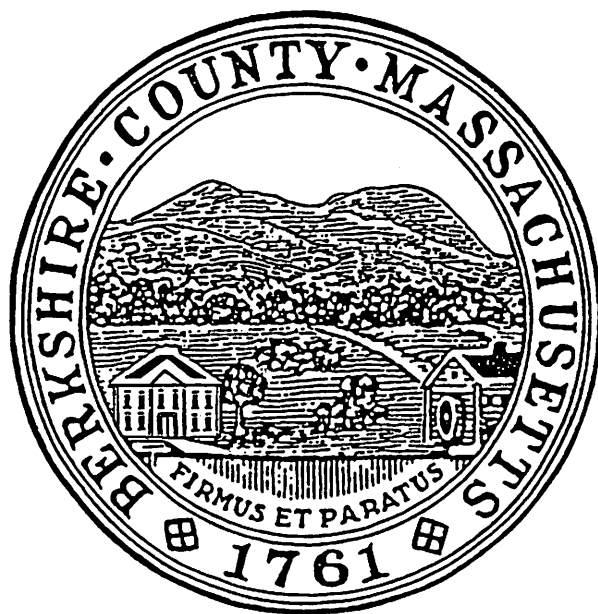


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CONCERNING CONFLICTS: 20th CENTURY MILITARY RESEARCH AT THE BERKSHIRE ATHENAEUM

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Twentieth century research projects often present problems, challenges and opportunities of a somewhat different nature than those we encounter while investigating the lives of earlier ancestors. Vital records often are not as easily available, fewer books have been published, and census records after 1940 have not been released. However, many standard genealogical research techniques can be applied to this area of research, and more modern sources can be used to flesh out the lives of our ancestors who served in the military. We can also investigate the activities of those who served on the home front, those who were involved in civic activities to support military efforts, and the activities of veteran's and charitable organizations both during and after periods of military conflict.

For instance, cemetery records and gravestones often include references to veteran status, launching the researcher on the quest for further details. Using the date of death of a military veteran, the researcher can search local newspapers on microfilm for an obituary, which often will contain mention of military service, honors, and memberships in veterans' organizations. Details obtained in this manner can lead to further investigation in federal, state or organization records. City directories may also prove useful. During WWII, when a person enlisted in the military, the Pittsfield city directories would list them as "U.S. Army [or Navy, etc.] bds [boards] ..." giving the local address of the individual. The directories of many other cities and towns also followed this practice. Using this source, the researcher can track patterns of family enlistments into different branches of the service, discover where the individual worked before enlistment and whether or not they returned to the same employment upon reentering civilian life. In these directories, one can also track wives, sisters and mothers as they left the home to join the work force and determine if they continued to work outside the home after the war was over.

The Athenaeum's collections include vertical files covering World Wars I & II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, civilian defense, the draft, home front activities, war work, war memorials, and files on serviceman and veterans. Information on support organizations such as the Red Cross is also available. During WWII a collection of clippings from the Berkshire Eagle covering military activities of Pittsfield residents was maintained by Athenaeum librarians. Covering the period 1939-1945, this collection includes articles reporting soldiers killed or missing in action, becoming prisoners of war, returning home to recuperate from injuries, receiving medals or other military awards, filling noteworthy positions in the service and returning to civilian life after military service. Several years ago the original clippings, which were deteriorating and beginning to crumble, were photocopied, indexed and arranged in alphabetical order to create easier access. This collection is stored in the Athenaeum's Vault and is available to researchers for on-site examination.

Other unique items and collections are also available at the Athenaeum. For instance, in 1947, the City of Pittsfield issued a small commemorative volume entitled "*Book of Memory dedicated to our Honored Dead, World War II*". Written by Athenaeum Librarian Robert G. Newman, this document was adopted by Pittsfield Mayor James Fallon as "the sentiments of the citizens of Pittsfield, Massachusetts." Beginning with a rather moving introductory page, the volume is primarily a memorial listing of all of the men and women from Pittsfield who gave their lives during the Second World War. Those whose ancestors or relatives might be included in this listing can view it at the Local History Department of the library. Others may wish to look for similar items, from WWII and other conflicts, in the cities or towns where their ancestors resided.

Additional unique items contained in the collection include: two scrapbooks of material documenting activities of the American Legion auxiliary in the 1930s; a *Scrapbook of [WWI] War Time Activities* compiled by Anna Dawes; a 6 volume set of *Pittsfield American Legion Scrapbooks* from the Charles E. Persip Post #68, and the Gravelle Collection of Pittsfield photographs from the late 1930s and 1940s which includes numerous photographs documenting local home front activities. The entire collection of 55 images is available for viewing at the Library.

A wide range of reference and circulating materials are available at the library for the pursuit of military history from the broad to the specific. General and pictorial histories on modern military history, as well as reference sources for determining how to locate specific types of military information, are available in the Local History, Reference and Circulating collections of the library. Specific regimental histories, primarily for World War I, can be used in the Local History Department. Other titles can be obtained through inter-library loan. Volumes such as *Report of the Commission on Massachusetts' Part in the World War, Vol. 1 – History and Vol. 2 – The Gold Star Record*, provide a detailed record of the contribution of our state and its people to the First World War. Microfilm copies of the *Berkshire Eagle* can be perused to obtain a general understanding of local reaction to any of the 20th century military conflicts, and bound copies of the *Pittsfield General Electric News* document both the company's involvement in defense work and employees' efforts in volunteer support efforts at home.

Numerous published volumes of local interest are also available, many of which are out-of-print and would be difficult to find elsewhere. For example, the *History of the 301st Ambulance Company, April 1917-June 1919* by Joseph H. Titus was published at Pittsfield in 1921. It documents the formation, by Berkshire County doctors, of the 301st Red Cross Evacuation Ambulance Company and its history of service in Europe during the First World War. Included in the volume are photographs of the company and a list of officers and enlisted men with their rank and hometown. The majority of company members were from Berkshire County, but names of enlistees from many other states also appear. Several small volumes of poetry composed by local residents Cornelius W. Maher and Edward B. Schweizer during their service in World War I were published in Pittsfield at the close of the war. Copies of these are housed in the Athenaeum Vault.

Documenting the involvement of specific localities in 20th century conflicts, the interested researcher can find such volumes as: *Dalton and the World War (WWI)*; *History of Hamden Men in the World War*, *History of Lawrence, Massachusetts, with War Records (WWI)*; *Columbia County [NY] in the World War (WWI)* and other similar works published by specific localities, especially after the first world war. Libraries in other cities and towns throughout the country should be consulted by researchers looking for this type of material to flesh out the military aspect of their family history. Comprehensive town and county histories should also be consulted, as they often contain chapters detailing local involvement in military conflicts and listings of local residents who participated. Additionally, many modern published genealogies include records of the military service of family members.

With the growth of modern technology and the World Wide Web, internet sites offer military information in diverse formats. One such site, offering photos and other information documenting the experiences of Berkshire County residents in 20th century military conflicts from World War I thru Desert Storm can be accessed at www.shoeboxphotos.net. On a broader level, the U.S. Military Index offered by the Latter-Day Saints on their site at www.familysearch.org, lists men and women who died in military service in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Other military records are also available on FamilySearch, which is a free site. Many other such sites can be found through Cyndi's List or other web-based finding aids. Some of those sites are free while others require a paid subscription.

A number of Federal microfilm collections relating to 20th century military history were transferred to the Athenaeum in 2011 when the branch of NARA at Pittsfield closed. Those records include:

Series M1916 – Headstone applications – US Military Veterans 1925-1941 [134 rolls]
 Series T1017 – Naval Training Station, Newport, 1883-1948 [1 roll]
 Series M 1749 – Soldiers home registers, 1866-1938 [282 rolls]
 Series M1963 – WW2 Draft Registration cards, (4th regiment) NH [19 rolls]
 Series M 1509 – WW1 Selective Service Draft Cards (NY and New England) [766 rolls]

Whatever your particular interest in U. S. military history and military records of the 20th century may be, be sure to pay the Athenaeum a visit to see what we have to offer!

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

"John Bate married Mary Ann Bass, after a long and tedious courtship."

"Reuben Bailey married Hildah Barritt after a courtship of one hour."

"Leander Burrington married Lurena Walker after a courtship of an hour and a half."

"Henry Cain, 84 married Mrs. Maxwell, 96. The sixth marriage of the bridegroom and the ninth of the bride."

"John Clark married Olive Jackson, daughter of the late Giles Jackson of Berkshire, Massachusetts and his 26th child. Out of this number 22 have been married and most of them have large families. The oldest daughter was married upwards of 52 years ago."

"Benjamin Dean married Thankful Robins after a courtship of about thirty minutes."

"Christopher Neun Hoeffler, 60, after a courtship of six hours, married the blooming Miss Betsey Marrs." ██████████

MEMBERSHIP ROLL OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NORTH ADAMS

From the church records. Dated before 1849, probably 1845. S=Single W=Widowed
* = Class Leader

Class 1

Seneca Pettee*
Lucy Pettee
Oliver Arnold
Johnson D. Stewart
Minerva A. Stewart
Lydia Brown
Charlotte Malory
Joshua Sprague
Betsey Sprague
Mary J. Cowden, s
Martha Cowden, s
Dorothy Burrington
Elizabeth Coonradt
Charles Howes
Mary A. Howes
Washington W. Ford
Isaac Smith
Lovilla Smith
Caroline Babcock
James H. Hills
Harriet L. Pettee, s
Malinda Adams, s
Louisa Adams, s
Hannah Derby
Peter Derby
Eliza N. McKnight, s
(Stearns)
Lucy O. Pettee, s
Robert L. Johnson
Alexander Baillee
Martha Keyes, s
W. Goodell
Maria Blanchard, s
Eliza M. Houghtaling, s
Lovisa Strickland, s
Elizabeth A. Ketchum, s
Jonathan Crapo
Maria Crapo
Betsy Barnard, s
Letty N. Norcross, s
Frederick Belter

Class 2

Orson Wells*
Zeruah Wells
Shubel A. Nash
Mary Ann Nash

Polly Younglove
Mary Ann Marsh
Samuel B. Sykes
Caroline Sykes
Ada Ann Brown, w
Harriet Rathbone
Fanny L. Amadon
Sarah E. Nash, s
Lydia Nelson
Alanson Dole
Harriet Dole
Harriet Welsh
Priscilla Carter, w
Betsey A. Sprague, s
John Hanley, s
Sybil Nash
Annis Dennison
Philander Amadon
Mahitable Amadon
Eliza Austin, s
Mary Chase, w
Mary Locke, w
Sarah Ann Ray
Mary Jane Wells, s
Lorana Hazen, w
Charles G. Lord
Juliet Lord, s
Louisa Gillman, s
Mary Ann Millard, s
Mary Mirick
Ruth Curtis
Nancy Porter
Abby S. Yates, s
Anthony W. Fletcher
Sally Fletcher
Ann L. Burdick, s
Phebe Earl
Susan Estes, s

Class 3

James Earl*
Philip Perry
Laruna Bliss
John Krigger
Nancy B. Krigger
Susanna Nash (d Nov. 6 '48)
Olive L. Sampson
Samira Derby

Sarah Kennedy, w
Chloe Southwick
John L. Stone (d July 7 '48)
Holliston Atwater
William T. Wildman, s
David Carey
Laura Ann Carey
Huldah Leland
Abigail Williams, w
Statira Johnson, w
Alvira Perry
Mary Ann Cooke, s

Class 4

Ralph D. Brown*
Phebe A. Brown
Harvey Arnold
Sarah A. Arnold
Seth N. Briggs
Sarah Briggs
Freelove Taylor
Amaryllis Colegrove
Almedia M. Brown
Sarah A. Isbell
Thomas Taylor
Lucy E. Taylor
Henry Coonradt
Martha Whipple
Elizabeth B. Pearson
Delany VanRansler, w
Cynthia A. Lamoin
Lucy Smith
Sarah E. Nash, s
Thompson Workman
Charlotte T. Adams
Eunice A. Darling
Laura A. Marsdale
Mary Freeman
Mary Willis, s
Mary Ann Groves
Horace L. Putney
Charlotte Putney
Ann Arnold, s

Class 5

George W. Bradford*
Charles Streeter
David Ives

Sarah Ives (d Mar. 17 '48)
 Albert Haskins
 Emeline Haskins
 William H. Estes
 Amelia Estes
 Lucinda Easton
 Polly Groves
 Maria Dilworth
 Lucy Arnum
 Henry Cokes
 Betsey Cokes
 Sarah Holden, w
 Hannah Hunter, w
 Hannah Cheesbro
 Sarah Cheesbro, w
 Lydia Cheesbro
 Maria Crandall
 Elizabeth Crandall
 Marietta Robbins
 Eliza Larabee
 Azuba Wilson (d June 15'48)
 Catherine VanderBogart, w
 Almira Jones
 Irene Murphy
 William Bennett
 Thomas Webb
 Maria Woodward, s
 Caroline Winchester
 Emily Irish, s
 Dorcas Welsh, w
 Harriet E. Walker, s
 Diana Viner, s
 Washington W. Ford
 Elvira P. Ives
 Diantha S. Robinson
 Sarah Jewett
 Patience Foskett
 Laruna Warner, w
 Edward E. Blinn
 Mary T. Bradford

Class 6

Andrew Arnold*
 Betsy Arnold
 J. W. P. Buck
 Betsy Buck
 Henry Williams
 Horace L. Putney
 Charlotte Putney
 Ann Arnold, s
 Emily Streeter
 Joseph H. Shumway
 Jane Bronson, s
 Anthony W. Fletcher

Sally Fletcher
 Ann Pike
 Patience Foskett, w
 Almira J. Cannon, w
 Almira A. Brown, s
 Caroline M. Dunham
 Levi Bradley
 Rowina Bradley
 Chloe Bradley
 Mary W. Bradley, s
 Susan Hewitt
 Sarah C. Temple
 Laruna Warner
 Peleg Bibbins, s
 Sally Bullard, w
 Nancy Bennett
 Electa Fowler, s
 Rebecca Fowler
 Ann L. Burdick
 Caroline Bibbins

Class 7

John R. Blackinton*
 Charlotte H. Blackinton
 William Ford
 Polly Ford (d Aug 15'48)
 George Sidebottom
 Sally Sidebottom
 Edwin F. Gray
 Laura Gray
 Edward S. Coope
 Olive E. Coope
 Elizabeth J. Coope
 William Blackinton
 Elisha Haskins
 Charlotte Haskins
 William Wilkinson
 Harriet E. Wilkinson
 James Chase
 Diantha Hill
 Henry Spears
 William A. Hopkins
 Arthur Skinner
 Evaline Skinner
 Alice Wood
 Silas W. Caldwell
 Rachel Caldwell
 Luther Walker
 Elisha Hopkins
 Eliza Hopkins
 John Neal, s
 Alfred Neal, s
 Hannah Brown, s

Class 8

Joseph N. Chapin*
 Harriet E. Chapin
 Electa E. Eager, s
 Asa Jones
 Sarah Ann VanderBogart, s
 Martha Capron, w
 Clarissa Hawks, s
 Louisa Lesure, s
 Henry Otis Stearns, s
 Samuel Dill, s
 Ann Maria Walker, s
 Hannah Jeanette Irish, s
 Hannah M. Russell
 Emily L. Baldwin, s
 Mary Ann Corbit, s
 Sarah S. Arnold, s
 Augustine N. Sprague, s
 Ransom Corbitt
 Lydia Corbitt
 Edwin J. Decker, s
 Mary Willis
 Loran A. Clover, s
 Chester Langworthy, s
 Louisa Brackett, s
 Mary A. Sykes, s
 Elizabeth VanderBogart, s
 Frances O. Goodrich, s
 Saul W. Williams
 Aurelia Blakeslee, s
 Elvira Whipple, s
 Alden Jewett
 James H. Earl
 Sarah Field, s
 Sarah Bromley, s
 Mary Earl, s
 Martha Grover
 Sarah M. Pike, s
 Martha Ann Grover, s

Class 9

Asa Jones*
 Philip Perry
 Mary E. Perry, s
 (d Jan 10 1849)
 Thomas L. Crandall
 Elizabeth Crandall
 Francis D. Brock
 Ruth Brock
 Susan Whitman
 Hannah Whitman, s
 Almedia Brown, s
 Maria E. Holdridge, s
 Miriam Adams, s
 Catherine Ingraham, s

Sarah E. Leland, s
 Charity Johnson
 Eliza Johnson, s
 Sarah Mickle, s
 Cleora T. Jones
 Sylvester Bogart, s
 Lucius A. Irish, s
 Ira Brock, s
 Sarah Ann Malory, s
 Lucy Ann Freeman, s

Cynthia N. Goold, s
 Elizabeth A. Whitman, s
 Amelia Blakeslee, s
 Elivia Whipple, s
 Norman H. Slade
 Charlotte Slade
 Cornelia Gibson, s
 Harvey Arnold
 Officers May 30, 1849
 Johnson D. Stewart

Oliver Arnold
 John R. Blackinton
 Shubel A. Nash
 Orson Wells

Local Preachers
 Orson Wells
 Ralph D. Brown

Rev. Z. Phillips, P.E.
 Rev. T. W. Pearson, Pastor

In Class #2 in list of 1849 were added: William Brown, "Marble Works"; Tabitha C. Brown, "Marble Works"; William Brown, s, "Marble Works."

Ralph & Phebe Brown were of State St. Also John R., Charlotte and William Blackinton of Blackinton.

In Class #1 Harvey & Sarah Arnold of Eagle St.; Oliver Arnold of Union St.; Andrew & Betsey Ann Arnold (married) of Eagle St.

On the 1854 list Ann Arnold is listed as single.

Ebenezer Alden - Among the early faithful members.

Hart Ives - A man plain in habit and dress after the manner of the Quakers.

Mother Johnson - A Saintly woman, mother of Sylvander Johnson.

Alanson Dole - A cobbler and saint in one - who gave all he had to the poor.

Father Nelson - Very Deaf.

Mother Nelson - Full of good work. Used to have family prayers and when through shouted "amen" in Father Nelson's ear. One day she forgot this and Father Nelson stayed on his knees until noon, when she quietly went up and said "Amen," whereupon he resumed work.

Father Harris Arnold - A Faithful member and worker. Always sat on the front seat near the minister with his eyes closed, but he was not asleep as a lusty "Amen" now and the would prove. He was opposed to a steeple and would never look up at it.

Giles Tinker - A loyal Methodist - a cotton manufacturer.

William Wilkinson - An Englishman; resided at Blackinton.

John R. Blackinton - Was for years the most active Methodist in Blackinton. His father was a Baptist deacon and his family was much disturbed when he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a class

leader and led the meetings in the hall over the store. Died 1866.

Father Orson Wells - Connected with the church from its earliest days. Was very enthusiastic. Would speak several times in social meetings if he had the chance. Was a local preacher. He was very generous. One year furnished the minister's butter for the year. It was in his grove where the good old camp meetings were held. At his home the circuit riders and ministers were entertained.

William W. Peirce. Born Sept. 15, 1812. Converted to God June 12, 1832 through the instrumentality of two sisters who enjoyed the blessing of entire sanctification. Licensed to preach Jan. 20, 1838. Began to travel on the Adams Circuit June 23, 1839 with Rev. Orin Piet, Dec. 15, 1839

James Millerd. Born March 20, 1775. Awakened through the instrumentality of Methodist preaching. Converted to God June 1794. My house was the Preaching Place in this section of County. The following are some of the early preachers: Robert Green, Lorenzo Dow, Samuel Merwin. (Aseneth and Rachel Millard contribute with him.)

Eli Clark. Born April 22, 1779. Awakened to see my lost and sinned condition by the preaching of Lorenzo Dow and others, who published a Free and Full Salvation. Obtained pardon through the blood of the Lamb in the year 1799 and joined the M.E. Church. My house has been a home for the Heralds of the Cross. And now while passing down the declivity of life I can say with Wesley, "The best of all Jesus is with me now." Prudentia Clark contributed with him.

In 1840, contributions were received from: Ada A. Evans, Celinda Sampson, Permelia Estes, Sarah & Lydia Cheesebro, Mary Younglove, Lucinda Kimball, Mousa Lesure, Caroline Bissell, Isaac B. Hathaway, David, Sarah & Orlindo Ives, Allen, Ruth & Otis Mason. ■■■■■

STATE CENSUS OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1855 WASHINGTON

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ADDENDUM

The following entry was omitted from our previous issue,
page 97, dwelling #30:

30	Dominick L. Bowdry	0-5	M		Mass.
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Date of Enumeration: 10 September 1855

12	1	Caroline G. Harwood	15-20	F W		Mass.
		Orange S. Harwood	10-15	M W		Ohio
		Emily J. Harwood	5-10	F W		Ohio
		Angeline Harwood	5-10	F W		Mass.
		Clarence M. Harwood	0-5	M W		Mass.
		Harriet M. Harwood	0-5	F W		Mass.
	2	Matildaloo Manley	70-80	F W		Mass.
		Fanny Manley	30-40	F W		Mass.
1	1	William Cross	60-70	M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Waity Ann Cross	50-60	F W		Conn.
		John G. Cross	50-60	M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Onslow D. Cross	20-30	M W	Sailor	Mass.
		Betsey S. Cross	20-30	F W		Mass.
		Henry E. Cross	10-15	M W		Mass.
		James Lesley	20-30	M W	Farmer	Canada
2	1	Lewis Crosier	20-30	M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary A. Crosier	20-30	F W		Mass.
		Lydia F. Crosier	5-10	F W		Mass.
		Mary L. Crosier	5-10	F W		Mass.
		Alice A. Crosier	0-5	F W		Mass.
		George L. Crosier	0-5	M W		Mass.
		Patrick Canedy	20-30	M W	Farmer	Ireland
3	1	John Geer	60-70	M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Louis Geer	50-60	F W		Mass.
		Williard F. Geer	15-20	M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah J. Geer	15-20	F W		Mass.
		Edward T. Geer	10-15	M W		Mass.
4	1	Lyman Johnson	40-50	M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Lucy S. Johnson	30-40	F W		Mass.
		Harriet C. Johnson	10-15	F W		Mass.
		Lucy J. Johnson	0-5	F W		Mass.
		Monro F--y	5-10	M W		Mass.
5	1	Charles Coats	50-60	M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Semantha Coats	30-40	F W		Mass.
		Charles W. Coats	10-15	M W		Mass.
		Helen S. Coats	10-15	F W		Mass.
		Lemira F. Coates	5-10	F W		Mass.
		Mary H. Coats	0-5	F W		Mass.
		Oliver C. Coats	0-5	M W		Mass.
		William Lehy?	20-30	M W	Laborer	N.Y.
6	1	Alvah Eames	50-60	M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Betsey Eames	50-60	F W		Mass.

		William O. Eames	30-40 M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Henry M. Eames	20-30 M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Harriet J. Eames	15-20 F W		Mass.
7	1	John Kent	50-60 M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Anna A. Kent	40-50 F W		Mass.
		Mary Ann Kent	20-30 F W		Mass.
		Emerson J. Kent	10-15 M W		Mass.
		Mary Kent	80-90 F W		Conn.
Date of Enumeration: 13 September 1855					
7	1	A. C. French	30-40 M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Nancy French	30-40 F W		Mass.
		A. P. French	10-15 M W		Mass.
		D. P. French	5-10 M W		Mass.
		R. M. French	5-10 M W		Mass.
		M. E. French	0-5 M W		Mass.
		Edgar Swan	20-30 M W	Labor	Mass.
8	1	Ransom Wright	20-30 M W	Labor	Mass.
		Nancy Wright	20-30 F W		Mass.
		D. R. Wright	0-5 M W		Mass.
9	1	Peter Ayres	30-40 M W	Labor	Canada
		Anna Ayres	30-40 F W		Mass.
		Mandy Bossey	10-15 F W		Mass.
		Edward Bossey	10-15 M W		Mass.
		Julia Bossey	5-10 F W		Mass.
		Deker Bossey	0-5 M W		Mass.
10	1	Eli T. Barnum	50-60 M W	Farmer	Mass.
		Lizabeth Barnum	50-60 F W		Mass.
		Milton Barnum	20-30 M W		Mass.
		A. R. Barnum	15-20 F W		Mass.
		H. L. Barnum	10-15 F W		Mass.
		Mary P. Barnum	10-15 F W		Mass.
		S. H. Chapel	5-10 M W		Mass.
		Ann S. Chapel	5-10 F W		Mass.
		E. A. Chapel	0-5 F W		Mass.
11	1	Nelson Barnum	40-50 M W	Laborer	Mass.
		H. E. Barnum	30-40 F W		Mass.
		Mary E. Barnum	15-20 F W		Mass.
		Paty A. Barnum	10-15 F W		Mass.
		James H. Barnum	10-15 M W		Mass.
12	1	Patrick Carty	40-50 M W	Coalyear	Ireland
		Bridget Carty	40-50 F W		Ireland
		Martin Carty	10-15 M W		Ireland
		Mary Carty	5-10 F W		Ireland
		Martin Carty	40-50 M W		Ireland
		Patrick Ford	20-30 M W		Ireland
		Patrick Conry	20-30 M W		Ireland
		Tomas Conall	20-30 M W	Coalyear	Ireland
		John Martin	20-30 M W	Coalyear	Ireland
		Tomas Branley	30-40 M W	Coalyear	Ireland
		Mary Branley	30-40 F W		Ireland
		Mikiel? Branley	5-10 M W		Mass.
Date of Enumeration: 14 September 1855					
1	1	Mitchel Wells	20-30 M		Mass.

2	1	Mary Wells	20-30	F		Canada
		Charles Nobles	60-70	M	Blacksmith	Conn.
		Maria Nobles	60-70	F		Conn.
		William Nobles	20-30	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Jere Nobles	20-30	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Eli Nobles	20-30	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Charles Nobles, Jr.	20-30	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Henry Nobles	15-20	M		Conn.
		Calvin Nobles	10-15	M		Conn.
		Edwin Nobles	10-15	M		Conn.
3	1	Lucy A. Nobles	15-20	F		Conn.
		Nathan A. Clark	30-40	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary A. Clark	30-40	F		Mass.
		Deborah Streeter	50-60	F		Mass.
		Fredrick Clark	0-5	M		Mass.
		Albert Betts	10-15	M		Mass.
4	1	Charles H. Clark	0-5	M		Mass.
		Jacob Jagger	20-30	M		Germany
		Elen Jagger	20-30	M		Germany
		James H. Nobles	20-30	M	Farmer	Conn.
5	1	Edmund Spencer	30-40	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Caroline E. Spencer	30-40	F		Mass.
		Martin E. Spencer	5-10	M		Mass.
		Patrick Leonard	20-30	M	Farmer	Ireland
		John Jagger	40-50	M	Farmer	Mass.
6	1	Bootley Leonard	20-30	M	Farmer	Germany
		Winnifort Lenard	20-30	F		Ireland
		Catharine Lenard	0-5	F		Mass.
7	1	Peter Bombush	20-30	M		Germany
		Mary A. Bombush	20-30	F		(blot)
		Sabahg? Bombush	0-5	F		Mass.
		Joseph Eisnner?	20-30	M		Germany
8	1	Thomas Penniman	50-60	M B	Farmer	Mass.
9	1	Patrick Rariden?	40-50	M	Farmer	Ireland
		Margaret Rariden?	30-40	F		Mass.
		Daniel Rariden?	10-15	M		Mass.
		John Rariden	10-15	M		Mass.
		U--- Rariden	5-10	M		Mass.
		Mary A. Rariden?	5-10	F		Mass.
10	1	Patrick Flanagan	40-50	M	Farmer	Ireland
		John Flanagan	60-70	M	Farmer	Ireland
		Ellen Flanigan	40-50	F		Ireland
		Mary Flanagan	60-70	F		Ireland
Date of Enumeration: 15 September 1855						
11	1	Abel Watkins	40-50	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Phoebe Watkins	40-50	F		Mass.
		Mary Watkins	15-20	F		Mass.
		Sarah D. Watkins	15-20	F		Mass.
		Lydia P. Watkins	10-15	F		Mass.
		Myou? L. Watkins	5-10	F		Mass.
		Charles Buck	15-20	M		Mass.
		Nelson Knickebocker	20-30	M		N.Y.?
12	1	Curtis Messenger	30-40	M	Farmer	Mass.

		Mary J. Messenger	30-40 F		N.Y.
		Charles? Messenger	10-15 M		Mass.
		Caroline L. Messenger	10-15 F		Mass.
		Harriet F. Messenger	10-15 F		Mass.
		Mayson C. Messenger	0-5 M		Mass.
2		Alonzo B. Messenger	30-40 M	Carpenter	Mass.
		Elizabeth Messenger	20-30 F		Conn.
		Kate Messenger	5-10 F		N.Y.
		Mary C. Messenger	5-10 F		N.Y.
		Joseph K.R. Messenger	10-15 M		N.Y.
		William H. Messenger	10-15 M		N.Y.
13	1	David A. Thorp	40-50 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Catherine A. Thorp	30-40 F		N.Y.
		Dayton Thorp	15-20 M	Farmer	N.Y.
14	1	Charles W. Sedgwick	30-40 M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Anna L. Sedgwick	20-30 F		Penn.
15	1	John Miles	30-40 M	Tanner?	Ireland
		Bridget Miles	30-40 F		Ireland
16	1	William Carrol	30-40 M	Farmer	Ireland
		Mary Carrol	30-40 F		Ireland
		Bridget Carrol	5-10 F		Mass.
		James Carrol	0-5 M		Mass.
		John Carrol	0-5 M		Mass.
		Edward Carrol	0-5 M		Mass.
		Fanny Carrol	0-5 F		Mass.
17	1	Michael Carney	30-40 M	Farmer	Ireland
		Ellen Carney	20-30 F		Ireland
		Eliza Carney	5-10 F		Mass.
		Mary Ellen Carney	0-5 F		Mass.
		Bridget Carney	0-5 F		Mass.
		Edward Schoolie	10-15 M		Ireland
18	1	Henry C. Congdon	30-40 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Harriet Congdon	30-40 F		Mass.
		Dallas P. Congdon	10-15 M		Mass.
		Betsey L. Congdon	5-10 F		Mass.
		Josephine Congdon	5-10 F		Mass.
		William H. Congdon	5-10 M		Mass.
		Maryetta Congdon	0-5 F		Mass.
19	1	Darius W. Dunham	40-50 M		Mass.
		Cynthia Dunham	40-50 F		Mass.
		Charles A. Dunham	20-30 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Isiah H. Dunham	15-20 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Melissa S. Dunham	15-20 F		Mass.
		Corinthia J. Dunham	15-20 F		Mass.
		Adelaide L. Dunham	10-15 F		Mass.
		Jasper T. Dunham	5-10 M		Mass.
		David Tobin	40-50 M	Farmer	Ireland
20	1	James Seargeants	70-80 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Alpheus Clark	60-70 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Elizabeth Clark	50-60 F		Mass.
		Edward H. Clark	20-30 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Patrick Clark	10-15 M	Farmer	Ireland
		Phebe J. Chapel	5-10 F		Mass.
		Mariah S. Clark	20-30 F		Mass.

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21	1	Michael Dooley	40-50	M	Farmer	Ireland
		Mary Dooley	40-50	F		Ireland
22	1	John Brown	30-40	M	Wood Chopper	Ireland
		Hanorah Brown	20-30	F		Ireland
		Mary J. Brown	0-5	F		Mass.
		Thomas Brown	60-70	M	Wood Chopper	Ireland
23	1	John Collins	60-70	M	Wood Chopper	Ireland
		John Falvey	50-60	M	Wood Chopper	Ireland
24	1	Milo Wing	30-40	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Martha Wing	20-30	F		Mass.
		Julian Wing	10-15	M		Mass.
		Eleanor J. Wing	5-10	F		Mass.
		A. W.? Lloyd	50-60	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Parthenia Lloyd	50-60	F		Mass.
		Paulina Lloyd	20-30	F		Mass.
		Mary W. Lloyd	10-15	F		Mass.
		Stedgius? Lloyd	15-20	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Louis Lloyd	10-15	M		Mass.
		Alice E. Lloyd	50-60	F		Mass.
25	1	Alson Bills	50-60	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Electa Bills	50-60	F		Mass.
		Nancy Babcock	70-80	F		Mass.
		Homer P. Barnard	10-15	M		Mass.
		Nathan Launt	20-30	M	Farmer	N.Y.
26	1	Noah Benson	60-70	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Tammy Benson	60-70	F		Mass.
		William H. Benson	15-20	M	Farmer	Mass.
27	1	Lyman Clark	30-40	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary A. Clark	30-40	F		Mass.
		Sarah Clark	15-20	F		Mass.
		Merrick Clark	10-15	M		Mass.
		Clinton Clark	5-10	M		Mass.
		Wesley Clark	0-5	M		Mass.
28	1	Thomas Seagars	60-70	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Ruth Seagars	50-60	F		N.Y.
		Milton H. Seagars	20-30	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Joseph Seagars	15-20	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Susan Seagars	10-15	F		Mass.
		Noah Lyman	30-40	M	Farmer	Mass.
29	1	William Swan	20-30	M I	Laborer	Canada
		Mary A. Swan	20-30	F	(Half-Breed)	Mass.
		Eliza Swan	0-5	F	(French-Indian)	Mass.
30	1	Thomas Ganley	30-40	M	Laborer (Pauper)	Ireland
		Mary Ganley	30-40	F	(Pauper)	Ireland
		Ellen Ganley	10-15	F	(Pauper)	Mass.
		Katherine Ganley	5-10	F	(Pauper)	Mass.
		James Ganley	5-10	M	(Pauper)	Mass.
		Thomas Ganley, Jr.	5-10	M	(Pauper)	Mass.
		Bridget Ganley	0-5	F	(Pauper)	Mass.
		Caroline Ganley	0-5	F	(Pauper)	Mass.
Date of Enumeration: 12 September 1855						
31	1	William Gross	60-70	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Waity Ann Gross	50-60	F		Conn.

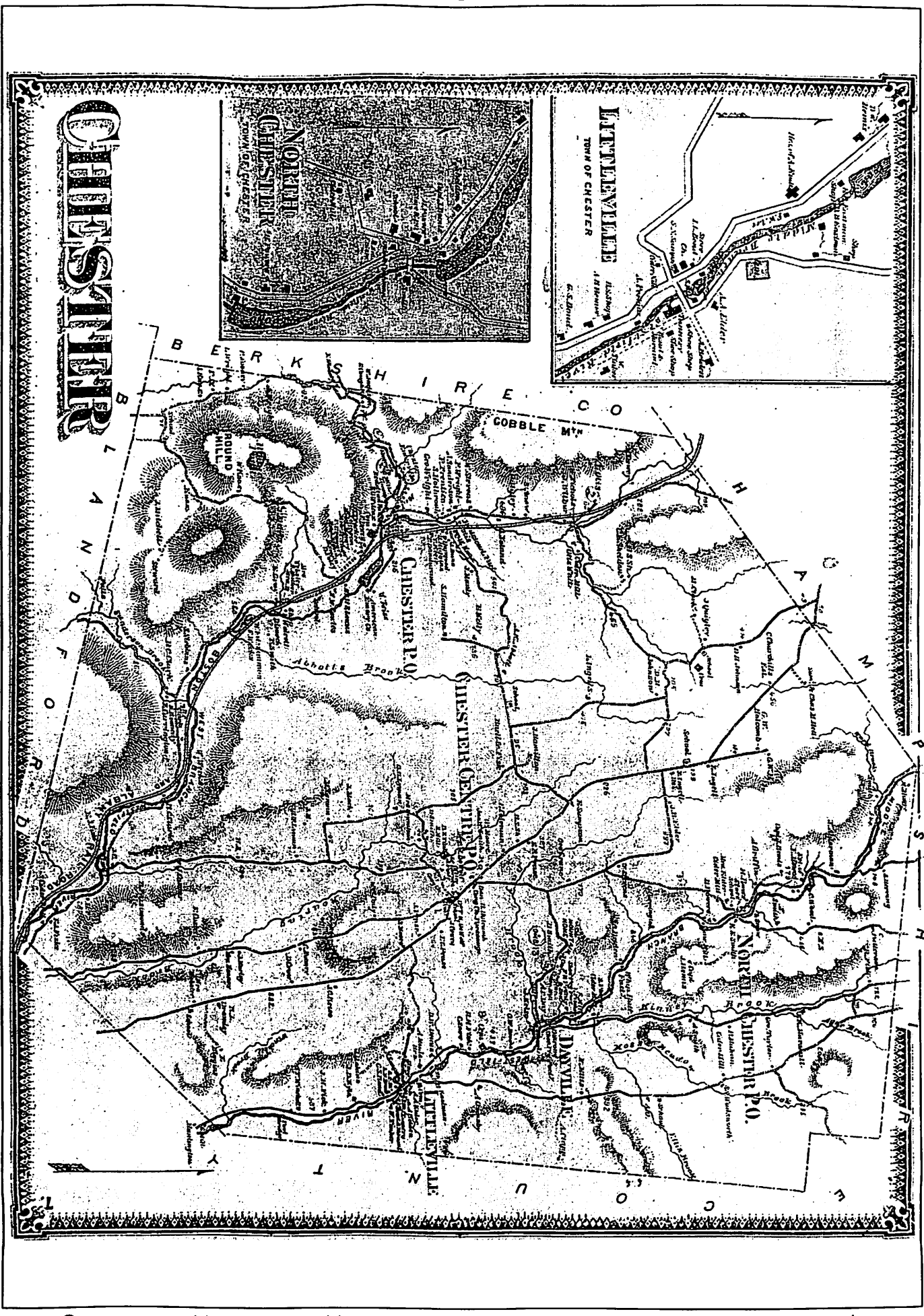
		John G. Gross	50-60 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Onslow D. Gross	20-30 M	Sailor	Mass.
		Betsey S. Gross	20-30 F		Mass.
		Henry E. Gross	10-15 M		Mass.
		James Lesley	20-30 M	Farmer	Canada
32	1	Lewis Crosier	20-30 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Mary A. Crosier	20-30 F		Mass.
		Lydia F. Crosier	5-10 F		Mass.
		Mary L. Crosier	5-10 F		Mass.
		Alice A. Crosier	0-5 F		Mass.
		George L. Crosier	0-5 M		Mass.
		Patrick Canedy	20-30 M	Farmer	Ireland
33	1	John Geer	60-70 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Louis Geer	50-60 F		Mass.
		Williard F. Geer	15-20 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah J. Geer	15-20 F		Mass.
		Edward T. Geer	10-15 M		Mass.
34	1	Lyman Johnson	40-50 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lucy S. Johnson	30-40 F		Mass.
		Harriet G. Johnson	10-15 F		Mass.
		Lucy J. Johnson	0-5 F		Mass.
		Monro Fry?	5-10 M		Mass.
35	1	Charles Coats	50-60 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Semantha Coats	30-40 F		Mass.

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MAP OF CHESTER [Hampden County] - 1870

Abbott, A. K.	D-5	Dandurand, T.	D-5	Higgins, E.	F-9	Moore, W.	D-7	Smith, E.	E-5
Alderman, J.	A-7	Day, A. P.	C-8	Higgins, H.	D-5	Nichols, H.	C-4	Smith, H.	C-8
Belden, A.	B-3	Dennis, D. W.	D-8	Holbrook, S.	D-4	Nooney, C.	E-8		E-5
	D-9	Dewey, F.	E-5	Holcomb, Dan B.	D-7	Nooney, Mrs.	F-8	Smith, J.	D-7
Belden, S.	C-8	Dewey, P.	C-4	Holcomb, G. W.	B-6	Nooney, P.	F-3	Smith, L. N.	D-3
Bell, Charles M.	A-6	Dewolf, T. H.	D-7	Howes E.	A-7	Ormsby, A.	D-9	Smith, S.	B-7
Bemis, A. B.	C-3	Dimock, A.	E-5	Ingell, Z.	B-6	Otis, L.	C-4	Snow, A.	E-5
Bemis, D. W.	A-1	Eastman, H. P.	A-2	Ingells, L.	C-6	Patterson, C.	A-8	Snow, C.	D-8
Bemis, J.	B-7	Eastman, H.	D-9	Jackson, W.	E-3	Pease, E. C.	D-8	Snow, L.	B-7
	B-8	Eastman, R. B.	A-2	Johnson, D. H.	B-5	Pease, E. R.	C-7	Snow, S.	D-4
	D-2	Elder, A. A.	B-3		C-6	Pease, J.	D-8	Stebbins, S.	F-5
Bond, G. S.	C-3	Elder, Mrs.	E-2	Joland, G.	D-5	Perkins, A.	C-3	Stevens, W.	C-7
Bond, I. L.	B-2	Ellis, N.	C-9	Keefe, T.	D-5	Phelps, S.	C-8		D-4
Bromley, R. L.	F-8	Fish, J. H.	E-9	Kelly, E.	D-5	Pitcher, L.	C-8	Steward	F-5
Brooks, G. W.	D-8	Fish, R. H.	D-8	Kelso, J. C.	E-8	Powers, H.	B-7	Strong, D.	C-8
Cady, W.	E-7	Fiske, E. J.	G-8	Kelso, J.	D-8		E-2	Taylor, George	B-8
Carrington, J.	C-8	Fitzsimmons, B.	F-7	Kennedy, B.	F-6	Powers, J.	D-3	Tinker, W.	C-3
Carrington, Z.	F-6	Fitzsimmons, H.	F-5	Kider, A. A.	D-9	Powers, M.	D-2		E-9
Casmar, J.	F-7	Foley, D.	E-5	Knox, C.	F-4	Prentice, P.	D-4	Twiss, W.	E-5
Churchill, C.	B-6	Gibson, J.	E-4	Kyle, J. D.	E-9	Prouty, N. R.	C-8	Wadsworth, S. S.	B-9
Clapp, A.	C-9	Gorrington, G.	C-7	Lyman, G.	D-7	Quigley, J.	B-5	Wait, Otis	C-5
Clark, M.	B-5	Granger, P.	E-5	Lyman, M.	E-7	Quigley, S.	D-4	Webster, Mrs.	E-5
Clark, R. C.	F-7	Granger, P.	E-5	Lyman, W.	E-7	Rand, G. S.	E-9		F-8
	F-6	Gray, E.	E-5	Mack, J.	E-7	Rude, A.	A-2	Weeks, F.	F-5
Coleman, E.	D-7	Griffin, A.	B-7	Mahan, P.	B-8		D-8	Wilbur, J.	C-4
Costelo, F.	F-8	Griffin, A.	D-1	Makins, J.	E-9	Sampson, E.	C-7	Wilcox, E. G.	E-4
Coughlin, E.	E-4	Hamilton, J.	C-6	Mann, A.	E-5	Sampson, S. N.	B-	Winchell, J. T.	E-9
Cowen, J.	D-8	Hamilton, S.	D-5	Marshall, J. K.	A-8	Sanderson, A.	D-4	Wolcott, N.	E-5
Cowles, N. W.	E-5	Hanly, J.	D-5	Mather, S.	E-5	Sheldon, C. E.	C-5	Wood, C.	A-7
Crane, George	C-7	Hapgood, O.	D-5	Melvin, J.	E-4	Sheldon, J.	D-2	Wright, F.	D-4
Crocker, J. C.	E-5	Harley, J.	F-8	Mitchell, J.	F-5	Smith, A.	B-8	Wright, George	D-4
Crow, D.	E-8	Herring, S.	A-7	Moore, S.	D-8	Smith, E. N.	B-8	Wright, L.	F-3

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OLD HOME WEEK CELEBRATION IN LANESBORO, JULY, 1902

From *The Berkshire Hills*, September 1, 1902.

**A Host of Memories of Pioneer Families,
Prominent and Eccentric Personages, Happen-
ings, Etc.**

PART ONE

For the first celebration of Old Home Week in Berkshire County, that in the ancient old town of Lanesboro was a brilliant success in the last week of July. It was eminently fitting too, that the honor of such an observance should fall to this pioneer settlement of the forefathers at the very southern slope and upon the immediate foothills of old Greylock, the peer of the Massachusetts mountains, and the most accessible of the highest eminence ranges in the United States, the greater altitude peaks in New Hampshire and North Carolina being too remote from populous centers and too costly for ascent to enable only but a favored few to glance out upon God's wild acres and wonderful natural beauties of mountain, valley, plain and river, and so inexpressibly grand from Berkshire's notable cloud capped, hoary headed summit.

Then too it was full of appropriateness that Lanesboro, whose wilderness acres join its sister township, Dalton, on the east, which contains the home of Gov. Winthrop Murray Crane, who gave his earnest influence to the passage, and put his signature to the legislative enactment, which institutes this grand observance in this Commonwealth, should have his honored presence at its festivities and have him claim for the old town the natal rights of boyhood school days as an adopted son in a town which was the first to give Berkshire a State Governor, as Dalton has been the second, both proving themselves not only born to the manor of these grand old hills, but true to every instinct for the right in public and private life and good government as ever embodied in their pioneer ancestry and peoples.

Home week at Lanesboro in July 1902 has proved so thorough a success in bringing to their native heath as far as possible its sons and daughters, in gathering their descendants down to a second and third generation into a

reminiscent band, and through the instrumentality of the banishment of distance by modern steam and electricity causing the people from one end of the county to the other to assemble in a public reunion that in the onward years home week festivities in a town or city shadowed by the hills and mountains of Berkshire will be a significant and popular annual event of the fall or summer solstice, while they stand a proud monument to the past and an exceeding glory to the present and future.

Church and family reunions, general public exercises, band concerts, and a clam barbecue and great dinner in the charming Talcott Grove, two miles northwestward from the lower village, were all enjoyable incidents of this old home week, the latter followed by a meeting of the Berkshire Historical Society, proving the intellectual feature of the home coming. In this grove there was an assemblage of nearly 1200 people, comprising natives, descendants and guests. At bugle call, after several hours of delightful social intercourse, the multitude gathered at the sumptuously spread tables loaded with the skillfully prepared condiments of the good housewives of the town, with lacteal and mocha beverages and pure cold spring water to aid their appetizing conveyance to the inner man, while band music in pleasing strains floated upwards into the dense foliage which shut out the burning sun from the festive board. To the south, the presiding genius of a huge clambake, through their active lieutenants, sent to the hundreds of the hungered capacious bags of savory roasted clams in shell, which with pounds on pounds of deliciously roasted fish, floated in rivulets of melted butter safe to anticipated havens of appetite.

The literary exercises of the day were announced by President A. B. Whipple of the Berkshire County Historical Society. Hon. Marshall Wilcox, for thirteen years a resident of Lanesboro, and where he studied law with George N. Briggs, and himself now the Nestor of the Berkshire bar, paid a fine trib-

ute to the grand men and women of the earlier days in the old town, then so famous for its intelligence, polished manners and beautiful women, and in closing related some very interesting reminiscent facts, much of which was lost by the signal failure of the officers of the day to preserve order. He was followed by Prof. John Bascom of Williams College, in which he pronounced an eloquent eulogy upon the revolutionary and military ardor and statesmanship of the Lanesboro fathers, and that sterling citizenship of past days which had given the old town undying fame down through over a century and a half of years since its first settlement.

The address of President Whipple was very interesting and had for its subject Henry Shaw, his family and his career. He described Dr. Samuel Shaw of Castleton, Vermont, a distinguished physician and the father of this subject, which father also served five years as representative to Congress, as did his talented son four years during his Lanesboro residence. A twig of a cottonwood tree used as a riding whip brought home to Castleton and stuck into the earth in his dooryard by Dr. Shaw 112 years ago, was now standing, whose huge trunk measured three feet in diameter. Henry Shaw was born in Castleton in 1790 and settled in Lanesboro before he was 25 years of age. He was tall in stature, well framed physically and weighed 250 pounds. After his college days he studied law with the late Judge Savage of New York as a fellow student. In one of their vacations, they drove a team tandem over the mountains to Lanesboro. Near the blacksmith's shop their carriage broke down. This was on a Saturday night and not far from the house where lived a well to do and aristocratic farmer named Wheeler. As the young men could not have their mishap repaired till Monday, he invited them to spend the night and the next day with him. They accepted his hospitable offer and found a welcome in an aristocratic family with colored servants and two very well educated and amiable daughters who subsequently became Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Savage, and when their father died, not long after, he left to each of his two sons-in-law, the convenient sum of \$50,000. As extended sketches of Henry Shaw and of Henry Wheeler Shaw, his son, or Josh Billings, had

been published in the two volumes of *Berkshire Hills* already issued, this noted Lanesboro family, as well as the history of Gov. George N. Briggs and Dr. William Hamilton Tyler, close friends of the distinguished congressman and bosom friend of Henry Clay, had been mostly put in print before the exercises of Old Home Week.

The remarks of W. H. Phillips, the editor of this monthly, were entirely in a reminiscent vein, having for their theme old Lanesboro as it was in 1830 and 1840, its historic families, its prominent men, its eccentric characters, and remembrances of boyhood days therein. These were listened to with great interest and by urgent request of the natives of the town present and many of the guests, they have been collated and with many other of the old town recollections, put in print. It is aimed to make this complete reminiscence a feature in all future home week celebrations by towns and cities in the county, and consequently the length of the sketch will necessitate its final finish in the next issue of *The Berkshire Hills*. [See Part 2 included in this article. Ed.]

Those guests who registered as natives in the Town Library and in Talcott's Grove were adorned with a button having upon it a picture of Balance Rock and the ribbon nativity colors of red and blue. Descendants of home families were also presented with similar buttons adorned with a blue ribbon. The following is a list of the native home-comers only, the number of descendants and attendants at the grove feast who joined them having been estimated as fully 1000 in number. Letters of regret were received from the aged native Lanesboro ladies, Phoebe Wilcox Cole, of Williamstown, Ann Eugenia Tyler of North Adams, and Julia Bagg of Syracuse, N.Y.

Natives in attendance were: Mrs. C. A. Bradley, Pittsfield; Mrs. Martha Wood, Worthington; Mr. and Mrs. George Hudson, Castleton, N.Y.; Rachel Garlick Palmer, Demorest N.J.; Rev. and Mrs. Love, Mrs. Abbie E. Walker, Wilbraham; Mrs. M. E. O'Brien, Pittsfield; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farnum, Cheshire; Arthur Sturgis and Manton Wood, Pittsfield; John Jackson Hubbell, Newark, N.J.; Mrs. Herbert Sturgis, Springfield; Elizabeth V. Adam, Cromwell, Conn.; Adam Madison, Plain-

field; Martha Sukey, Windsor; Josie Rienhart, Pittsfield; Mrs. M. F. Royce, Gloversville, N. Y.; S. S. Miner, Pittsfield; Mrs. W. H. Frear, Troy, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sprague, Enfield, Conn.; Mrs. John Mooney, Mrs. W. R. Dewey, Miss Alice Finimore, Miss Julia Smith, Mrs. Edward Dodge, Jason Newton, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wood, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wood, Miss Eva Miner, Miss Agnes Whitmire, Miss Anna Mooney, W. T. Mooney, John Mooney, and W. H. Phillips, Pittsfield; S. P. Butler, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Zucker, East Orange, N. J.; Josiah and Edward Royce, West Springfield; Mrs. Grace Gaylord, Stamford, Conn.; Mrs. Russell Griswold, Stamford, Conn.; Miss May Royce, Springfield; Cyrus Humphrey, Amherst; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wood, South Worthington; Rufus Scott, Brooklyn; Dr. W. H. Scott, Misses Susie, Fannie and Mary P. Scott, New York; Mrs. Ellen Ferguson, Springfield; Mrs. M. L. Briggs, Troy; Erwin Garlick, Williamstown; Mrs. H. U. Bradley, Thompsonville, Conn.; Miss Elizabeth Moorat, Liberia, Africa; J. A. Wood, North Adams; Ernest J. Newton, Lee; Miss Alice Bartlett, Springfield; Miss Daisy Wood, Dalton; Mrs. Andrew Hart and Miss Julia Hart, Dalton; Harry M. Wood and family, North Adams; Fred B. Harvey and Mrs. Fred Allen, Somerville; Warren L. Potter, North Adams.

Balance Rock, the emblem of old home week in Lanesboro, stands on a pasturage hillside above which stretch away for miles the serrated peaks of the Taconic range of mountains. It is quite near the southern boundary line of Lanesboro, to the northeast of Pontoosuc Lake and four miles from the Pittsfield park. It is located on the farm of Grove Hulburt, which was owned in 1830 by Socrates Squires of Lanesboro, and is not far removed from Constitution Hill and its time honored cave. Since the settlement of Berkshire County by the pale faces it has been a natural wonder of great mystery and curiosity to thousands on thousands from near and far, geologists, scientists, authors, poets, journalists and tourists, many of whom have never wearied in visiting it many times. Various and many descriptions from time to time have been given of it, it having been compared to a huge egg, a blacksmith's forge, and an elephant's back, while Indian and other tradi-

tions concerning it have multiplied as rapidly as the names which have been rudely carved by visitors upon its top and sides, as well as those of their wives, children and sweet-hearts, far beyond the period of a century.

It is a great white marble boulder browned into a deep barn color by the hoary breath of time and seared, riven and furrowed by winds, rains and tempests into sphinx-like age. Its weight in tons is way up in the thousands as weighed in the scales of mental vision, while it is thirty feet in length, fifteen in width and twenty feet in height at its summit. Whether this rocky monster was placed on its teetering shrine in the creation to keep its equipoise until the earthly cycles of years shall be completed, whether it was washed and ground out into its present shape by the great world floods which receding left it high and dry to tremble on a mere chip of stone and never to bite the sawdust; or whether it was born hither from afar like a marble ark on the ice waves of a glacial period, nobody knows, though many geological wise men have carefully looked it over and advanced a cloud of theories and suppositions which, if piled up on either end of it, would long ago have ignominiously pushed it from its wonderful poise.

What for all the later years was known as Baker's Tavern in North Lanesboro, and which a dozen years ago had become wrecked by storm, pilfering and decay to a degree that it had to be demolished, in the first forty years of the nineteenth century was the popular resort of the citizens of the cultured and aristocratic old town of Lanesboro and all the inhabitants of that region roundabout. In it was the prominent store, the post office, and within its then spacious ball-room, were held all the public meetings of that day and all the social, political and other gatherings. In the ball-room Mystic Lodge of Masons was constituted, which Dr. William H. Tyler presided over as Master for two years, or until its removal to Pittsfield. It was built by Ezra Hall, the father of Mrs. George Nixon Briggs, and clustered about it and on the finely cultivated farms in the northern portion of the town, were many notable pioneer families. It was the grand resort, when Uncle Ezra and Aunt Triphena presided over it, and to its magnificent old time dances the wealth, intelligence and

beauty of northern and central Berkshire often gathered from far and near. It was on this old ball-room floor that Dr. William H. Tyler and George Nixon Briggs caught sight of Silia and Harriet, the respective daughters of Lyman and Ezra Hall, and made their faithful and loving life partners these two cousins, then the acknowledged belles of northern and central Berkshire, and most accomplished in all those graces of mind and body which went to make still more attractive the charming old time girls of Lanesboro, of which there were many. This record has much more interest from the fact that neither of these gentlemen, whose grand lives and memories have always held a warm place in the recollections of old time Lanesborians, and have been handed down by them to their children, were neither of them devotees to the light fantastic toe, but though friendly to all innocent amusements, ever took a more serious and exalted place in social life.

Clustering around old Baker's Tavern in its immediate vicinage and on the rich acres extending northward to New Ashford, eastward to Cheshire, westward to New Lebanon, and southward towards the lower village, were the notable old families of the Williamses, Talcotts, Pratts, Scotts, Woods, Meads, Belchers, Halls, Edsons, Tylers, Royces, Newtons, Farnums, Humphreyvilles, Humphreys, Bradleys, Northrups, Shermans, Laselles, Shaws, Wheelers, Phillips, Griswolds, Durants, Wilcoxes, Hubbells, Washburns, Scarritts, Beers, Coons, Lanes, Spragues, Cornishes, Barnes, Curtis, Platts, Lincolns, Cashells, Baxters, Greens, Masons, Bakers, Weeds, Harrisons, Parkers, Stills, Linns, Nourses, Maranvilles, Carlyles, Brodies, Babbitts, etc.

From 1830 down through several decades of years, during which, Lanesboro was the veritable Lenox of northern Berkshire, the lower and present village became the center of its population, of its Christian worship and prominent residence. Within the village proper in 1832 and upon its rich and sunny outlying farms could be found the Shaws, Briggs, Tylers, Nourses, Weeds, Presbys, Baggs, Whitneys, Hubbells, Rubalees, Dows, Somers, Squires, Goodells, Smiths, Wilcoxes, Lewises, Seymours, Browns, Tillotsons, Harrisons, Owens, Powells, Lampheres, Barbers, Jenks, Bowermans, Pettibones,

Morans, Days, Gilberts, Macks, Newtons, Barkers, Curtiss, Brodies, Rockwells, Helms, Nortons, Bucks, Wheelers, Potters, Fullers, Washburns, Burlinghams, Filleys, Carpenters, Coles, Redways, Jordans, Goodenows, Bradfords, Sunderlins, Wheelers, Lowells, Givers, Garlicks, Weeds, Guns, Lincolns, Amblers, Towers, Butlers, Whipples, Tyrills, Comans, Werdens, Savages, Youngs, etc.

Familiar names of Lanesboro's prominent citizenship from 1800 to 1840 were those of Henry Shaw, Henry Wheeler, Luther Washburn, Gen. Lyman Hall, Gen. Jabez Hall, George N. Briggs, William H. Tyler, Socrates Squires, Stoddard Hubbell, Bushrod Buck, Josiah and Seymour Wilcox, William and Platt Talcott, Jedediah Newton, Aaron and Calvin Bagg, Asahel Sherman, Capt. Timothy and Richard Whitney, William and Asahel Bradley, Enoch Nourse, Jason Newton, Titus and Cornelius Wood, George Presby, Priest Samuel Benton Shaw, Harry W. Brown, Capt. Homer Rubalee, Capt. Nathaniel Williams, Major Sloan Powell, Henry P. Phillips, Dea. Daniel Day. Sherman Curtis, George and Charles Rockwell, William C. Plunkett, Parson Hiram Humphrey, Biall Platt, Dea. Joel Redway, Dea. Levi Bradford, Dr. Griswold, Parson John V. Ambler, Dr. Pratt, Justus Tower, Henry Savage, Bob Shaw, Henry Wheeler Shaw or Josh Billings, etc. The old time colored families who were widely known and some of whose descendants are now living in Pittsfield and Hinsdale were the Grants, Persips and Lloyds.

Of the singular and eccentric characters in Lanesboro in the earlier years of the last century was Billy Rubalee, a simple and harmless old chap, whose fondness for old cider had become such a mania that it took a full pitcher of that home-made distillation to secure a stroke of work from him as a day-laborer, and neither could he be prevailed upon to do a simple chore or run of an errand until he had sampled his favorite bitters. Besides he was fond of local gossip, but he put its retail to good account, and not until he had been tongue bathed with cider juice would he answer the calls of masculine curiosity for his latest local news.

Jimmie Mike, or James Moran, lived way up on the heights to the west of the lower

village and was in these earlier years the bugaboo of the children. He always appeared bareheaded on his frequent visits to the village, was never known to wear a hat or cap, and was understood by all young juveniles of a mischievous turn of mind to make entrance to his remote habitation only by way of its enormous chimney. He was a poor, harmless character, with his mind sadly out of joint, and would dance by the hour in Capt. Timothy Whitney's post office store for bits of candy and maple sugar, and would pounce upon a fig or a raisin cast upon the rough store floor with a wildcat leap. The old timers were fond of asking poor Jim Mike where his hat was, to which he would always reply "at hum." "Why don't you wear it," would then be asked, to which his stereotyped answer would always be, "hain't got any."

Other queer characters resident or visiting the town quite often were Crazy Sue Dunham, who would frequently pound away at midnight on an old brass door knocker, for some unknown reason attached to the metal door of a tomb in the lower cemetery; harmless old Sweet Billy Fellows, and old Nogard of Pittsfield, the latter a constant fisher for trout, through the sale of which to satisfy his monstrous hankering after floods of New England rum. Then there was old Barrows, whose reputed home was in the old cave on Constitution Hill, and the old negro, Titus Grant, whose life-long devotions to Bacchanalian brews ended with his finally being found frozen stiff and stark in a big snow bank, having been overtaken when in his cups in an old fashioned winter storm of unusual severity.

In these early years the great snow drifts in Lanesboro were gigantic as whirled into immense heaps by the wind sweeping in hurricane down through the long narrow valley, resembling a beautiful dream of nature in the summer and autumn and noted for its fertility both in field and meadow. It was no wonder that a Governor of Massachusetts under King George named the valley and its protecting hills after the beautiful Irish Countess of Lanesboro. In hard winters the entrance to the town from all points of the compass was through deep and narrow highway cuts, some of them one eighth of a mile in length. Often there was a monster

snow pile from forty to fifty feet in height on the west side of the highway opposite the Bagg place, a few rods south of the Baptist church, and covered with a harder crust for weeks and weeks than that of the now famous Mount Pelee.

The traditional or remembrance history of the Lanesboro churches is worth the attempt at revival, though necessarily it must be in some respects incomplete in detail. The Congregationalists, as in all the Berkshire towns, were the first in the field, and remained so until opposition to taxation by church and state, through the dissatisfaction of the pioneers of other faiths and other views of popular rights, wrought a welcome change. The old town house, standing on the hillside site of the present, was first used by the Congregationalists for religious worship. After the structure was burned and it had been rebuilt, it was similarly occupied. The present Congregational edifice was built in 1828, and the Baptist church a few years afterwards. The old Congregational pastors, as far as can be called to mind, were Rev. Daniel Collins, Rev. Mr. Sheldon, Rev. Henry B. Hooker, Rev. Mr. Cook, and Rev. Jacob Brace, a relative of Dr. John Todd of Pittsfield.

The land on which St. Luke's Episcopal church stands was willed the society by a staunch old farmer, Capt. Amos Laselle, who was childless, and whose main farm was on the old highway leading from Baker's Tavern to Hancock. The present church was built on the foundations of a former structure, in 1836, of native stone, and its adjacent cemetery contains the remains of many of the old time families of that faith, and they were both prominent and numerous. Its old time Rectors are remembered as Rev. Roger Vietts, Dr. Burhans, who married a daughter of the Edsons, but who afterwards removed to Newtown, Connecticut, where he subsequently became a Bishop; Rev. Mr. Purdy, Rev. Richard Clover, Rev. Samuel Benton Shaw, and perhaps Rev. Hiram Humphrey. It was an only son of Rector Shaw who was instantly killed on an independence day morning by the bursting of a cannon in front of the Presby store in the lower village, which sad event deeply stirred the sympathies of all the county for the afflicted parents. Young Shaw was the organist at St. Luke's, and the Sab-

bath previous to the fatality a tiny but beautiful bird fluttered into this church, and on the Sunday morning after his death it was found lifeless resting upon the organ keys. The late William Twining Filley of Lanesboro and Pittsfield, who wedded Martha Curtis, a sweet singer in this church, was once its organist. In the early days of his Lanesboro residence, Dr. William H. Tyler was the first leader of the choir at St. Luke's, of which the pioneer Hall family, into which he married, were prominent communicants, as were most of the notable families in the north part of the town in the first quarter of the past century.

While yet chorister of St. Luke's church Dr. W. H. Tyler through deep study or from some other unknown causes, became converted to the Baptist faith. Repairing to Troy in 1817 or thereabouts, he secured the appearance of a then noted Baptist clergyman, Rev. Dr. Baldwin of that city, who came on one Sunday to Lanesboro, where he was granted permission to preach in St. Luke's church, and at the close of his sermon repaired to a convenient spot on the west branch of the Housatonic river and baptised by immersion thirteen persons who formed the nucleus of the infant church of the Baptist denomination in the old town. Of these first thirteen members were Dr. Tyler and Silia Hall, his wife, Cecelia H. Tyler, the wife of Dr. Phillips, Maria Sunderlin, the wife of Dr. John L. Barker, Harriet Hall, the wife of Gov. George N. Briggs, Lydia Pettibone, Luther Washburn, Mrs. Aaron Bagg and Joel Redway and wife. The first pastor of this church was Elder Johnson, and following him Elder Augustus Beach, Rev. Wakeman Gold, Rev. Franklin Remington, Rev. Mr. Humstead, Elder Elnathan Sweet. The last old time pastor was Rev. John V. Ambler, who when a poor boy fitted for the ministry. He walked from Troy over the Hancock mountain to preach his trial sermon, was settled and was married, and was for years deeply respected and beloved. Losing his first wife by death, he married her sister, and finally removed to Philadelphia, where for many years he was connected with the American Tract Society, his widow for a long time having annually committed \$50 as a gift to the old Lanesboro church. The early deacons of this church were in turn Joel Redway, William H. Tyler and Levi Brad-

ford. Gov. Briggs and Dr. Tyler were very active in building the present Baptist church. Mr. Briggs, however, was never a member of the church of which his wife was one of the original promoters. Experiencing religion in early youth he joined the Baptist church in Manchester, Vt., from which he took letters to the First Baptist church in Pittsfield. But in hard work and interest he was thoroughly identified with this little town church, and it was said of Tyler and Briggs in old days that they kept Baptist minister taverns, for it was to these homes that both visiting clergy and laity betook themselves always, their hospitable doors always being thrown wide open to the stranger, the destitute and the hungry. It was a humble woman in one of these households, who tiring of the labor of this free, open entertainment, declared that she was willing to help feed the hundreds, but when it came to a full regiment, she was discouraged.

Among the prominent Episcopalian families of old time Lanesboro were the Bradleys, William Bradley being for more than sixty years one of its leading citizens. He was the grandfather of Maria L. Curtis, a daughter of Sheldon C. Curtis, a distinguished Connecticut lawyer, who removed to Lanesboro soon after 1813, a beautiful and accomplished young lady. Miss Curtis was educated in the Young Ladies Schools of Miss Hyde in Pittsfield and Mrs. Willard of Troy, graduating in the latter in 1835 and then returning to her Lanesboro home. In 1836 she married David L. Seymour, a prominent lawyer of Troy, who as a member of Congress from the Empire state for a long period of years and an associate of old time statesmen won national distinction. He died at the old homestead, their summer resort in Lanesboro, in 1867. Mrs. Seymour was confirmed in St. Luke's church in her nineteenth year and to her it was always endeared. After her husband's death she spent much time abroad, and in 1880, and several years before her death, passed her summers in the home on Linden street, Pittsfield, now occupied by her son-in-law, Titus E. Eddy of New York. Mrs. Eddy has presented a beautiful new chapel to St. Luke's church in memory of her mother, which is located in the lower village, is most convenient to the communicants in the lower town, and which was a welcome and most appropriate gift.

Platt Talcott was the founder of the first Boy's School in Lanesboro, which was located a short distance north of the lower village, and a host of the earlier Berkshire boys were educated there. The Talcott family was a notable one and this school was the gilt-edged institution of its character in the upper county. The second Boy's School was kept by Prof. Gilbert in the old Bagg homestead in the lower village, and in the basement of this house, which is still standing, Miss Betsey Smith kept the first children's select school in the town. She became afterwards the second wife of Lyman W. Hall of Ravenna, Ohio and St. Paul, Minnesota, who married two sisters. She sleeps in the beautiful rural cemetery in the latter city, beside her distinguished husband. The third Boy's School was conducted for many years by that talented teacher, Prof. Albert Tolman, whose distinguished after services to the cause of education in the high schools of Pittsfield will ever be gratefully remembered. In the Tolman School, which was the successor of that of Platt Talcott, a multitude of northern Berkshire young men were fitted for college and for business life, among whom was the present Governor of the Commonwealth. Besides this, many young men of that day attendant upon the Tolman School were from abroad and many of these, with the old county boys, have made a high mark in the professions and in other life pursuits.

The only Young Ladies School in the town was conducted in a building once standing just to the north of the Congregational church, by Miss L. F. Green, a daughter of Jimmie Green, the famous old time post rider of the Pittsfield Sun, and whose wife was a daughter of that celebrated Baptist divine, Rev. John Leland. It was Miss Green, his talented granddaughter and in her time a most accomplished and successful principal and teacher, who wrote the biography of her distinguished grandfather, which she published in 1845. A copy of the prospectus of Miss Green's day and boarding school is preserved, in which it is recommended to public patronage, all the higher and lower branches of English as well as the Greek, Latin and French languages being taught therein, by Henry Shaw, George N. Briggs and other prominents of the town. James Green, her father, was a great mathe-

matician, having no equal in the state. He calculated eclipses and published almanacs, but had not the talent for imparting his knowledge to others. He was called at one time to be a tutor in mathematics at Williams College, but failed to become a teacher of others and was forced to sustain himself by the humble occupation which he so faithfully followed through life, eccentrically carrying his shroud in his hat, lest he be waylaid and murdered in his journeyings through the northern wilderness portions of the county, in which he collected much money for his employers. From all memories which have been handed down traditionally or otherwise, it is certain that the Lanesboro Boys' Schools were the rivals of the old Lenox Academy, and Miss Green's Young Ladies School, and that of Miss Sedgwick's famous school in Lenox in the first half of the past century.

PART TWO

Although Henry Wheeler Shaw, alias "Josh Billings," the humorist, in a certain sense stands at the front as a newspaper writer and an author, with a national and world-wide reputation, the northern portion of Lanesboro has produced three other sons who to a greater or a lesser extent have made their mark as journalists in the years gone by. The first and eldest of these was Lyman Wolcott Hall, who was born in the old Hall tavern in 1808 of revolutionary ancestry, his father being John, a son of Gen. Lyman Hall, and his mother of the noted Wolcott family of Cheshire. When 18 years of age he went from the district schools of the old borough to Lenox Academy. In 1829 he commenced the study of law with George N. Briggs, living with his uncle, Dr. W. H. Tyler, but removing to Ravenna, Ohio, completed his law studies and was admitted to the bar in 1831. Not relishing law practice he drifted into editorial life. In 1836 he published the *Argus* at Cleveland, Ohio, and then successively the *Ohio Star*, *Western Reserve Cabinet* and *Portage County Democrat* at Ravenna in that state. After nearly fifty years in the editorial harness he removed to St. Paul, Minnesota. In Ohio he was the compatriot of Joshua Giddings and Benjamin F. Wade in the early anti-slavery movement, being a powerful and fearless abolitionist. He was a great factor in the organization of the Repub-

lican Party in Ohio, and as an editor and politician gave both Salmon P. Chase and John Sherman their initial start in national political life and helped them on to the attainment of the high honors and positions they afterwards attained. It was he who sought out James A. Garfield when a college teacher in humble circumstances and put him in nomination for state senator as a substitute for himself, and thus launched him upon his political, patriotic and presidential career. He was a man of great parts, loved his country with a brave and abiding love, choosing to be a tireless laborer in the editorial and political vineyard to give to it its best and truest men, rather than to elevate himself to that place and power which was constantly sought to be thrust upon him. At St. Paul he continued his editorial labors upon the St. Paul Daily Globe, conducted by his son, almost to his death, a grand and humble toiler to the very last. He died at St. Paul in 1897 at the ripe old age of 88 years and 10 months. To this Lanesboro editor, born within the immediate shadow of old Greylock mountain, who wielded a potent pen for the truth and right in the western state of his adoption for so many years, and whose personal influence bore more lasting and prolific fruit for his country's welfare and perpetuity than has that of so many who have won national repute and renown, his biographer said: "There are lives upon this earth which furnish the proof that there is a life beyond. Such a life was that of him whose dust lies before us today. You know his history and it would be putting an arrow here or there to describe it. It would be only an indication of how the crossroads run. But he was a patriot and his life was wonderful. Ready to see the light and faithful to the end he labored just as God allowed him to see right, and he had the old New England spirit within him. In the times that tried men's souls he performed a noble work. He did it, however, modestly, and unconsciously. All great men are modest. Putting aside tendered honors, he advanced other young heroes to places he himself might have occupied. We who knew him revered him. I, myself, rejoice in the friendship which he gave. Even the little children loved him, for he loved them, and they cried in their homes when they heard that he had passed away. He has

gone from us, but his influence will survive. Carry his body gently, for it is sacred dust which lies within this casket. He was a man who fought and won."

Second in this list of newspaper editors and publishers, and present at old home week, was Josiah K. Royce, now resident in Brooklyn, N.Y., who was born on ancestral acres at the south-western slope of old Greylock, fully seventy years ago, and who learned the printing trade of Charles Montague when owner of the Pittsfield Eagle. It was in 1851 with a fellow craftsman that he established a job office in Lee, to do the extensive paper mill printing in that busy town. Six years later he founded the Valley Gleaner, a prosperous weekly newspaper of which he remained the proprietor for 23 years. Returning to the old borough homestead he fitted up the premises for the entertainment of summer visitors, being the pioneer to inaugurate the opening of Lanesboro to the outside world as a place of charming summer and autumn resort.

The third editor in this connection, W. H. Phillips, the oldest of two living grandsons of Dr. W. H. Tyler, and his namesake, was born in 1830 in the Griswold House opposite the Dr. Pratt place and a few rods above the Rice homestead, and to the south of the historical old stone school house. His father, Dr. H. P. Phillips, removed to Adams when he was quite young, and he remained with his grandfather until he also removed to North Adams and long afterwards. Educated at Drury Academy, he learned the printer's trade at Northampton, and after perfecting himself in printing and telegraphy, entered Williams College in the class of 1855. Leaving the college before graduation he founded the Hoosac Valley News at North Adams in 1857, consolidated it in 1860 with the Adams Transcript and selling the plant in 1865. After founding a newspaper at Bridgeport, Conn. he returned to North Adams in 1868 and refounded the Hoosac Valley News, which in all was published under different ownership for 37 years. In 1869 he was city editor of the Worcester Evening Gazette, removing thence to New York, where he published the Singing People and was manager and private secretary for his cousin, Philip Phillips, the noted sacred singer for in all twelve years. He was the

editor and publisher of the Pittsfield Sun, succeeding the Allens, its founders, from 1872 to 1877, and of the Holyoke News from 1878 to 1880. While editor of the Sun he filled the office of State Senator one year. Previously he had held several other management positions at different times, and in such profession had traveled most of the states, provinces and territories. For nine years he served in high positions on the staffs of the Daily Globe and Pioneer Press at St. Paul, the two leading dailies of the northwest. Returning, he held reportorial territories for the Boston and New York Herald, the Springfield Republican, and was associated one season with the late H. M. Burt in the conduct of "Among the Clouds" on Mount Washington, New Hampshire, which paper the latter founded 25 years ago; and also commenced the publication of a Saturday paper in Pittsfield which was the foundation of the Sunday Call. In September 1900 he founded "The Berkshire Hills" a historic monthly devoted to the unwritten and traditional history of Berkshire County, whose second volume was completed August 1, 1902, and of which the Springfield Republican, in a late issue says: "The Berkshire Hills monthly publication by William H. Phillips of Pittsfield is a mine of personal recollections concerning the important and peculiar people of the mountain county. Perhaps in no other county in the state is the county spirit so strong as in Berkshire, and if Mr. Phillips' publication is not handsomely supported, then this spirit fails where it ought to be handsomely manifested."

Dr. William Hamilton Tyler was born in New Ashford in 1780 and was the only son of Samuel Page Tyler, the orderly sergeant of the militia who aroused the earlier settlers of Lanesboro, Cheshire and New Ashford in the night time and warned them to hasten to the Bennington battlefield. He worked on his father's farm until 18 years of age, taught school for awhile in Lanesboro and New Ashford, studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. Silas Hamilton in Saratoga County, N. Y., and completed his studies with those pioneer Lanesboro physicians, Dr. Joseph Jarvis and Dr. Asa Burbank. After graduating at Columbia Medical College in New York, he commenced practice in Lanesboro in 1815. He remained here in active ride for

34 years, when he joined his son-in-law Dr. Phillips, at North Adams, where he practiced and was called in counsel until 1856, when he was 80 years of age, and where he died at the age of 88 years and six months. He was a medical classmate of Dr. Delamater and Dr. March, two of the most distinguished physicians and surgeons of their day, and was himself most eminent in his profession. He was the intimate friend of Henry Shaw and his family physician, as also the benefactor of George N. Briggs in his early struggles for education, and a firm and valued friend always. He had an immense practice at home and in all the adjoining county towns, and in Columbia County, N. Y. In the height of his medical career he kept four horses which met him at different points, and the hours he spent at home were few and far between. Quite a number now living in Lanesboro and many native guests at old home week remember his professional ministrations in the olden time homes, and that as a faithful Christian he carried not only medicinal aid and skill to the bedsides of the suffering and the dying, but spiritual aid as well. In the height of his medical practice he was injured by the contact of his leg with the step of his high gig, to which was attached a favorite but restive horse. He neglected to care for this wound and himself until it culminated in a fever sore and necessitated amputation just below the knee. This operation was performed by the celebrated Dr. March, and one present at old home week was a spectator at the time. Before submitting to the surgeon's knife Dr. Tyler asked God, if it was His will, to spare his life as a man and physician for fifteen years, and not only his life, health and mental strength was given him for this period, but for many years besides. He was the first Worshipful Master of Mystic Lodge, which first met in Baker's Tavern, and which was afterwards removed to Pittsfield. Dr. Tyler and Dr. Burbank were the famous physicians of olden time Lanesboro, and they moved hand in hand in every good work and were thoroughly devoted to its peoples and its interests. Through the instrumentality of Dr. Tyler the Baptist Church was founded through a generous purse and great individual effort. Such was his zeal for this church that he served it as deacon, chorister and sexton, and when failing to secure preaching would

read and conduct service himself. His old English watch with which in his entire practice he noted the wrist pulsations of his patients, is still in the possession of his grandson, as are also the jewels, aprons and diplomas of his Masonic career, to which order he was deeply devoted. The old time physicians of Lanesboro as remembered are Dr. Joseph Jarvis, Dr. Asa Burbank, Dr. Erastus Cushing, Dr. W. H. Tyler, Dr. H. P. Phillips, Dr. E. Pierce, Dr. Palmer, Dr. Griswold and Dr. Pratt. Dr. Lansing J. Cole of Cheshire and Dr. John Leland Barker of Adams, the former a student of Dr. Tyler and the latter having wedded Miss Sunderlin of Lanesboro were well known there.

Hon. Henry Shaw, who died at Peekskill, N. Y. in 1857 at the age of 68, and a member of Congress from 1818 to 1822, his wife, and sons Henry Wheeler and wife, John and Clifford, are buried in the lower cemetery. Robert Temple, otherwise known as the irrepressible "Bob," was interred in New York state. The son Clifford deceased when quite young. Of the Shaw daughters, Sarah, the eldest, married David Addison Nobles, a cousin of Dr. Henry L. Sabin of Williamstown. Mr. Nobles afterwards became a prominent judge in Monroe County, Michigan. Betsey Jacobs was an old and valued servant in the Nobles family, and died there deeply mourned by it. She was one of a large colored family named Jacobs which once lived near Muddy Brook in Cheshire, all of whom, as far as is known, and their descendants, having been swept from the face of the earth by that dreaded disease, consumption.

Frances Shaw married Charles N. Emerson, a graduate of Williams College, his mother being a member of the old Buckley family of Williamstown, and who afterwards was a teacher of the classics in the Platt Talcott school. After becoming a lawyer, for the sake of his health, Mr. Emerson went south and for a number of years practiced law and taught the languages on a circuit, which was then a custom, similar to that pursued by Rev. John Leland and the Methodists in the preaching of the Gospel. However, his health still failing, he returned to Great Barrington, where he died quite suddenly with apoplexy, at an early age. Edward Emerson, his brother, married

Augusta Shaw. He was a lawyer of wealth and lived for several years on the Lanesboro homestead. Cornelia Shaw married a lawyer named Putnam; they resided for many years in Illinois and Indiana, where he died, after which she removed to Saratoga. Helen Shaw was unmarried and resided in Michigan. Blanche, the youngest, is the widow of Dr. Babcock, who was an eminent physician in Saratoga, and they were the parents of a son and daughter.

Zilpha Bradford Shaw, who in later years spent so many summers at "The Maplewood" in Pittsfield, and in the enjoyment of revisiting her native town and county, and who not many months ago was laid away to final rest in a \$600 steel coffin beside her husband, the noted "Josh Billings" in the lower cemetery. A few years before her death she presented the fine toned bell in the Baptist Church belfry in Lanesboro, in memory of her father, Deacon Levi Bradford, and which tolled out the number of her years as her body was borne on a wintry day back into the old town for burial. One of her two daughters became the wife of a prominent South American and but little is known of her history. The other wedded a prominent and wealthy Cuban, resident in New York City, who was present at her burial, she having been brought thither from Saratoga. Their son, the only grandson of Josh Billings, deceased while attending a public school in or near Boston. This bright little fellow was ever announcing his intention when he grew up, of purchasing either the farm of Hon. Henry Shaw or Dea. Levi Bradford, his notable Lanesboro grandfathers, who contributed so much in the olden time to the name and fame and highest interests of Lanesboro and Berkshire County.

Major Charles N. Emerson, the husband of Cornelia Shaw, after his return from the south was very active as a recruiting officer during the early days of the civil war in raising troops in Berkshire County. He afterwards was in charge of the 10th Mass. Internal Revenue District and was chief of a small army of assistant internal revenue assessors in Berkshire and Hampden Counties, and for a time resided in the present Waterman House on Broad street, Pittsfield. He was also the publisher of a valuable International Revenue Guide. An address delivered by him before the Berkshire Agricultural Society

is remembered, in which he eloquently described the blight of slavery as existing in the states of Carolina, which but for that curse would have been as fertile and beautiful as the acreage of old Berkshire. He was of distinguished and courteous bearing, tall and of elegant build. John M. Taylor, at present vice-president of one of the prominent Hartford Life Insurance Companies, and resident in Pittsfield during the civil war, was his son-in-law.

The old militia trainings in Lanesboro were mighty smart events, and besides it has come to light that the old town, way back had a fife and drum band that was as great a credit to the borough as its present cornet band, which furnished fine instrumental music for old home week, and did it up from its opening to its close like a charm, and entirely independent of outside aid. The first militia commander of which there is any record was Capt. Lyman Hall, a soldier of the French Canadian war, and also of the Revolution, whose commission as such was signed by Governor John Hancock. Other Old time militia officers were Captain Nathaniel (Matt) Williams, Captain Homer Rubalee, while Sloan Powell was drum-major by brevet. Gen. Jabez Hall of Lanesboro and Col. William Waterman of Williamstown were often present in uniform at these gatherings. There was once a general training which was held on Brennan Hill, which Hon. Martin I. Townsend of Troy remembers as a very grand affair when as a lad he was present over 70 years ago. Probably the last general training was held about 1835, which is remembered because the writer stood in mortal fear of a musket. Creeping up into a chair in front of a window of a dwelling opposite the old Whitney store, one of the militia men doubtless being aware of the lad's fear of his weapon, deliberately pointed the musket at him, when he fell over backward almost as lifeless in his fright as though he had been shot. To say nothing of the militia, old Lanesboro has a historic old war time history. It was here that Gen. Jabez Hall raised a company to go to Canada to fight the French in a fewer number of minutes than composed its rank and file, and it was out of the old borough that many a pioneer went out to fight the battles of the Revolution as well as fell into the ranks of the Berkshire minute

men at the call for armed resistance at Bunker Hill and Bennington. In this latter battle the first Berkshire man killed was John Whitney of Lanesboro. He stood close to Sergeant Samuel Page Tyler in the charge on the Tory breastworks and who saw him fall.

Lanesboro was originally settled 160 years ago by adventurous pioneers from Framingham, who built their homes on its hillsides, its valley then being a swamp. It was then bounded on the south by Indian Town or Stockbridge, and in all other directions by a wilderness. In 1747 these were joined by settlers from Connecticut, of whom was Josiah Wilcox, who cut a path for his ox-team from Pittsfield northward through the woods and built the first house in the valley. The first town meeting was held in 1761, at which time Rev. Daniel Collins, the first Congregational minister held three ministerial lots under the state law. In 1767 the Church of England established the first parish with Roger Vietts as rector, and holding its first meeting in the house of William Bradley.

The noted musician of the old town was Reuben Humphreyville, the blind violinist, who, with Billy Mead as second fiddle, who had but one eye, were famous all over northern and central Berkshire for their dance music, and no old time dance was considered complete without the presence of these worthies. Reuben was a master also in "calling off" and keeping his "sets" in order, and the services of the two were in constant demand for the many years in which Old Zip Coon, the Irish Washerwoman, Money Musk, Speed the Plough and the stately minuet were the favorite tunes. Daniel Hines was also an artist on the clarionet and Sloan Powell on the snare drum.

Lanesboro, in its early days, had three severe scares, in which its inhabitants thought the world had come to its end. The first was the celebrated dark day in the latter part of the seventeenth century. The second was the great Millerite excitement, when for a week its inhabitants were looking for the heavens to roll together like a scroll, and some of whom had in preparation for the event their spotless ascension robes. The third was an aurora borealis, a phenomena thought to be connected with the northern lights, when for several hours the sky appeared like an ocean of blood. On this occasion the earth was

covered with snow and this and every building, tree, fence, rock and bush, and even the clothing and flesh of man and brute kind were deeply tinged with deep redness from the reflecting sky.

The charming old hillside highway, dotted with ancient farmhouses fronting and centering rich and sunny acres running parallel with old Lanesboro main street, just at the foot of its sudden rise of western hills and stretching all the way from around Pontoosuc Lake to the upper Hancock road, has always been known as Silver Street. The application has been so appropriate to the locality that no one has ever thought of questioning the right of its applicability, while but a few old inhabitants, who have hugged their secret very closely down through the past to the present, have been aware how the name came into existence. Yet the name Silver Street came about when many home pastures were not so fertile in bushes and weeds as now. It took its name from the result of a bet that an old silver dollar placed in a pile of refuse would not be rescued by the nose of an old time miser having his hands tied behind him and who lived in that portion of the town. The miser won the bet for his backer, appropriated the dollar and the street was named for all time "Silver."

Somewhere about 1835, When George N. Briggs resided at the summit of the hill just to the east of the Congregational Church, his youngest son, afterwards Gen. Henry Shaw Briggs of civil war fame, began to show a penchant for the military life in which he afterwards was so conspicuous and patriotic a figure. Getting himself up in home-made uniform with red flannel epaulets and red striped pants and a chapeau made of sugar-loaf paper in which was a feathered plume, with a huge wooden sword he impressed a grandson of Dr. Tyler into service as the single member of his light infantry company, also making a uniform for him and a wooden gun. This one private company was faithfully drilled out under the trees in the Briggs apple orchard until the firing of a real gun by George P. Briggs sent the little soldier into a panic flight which ended up only until haven was reached in the home bedroom.

An old lady by the name of Mrs. Perigo had a little cabin up on the hills west of Silver street, and one noontime she invited

Dr. Tyler into dinner, he having driven up in his high gig in front of her domicile, dusty, tired and hungry, for the doctor was welcome everywhere where he was known and the people of that day were only too delighted to meet him and regale him with the best they had. The doctor's appetite had been whetted up to a fine taste by a very long ride, and he made a good meal off of some supposed fine spring lamb with accompanying vegetables, Mrs. Perigo being an excellent cook. "Excellent lamb, Madam Perigo," remarked he as he drew away from the table. "No lamb, about that, doctor," exclaimed the laughing woman, "it was a good fat clover fed wood-chuck."

The Talcott grove in which the crowning exercises of old home week were held, was originally the farm property of Henry Wheeler, the father-in-law of Hon. Henry Shaw and Judge Savage. This was purchased by William Talcott and has since been known as the Talcott farm, consisting of many acres of meadow, woodland, upland, and pasturage, lying along the western slopes of the Taconic mountains. In the first fifty years of the past century Henry Wheeler was the owner of many town farms, and was a man of much wealth to which he constantly added by lending money to the farmers of central and northern Berkshire at the legal rate of interest. In fact, he was through all these earlier years the Lanesboro Bank. He never was known to press a creditor for his sum total of indebtedness, provided the interest was promptly kept up.

Two mischievous urchins slyly roaming about in a school runaway finally ended up their truancy in 1836 by smashing in the two north windows of the old townhouse, causing great excitement and for which they were roundly punished. One of these urchins and a brother of the other were present at the grove meeting of old home week. It was a confession of the late George P. Briggs, the oldest son of the governor, that he carelessly fired the old town house when it was burned, by placing some paper in the ash hod when a small boy, and when the janitor of the building was looking elsewhere. That night the old structure was consumed. Not having the means to repair the damage, and fearing imprisonment, though he longed to confess his guilt, through fear he kept mum and his

silence proved to be his safety, for it was many years after before he dared to tell the story to his most intimate friends.

The Albany Argus of Feb. 21, 1850 quotes the Brooklyn Daily Star in announcing the most interesting historical fact that "the Baptist Church in Pittsfield, to which Gov. Briggs belongs is surmounted with a very large gilded cross - the first Calvinistic place of worship in America or the world to be thus ornamented. It is a matter of record the First Baptist Church in Pittsfield, which was dedicated Jan. 10, 1850, was originally 60 feet wide by 82 feet long and whose steeple was 166 feet high, at the suggestion of Gov. Briggs, who was one of its building committee, was surmounted with a large gilded cross, and that after this spire was partially overthrown by a gale in 1859, a belfry with a smaller cross was substituted for it.

The old country store in the upper village, and close to Baker's Tavern, was first kept by a man named Durant, and then by the father of Hon. W. B. Plunkett of Adams, who was succeeded by the father of Hon. Marshall Wilcox of Pittsfield. The post office was kept for many years in the tavern of Ezra Hall. The main country store in the lower village was kept by Capt. Timothy Whitney and his son Richard, who was the first Register of Deeds before that office was removed from the present town library building to Adams. George Presby kept a country store just above the hotel, and Sloan Powell, a little store in his house on the present site of the Methodist church, which was fronted by two gigantic poplar trees.

Split Rock, a second natural curiosity in Lanesboro, is also on the eastern line of the Taconic mountain hill slopes and but a few rods north of Balance Rock in the same hillside pasture. It is a great point of interest to tourists who love to go up to it and gaze upon the great battle scene between animate and inanimate nature which has silently been waged in this spot for upwards of a century. This sturdy beech tree, which seems as a mere twig too have first forced its way up from the earth into a rocky crevice, appears to have been slowly prying this monster boulder apart during the years to make room for its huge trunk and to spread its great branches in the glorious sunlight above and to have come off a powerful conqueror of the

contest of growth of substance against weight and inert force.

Henry Wheeler Shaw, or Josh Billings, born in 1818, and who died at Monterey, California in 1885, after a few months in Hamilton College took up the life of a boatman on the Ohio river as did Mark Twain on the Mississippi, afterwards becoming an auctioneer. The first humorous lecture of the first American humorist, Artemus Ward was on the "Babes in the Woods," of which subject he said practically nothing from its beginning to its end. The first lecture of Josh Billings was on "Milk," a full glass of which, while speaking, was placed on the desk or table in front of him, which he never tasted, and to which he made not the slightest allusion.

The old time shoemaker in the upper village was named Scarritt, and his son became a very prominent Baptist minister. An educated shoemaker in the lower village was named Guilford, whose daughter founded a noted Young Ladies School in Cleveland, Ohio. Another skillful wielder of the thread and awl in the lower village was one Goodenow who married a Miss Rockwell.

Asa Beers, a Quaker, for many years kept a tailor shop next door to Baker's tavern and his descendants reside in Cheshire. Josiah Rockwell lived near the lower village and his sons George and Charles were the fashionable tailors of the old town for many years. Charles was a famous local choir leader and singing master and quite frequently Col. Granville Weston of Dalton and Almon W. Mason held singing schools in the town.

Levi and A. Lincoln, for so many of the earlier years the celebrated carriage makers of Pownal Center, were born in the east part of Lanesboro. Their manufacture was of the highest order and they were rivals in their business in northern Berkshire and southern Vermont of Jason and Edwin Clapp of Pittsfield.

Dr. Asa Burbank and Dr. William H. Tyler first stocked Lanesboro Pond now Pontoosuc Lake, with pickerel. They obtained their small fry from a pond in western New York and cast it into the waters at the Point of Pines, the present site of the Pittsfield Boat Club buildings and grounds. The lake, which had previously teemed with trout, had begun to be barren of this fish. Since

that day the Burbank and Tyler pickerel have held the fort.

One of the old time beaus was very much disturbed because a young man followed his lady-love and her mother home from Canada where they had been on a visit. He, however, secured his peace of mind and a loving wife by offering the Canadian swain \$50 to clear out and go home, which proved a greater inducement than the hand of the young lady, whose name is well remembered.

When Hon. Martin I. Townsend kept the pupils at their lessons in the old stone school house in the north part, Calvin Hubbel and Demo Maranville had fallen into a temporary town dispute on account of some public pecuniary transactions. One morning a fingerboard sign was found set up near this school house, on which was lettered their marriage banns, as follows: "Calvin and Demo, two of the meanest men God ever made, will be married at Lebanon Springs, on a date hereafter to be mentioned."

The Barnes family was a prominent one in North Lanesboro, and built what has later been known as the Dr. Pratt house, opposite which is the old home of Dr. Phillips and now known as the Dr. Griswold house, who succeeded the latter when he removed from the town. The males of this family were Joseph, afterwards a judge, Aaron, Nahum and David Barnes. David was a graduate of Williams College, quite an old time beau and a great lover of snuff. Calling for a young lady to attend a ball he politely asked her, "are you ready prepared." It was in this house, a thunder shower having suddenly come up, that the mistress in her fright and seeking safety on her feather bed jumped in upon and smashed a costly mirror which she had placed upon it previously to be out of harm's way.

In the earlier years the young ladies of the town were very bashful about having the pastors publicly read their banns of intended marriage on three alternate Sundays from their pulpits. To avoid this it soon became the popular and fashionable caper to go over the mountain to Justice Bull at New Lebanon Springs and be wedded in a monster tree near Columbia Hall. The young men didn't object, as the fee was but a single dollar, and the marriage and honeymoon trip was quite economical, especially in times when fivers

and ten spots were not grown around on the bushes and only came to hand through arduous toil. Besides this Gretna Green was most handy where there happened to be parental objections to matrimonial contracts between the young people.

Justus Tower was a very prominent Lanesboro citizen previous to 1832 and was related by marriage to the Talcott family. In 1832 he removed to South Williamstown where he ran a starch factory and a store until 1842 when he removed back to his native town, kept a store and was engaged in several kinds of business in either of which there was a fortune had he pursued it solely. He engaged in the manufacture of wagon felloes and in the bending of wagon wheel rims had not an equal in the country. At this time there was but one other establishment of the character in the state, this being located at Amherst, but which could not hold a candle to the then celebrated Tower rims. Besides this, for fully 35 years he was engaged in buying up the finest old maple sugar orchards in the town, among them those of Daniel and William Bradley, sending great quantities of these maple logs to market to be sawed out into birdseye maple veneering of great richness and beauty, which was then valuable for woodwork ornamentation. Probably there was never a citizen of the old town so thoroughly energetic in its manufacturing, business, religious, political and social walks of life. He was a thoroughly good and honest man, was deeply attached to his town and county and most prominent in his day and generation. Really he was the only hustler in business the old town ever had in the middle of the last century, whose only misfortune was his having too many valuable irons in the business fire at one and the same time.

Harriet Humphreyville and Paulina Fish were the two olden time school teachers of the town who were in great demand also in Cheshire and Hancock, and who received the highest school marm wages.

Dr. Tyler kept the New Ashford and North Lanesboro district schools for a number of years, pursuing his medical studies evenings. The Dean boys of Adams and Cheshire among whom were Stoel E., Nelson and Alanson, were among his New Ashford pupils.

Horace Tower, a brother of Justus

Tower, originally built the lower village hotel. This hotel was first kept by Asahel Jordan for many years and afterwards by Justus Tower, and then by Harry W. Brown until the latter removed to North Adams.

Aunt Betty Cashell's husband deserted her in England and coming to America hid away in North Lanesboro. But Aunt Betty pluckily followed him across the water and traced him to his quiet retreat, when he exclaimed, "I'll forever give up trying to hide away from my old woman."

Governor Briggs studied law with Luther Washburn when his office was in the upper village. Washburn afterwards removed to the lower town where he was succeeded by Briggs, with whom Marshall Wilcox and W. T. Filley fitted for the bar.

John Youngs was a confirmed old bachelor and lived with Joshua and Curtis Tillotson. He was very prominent in town affairs and was for many years chairman of the selectmen.

A familiar character in the town in early days was named Garlick, and he was very much attached to old New England rum. When anyone asked for old Pill Garlick, as he was called, the reply would be at Baker's tavern hunting for bitters.

Brickmaking was a prosperous town industry in 1826, at which time the brick was burned for the construction of the Pontoosuc Woolen Mill, the output of a single day of this manufacture being 20,756.

Independence day was celebrated in the town in 1806, 1815, 1819, 1825, 1829, 1842 and 1851.

Mrs. Briggs spun and wove from the fleece of Berkshire merino sheep the first suit of clothes, and his best, which George N. Briggs wore to Washington after he was first elected to Congress. Mrs. Dr. Russell Griswold, now living at advanced age at Stamford, Conn., and present with her daughter, Mrs. Grace Gaylord of that city, at old home week, made a suit of finer cloth soon after, but ruined the same in the dye-kettle.

Otis Cole, who founded the old grist and flouring mill on Wahconah street, Pittsfield, formerly ran a grist mill in Lanesboro.

The name of Dr. William H. Tyler, its builder, is still found written in legible characters on the walls and beams of the old

Griswold house in the north part.

The Gunn family lived in the lower town and the old time boys for some reason always called Ben Gunn by the nickname of "Ben Bow." S. M. Gunn, a descendant of this family was present at the old home banquet although fully 94 years of age, and was as spry as a cricket at that.

Dr. Joseph Jarvis, the old town physician, was the great grandfather of George F. Bardin of Springfield, who was born in Dalton. Mr. Bardin will be remembered in Berkshire as for many years the selling agent for L. L. Brown & Co. of Adams and Byron Weston of Dalton, and is filling that position at present for the Parsons Paper Company of Holyoke.

One Washburn was for a long period the village blacksmith in the lower town, his shop being a favorite resort for all the farmers of the region. It was located near the present site of St. Luke's chapel and was always fronted with a forest of old wagons, old iron and waiting horses and oxen.

The prominent Lanesboro politician in furnace days was Andrew J. Lewis, a clerk in the furnace store in which Clerk of the Courts, Walter B. Smith of Pittsfield was bookkeeper and Grove Hulbert also had a position. Lewis was a red hot Democrat and during his career made himself very conspicuous in the county and in his party.

Asahel Sherman of Lanesboro married a sister of Capt. Clement Harrison, whose family lived near the old stone church in South Williamstown previous to Clement's purchase of the old Fort Massachusetts farm in North Adams.

The family represented by James, Aaron and Calvin Bagg were very prominent in the olden days, and a portion of the old Bagg mansion is still standing in the lower town.

Dancing had gone somewhat out of fashion in Lanesboro and was rather unpopular among the old folks, when Bob Shaw revived the amusement with the young people of the lower village by starting a dancing school in the Harry Brown tavern and taking with him his two little sisters.

Mrs. J. W. Newton, better known as "Aunt Maria," contributed a purse of \$125 to purchase the savory clams to feed the multitude at the Talcott grove banquet. Skinkle and Fish presided over the monster roast.

Constitution Hill is notable not only for being named in honor of the patriot politician, Jonathan Smith, but also for many years and at present being in possession of the lineal descendants of Rebecca Nourse, who was cruelly executed in ancient days at Salem, on the charge of witchcraft.

George N. Briggs, while a young lawyer, held the first temperance meeting in Berkshire County in the old Baker tavern.

In the olden days, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and Gen. Lafayette honored Pittsfield with their presence.

The lamented Pittsfield historian, J. E. A. Smith, commenced his Berkshire life as a resident of Lanesboro, where first he began to wield his charming and versatile pen, and to one of whose old families he was related by marriage.

A feature of old home week was the walking down from the grove to the lower village, and conveyance in a primitive hay wagon of quite a number of the descendants of Briggs, Talcott, Whipple, Hall and Tyler pioneers.

The distinguished family of North Lanesboro Scotts, now resident in Brooklyn and New York, were represented by Lawyer Rufus and Dr. W. H. Scott, both to the manor born.

There is a huge rock near the southern line of Lanesboro which is called the Octopus, or Devil Fish, from its strong resemblance to this frightful marine monster.

In the early years Dr. Enoch Pierce was a resident of Lanesboro, an eminent physician and horticulturist, who afterwards removed to Pittsfield. His son, David Pierce, is still living in Troy, N. Y. at an advanced age.

In the first quarter of the past century twenty persons from Lanesboro and Cheshire emigrated to Lowville, N. Y., where they founded a prosperous colony in the then wilderness, but none of these original settlers are now living.

Jim Mike, to whom previous allusion has been made in this sketch as an eccentric character, was somewhat idiotic, and besides was afflicted with the St. Vitus dance. He could only be controlled by a woman named Smith, a relative of the Abby Smith family. When becoming frantically wild at times she never failed to pacify him by feeding him on figs.

Rev. Daniel Berhans, at one time rector of St. Luke's Church, and afterwards a distinguished bishop in Connecticut, married Prudence Edson, the youngest daughter of one of the oldest families of the town.

Buckley Hutchins opened a store in Lanesboro in 1817, and the same year Ezra and Jabez Hall offered a storehouse for sale which was located near the Bethuel Baker place.

Some one once undertook to jolly Gov. Briggs because the spire on the Baptist church refused to obey the wind. "I'd have you understand," replied the Governor, "that the Baptists do not shift position with every doctrinal breeze."

It has been said that a young lady once refused to dance with Gov. Briggs in his younger days because he was the son of a blacksmith, but this has been emphatically denied. But it is true that a young lady once asked him to dance and he politely declined by saying "that the Baptists were not favorable to the amusement." Being pressed for his reasons, he said "that the first account given of a Baptist in the Bible stated that this individual lost his head in connection with a dancing party."

When after a year's study in the old brick academy in Adams, George N. Briggs, at the age of fifteen, entered the office of Luther Washburn in North Lanesboro to study law, he is said to have carried a Latin grammar in one hand and a copy of Blackstone in the other.

The opening of Lanesboro to the outer world a few months previous to old home week was an enterprising achievement of the Pittsfield Electric Railway and its splendid management. Since then it has been given a similar outlet to northern Berkshire by this company and is as fully in the swim of public travel as the longer favored cities and towns of the county. Beneficent results to its future development and population cannot be long forthcoming.

To recall the full history of the past would seem to be an inducement to every settled locality in Berkshire to hang out the latch-string for the observance of old home week.

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ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PITTSFIELD, MASS.
REGISTER OF REV. WILLIAM WILBERFORCE NEWTON
DECEMBER 19, 1883 - JANUARY 16, 1899

BAPTISMS

Location of baptism noted if other than St. Stephen's Church, Chapel or Oratory.

Jan. 13, 1884	Rosa Georgiana Tower (born July 20, 1870?) d/o E. C. and Elzina
Mar. 27, 1884	Joel Murray Tuller, an adult.
Apr. 12, 1884	Edward Jason Newton (born July 7, 1883), s/o Edward J. and Italia S.
	Mabel Arabella Weller (born Dec. 23, 1873), d/o Edgar M. and Sarah A.
	Florence Williams (born Nov. 15, 1876), d/o Nath. C. and Eliz. M.
	Charles Henry Williams (born Jan. 29, 1884), s/o Nath. C. and Eliz. M.
	Philip Milton Learned (born Oct. 16, 1883), s/o T. H. and Mary Alice
	Mabel Crittenden (born Oct. 23, 1873), d/o Charles and Jane
Aug. 3, 1884	Lea Amelia Evans (age one month), d/o Jas. and Amelia, at Lake House, Onota St., Pittsfield, Mass.
Aug. 10, 1884	Mary Elizabeth Evans (born Oct. 17, 1878?), d/o Jas. and Amelia
	Clara Matilda Evans (born Nov. 4, 1879), d/o Jas. and Amelia
Aug. 31, 1884	Alice Macy (born Aug. 26, 1868), d/o George N. Macy and Mary Hayden Talcott
	Mary Macy (born July 14, 1871), d/o George N. Macy and Mary Hayden Talcott
Sept. 11, 1884	Mary Bevan Cooke (born May 20, 1884), d/o Jas. N. and Josephine Johnes, at Lion's Head, Narragansett Pier
Sept. 21, 1884	Frances Goldthwait Colt (born Oct. 15, 1883), d/o William F. and Alice Orne
	Valdie May Couch (born May 16, 1882), d/o Vernah and Edith Stewart
	Francis Joseph Simmons (born May 25, 1880), s/o Eugene Albert and Ella Jane
	Ralph Eugene Simmons (born May 30, 1884), s/o Eugene Albert and Ella Jane
	Eugene Albert Simmons, an adult, s/o Francis Henry and Mary Mabel
	Ella Jane (Markham) Simmons, an adult, d/o Joseph J. Markham and Sophia C. Clark
Sept. 30, 1884	Anna Ridgway Milton, an adult, d/o Daniel Leeds and Anna Ridgway, at the residence of William F.

- Milton, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Jan. 29, 1885 Elisabeth Allen Root (born Nov. 26, 1884), d/o John Allen and Jennet, at 8 Church St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Apr. 4, 1885 Grace Estelle Turney (born May 9, 1874), d/o John W. and Mary E.
Arthur Everett Holmes (born Oct. 5, 1880), s/o Edwin T. and Elizabe B.
Elizabeth Mary Robertson (born Feb. 24, 1875), d/o David and Mary
Mary Eliza Robertson, an adult
Mary Stuart Robertson, an adult, d/o John and Mary
Isabel Robertson (born Aug. 23, 1869), d/o David and Mary
Mark Twain Robertson (born Jan. 10, 1875), s/o John and Mary
Alexander John Robertson (born Oct. 7, 1867)
Lillian Agnes Robertson (born Aug. 10, 1873), d/o John and Mary
Lizzie May Winters (born Feb. 13, 1882), d/o Henry J. and Sarah J.
Joseph Louis Winters (born Jan. 23, 1872), s/o Henry J. and Sarah J.
Jennie Ruby Winters (born Oct. 12, 1873), d/o Henry J. and Sarah J.
Benjamin Winters (born July 23, 1877), s/o Henry J. and Sarah J.
Charles McCarty Winters (born Nov. 17, 1879), s/o Henry J. and Sarah J.
Earle Frank Lament (born Oct. 8, 1875), s/o David and Sarah
Gertrude Wing Webb (born Oct. 17, 1880), d/o Charles P. and Harriet J.
William Leland Burlingham (born May 11, 1876), s/o P. A. and Annie
Gertrude Mercy Lawrence (born May 27, 1881), d/o Herbert E. and Ida F.
Robert Newton Martin (born Nov. 3, 1884), s/o Robert and Helen M.
Grace Walker Liddle (born Jan. 29, 1885), d/o F. J. and M. E.
Eva Blanche Lawrence (born Nov. 26, 1878), d/o Herbert E. and Ida F.
Frank Wakeman Tucker (born Nov. 23, 1884), s/o A. B. and L.
- July 8, 1885 Seymour Gardner (born Oct. 19, 1843), s/o John and Elizabeth A., at Robbins Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.
- July 12, 1885 Josephine Bowers Lee (born Apr. 13, 1885), d/o James M. and Annie H.
- Sept. 17, 1885 Sarah Ackland Warner, an adult, d/o Benjamin Collins Hunt Warner and Sarah Hunt, at South Mountain, Pittsfield, Mass.
Alice Elizabeth Warner, an adult, d/o Benjamin Collins Hunt Warner and Sarah Hunt, at South

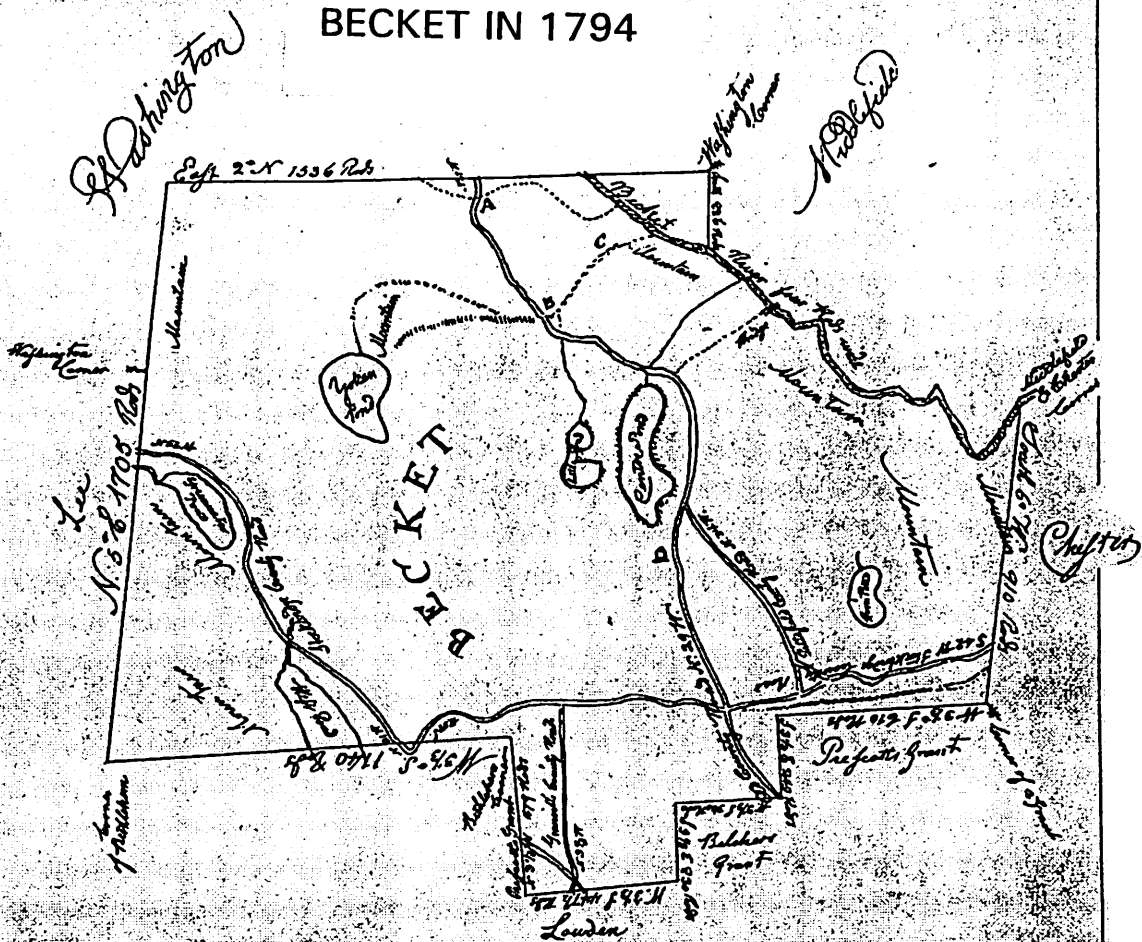
- Mountain, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Sept. 17, 1885 Lucy Williams Warner, an adult, d/o Benjamin Collins Hunt Warner and Sarah Hunt, at South Mountain, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Sept. 20, 1885 Mary Louisa Langdon, an adult, d/o Marshall and Eleanor
Elizabeth Hilton Wittan (born Dec. 8, 1884), d/o Isaac and Jenette
Mary Helen Goetchius (born June 9, 1876), d/o David and Ida
William Mershon? Zopf (born May 4, 1885), s/o Elias Scudder and Margaretta
- Sept. 25, 1885 Charlotte Ann Campbell, an adult, d/o Alex H. and Lucy Ann
Lucia Maria Campbell, an adult, d/o Alex H. and Lucy Ann
- Nov. 19, 1885 Thomas Mack Claflin (born Apr. 23, 1885), s/o William Henry and Carrie S., at 269 Marlborough, Boston
- Feb. 23, 1886 Paul Cladenboule Burton (Aug. 19, 1885), s/o Stephen C. and Virginia H., at Church St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Mar. 26, 1886 Lucy Phelps Shepard, an adult, d/o John A. and Eliza Phelps Innis
- Apr. 21, 1886 Sarah Elizabeth Platt, an adult, d/o Comfort B. and Mary E. Bell
- Apr. 25, 1886 Fanny Jones (born July 12, 1885), d/o Henry J. and Maria B.
Mary Cambridge Dinsmore (born Nov. 16, 1878) d/o Charles C. and Ellen M.
Valentina Houghton Gardner (born Aug. 6, 1878), d/o George and Annie
Thomas Chauncy Nuttals (born Dec. 7, 1885), s/o George H. and Christiana
- June 3, 1886 William Wilberforce Newton Williams (born March 30, 1886), s/o Matthew Chapman and Elizabeth, at 12 Liberty St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- June 13, 1886 Albert Fisher Benson (born July 30, 1872), s/o Herman Fisher and Bertha
Herman Fisher Benson (born May 10, 1878), s/o Herman Fisher and Bertha
Annie Augusta Benson (born Feb. 13, 1876), d/o Herman Fisher and Bertha
Otto Fisher Benson (born July 18, 1884), s/o Herman Fisher and Bertha
- July 31, 1886 William Richmond Crough (born June 16, 1886), s/o William and Isabella, at 17 Railroad Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Aug. 1, 1886 Carrie Lena Hill (born July 1, 1886), d/o Daniel J. and C. A.
- Aug. 29, 1886 Elizabeth Colt Albro (born Apr. 10, 1886), d/o Louis K. and Mary L. C.
- Sept. 22, 1886 Ida Maria Merrill, an adult, d/o Charles E. and Mary E.

- Oct. 25, 1886 Fanny Green Clark (age 3 months), d/o James N. and Fanny A., at 5 Maude St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Dec. 31, 1886 Edith Maria Purnell (born Dec. 12), d/o William H. and Alice, at Barkerville, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Apr. 3, 1887 Alice Warner, an adult
Charlotte Augusta Robbins, an adult
Isadore Elizabeth Harandean, an adult
- July 10, 1887 Carlyle Richmond Sherlock Langley? (born Jan. 2. 1884?), s/o Arthur and Alexandra S.
- Aug. 14, 1887 Cornelia Mabel Field (born Oct. 7, 1878), d/o Lyman E. and Abby W., at 105 Fenn St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Sept. 20, 1887 William Alexander McKim (born Apr. 11, 1887), s/o John James and Mary Emily
- Sept. 23, 1887 Harriet Edna Kingsley (born Aug. 6, 1879), d/o Frederick W. and Harriet
Frederick Lovejoy Kingsley (born Sept. 11, 1881), s/o W. Kingsley
Harriet Elizabeth Kingsley, an adult, d/o William and Mary H. Blodgett
Elijah Robbins Sprague, an adult, s/o Andrew J. and Elizabeth
Lena Emma Adriance, an adult, d/o Cornelius and Nancy
- Oct. 23, 1887 Isabella Maddock (born Sept. 22), d/o William and Mary
Anna Dunbar Maddock (born Sept. 22), d/o William and Mary
- Dec. 21, 1887 Caroline Cochrane Bohlmann (born Aug. 28), d/o Edward R. and Mary A., at Pontoosuc, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Dec. 28, 1887 Royce Carver Drowne (born Oct. 17, 1887), s/o Charles Nye and Fanny Eliza
- Feb. 8, 1888 Henry William Everett (born Dec. 29, 1842), s/o Chas. K. and Sarah H. Goff, at 48 W. 39th St., New York, N. Y.
- Feb. 22, 1888 Adelia M. Clough (age 53 years) This entry was subsequently crossed out.
- Mar. 5, 1888 Rudolph Daniel Hill (born Jan. 17, 1888), s/o Daniel J. and Catharine Helen, at 3 Cottage Row, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Mar. 24, 1888 Brita Anna Constance Hydren (born July 28, 1888), d/o Carl and Beda, at Clinton Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.
- June 10, 1888 Blanche Amelia Harding, an adult, d/o James and Mary Clarke
Carrie Elizabeth Burwell, an adult, d/o Adam Cheshire? and Emily Brooks
Addie May Waite, an adult, d/o Addison Sprague and Abbie Howard
Mary Taylor Jackson, an adult, d/o Isaac Winthrop and Lucretia Churchill
Roselle Augusta Manork?, an adult, d/o Lubier? and

- Susan Baldwin
Minnie Wells Sprague, an adult, d/o William and Lucinda
- June 3, 1888 Florence Eva Weston (age two months), d/o William Lee? and Mary
- June 3, 1888 Charles William Dolby (age three months), s/o Edward and Elizabeth
- July 3, 1888 Charles Howard French (age 18 months), s/o Charles W. and Ella P.
- Aug. 11, 1888 Glenna May Stearns (age 5 months), d/o Joseph Franklin and Agnes Louise, at 1 Hamlin St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Oct. 7, 1888 Richard Wilcox Brock Neale (age 6 months), s/o George and Jane
- Oct. 6, 1889 Josephine Johnes Cooke (born May 12, 1889, age 5 months), s/o James W. and Josephine Johnes, at Narragansett Pier
- Aug. 23, 1889 Arthur Carl Birger Hydren (born in Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 19, 1889), s/o Carl and Beda
- Sept. 5, 1889 Jessica Pomeroy Bishop (born in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1, 1888), d/o Henry W. and Jessica P., of Summer Residence, Bartlett Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Nov. 3, 1889 Harold Hawkins Lament (born in Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 16, 1885), s/o Harry and Minnie N.
- Nov. 15, 1889 Anna Eliza Adams, an adult, d/o George William and Margery Cordelia, at 13 Clough St., Pittsfield, Mass.
Elizabeth Sagendorph Adams, an adult, d/o George William and Margery Cordelia, at 13 Clough St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Nov. 26, 1889 Florence May Hill (born Nov. 4, 1889), d/o Daniel Julian and Catherine, at 3 Cottage Row, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Jan. 20, 1890 Elizabeth S. Adams (20 years). Entry subsequently crossed out.
- Mar. 28, 1890 Frederick Pratt Brackin (born Oct. 12, 1888), s/o John A. and Marian, at Union St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Apr. 5, 1890 John Anderson Holwill (born Dec. 27, 1873), s/o Ernest F. G. and Christina A.
Ernest Goodrich Holwill (born Dec. 11, 1874), s/o Ernest F. G. and Christina A.
Ethel Blinn Holwill (born Jan. 3, 1876), d/o Ernest F. G. and Christina A.
Claude Newton Holwill (born Nov. 24, 1882), s/o Ernest F. G. and Christina A.
- June 1, 1890 Louise Florence Petithory (born Mar. 24, 1890), d/o James and Louisa
- Sept. 27, 1890 Angey? Jane Putnam, an adult, d/o Elijah K. and Mary E.
- Oct. 3, 1890 Richard Darregh Lynas (born June 10, 1890), s/o William John and Mary Jane

[To be continued]

BECKET IN 1794



There are six Ponds the Reported magnitude of which are as follows:

Leontie Pond	200 Acres
Horn Pond	56 Acres
Little Pond	60 Acres
Yoken Pond	123 Acres
Greenwater Pond	154 Acres
Wolf Pond	60 Acres
Total	655 Acres

The Reported Distance from Becket meeting house to Town Court house is seventeen miles. To Houghton one hundred and thirty miles.

Explanation

- A. a fulling mill
- B. Sawmill and Grist mill
- C. Sawmill
- D. Grist mill
- E. Grist mill and sawmill
- F. Fulling mill
- G. Mansford Kent County Road running West 25° North

One Meeting house Marked B

The Survey of the Town of Becket was made in the year 1794 and the Plan in March 1795.

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