus gained as to the causes and results of pauper

ism led him forward to the great work of his life, as in 1732 he obtained a charter for founding a colony between Georgia, so-called, from George II (& place omitted?). Hither he came in 1732 with 120 settlers who were mostly of the pauper class, not agreeing with the statement of Bacon "that it is a base and shameful thing to take the scum of mankind and wicked and condemned men to be the people whom you plant." Gen. Oglethorpe had for his spiritual advisers and helpers Charles and John Wesley, as well as Whitfield, all of which latter became very unpopular because they sought to enforce a compact against rum and slavery, of which fact Ensign Williams was cognizant and which made him discontented and restless.

At this time war was threatened with Spain, and there was great excitement all along the Atlantic sea coast. A possible opportunity of honor and profit induced Ensign Williams to join the fleet then under command of Admiral Anson, a prominent figure in the British navy from 1697 to 1762, and who in 1737 had been appointed to the frigate *Centurion*, in which six years later he brought to London £500,000 of treasure taken from the Spanish, which was carried through the city in a procession of 32 wagons under guard of the ship's company, with the national colors flying and bands playing. For this service he was promoted by the admiralty to the rank of Rear Admiral, and in 1761 advanced to the high position of Admiral of the Fleet. This distinguished officer became best known to the world by his work. "A Voyage Around the World," which he wrote and published in 1756, and which can be found in the Berkshire Athenaeum Library. Of this Admiral Col. Williams was a great admirer, and he afterwards built Fort Anson in Pittsfield in his honor. In 1741 Ensign Williams was in Admiral Vernon's ill-fated armament against Carthage, a fortified harbor on the coast of Spain, having been led into this expedition by the promised plunder of rich Spanish-American cities stored therein. What the Ensign gained in this expedition was an Ensign's half-pay on the retired list of the British navy and much military knowl-

edge secured in two campaigns under skillful officers.

Col. Williams then returned to Deerfield, where his abilities won the favor of his uncle, John Stoddard and Col. Wendell, who in view of the benefits his connection would confer on the new plantation of Pontoosuck, agreed in writing to give him one of the settling lots not previously disposed of by Mr. Livingstone and 100 acres of land adjoining, provided he would settle upon and perform the requirements attached to it, and he came on that year and viewed the same.

War breaking out the following spring, he was commissioned as Lieut.-Colonel in Col. Stoddard's Regiment of the Hampshire Militia and detailed to construct a line of forts between the Connecticut and Hudson rivers, which service was performed so satisfactorily that while it was in progress he was promoted by the state government to the rank of Major. In the spring of 1745 he selected from those under his command a company which sailed to Cape Breton, but which he did not accompany, as his services were more valuable at home. The following June, reinforcements for the besieging army being demanded, an express was sent 150 miles through the wilderness to Major Williams at Fort Massachusetts, ordering him with the greatest haste to Boston with all the men he could enlist. In six days, he reported to the Governor with 74 men and was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the Eighth Massachusetts Regiment, Col. John Choate commanding.

They sailed for Cape Breton, June 23d, but Louisburg capitulated before their arrival, and Col. Choate returning home, Col. Williams was left to garrison the fort until the following spring. Returning in 1747 he took charge of the rebuilding of Fort Massachusetts in which he was hindered somewhat by slight skirmishes with the Indians. When this fort was completed it was turned over June 21, 1747, to the command of Major Ephraim Williams. Col. Williams left the fort the next day, having the February previous received the appointment of sub-commissary, which he considered a more lucrative position than the command of this fort, though he did not take up its duties until his regiment had disbanded.

He failed to make money as a quartermaster, as he had previously done as a physician and as a merchant. That he followed a mili-

tary career not wholly for patriotism and glory would appear from his written complaints concerning his pecuniary reward in such service. For acting as commander and inspector of forts from Northfield to Hoosac he received but eight pounds a month, old terror paper money, worth one-eighth its face, about five dollars, in silver. For his service at Cape Breton he received as he wrote "a miserable pittance of hardly enough to buy a cabbage a day in that miserable, dreary province." His salary as commissary was so long in arrears that he was forced to borrow £1400 for twelve months of Col. Stoddard and Moses Graves. Thus his military life during the interruption caused in settling on the Pontoosuck Plantation by the war, which closed in 1748, left him in a low state of finance.

By the treaty of peace at Aix-la-Chapelle he was relieved from field duty and resigning his commission, he returned to Deerfield where he was a selectman in 1751 and kept a country store. Early in 1752 he was in Pontoosuck preparing for permanent settlement on the lot promised to him, though at the close of the war he had not decided to accept it. This wavering was caused by an alliance with Gov. Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire, who with 63 others, nine of whom were named Williams, obtained a grant of the township subsequently called Bennington, with whose history that of Pittsfield is somewhat interwoven. This was the first town chartered in Vermont. It was six miles square and divided into 64 equal lots in the center, each of the owners having been assigned them and who on speculation sold them without ever having seen them.

After building his log house in Pontoosuck, in the spring of 1753, there was a threatened invasion of Pontoosuck by Indians, and its people called for outside protection, which was sent from Connecticut. For caring for these troops Abner Dewey was allowed \$12 and Charles Goodrich \$17, in what was known as "terror currency." With these forces Col. Williams drove off the Indians and when he returned with some of his neighbors he stockaded his log house on Unkamet street. In September of that year Col. Israel Williams wrote from Hatfield to the provincial secretary hoping the government "would maintain a guard at Pontoosuck

which would be of more protection to the town and homes therein." Soon after Governors Shirley of Massachusetts and Fitch of Connecticut sent 36 men to Pontoosuck to make a stand there and who joined with Col. Williams in erecting a fortification, and during its building both workmen and soldiers were billeted on the inhabitants. The fort thus built was called Fort Anson, this honoring the admiral with whom Col. Williams served in his first military campaign. In the old provincial records this fort is sometimes called Pontoosuck and often the Williams' Garrison. Col. Williams' "gentlemen, soldiers and laborers account book," now 150 years old, is preserved.

The next year regiments for the expedition against Crown Point, Ticonderoga and Canada halted at Fort Anson, among them one under Sir William Pepperell numbering 906 men. This regiment afterwards bore a good part in Abercrombie's unsuccessful expedition against Ticonderoga under Col. Williams. It was Dr. William Williams, a son of Dr. Thomas Williams, of Hatfield, who was surgeon's mate in Col. Ephraim Williams' regiment and not the subject of this sketch, who closed his military career at this battle.

Following the civil career of Col. Williams, he was one of four in 1759 applying to the Superior Court in Springfield for a commission of freeholders to divide the common lands of Pontoosuck, and soon after a committee of five, one of whom was the surveyor Capt. Nathaniel Dwight, were appointed to lay out the lands of the plantation into lots. This was successfully done and the original map of the town completed, showing the lots of all the freeholders and the location of Fort Anson. In 1760 he was before the Council in Boston urging the incorporation of the plantation in connection with a movement for making the new county of Berkshire. This incorporation was accomplished in one day, April 13, 1761, and was signed by Governor Barnard, April 26. The privilege of naming the town by custom was accorded to the Governor, a blank space being left in the act for its insertion, which was filled in by his excellency as Pittsfield.

The blank space in the act left for the insertion of the name of the man to call the first town meeting was filled in with the

name of Col. Williams. In June of that year he wrote to a friend in London, "the name of Pittsfield is most agreeable to me, and as the plantation in which I dwell grew larger in inhabitants, the government last spring saw fit to incorporate it into a town which Governor Barnard was pleased to call Pittsfield." As Col. Williams was on intimate terms with this governor, it is fairly presumable that he secured the name most agreeable to him. He was the first town clerk and one of the first selectmen. A bill of sale dated 1761 proves that he was a slaveholder, and that he purchased the slave woman, Pendar, for £50, and sold her later for £75. It is recorded that Pendar married Simeon Bow and in 1795 joined the Congregational church under the half-way covenant.

It was the intention of Col. Williams and Charles Goodrich to locate the business center of Pittsfield near Unkamet street, but they finally decided upon Wendell Square. Messrs. Jones, Fairfield, Root and Goodrich each built a frame house on the four lots they owned on the corners of this square, and a mile to the east, on Honasada street, Col. Goodrich built a dwelling 80 feet in length and two stories high, with a broad hall through the centre, and which he called his Long House. On one side of this hall was what was known as the long room in which he held his Justice and Probate Courts.

The first proposition to build a meeting house in Pittsfield was in 1760, and it was to be exceedingly small. It was after considerable discussion decided to have it 40 by 30 feet, the same size as an ordinary barn. It was raised, covered and floored in the summer of 1762, when the first town meeting was held therein. This meeting house remained uncompleted for a long time, and it was seventeen years after the first vote was taken on the subject, that Col. Williams took the contract to finish it after a rough manner. Col. Williams was the owner of pew 10 in this primitive structure and was one of the committee appointed to call Rev. Thomas Allen as its first pastor.

During all these earlier years the political cauldron was at white heat. The stamp and revenue acts and the British garrison at Boston, and their consequences, revealed the fact that Col. Williams and other leading citizens of the town were attached to the tory

interests. Col. Williams' position was peculiar, as he had been elected representative to the General Court for four years and had held friendly relations with all the royal governors. In 1771 Governor Hutchinson counted him among the eight gentlemen whom a recent election had left a helpless minority in the legislature. Besides he held by the governor's appointment the offices of Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas and Judge of the Berkshire Probate Court, and having been long permitted to name many of his friends for other offices, he regarded for the government party was very strong, while his desire to stand well with the people was equally so.

Being too old for military service he found it would be for his interest to avoid any act which would deprive him of his half-pay in gold which he freely spent among his neighbors. Hence he had a convenient illness, which prevented his holding sessions of the Probate Court during the enforcement of the Stamp Act. Holding the greatest influence in the town he was tacitly in favor of submission, and for palliating, but not justifying the encroachments of Great Britain. The destruction of the tea in Boston harbor caused so great excitement in Pittsfield that instructions were sent to the town's representatives in the legislature as to the course they should pursue. This letter speaks of the sad condition of things as "unnecessary, highly censurable, with a tendency to the subversion of all good order. That we are as adverse as any one of the patriots of America to being subjected to a tax without our free and voluntary consent." This document is a composition to be studied and of its five signers Col. Williams heads the list.

Col. Williams soon afterwards strongly took sides with the patriots, for in 1775 the town voted supplies for the soldiers and that the assessors take the money in the hands of Col. Williams and immediately purchase them. In 1777 Williams writes to the House of Representatives a characteristic letter illustrating the feeling and the spirit of the town concerning "the unparalleled, infamous, ignominious and cowardly evacuation of Ticonderoga and Mount Independence and the hasty retreat therefrom."

A year or two later, when the subject of a new state Constitution came up before the

people it was voted that not only such a constitution was needed but as soon as might be a "Bill of Rights." Col. Williams was chosen a delegate to this Convention armed with a letter of instructions in which was this sentence: "No man can be deprived of liberty and subjected to perpetual bondage and servitude unless he has forfeited his liberty by becoming a malefactor." This Bill of Rights and Constitution was established in May, 1780, the representatives from Pittsfield voting for it unanimously, and thus by his own ballot Col. Williams became no longer a slaveholder or owner. He died in 1785, and a monument was erected to him in the old burying ground just west of the then Congregational church. When the present cemetery was laid out the remains were conveyed thither.

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Referring to the last sentence above, just exactly where *thither* was located was a mystery for about a hundred years; the Colonel's gravestone had disappeared somewhere beneath the surface of Pittsfield Cemetery. Enter gravestone researcher Stephen Budrow. Steve found a reference in J. E. A. Smith's *History of Pittsfield* stating the Colonel's burial site was "southwest of St. John's Lake," a man made pond, long since filled in to expand the capacity of the cemetery. At the described southwest location Steve noticed a tiny corner of a stone protruding from the surface. A preliminary scraping revealed, to his unbridled excitement, the date 1785, the year of the Colonel's demise. Further digging brought to light the anticipated prize, a grave sized flat stone with a long epitaph in memory of Colonel William Williams. The stone was located at the bottom of a moderate incline and years of water runoff had silted and grassed over the stone.

Since the discovery, the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission has elevated the 36" X 78" marker atop a 26" high stone pedestal, never to be lost again.

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THE OLD BERKSHIRE MILL IN DALTON

From *The Berkshire Hills*, October 1, 1904.

By whatever means of travel entrance is made into that portion of the town of Dalton in which is situated its five distinctive great paper mill industries, all of which have made for themselves distinctly a world-wide reputation by the superiority of their manufactured productions, the observing eye always makes a first base as it rests upon that imposing structure which seems to span from north to south the entire narrow valley in which it is situated, the Old Berkshire Paper Mill. While a deal of historic interest and fact is associated with the entire paper mill industry, as represented in all the finely equipped and admirably managed plants on a mile and a half of the east branch of the Housatonic river, and their varied outputs, which have won for them an individual world wide reputation, particular importance attaches itself to the Old Berkshire Mill, from the fact that it stands on the site of the first paper mill erected, not only in Dalton and Berkshire, but west of the Connecticut river.

It was here that the horseback ride of Zenas Crane, through a comparative wilderness, terminated in 1799, when, after acquiring the art of paper making in Eastern Massachusetts, he set out on an observation tour and crossed the range of western mountains at whose base the town of Dalton is cradled. It was here that he made the discovery that abundant water privileges, combined with spring water of unusual purity, was the ideal locality for the manufacture of fine paper in New England, and decided to utilize it, upon the wisdom of which decision a century of years has placed the seal of signal verification. At once this pioneer paper maker, and father of this industry in Dalton and Berkshire, returned to Worcester and speedily matured plans for the occupation and utilization of his great find. Consequently, February 8, 1801, this advertisement, dated at Worcester, appeared in the then youthful *Pittsfield Sun*:

"Americans! Encourage your own manufactories and they will improve. Ladies, save your rags. As the subscribers have in contemplation to erect a paper mill in Dalton the ensuing spring, and the business

being very beneficial to the community at large, they flatter themselves that they shall meet with due encouragement. And that every woman who has the good of her country and the interests of her own family at heart will patronize them by saving her rags and sending them to their manufactory, or to the nearest storekeeper, for which the subscribers will give a generous price. Signed, Henry Wiswell, Zenas Crane, John Willard."

It was December 25, 1801, that Martin Chamberlin, a pioneer citizen of Dalton, the owner of many water rights or powers and of much real estate therein, gave a deed of this old paper mill property to Henry Wiswell, Zenas Crane and Daniel Gilbert, which, in substance, with a description of boundary lines, was recorded as follows: "A piece of land lying in said Dalton, being a part of lot number seventy-seven, containing fourteen acres and one hundred and forty nine rods of land, together with a paper mill and appendages thereon standing, for the consideration being \$194."

The cautious old Dalton settler, Martin Chamberlin, had so little faith in the schemes of these three enterprising men, and so great doubts of their establishing a paper mill at this period, that at first he only gave a verbal permit to them to build one on his land and try the experiment, and only executed the deed for the land and mill appendages after they had started to make paper. Tradition has it that this first paper mill site was once that of an Indian village, and that the rattle of its crude machinery was the first effort of the white man to break a silence which had only heretofore been disturbed by weird incantations, savage cries and fierce war whoops, or perhaps later by the shouts of the ploughman to his oxen.

Wiswell, Crane and Gilbert ran their one vat mill, whose daily capacity was twenty posts, containing 125 sheets of cap and folio sized paper and averaging from 100 to 120 pounds, until May 12, 1809. This required the services of an engineer, at \$3 per week, a vatman and a coucher at \$3.50 a week each, and a laboy at 60 cents a week and board. One other man and two girls were also

employed at 75 cents per week and board. Zenas Crane, the pioneer, managed this little mill and its business for six years, when he sold his third interest to Henry Wiswell, taking a mortgage for his pay, and embarked in mercantile trade in the eastern part of the town. Wiswell and Gilbert carried on paper making for a period, which, proving to be unsuccessful, the property was finally sold under an execution.

For sometime thereafter the plant was in possession of David Campbell and Daniel Boardman, who, September 3,, 1812, made a contract with Henry Wiswell to manage the same. In this contract Wiswell covenanted, as agent and foreman of the mill, at a wage of \$8 per week, to turn over to Campbell and Boardman an amount of manufactured stock and other material, in clear profit over the capital employed of \$80.33 per month while he remained in charge of the same. It was also further stipulated that if its owners kept the mill in good repair, and if Wiswell failed to produce the agreed amount of profits, that this contract should be void.

During the summer of 1809 David Carson came to Dalton to work as a journeyman for Wiswell & Gilbert, and about this time Joseph Chamberlin built what was called the new mill, which was started by Carson & Chamberlin. This was located on thirteen acres and seventy-two rods of land bought by them of Martin Chamberlin, and this mill was run by this firm until April 6, 1810, when Zenas Crane purchased of David Carson his interest therein. On October 12, 1812, Zenas Crane purchased the third interest of Daniel Gilbert in the old paper mill, and in 1816 David Carson became sole owner of the Old Berkshire Mill and the original paper making plant in the town. This remained in the possession of David Carson and his two sons, Thomas G. and William W., until April 1, 1867, when it was purchased by Charles O. Brown, George T. Plunkett and Lewis J. Powers.

In the few following years there were many changes in the ownership of this pioneer mill property, though for nearly three-fourths of a century its product had gained a notable reputation and the capital invested had made fair returns. During this period Thomas G. Carson and his son John D. Carson, had each bought an interest in the

concern, which had for all this time been singularly free from accident, either to the premises, its owners or its employees. When this pioneer plant was destroyed by fire on the morning of December 7, 1872, its capacity had been increased from a single vat mill of 120 pounds daily product to 2,300 pounds *per diem* of the finest linen ledger and writing papers, and from its small beginnings it had come to command a large trade, both in the United States and in foreign countries.

It was rebuilt in 1873-4 on a more extensive scale, at that time being owned by William W., a son, and John D., a grandson of David Carson, Zenas Crane, a grandson of the original pioneer paper maker, and Charles O. Brown, who composed a stock company, of which Charles O. Brown was president, and John D. Carson treasurer, which officers were also its managers, while its principal product was the finest quality of watermarked "Old Berkshire Mills Linen Ledger Paper." The first manufacture of this first paper mill was hand made with the crude inventions of the early days. From thence forward as inventions for the saving of labor and more speedy and extensive product came to the front, they were immediately secured. In 1834 David Carson added to the works the making cylinder and a press, which was the second machine of its character set up in the county. In 1830 cylinder dryers were added to the plant, which was closely followed by the procurement of other inventions, the Foudrinier and other labor saving machinery known to the present day hardly then being dreamed of.

Though the conduct of the business of this paper mill was full of vicissitudes from its inception down to 1824, its original capital remained fairly intact. Several times when business brightened up in the following years enlargement was thought of, but never undertaken. From 1834 to 1840 there was a severe struggle for maintenance, which was followed by alternate periods of success and reverse, until the close of the Civil War, when finally the general business of the country united labor and capital together and an almost Uninterrupted flow of general prosperity came to the front, in which the disturbances, uncertainties and fluctuations of

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I.

1. Louis J. VERCHOT, 1933- ; Pittsfield Massachusetts;
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II.

2. Louis F. VERCHOT, - ; .
3. Josephine POWERS, - ; .

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6. Joseph POWER/POWERS, - ; Canada; Lenox, Massachusetts.
7. Ellen COLLINS, -1925; West Stockbridge, Massachusetts; Lenox.

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14. Jeremiah COLLINS, 1829-1859; Ireland; Lee, Massachusetts.
15. Ellen FITZGERALD, 1825?-1890; Lee.

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1. Sheila C. PIXLEY, 1969- ; Pittsfield, Massachusetts;
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2. Robert W. PIXLEY, 1931-1996; Stockbridge, Massachusetts;
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3. Patricia M. FASSELL, 1935- ; Stockbridge; Pittsfield.

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- 4.*George (Fran) PIXLEY, 1901-1987; Winsted, Connecticut;
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5. Mary (Marie) MANDELL, 1902-1993; Pittsfield.
- 6.*Melvin Ambrose FASSELL, 1894-1957; Hinsdale, Massachusetts;
Pittsfield; Springfield.
7. Mary Elizabeth WALLACE, 1895-1971; Castleton-on-Hudson,
New York; Pittsfield.

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- 8.*George PIXLEY, 1865-1944; Pittsfield; Great Barrington,
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- 9.*Mary GARRAHAN, - ; .
- 10.*Alfred T. MANDELL, -1956; .
- 11.*Mary A. KELLY, -1944; .
- 12.*Herbert D. FASSELL, 1862-1947; .
- 13.*Delia Agnes KING, 1867-1948; .
- 14.*James S. WALLACE, 1856-1907; .
- 15.*Margaret (or Mary) DUGAN, - ; .

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17. Clarissa L. SPENCER, 1843-1901; .
- 18.*John GARRAHAN, - ; .
- 19.*Catherine HANLON, - ; .
- 20.*Thomas MANDELL, - ; .
- 21.*Caroline BRULEY, - ; .
- 22.*John KELLY, - ; .

- 23.*Catherine FLYNN, - ; .
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 26.*George KING, - ; .
 27.*Phoebe BEEMAN, - ; .
 28.*Edward WALLACE, - ; .
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 32.*Bashni PIXLEY, 1781-1865; Great Barrington.
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 34.*Henry SPENCER, - ; .
 35.*Almira , - ; .
 40.*Francis MANDELL, - ; Quebec, Canada; Detroit, Michigan;
 Pittsfield.
 44.*Thomas KELLY, - ; .
 46.*Thomas FLYNN, - ; .
 47.*Catherine , - ; .

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the past have, in a great measure, been forgotten.

The history of the Old Berkshire Mill in the last quarter of the past century has been marked by many changes, the most of those connected in its management previous to 1889 having passed from earth. From this period up to 1904, by building additions, improvement in steam and water power facilities, the construction of artesian wells and the adoption of all the modern or later day inven-

tions, this establishment has grown into great prominence in the commercial and business world for the fineness and superiority of its now immense and unsurpassed output. In 1889 the Old Berkshire Mills Company was reorganized under the ownership of W. Murray and Zenas Crane and John D. Carson with W. Murray Crane as president and John D. Carson as treasurer, which position the latter gentleman has faithfully and industriously filled for a period of thirty years.

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SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WILLIAMSTOWN, ITS HISTORY AND MEMBERSHIP TO 1878

Up to the year 1836 there was no separate Congregational Church organized in South Williamstown. That part of the town was settled about ten years later than the north part; and, as a majority of the settlers in all parts of the town were Congregationalists by preference, they constituted for a long time but one religious society. This society worshiped, till 1768, in a schoolhouse which stood a few rods to the north of the present Mansion House in the North Village, and, between 1768 and 1798, in a meeting-house standing in the main street, just west of its intersection with the old county road, - a site which was occupied in the latter year by the second meeting-house also, which was burned down in January, 1866.

There were, however, several prominent families in the town, mostly in the south part, who were Baptists, and a few of other religious denominations. As early as 1791 the town was applied to by Matthew Dunning and fourteen others to be incorporated as the Baptist Society; and the next year Isaac Holmes was chosen by the town tithing-man for the Baptist Society; which implies that there was a worshipping congregation, and, in all probability, a church also. These Baptist brethren united with the Congregationalists at the south part to erect the first meeting-house there in 1807. The Congregationalists had worshiped separately from their brethren in the North Village, more or less, from the year 1779, and had been ministered to every third sabbath by the common pastor from about that time; and the erection of the meeting-house by the joint efforts of them and the Baptists accustomed them still more to separate action and interests. The pastor, whoever he might be, still came from the North Village every third sabbath; and the Baptists had certain rights, made more definite in 1822 by mutual agreement, in the use of the meeting-house. But these complex arrangements were not satisfactory to any of the parties to them, and the Baptists subsequently built by themselves the stone meeting-house midway between the two villages.

All these circumstances pointed to the wisdom of a separate church organization for

the Congregationalists at the south part; and accordingly, on the 20th of August, 1836, dismissals were granted by the old church to fifty-one persons, at their request, to constitute the Second Congregational Church. Deacon Andrew Beers, who had been deacon in the old church from 1828, and Deacon William Dickinson, who had been deacon from 1834, were dismissed with the others, and became the first, and for a long time the only, deacons of the Second Church.

The first meeting-house in South Williamstown, built by a common subscription of the Congregationalists and Baptists, and finished later under a definite arrangement as to joint use and occupation, was fifty-seven feet by forty-two feet. The contract for the frame and covering was with Richard Lewis for nineteen hundred dollars. This part of the work was accomplished in 1807 and 1808; but the interior was not finished till 1822. The floor, in the mean time, was of loose boards, and the seats the rudest kind of rude benches. This building, after having been divided between joints, and upper part having been long used as a town-house, was taken down in 1874.

The same year witnessed the erection of the present house, by a general subscription also, but distinctively for the use of the Congregational Church and Parish, upon nearly the same site. The first house fronted to the east; the present one fronts to the south. The contract for the present house - completed, but not furnished - was with Henry B. Curtis, for seventy-five hundred dollars. It was furnished mainly by the efforts of the ladies of the congregation, at an expense of eight hundred dollars. The building-committee consisted of Benjamin F. Mills, Stephen A. Hickcox, and Erastus B. Young. It was dedicated on the 15th of September, 1875; and, at the same time, Professor A. L. Perry was ordained to the gospel ministry, and set over the church as acting pastor.

The church has never had, with one or two exceptions, a resident and settled pastor. It has been ministered to by the pastors of the First Church, professors in the neighboring

Williams College, and by others, for longer or shorter periods. The following is a list of those who have ministered for a considerable length of time to this church:-

Rev. Albert Hopkins	Rev. Charles M. Pierce
Rev. Absalom Peters	Rev. Henry Hopkins
Rev. James A. Hazen	Rev. Calvin Durfee
Rev. John Tatlock	Rev. John H. Dennison
Rev. Isaac N. Lincoln	Rev. A. L. Perry

COMPLETE LIST OF CHURCH MEMBERS FROM THE BEGINNING TO 1878

Charles Alderman	Olive Dickinson Hill	Fanny Smith **
Mrs. Charles Alderman	Laura Wright Hilliard *	Justin Smith
Ira Angell *	Wilbur E. Howes **	Martha L. Smith
Martha Hosford Angell *	Mary Dickinson Johnson *	Horace D. Smith
Irene McLellan Bartlett	Abigail Gregory Johnson *	Minerva L. Smith
Deacon Andrew Beers *	Orange T. Johnson *	Harriet Converse Torrey **
Elizabeth Deming Beers *	Reuben Judd *	Olive Converse Torrey **
Elisha Brooks	Sarah Leice Judd *	Justin C. Torrey **
Ralph Bulkley **	Fanny L. Judd *	Adeline C. Torrey **
Samuel Burbank *	Lawrence McNamara	Catherine Torrey **
Rachel Burbank *	Harriet Hickcox McNamara	Claribel Torrey **
Caroline Witt Butler	Redd Mills *	Justus Tower
Asenath Torrey Converse *	Abigail Comstock Mills * **	Caroline Townsend **
Lorenzo Cowen	Jemima Harrington Mills *	Dudley White
Eli Rix Deming * **	Harriet Mills *	Betsey Young White
Harty Johnson Deming * **	Mary Mills * **	Lucy Northam White *
Sybil Jeffords Deming *	Nabby Russel Mills *	Martha Sabin Woodcock *
Sarah Chamberlain Deming *	Dea. Benjamin F. Mills * **	Hannah Woodcock *
Francis Deming *	George F. Mills **	Fenn B. Woodcock
Charlotte E. Deming **	Charles A. Mills **	Mrs. Fenn B. Woodcock
Hester Whitman Deming *	Silas R. Mills **	Mary B. Woodcock **
Cynthia Deming *	Carlton P. Mills **	Fanny Woodcock
Salmon Deming *	Lucy A. Mills	Bartholomew Woodcock
Salome Wright Deming *	Sarah A. Mills	Henry Young *
Deacon William Dickinson *	Sophia Hosford Phelps	Sarah Hickcox Young *
Elizabeth Worthington	Julius Porter *	Reuben Young *
Dickinson * **	Ann Woodcock Porter *	Sarah Meek Young *
Edward A. Dickinson *	Ellen Young Rand **	William Young
Elizabeth W. Dickinson *	Nahum Rice	Lucy White Young **
William Dickinson, Jr. *	Catherine P. Rice	James Young
Julia F. Dickinson *	Sarah Young Robbins **	Mrs. James Young
Amelia N. Dickinson *	Betsey Wright Roberts *	Rebecca Young *
Aaron Dickinson	Mrs. Milton Roberts **	Erastus B. Young **
Sarah Miller Dickinson	Reuben Rounds **	Mrs. Erastus B. Young **
Alfred T. Dyer **	Rufus Rounds **	Clarissa C. Young
Emily Wentworth Dyer **	Eliza Ann Sabin *	Sarah E. Young **
Sarah M. Frazier	Sarah Eaton Sabin *	William Young
Betsey Ann Goodell	Fanny Sanders **	Harriet W. Young
Charles Hall **	Emily Sherwood	
Dea. Stephen A. Hickcox **	Zurviah Young Smith *	
Julia Russ Hickcox **	Hiram A. Smith **	
George Hill		

* Member at beginning
 ** Member in 1878

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151	157	Mary Andrews	11	F		Mass.
152	158	John Brazee	29	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary H. Brazee	23	F		Mass.
		Permelia Brazee	12m	F		Mass.
	159	Timothy E. Parmelee	47	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Alvina Parmelee	49	F		N.J.
		Charles Parmelee	25	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Jeremiah Parmelee	21	M	Farmer	N.J.
		Smith Parmelee	15	M		Conn.
		Elizabeth Parmelee	12	F	{Twins	Conn.
		Mariah Parmelee	12	F		Conn.
		Fanny Parmelee	9	F		Conn.
		Perry? Parmelee	7	M		Conn.
153	160	Moses? Churchill	64	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Hannah Churchill	63	F		Mass.
		Mary Ann Churchill	17	F		Mass.
		Pompey Penfield	50	M	B Farmer	N.Y.
154	161	Russell Kelsey	36	M	Brickmaker	N.Y.
		Jane Kelsey	28	F		N.Y.
		Adaline Kelsey	9	F		N.Y.
		George Kelsey	7	M		N.Y.
		Danforth Kelsey	6	M		N.Y.
		Mary Kelsey	5	F		N.Y.
		Norman Kelsey	8m	M		N.Y.
		Jesse Clark	50	M	Brickmaker	N.Y.
155	162	Philander Gorden	46	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary A. Gorden	39	F		Mass.
		Nelson E. Gorden	21	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lorenzo Gorden	19	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Almer Gorden	17	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Seneca Gorden	15	M		Mass.
		Jerusha Gorden	12	F		Mass.
		Mary Gorden	10	F		Mass.
		Delila Gorden	7	F		Mass.
156	163	John C. Roraback	34	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Mariah Roraback	29	F		N.Y.
		Elizabeth Roraback	7	F		Mass.
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		Alberto Roraback	6	M		Mass.
		Sarah J. Roraback	48m	F		Mass.
		Iola? Roraback	24m	F		Conn.
		Homer L. Hart	14	M		Mass.
		Alexander Sardam	22	M	Farmer	Conn.
157	164	William Henry Sardam	39	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Mary Ann Sardam	34	F		Mass.
		Earle B. Sardam	11	M		Mass.
		Anna M. Sardam	8	F		Mass.
		Frances Sardam	5	F	{Twins	Mass.
		Francis Sardam	5	M		Mass.

		Ralph Sardam	?m M		Mass.
158	165	Henry Sardam	61 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Sarah Sardam	59 F		Conn.
		Sarah E. Sardam	17 F		Conn.
		William Ferry	22 M	Farmer	Mass.
159	166	Everet Whitney	55 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Anna Whitney	56 F		N.Y.
		Alonzo Whitney	32 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Alphonzo Whitney	30 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Jennette Whitney	28 F		Conn.
160	167	Lorenzo Whitney	36 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Eliza Whitney	35 F		Conn.
		Mary C. Whitney	7 F		Mass.
161	168	Luther Sparks	27 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Susan E. Spraks	29 F		Conn.
		Edward H. Scoville	9 M		Ohio
162	169	Russell Allen	57 M	Cooper	N.Y.
		Anna Allen	46 F		Mass.
		James Allen	11 M		Conn.
		Juliette Allen	8 F		Mass.
		William Allen	27m M		(Idiotic) Mass.
163	170	William Harlow Sardam	45 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Delia Sardam	49 F		Conn.
		Martin Sardam	24 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Philander Sardam	22 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Porter Sardam	15 M		Conn.
164	171	Daniel Manville	48 M	Cooper	Conn.
		Emeline E. Manville	44 F		Mass.
		John M. Manville	20 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Chloe A. Manville	19 F		Mass.
		Dwight Manville	16 M		Conn.
		George Manville	14 M		Conn.
		Hiram C. Manville	12 M		Conn.
		Martha ? Manville	10 F		Conn.
		Sarah E. Manville	5 F		Conn.
		Lydia M.? Manville	6 F		Mass.
		Ira Manville	39m M		Mass.
165	172	Ira Manville	52 M	Cooper	Conn.
		Elizabeth Manville	48 F		Mass.
		Reuben S. Manville	24 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Emeline Manville	18 F		Mass.
166	173	Chester Loring	40 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Ann E. Loring	31 F		Mass.
		Miner? L. Loring	14 M		Mass.
		James B. Loring	12 M		Mass.
		Jane E. Loring	10 F		Mass.
		Phebe Loring	40m F		Mass.
		Lydia S.? Loring	24m F		Mass.
		Cornelia Loring	63 F		Mass.
		Christine Loring	48 F		Mass.
167	174	Joel Crippen	35 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Margaret A. Crippen	34 F		Conn.
		Nelson Crippen	23m M		Mass.
		Emeline Bartholomew	55 F		Conn.

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		Ira Bartholomew	25 M	Farmer	Mass.
168	175	Alexander Gorden	36 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah Gorden	26 F		Mass.
		Frank J. Gorden	6 M		Mass.
		Christopher Erion?	19 M	Farmer	Mass.
169	176	Socrates Briant	56 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Jerusha Briant	53 F		Conn.
		Jane H. Briant	F		Mass.
		Edson L. Briant	20 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mercy Briant	77 F		Conn.
170	177	Aurelius Sparks	60 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Susan E. Sparks	63 F		Mass.
171	178	William N. Pitcher	38 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Elizabeth Pitcher	38 F		Mass.
		Eliza E. Pitcher	38m F		N.Y.
		Alice L. Pitcher	3m F		Mass.
		Selick Hall	50 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Caroline Hall	50 F		Mass.
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	179	Martha Hall	17 F		Mass.
		William E. Hall	15 M		Mass.
		George N.? Hall	12 M		Mass.
172	180	Thomas Costillo	30 M	Farmer	Ireland
		Mary Costillo	28 F		Ireland
		Thomas Costillo, Jr.	5 M		Conn.
		Henry Costillo	13m M		Conn.
173	181	James Sparks	52 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Aspacia Sparks	51 F		Mass.
		Edward VanDuesen	11 M		Conn.
174	182	Lyman Sparks	31 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mariette Sparks	28 F		Mass.
		Estella L. Sparks	5 F		Mass.
175	183	Hiram Holebard	33 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Mariette Holebard	23 F		Mass.
		Franklin Holebard	23m M		Mass.
176	184	Charles Holiban	65 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Sarah Holiban	58 F		Conn.
		Emily Vosburgh	18 F		Mass.
		Charles Dailey	24 M	Farmer	Mass.
177	185	Cornwal Dailey	62 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Rachael Dailey	59 F		Mass.
		Julia Ann Dailey	19 F		Mass.
		Levi Dailey	16 M	Farmer	Mass.
178	186	William Dailey, 2nd	34 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Noralla Dailey	33 F		Mass.
		Roswell Miner	8 M		Mass.
179	187	Seymour Bailey	40 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Mary Ann Bailey	30 F		Conn.
		Lucy A. Bailey	9 F		Conn.
		Henry Bailey	8 M		Conn.
		George Bailey	6 M		Conn.
		Adaline Bailey	46m F		Mass.
180	188	Delia Sparks	49 F		Mass.

		Thaddeus Sparks	20 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah E. Sparks	15 F		Mass.
		Washington Sparks	7 M		Mass.
181	189	Lucretia Ward	70 F		Conn.
		Mary Ward Lewis	23 F		N.Y.
		Ward Lewis	19 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Lucretia Ward Lewis	18 F		N.Y.
		John Sullivan	20 M	Farmer	Ireland
182	190	Jeremiah Shine	30 M	Farmer	Ireland
		Bridgett Shine	32 F		Ireland
		Joanna Shine	8 F		Mass.
183	191	Levi Wright	40 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Emely Wright	35 F		N.Y.
		Ruth A. Wright	11 F		Conn.
		George A. Wright	9 M		Conn.
		Levi E. Wright	7 M		Conn.
		Newell E. Wright	5 M		Conn.
		Frank (blot) Wright	42m M		Conn.
		Henry Knickerbocker	16 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Fanny Worster	22 F	B	Conn.
184	192	George Bunce	27 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Fidelia Bunce	21 F		N.Y.
		Sterling Bunce	5 M		Mass.
		Arnold Bunce	45m M		Mass.
		George H. Bunce	24m M		Mass.
185	193	Anson Peck	41 M	Shoe Maker	Conn.
		Elizabeth Peck	38 F		N.Y.
		William H. Peck	20 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Frederick M. Peck	18 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Richard Peck	16 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary E. Peck	14 F		Mass.
		Eliza J. Peck	9 F		Mass.
		Anson A. Peck	8 M		Mass.
		Sylvina Peck	5 F		Mass.
		Franklin Peck	25m M		Mass.
186	194	Norman Savage	32 M	Brick Maker	N.Y.
		Frances Savage	32 F		Mass.
		Edward E. Savage	7 M		Mass.
		Francis M. Savage	5 M		Mass.
		Edward Penfield	15 M	B	Mass.
187	195	James Ryan	62 M	Farmer	Ireland
		Catherine Ryan	58 F		Ireland
		Hannah Ryan	18 F		Ireland
		James Ryan, Jr.	14 M		Ireland
		Thomas Ryan	10 M		Ireland

STOCKBRIDGE

Date of Enumeration: 22 June 1855

Enumerator: Ralph Deming

1	1	Dan Stone	55 M	Lawyer?	Mass.
		Augusta M. Stone	47 F		Vermont
		Jane A. Wyght?	28 F		Ohio
		Appollina G. Stone	18 F		Ill.

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		Carl A. Wyght?	5 M			Ill.
		Oliver Farnsworth	79 M	Printer		Vermont
		Mary Flinn	62 F			England
2	2	Samuel Rathbun	27 M	Laborer		Mass.
Date of Enumeration: 25 June 1855						
		Nathaniel Rathbun	27 M	Laborer		Mass.
		Ann E. Rathbun	24 F			Canada
		Alva Rathbun	8m M			Mass.
		James S. Rathbun	35 M	Laborer		Mass.
		Clarissa D. Rathbun	35 F			Conn.
		Charles W. Rathbun	14 M			Mass.
		Caroline Rathbun	12 F			Mass.
		Kendrick Rathbun	10 M			Mass.
		Charlotte E. Rathbun	6 F			Mass.
		Nancy S. Rathbun	2 F			Mass.
3	3	Cornelia Ashburner	56 F			Mass.
		William Ashburner	24 M	Engineer		Mass.
		Frederic Kaser	32 M	Laborer		Germany
		Thomas Robinson	22 M	Laborer		Ireland
		Margaret Phelan	24 F			Canada
		Margaret Farrall	16 F			Mass.
4	4	John McGinty	35 M	Laborer		Ireland
		Mary McGinty	28 F			Ireland
		James McGinty	3 M			Mass.
		John McGinty, Jr.	9m M			Mass.
		Catherine McGinty	66 F			Ireland
	5	Barnard Neary	45 M	Laborer		Ireland
		Mary Neary	45 F			Ireland
		Catharine Neary	11 F			Ireland
		Edward Neary	8 M			Ireland
		John Neary	6 M			N.Y.
5	6	Charles A. Jones	33 M	Laborer		Mass.
		Mary M. Jones	22 F			Mass.
		Eliza? Jones	3 F			Mass.
		Ellen Jones	2m F			Mass.
6	7	Nicholas Schnier	40 M	Laborer		Germany
		Margaret Schnier	25 F			Germany
		Elizabeth Kaser	26 F			Germany
7	8	John Shaller	28 M	Laborer		Germany
		John Conway	36 M	Laborer		Ireland
		Bridget Conway	22 F			Ireland
8	9	Kiran Farrall	55 M	Farmer		Ireland
		Ellen Ferrall	46 F			Ireland
		William Ferrall	15 M	Laborer		Mass.
		Mary Ferrall	13 F			Mass.
9	10	Patrick Byrns	26 M	Laborer		Ireland
		Margaret Byrns	21 F			Ireland
		Catherine Byrns	2 F			N.Y.
		James Byrns	1 M			Mass.
		Garret Byrns	24 M	Laborer		Ireland
10	11	Norman S. Smith	29 M	Farmer		Mass.

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Chamberlins in the early part of the 19th Century. Those houses and a hotel continued to be occupied by Chamberlins until the end of that Century. By the middle of the 20th Century all the Chamberlins were gone and their properties sold to others. The remaining evidence of their prominence consists of a "Chamberlain Avenue" leading to a "Chamberlain Little League Ball Park." Even this meager evidence is somewhat tainted as an "a" has been added to the names, perhaps because there were no Chamberlins around to remind the townspeople that the early Chamberlins did not spell their names that way.

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BROWN-LEONARD

Need parents' names and siblings of Elizabeth BROWN m Elisha LEONARD 23 Mar 1802 Washington. Known son Russell, b 1808 where & exactly when.

Mary Lou Drew, 4824 Waterman Rd., Vassar, MI 48768

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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.
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