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MYSTERIES AND MEMORIES

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*This article was originally written for an issue of **Archival Anecdotes** that featured a number of articles exploring the use of autograph, friendship and memory books for genealogical research. What follows is a description of three such items that are in the collections of the Berkshire Athenaeum, with some strategies for using these types of materials to uncover interesting details concerning your ancestors.*

Dispersed throughout our archival collections, the Athenaeum has a number of memory and autograph books. In this article, I will offer a brief description of three examples, each a bit unique in its own way, and ranging over time from 1839 to 1917.

The first example is a somewhat worn black book with gold embossing with the word "Album" on the spine in small letters. Measuring 6 ¼ inches by 7 ¾ inches the book itself was published by J.C. Riker of New York. It consists primarily of blank pages for inscribing but has a number of pages interspersed that are pre-printed with line drawings.

The book is inscribed in the front

"Miss Martha D. Platt

Presented

Stephentown September 19, 1839..."

As the first passage written into the book is titled "Departed Sister" and dated Sept. 21st 1839, we originally thought this was created at the death of Miss Platt and inscribed by friends and relatives. However, a bit of sleuthing in the Stephentown records in our collection revealed that Martha D. Platt was born Dec. 11, 1822, the daughter of Henry Platt, Jr. and Martha Chapman. We were also able to discover that she married Jonathan J. Sweet, Jr., lived in Stephentown, died there June 22, 1879 and is buried there. Perhaps the book was given to her at the time of her wedding? Or for some other special occasion? We wonder if the first passage to "Departed Sister" indicates that a sister or sister-in-law had died, but have not found an answer in our records. There are inscriptions throughout from friends and relatives. Not all are dated but those that are range from 1839 to 1860. There is a small picture of a young woman inserted between two of the pages and we wonder if this was Martha. The book presents many avenues for further investigation for anyone interested in the history of this family.

Moving forward a bit in time, the second example is somewhat similar in appearance, being an 8 ¼ by 9 ½ inch red leather book, also with gold embossing, and the words "Friendship Album" on the cover. It also has primarily blank pages, with engraved prints interspersed. This one is a bit different in that the paper used for the blank pages is of various pastel hues. Bradley, Dayton and Co. of Boston published the album in 1862.

The first inscription reads as follows:

Dedication

“May all the names recorded here
In the Lambs’ Book of Life appear”

Ever your friend

Samuel H. Webb

Burrillville. June 1865

This Samuel Webb, who we currently know nothing about, gave the Album to Emily Guild. What we do know is that this volume was given to us by Gladys King, a BFHA member who resides in Pittsfield to this day. The Album came from her husband Walter’s line. Emily Guild and Ebenezer King were his grandparents. Gladys tells us that Emily was the daughter of Loren and Harriet Guild, probably born c. 1843 in Cumberland, RI, although the date and place remain un-substantiated. Emily and Ebenezer moved to Pittsfield in 1872. They raised 4 boys and 1 girl. Ebenezer first worked for the Pontoosuc Woolen Mill, later owned a store and was postmaster. He then took a job for GE and died in 1921. Emily died April 4, 1919 at the age of 76. We are fortunate to have this information from Mrs. King, as the book itself has only a few inscriptions in it, primarily from the time before Emily married Ebenezer and came to Pittsfield. Research into those inscriptions might provide some further insight into her life in Rhode Island.

The third item is quite a bit different from the first two. It presents as a standard school composition book with a label on the front that reads:

Dorothy Staples
Our Lady of the Elms
Scrapbook

1916 and 17

Donated to the Athenaeum by Mary Scamman of Windsor, MA the book documents Dorothy’s graduation from St. Joseph’s High School in 1916 and some highlights of her first year in attendance at Our Lady of the Elms College. We get an idea of her interests, her activities and her friendships. If Dorothy kept similar books documenting the rest of her school years, they have not come to us. However, through our records we were able to determine that Dorothy Elizabeth Staples was born in Pittsfield on April 24, 1898, the daughter of William and Margaret (Hanrahan) Staples. William was an electrician. Dorothy became a school teacher. She taught at Dawes school until 1925. In 1930 she married Leo Francis Brown, who had moved to Pittsfield from Brighton, MA and was employed at Follwell’s Florist. On Ancestry.com we find that Dorothy died Aug. 10, 1980 in Quincy, MA. There is lot’s of room for researching the rest of her story!

These small books give us a glimpse into the lives, memories and dreams of three women, Martha D. Platt, Emily Guild and Dorothy Staples. It doesn’t appear that any of them were famous but each was spoken of with love, affection and pride. Anyone interested in pursuing their stories is welcome to do so at the Local History Department of the Athenaeum.

Those readers who have similar items in their family history materials, may glean some hints for further research from the techniques described above that were used to gather background information concerning each of these items in our collection. ■■■

PITTSFIELD'S SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND SALARIES, 1876-1877

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A. Tolman	\$1,540.77	H. M. Johnson	\$209.00
A. C. Swift	633.33	Anna South	67.50
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A. T. Staples	81.00	WATER STREET PRIMARY	
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M. K. Lamberson	182.00	K. E. Whipple	\$280.00
Lizzie I. Andrews	70.00	JUBILEE HILL PRIMARY	
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M. A. Reilly	265.00	S. C. Parker	56.00
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SILVER LAKE INTERMEDIATE		Myra C. Ashton	\$269.00
Helen Burns	\$312.50	STEARNSVILLE PRIMARY	
WATER STREET INTERMEDIATE		F. E. Smith	\$104.00
E. G. Hatch	\$265.00	Anna South	105.00
WEST CENTER INTERMEDIATE		M. E. Reid	60.00
M. E. Loveland	\$27.00	WEST PART	
M. E. Cook	285.50	H. E. Dunbar	\$220.00
JUBILEE HILL INTERMEDIATE		H. M. Johnson	82.50
E. A. Evans	\$314.00	TAYLOR'S	
FRANCIS AVENUE INTERMEDIATE		C. D. Rice	\$104.00
M. E. Gauthier	\$229.00	Alice M. Strong	161.00
Belle R. VanBergen	72.00	PECK'S	
RUSSELL INTERMEDIATE		Louise Sullivan	\$276.50
C. A. Smith	\$293.00	SHAKER DEPOT	
PONTOOSUC INTERMEDIATE		L. P. Ashton	\$104.00
L. M. Harder	\$110.50	M. E. Pease	172.50
Mrs. E. G. Brown	195.50		

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BECKET VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1889

Sept. 17, 1887 Anna Leeds Rose, daughter to William and Annie M. Rose.
 Dec. 25, 1887 Mary K. Follon, daughter to Peter and Mary Follon.
 Jan. 29, 1888 Francis Byron Phelan, son to John and Bridget Phelan.
 Mar. 6, 1888 Silas Wells Hennesy, son to Michael J. and Mary L. Hennesy.
 Mar. 27, 1888 ----- Ford, daughter to Michael W. and Margaret C. Ford.
 May 7, 1888 Leroy Geer, son to Francis E. and Mettie E. Geer.
 June 22, 1888 Bessie Laura Prentice, daughter to Norman and Laura Prentice.
 Sept. 2, 1888 ----- Kellogg, son to R. G. and Emma A. Kellogg.
 Sept. 5, 1888 Maud Ester Goodacre, daughter to James J. and Alice L. Goodacre.
 Sept. 15, 1888 G. Clinton Barrows, son to George and Jennie M. Barrows.

BIRTHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1892

Mar. 11, 1891 -----, son to Frank and Catherine Hamilton.
 Mar. 27, 1891 -----, son to Charles and Carrie Lester.
 Apr. 2, 1891 Thomas Galligher, son to Dennis and Catherine Galligher.
 Apr. 19, 1891 Francis Ford, son to Michael and Maggie Ford.
 Oct. 10, 1891 Earl Clinton Ballou, son to Willis and Carrie Ballou.
 Oct. 14, 1891 Lucy A. Werden, daughter to Charles and Annie Werden.
 Oct. 25, 1891 Pearle T. Wheeler, daughter to John and Celia Wheeler.
 Dec. 7, 1891 Hazel May Snow, daughter to Henry and Martha Snow.
 Dec. 8, 1891 Kate Phelan, daughter to John and Bridget Phelan.

BIRTHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1894

Jan. 4, 1893 -----, daughter to Milo and Eliza Phelps.
 Jan. 7, 1893 Raymond C. Phelan, son to Charles and Hattie Phelan.
 Jan. 24, 1893 Annie E. Hodge, daughter to William and Annie Hodge.
 Mar. 5, 1893 Alfred E. Goodhind, son to John and Amy Goodhind.
 Mar. 13, 1893 William H. Ryan, son to John and Mattie Ryan.
 July 29, 1893 Karl E. Agan, son to Charles and Emily Agan.
 Aug. 2, 1893 Grace E. Ellsworth, daughter to Allen and Sarah Ellsworth.
 Aug. 6, 1893 Sidney E. Pomeroy, son to Herbert and Emma Pomeroy.
 Oct. 18, 1893 Clarence E. Snow, son to Henry and Martha Snow.
 Oct. 21, 1893 Wallace S. Bennett, son to Henry and Alice Bennett.
 Dec. 26, 1893 -----, daughter to John and Adelia Surriner.

BIRTHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1895

June 3, 1894 Dwight M. Chase, son to Walter and Lucy Chase.
 July 3, 1894 Grace R. Lyman, daughter to Charles and Annie Lyman.
 July 27, 1894 Cora L. Daniels, daughter to Sidney and Eliza Daniels.
 Sept. 27, 1894 David H. Bidwell, son to Addison and Florence Bidwell.
 Oct. 16, 1894 Neva R. Pomeroy, daughter to Charles and Cerelia Pomeroy.
 Dec. 5, 1894 Emma L. Bullard, daughter to Fred and Frances Bullard.

MARRIAGES RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1889

Jan. 3, 1888 Percy L. White of Ludlow Center, to Clara B. Ellsworth of Becket.
 Apr. 12, 1888 Frank E. Werden of Becket, to Flora E. Soule of Becket.
 Apr. 21, 1888 Lester Frisbie of Becket, to Lucia A. Deacon of Springfield.
 July 5, 1888 Walter S. Eaton of Becket to Fanny M. Widmer of Bennington, Vermont.
 Aug. 22, 1888 Charles E. Lyman of Becket, to Mary A. A. Gibbs of Sagamore.

Aug. 30, 1888 Charles A. Lester of Becket, to Carrie E. Atwood of Leominster.
 Sept. 10, 1888 Gregory B. Kenyon of Becket, to Mary I. Houston, of Lee.
 Nov. 29, 1888 Frank C. Peck of Great Barrington, to Lucy A. Werden of Becket.
 Nov. 30, 1888 George H. Broga of Blandford, to Abbie L. Turner of Becket.

MARRIAGES RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1892

Jan. 8, 1891 George W. Osborne of Westfield, to Dolly Van Hunt of Becket.
 Mar. 19, 1891 Fred Munroe Burleigh of Chester, to Annie M. Higley of Becket.
 Apr. 4, 1891 Harold H. Fuller of Southwick, to Carrie H. Ellsworth of Becket.
 June 18, 1891 Delwin L. Pease of West Springfield, to Alice C. Pomeroy of Becket.
 July 9, 1891 Willie E. Sparks of Becket, to Delia Broga of Blandford.
 July 29, 1891 Emil Petignat of Becket, to Frances Cordonier of Becket.
 Sept. 9, 1891 Walter S. Harrington of Becket, to Julia A. Cross of Becket.
 Sept. 15, 1891 Fred E. Abbott of Becket, to Myrtila F. Taylor of Becket.
 Oct. 8, 1891 Frank A. Mecum of Becket, to Alice L. Geer of Becket.
 Oct. 8, 1891 John Mayette of Becket, to Katie Barry of Middlefield.
 Oct. 21, 1891 Frederick W. Cross of Becket, to Eva O. Lathrop of Washington.

MARRIAGES RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1894

Jan. 26, 1893 James A. Hawkins of Springfield, to Susan S. Bruce of Becket.
 May 8, 1893 Bert Janto of Becket, to Margueritta Terori of Becket.
 June 5, 1893 Walter A. Chase of Becket, to Lucy C. Barnes of Becket.
 June 13, 1893 William H. Robbins of Becket, to Ida D. Hyde of Chester.
 June 14, 1893 Henry Jobert of New York, to Ena E. Pandell of Becket.
 June 15, 1893 Edwin L. Lyman of Becket, to Jane Olds of Lee.
 June 25, 1893 George N. Turner of Becket, to Mary E. Barnes of Westfield.
 Aug. 2, 1893 Joseph Manderville of Pittsfield, to Josephene Mayette of Becket.
 Aug. 16, 1893 Samuel Hamilton of Middlefield, to Mary Minsley of Middlefield.
 Oct. 4, 1893 Jeremiah Driscoll of Becket, to Mary A. Cash of Springfield.
 Oct. 10, 1893 Arthur G. Jones of West Springfield, to Cora A. Alderman of W. Springfield.
 Dec. 26, 1893 Edwin M. Barber of Becket, to Carrie O. Harding of Lee.

MARRIAGES RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1895

Mar. 13, 1894 Joseph C. Ballou of Becket, to Gertrude M. Smith of Becket.
 June 6, 1894 Michael J. Scanlan of Becket, to Anna M. Roach of Becket.
 June 21, 1894 Charles Barber of Becket, to Julia Cordonier of Becket.
 Nov. 20, 1894 Clinton L. Jones of Becket, to Harmony M. Prentiss of Chester.
 July 11, 1894 Frank E. Broadhurst of New Haven, to Maria J. Mallison of Becket.

DEATHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1889

1888

Jan. 17 Edmund Fitzgerald	aged 34 years	May 27 Francoise Marchand	aged 81 years
Feb. 10 Eliza A. Lester	aged 53 years	June 11 Will Denslow	aged 25 years
Mar. 4 Infant son of Andrew and Kate Stanley		June 2 George Church	aged 34 years
Feb. 27 Patsy Coleman	aged 29 years	June 16 Eliza Shaw	aged 27 years
Feb. 25 Allen M. Chase	aged 1 year	July 13 Oliver W. Rice	aged 50 years
Mar. 17 Calvin Morey	aged 88 years	July 31 Jeremiah Dwyer	aged 30 years
Apr. 7 Silas Wells	aged 81 years	Aug. 4 Catherine Waters	aged 78 years
Apr. 7 Alanson Knox	aged 88 years	Aug. 11 William L. Sparks	aged 57 years
Apr. 13 James M. Robbins	aged 75 years	Aug. 15 Maria M. Knox	aged 72 years
Apr. 14 Mariah Swan	aged 44 years	Sept. 14 Albert Ellsworth	
May 7 William Frissell	aged 75 years	Nov. 18 Abner Putnam	aged 88 years

DEATHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1892

1891			Apr. 6	Thomas Phelan	aged 57 years
Jan. 2	Adelia A. Ballou	aged 55 years	Apr. 23	Anna J. Harrington	aged 43 years
Feb. 6	John M. Crane	aged 77 years	May 5	Mary E. Demars	aged 20 years
Feb. 17	Georgia Hamilton	aged 45 years	May 6	James N. Cross	aged 78 years
Mar. 18	Infant son of Frank & Catherine Hamilton	aged 7 days	May 7	William S. Huntington	aged 82 years
Mar. 27	Son of Herbert and Emma Pomeroy		June 15	Stillman N. Lemley	aged 46 years
Mar. 31	Infant son of Charles and Carrie Lester	aged 4 days	July 14	Daniel H. Fitzgerald	aged 4 mos.
			July 28	Susan F. Cross	aged 71 years
			Dec. 4	Joseph R. Pomeroy	aged 79 years
			Dec. 26	Clarrissa Demming	aged 87 years

DEATHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1894

1893			July 14	Jerry Sullivan	aged 1 month
Jan. 4	Infant daughter of Milo and Eliza Phelps	aged 1 day	July 19	Elias Ballou	aged 84 years
Jan. 10	Gracie M. Taylor	aged 1 month	July --	George Doherty	aged 20 years
Jan. 29	Caroline Pomeroy	aged 76 years	Aug. 2	Ruth Williams	aged 4 months
Feb. 18	Sophia Farnham	aged 26 years	Aug. 11	Arthur Barry	aged 1 month
Mar. 25	Mary C. Williams	aged 13 years	Sept. 17	Roy E. Munn	aged 6 days
Apr. 1	Clara L. Holmes	aged 36 years	Sept. 28	Silas Barnes	aged 88 years
Apr. 18	Henry G. Pomeroy	aged 75 years	Sept. 30	Calvin Geer	aged 73 years
May 8	Cora M. Bennett	aged 11 years	Oct. 15	Worcester Taylor	aged 76 years
May 12	Michael Stanley	aged 80 years	Nov. 20	Unknown Italian Infant	-----
May 27	Mary Mahoney	aged 69 years	Dec. 18	Michael O'Brien	aged 31 years
June 8	William T. Taylor	aged 68 years	Dec. 28	Hollis Goddard	aged 1 year

DEATHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1895

1894			June 6	Patrick Coleman	aged 62 years
Jan. 7	James Fitzgerald	aged 84 years	Aug. 13	May E. Greenwood	aged 18 years
Jan. 15	Letitia Davis	aged 93 years	Sept. 6	James C. Brown	aged 80 years
Jan. 26	Infant daughter of John and Adelia Surner	aged 1 month	Sept. 28	Frank Crane	aged 6 mos.
Jan. 27	Reinhart Schink	aged 3 years	Sept. 18	Barbara O'Sullivan	aged 45 years
Feb. 7	Eliza Browning	aged 75 years	Oct. 7	Catherine Fitzgerald	aged 69 years
Mar. 18	James Tobin	aged 71 years	Oct. 16	Amos Mourey	aged 3 mos.
Mar. 29	Betsey R. Soule	aged 85 years	Oct. 31	Elijah Greene	aged 86 years
May 25	George Lucier	aged 23 years	Nov. 18	David H. Bidwell	aged 1 month
May 29	Lucinda L. Higley	aged 72 years	Dec. 5	William M. Geer	aged 82 years

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VITAL RECORDS OF GREAT BARRINGTON, 1888-1889

BIRTHS - 1888					
Jan.	9	Belle Snyder	Dec.	17	Mary L. Gill
	12	Charles R. Dutcher		25	Charles Smith
	15	William C. Farley		25	Ella Z. Jerome
	20	Ferdinand Sabin		31	Miller
	26	Anna R. Watson	BIRTHS - 1889		
	30	Albert Webb	Jan.	17	Betsey Irene Boardman
Feb.	5	William Schultz		19	Eva Seddon
	11	Warren G. Day		23	Auguste Altman
	13	John Connolly	Feb.	3	Thomas Clarey
	25	Charles E. Jackson		9	Harriet Taylor Bell
	27	William Mahaney		14	George H. Crockers
Mar.	11	James J. Powers		16	John O'Harra
	15	Lillie E. Maston		23	David Farley
	16	Madge Hubbard	Mar.	9	James Barry
	17	Ellen Malumpy		13	John Francis Viola
	23	Mabel Comstock		15	May Hurlock
	27	Harold C. Leonard		28	Clara A. Brochu
	27	Clinton T. J. Mallory		31	William H. Cooper
Apr.	4	Mary Reagan	Apr.	3	Adel K. Keller
	5	William Connelly		6	Flora C. Ambach
	17	Howard Seeley		7	Adeline Smith
	24	Ludlow P. Strong		8	Mabel Elizabeth Kin-
May	4	Edith I. Crissey			sella
	13	Leon W. Gregory		19	Mary Larkin
June	11	Leonard Stanley		30	Egbert Hollister
	24	Huggins			Whiting
	25	John Penders	May	3	Walter E. Kinne
July	2	Malcolm Drummond		11	Edward McCormick
	9	Charles Adams		14	Lewis C. Armstrong
	24	Marjorie E. Joyner		18	Ida Lape
	27	Dorothy Quincy Lane		20	Edward Cox
	31	William H. Brayne		20	Charles W. Cobb
Aug.	3	James T. Welch		22	Lena Dutcher
	14	Charles F. Linsky		25	John Howard Wheeler
	18	Bertha Brayne		26	Jennie Sheridan
Sept.	3	Willie S. Wolcott	June	1	Clarence N. Stannard
	9	Nellie M. Cross		14	Seda E. Nooney
	16	Mary Larkin		17	Michael J. Maher
	24	John J. Cronin		25	Catherine Delaney
	24	Myrta S. Hollenbeck		26	Frank L. Kellogg
Oct.	4	Robert Pixley		27	Nellie Hobson
	10	Johanna Kennedy	July	2	Allen Robert Thompson
	15	Elizabeth Blaney		11	Petro Ariant
	16	William Connolly		14	Frank Goewey
	23	Albert F. Atwood		14	Frederick Goewey
	23	Harrison E. Gorham		17	Harold G. Simmons
	30	Ella M. Gray		18	Leroy Perdrizit
Nov.	1	Georgia L. Saltzman		21	Katherine Hickey
	12	Edward H. Seeley		23	Edwin David Metcalf
	24	George E. Evans		31	Alta May Mattoon
Dec.	14	John C. New, 2nd	Aug.	11	Charles H. Decker

Aug. 13	Harold Ellery Warner	Sept. 27	George E. Gardinier
16	August Alex Jarden	Oct. 14	Margeretta Stoddard
20	Florence Ruby Logan	14	Anna Bell Hill
26	Sarah Jane Favre	19	Mary Wright
Sept. 3	Marion J. Drummond	Nov. 6	Kate E. Smith
8	Mary L. Kelley	8	Helen G. Benton
20	Elsie Atwood	15	Emma Pierson
22	Franklin J. Snyder	19	Donald D. Mitchell
22	Francis J. Snyder	19	Smith
25	Nora Clyde Walsh	20	Nora Cunningham
26	Stanly	25	Florence Louise Crine
26	Leland Everett Alger	29	Mary Ellen Larey

MARRIAGES - 1888

Jan. 11	Daniel Thorpe and Mary E. Keefe
18	Henry Beauregard and Annie L. McManus
24	Clifford F. Brochu and Lillian M. Mansir
25	James Crotty and Mary E. Hickey
Feb. 1	George L. Gordinier and Mary A. Rock
1	Charles E. Worden and Mary E. Dawson
8	Charles Thiery and Ellen Marks
Mar. 10	James H. Owen and Maud Segur
14	Charles O. Salzman and Emeline Oshman
23	Napoleon Gilman and Jessie A. Love
Apr. 5	Daniel F. Mitchell and Jennie C. Dalrymple
10	Henry B. Atwood and Flora A. Stevens
12	Fred A. Scott and Abby J. Gannon
May 5	Chauncy C. Crane and Maggie McCoy
30	John McGraw and Lizzie L. Curran
31	Michael Clary and Mary Shunesey
31	Charles S. Brown and Clara H. Kellogg
June 2	Michael Finnigan and Kate Manion
5	John C. Wheeler and Lucy H. Kellogg
27	Frank C. Burtch and Clara A. Andrus
30	John Shaljian and Helene Whaton
July 10	Nathaniel T. Hulbert and Martha C. Hollenbeck
Aug. 18	August Jordon and Felice Jordon
22	Michael Hickey and Mary Broderick
28	Colden H. Sage and Hattie A. Bazzel
Sept. 5	Daniel Sullivan and Julia Manogue
16	Fred D. Gorham and Libbie Vincent
18	Joseph P. Brinton and Susie M. Hulbert
23	John R. Metcalf and Sarah Macauley
26	Charles W. Cogswell and Frances E. Clapper
Oct. 3	Judson H. Shaffer and Sarah Graham
6	John Martin Clason and Ida Anderson
10	William D. Hill and Emma A. J. Langdon
10	Daniel B. Childs and Josephine M. Whitwell
24	Henry T. Lester and Cora E. Newman
Nov. 1	Curtiss Deland and Ada Pendlebury
15	Timothy Dankey and Margaret Bulkeley
26	Frank C. Peck and Lucy A. Worden
28	Timothy Lane and Mary Clark
28	Michael Howley and Annie Grey

Dec. 19 Charles H. Pease and Jennie M. Peck
25 Charles F. Tillinghast and Alice C. Pixley

MARRIAGES - 1889

Jan. 1 John L. Chapman and Edith L. Beebe
1 Charles Graet and Anna Hennessey
3 Willis H. Bacon and Katie P. Gallup
5 Farno Arint and Madalena Goebets
30 James McGrath, Jr. and Sarah A. McCarty
Feb. 4 Thomas Kirk and Rose L. Flowers
11 Alexander Monquin and Julia Austin
26 Henry B. Prout and Carrie F. Pynchon
28 John G. Dobson and Carrie L. Fay
Mar. 5 Frank B. Camp and Agnes J. Pennington
13 Charles E. Barden and Ida M. Laird
17 William Hosford and Kate M. Proper
20 John C. Vosburg and Estella I. Warner
23 Homer Downing and Mary A. Jacobs
27 Benjamin F. Peabody and Myra G. Fryer
30 Albert W. Rodgers and Mary Piper
Apr. 10 Eli Martin and Olive Delia Myon
18 August Larson and Hilda Paulina Hanson
25 Thomas Gilligan and Winnie O'Neil
May 1 James B. Kinsella and Rose Berger
1 George L. Brooks and Charity E. Tymeson
17 George H. Spencer and Aurelia B. Nicolai
19 Frederick T. Hobson and Martha Winters
June 5 Pratt L. Tobey and Ellen A. Potter
5 Michael Barrett and Annie E. Curtin
8 Frank Hanson and Agnes Peterson
19 Joseph Debay and Mary Smith
Aug. 3 Harry Morgan and Josephine Dykeman
6 Henry D. Bradburn and Margeret E. Deveney
7 David Cronin and Maggie Noonan
Sept. 18 Byron D. Pease and Orra Belle Rewey
27 John Hanson and Albetera Bloom
Oct. 3 Henry B. Ives and Eloise T. Barnum
3 Frederick J. Smith and Lizzie B. Duncan
5 Ernest F. Priffer and Emaline E. Palmer
10 Alfred A. Jerome and Anna I. Mullanay
24 John O. Gillett and Mary B. Griswold
30 Benjamin D. Hayes and Bridget A. Welch
Nov. 4 Charles J. Taylor and Mary Heald Quincy
5 Luther Hicks and Rynola Rice
6 Dennis G. Littlefield and Frank H. Van Schaack [sic]
20 William H. Casey and Kate Barry
25 Andrew Pixley and Mattie L. Ford
28 Arthur L. Thatcher and Mary A. Meehan
28 Michael E. O'Connell and Nora Leary
Dec. 11 Francis P. Whittlesey and Lillian A. Lillie
18 Emile Mundry and Albertine Frein
27 William H. Shay and Sabina Grey

DEATHS - 1888

Jan. 2	Lydia Freeman	4 yr
6	Mary P. Whitmore	82 yr
13	James Garry	44 yr
23	Patrick Brophy	70 yr
30	John E. Phillips	67 yr
Feb. 3	Gabriel Luchsinger	82 yr
9	Timothy Flynn	75 yr
11	Edward Pendlebury	13 yr
19	Lillian Snyder	6 yr
23	Catherine Collins	76 yr
Mar. 5	Charles E. Haddy	4 mo
13	Helen Foster	5 mo
18	Anna R. Morse	31 yr
18	Caroline Kilmer	84 yr
26	Cellissa A. Pixley	87 yr
Apr. 1	Mary Powers	25 yr
2	Mary C. Phillips	83 yr
8	Simon Hinckley	77 yr
8	George L. Turner	67 yr
9	Catherine Norton	60 yr
10	Lizzie Klahn	22 yr
12	Mary E. Burchel	22 yr
12	Mary J. Sabin	55 yr
17	Sarah F. Warner	74 yr
May 8	Catherine A. Maher	1 mo
15	Martha A. Turner	58 yr
24	Newton Brewer	74 yr
28	Adelia M. Humphrey	70 yr
June 4	Katie Finnigan	23 yr
7	Lois Easland	78 yr
8	Mary L. Altman	7 mo
12	Elizabeth E. Smith	75 yr
16	Stephen L. Hatch	74 yr
18	George Dailey	53 yr
24	Huggins child	5 hr
July 10	Mary Tansey	1 yr
15	William Mahanney	4 mo
16	Abram Jackson	87 yr
18	Anna Dunnigan	28 yr
21	Cyrus R. Crane	53 yr
29	Sarah Sawyer	88 yr
30	Aurora Moree	83 yr
Aug. 17	Matthias Snyder	73 yr
20	Catherine Wrinkle	79 yr
Sept. 4	Annie S. McCoy	76 yr
4	Mary F. Sheridan	5 mo
8	Maggie McCue	11 mo
12	Jane J. Robinson	47 yr
13	Andrew Corcoran	42 yr
19	Ferdinand Sabin	8 mo
21	Susan A. Martin	63 yr
21	Julia R. Maher	26 yr
23	Amanda M. Van Deusen	78 yr

Sept. 24	Sarah Roys	55 yr
25	Edward LaPoint	11 yr
26	Rose B. Andell	2 mo
29	Mary Ann Rouse	60 yr
Oct. 2	Frances O'Hara	
5	Marvin B. Huggins	29 yr
7	Mary A. Jones	67 yr
13	Catherine Dolan	?
13	Harvey Holmes	88 yr
17	Elizabeth Bransfield	26 yr
25	Mary A. Goodenough	68 yr
Nov. 2	Arthur L. Loop	15 yr
2	Charles S. Barranger	22 yr
3	Harry Maloney	2 yr
3	Sophia Hanson	25 yr
8	Hannah Cronin	57 yr
9	Hannah Gibbons	16 yr
25	Gertrude Tymeson	30 yr
28	William Cronin	2 yr
Dec. 3	Isaac Dorman	80 yr
15	Kate A. Blaney	11 yr
20	John Broderick	73 yr
27	Eliza W. Fellows	50 yr

DEATHS - 1889

Jan. 2	Sarah Rourke	27 yr
6	Jennie Maloney	12 yr
7	G. Bingley Langdon	78 yr
10	Thomas J. Pell	56 yr
11	Henry J. Van Lennep	73 yr
12	Attie E. Drake	34 yr
21	John A. Russell	12 yr
24	Esther Gifford	74 yr
Feb. 9	Francis B. Dearing	73 yr
13	Bridget Casey	75 yr
23	Bertha Wooster	15 yr
27	William Keefe	61 yr
Mar. 17	Sarah A. Worden	1 yr
19	Francis A. Sampson	39 yr
21	Sarah E. Crossley	42 yr
25	William H. Barry	27 yr
25	Walter H. Mason	16 yr
Apr. 1	Carrie E. Dorr	39 yr
11	Bridget Campion	75 yr
11	William Guy Walker	14 yr
14	Grove L. Bramble	53 yr
15	Clarisa Lee	68 yr
21	Newton D. VanDeusen	64 yr
27	Hattie Dorr	2 yr
May 1	Katie Broderick	10 yr
13	Ann Whitely	74 yr
17	Mary M. Arnold	82 yr
20	Adeline Smith	1 yr
25	William B. Look	61 yr

May 25	Anna Mary Chandler	35 yr	Aug. 24	Daniel Winchel	30 yr
26	Clara Benson	31 yr	28	George J. Jones	41 yr
29	Eliza Ulrich Turner	25 yr	Sept. 2	Michael Lahey	69 yr
30	Mabel Comstock	1 yr	8	Henry W. Wright	54 yr
June 3	Minnie C. Burdick	33 yr	8	William H. Darbee	40 yr
4	Louisa M. Palmer	66 yr	30	Maria C. Millard	71 yr
12	Lawrence Passardee	38 yr	Oct. 13	Joseph Lee	68 yr
23	George Taylor	80 yr	14	Alexander Smith	65 yr
26	Elmira Reed	48 yr	17	John Race	74 yr
28	Patrick J. Buckley	32 yr	18	Sarah Bailey	31 yr
28	Joseph Weston	22 yr	24	Mary Murphy	85 yr
July 7	Hattie Langdon	30 yr	Nov. 3	George W. Mochrie	49 yr
15	Harold Carl Winchel	3½ mo	6	Mary Teahan	60 yr
23	Mark Humphrey	72 yr	10	Bridget Hines	38 yr
27	Adell K. Kellar	3 mo	12	Phebe B. McLay	20 yr
27	Elinor C. Brewer	74 yr	Dec. 8	Therese Trunzer	86 yr
Aug. 4	Egbert Hollister	72 yr	12	Bridget Dunnigan	76 yr
23	Catherine Gallup	55 yr	16	James Mullaney	16 yr

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HANNAH FAIRFIELD

From *The Berkshire Hills*, October 1, 1900.

Hannah Fairfield, born March 20, 1772, was the first female born in the town of Pittsfield after its incorporation as a town in 1771. She deceased here February 11, 1856, aged 84. Her father was Joseph Fairfield, a Pontoosuck pioneer settler in 1749, and who died in Pittsfield March 27, 1827, at the age of 88 years. Her mother, Thankful Fairfield, died in Pittsfield January 27, 1825, aged 85 years. The Joseph Fairfield lot and house was on what is now called Newell Street, near the Blackman bridge on the old road formerly running to Lanesboro, and the site of the old cellar is still to be found. Tradition has it that Joseph Fairfield was the first keeper of the town's poor and was very conspicuous in both the early history of the plantation and afterwards the town. His daughter, Hannah, often related that her father used to take her mother and herself on horseback, with his musket, when he went

out to plant and hoe corn in the north part of the Pontoosuck Plantation, and of seeing Indians lurking about in the edge of the woods. On one of these occasions she saw her father shoot an Indian at the foot of Oak hill, where he buried him, gun and all.

Hannah Fairfield's first husband was named Robbins, by whom she had four children, Samuel, Harry, Hannah and Phoenie. Her second husband was Nathan Clark, who died suddenly in 1838, and their children were Joel D., Mary F., William B., Lucy R., Elizabeth, Mehitable and George W. The latter was born in 1815 and is now living near Pontoosuc. Five of her grandchildren are now living in Pittsfield - Sanford Drake, Ward B., Fred and William H. H. Clark and Mariette Ayres. At the time of the death of Hannah Fairfield her grandchildren and great grandchildren numbered 144.

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From *10,000 Vital Records of Western New York, 1809-1850*.

William Dauphin, 45, married Pauline Thompson, 16, "after a long and tedious courtship of sixty minutes." ■■■■■

TYRINGHAM MARRIAGES 1825-1844

There being no record of Marriages Solemnized between persons at their Marriage, residing in that part of the original Town of Tyringham now and since April A.D. 1847 known as the town of Monterey, except a copy of an ancient record presented to this town by Rev. W. H. Phelps and in consequence of frequent inquiry relating to such marriages made at the Town Clerk's office I have this day procured of the Town Clerk of Tyringham the 2nd Book of original records now kept in said Town and copied the same as appears upon this and the following pages, intending that the copy should be *verbatim et literatim*.

Monterey Mass. May 5th 1863 Alburn J. Fargo, Town Clerk

Unless otherwise indicated, subjects lived in Tyringham.

Performed by Thomas Garfield, Esq.

22d of December A.D. 1825 James Wilson and Amanda Garfield
16th April 1827 Horatio Snow and Emily Claflin

Performed by Silas Reuwee, Esq.

April 2d 1827 Burnham Barber and Sally Turner

Performed by Rev. Joseph W. Dow

May 4th 1826	Daniel McCollum and Milicent B. Wilson
May 23d 1826	Alvinza Wright of Granby, N.Y. and Amanda Brewer
May 23d 1826	Judah S. Walling of Austerlitz, N.Y. and Persis Moore
March 13 1827	William Anderson and Ann Markham
June 13 1827	Henry G. Brigham of New Marlborough and Sarah S. Eggleston
August 26, 1827	Leonard Potter and Emeline Brewer
Oct. 3d 1827	Riley P. Butrick and Emily Hobbs
Oct. 3 1827	Grove Tyrrel and Lucy Brewer
Oct. 5 1827	Lewis Tyrrel of New Marlborough and Eunice Langdon
Jan. 1 1828	Luther Chapin of New Marlborough and Mary Brewer
May 30th 1828	Norton S. Sears of New Marlborough and Abigail Jones (This name is Norman S. Sears in the clerk's record.)
Sept. 23d 1828	Joel D. Barker of Otisco, N.Y. and Dotia Brewer
Oct. 28th 1829	Franklin Fargo of Sandisfield and Matilda Thompson
Jan. 27 1830	Col. Daniel A. Garfield and Theodosia Minor
Oct. 6th 1830	Noah Jackson of Hempstead, Long Island and Mary Jane Jenkins
Dec. 2d 1830	Austin Chapin of New Marlborough and Rebecca Upham
Jan. 3d 1831	Milo Richards and Fanny Ward
Feb. 13th 1831	Ammi Warner of New Marlborough and Caroline Barker

Performed by Eli Hale, Esq.

March 3d 1830 Ira Markham and Sevena Doud

Aug. 14th 1831 Alfred Phillips and Cynthia Smith
 April 11th 1832 Sylvester M. Doud and Thites Heath
 April 7th 1842 Daniel R. White of Lee and Mariah Laird
 Feb. 15th 1843 Jonas Harris of Becket and Roxana J. Heath
 June 1st 1843 Icabod Atwater of Sandisfield and Electa Frazier
 of Otis

Performed by Egbert B. Garfield, Esq.

Nov. 11th 1829 Linus Catlin of New Marlborough and Mary M.
 Hitchcock
 Oct. 7th 1830 John Brookins and Roxy Richards
 Dec. 1 1830 Nathan Upham and Charity Bradburn of Great
 Barrington
 Jan. 2 1831 John G. Mansir and Rosella Langdon
 April 4th 1831 William Walker and Betsy Mansir
 April 7th 1831 Larned Wilkinson of Winchester, Conn. and Loisa
 Bell
 April 21st 1831 John Benedict and Sally Upham
 Nov. 24th 1831 James Hale and Betsy Jones
 Dec. 1st 1832 Thomas Mills and Mary M. Tinker (Date out of
 chronological order - might be 1831, Ed.)
 March 5th 1832 Thomas Minor and Rhoda Furgeson
 March 24th 1833 Wilbur C. Langdon and Camilla Harmon of New
 Marlborough
 Dec. 25th 1833 Linthel Tinker and Roena Garfield
 Jan. 1st 1834 Frederick M. Miller of West Stockbridge and
 Hester Eggleston
 Feb. 15th 1834 Joseph A. Brewer and Adelia Birchard of New
 Marlborough
 March 11th 1834 Gilbert Brewer and Betsy M. Harmon of New Marl-
 borough
 March 19th 1834 Cornelius Miller of Great Barrington to Marietta
 Brookins
 April 9th 1834 Albert Fargo of Sandisfield to Julia M. Searle
 March 15th 1837 John P. Ball of Lee and Lucy S. Benedict
 June 22d 1837 Orson Judd and Sarah Ann Miller
 June 22d 1837 Charles May of Louisville, Ky. and Julia Ann Judd
 Aug. 2d 1837 Guy Ray of Portland, Ill. and Abigail S. Harmon
 of New Marlborough
 Oct. 11th 1837 Huntington Parsons and Thedy Ann Doud
 March 28th 1839 William S. Willber of Cairo, N.Y. and Clarrissa
 Eggleston of New Marlborough
 Jan. 1st 1840 Henry C. Cook and Maria Hollister, both of New
 Marlborough
 March 25th 1840 Oliver J. Thompson and Elizabeth C. Freeman
 April 22d 1840 William H. Cutting and Salome Bassett, both of
 Lee
 April 19th 1842 Lyman Thompson and Mary S. Turner of Great Bar-
 rington

Performed by Rev. Julius Field

Sept. 27th 1832 William R. Battles and Cynthia Ward

Performed by Rev. Lucius Field

April 24th 1833 Warren Wheeler, Jr. of New Marlborough and Cath-

- erine H. Brewer
Sept. 26th 1833 Henry A. Steadman and Louis (Louise or Lois?) Ann Couch
Feb. 3d 1835 Samuel Walker and Lucinda Hobbs
Feb. 10th 1835 Ezra R. Olds and Martha Rogers
March 12th 1835 John W. Wilson and Hannah Northrup
March 26th 1835 Dan Zebina Harmon of New Marlborough and Mercy Hobbs
Nov. 19th 1835 Abel C. Northrup of Lee and Mary A. Johnson
Performed by Rev. Augustus Beach
Feb. 23d 1834 Mander Cone and Esther C. Hawke
Performed by Thomas Sparks
Aug. 18th 1834 Squire Joiner and Polly Ward of Great Barrington
Jan. 11th 1835 Erastus Cone and Julia Beach
March 18th 1835 Gilbert D. Northrup and Eliza Philips of Great Barrington
Performed by Rev. Sturgis Gilbert
April 12th 1837 Gordon B. Langdon and Emily J. Mansir
Performed by Daniel Bullock
March 11th 1837 Samuel Tillotson Jr. and Julia Ann Hewlet
March 30th 1837 Harry M. Heath and Eliza Morey
May 10th 1837 Denison Case and Adelia Searle
Performed by Rev. James Squire
Aug. 17th 1838 Albert B. Thompson and Hannah C. Steadman
Performed by Rev. A. C. Page
Sept. 17th 1837 Oliver Smith, Jr. and Calista Brewer
Nov. 29th 1837 Gilbert Granger and Mary Curtis
Feb. 6th 1838 James Woolcott and Azuba H. Bassett
April 19th 1838 John Orton and Loisa M. Bidwell
Sept. 26th 1838 John Langdon, Esq. and Mary Curtis
Dec. 5th 1838 Horatio H. Hubbard and Mary Ann Clark
Nov. 2d 1838 Sardine M. Thompson and Maria Stanton
March 13th 1839 Orvil S. Dorman and Atchsah C. Reuwee
March 27th 1839 Lysander G. Steadman and Submit R. Deland
March 29th 1839 Ephraim M. Wilson and Elizabeth M. Hayden
March 24th 1840 Uriah Brett and Elizabeth Townsend
June 11th 1840 William Minor and Lucina Walker
Dec. 30th 1840 Lucius Nettleton of Great Barrington and Mary A. Upham
Feb. 24th 1841 Thomas Wood of Egremont and Esther M. Brewer
Feb. 24th 1841 Elias S. Brewer and Almira Collins
Oct. 12th 1841 Patrick Farley and Lucinda Olds
March 3d 1842 Zadock Reuwee and Celira A. Bishop
Jan. 4th 1843 Sylvester Barker and Philinda Jones
Performed by Rev. Alexander Bush
Oct. 17th 1838 Alvinus Heath and Elizabeth L. Bentley
Dec. 13th 1838 Salmon Heath and Nancy O. Clark
Aug. 21st 1839 Albert Hall and Lucy Brown
Sept. 11th 1839 Edward Smith of Lee and Lydia Killborn

Oct. 16th 1839 Pliny S. Dearin of Becket and Mary Sweet
 Jan. 1st 1840 Bethuel Gifford of Lee and Eliza Ann Steadman
 Jan. 29th 1840 Lucius Foot and Laura Killborn, both of Lee
 May 21st 1840 Ira Heath and Mary A. Harmon
 June 18th 1840 Jonathan D. Hall of Lee and Catherine Videto
 July 1st 1840 Nathaniel E. Brewer and Abigail J. Crittenden
 Sept. 16th 1840 William Heath, 3d and Ruth Webster
 Sept. 16th 1841 James W. Horton of Colebrook, Conn. and Orra A. Sweet (date out of chronological order? Ed.)
 Oct. 9th 1840 Harvey Rice of Meriden, Conn. and Cynthia Heath
 Nov. 25th 1840 Porter J. Harmon and Jane S. Hubbard
 Nov. 26th 1840 Lysander M. Francis of Hinsdale and Mary B. Steadman
 Dec. 8th 1840 Albert Fuller of Sandisfield and Julia J. May
 Jan. 13th 1841 Reuben A. Langdon and Julia K. Eggleston
 Feb. 3rd 1841 Daniel Clark and Sophia Steadman
 April 11th 1841 Jonathan Olds and Frances Minerva Bush
 Dec. 22d 1841 Russell B. Heath and Sarah A. Bristol
 April 12th 1842 Marcus Bidwell of Colebrook, Conn. and Alvira Hall
 Feb. 15th 1843 Samuel A. Hall and Sarah Jane Bidwell
 June 12th 1843 Albert C. Heath and Maria B. Clark
 Dec. 4th 1843 Benajah Taylor of New York and Clarrissa M. Tracy
 Feb. 20th 1844 David A. Sumner of Otis and Mary D. Watson
 Nov. 15th 1843 Edward S. Fargo and Margaret Garfield
 Feb. 20th 1844 Stephen Brookins, Jr. and Maria Harris
 Performed by Rev. J. W. Turner
 March 4th 1841 E. H. Phillips of Great Barrington and Harriet C. Benedict
 Performed by Rev. Thomas Edwards
 Oct. 24th 1841 William Davis and Laura S. Richards
 Performed by Byrne J. Ham
 Oct. 2d 1842 David Baker of Lee and Sarah Ackley
 Performed by Ardon Judd, J.P.
 Feb. 7th 1842 Milon Richard and Susan Allen
 Performed by Amos B. Manly
 May 4th 1842 Andalotia Crittenden of Sandisfield and Palina Hubbard
 Dec. 25th 1843 Artemas Doud and Prudence C. Freeman
 Performed by Levi S. Smith, J.P.
 Dec. 31st 1840 Joseph W. Hunt of Blandford and Mary Branning
 Dec. 30th 1841 Miles Chapin and Dezire S. Bill
 Oct. 18 1843 Nelson Judd and Harriet C. Branning
 Performed by Rev. John Baty
 Jan. 9th 1844 Elizur Royce of Sandisfield and Emeline Stebbins
 Performed by Rev. Albert Nash
 Feb. 21st 1844 John A. Sturtevant of Pittsfield and Sophia Garfield

BIBLE RECORDS - TALCOTT-TOWER

Found at a Pittsfield estate sale and provided by David Heath.

Nehemiah Talcott Born Aug. 5th AD 1766
 Nehemiah Talcott & Tirzah Platt were
 Married August 10th 1790
 Polly Talcott Born Oct. 12th 1790
 Betsey Talcott Born Oct. 16th 1792
 Pamela Talcott Born Nov. 21st 1794 and
 died Apr. 11th 1796
 Samuel [T.?] Talcott Born Sept. 28th 1796
 and died Sept. 12th 1797
 Pamela Talcott Born Feb 17th 1799
 Tirzah Talcott Born Oct. 2nd 1800 and Died
 Aug. 20th 1802
 Nehemiah P. Talcott Born Sept. 11th 1802
 Emeline [A.?] Talcott Born July 15th 1806
 Tirzah Ophelia Talcott Born April 5th 1810
 William [A.?] Talcott Born Oct. 16th 1812
 Mrs. Nehemiah Talcott Died July 14, 1848
 Nehemiah Talcott Died October 13, 1848
 Polly Northrup died January 18th 1874

An Infant Son died in Williamstown Apr. 5th
 A.D. 1837
 Carleton Talcott Tower Died April 24th 1846
 Julian Talcott Tower Died Dec. 6th 1862
 Jane A. Tolman Died Sept. 30, 1871
 Dr. John Stevens Died October 5th 1872
 Justus Tower Died Nov. 20 1880 Aged 76
 years
 Martha L. Francis died August 29th 1882
 Aged 44 years
 George D. Francis Died March 27th 1886
 J. Dwight Francis Died Sept. 9th 1886
 Albert Tolman died Apr. 17, 1891 aged 67
 years
 Justus Tower was drowned April 17, 1804
 Aged 38 years
 Dilla Tower wife of Justus Tower and second
 wife of Elias Haven died Oct. 27, 1849
 Aged 81 years
 Tirzah Ophelia Sherman died Dec. 18 1879
 Aged 69 years
 Betsey T. Hall died August 1880 Aged 87
 years
 Pamela T. Butler [?] Died Sept. 1881 Aged
 81 years
 William A. Talcott Died April 20 1890 Aged

78 years
 Emeline A. Tower Died Nov 5th 1891 Aged
 85 years 3 months
 Edward J. Tower Died Feb 20th 1909 Aged
 76 years & 4 months

Justus Tower and Emeline A. Talcott was
 Married June 14th A.D. 1827
 Frances E. Tower was married to John A.
 Stevens June 30th 1853
 Jane A. Tower was married to Albert Toll-
 man Sept. 23, 1853
 Harriet V. Tower was married to Edwin L.
 Childs September 18th 1856
 Edward J. Tower was married to Sarah A.
 Wood October 1st 1857
 Martha L. Tower was married to J. Dwight
 Francis June 15 1859
 Mary Tower was married to John Franklin
 Hemming Oct. 22 1874
 Betsey Talcott was married to Jabez Hall
 May 28 1818 & he died Sept. 17 1854

Justus Tower was Born in Waterville N.
 York July 23rd A.D. 1814
 Emeline A. Talcott was born in Lanesbor-
 ough Mass. July 15th A.D. 1806
 Frances Emeline Tower was born in Lanes-
 borough Mass. July 30th A.D. 1828
 Jane Amelia Tower was born in Lanesbor-
 ough Mass. March 11th A.D. 1830
 Edward Justus Tower was born in Williams-
 town October 4th A.D. 1832
 Harriet Newel Tower was born in Williams-
 town Mass. Sept. 2nd A.D. 1834
 An Infant was born in Williamstown April
 5th A.D. 1837
 Martha Louise Tower was born in Williams-
 town May 8th A.D. 1838
 Carleton Talcott Tower was born in Lanes-
 borough Mass. March 2nd A.D. 1844
 Julian Talcott Tower was born in Lanesboro
 May 25th A.D. 1846
 Mary Tower was born in Lanesboro April 6,
 1853

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ANCESTOR TABLES

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

CDXVII. IRENE ESTELLE NICHOLS, submitted by her grandson, Gregg Charbonnet, 5669 Dedo Circle, Bartlett, TN 38135.

I.

1. Irene Estelle NICHOLS, 1899-1992; Cleveland, Ohio; Orange City, Florida; Twinsburg, Ohio.

II.

2. Elmore Clark NICHOLS, 1875-1959; Twinsburg; St. Petersburg, Florida.
3. Mary Nelson CANNON, 1872-1942; Cleveland, Ohio; Valley View, Ohio; Twinsburg.

III.

4. Orrin Parks NICHOLS, 1852-1908; Twinsburg.
5. Estella Maria CLARK, 1854-1932; Twinsburg.
6. Henry Clay CANNON, 1844-1911; Bedford, Ohio; Warren, Ohio.
7. Mary Elizabeth NELSON, 1851-1908; Warren, Ohio; Ridgeville, Ohio.

IV.

8. Orrin Parks NICHOLS, 1817-1877; Blandford, Massachusetts; Twinsburg.
9. Wealthy Catherine BAIRD, 1826-1894; Becket/Otis, Massachusetts; Twinsburg.
10. Elmore Warner CLARK, 1816-1885; Watertown, Connecticut; Twinsburg.
11. Arvilla CARVER, 1823-1899; Whitehall, New York; Twinsburg.
12. Franklin Henry CANNON, 1814-1887; Blandford; Rockport, Ohio.
13. Lydia DUNHAM, 1820-1906; Arcadia, New York; Ridgeville, Ohio; Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
14. James Reed NELSON, 1813-1892; Liberty Township, Ohio; Warren, Ohio; Youngstown, Ohio.
15. Elizabeth Catharine OSWALD, 1825-1888; Liberty Township; Warren; Youngstown.

V.

16. Caleb NICHOLS, ca1788-1865; Montgomery, Massachusetts; Twinsburg.
17. Amanda PARKS, 1796-1875; Montgomery; Twinsburg.
18. Robert Hunter BAIRD, 1794-1847; Becket/Otis; Twinsburg.
19. Thankful STREETER, 1795-1870; Middlefield, Massachusetts; Hopkins, Michigan; Becket.
20. Leverett CLARK, 1774-1843; Milford, Connecticut; Twinsburg.
21. Amy WARNER, 1776- Waterbury, Connecticut; Twinsburg.
22. Bernice CARVER, 1780-1861; Whitehall, New York; Castleton, Vermont; Twinsburg.
23. Rachel , 1786-1850; Whitehall; Twinsburg.
24. Israel CANNON, 1786-1865; Blandford; Twinsburg.
25. Lucinda PARKS, 1786-1875; Westfield, Massachusetts; Twinsburg.
26. Hezekiah DUNHAM, 1779-1862; Williamsburg, Massachusetts; Bedford; Plainfield, Massachusetts.
27. Betsey BURROUGHS, 1786-1831; Plainfield; Phelps, New York

28. Abraham NELSON, ca1771-1846; Liberty Township; Frederick County, Virginia.
29. Mary CONNER; ca1784-1857; Pennsylvania; Liberty Township; Frederick County.
30. Jonathan OSWALD, 1792-1870; Lynn Township, Pennsylvania; Deerfield, Ohio.
31. Maria EVERETT, 1797-1859; Lynn Township; Girard, Ohio.
- VI.
32. James? NICHOLS, - ; .
33. Sabra BULL? ALLEN?, ante1772-1850; Massachusetts; Twinsburg.
34. Aaron PARKS, 1748-1824; Preston, Connecticut; Montgomery; Blandford.
35. Lydia PROVIN, 1751-1838; Blandford; Montgomery.
36. Kendal BAIRD, 1765-1828; Becket; Palmer, Massachusetts.
37. Catharine HUNTER, 1772-1852; Palmer; Becket.
38. Isaac Hemingway STREATOR, 1758-1830; Sturbridge, Massachusetts; Mentor, Ohio; Becket.
39. Hannah ALDERMAN, 1758-1847; Simsbury, Connecticut; Streetsboro, Ohio; Becket.
40. John CLARK, 1725-ca1794; Milford; Waterbury; Amity, Connecticut.
41. Mabel LINES, 1732- ; Amity.
42. Josiah WARNER, 1754-1839; Waterbury; Geneseo, New York.
43. Anna PRICHARD/PRITCHARD, 1752-1841; Waterbury; Litchfield County, Connecticut.
44. Salmon CARVER, ca1756-ca1811; Rhode Island; Whitehall.
45. Olive , ca1754-1821; Scituate, Rhode Island; Whitehall.
48. Nathan CANNON/CARNAHAN; 1759-1845; Blandford.
49. Elizabeth GILMORE, 1760-1826; Pelham, New Hampshire; Blandford.
50. Reuben PARKS, 1755-1802; Preston; Westfield; Murrayfield, Massachusetts.
51. Betsey CLARK, 1760-1847; Blandford; Westfield; Murrayfield.
52. Hezekiah DUNHAM, 1738-1823; Edgartown, Massachusetts; Lyons, New York; Williamsburg.
53. Rebecca (BRIGGS) (FAUNCE), 1748-1808; Berkley, Massachusetts; Williamsburg.
54. David BURROUGHS, 1749/50-1828; East Windsor, Connecticut; Phelps; Ashfield, Massachusetts.
55. Elizabeth SHAW, 1762-1850; Cummington, Massachusetts; Bedford; Ashfield.
60. Daniel OSWALD, ca1740-ante1805; Lynn Township; Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
61. Susannah Catharine EVERETT, 1742-1805; Lynn Township; New Tripoli, Pennsylvania; Northampton County.
62. Samuel EVERETT, ca1745-1808; Lynn Township; Liberty Township.
63. Maria Barbara MOSSER, 1753-1811; Lynn Township; Liberty Township.
- VII.
68. Robert PARKE, 1718-1824; Preston; Westfield.
69. Mary KILLAM, 1728- ; Preston; Westfield.
70. Matthew PROVIN, 1722-ante1770; Blandford; Medway, Massachusetts.
71. Mary CLARK, 1718-1775; Medway.
72. Aaron BAIRD, 1733-1817; Mendon, Massachusetts; Lee/Otis; Framingham, Massachusetts.

73. Elizabeth STREETER, 1729-1802; Framingham; Otis.
74. Robert HUNTER, ca1730-1791; Palmer; Otis.
75. Catherine SHAW, 1733-1819; Palmer; Otis.
76. John STREATOR, 1732-1810; Framingham; Hampton, New York; Windham, Connecticut.
77. Margaret HEMINGWAY, 1739-1775; Becket; Windham.
78. Daniel ALDERMAN, 1738-1790; Simsbury; Granby, Connecticut.
79. Thankful GRIFFIN, 1738-1835; Simsbury; Granby.
80. John CLARK, 1700-ca1771; Milford, Connecticut.
81. Rebecca PRIME, 1704/05-1778; Milford.
82. Benjamin LINES, 1693/94-ca1755; New Haven, Connecticut.
83. Dorcas THOMAS, 1693/94- ; New Haven.
84. David WARNER, 1731-1794; Waterbury; Stratford, Connecticut.
85. Abigail HARRISON, 1735-1824; Branford, Connecticut; Plymouth, Connecticut; Waterbury.
86. Roger PRICHARD/PRITCHARD, 1716-1792; Waterbury.
87. Ann BUGBEE, 1720- ; Derby, Connecticut; Waterbury.
88. Joseph CARVER, 1727-1786; Bridgewater, Massachusetts; Foster, Rhode Island.
89. Sarah HARTWELL, 1726-1817; Stoughton, Massachusetts; Scituate; Bridgewater.
96. John CARNAHAN, 1732-1780; Blandford.
97. Rebeckah GIBBS, 1732-1812; Hopkinton, Massachusetts; Blandford.
98. James GILMORE, 1728-ca1804; Londonderry, New Hampshire; Chester, Massachusetts; Methuen, Massachusetts.
99. Mary CROW, 1733-1815; Methuen; Chester.
100. Robert PARKE, 1718-1824; Preston; Westfield.
101. Mary KILLAM, 1728- ; Preston; Westfield.
102. James CLARK, 1734-1792; Rutland, Massachusetts; Chester; Blandford.
103. Sarah SCOTT, ca1739- ; Westfield; Blandford.
104. Jethro DUNHAM, ca1702-1789; Edgartown.
105. Mehitabel VINCENT, 1701-1789; Edgartown.
106. John BRIGGS, 1719-1796; Dighton, Massachusetts; Berkley.
107. Tabitha ALLEN, 1724-1753; Berkley.
108. Simon BURROUGHS, 1719-1799; Enfield, Massachusetts; Hawley, Massachusetts; Windsor, Connecticut.
109. Lydia PORTER, 1724-1781; Hebron, Connecticut; Hawley; Windsor.
120. Johann Heinrich OSWALD, 1719-1774; Switzerland; Lynn Township.
121. Elisabeth PETERS, ca1718-post1748; Switzerland; Lynn Township.
122. John EVERETT, 1716-1777; Jamaica, New York; Northampton County.
123. Maria HOLDER, 1722-1785; Amity Township, Pennsylvania; Northampton County.
124. Thomas EVERETT, ca1722-1786; Jamaica; Lynn Township.
125. Eva Catherine BARBARA, 1723-1786; Pfalz, Germany; Lynn Township.
126. Johann Philip MOSSER, Goshenhoppen, Pennsylvania; Lynn Township.
127. Maria Barbara OSWALD, 1732-1816; Lehigh, Pennsylvania; Lynn Township.

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PAUPER ORDERS - TOWN OF BECKET

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR REPORT FOR 1891

Paid Edward B. Nims, Treasurer of the Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for care and board of Hannah Coyle from January 1st 1891 to January 1st 1892. \$169.46
 Mrs. J. N. Rudd, board and care of Etta Bosquet to April 1st, 1891. \$101.25
 George O. Mallison, for care of tramps, from April 1st, 1891 to February 10th, 1892. \$18.58
 Felix McCarthy, car fare and livery to Hancock, to see Stillman Lemley. \$3.50
 E. H. Nash, interest on note held against Rhoda Turner's estate. \$18.00
 S. Barnes, for rent of house for Mrs. Aiken to April 1st, 1891. \$18.00
 William J. Cross, going to Hancock after Lemley and to Milo Phelps. \$10.28
 Maurice Curran, ploughing for E. Allen. \$3.00
 Mrs. Catherine Fallon, for board and care of Michael Fallon to December 1st, 1891. \$78.00
 Dr. L. W. Combs, for services as surgeon for Allen Children. \$6.25
 State Treasurer, care of Eugene Sweeney at the Tewksbury Almshouse, and transportation to Becket. \$20.75
 Town of Hancock, for care and burial of Lemley, in full. \$147.97
 T. H. Flemming, for supplies for Phelps family, flour, etc. \$6.50
 Mrs. Tyne, for 3 cords of wood for Mrs. Aiken. \$9.00
 Thomas Fallon, for sawing wood for Mrs. Aiken, 4 cords. \$5.25
 William Stanley for wood for lockup and Mrs. Aiken, 3 cords. \$9.00
 Willard F. Geer, for care and board of Eugene Sweeney, 5 mos. \$45.00
 Eugene Sweeney, for car fare to Concord, New Hampshire. \$6.00
 C. E. Lyman, for wood for Mrs. Aiken. \$1.00
 T. H. Flemming, for flour and pork for Phelps family. \$6.35
 M. E. Ballou, for supplies for poor. \$6.88
 O. S. Willis, for supplies for poor. \$6.50
 A. H. Bidwell, for supplies for poor, Mrs. Etta Bosquet, Allen children and Phelps family. \$24.61
 Frederick Snow for services as overseer of the poor. \$4.50
 Felix McCarthy for services as overseer of the poor. \$33.50
 Felix McCarthy, car fare and postage for the poor department. \$3.10
 James Jones, for use of team. \$.75

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Dwight Mallison, care of tramps. \$2.00
 O. S. Willis, supplies for poor. \$5.31
 C. S. Snow, supplies for poor. \$6.65
 M. E. Ballou, rent for Phelps family. \$3.00
 Henry A. Jennings, Overseer of Poor. \$5.42
 R. G. Daniels, wood for lockup. \$1.50
 E. Nims, hospital care H. Coyle and Etta Bosquet. \$83.58
 Catherine Fallon, Care M. Fallon. \$26.00
 Sidney Barnes, rent for Mrs. Aikens. \$18.00
 Thomas Fallon, fitting and putting wood, Mrs. Aikens. \$1.50
 R. Daniels, 1 cord wood, Mrs. Aikens. \$3.00
 House of Mercy Hospital, care E. Allen. \$15.00
 Scott Allen, care Fanny Allen. \$6.00
 Town of Otis, Dr. Bill, for Milo Phelps. \$48.00
 F. Snow, for care and board of Milo Phelps. \$60.00

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PITTSFIELD'S FIRST FAMILY

From *The Berkshire Hills*, October 1, 1900 & December 1, 1900.

The name of Berkshire was given to this County by its Massachusetts Governor, Sir Francis Bernard, in 1761, after a shire of that name in England. The same Governor at about the same time named Pittsfield, (whose original name as a Plantation was "Pontoo-suck," and was derived from the aboriginal Indians), from William Pitt, a famous British minister and statesman, who had made himself most popular in the New England states and especially with the pioneers in Western Massachusetts, by his vigorous measures to protect the inhabitants from the French and their hostile Indian allies. The act to erect the County of Berkshire passed to be engrossed in the Senate of the General Court at Boston in 1771, the same day that the act to incorporate the town of Pittsfield (the first incorporated town in the county), passed to be enacted. This legislation was successfully brought about by Col. William Williams, who appeared and took up a lot in Pontoo-suck Plantation as Ensign Williams in 1743, and afterwards constructed the old line of frontier fort defenses between the Connecticut and Hudson rivers, - Fort Shirley at Heath, Fort Pelham at Rowe, Fort Massachusetts at Adams and Fort Anson at Pontoo-suck.

The first attempt to settle Pontoo-suck was in 1745, when the clearing of some of the forty lots laid out and sold therein was commenced, but on account of the dangers encountered in this wilderness the pioneers retired until 1749, to find that their previous work on thirteen lots had not amounted to much. In the summer of 1752 a number of the pioneer settlers had log cabins erected and a few brought hither their families. Among these came Solomon Deming, from Wethersfield, Conn., with his young wife Sarah mounted on the pillion of his saddle. Their lot and cabin was in the eastern outskirts of the plantation in a region much frequented by tramping about Indians. She was the first white woman making her home in Pontoo-suck Plantation, now Pittsfield, and the mother of the first white child born within its limits. She died here in 1818, aged 92 years, and the town erected an obelisk, with suitable

inscriptions thereon, to preserve her memory, at the head of her honored grave in the little burial ground on Honasada Street, near the site of her home in 1752. This has become a historic spot, and though now somewhat isolated, is visited by many who still have interest in the life of the first brave woman who dared the privations and dangers of the once forest wilderness, thickly peopled with Indians, to make it her home and to rear up its first frontier family therein.

Besides David Bush, Solomon Deming, Nathaniel Fairfield, Gideon Gunn, Timothy Caldwell, David Ashley, Samuel Taylor, Daniel Hubbard, Stephen and Simeon Crofoot, Joseph Fairfield, Jessie Sackett, Josiah Wright, Hezekiah Jones, Abner and Isaac Dewey, and Elias Willard of the known settlers of Pontoo-suck Plantation in 1749, there is no authentic record of these early pioneers.

The west face of the Sarah Deming Monument has for its inscription: "Sarah Deming, born in Wethersfield, Conn., Feb., 1726. Died at Pittsfield, March, 1818, aged 92 years." On its east face: "A mother of the revolution and a mother in Israel." On its south face: "This monument is erected by the town of Pittsfield to commemorate the heroism and virtues of its first female settler and the mother of the first white child born within its limits." On its north face: "Surrounded by a tribe of hostile Indians, she defended, in more than one instance unaided, the lives and property of her family, and was distinguished for the courage and fortitude with which she bore the dangers and privations of a pioneer life."

Down Elm Street about a mile beyond the Pleasure Park and on the south side of the highway this earliest cemetery of Pittsfield can be found. It is surrounded by a painted board fence, has a main gateway, as also a wooden stile for entrance, and the yard gives evidence of being carefully kept. It contains upwards of 100 graves, fronted for the most part with aged and moss-grown headstones. The Sarah Deming monument stands east of the main entrance avenue, near a corner of the yard, and is easily seen from the highway.

The following is a sequel article to the above.

Since the appearance of the October number there has been no little curiosity on the part of our readers in reference to the descendants of Sarah Deming, the first white woman settling in Pittsfield. Information has been given us that Solomon Deming was married Oct. 27, 1748, to Sarah Kirkum of Wethersfield, Conn., born in Wethersfield Feb. 15, 1726, and who died in Pittsfield March 1818, aged 92. She was the daughter of Henry and Martha (Burr) Kirkum of Wethersfield and granddaughter of Samuel Burr of Hartford. Solomon Deming brought his wife here on the pillion of his saddle in 1752. He is noted on the Pittsfield town list, November, 1772, as having a family of five persons. He was appointed a warden, May 11, 1761, and was one of the signers of a call, July 30, 1753, for a meeting of proprietors for selling lots held Sept. 12, 1753. In Nov., 1757, he was a signer of a petition to the General Court in relation to the building of a fort, and the resettling of the township. Both himself and wife joined the First Church in 1764. November 1, 1789, he appears in the list of dissenters from the Congregational church who are liable to a minister's tax, claiming to be a Baptist.

Solomon and Sarah Deming had one son, Noadiah, who was born in Wethersfield, July 14, 1749, and who married Michel Phillips of New Britain. This son was a Revolutionary soldier. That he was about three years of age when his parents came to Pittsfield, would seem to be fully established, but there is no record of the fact that he accompanied them hither in 1752, though he might have been one of the persons in the Solomon Deming family, as shown by the town list of 1772. As he afterwards was married in New Britain, Conn., it is probable that he became resident there, though he has been traced as a Revolutionary soldier.

Dorothy Deming was the daughter of Solomon and Sarah Deming, and was the first white child born in Pontoosuck Plantation, or Pittsfield. Whether there were any more children of this first family is not known. From the venerable Samuel M. Gunn, who will have attained the age of 93 years next June, we learn that Solomon and Sarah

Deming were his great-great-grandparents. That his great-grandfather, Gideon Gunn, married Dorothy Deming, and that they resided on what is known as the Gunn farm, now occupied by Mr. Strong in the eastern part of the city. They had four children, Reuben, Calvin, Annie and Fannie.

Reuben Gunn had three children, Reuben, Lyman, a daughter who married Linus Parker, and one who married Philip Sears, all of whom are deceased. Linus Parker had eleven children and Philip Sears two, none of whom are thought to be living.

Calvin Gunn had five children, Gideon, Samuel M., Calvin, Betsey and Emily, of whom our informant, Samuel M. Gunn of this city, only survives at his advanced and vigorous old age. The mother of Samuel M. was Betsey Markham of New Hartford, Conn., and he knows but one of all his relatives living, that being a cousin on his mother's side, Ora Markham of Atlanta, Ga. His grandfather, Gideon Gunn was a revolutionary soldier and participated in the battle at Fort Ticonderoga.

Tracing down the descendants of Solomon and Sarah Deming from Samuel M. Gunn, are his four children, Lester B. Gunn of Lanesboro, Hulbert S. Gunn of Oakland, California, Louisa, wife of Sterling D. Milliman of Green Island, N.Y., and Elizabeth, wife of A. N. Chapin of Pittsfield.

Samuel M. Gunn has a memory of his great, great-grandmother, Sarah Deming, as he saw her when he was about ten years of age in the old Deming house on Honasada or Elm Street, which house has been known in later years as the Robert Stanton place. He describes her as being small in stature and very light in weight and hardly weighing 110 pounds. She was very gray, wore a little white cap and was quite active for 92 years of age, this being the year of her death. The old Deming house is still standing on Elm Street, and the same chimney and fire-place with the crane and hooks therein, on which Sarah Deming used to do her cooking. A little wood-house is still standing on the premises which was originally constructed of spruce poles by Solomon Deming. The old family well still yields good drinking water, was dug down into the side of an earth mound, and this is fed by an unfailing spring. The facts given in our October number and

the continuation of the subject as above, will probably be all the reliable historic sketch obtainable of the Solomon Deming family, of which Mrs. Deming was the first female settler of Pittsfield and without doubt the last of both the old male and female settlers when she deceased in 1818. In preparing a paper for a meeting of the "Daughters of the Revolution" of Pittsfield, Miss Fanny E. Brewster made a thorough search for facts relative to the history of this pioneer family. From one of the two oldest women living in Pittsfield, who was three years old at the time of Mrs. Deming's death, she learned that this old lady's grandfather bought the Solomon Deming house after the former's death, with the understanding that he should take care of Mrs. Deming (who was then about 70 years

old) as long as she lived. Therefore, Mrs. Deming occupied a room in the old homestead until her death. This old lady remembers when a child of there seeing Mrs. Deming in her grandparents' house. She says Mrs. Deming was of medium size and wore a cap, but cannot recall her features, though she remembers some articles of furniture that were in her room.

There are three men by the name of Deming on the list of soldiers credited to Pittsfield in the war of the Revolution, but it has been impossible to locate their graves or to trace them as the sons of Mrs. Sarah Deming, who according to the inscription on her monument was "A mother of the Revolution."

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Eliza Phelps, care and board of John Wheeler. \$8.00
 R. Daniels, wood for C. H. Bennett. \$6.75
 C. S. Snow, supplies for C. H. Bennett. \$19.40
 S. Jones, wood for Mrs. Aikens. \$3.75
 Joel Pease, care John Wheeler. \$20.00
 D. H. Loring, clothing Allen boy. \$7.95
 Mrs. Daniel A. Camp, supplies and care of poor to April 1, 1893. \$309.05
 L. W. Combs, attending Snow family. \$24.43
 L. W. Combs, attending Bennett family. \$31.95
 H. E. Willow, medical attendance, Bennett family. \$135.00
 O. J. Shepardson, medical attendance, E. Allen. \$12.00
 E. B. Nims, hospital care, Hannah Coyle, Etta Bosquet, Hannah Aikens. \$90.07
 Catherine Fallon, care M. Fallon. \$26.00
 Edwin Lee, care fare, telegraphing and supplies. \$7.34
 C. W. French, making indenture. \$2.00
 Mrs. J. Williams, care Ralph Tucker. \$5.72
 William Geer, shoes for E. Sweeney. \$2.00
 Sagers & Parker, casket for Bennett child. \$10.00
 City of Springfield, care and burial William Childs. \$17.28
 Daniel A. Camp, board, E. Sweeney, Jane Allen, Ella Allen, Joseph Allen. \$110.00
 Edwin Lee, car fare for William Colburn to Albany. \$1.55
 J. H. Casey, clothing for Sweeney. \$4.15
 F. A. Lester, digging grave for Cora Bennett. \$3.50
 A. P. Ellsworth, care of peddler woman. \$30.00
 L. Frisbie, care 100 tramps. \$14.00
 M. J. Farnham, care of L. Bushee. \$42.86
 A. Stanley, cord of wood for lockup. \$3.00
 Anna Tobin, care of Alfred Allen. \$2.50
 A. H. Bidwell, boots for Sweeney. \$2.50
 Lester Frisbie, care of 80 tramps. \$11.20

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PIONEER COLORED PEOPLE OF BERKSHIRE

From *The Berkshire Hills*, September 1, 1900.

Among the first "colored folks" ever putting in an appearance in Central Berkshire was a sprightly eighteen year old ebon-hued girl, with beautiful white teeth and a queer brogue mixed in with her pronunciation of the English language, which bespoke her native-born African descent. At the time of her sudden appearance at the then considerable settlement on the west shore of Lake Onota, Massachusetts had but recently abolished slavery, though New York and others of the Middle States had not, though they were not long in following the example of a Commonwealth from first to last in our national history to take the first decided steps for freedom and the right in any emergency.

From Mrs. Caroline A. Tolman, Mrs. Gilbert West and Mrs. Lydia Parker of Pittsfield have been gleaned the following relative to this historic early colored settler, whose family and descendants, with the exception of a single unfortunate grandson, are no longer traceable. "Old Flora," as in the later years she was always called in Pittsfield, gave this as her early history: When, as she supposed, she was about eight years of age, with three or four other little black girls she was paddling her feet in the waters of the sea, as she thought on the shores of Africa. Suddenly a big ship came to anchor near the coast and a boat load of white men put out for shore. The children were so frightened at such strange creatures that they could not run back to their huts and people, and were seized and carried aboard the ship.

Her next remembrance was the landing of the captured colored people from the ship at the West Indies, where she was sold to a master. Here she was put to work in the sugar fields and at making molasses until she thought she was about sixteen years old. Then came more tall white men in a ship, to whom she was sold and taken to the United States, and sold again to a master somewhere in New York.

Her instincts always seemed to tell her of freedom and a better life farther on, which seemed to be located somewhere beyond the setting sun. She ran away one dark night and followed a bright light in the heavens which she afterwards recognized as the north star. Picking berries and occasionally securing food at some remote hovel, hiding by day and walking at night,

after a long and tedious journey she reached Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Skirting that then old town with sun and star alone to guide her, for many days and nights she pressed forward through the wilderness, ragged and penniless, footsore and famished, yet never for an instant doubting to find the goal which her instincts for many years had been restlessly urging her forward to attain.

Thus she reached the top of Lebanon mountain and first looked down into the great hill amphitheater in which Pittsfield is the centre-plate. It was on the old mountain road that a good Samaritan picked the poor waif up and gave her a ride as far as Onota Lake, where she was cared for by the Esquire Orrin Goodrich family and at once found work among the West Pittsfield and Center Pittsfield families, such as the Wests, Pomeroyes, etc. All through her life she fairly idolized Esquire Orrin and "Missah" Goodrich, his wife, as well as their daughters, to whom we are indebted for these facts, and well she might be, for not a great while after her arrival, her old master traced her hither and came on after the runaway.

But old Flora had so endeared herself to her new found friends that after her brave struggles for freedom they could not bear the thought of her being taken away by the slaveholder. Esquire Goodrich, though a staunch old Democrat arose to the emergency and paid her old master \$300 for Flora's freedom, which was quite a small fortune in those days, and for which generous deed he never asked any recompense, but was always fairly worshiped by the poor slave woman whom he had thus made free.

Old Flora finally married a mulatto by the name of Peter Foster and both worked for the Goodrich family for many years and their faithful service is still gratefully remembered by those of that family now living. The Esquire Orrin Goodrich farm was originally owned by Daniel Sackett and the wife of the former was Mehitable Sackett. The church, school house and residence of the father of the late Deacon James Francis stood near the Goodrich residence. The Goodrich mansion was afterwards removed to Tillotson's, where it was destroyed by fire. Old Flora's home was a wing of the Orrin Goodrich house, which

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR - GREAT BARRINGTON

FROM MARCH 1, 1891, TO MARCH 1, 1892
FULLY SUPPORTED

Persons Supported.	Amount.	Where Supported.	By Whom Supported.	Remarks.	Nationality.
John Hall,	\$ 52 33	Lee.	Eugene Richmond.	Died May 1891. Soldier.	American.
Wilber Ray,	101 70	Town.	W. P. Turner.	Died May 1891.	American.
Ellen Miller,	101 85	Town.	W. P. Turner.		American.
Thomas Murray,	102 50	Town.	Peter Royal & Mary Whalen.		Irish.
Bridget Dacey,	90 00	Town.	Mary Dacey.		Irish.
Michael Barry,	79 50	Town.	James Barry.		Irish.
Maria Wells,	187 00	Town.	Frances Newport.	Died. Cancer.	Colored.
Silas Day,	108 84	Town.	W. P. Turner.		American.
Mrs. John Fogarty,	88 00	Town.	Self.		Irish.
Arthur Brown,	102 65	Town.	McKinley.		Colored.
E. F. Thayer,	104 18	Town.	Town of Russell.		American.
Celia Churchill,	98 10	Town.	Sarah E. Ferris.		Colored.
Mary Nolan,	20 00	Town.	Friend.	Died 1891.	Irish.
Clora Jaque,	78 61	Town.	Mrs. Proe and Betsey Pixley.	Died.	American.
Susan Beardsley,	234 15	Town.	Mrs. Ushman.	An Invalid. Paralytic.	American.
Ida Winters,	167 60	School for Feeble Minded.	State.	Com'd by Court to State Reform-	American.
Eliza Bennett,	128 80	Town of Tewksbury.	W. P. Turner and State.	atory, transferred by S. C. to S.F.M.	American.
Kitty Day's infant,	56 00	Town.	John Buckley.	Kitty Day committed by Court to	American.
Mary Harmon,	61 00	Town.	Self.	State Reformatory.	American.
Henry A. Bristol,	71 00	Town.	E. Gorham and M. A. Bristol.		American.
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PARTIALLY SUPPORTED

Persons Supported.	Where Supported.	Amount.	By Whom Supported.	Remarks.	Nationality.
John Williams.	Town.	\$ 64 31	Self.	Died, '91. Widow & Children removed from State.	American.
Ambrose Higgins.	Town.	6 00	W. I. Walker.	Aided during sickness.	Ireland.
Mrs. W. H. Darbee.	Stockbridge.	58 00	Town of Stockbridge.	Widow & 4 Children, 2 to 8y. Need aid for a time.	American.
Henry Winters.	Town.	71 92	Self.	Will probably be in the list of fully supported soon.	American.
Mrs. Mary Dean.	Town.	24 07	Self.	Will probably be in the list of fully supported soon.	American.
Kirk Alexander.	Town.	5 85		Sunstroke. Settlement New Marlboro.	American.
Lucinda Day.	Stockbridge.	24 00	Town of Stockbridge.	Bill con'td, aid given Feb. & Mch. '90. Died, '90.	American.
John Crippen,	Town.	4 14	City of Springfield.	Since committed to Northampton Lunatic Hospital.	American.
William Dutcher.	Town.	10 00		Sickness.	American.
Mrs. Jones' infant,	Town.	16 00	Sarah E. Ferris.	Doctor's bill and burial expenses.	Colored.
Bert Decker.	Town.	5 00		Accidental injury.	American.
Ambrose Decker.	Town.	4 00	Family.	Part of Dr. Camp's bill, (sickness.)	American.
Mrs. J. Beckwith.	Town.	18 25	East Hampton.	Soldier's widow and child.	American.
Alice Lesco.	Town.	6 50	Self.	Settlement Town of Lee.	American.
Mrs. Maxwell.	Town.	2 50		Town.	American.
Mrs. M. Hayden.	Town.	9 15	Self.	Widow, and daughter's child. Settlement, Town.	Ireland.
Albert Decker.	Town.	10 00	Self.	Doctor's bill, sickness.	American.
John Melvill,	Town.	45 35	Hotel Miller.	Sickness, settlement State.	Scotland.
Mrs. Mary Son.	Town.	7 00	Self.	Removed from State.	American.
Mrs. T. Comstock.	Town.	3 18	Self.	Sickness. Town.	American.
Chas. Rathburn,	Town.	8 00	Self.	Doctor's bills.	American.
Ellen Hall,	Town.	7 90	Self.	Doctor's bills and aid, self and two children.	American.
Contingent ex.		56 73		Visits to Holyoke, Northampton, Tewksbury, expenses bring-	
		\$467 84		ing to Town 3 Paupers, \$55.42. \$1.30 due from last report.	

PREVIOUS YEAR

Persons Aided.	Amount.	By Whom Aided.	Remarks.	Nationality.
Overseers' Balance,	\$3 00	From last Report.		
Mrs. F. Son,	3 00	Overseers of Poor.		American.
Maria Wells,	18 94	W. Platt.		Colored.
Frank Grover,	11 50	Town of Pittsfield, (1891)		Colored.
Charles P. Thompson,	9 45	Town of Pittsfield, (1891)		Colored.
Mary Duffy,	69 00	City of Boston Hospital, (1890)		Irish.
Ambrose Decker,	20 00	Dr. Camp,	Died November 13, 1891,	American.
	\$134 95			

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249	276	Nelson Case	15	M		Mass.
		Sarah Case	12	F		Mass.
		Eugene Gigon	26	M	Laborer	France
		Mary Sage	61	F		Mass.
250	277	Henry Balch	48	M	Carpenter/Joiner	Conn.
		Martha A. Balch	44	F		Conn.
		Jane L. Balch	16	F		Mass.
		Cornelia A. Balch	9	F		Mass.
		Edwin H. Balch	3	M		Mass.
251	278	Orville Deming	50	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Clarissa Deming	50	F		Mass.
		Peter Clark	21	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Widow Lucy A. Deming	28	F		Mass.
		John W. Deming		M		Mass.
252	279	Widow Betsy Deming	72	F		Mass.
		Henry T. Deming	37	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah Deming	31	F		Mass.
		Thomas Deming	8	M		Mass.
		Estilla Deming	6	F		Mass.
		Orvisse? Whitcomb	22	M	Farmer	Vermont
253	280	Orlow Deming	35	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lucia Deming	32	F		Mass.
		Edmond Deming	5	M		Mass.
254	281	Chester Rice	83	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary Rice	66	F		Mass.
		Mary Murphy	12	F		Ireland
		Daniel Murphy	14	M		Ireland
255	282	Chester G. Rice	45	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Abigal Rice	52	F		Conn.
		Candice Rice	18	F		Mass.
		Edward Webster	12	M		Mass.
		Malissa King	22	F		Mass.
		Newton W. Rice	40	M	Mechanic	Mass.
		Ann E. Rice	28	F		Mass.
		Adelaid E. Rice	7	F		Mass.
		Charles Rice	5	M		Mass.
256	283	Lyman Oles	24	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lamyra Oles	20	F		Conn.
		Henrietta Oles	1	F		Mass.
257	284	Lester Thompson	54	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lucy Thompson	41	F		Mass.
		Clarissa N.? Chapin	13	F		Mass.
258	285	Myron L. Thompson	29	M		Mass.
		Harriett Thompson	29	F		N.Y.
259	286	Edward Smith	66	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary A. Smith	52	F		N.Y.
		Austin Kimberley		M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lorania Oles	19	F		N.Y.
260	287	William Strang	38	M	Farmer	N.Y.

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		Lucinda Strang	27	F		Mass.
		Ellen Strang	10	F		Mass.
261	288	Esmond Strang	6	M		N.Y.
		Abbey Strang	1	M		Mass.
		Timothy Elmore	63	M	Shoe Maker	Conn.
		Cynthia Elmore	58	F		Conn.
262	289	John Hubbard	85	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary Hubbard	76	F		Mass.
263	290	Wid. Lucinda Hubbard	53	F		Conn.
		Gilbert Hubbard	22	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lucinda A. Hubbard	14	F		Mass.
		Adelia A. Decker	24	F		N.Y.
264	291	John M. Oles	49	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sophia Oles	55	F		N.Y.
		Catharine C. Oles	11	F		Mass.
		Andes P. Oles	9	F		Mass.
265	292	Samuel Dealand	68	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lovisa Dealand	62	F		Mass.
		Bartlett Spencer	38	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Hariett Spencer	22	F		Mass.
266	293	Egbart Deland	28	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Maria Deland	25	F		N.Y.
		William P. Deland	4	M		Mass.
		George S. Deland	2	M		Mass.
		Deland	1	F		Mass.
267	294	Wid. Mary Wood	76	F	(Deaf)	Mass.
		William Wood	33	M	Shoe Maker	N.Y.
		Ella Wood	22	F		Mass.
		Julia Wood	3	F		Mass.
		Clarissa Wood	2	F		Mass.
268	295	Joseph H. Fuller	61	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sally Fuller	65	F		Mass.
		Madison Fuller	35	M	Mechanic	Mass.
		Franklin Fuller	24	M	Farmer	Mass.
269	296	William Bliss	41	M	Black Smith	Mass.
		Eliza Bliss	40	F		N.Y.
		Marlin H. Bliss	13	M		Mass.
		Sarah J. Bliss	15	F		Mass.
		Elizur W. Bliss	12	M		Mass.
		Julia E. Bliss	10	F		Mass.
		Henrietta L. Bliss	5	F		Mass.
270	297	Wid. Almyra Allen	57	F		Mass.
		Charles Allen	26	F	Farmer	Mass.
		Jane S. Allen	21	F		Mass.
		Franklin Allen	21	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Albert Allen	14	M		Mass.
271	298	Milo Stratton	58	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Calista Stratton	51	F		Mass.
		Edwin W. Stratton	30	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Augusta Stratton	18	F		Mass.
		David Stratton	11	M		Mass.
		Charles Stratton	7	M		Mass.
		Sarah P. Stratton	5	F		Mass.
272	299	Jonathan S. Fuller	29	M	Mechanic	Mass.

		Mary C. Fuller	28 F		N.Y.
		Mary F. Fuller	2 F		Mass.
273	300	Theadore Stratton	27 M		Mass.
		Charlott Stratton	26 F		Ohio
		Lewllyan Stratton	4 M		Mass.
		Wilber Stratton	20m M		Mass.
274	301	Lyman Deming	52 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Eunice Deming	53 F		Mass.
		George Deming	31 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Phildelia Deming	23 F		Mass.
		Austriann Deming	20 F		Mass.
275	302	Wid. Alma Merrills	76 F		Conn.
		Orvill Merrills	50 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Abigal Merrills	50 F		Mass.
		James H. Merrills	25 M	Pedlar	Mass.
		Mary C. Merrills	23 F		Mass.
		Samuel B. Merrills	20 M	Pedlar	Mass.
		Lucina Merrills	5 F		Mass.
		John Richardson	28 M	Farmer	Mass.
		William Richardson	18 M	Farmer	Mass.
276	303	George Stewart			
		or Henry	33 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah E. Stewart	27 F		Mass.
		Upson H. Stewart	22m M		Mass.
		Mortimer Stewart	21 M		Mass.
		Eunice Hubbard	68 F		Mass.
277	304	Charles Brown	32 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Fidelia Brown	26 F		Mass.
		Martin Brown	4 M		Mass.
		Marcus Brown	31m M		Mass.
		Milo Dean	32 M	Farmer	Penn.
		Lovina Smith	16 F		Mass.
278	305	John J. Stewart	26 M	Painter	Mass.
		Sarah S. Stewart	26 F		Mass.
		Sarah E. Stewart	56m F		Mass.
		Arthur G. Stewart	13m M		Mass.
279	306	James S. Stewart	24 M	Painter	Mass.
		Mary E. Stewart	22 F		Mass.
		Mary P. Stewart	4 F		Mass.
280	307	Gamaliel Dunham	75 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah Dunham	66 F		Conn.
		Emely L. Dunham	20 F		Mass.
281	308	Zina Downes	77 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Betsy Downes	73 F		Mass.
282	309	Andrew Downes	37 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Adeline Downs	35 F		Conn.
		Betsy A. Downes	10 F		Mass.
		Seldon Downes	8 M		Mass.
		Mary Downes	6 F		Mass.
		Corrydon Downes	2 M		Mass.
		Corral Downes	12 M		Mass.
283	310	William H. Hawley	28 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Charlotte I. Hawley	21 F		Mass.
284	311	Lorenzo D. Lovedland	37 M	Farmer	Mass.

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		Harriett A. Lovedland	24 F		Mass.
		Mary L. Lovedland	38m F		Mass.
285	312	Wid. Lydia Downes	79 F		Mass.
		Alonzo Downes	48 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Elizabeth Downes	40 F		Mass.
		Darwin Downes	20 M	Mechanic	Mass.
		Emma P. Downes	15 F		Mass.
		Joseph E. Downes	13 M		Mass.
		Mary A. Downes	9 F		Mass.
		Ellen Downes	2 F		Mass.
		Sarah E. Heath	16 F		Mass.
		Melinda Heath	12 F		Mass.
		Byron Downes	11 M		Mass.
286	313	John Spring	57 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Hannah Spring	43 F		Mass.
		John Spring, Jr.	19 M	Farmer	Mass.
		M. VanBuren Spring	17 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Alfred C. Spring	16 M	Farmer	Mass.
287	314	Erastus Adams	46 M		Mass.
		Harriett Adams	45 F		Mass.
		Hellen A. Adams	12 F		Mass.
		George C. Smith	8 M		Mass.
288	315	Lorenzo S. Elmore	40 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah Elmore	41 F		N.Y.
		Lucina Elmore	12 F		N.Y.
		Charles Elmore	10 M		Mass.
		Caroline Elmore	8 F		Mass.
		Lucinda Elmore	6 F		Mass.
		Lucy A. Elmore	56m F		Mass.
289	316	Joseph Fuller	80 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah Fuller	70 F		Conn.
290	317	Joseph S. Fuller	53 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah H. Fuller	44 F		Conn.
		Luther J. Fuller	19 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Patrick Murphey	17 M	Farmer	Ireland
291	318	Edward Ingham	33 M	Rake Maker	Conn.
		Clarinda Ingham	33 F		Mass.
292	319	John Hodges	33 M	Shoe Maker	Mass.
		Sarah Hodges	30 F		N.Y.
293	320	Milton B. Fay	29 M	Rake Maker	Mass.
		Martha Fay	28 F		Mass.
294	321	Benjamin Sexton	42 M	Shoe Maker	Mass.
		Betsy Sexton	40 F		Mass.
		Alsop Sexton	14 M		Mass.
		Mary Sexton	43m F		Mass.
295	322	Lorenzo C. Whitney	37 M	Rake Manufacturer	Mass.
		Celestia Whitney	37 F		Mass.
		Mariett Whitney	6 F		Mass.
		Emeline Whitney	4 F		Mass.
		Eleba? Whitney	2 F		Mass.
296	323	Emeline Crittenden	45 F		Mass.
		Georgeanna Crittenden	18 F		Mass.
297	324	Henry Wadsworth	34 M	Tanner	Conn.
		Julia Wadsworth	35 F		Conn.

	Giles Wadsworth	7 M		Conn.
	Hobart Wadsworth	5 M		Conn.
	Julia Wadsworth	58m F		Conn.
	Emma P. Wadsworth	7m F		Mass.
	Robert Ruthford	45 M	Courier	N.Y.
	Charles Fleming	32 M	Courier	Scotland
	Jeremiah Coffin	20 M	Courier	Ireland
	John Coffin	18 M	Courier	Ireland
298 325	Thomas Ingham	37 M	Rake Manufacturer	Conn.?
	Martha Ingham	37 F		Mass.
	Laura J. Ingham	13 F		Mass.
	Gerry N. Ingham	7 M		Mass.
	Fanny Ingham	58m F		Mass.
	Lucius Ingham	6m M		Mass.
	Porter Sears	21 M	Laborer	Mass.
299 326	Wid. Lucy Whitney	64 F		Mass.
	Edward A. Whitney	31 M	Mechanic	Mass.
	Elvira H. Whitney	25 F		Mass.
	Jane E. Whitney	7 F		Mass.
	Hiram E. Whitney	5 M		Mass.
	Wilbur L. Whitney	4 M		Mass.
	Mary A. Whitney	25m F		Mass.
300 327	Levi Pease	49 M	Black Smith	Mass.
	Caroline Pease	46 F		Conn.
	Emma Pease	8 F		Mass.
	Willard Oles	26 M	Mechanic	Mass.
	Hellen Oles	23 F		Mass.
301 328	Alva Pease	65 M	Shoemaker	Mass.
	Aurilla Pease	45 F		Mass.
	William C. Underwood	20 M	Mechanic	Mass.
	Henry H. Underwood	12 M		Mass.
	Henry Searls	26m M		Conn.
302 329	Rufus Barr	M	Shoemaker	
	Dorcas E. Barr	25 F		Maine
	Charles E. Barr	8 M		Mass.
	Henry S. Barr	7 M		Mass.
	George N. Barr	50m M		Mass.
	Frank E. Barr	15m M		Mass.
303 330	Henry Mellen	46 M	Physician	Mass.
	Charlotte Mellen	40 F		N.Y.
	Henry J. Mellen	18 M	Student	Mass.
	Charlotte C. Mellen	12 F		Mass.
	Mary F. Mellen	58m F		Mass.
	Ozias Webster	10 M		Mass.
304 331	Joseph L. Barlow	36 M	Baptist Clergyman	Conn.
	C. A. Barlow	43 F		Conn.
	Hellen Pulman	17 F		Conn.
305 332	E. A. Langdon	33 M	Merchant	Mass.
	J. G. Langdon	27 F		Mass.
	Julia E. Langdon	5 F		Mass.
	John A. Langdon	? M		Mass.
	Prudence L. Fowler	33 F		Mass.

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FROM MARCH 1, 1892 TO MARCH 1, 1893

FULLY SUPPORTED

Persons Supported.	Amount.	By Whom Supported.	Remarks.	Nationality.
Ellen Miller,	\$105 69	William P. Turner.		
Silas Day,	47 15	William P. Turner.		American.
Eliza Bennett,	112 77	William P. Turner.		American.
Mrs. David Thorp,	75 07	William P. Turner.		American.
Thomas Murray,	148 30	Mrs. Peter Royal & Mrs. Mary Whalen.	Died October 18, 1892.	American.
Bridget Dacy,	96 00	Mary Dacey.		Irish.
Michael Barry,	96 00	Ellen Brown,		Irish.
Margaret Fogarty,	96 00	Home.		Irish.
Arthur Brown,	115 35	Mrs. J. McKinley & Mrs. L. Wooster.		Irish.
Celia Churchill	64 45	Sarah E. Ferris.	Died May 18, 1892.	Colored.
E. F. Thayer,	114 23	Town of Russell,	Soldier,	Colored.
Susan Beardsley,	365 00	Mrs. Ushman,	Invalid.	American.
Ida Winters,	169 92	Mass. School for feeble-minded persons,		American.
Lillie Day,	71 00	John Buckley.	Now at the "Home for Little Wanderers" without further expense to the Town.	American.
Margaret Higgins,	88 00	Margaret Higgins.		Irish.
Henry Decker,	106 99	Mrs. Ransom Deering.	Mrs. Deering has adopted Henry Decker. He will be no further charge to the Town,	American.
	\$1,871 92			

PARTIALLY SUPPORTED

Persons Aided.	Amount.	By Whom Aided.	Remarks.	Nationality.
Margaret Hayden,	\$89 80	Feil & Potter,	2—herself and grand-daughter, 10 yrs.,	American.
Mrs. Alice Lesco and family,	27 00	Feil & Potter and R. H. McDonald & Co.,	Four children, 12 to 1 years,	American.
Mrs. W. H. Darbee and family,	124 23	Field & Potter and Webster Miller,	Widow and four children, 8 to 9 years,	American.
Henry Winters,	51 06	Overseers of Poor,	Four in family,	American.
Mary Dean,	51 12	Overseers of Poor,		American.
John Crippin,	84 00	Hospital, City of Springfield,		American.
Mary Harmon,	183 80	At her home,	One in family,	American.
Henry A. Bristol,	120 65	M. A. Bristol,		American.
James Gunn,	4 85	Home,		Colored.
John Dunn,	4 98	Dr. W. P. Small and G. W. Platt,		Irish.
Peter Royal,	21 00	Home,		Irish.
Mrs. Mary Morressy,	10 00	Patrick Kane,	Settlement, Sheffield,	Irish.
Sarah Wooster and child,	6 18	Dr. W. P. Small and G. W. Platt,		Colored.
W. Dutcher,	31 65	Dr. Small and Dr. Lane,		American.
G. S. Johnson,	2 85	H. J. Mignerey,	Settlement in Lee,	Colored.
M. Norton,	87 86	Overseers of Poor,		American.
Mrs. John W. Beckwith,	203 77	Town of Easthampton,	2—herself & daughter, soldier's widow,	American.
Mrs. Asa VanAllen,	19 00	Town of Lee,	Burial—died, 18	Colored.
Frances Gordon,	27 00	Orders E. B. Culver and S. Camp, M. D.,	Curial & medical aid, died April 28 '92,	American.
Frank Scott,	2 00	H. J. Mignerey,		American.
Emily Sharp,	9 00	H. J. Mignerey and E. E. Barnes,		Colored.
Mrs. Freeman,	3 00	H. J. Mignerey,		American.
Mrs. John Williams,	13 50	Dean & Allen, coal,		American.
Louise Surriner,	3 00	Hospital, City of Boston,		American.
John Mastin and wife,	20 47	Snyder & Race, and Feil & Potter,	Coal and provision,	American.
Julia Gleason,	63 99	Hospital, City of Springfield,		American.
Mrs. Wells Reynolds,	8 44	Burget & Lewis and E. Hollister,		American.
Charles Braze,	6 50	Dr. Race and C. J. Potter,	Settlement, Sheffield,	American.
Jules Jacco's family,	27 55	Expenses to State Alms house, Tewksbury,		French.
Minor Children of Wm. Dutcher,	15 00	Expense of transportation to "Home for Little Wanderers," Boston,		American.
William LaHommedieu,	12 00	Overseers of Poor,		American.
John Dillea,	40 00	E. B. Culver, expense of burial.	Murdered July 4, 1892,	Italian.
	\$1,224 75			

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306	333	Westley M. Langdon	25 M	Merchant	Mass.
		Ellen J. Langdon	18 F		Mass.
		Thomas J. Pollinger?	19 M	Laborer	N.Y.
307	334	George Hull	67 M	Merchant	Mass.
		Sarah Hull	64 F		Mass.

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was moved a short distance from the main structure by Mr. Goodrich and given to her. She had quite a family of children which good Peter Foster and Esquire Goodrich insisted should receive as good an education as the common school of that day afforded. While the two girls were named by the mother Flora and Rainey, the father chose the Bible names of Moses, Aaron & Joel, and one grandson was called Jeremiah. The old Sackett farm, after the death of Esquire Goodrich, passed into the hands of Levi Childs and Amos Chapman, and is now the property of Wirt M. Walker of Chicago.

It is said that one of the grandsons of Old Flora was caught out years ago in a terrible storm while returning from a drive, and both legs became frozen so badly that they had to be amputated. Thus made an object of charity through no fault of his own, and thrown upon the town of Pittsfield, in consequence, he is still kindly remembered by his grandmother's old friends whom she so faithfully cared for in their childhood. The husband of Flora and all her children were, light colored and it was a favorite remark of hers, "That she was no yaller body, but a clean mink direct from Africa."

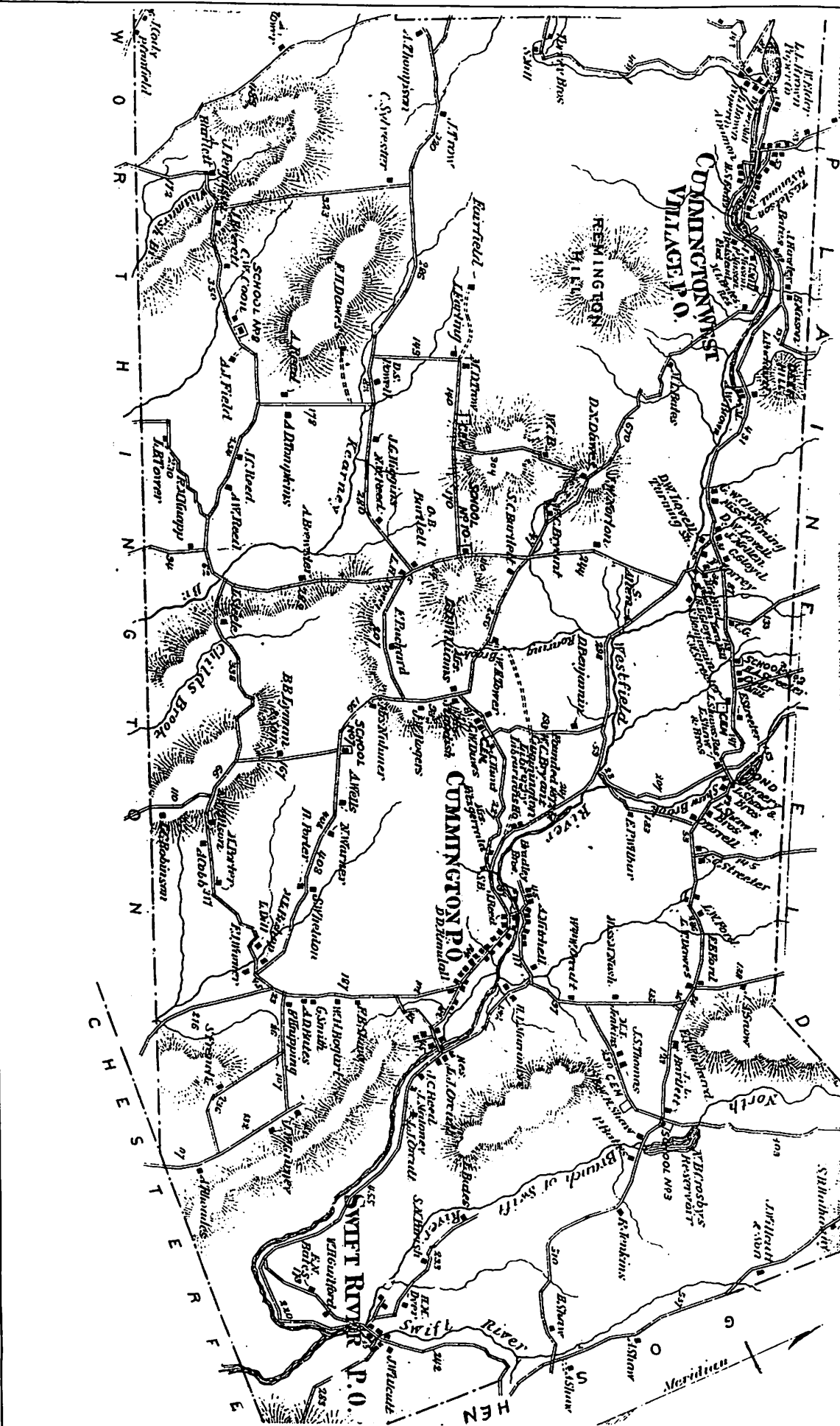
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	Charles Church	55 M	Laborer	Ireland
	Dennis McCarty	21 M	Laborer	Ireland
	Mary Glenn?	18 F		Ireland
	Fanny Walker	8 F		Mass.
	Sarah Hull	64 F		Conn.
308 335	Thomas G. M. Fisk	40 M	Teacher	Maine
	Mary J. Fisk	30 F		N.H.
	Celia A. Fisk	12 F		N.H.
	Marian A. Fisk	3 F		Mass.

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Allen, S.	C-5	Crosby, N. B.	C-9	Hawley, T.	B-2	Parish, S. N.	E-9	Stetson, T. G.	B-2
Bartlett, A.	F-1	Damon, A.	B-1	Higgins, J. G.	E-4	Pillson, E. W.	F-6	Streeter, C. C.	B-7
Bartlett, J. L.	C-8	Dawes, C. W.	D-6	Hunt, J.	D-6	Porter, A.	E-6	Streeter, C. W.	C-5
Bartlett, O. B.	E-4	Dawes, D. N.	C-4	Jenkins, M. I.	C-8	Porter, M.	F-6	Streeter, E.	B-5
Bartlett, S. C.	D-4	Dawes, F. H.	E-3	Jenkins, R.	C-9	Powell, D. S.	E-3	Streeter, H. A.	B-5
Bates, A. D.	E-8	Dawes, L. T.	C-7	Knapp, F. M.	F-4	Randall, D. D.	D-7	Sylvester, C.	E-1
Bates, F. N.	E-9	Dill, L.	F-7	Knipping, F.	E-8	Reed, A.	E-3	Thomas, J. S.	C-8
Bates, L.	D-9	Dyer, H. M.	E-10	Lovell, D. W.	B-4	Reed, A. W.	F-4	Thompson, A.	E-1
Bates, M. L.	C-3	Elder, H. S.	B-2		C-4	Reed, J. C.	D-8	Tompkins, A. D.	E-4
Bates, P.	C-8	Elder, W.	B-1	Lyman, B. B.	E-5		F-4	Torrey	D-1
Bates. H. I.	B-2	Everett, J.	F-2	Maloney, J. C.	E-8	Reed, J.	D-7	Tower, A.	F-1
Benjamin, D.	C-5	Fairfield	D-2	Maramore, H. L.	D-8	Reed, N. W.	E-4	Tower, L. B.	F-4
Benjamin, S.	C-5	Farling, I.	D-3	Mason, E.	B-3	Rhoades, A.	F-9	Tower, L. H.	E-5
Bird, Mrs.	C-5	Ferguson, J.	F-2	Mason, F.	B-2	Robinson, L. C.	F-6	Tower, W. E.	D-5
Bishop, M. L.	F-7	Field, A. J.	F-3	Mason, J.	B-2	Rogers, J. W.	E-6	Trow, J.	D-1
Bogart, W. H.	E-8	Fitzgerald, Mrs.	D-6	Mellen, J.	B-4	Shaw, A.	C-10	Trow, M. D.	D-3
Bradley	D-6	Ford, F. E.	C-7	Mitchell, A.	D-7		D-10	Vininal, R.	B-2
Brewster, A.	E-4		C-7	Nahmer, Mrs.	E-6	Shaw, B.	D-10	Vining, P.	B-4
Brown, A. W.	B-3	Ford. L. W.	B-7	Nash, M.	C-7	Shaw, F. B.	E-8	Wamer, F. J.	F-7
Brown, L. J.	B-1	French, S.	F-8	Norton, J. W.	C-4	Shaw, L.	B-6	Wamer, N.	E-6
Bryant, W. C.	D-4	Gloyd, C.	B-4	Orcutt, L. J.	D-8		C-6	Wells, A.	E-6
	D-6	Gloyd, N. L.	C-5		E-8	Shaw, W. H.	C-8	Wheldon, S.	E-7
Canfield, P.	F-1	Guilford, W. H.	E-9	Orcutt, William W.	C-7	Smith, G.	E-8	Wilbur, E. P.	C-6
Clark, G. W.	B-4	Gurney, J. W.	E-8	Packard, E. T.	C-8	Snow, J. A.	B-8	Willcutt, J.	B-9
Cobb, A.	F-7	Harlow, C. N.	B-1	Packard, F.	E-5	Standish, Mrs.	D-5	Willcutt, J.	E-10
Cody, J.	F-1	Hathaway, S. B.	B-9	Packard, L.	B-3	Steele, L.	F-5	Williams, L. D.	D-5

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A PLUCKY BERKSHIRE VILLAGE

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Treasurer V. A. Whitaker of the North Adams Savings Bank recently called to the editor's attention a very interesting document found by him among the papers of his father, E. D. Whitaker, who served the village for many years as acting Justice of the Peace. While this document shows that as far back as 1853 the agitation of the temperance question was a very lively issue in this locality, it also thoroughly demonstrates the law-abiding and respecting character of its citizenship, and most significantly illustrates the unity and purpose of action on the part of its leading men of that day which has always in village, town and city most thoroughly conducted to its prosperity and final growth from a little hamlet to the largest of the two Berkshire cities.

In conformity to a law of the state, on complaint of William E. Brayton, George Millard and James E. Marshall, two warrants were issued by Justice E. D. Whitaker, dated June 24 and 25, 1853, for the seizure of sundry casks of liquors lying in the freight depot of the Pittsfield and North Adams Railroad. These liquors were seized by Deputy Sheriff William Hodskins, duly advertised and destroyed by him at command of said Justice and in accordance with the law of the state. Individual owners of these liquors who were thus aggrieved threatened the Sheriff with an action at law for damages. To sustain the law and the action of its officers the thirty citizens whose names are given, signed an indemnity agreement to become responsible for the costs of such suits, if brought against this officer, and to pay such costs pro rata to a committee consisting of George Millard, William Martin and Isaac Holman.

These citizens were William E. Brayton, J. N. Chapin, S. Burlingame, I. Holman, E. D.

Whitaker, George A. Bradford, Lorenzo Rice, Thomas Robinson, H. L. Dawes, James E. Marshall, Elson Blakeslee, Harvey Arnold, Jeremiah Wilbur, H. P. Phillips, E. S. Hawkes, John Holden, J. D. Stewart, F. N. Waterbury, William H. Tyler, Seneca Pettee, A. B. Darling, Orson Wells, Albert Witherell, Edward Richmond, Alpheus Smith, William Hodskins, John F. Arnold, Bradford Harrison, Clement Harrison, J. H. Earl, James Hunter, N. B. Babbitt, Mason B. Green, S. F. Browning, Sylvander Johnson, E. R. Tinker, W. S. Blackinton, A. W. Richardson, Oliver Arnold, D. S. Tyler, J. Ingalls, R. H. Wells, Henry N. Wells, S. W. Brayton, H. L. Putney, A. P. Butler, William Martin, George Millard, Harvey Ingraham, Sanford Blackinton, S. N. Briggs, Charles Butler and John R. Blackinton.

These men thus boldly stepping up to the front comprised every professional, manufacturing and mercantile resident of the village and its then prominent agricultural residents. Of course no one losing the spirituous according to law felt aggrieved enough to go to law against the then plucky village and no suit was brought. It was these men and this unity which built up North Adams, and who have been singularly succeeded in 1900 by a generation of men cut out of the same pattern of cloth, and in whose hands invention has placed the grand weapons of modern growth and success. It may be interesting to learn that of the above "indemnity pledgers" there are but seven survivors, all but one of whom have arrived at advanced age: Jeremiah Wilbur, A. B. Darling and E. R. Tinker of North Adams, Henry L. Dawes of Pittsfield, James E. Marshall of Sandusky, Ohio, F. W. Waterbury of Saratoga, N.Y., and Henry N. Wells of Brooklyn, N.Y. ■

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309	336	Oliver B. King	46	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Celina King	44	F		Conn.
		Jane King	12	F		Mass.
		Jonathan S. Fuller	27	M	Mechanic	Mass.
		Mary C. Fuller	28	F		N.Y.
		Mary F. Fuller	2	F		Mass.
		Frances Heath	3			Mass.

(To be continued)

GUIDE TO INTERPRETATION OF THE 1855 MASSACHUSETTS CENSUS

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

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

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

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

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