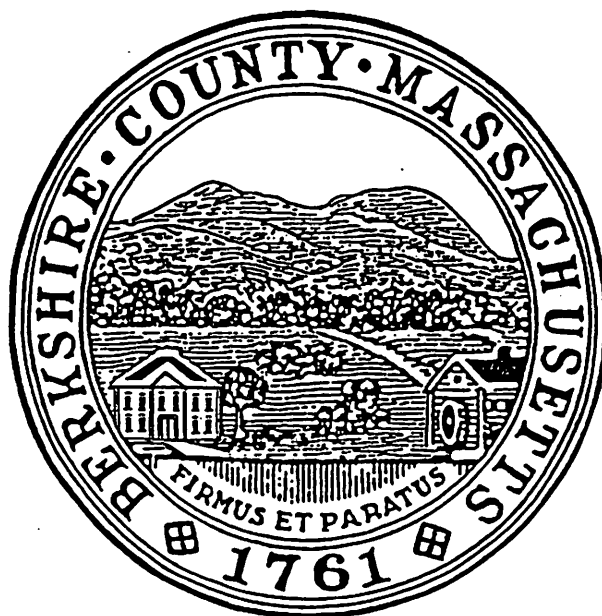


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SOCIETY NEWS FROM THE LENOX COTTAGERS

From *The New York Times*, June 16, 1901.

We feel it necessary to add a few editorial introductory notes at this point, aimed at readers who are not familiar with the term "cottagers." Southern Berkshire, during the "Gilded Age," was a haven of the very, very rich, who erected huge "cottages." Most of these probably averaged 30-40 rooms, the most massive of all was just short of 200, and ranked as the largest house in America. It burned back in the 50s.

And that's not the half of it; most of them had additional homes, some even larger, in New York; Bangor, Maine; Newport, Rhode Island, and who knows where else.

Their imported automobiles, at the time this was written, had become their brand new hobby. They raced them on Main Street in Lenox, which was probably still unpaved, resulting in dust clouds all over town. A new obsession arose - which cottager would be first to get his vehicle to the top of Mount Greylock, at 3,491 feet the highest point in Massachusetts. By coincidence, the Mount Greylock Reservation had recently been created and a road was being built. George Bauer was the first superintendent of the Reservation and found himself fending off constant questioning by the automobile owners concerning "when will the road be finished?" Unfortunately, the name of the lucky driver has probably been lost to history.

Nearly all of the cottagers have arrived and are occupying their places. Mr. Thatcher M. Adams is at Bel Air, Mrs. R. T. Auchmuty is at the Dormers, Mr. Samuel D. Babcock and family arrived late this week at Osceola Lodge, Mrs. E. G. Bacon and daughters are at Winchell, Capt. John S. Barnes and family including his two sons, are at Coldbrooke. Mrs. William H. Bradford and her son are here, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Fairfax, have gone to Northeast Harbor, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Astor Bristed have arrived at Lakeside, after making an extensive trip to Mexico. Mr. Joseph W. Burden and family came up this week to their beautiful cottage, Underledge.

Some of the other cottagers who have arrived within the week are Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Dana and their son, Mr. Richard T. Dana, who are occupying Beechwood Terrace; Mr. Richard C. Dixey at Tanglewood, Mrs. Max Fleischmann at Brookhurst, Major Grugan at the Newton place, J. Montgomery Hare at the Smith cottage, John Innes Kane, the Club cottage, David Lydig at Thistledown, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parsons at Stoneover, Mrs. F. K. Sturgis at Clipston Grange, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Turnure at Nestledown, and Mrs. Robert Winthrop at Ethelwynde.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Jesup have sailed for home and will come directly to Belvoir Terrace, where they will remain for a

few weeks, after which they will go to their cottage at Bar Harbor. Mr. and Mrs. John Innes Kane, who are at the Club cottage, are out driving and riding constantly.

While Mr. George H. Morgan is in Europe, Ventfort Hall will be closed and Mrs. Morgan will stay at the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parsons are seen out frequently on horseback as they both enjoy this method of viewing the fine scenery of the Berkshire Hills. Mr. Parsons' daughters are still in Europe. When they return they will come to Stoneover. Mr. and Mrs. Cortlandt F. Bishop have arrived at Interlaken. Mr. David W. Bishop is expected here soon with an imported forty horsepower motor vehicle, constructed especially for him in Paris.

The automobile is becoming exceedingly popular in Lenox among a certain few, but exceedingly obnoxious to those who drive spirited horses. One of the largest machines here is the sixteen horsepower motor carriage of Mr. Samuel Frothingham. It is a gasoline carriage. Others who are seen out on the streets in automobiles are J. Montgomery Hare, H. H. Pease, and Major Grugan. These machines go spinning over the country roads and timid people who drive dislike very much to meet them.

Mrs. Belle Neilson has arrived in Lenox and has with her her daughter, Miss Katherine Neilson. They will remain here through this month, when they will go to Mrs. Neilson's house in Newport.

Mrs. Thomas Sturgis and her daughter have been the guests for the last week of Mrs. Frank Sturgis, who has given several dinners and other entertainments for them. Mr. Sturgis is still in New York and will come to Lenox for a few weeks before he goes out on his yachting trip. F. Augustus Schermerhorn, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Auchmuty, returned to New York on Thursday, and will take a yachting cruise before returning to Lenox again. Thomas Shields Clark and family arrived at the Eddy cottage this week for the season. Mr. and Mrs. George Turnure, who have been spending a week in New York, returned on Friday. Mr. E. R. Wharton, who has been spending some weeks here, sailed for Europe this week. Mr. and Mrs. George Westinghouse and their son, who have been at Erskine Park for several weeks, went to Washington one day this week, in their private car, Glen Eyre. Mr. S. Howland Robbins is in Europe, and is not expected in

Lenox until about the time of the golf tournament in the Autumn. Mr. Henry A. Barclay, Jr., and Mr. J. Searle Barclay, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Barclay, have gone into camp with the seventh regiment, at Peekskill.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Crocker and their daughter, Miss F. C. Crocker, are in Lenox for a few weeks, visiting their friends among the cottagers. Miss Crocker is an especial friend of Miss Marion Haven and they are out driving or playing golf together every day. They are among the leaders of the younger set of society people here.

Among prominent New York people who have arrived in Lenox this week are Miss Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, Miss Meta A. Mackay, Mrs. Lewis Talford Jones, Miss H. S. Chase, Mrs. Kortright, Mrs. C. A. Robinson, Miss S. J. MacKenzie, Mrs. J. B. Flagg, E. Burton Hart, Miss Anna Dudley Hart, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sherman, William Carruthers and Mrs. W. B. Ogden.

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NORTH ADAMS SAVINGS BANK

From *The Berkshire Hills*, January 1, 1901.

The growth of the North Adams Savings Bank in an existence of a trifle over half a century, is not only astonishing, but most accurately shows the great stride that locality has been making in manufacturing prosperity. The bank was incorporated and opened in the Adams Bank building on Main street in 1848, with William E. Brayton as Treasurer. In 1858 after an existence of ten years, it was removed directly across the street to the small book store of E. D. Whitaker, where the White jewelry store now stands, and Mr. Whitaker was made its Treasurer. Soon after Mr. Whitaker was made agent of Thompson's Express Company, the first express office in the village, which was established in a story and a half new wooden building on the site of the present Martin's Block, on the corner of Main and State streets. Alvah Hyde, afterwards a noted conductor on the Boston and Albany Railroad, was the first resident messenger of Thompson's Express and was succeeded by Albert D. Hyde, his

brother, who faithfully filled this position for many years, and who was ticket agent at Pittsfield when he deceased. In 1868 V. A. Whitaker became assistant to his father and the bank was removed to its present capacious quarters and the site it first occupied for ten years. In 1872 V. A. Whitaker succeeded to the Treasurership, which position he has down to the present time most ably and successfully filled.

There were 111 depositors in this bank in 1858 and the amount on deposit was \$29,428.63. Its loans on bank stock were \$1000, to the town \$5,362.67, on personal security \$14,025, cash on deposit in bank \$3,481.69 and cash on hand \$161.70. It paid a dividend of five percent per annum, its annual expenses were \$70.87, and the Treasurer's salary was \$40 a year. In October of 1900 this bank had 8,000 depositors, having a deposit of over three and one quarter millions of dollars, on which an annual dividend of four per cent was paid. ■■■■■

OBITUARY SKETCHES

From various issues of *The Berkshire Hills*, publishing dates are given with each obituary.

JOHN G. McAULEY

September 1, 1900

John G. McAuley, 61, died of apoplexy at Rochester, N.Y., last month and his remains were taken to his home in Lansing, Mich., for burial. He was for many years connected with the North Adams Marble and Lime Co., whose works were at the Natural Bridge, which his father incorporated with a capital of \$75,000 in 1848, and which, with a brother he afterwards conducted for several years. In 1863 he married Mary Potter, and adopted daughter of the late Shubael W. Brayton. The old family home was at Arlington, Vt., and that at North Adams on Summer Street.

WILLIAM H. TEELING

December 1, 1900

Owing to the failing health the death of this one of the few remaining pioneer business men and active prominent citizens of Pittsfield and Central Berkshire has been for many months looked forward to. Yet when it came on Saturday evening, November 24, it could hardly be realized, from the fact that during the first part of the month he was upon the streets welcoming his hosts of friends with his hearty hand-grasp and beaming smile, though it was evident that notwithstanding his strong constitution and persistent cheerfulness his earthly career was hastening to its close.

From small beginnings in 1852 he built up the great cracker industry now continued on Columbus Avenue, but retired from the concern in 1893, after showing that in his entire business career that energy and ability which characterized his life as a genial and honorable self-made man. He was from first to last most devoted to the welfare of this town and city, served as a volunteer fireman and officer for many years and as the chief of the department for twenty years was the most efficient and faithful officer in this service it ever had. But one other survives him of the old Housatonic Engine Company, of which Edwin Clapp and himself were the moving

spirits. He was one of the founders and ardent promoters of the Veteran Firemen's Association, of which he was the first president. He was a member of Mystic Lodge, Berkshire Chapter and Berkshire Commandery of Free Masons and was buried with Masonic rites. Having built the first cottage at Pontoosuc Lake, and being a great lover of its scenery and waters, for the past ten years he has spent the most of the summer and autumn days on its shores, for he was a lover of the beautiful and grand in his adopted Berkshire, through and through.

Mr. Teeling was born in East Albany in 1820, came to Pittsfield in 1838, and married Miss Elizabeth German of Phelps, N.Y. in 1841, they celebrating their golden wedding in 1891. His amicable wife and one daughter, Mrs. Edgar T. Lawrence, survive him.

ELBRIDGE HODSKINS

January 1, 1901

The death of Elbridge Hodskins, aged 76, at North Adams in December, brought vividly to mind the old days in which as town constable he did most valuable and courageous service in that locality, wherein existed an element of rowdyism which was most difficult of restraint. With his brother, Deputy Sheriff William Hodskins, he held the reins over this class of the village's population with a firm hand, and both were sturdily backed up by a peaceable citizenship until the reign of lawlessness was finally broken up. Though very industrious and very popular in his life occupations, he was an ardent sportsman with both gun and rod. As a trout fisherman he knew all the populous brooks of Northern Berkshire, and his knowledge of the spring holes in the Hoosac river and its branches, in which the big spotted beauties of the trout family had residence, made him for years a veritable king of fishcraft in that section. Many a monster trout was captured by him in his fishing days and of a size and weight that had to be chronicled in the village newspapers, even before they had begun to discover that home and local news brought them more paying readers than long editorials

and cuttings from the metropolitan press. In but one instance did Mr. Hodskins fail, after weeks of watching and preparation, to secure his trout elephant from a spring hole. It was opposite the earth-cut in the Deacon Kingsley hill, from which the soil was used in the construction of the Pittsfield and North Adams railroad a half mile south of the village, that this mishap occurred. Here was a deep spring hole in the south branch of the Hoosac river over which the huge branches of several ancient willows on the east bank hung in an almost impenetrable curtain. Having located a great trout therein, he had cut away a number of tree branches above the hole and toward the shore, so that when the trout entered his snare he could throw him up on the bank, having a boy friend in readiness on the bank to seize him. Creeping out on a huge overhanging limb just as the sun threw sufficient light under the foliage and upon the water, he saw his prey, cast his snare in front of him and awaited results with the patience of a veritable Isaak Walton. The opportune moment at length came, the glittering wire encircled his troutship just behind the gills, and in the attempt to cast him upon the bank, the decayed limb gave way and landed the fisherman in such a depth of water that he had to swim for his life. Though immediately pledged to secrecy, the boy helper could not help giving the funny mishap away, and it caused much merriment in the village.

MRS. ELECTA WADHAMS
January 1, 1901

Mrs. Electa Wadhams, 63, who after the death of her husband in the seventies was one of the most successful and popular of the teachers in the Pittsfield public schools, and widely known in Central Berkshire for her estimable qualities and character, deceased in December. She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. John F. Noxon and Mrs. James Denny.

MRS. MARY E. CHASE
January 1, 1901

Mrs. Mary E. Chase, familiarly known as Mrs. Jacob Chase, aged 99 years, died at North Adams in December from the result of a fall. She had been resident in the town for

63 years, and remarkably retained her physical and mental energies up to two years ago. She is thought to have been the oldest resident of the city, which she had seen grow up from a small village.

COL. DAVID CAMPBELL
January 1, 1901

The remains of David Campbell, 83, familiarly known to Pittsfield and Berkshire citizenship up to about 1880 as "King Campbell," were brought from Melrose Highlands last month, and after funeral obsequies in the Clapp Mortuary Chapel were laid to rest in the Campbell plot in the Pittsfield cemetery. He was the son of David Campbell, Jr., who with Hon. Henry Shaw organized the Pontoosuc Woolen Company, and who was its first manager. In earlier life he too was connected with this establishment, his father devising his interest to himself and his sister, Mrs. Ensign H. Kellogg. In 1864 he sold a part of his interest to J. Dwight Francis, and retired from the business. For a number of years he was a member of the staff of Gov. George N. Briggs.

He was in 1870 and onwards a genial, social gentleman, of pleasant converse and sparkling wit and was a general favorite in Pittsfield and Berkshire circles. He was scrupulously neat in his appearance and garment, had a winning smile and greeting for his friends, and always manifested a deep interest in the affairs of the old town, though never personally engaged in their management. Failing in health, and being unmarried he sought the retreat in which he deceased, where he had every care and comfort and was often visited by his relatives and friends. Of course, after so long an absence from his native town, he was virtually unknown to many of its present population, while many of his old comrades during this time had passed away. But there are a few who hold him in kindly remembrance and until they too join the great throng which have gone before, will not forget the sunshine and good will which shone from youth up into manhood in the face of "King Campbell."

JOHN C. NEW
January 1, 1901

John C. New, for twenty eight years connected with the register of deeds office in Great Barrington and thirteen of which as register, died at his home on Egremont Plain in December. He was a familiar figure in Great Barrington's past and had a large circle of friends.

MICHAEL HOGAN
January 1, 1901

Michael Hogan, 72, deceased at Coltsville in December. He was born in Ireland and came to this country when 20 years of age. He was the owner of the Glen House when it was destroyed by fire several years ago, and afterwards resided on his farm adjacent thereto. For many years and during his earlier life he lived in North Adams and was quite successful in business, having residence at the northwest end of the lower Union street bridge, building the Union House and other structures in that locality and holding his real estate in that city through life. He was one of the most intelligent, warm hearted and prosperous earlier Irish citizens of North Adams, but grew tired of an element which seemed to have singled him out for a target in the earlier temperance movements, and being proud-spirited and of an independent nature, retired from a locality after 30 years residence, in 1875, in which as a man he was unfortunate enough to be most thoroughly misunderstood. To the old friends in North Adams whom he valued for their faithful friendship in his early life, he was deeply attached, and after many of these were gone, transferred his honest Celtic allegiance to their survivors, always greeting them with a hearty hand-grasp and helping, cordial word. He is survived by three brothers, one sister and two daughters. He was buried from St. Francis Church in North Adams in Hillside Cemetery.

JOEL C. HASKINS
January 1, 1901

Joel C. Haskins, 61, died at North Adams in December and was a descendant from a pioneer ancestry having much to do with the early stage travel history of Northern Berkshire. He was a very genial and obliging citizen, much attached to old friends and the

locality, and during the later years had been a most successful contractor in the building of telegraph and telephone lines.

CAPTAIN A. V. SHANNON

Another veteran officer in the Forty-Ninth regiment suddenly deceased in Lee last month in the person of Captain A. V. Shannon. He was one of the best known citizens of Central Berkshire and from early youth displayed an energy, activity, courage and enterprise, combined with sociability, friendship and good-fellowship which made him most popular in the army and at home among these hills. Coming to Lee when a mere lad he became proficient in music and was filling the position of musical instructor in a seminary in Texas on the breaking out of the war. He escaped North on a blockade runner, repaired to Lee, and raising a company in that town, went with the Forty-Ninth regiment under Col. Bartlett to Louisiana. He afterwards was a resident of Montana, and returning filled a foremanship with the Smith Paper Company and at Malone, N.Y. for a number of years. He was at the time of his death chief engineer of the Lee Fire Department and one of the town's assessors. He was always deeply interested in military affairs and was the accomplished leader of the Lee Brass Band in its palmiest days. He married a daughter of the late Alexander Hyde of Lee and is survived by his wife and one daughter. He was 64 years of age.

HON. HAMILTON HARRIS
January 1, 1901

That distinguished lawyer and jurist, Hon. and Judge Hamilton Harris of Albany, while conducting a case before the Supreme Court in that city in December, was taken ill and removed to his residence, where he survived but a few days. He was 80 years of age, and one of the most talented and notable members of the New York State Bar. He was in lineage a descendant of the celebrated Scotch-American family of which the famous old-time American statesman Alexander Hamilton was a member. A characteristic of this family for the past two centuries was the naming of the oldest son and grandson in the lineage "Hamilton." The Berkshire descent

was from Esther Hamilton, the wife of Samuel Page Tyler, the orderly-sergeant of the Revolutionary Minute Men who gave the alarm to the citizens of New Ashford, Williamstown and Cheshire of the impending battle at Bennington. Three descendants of this Berkshire family bore the name of "Hamilton," only one of whom is now living.

WILLIAM RENNE

April 1, 1901

William Renne, 91, the oldest citizen of Pittsfield, a pioneer with the late S. V. R. Daniels and Dea. James Francis in the settlement of Jubilee Hill, and the inventor of Renne's Magic Oil, which with his sons Zenas C., and Jarvis, he manufactured and sold from 1858 to 1877, and the publisher of the first Pittsfield directory in 1859, has passed away, retaining his unusual mental vigor to the end. He was born in Dalton and had intimate acquaintance with the pioneer citizenship not only of that town but of Northern Berkshire. He was a devoted member through life of the Methodist Church, to which denomination he was a generous giver. He studied law in early life, but gave this up for the study of medicine and chemistry. He was for many years an enterprising builder, erecting the Renne Block on Fenn Street, and many private residences. For twenty years he had retired from active business, and deceased of old age. His son Major Zenas C., was in the civil war and has long been the manager of a New York Life Insurance Co., in Australia. His son Jarvis is manager of a shoe manufacturing establishment in Calais, Maine.

MOSES H. PEASE

April 1, 1901

State Detective Pease, 66, deceased at Lee, early last month. He was the son of Abiel W. Pease, a former prominent deputy sheriff of that town, and on attaining his majority held the same office, and in this school acquired his reputation for keen executive ability, daring and courage. This led to his appointment on the state police, and afterwards as a state officer under the prohibitory law. In 1872 he was appointed judge of the Lee police court by Gov. William Gaston,

for which appointment Hon. John Branning was also a petitioner. He was very popular with the bar and with his fellow officers and his marked ability for tracking and running down criminals led to his appointment in 1882 as state detective, which office he most acceptably filled up to the date of his decease. Mr. Pease was held in high respect by all who intimately knew him, was genial in his friendships, and most exemplary as a man and an officer. Though thoroughly energetic and determined in the pursuit of wrongdoers, he had a warm heart, a kindly word, and a genial smile and greeting for all friends.

EDWIN ROGERS

May 1, 1901

The death of Edwin Rogers at North Adams in April at the advanced age of 80 years, removes from earth one of the most familiar and widely known northern Berkshire active citizens of the past century. Though often there is a similarity among men and in their characteristics, there are often personalities that can never be duplicated, and such a personality was Edwin Rogers. The son of Dr. George Rogers, an olden time country physician of Conway, he received a common school and academic education, with the thought that he would follow in the professional footsteps of his father. But his knowledge of the hardships of the old-time doctor's life, led him to seek his livelihood in the channels of mechanism and trade. In such pursuits, with attendant ups and downs, as a bookbinder, weaver, show and provision merchant and a clothing manufacturer, he was engaged for many years, having taken up his residence in North Adams in 1842 at the age of 21 years. Being full of magnetism as a man, brimming over with activity, of a genial and humorous disposition, he at once filled a no unimportant place in the social life of the village, for many years was the devoted leader of the Congregational choir and one of the leading musicians of the place. He was appointed postmaster at North Adams by President Lincoln in 1861, being an ardent Republican and doing valiant service in raising troops and otherwise giving whole-souled air to the government and the northern county volunteers. He served as postmaster for 19 years, and for four years from 1869 carried

on the Wilson House with H. M. Streeter, now resident in California. From 1888 to 1899 he successfully managed the Madockawando Hotel on Heron Island, Maine, owned by a Greenfield syndicate, where he lost his wife as the result of an accident, since which time he had steadily failed in health, spending most of his winters in the south, giving frequent lectures on reminiscent subjects, and delighting in his many friendships with old and young.

Like very many of the old-time citizenship of Berkshire County, though often demonstrative and peculiarly eccentric on the platform and with the pen, Edwin Rogers was always true to his convictions and in expressing and acting upon such took more thought of benefit to the nation, his home and his fellow citizens, than he did of consequences to himself, consequently his advocacy of right against wrong was always pointed and forceful, but singularly free from pointed criticism and personal diatribe. He was a model citizen, a true friend, a genial companion and everywhere a welcome guest. That he had a mission in life, and that he filled it as far as poor human nature can accomplish such, is evident from the testimony of those who knew him best.

DR. HENRY TYLER PHILLIPS
June 1, 1901

The death of Dr. Henry Tyler Phillips occurred at Cheshire late in May, where as a medical practitioner and surgeon he had successfully practiced for 40 years. He was born in Lanesboro in 1833 and was the son of Dr. Henry P. Phillips and nephew of Dr. William H. Tyler, who was eminent in practice in Lanesboro in the first quarter of the past century and who removed to North Adams between the years of 1830 and 1840. He studied medicine with both the latter, attended one course of lectures at the Berkshire Medical College in Pittsfield, and graduated as the valedictorian of his class at the Albany Medical College in 1860. At the solicitation of Dr. Lansing Cole he commenced practice in Cheshire in 1861 the latter being advanced in age and desiring to be succeeded by a younger man trained in the same medical school as himself. From youth to advanced manhood Dr. Phillips bravely

and conscientiously remained at his post, though his talent and skill in his profession would have enabled him to have attained prominence in a wider field of service. His ride was in the country and among the hills, and more resembled that of the pioneer country physician, with its attendant hardships and exposures, than that which falls to the lot of the majority of the medical profession of today. He was a member of the Baptist church from his youth and it is due to say of him that he remained faithful to his profession as such in life and his end was that of those who trust in the Saviour. He is survived by a wife, Josephine Fowler, and four children, and by his brothers, W. H. Phillips of Pittsfield, H. L. Phillips of South Norwalk, Conn., and his sister Anna G. Phillips of North Adams.

NORMAN NOBLE
June 1, 1901

The death of Norman Noble, a pioneer resident of Pittsfield and brother of Henry Noble of this city, occurred last month after a long and lingering illness. He was born on Washington mountain in 1816. The most of his active years were spent in brickmaking in Lanesboro and Pittsfield and his latter in agricultural pursuits. He was a prominent member for many years in the Methodist church and thoroughly devoted during life to the temperance cause.

MRS. MARY B. ROOT
July 1, 1901

Mrs. Mary B. Root, prominent in the founding with other Pittsfield ladies of the House of Mercy in 1874, and its faithful treasurer for 27 years, deceased early in June aged 67 years. She was a daughter of Andrew Britton of Ireland, and a niece of Captain Thomas Britton of Brooklyn, where she married James C. Clapp, son of Col. Thaddeus Clapp of Pittsfield, who was stationed as U. S. Marshal at Key West during the civil war. After Mr. Clapp's death in 1866, she married the late Washington M. Root in 1873, then prominent in Pittsfield's business circles. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Anna B. Clapp. ■■■■

FAMILY HISTORY OF THE REVEREND BENJAMIN JUDD

By Frank F. Judd, Ph.D.

[Continued from Volume 37, Number 2, Page 44]

The family of Rev. Benjamin Judd was probably not completely insulated from the controversies and conflict in which their father often found himself. Then again it must have been hard on the family to have made so many moves over those years when Benjamin was serving in the ministry. The daughters of Rev. Benjamin Judd and Sibyl Davis Judd would find their spouses in Connecticut and New York, and begin families of their own. Moreover, from all that can be ascertained about his daughters, they were exemplary wives and mothers.

“There is an old saying in disparagement of minister’s sons and deacons’ daughters, which malicious people like to quote, but the answer is obvious that the children of the clergy usually gain a standing in the world much above the average. One reason for this is probably the fact that Providence furnishes ministers with wives who are usually the best of womankind, and attaches a responsibility to their position specially fitted for the development of sainthood.” [86]

Lucy Judd appears to have found her husband in Delaware County, New York. Both she and her husband, James Stiles, are buried in the Stilesville Cemetery, in the town of Deposit, Delaware County, New York. The information gleaned from their grave stones is shown as follows:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	REMARKS
Stiles, James	(About 1784)	Sep. 12, 1865	Aged 81y
Stiles, Lucy	(About Sep 1786)	Mar. 26, 1859	Aged 72y 6m. Wife of James Stiles [87]

Her “Date of Birth” shown in parenthesis in the above table was computed from the death information on her grave stone, and one immediately sees that there is some discrepancy with the assumed birth date previously given for Lucy. Furthermore, these dates seem to suggest that she may have been married about 1808. Her husband, whose occupation was farmer, appears to have been a solid citizen in their community as he is listed as a Grand Juror for the town of Tompkins in 1828 and 1829 [87].

Nancy Judd is even more of an enigma. Ancestry.com shows Nancy Judd having married Calvin Sylvanus Thomas, son of Sylvanus Thomas and Betsy Pierce, and that Nancy had a son, Calvin Sylvanus Thomas born 29 May 1828 in Steuben County, New York. However, no direct evidence has been uncovered that supports these conjectures. The same Ancestry.com record indicates that Nancy died about 1842 probably in Steuben County, New York. Benjamin Judd’s Probate record has his daughter, Nancy, with a married name of Nancy Thomas, but does not

[86] “The Clergy of Litchfield County,” Page 195.

[87] Delaware County, NY Genealogy and History Site, Stilesville Cemetery, Located at Stilesville, Town of Deposit, Delaware County, New York, Edited by Linda L. Ogborn, September 6, 1998.

provide the given name of her husband. Considerable work is needed to confirm these historical suppositions.

Wealthy Judd is shown in Ancestry.com to have married Daniel Sheldon who was born 13 August 1781 in Torrington, Litchfield, Connecticut. In addition, the probate record for Rev. Benjamin Judd names Wealthy as one of his heirs and married to a Daniel Sheldon. The approximate marriage date for Wealthy and Daniel would have been sometime between 1805 and 1806. This calculation appears to be supported by the information contained in the 1820 US Federal Census Record for the Sheldon family in Pulteney, Steuben, New York. It is certainly possible that they met and began courting while the Benjamin Judd family was living in Litchfield, Litchfield, Connecticut.

However, a statement by Mr. Dean Gilbert, posted on the Genealogy.com JUDD message board, indicates that, "Wealthy Judd married Daniel Sheldon, my ggg-grandmother in Steuben Co., NY." Following the family of Daniel Sheldon, via the US Federal and New York State census records, for Pulteney, Steuben, New York, for the years between 1820 and 1840, seems to indicate that Wealthy Judd Sheldon died sometime between 1830 and 1840. Her burial place is not known.

There appears to be much more concrete information about daughter Bethsheba Judd even though she and sister Lucy lived in the same community in Delaware County, New York. Bethsheba Judd may have met her future husband, Calvin Chamberlin, in Delaware County while he was still married to his first wife. Calvin had been married previously to Polly McCune who died 11 March 1806 during child birth, and left her husband with an infant daughter named "Poly." It is likely that the Judds, the Sheldon family, and the Chamberlin family all attended the then developing Baptist meetings together. After the death of his first wife, Calvin Chamberlin struggled with the difficulties of caring for an infant daughter and making a living on his farm. A year and nine months later Bethsheba had grown to love the widower, Calvin, and they were married 31 December 1807 [88].

Bethsheba, who was a school teacher in her community, not only had nine children of her own, but willingly accepted the responsibility to raise the infant daughter left by the death of Calvin Chamberlin's first wife.

"BETHSHEBA JUDD born Oct. 20, 1789, died Aug. 17, 1841, mother of 9 children.

- (1) Eliza M. Chamberlin born Oct. 27, 1808, wife of William K. Owens, had three children; Milton, Edgar, Hattie.
- (2) Benjamin Chamberlin born May 5, 1810, 1st wife unknown had two children Evers and Abram. 2nd wife Adaline Foulds and had two children Elizabeth and Blanche.
- (3) Amelia Almira Chamberlin born Nov. 2, 1811, married a Poster, no children.

[88] Private correspondence with Mr. James Parker, cofounder of the World Chamberlin Genealogical Society, 31 December 2009. Much of the Chamberlin genealogy may be found on the web site of the World Chamberlin Genealogical Society, <http://www.woosnap.com/chamberlin/>.

The timeline below shows the major events in the life of Rev. Benjamin Judd and his family.

Rev. Benjamin Judd Family Timeline

1750	
	- Benjamin Judd born 8 June 1755, Westbury Parish, Litchfield, CT
	- Benjamin's mother dies 17 November 1755 in Westbury Parish, Litchfield, CT
1760	- 1758 - Benjamin & siblings move to Harwinton, Litchfield, CT, Father marries the widow Margaret Alford
1770	
	- Benjamin Judd begins apprenticeship in Harwinton to become a minister
	- Benjamin Judd and Sybil Davis married about 1775
	- Son Daniel Davis Judd born in Harwinton, Litchfield, CT, about 1777-78
	- Benjamin Judd buys 22 acres from brother, Thomas Judd, in Harwinton, Litchfield, CT, 29 Mar 1779
	- Benjamin Judd takes the "Freeman Oath" and the "Oath of Fidelity" in Harwinton, 21 Sep 1779
1780	- Benjamin Judd elected to a one year term as a "Tithing Man" in Harwinton, 28 Dec 1779
	- Benjamin sells 22 acres in Harwinton, CT, 18 May 1780, and moves to Lenox, Berkshire, Mass.
	- Daughter Nancy Judd born about 1783 in Lenox, Berkshire, Mass.
	- Son Daniel died 20 May 1785, buried in Lenox, Berkshire, Mass.
	- Daughter Wealthy Judd baptized in Ware, Hampden, Mass., July 1785
	- Ordained Minister of Ware Congregational Church, 12 Oct 1785
	- Daughter Lucy Judd born September 1786 in Ware, Hampden, Mass.
	- Dismissed as Minister of Ware Congregational Church, 28 September 1787
	- Benjamin performs first marriage in Pound Ridge, Dutchess, NY, October 1787
	- Installed as Pastor of Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church, NY, 16 October 1788
	- Benjamin attends first General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA, 21 May 1789
1790	- Daughter Bethsheba Judd born 20 Oct 1789 in Pound Ridge, Dutchess, NY
	- US Federal Census shows Benjamin Judd family living in Pound Ridge, Dutchess, NY, 1790
	- Benjamin received honorary A.M. Degree from Yale College, 1791
	- Benjamin dismissed from Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1793
	- Benjamin serving as a Presbyterian missionary on the frontier of New York, late 1793
	- Installed as Pastor of New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2 Sept. 1795. Dismissed 15 Sept. 1796
	- Serving as Assistant Pastor in Kingsborough Presbyterian Church, April 1797
1800	
	- Benjamin and family living in Litchfield County, CT, 1800
	- Benjamin installed as Pastor at Milton Congregational Church, Litchfield, CT, May 1802
	- Benjamin was dismissed from the Milton Congregational Church, October 1804
1810	
	- US Federal Census shows Benjamin Judd family living in Delaware County, NY, 1810
1820	
	- New York State Census shows Benjamin and Sybil Judd living in Jerusalem Township, Yates, NY, 1825
1830	
	- Benjamin Judd died in Yates County, NY, 31 July 1834. Buried in the Thomas Cemetery, Pulteney, Steuben, NY
	- Sybil Davis Judd died in Yates County, NY, 29 August 1836. Buried in Thomas Cemetery, Pulteney, Steuben, NY
1840	

- (4) Nancy Ann Chamberlin born Oct. 7, 1813 married John Love and had three children; Martin, Edwin, Nelson.
- (5) Lucy Harriet Chamberlin born May 1, 1815, I think married an Owens, child was Eben Gordon Owens.
- (6) Philander Nelson Chamberlin born Mar. 27, 1817, had three children.
- (7) Daniel Davis Chamberlin born Apr. 23, 1819 married Elizabeth Foulds, son was John.
- (8) Emmaline Chamberlin born June 29, 1822, married Thomas Ostrum, had one son George and moved to California.
- (9) James Styles Chamberlin born June 27, 1823 married Armitta Hood and had three sons and two daughters and went to Kansas then to California." [89]

Moreover, the same reference indicates that, "It was reported the first Sunday school was held in Chamberlin's house and after it was over he read the newspaper to them. Calvin was a member of the underground route for slaves, both wives were teachers and Benjamin Judd, his father-in-law was a minister." [89]

Calvin Chamberlin died 31 January 1853 and Bethsheba Judd Chamberlin died 17 August 1841, both in Thompkins, Delaware, New York. They were both buried in the Cannonsville Cemetery



Grave Stones in the Thomas Cemetery,
Pulteney, Steuben, New York
From Left to Right: Sybil Davis Judd,
Rev. Benjamin Judd, and Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon

in Thompkins Township. However, one hundred and ten years after the death of Calvin, the entire city of Cannonsville, including the cemetery, was destroyed to make room for a reservoir to provide water for the city of New York. Calvin and Bethsheba were reinterred twenty-five miles northeast in the Walton Cemetery, Walton, Delaware, New York [88].

Although Rev. Benjamin Judd and his wife, Sybil Davis, lived in Jerusalem Township, Yates County, New York, they were both buried in the Thomas Cemetery, Pulteney, Steuben, New York. In all likelihood this cemetery was selected for their burial because it was near where their daughter Wealthy lived with her family. The location of

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[89] "History of Cannonsville, Delaware County, New York," by Mrs. Hester Lane Miles, February 26, 1999. Published at the Delaware County, NY Genealogy and History Site, found at <http://www.dcnhistory.org/cannon.html>.

the grave stones for Rev. Benjamin Judd and his wife are shown in the photograph to the left.

As one looks at this cemetery photograph it is evident that there are three stones all in a row in the near foreground. The middle stone appears broken; this is the stone for Rev. Benjamin Judd. It reads that he died "31 July 1834, age 79 years, 1 month, 23 days." The left most stone is for the wife of Rev. Benjamin Judd, Sybil Davis. It reads that she died "29 Aug 1836, age 78 years." These death dates and ages appear to correspond well with their known birth dates. The rest of the text on their stones has been lost due to the age of the grave stones.

The stone to the right of Rev. Benjamin Judd is for the parents of his son-in-law, Daniel Sheldon. Daniel Sheldon married Benjamin Judd's daughter, Wealthy Judd, and his parents were Epaphras Sheldon and Hannah (Lyman) Sheldon. Epaphras Sheldon's stone indicates that he died "31 Jan 1829, age 74 years," and Hannah Sheldon's stone reads that she died "29 July 1832, age 70 years." The photograph of these grave stones was generously provided by Mr. Bruce Reisch who is a volunteer working with the Steuben County, NY GenWeb project.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Benjamin Judd was no less zealous in his love for freedom from the domination of England than any of his other siblings. He would have certainly been old enough to have participated in the Revolutionary War, but we have found no evidence that he did so. However, it is a well documented fact that he preached fiery sermons against anyone who advocated harm to the new constitutional government. He even put his reputation and career on the line to stand in defense of that new government. We may be forced to agree that Benjamin Judd had a short fuse and a "hot temper," but we could never bring ourselves to believe that he was not a Patriot in every sense of that word.

All three brothers – Thomas, Joel, and Benjamin – were likely short and stocky, as were most eighteenth century Judd males, but there was nothing lacking in their personal confidence and pride. Benjamin Judd certainly exhibited a considerable degree of prideful behavior during the course of his career as a minister. It was likely this trait that caused him the most difficulty during his multiple attempts to secure a permanent ministerial position. One could only imagine that the other brothers must have been afflicted, to some degree, by a similar quality in their lives.

A relatively comprehensive search of the early records of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in general, and the old records of the Church on the Hill in particular, did not produce any evidence that Rev. Benjamin Judd was either an assistant minister at the Church on the Hill, or a student under the tutelage of Rev. Monson. However, it is known from cemetery records from the Church on the Hill that Benjamin Judd indeed lived in Lenox, Berkshire, Massachusetts, and that he was known as "Rev. Benjamin Judd" [90]. Furthermore, some historians have speculated that

[90] "Private Genealogical Research Inquiry #2838," research provided by the staff of the Berkshire Family History Association, Inc., 43 pages of photocopied documents provided to Frank F. Judd, 22 February 2010.

Rev. Benjamin Judd was a veteran of the American Revolution. Again, no evidence could be found to support that idea. However, the records of Berkshire County indicate that there was a Benjamin Judd who lived near Lenox at exactly the same time that Rev. Benjamin Judd was there, and who indeed was a Revolutionary War veteran. That particular Benjamin Judd died in Lenox, 9 March 1797, and was buried there [90].

What is known is that relatively few eighteenth century clergy were afforded pulpits unless they had graduated from a suitable college or university, or were trained in the ministry under an apprenticeship program, or both. Rev. Benjamin Judd may have had an excellent understanding of the Calvinistic gospel he was expected to deliver to his Congregational and Presbyterian parishioners. In addition, he undoubtedly had a fine grasp of the ecclesiastical workings of the churches he was called on to supervise. Yet, he seemed to lack a certain understanding of the diplomacy and tact required to manage the spectrum of opinions of his flock. This, coupled with the fact that he apparently was somewhat impatient with people and had a temper that was often on the edge of exploding, seemed to cause him to proceed from one difficulty to another throughout his career.

Like most family history researchers, the author's study of the lives and times of these people has left him with a profound respect and admiration for them. He looks forward to meeting each of them and getting better acquainted with them. He can imagine Annise Judd as his own sister. He finds it hard to believe that he wouldn't be drawn to her sweet spirit and wish that his own daughters had her humble traits. He would love to be in the company of Joel and listen to him tell of his experiences while he was in the service of his country during the Revolutionary War. He feels even more drawn to Benjamin. He would be ever grateful to feel of his strength of character, his well developed understanding of right and wrong, and to be inspired by his compelling desire to be of service to Jesus Christ.

FINIS

CORRIGENDUM

Berkshire Genealogist, Volume 37, Number 2, paragraph spanning pages 43-44 line seven text, beginning at "Moreover"... should be corrected to read:

Moreover, while it may be true that in the early nineteenth century the Baptist Churches in rural New York were congregational in polity, "But the points of difference have proved to be stronger, and have been more tenaciously held, than the points of agreement." [84] Yet, one could imagine the Rev. Benjamin Judd may very well have come to the point in his professional career where a change to the Baptist faith may have been more palatable to him than remaining in a faith in which he had had so much trouble forging a lasting occupation."

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ANCESTOR TABLES

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- I.
1. Susan A. PRICE, 1968- ; Spartanburg, South Carolina.
- II.
2. John Bearden PRICE, 1937- ; Spartanburg.
3. Diana Audrey DANIELS, 1939- ; Waterbury, Connecticut.
- III.
4. John PRICE, Jr., 1904-1987; Bolton, England; Spartanburg.
5. Ruth BEARDEN, 1905-1967; Roebuck, South Carolina; Spartanburg.
6. Howard Milbourne DANIELS, 1912-1969; Waterbury.
7. Audrey Maureen SLACK, 1916-1991; Waterbury; Concord, California.
- IV.
8. John PRICE, 1871- ; Bolton.
9. Celia Dee SOUTHCOMBE, 1869- ; Plymouth, England.
10. Newton Wesley BEARDEN, 1861-1925; Spartanburg.
11. Canada Gallena HARRISON, 1869-1954; Spartanburg.
12. Clayton DANIELS, 1888-1939; New Boston, Massachusetts; Hartford, Connecticut.
13. Mura Isabel HAYES, 1891-1975; Warren County, New York; Waterbury
14. Charles Edward SLACK, 1890-1916; Waterville, Connecticut; Beacon Falls, Connecticut.
15. Ethel WALLACE, 1894-1923; South America; Hamden, Connecticut.
- V.
16. Charles PRICE, 1831-1887; Prescott, England; Bolton.
17. Anne MORT, 1833-1877; Bolton.
18. Joseph SOUTHCOMBE, ca1832- ; Kelby, England.
19. Grace Penrose TRUDGON, 1842-1886; Cornwall, England.
21. Sarah Sally BEARDEN, 1828-1899; Spartanburg.
22. Francis Marion HARRISON, 1829-1893; Walnut Grove, South Carolina
23. Susan BILLINGS, 1833-1893; Walnut Grove.
24. John F. DANIELS, 1856-1912; New York; Waterbury.
25. Elizabeth Delia FLINT, 1857-1930; Otis, Massachusetts; West Hartford, Connecticut.
26. Adoniram HAYES, 1855-1918; Warrensburg, New York.
27. Orpha FOOT, 1859-1902; Warrensburg.
28. George SLACK, 1846- ; Sheffield, England; Connecticut.
29. Clarissa Josephine GREATSINGER, 1853-1925; Waterbury.
30. ----- WALLACE, - ;
31. Hattie E. HARWOOD, 1861- ; Lincolnville, Maine.
- VI.
32. Edward PRICE, 1807-1877; Prescott; Bolton.
33. Jane ELLIOTT, ca1806-1871; Prescott; Bolton.
34. Robert MORT, 1791- ; Lancashire, England.
35. Ann MARSH, ca1801-1833; Lancashire.
38. John TRUDGON, 1814- ; Cornwall.
42. John BEARDEN, 1784-1846; Spartanburg.
43. Rhoda Jane MOORE, 1795-1886; Spartanburg.
44. ----- McCEARY, - ;

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MASONIC HISTORY AMERICAN ORIGIN IN MASSACHUSETTS

From *The Berkshire Hills*, February 1, 1901.

FIVE BLUE LODGES IN BERKSHIRE IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

Some very valuable interesting general and local Masonic history, previous to the Morgan excitement, has come to us. This history, as privately preserved in 1802, gives a concise account of the origin of Masonry in America with a list of the Lodges in the then six northern states, with the names of the officers and number of members of which each Lodge then consisted.

UNDER ENGLISH DISPENSATION

From this we learn that it was the custom in England, until the day of St. John the Baptist in 1717, for Masonic brethren to assemble of their own volition to discharge the duties of the craft. At this time, by general consent of the order, such powers were only vested in Masonic Lodges convened in certain places and legally authorized to act by a warrant from the Grand Master, granted to certain individuals by petition with the consent and approbation of a Grand Lodge. It was not until the year 1733, that upon application of a number of Masons resident in Boston, Masonic Lodges made their appearance in America. At that time Most Worshipful Anthony, Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Masons in England, appointed the Right Worshipful Henry Price, Grand Master throughout North America. The accompanying warrant gave full power to appoint a Deputy to form a Grand Lodge in Massachusetts and to constitute Lodges elsewhere in this country. Therefore, the first Grand Lodge in America was organized in Boston as St. John's Grand Lodge, July 30, 1773, with Andrew Belcher as Deputy Grand Master, and the Worshipful Thomas Kennelly and John Quinn, Grand Wardens. Up to 1775 this Grand Lodge granted warrants for instituting regular Lodges in various parts of America, when Boston having become a British garrison, its assemblages were discontinued until times of

peace.

BEFORE THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

There was also in 1775 a Grand Lodge on the ancient establishment in Boston and called "Massachusetts Grand Lodge." This was under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, worked the Scottish ancient rites, towards which the earliest Grand Lodge was not well disposed. In 1769 Joseph Warren was appointed Grand Master of this Lodge and it continued to grant warrants for Lodges in the six northern states until 1791. At the battle of Bunker Hill Grand Master Warren fell a martyr to the cause of American Liberty. After the British had evacuated Boston his brethren searched the battlefield for his body, and found it by the turf and the twig buried on the brow of a hill, though not in a respectable grave. The remains of this murdered brave son of a widow were taken up and given honorable interment elsewhere.

COALITION AND REORGANIZATION

In 1777 the Masons of Boston, being deprived of their beloved patriot chief, again gathered together and chose Worshipful Joseph Webb their Grand Master. The separation of the United States from Great Britain disengaged the American from foreign Lodges, and in 1792 "The St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts" formed a complete coalition and took the title of "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

IN THE SIX NORTHERN STATES

From 1777 down to 1802 the Most Worshipful Masters of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge were John Warren, Moses Michael Hayes, John Cutler, Paul Revere Josiah Bartlett and Samuel Dunn. This

Lodge had jurisdiction in 1802 over both Massachusetts and Maine, in which were but 61 Lodges all told, about 50 of these being in Massachusetts. New Hampshire had a Grand Lodge and 13 Blue Lodges; Connecticut a Grand, with 39 Lodges; Rhode Island a Grand, with 7 Lodges; New York a Grand with 42 Lodges; and Vermont 4 Lodges. Massachusetts had a Grand Royal Arch Chapter at Boston and Newburyport, meeting annually and alternately in these cities in September; Rhode Island one at Providence; Connecticut one at Hartford with subordinate chapters at Newtown, Derby, Middletown, New Haven, Colchester and Norwich; New York one at Albany, with subordinate chapters at New York, Stillwater, Albany, Hudson, Whitestown, Grenville, Cambridge, Schenectady; New Lebanon, at Rutland, Vermont, and Stamford, Delaware. From this it will be seen that the nearest Royal Arch Chapter to Berkshire County in 1802 was that at New Lebanon, to which a number of the county Masons resorted to obtain the Chapter degree.

FRANKLIN LODGE THE FIRST IN BERKSHIRE

Though this recently discovered channel of information of ancient Masonic lore it is discovered that Franklin Lodge of Stafford's Hill in Cheshire, which was constituted in 1794 in a building owned by Capt. Timothy Mason, was the first institution of its character in the state west of Boston and Worcester. Only three Lodges had been constituted in Boston, one each at Portland, Newburyport, Machias, Charlestown, Salem, Hanover, Blandford, Worcester and Castine, previous to its organization. In 1802 it had a membership of 80, and its officers were R. W., Robert Walker; M. W., Chad Brown; S. W. W., Duty Sayles; J. W., John Lyon; Tr., Dennis Robinson, Secy.

EVENING STAR LODGE OF LENOX

Following this, Republican Lodge of Greenfield and Columbia Lodge of Boston were constituted and next in order Evening Star Lodge of Lenox. In 1802 the Lenox Lodge had a membership of 44. Its officers were R. W., Caleb Hyde, Master, W.,

Oliver Beldin, Jr., S. W., W., John Willard, J. W., Elijah Northrup, Tr., Azariah Eggleston. Sec'y, Phineas Pease, S. D., Levi Beldin, Jr., J. D., Otis Walker and Enos Stone, Stewards, Ebenezer Williams, Tiler. As the centennial of this Lodge was celebrated at Lee in 1895, the date of its organization was in 1795, or one year later than that of Franklin Lodge.

CINCINNATUS LODGE OF GREAT BARRINGTON

The eighteenth Lodge in Massachusetts and Maine, and the third in Berkshire, was constituted next after the Lenox Lodge at New Marlborough. This was Cincinnatus Lodge of Great Barrington, which in 1802 or thereabouts had a membership of 75, having been removed to that town. It was then officered by R. W., Joseph Jewett, Master, W., John Whiting, S. W., W., John Farnham, J. W., Samuel Rossiter, Tr., George Stanley, Sec'y, Cornelius Morgan, S. D., Artemus Roy, J. D., Ebenezer Comstock, Steward, Barnet Bushnel, Tiler. As Cincinnatus Lodge held its centennial celebration in 1900, it was therefore first organized in 1800.

SINCERITY LODGE OF PARTRIDGEFIELD

The fifty-fourth Lodge in this order was called Sincerity Lodge and was constituted at Partridgefield, out of which territory the towns of Dalton, Hinsdale and Peru were formed. In 1802, R. W. Henry Howard was Past Master of this Lodge; it had a membership of 29, and was thus officered: R. W., Cyrus Stowell, Master, W., William Stearns, S. W., W., William Pusse, J. W., Elkanah Jones, Sec'y, Joshua Smith, Tr., Zenas Crane, S., D., Abel Kittredge, J. D., Christopher Crary and Abraham Washburn, Stewards, William Fletcher, Tiler.

UNITY LODGE OF NEW LEBANON

It is known that very cordial relations existed between Franklin and afterwards Mystic Lodge with Unity Lodge (also the nearest Chapter) of New Lebanon. In 1802 this Lodge had a membership of 48. Its

officers were then R. E., Peleg Spencer, Master, W., John Butler, S. W., W., J. Murdock, J. W., Elisha Gilbert. Tr. J. Green, Sec'y.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE OF WILLIAMSTOWN

Through omission of the historian of earlier Masonic events in the six Northern States previous to 1802, no mention was made of Friendship Lodge of Williamstown, which possibly was not instituted until after that year. It has been previously stated that in 1800 Franklin Lodge received permission from the Grand Lodge to hold its communications alternately for three months on Stafford's Hill or Cheshire and at Lanesboro. That these meetings were held in the upper room or ball-room of the old Baker Tavern in North Lanesboro which structure within a few years has been torn down, it having been previously wrecked by the elements, has been verified. This hotel was built by Ezra Hall, father-in-law of Gov. George N. Briggs, and in the early days which this locality was the central Lanesboro village, the builder was also its most popular landlord and his house was the great resort for old-time travel and local amusement.

ST. JOHN'S DAY AT LANESBORO, 5807

It was here, June 24, 5807 or 1807, that Franklin Lodge of Cheshire, Sincerity Lodge of Hinsdale and Friendship Lodge of Williamstown convened on the Festival of St. John the Baptist to listen to a Masonic oration delivered by Dr. Amasa Trowbridge of Lanesboro. After the exercises the united Lodges convened in due form, Deputy Grand Master Robert Walker being present. It was resolved that brothers Robert Walker and M. W. Welles be a committee to present the thanks of these several Lodges to Brother Amasa Trowbridge for his oration delivered this day, and request him to favor us with a copy of the same for publication. Major Henry Clinton Brown, then postmaster at Williamstown and afterwards a famous High Sheriff of Berkshire County and resident of Pittsfield from 1812 to 1828, acted as Secretary at this united session of the Lodges.

ST. JOHN'S DAY AT LANESBORO, 5808

On June 24, 1808, the occasion of the festival of St. John the Baptist was again observed at Lanesboro by Franklin, Friendship and Sincerity Lodges. A Masonic sermon was delivered by Rev. Daniel Burhans, A.M., Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown, Connecticut, and dedicated to the members of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of Berkshire. Deputy Grand Master Walker presided over a meeting of the Lodges which followed, who with M. W. Welles was deputed to thank the speaker and request his much admired sermon for publication. Mr. Burhans was for several years Rector of St. Luke's Church in Lanesboro, where he married Prudence Edson, a sister of Mrs. Lyman Hall. For many years thereafter Mr. Burhans was the Episcopal Bishop of the State of Connecticut and resided at Newtown.

A WORD TO THE FRATERNITY

Of course, in the above sketch the history of Friendship Lodge of Williamstown is incomplete and can only be reproduced as further facts can be gleaned from published sources not at our command, and from descendants of its old membership. The same incompleteness also exists in a measure in regard to the history of the Lenox, Great Barrington and Partridgefield Lodges, which cannot be remedied except by further research, and communication with the fraternity in these towns or the resurrection of old manuscripts and traditions. Such interesting history, would be added to by a description of the localities where these Lodges met in the olden time.

THE PLUMB LINE

It is fitting to close this sketch with extracts from an eloquent sermon by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmadge, which vividly describes one of the prominent symbols of Free Masonry.

"The solid masonry of the world has for me a fascination. Walk about some of the triumphal arches and the cathedrals, four or six hundred years old, and see them stand as erect as when they were builded, walls of

great height, for centuries not bending a quarter of an inch this way or that. So greatly honored were the masons who builded these walls that they were free from taxation and called "free" masons. The trowel gets most of the credit for these buildings, and its clear ringing on stone and brick has sounded across the ages. But there is another implement of just as much importance as the trowel, and my text recognizes it. Bricklayers and stonemasons and carpenters, in the building of walls, use an instrument made of a cord, at the end of which a lump of lead is fastened. The drop it over the side of a wall, and as the plummet naturally seeks the center of gravity in the earth, the workman discovers where the wall recedes, and where it bulges out and just what is the perpendicular. This text represents God as standing on the wall of character, which the Israelites had built, and, in that way, testing it. "and the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? and I said, a plumb-line." Oh, this plumb-line of the everlasting right! God will throw it over all our lives to show whether they are doing useful work, or are instances of idleness and pretense. He will throw that plumb-line over all nations to demonstrate whether their laws are just or cruel, their rulers good or bad, their ambitions holy or infamous. He threw that plumb-line over the Spanish monarchy of other days, and what became of her? Ask the splintered hulks of her over-

thrown Armada. He threw that plumb-line over French imperialism, and what was the result? Ask the ruins of the Tuileries and the fallen column of the Place Vendome and the grave trenches of Sedan and the blood of revolutions at different times rolling through the Champs Elysees. He threw that plumb-line over ancient Rome, and what became of the realm of the ancient Caesars? Ask her war eagles, with beak dulled and wings broken, flung helpless into the Tiber. He threw it over the Assyrian Empire of a thousand years, the throne of Semiramis of twenty-seven expeditions, the cities of Phoenicia kneeling to the sceptre, and all the world blanched in the presence. What became of all the grandeur? Ask the fallen palaces of Khorsabad and the corpses of her soldiery, slain by angels of the Lord in one night, and the Assyrian sculptures of the world's museums, all that now remains of that splendor before which nations staggered and crouched. God is now throwing that plumb-line over this republic, and it is a solemn time with this nation, and whether we keep his Sabbaths or dishonor them, whether righteousness or iniquity dominate, whether we are Christian or infidel, whether we fulfil our mission or refuse, whether we are for God or against Him, will decide whether we shall as a nation go on in higher career or go down in the same grave where Babylon and Nineveh and Thebes are sepulchred."

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Ancestor Table - from page 88

45. Susan HARRISON, 1806-1881; Spartanburg.
46. Rutherford BILLINGS, ca1805-1880; Union, South Carolina.
47. Frances CANNON, 1807-1880; Spartanburg.
48. James Lawton DANIELS, 1819-1876; New York; Sandisfield, Massachusetts.
49. Mary Almira HUMPHREY, 1828-1902; Sandisfield.
50. Elijah L. FLINT, 1824-1864; Otis; Baltimore, Maryland.
51. Marcia LOOMIS, 1831-1871; Otis.
52. George HAYES, 1817-1896; Warrensburg.
56. William SLACK, ca1819- ; Sheffield, England.
57. Elizabeth HALLAM, ca1816- ; Derbyshire, England.
58. John GREATSINGER, ca1819- ; Germany.
59. Elizabeth YORK, ca1826- ; New York.
62. Charles HARWOOD, 1827- ; Hope, Maine; Gardiner, Maine.
63. Lucy Ann THORNDIKE, 1827-1920; Hope; Taunton, Massachusetts.

EARLY PITTSFIELD RECORDS

From Second Archival Box, IIIB and IIIC in the Berkshire Arhenaum Vault.

These are the account records of 11 highway and bridge projects in 1779-81. Wages paid vary somewhat, but commonly are three shillings per day per man, and one shilling, sixpence for each yoke of oxen, usually referred to as catel. Included are charges for 3" and 5" thick pine planks, most likely for the roadway of the bridges, planks for a sluice way, one horse, and, Oh yes, rum by the gallon.

WORKERS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

WILLIAM WILLIAMS' Account, June, 1781

William Brattle
Lieut. Brattle
James Brattle
John Brattle
Samuel Gray
Gideon Gun
Solomon Deming
Noadiah Deming
Erastus Sacket
Zebulon Herrick
Josiah Mosley
Esqr. Goodrich
Simeon Crowfoot
Deacon Wright
William Beard
Ebenezer White
John Strong
Rev. Mr. Allen
Elijah Crowfoot
Daniel Olds

JOHN STEARNS' Highway Account, July 20, 1781

Joseph -innor
Rufus Alen
Daniel Barber
Seth Kelog
Samuel Harrison
James Worderd
Joseph Eston
Ezra Kelog
Solomon Martin
Ebenezer Squires
Thomas Dunam
Peter Robinson
Joseph Bagg

Wait Martin
Marthe Barber
Gideon Goodrich
Gideon Goodrich, Jr.
Amos Root
Charles Miles
Niel Goodrich
Mr. Nickels
Moses Goodrich
John Horsford
Ezra Kelog
Capt. Baker

ENOCH MARVIN'S Account, June 11, 1781

Francis Plumer
George Austin
Lemuel Scofil
Timothy Cadwell
John Bryant
Enoch Marvin
Lieut. Noble
Martin Bagg
Aron Baker
Solomon Baker
Valentine Rathbun
John Branch
Abel Branch
Asa Branch
Ebenezer Austin

AMOS DELANO'S Account, Spring to Fall 1781

Nathaniel Robbins
John Remington
Zadock James
Ezra Hains
Samuel Hubbard
Oswould Williams
Robert Francis
William Francis
John Francis

Timothy Hubbard
Paul Hubbard
Capt. James Noble
Norman Easton
Capt. Joel Stephenson
Nathaniel Francis
William Miller
David Ashley
Samuel West
Ebenezer Wright
John Jordan
Capt. Woodoms
Oliver Root
Ithamer Noble
John Baker
Paul Hutchinson
Jesse Goodrich
Amos Delano
---- Butler

JOHN BARBER'S Bridge Bill No Date

Lieut. Graves
Joseph Fairfield
Daniel Jones
Lieut. Moses Graves
Mercy Dickinson
Woodbridge Little
Joshua Doane
Jonathan Weston
Jacob Ward
Jacob Ensign
John Stearns
Josiah Mosely
Daniel Weller
Capt. Eli Root
William Brattle, Jr.
James Brattle
Daniel Loomis
Nathaniel Fairfield
William Brattle
Hezekiah Jones, Jr.

Nathaniel Phelps
Simeon Crowfoot
Lt. Stephen Crowfoot
Elijah Crowfoot
John Stearns, Jr.
Matthew Barber
Lt. William Barber
Capt. Charles Goodrich
Warham Strong
Erastus Sacket
Erastus Sacket, Jr.
Aaron Stiles
David Bush

JOSHUA ROBBINS'
Bridge Account, August 17
and November 19, 1781

Paul Hubbard
Paul Hutchinson
Capt. James Noble
Norman Easton
Daniel Hubbard
Amos Root
Jacob Gleason
John Remington
John Wright
Jesse Goodrich
Capt. William Ford
Charles Miller
Huldah Goodrich
Zebbediah Stiles
Lieut. Gideon Goodrich
John Strong
Nathaniel Robbins
Jacob Ward
Major Oliver Root
Capt. William Frances
William Miller
David Ashley
Caleb Wadams
Dea. Josiah Wright
Thomas Miller
John Backer
Benjamin Judd
William Saben
John Barber
Joshua Narrimore
Lieut. Oswald Williams
Capt. William Barber
Stephen Phelps
Samuel West
Steven Fowler
Eli Root

George Austin
Dan Cadwell
Ebenezer Wright
Nathiel Phelps
Ezra Strong
Amos Root, Jr.
Joshua Robbins
Lieut. Josiah Wright

JOSHUA NAROMORE
Highway Surveyor's Account
November 19, 1781

Capt. James Colt
Joseph Wright
Tites Wright
Peter Wright
Jonathan Kingsley
Abiathar Millard
William Frellegh
John Waight
Joseph Phelps
Paul Guilford
Samuel Phelps
Daniel Rust
Oliver Burt
John Demming
Calvin Cogswell
Joshua Cogswell
William Robinson
Joshua Narrimore
Andrew Langwortha
Matthew Wright
David Lindsey
Benjamin Cogswell
Elnathan Phelps
James Hubbard
Thaddeus Hurlbert
(Illegible)
Joshua Cogswell
Josiah Tallcott

OLIVER BURT'S
Survey bill & laborers
1779

Capt. Colt
Joshua Cogswell
Lemuel Phelps
Caleb Stanley, Jr.
Nathaniel Welch
John Demon
John Briant
Thadeus Hulbert

Josiah -aulent
Jonathan Kingsley
Simeon Colt
Joseph Phelps
John Waitt
William -oely
Dr. Abiathar Millard
Hanah More, Widow
Joshua Naramore
Elnathan Phelps
Daniel Huberd
Lieut. James Huberd
Lemuel Phelps
Dr. Millard
William -olly
Joshua Cogswell
Joseph Wright
Matthew Wright
Titus Wright
Simeon Babet

CALEB STANLEY'S
Surveying bill & laborers
June 8, 1779

Caleb Stanley
John Baker
Oswald Williams
John Remington
King Strong
George Butler
Amos Huntley
Stephen Bradley
Timothy Cook
Alex Forbes
John Ronning
Capt. William Francis
Capt. Oliver Root
Elnathan Phelps
James Hubbard
Nathaniel Robbins
David Bush
John Bull
Josiah -oudin-
Joshua Cogswell
Daniel Rust
Joseph Wright
Mathew Wright
Hanah More, Widow
Joseph Phelps
John Wait
William -oalley
Aron Baker
David Bush

DANIEL WELLER'S
Work account & laborers
June, 1780

Nathaniel Hale
 Uriah Judd
 Benjamin Judd
 Daniel Cadwell
 Daniel Weller
 Nehemiah Tracey
 David Wells
 Phineas Bagg
 Timothy Cadwell
 Samuel Judd
 William Sabens
 Charles Haselton
 Adonijah Warterman
 Jabez Bigelow
 Ezekiel Root
 Dan Bagg
 George Austin
 Philip Foot

J. ROBBINS, Moderator
Accounts for labor, carting,
planks, etc. Workers
June 5, Sept. 9, Oct. 5,
Dec. 8 and Dec. 18, 1780

John Merry
 Hezekiah Jones
 Daniel Jones
 Labius Backus
 Enoch Haskins
 Jonathan Hobby
 Samuel Harvy
 Joshua Luce
 Matthew Millard
 Lieut. Crofoot
 Elijah Crofoot
 Zebulon Hearick
 Eli Root
 William Williams
 Gideon Gun
 Joel Walker
 William Brattle, Jr.
 William Brattle
 James Brattle
 Josiah Mosley
 Hezekiah Jones
 Hezekiah Jones, Jr.
 Simeon Crofoot
 Matthew Millard

Zebulon Hoarick
 Rastus Sacket
 Josiah Moseley
 John Merry
 Jonathan Hobby
 Mathew Millard
 Hezekiah Jones, Jr.
 William Rand
 Capt. Charles Goodrich
 Lebeus Backus
 Enoch Haskinson
 Capt. Bush
 William Brattle
 James Brattle
 Elijah Crofoot

RUFUS ALLEN, Surveyor
June, Nov. 17, Dec. 18, 1780
Workers

Matthew Barber
 William Barber
 Ezra Keeler
 Joseph Easton
 Seth Keeler
 Deacon Wright
 Rufus Allen
 Joseph Keeler
 Abijah Heman
 Eben Keeler
 John Horsford
 Benjamin Keeler
 Samuel Hicok
 Charles Reed
 Charles Hicok
 Benjamin Blossom
 Abijah Hinman
 Samuel Harrison
 Rufus Allen
 Widow Brown
 Joseph Allen
 Aaron Miller
 Aaron Stiles
 Joseph Bennet
 Levi Belding
 Thomas Keeler
 Benjamin Keeler
 Seth Keeler
 Rufus Allen

OLIVER ROOT, Surveyor
Dec. 18, 1780 Road Work.

James Noble

Ebenezer Wright
 Solomon Lathrop
 Joel Stephens
 David Ashley
 Eliphalet Jones
 Nathaniel Davis
 Josiah Clark
 Paul Hubbard
 Joshua Robbins
 Aaron Root
 William Ford
 Jacob Gleason
 Stephen Fowler
 Charles Miller
 Caleb Goodrich
 Gedion Goodrich
 Zebediah Stiles
 Moses Goodrich
 Oliver Root
 William Francis
 Paul Hutchinson
 Josiah Wright
 John Baker
 Nathaniel Welch, Jr.
 James Taylor
 Elijah Ames
 Jonathan Stoddard
 Thomas Burdon
 Elijah Jones
 Nathaniel Welch
 John Churchil
 Ebenezer Churchil
 Joseph Clark
 Ezra Strong
 J. Robbins

A BERKSHIRE CIRCUS

From *The Berkshire Hills*, February 1, 1901.

The only Berkshire County town or locality which ever can lay claim to the organization of a circus was North Adams. This circus had for its originator, Samuel Nichols, who previous to his embarkation in this venture had been connected in the management of some of the told time single ring circuses, among which was that of Sands and Lent. In this enterprise Sam Nichols associated with him two brothers, Houghton and William Nichols. This company traveled all over New England and the Middle States by highway for a number of years, between 1835 and 1845, and giving fine entertainments, with the very best talent procurable, became very popular, both at home and abroad. Sam Nichols as head man and ringmaster was a skillful manager, Houghton was master of properties with general oversight over the show, and William was a talented bareback rider and a daring performer on from one to a dozen steeds at a time.

After the breaking up of Nichols' circus Samuel connected himself with other enterprises, Houghton became associated with the Arnold Print Works when these were on Union street. William followed his profession as a bare-back rider with his own brilliant stud of horses for many years, making many trips abroad under different circus owners, as a bright and famous star in his specialty. Although his hearing became impaired, he did not retire from the ring until, when on a trip to South America, he met with a shipwreck in which his valuable stud of animals were drowned and he barely escaped with his life. It was in Nichols' circus also that Walter Aymar, the first man known to turn a double somersault in mid air, came to the front, who afterwards while performing this great feat in a London theatre, made a miscalculation and broke his neck. William Nichols was without doubt the most famous of circus performers of his day, his mastery over a half-dozen horses in wild flight was simply wonderful, and his faultless dexterity as a one-horse bareback rider challenged the greatest admiration on both continents. He was a man of small stature, extremely lithe and wiry, and of great muscular strength.

Both himself and Houghton finally settled down in North Adams, where they deceased, greatly respected by those who knew them. What finally became of Samuel is unknown to the writer.

This reminiscence brings to mind a schoolboy who used to attend the district school in what was known as the "White School House," which was located in 1844 where the chapel of the First Baptist Church now stands. Johnny Hawkins was the son of the village blacksmith, whose shop was on Eagle, just at the head of Center street. He was the India-rubber boy of the school rough and ready for any daring prank and was amazing in somersault, handspring and other athletic feats. One day he turned up missing, having joined a circus, following the profession of a "tumbler" for many years. He visited Berkshire a number of times as the leading man in his role in several of the olden time circuses.

Another famous bareback circus rider of North Adams was Joseph Hazelett, who for quite a period of time was a star in Stickney & Co., Circus and who was as a performer a very close second to the famous old-time bareback rider, Bob Stickney.

The two localities in North Adams in which the old-time circuses were held were first the former large plot of ground at the foot of Quincy street, and owned by the Pittsfield and North Adams Railroad, but now covered with buildings devoted to business purposes. Although there were several fierce fights on this ground between the circus employees and rough crowds gathered for the purpose of disturbance, nothing of a serious nature ever occurred on these premises. Later on these circuses were held on the site of the present Arnold Print Works and close to the north branch of the Hoosac River. This being a large and spacious lot gave room for the larger spread of canvas and the increasing number of side shows. But the advent of storms heralded by high winds pushing with great velocity through a narrow gorge at the northwest often caused the circus

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METHODISM IN BERKSHIRE

From *The Berkshire Hills*, January 1, 1901.

The following most interesting sketch abstract of the earliest history of Methodism in Berkshire County and vicinity was compiled by Henry C. Warner of New York and Great Barrington from an original letter from the late Rev. Freeborn G. Hibbard, D.D., dated Clifton Springs, N.Y., August 3, 1885 which he carefully preserved among his very valuable historical manuscripts. This history, says Mr. Warner, relating as it does to the condition of Methodism on the Pittsfield and adjacent circuits fully seventy years ago, may be of deep interest to the members of that denomination, and it will help them to realize the great growth of this church organization among the Berkshire hills in that period of time.

SERVICE ON THE PITTSFIELD CIRCUIT

Dr. Hibbard, as near as possible, thus tells his own story: "In 1829, when 18 years of age, I served part of the year under the direction of the Presiding Elder, on the Pittsfield Circuit. The Circuit then embraced in Berkshire County, Pittsfield, Dalton, Lanesboro, Richmond, Peru, Washington, Hinsdale and Lenox. Besides these towns, the Circuit outside of the county embraced Goshen, Plainfield, Middlefield, Chester and Canaan, N.Y. The appointments for preaching in villages were at Pittsfield, Lanesboro, Hinsdale, Lenox and Dalton

PLACES OF WORSHIP

At Pittsfield we had three regular preaching places on the Sabbath, in the village and in the east and west parts of the town. In Pittsfield village there was preaching in the second story of the Old Academy and at Lanesboro in a meeting house built by the town, open to all orthodox societies, "the standing order" having precedence. In 1830 a Methodist church was built at Pittsfield village under the pastorate of Rev. Cyrus Prindle.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

When the Quarterly Meetings were held at Canaan, the Methodist loads would come a distance of from six to thirty miles. When in

Richmond or West Pittsfield, the people would travel twenty to twenty-five miles in order to attend.

THE DALTON CIRCUIT

In 1831, when the village of Pittsfield became a separate appointment, the eastern section of the old Circuit was named Dalton, with Noah Bigelow and F. G. Hibbard as preachers in charge. The new Circuit embraced East Pittsfield, Dalton, Washington, Hinsdale, Peru, Lenox, Goshen, Chester, Middlefield and Plainfield. At Middlefield the Methodists had a small house of worship and at Dalton they met in a small old fashioned school house. At East Pittsfield on Quarterly Meeting occasions Father Chamberlain opened his large barn.

OLD PETERSBURG CIRCUIT

About that period the old Petersburg Circuit embraced in Berkshire County, Adams, North Adams, Williamstown, Hancock, New Ashford and some appointments in southern Vermont. In the New York section of the Circuit Petersburg was the only village.

NORTH ADAMS MEETING PLACE

At North Adams the Methodists worshiped in a building that had been used as a glass factory. The structure had no resemblance to a church. There was no access to the pulpit from the audience room, but the preacher entered from the vestibule through a small door into a little cell about two and a half by three feet. He then closed the entrance door and ascended a ladder into the pulpit, and then let down a trap door which became the floor of the pulpit.

HAD A CHURCH IN NEW ASHFORD

At New Ashford the Methodists had a small church and at South Adams there was a small building in which they worshiped, but did not own. At Hancock there was preaching in an old meeting house owned by the Baptists. On the Petersburg Circuit in 1830

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BERKSHIRE MEN OF WORTH

From *The Berkshire Evening Eagle*, Joseph Ward Lewis' Columns, 1933-35.

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The second president of Lafayette College was John William Yeomans, Berkshire born and bred, Berkshire educated. Dr. Yeomans was born in Hinsdale January 7, 1800; was graduated from Williams College in 1824; tutored at Williams; then studied theology at Andover Seminary. His first pastorate was at North Adams (at that time a village in the north part of the town of Adams), and extended from November 1828, to the spring of 1832 when he became pastor of the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield.

In 1834 he was called to the First Congregational Church at Trenton, N. J., as successor to the Rev. Dr. James Alexander. In 1841 he became president of Lafayette College. He resigned that position in 1844. The resignation took effect early in 1845 when he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Danville, Pa. He died at Danville, June 22, 1863.

Dr. Yeomans was moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1860. He held degrees in divinity from Williams College, the College of New Jersey and Miami University, all conferred in 1841 when he became president of Lafayette. He was a scholarly, vigorous, voluminous writer and was reputed to be the ablest metaphysician in his denomination. He wrote the sketch of Adams in the David Dudley Field History of Berkshire County.

Addison Ballard, a former resident of this city, was for 19 years (1874-1893) a professor at Lafayette. Dr. Ballard was of the Williams class of 1842, was Professor of Rhetoric at Williams (1854-1855), and pastor of the Williamstown Congregational Church (1857-1865). Dr. Ballard spent the last decade of a long useful life with his son, Harlan Hoge Ballard of the Berkshire Athenaeum. He died at Pittsfield December 2, 1914, at the age of 92.

Miller D. Steever, who has been a member of the faculty, teaching civics and government, at Lafayette for the past dozen years, was a resident of Pittsfield for seven years. He practiced law here and was City Clerk for three years beginning in 1917.

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In addition to Dr. Yeomans other Berkshire born men have become presidents of leading colleges, and the list is impressive. In front of the Park Building on East Street is a stone monument marking the site of the parsonage occupied by Parson Allen of Bennington battle fame. In that parsonage was born a son of the parson, William Allen who afterward became president of Dartmouth University. It will be recalled that the Legislature of New Hampshire undertook to bring about the transfer of the franchise and property of Dartmouth College, established under the laws of England, before the Revolution, to Dartmouth University incorporated under the laws of New Hampshire. This effort on the part of the State culminated in the famous Dartmouth College decision in the Supreme Court of the United States in which the college was victorious over the university. But for a time Dartmouth University had a president and a faculty and so from 1817 to 1820 this William Allen, son of the parson, was entitled, "President of Dartmouth University." But William Allen later became a real college president, of Bowdoin in Maine, then, as now, an important seat of learning.

William Allen was born at the parsonage in Pittsfield, January 2, 1784; in 1810 he succeeded Parson Allen as pastor of the First Congregational Church; removed in 1817 to Hanover, the seat of Dartmouth; and in 1820 became president of Bowdoin. During his presidency at Bowdoin many students, later men of distinction, were in his classes, among them, Franklin Pierce the 14th President of the United States; Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry W. Longfellow and John A. Andrew, the war governor of Massachusetts. Dr. Allen resigned in 1839 and removed to Northampton, Mass. where for the remainder of his life he devoted himself to literary pursuits. He died there July 16, 1868. He married a granddaughter of Eleazer Wheelock, founder of Dartmouth College, a daughter of John Wheelock, second president of the college.

Frederick A. P. Barnard, a son of Sheffield, for 24 years, was president of Columbia

University. Barnard College, affiliated with Columbia, took its name from this Berkshire born president.

Barnas Sears, 1801-1880, went from his birthplace in Sandisfield, to become a successor of Horace Mann, as secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Education, and later, president of Brown University at Providence from 1855 to 1867.

William Edward Merriman was another native of Hinsdale, born October 20, 1825. He graduated at Williams in 1850. From 1863 to 1876 he was president of Ripon College in Wisconsin. He died in Boston, August 1, 1892.

Stephen William Taylor, LL.D. was born at Adams, October 28, 1791, graduated at Hamilton College, as valedictorian, in 1817; taught in secondary schools for many years and in 1851 he became second president of Madison University at Hamilton, New York. He died at Hamilton January 6, 1856. His publications included a history of Madison University and a series of essays on the Theory of Education. This institution was renamed Colgate University in 1890 in honor of the Colgate family.

Clark W. Bryan's Book of Berkshire is authority for the statement that President Rowley of DePauw University in Indiana was born in Richmond. I have thus far been unable to learn anything about this Rowley. His name does not appear in the list of presidents of DePauw from 1839 to 1903. The university was established in 1837 and it may be that this Rowley had to do with its founding but was not its president.

Mark Hopkins, the great teacher of teachers, was born in Stockbridge in 1802, the same year Barnas Sears was born over in Sandisfield. This great educator was president of our own Williams College from 1836 to 1872. Henry Hopkins, a son of Mark Hopkins was born in Williamstown, November 30, 1837, graduated from Williams in 1858 and was president of his alma mater from 1902 to 1908 when he died. He was the immediate predecessor of ex-president Harry A. Garfield. These men were scholars of high repute; they were all writers, successful educators in important institutions, and all reflected credit upon the county of their birth.

The Oberlin College Men's Glee Club which is to give a concert at Stockbridge next week Wednesday night comes from a college town near Cleveland from which many Berkshire boys and girls have graduated. The college was the first in the country to adopt co-education of the sexes and was a pioneer in providing for the education of white and black folk on equal footing. It has two notable Berkshire connections.

The third president of Oberlin College was born in Stockbridge, November 25, 1817. Soon after the birth of James Harris Fairchild, his parents removed to Ohio which was their pioneer ground. In 1834 young Fairchild entered Oberlin College and his connection with that excellent institution ended only with his death at Oberlin in 1902.

In 1838 Fairchild became professor of Greek and Latin at Oberlin. Subsequently he taught mathematics and theology and in 1866 became president. He continued in that capacity until he resigned in 1889. Thereafter until he died at Oberlin in 1902, he continued to occupy the chair of systematic theology after spending 68 years in one environment.

But this is not the only or most noteworthy connection of Berkshire County and Oberlin College. The Rev. Dr. Charles Vinal Spear was a generous benefactor of Oberlin to which he gave a magnificent library building and a supporting endowment; of the latter the Maplewood property on the east side of North Street in Pittsfield was a part. He was a native of the eastern part of this State; graduated at Amherst College in 1846; and then came to Pittsfield as an instructor in the Young Ladies' Institute, later called the Maplewood Institute. It was then owned by Wellington Tyler, a great-grandson of Jonathan Edwards, the theologian and for nine years missionary to the Stockbridge Indians at Stockbridge. During four years, 1847-1851, in addition to his duties as instructor, Mr. Spear pursued systematic instruction in theology from Dr. John Todd, pastor of the First Congregational Church. He was ordained a minister and after a short pastorate in Sudbury, Mass., then returned to Maplewood to become for a short time co-partner with Mr. Tyler and later sole owner of the property and principal of the school. In 1883 he retired from the management of the school, and shortly thereafter presented the property to Oberlin College. In 1889 the col-

lege sold the property to the late Arthur W. Plumb.

Dr. Spear was thus for more than a generation a citizen of Pittsfield; he was on the first Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Athenaeum, he was one of the founders of the Monday Evening Club, a famous literary organization still in active existence; he was active in charitable and missionary work, locally and in the regions hereabouts; and was prominent in all church activities.

On the days when the Maplewood was closing, Oberlin was celebrating her fiftieth anniversary with jubilee exercises. Mr. Spear's sympathies became warmly enlisted and he had the thought "that if Maplewood should not continue as an independent center of education it might be continued in its true spirit and purpose as a department added to the equipment of Oberlin." He established a permanent home in Oberlin in 1887 and became an important factor in the life of both town and college, highly honored by both. It cannot be doubted that ex-President Fairchild and Mr. Spear became friends and very likely the Berkshire origin of Dr. Fairchild and Berkshire connection of Mr. Spear were the subjects of mutual interest and conversation.

It may be noted that Mr. Spear was greatly interested in Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn. A Pittsfield young woman of remarkable vocal talent, Miss Catherine Van Buren, a recent graduate of Fisk, is now studying at Oberlin.

Mr. Spear, with his wife, daughter, and some young lady friends, took a trip for European travel and study in the fall of 1890. He died at Constantinople on this trip on May 10, 1891, and was there buried beside countrymen of missionary fame whom he had long known and whose work he had often befriended.

President Ballentine of Oberlin said at a memorial service, "he was one of the most helpful, generous, pure-hearted men who ever came to this place."

Oberlin celebrated its centennial anniversary on Sunday the third of this month.

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Elias Gilbert Merwin was born April 25, 1825 in New Haven. He was graduated from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. in 1841 and received the Master of Arts degree

there in 1849. A brother John Merwin, was pastor of the Congregational Church in Lenox and Elias came there to study law with Judge Bishop. He entered Harvard Law School in 1842 but remained there only one year. He came to Pittsfield in 1843 and began the practice of his profession. On December 23, 1847 he married Anne, the daughter of Dr. H. H. Childs, president of that famous institution, the Berkshire Medical College. His conduct of a case at the sitting of the Superior Court in Lenox in 1851 so impressed Benjamin R. Curtis who as a visitor was present at the Lenox court, that Mr. Curtis invited the young lawyer to enter into a partnership. Before the time came for going to Boston at the end of Mr. Curtis' summer vacation, the latter was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court, and the partnership arrangements never were carried out. But Merwin went to Boston on his own and became one of the State's most brilliant and highly respected lawyers. His practice was not only in the State courts but he had lucrative employment in the United States courts in New England and in the Supreme Court in Washington. He was especially active in equity matters and in patent cases. He had charge of all the early litigation concerning the McKay shoe machinery patents, and to the end of his life in 1891, was counsel for the American Telephone Company. He was author of a valuable work on "The Principles of Equity and Equity Pleading," a legal classic. A second edition of this work was published by his son, H. C. Merwin in 1895 and in the preface to this edition thanks are extended "more especially to Charles Hiller Innes, Esq. of the Boston bar, by whom the bulk of the work has been done. That Mr. Innes is an accomplished and learned lawyer. He is still very much alive as the recent Boston campaign bore witness. He is the "Charlie" Innes who managed the Malcolm Nichols campaign for Mayor.

Elias Merwin died in Boston on March 27, 1891, and was buried in the Pittsfield Cemetery. Exactly six months later his widow died and at her request, was buried in the same grave with her husband. H. C. Merwin, the son died some years ago. Annie C. Merwin, a daughter, died November 8, 1931, in Washington, D. C., where she had made her home for 35 years. She is buried in the Merwin lot in Pittsfield Cemetery.

Elias Merwin was secretary of the Pittsfield

Cemetery Corporation when it was organized in 1850. He was a trustee under the will of Phinehas Allen and for years handled the fund which upon the death of life tenants went to the Athenaeum.

The quality and rare beauty of Mr. Merwin's forensic oratory, may be sampled in his brief remarks in seconding the resolution on the death of Otis P. Lord, a justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, at the memorial exercises before the full court in 1884. It may be found on Page 593 of Volume 137 of the Massachusetts Reports.

The New Year's morning prayer meeting at the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield was established in the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Heman Humphrey, 1817 to 1923. Dr. Humphrey left that church to become, on October 25, 1823, president of the Collegiate Institution which afterwards became Amherst College. He resigned the presidency of the college in 1845 at the age of 66 and returned to Pittsfield. For the remaining 17 years of his life "he contributed with his counsel and aid, with all the ardor and almost with the vigor of his youth to every enterprise, religious or secular, which was proposed for the good of the town," Dr. Humphrey died in Pittsfield on April 3, 1861 and was buried in the Pittsfield Cemetery. The New Year's morning prayer meeting was designed to be for the people of all the Protestant denominations in Pittsfield. It was held for many years at 7 o'clock, but of recent years the hour has been advanced to 7:30 o'clock. This year's meeting was the one hundred eighteenth.

And by the way it is not properly called a "sunrise" prayer meeting. I have used the original and correct form.

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After the funeral services of the bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Nebraska, held in the church of the incarnation of New York City, in 1908, the bishop of New York, appointed the bishops of Ohio, Connecticut and Chicago, to draft a memorial on behalf of the bishops present. From this I quote: "A distinguishing mark of his life was its refinement and its purity; his disposition was sensitive and affectionate; he was a very lovable man, and therefore endeared himself to his brothers in the House of Bishops, and won from them their admiration - and high esteem." The memorial

states that his characteristics were gentleness, allied with firmness, devoutness, accompanied by sincerity, and a singular spirit of sanctified fidelity.

The bishop thus characterized was George Worthington, born at Lenox in this county, October 14, 1840. He was of one of the most prominent Lenox families and was related to the Tuckers. Guy Worthington, father of the bishop, was a leading merchant of the town in the early '40s. Young Worthington graduated from Hobart College in 1860 and from the General Theological Seminary in New York in 1863. He was a curate at St. Paul's Church in Troy and successively rector of Christ Church in Ballston Spa, N.Y., and of St. John's Church in Detroit, holding the latter pastorate from 1868 to 1885. He was consecrated the second bishop of Nebraska February 24, 1885. His work in his pastorates and in the diocese attracted wide attention. He was a parish builder and a church builder. The increase in number of communicants in the churches of which he was rector and in his diocese and his instrumentality in promoting the building of numerous churches in the Nebraska field indicate great administrative ability. It is said that his advice in business matters was frequently sought by business men and that once the governor of his State remarked that the bishop's advice in such matters never led him wrong.

A heart affliction made it impossible for the bishop to stand the climate of the plains, and in 1889 he came east and in 1900, bought the Henry W. Bishop place on East Street, now the residence of Denis T. Noonan, first president of the City Council under Pittsfield's new charter. There Dr. Worthington maintained his home until his death. He turned over his salary as bishop and the direct control of the diocese to his coadjutor. But he usually returned to Omaha to preside over the annual diocesan convention, and on other occasions visited the diocese to greet his old friends. In the last year of his life he was appointed by the presiding bishop of his church to have charge of the American Church in Europe in succession to Bishop Potter of New York. He was suddenly taken ill on the street in Mentone, France, and died within a few minutes on January 7, 1908. After the funeral services in New York, the body was brought to Lenox for interment in the Worthington family plot in the cemetery on the

hill.

Bishop Worthington had the doctorates of law and of divinity from Hobart and the year before his death Williams gave him the degree of D.D.

Mrs. Worthington to whom he was married in 1892 was Amelia T. Milton of Jamaica Plain. She was a sister of the late William F. Milton of Unkamet Farm, Coltsville, Pittsfield. Mr. Milton will be remembered for his magnificent gift to Harvard.

During his residence in this city Bishop

Worthington interested himself in public affairs. The following words from a local newspaper touch upon this phase of his life here: "He advocated without ceasing a clean city, physically and morally. He loved fine avenues and well kept lawns and the little plots of ground where flowers bloomed. Very often he offered a suggestion to the newspapers and to city officials that helped immeasurably in carrying out a given policy."

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people considerable trouble and once a considerable catastrophe occurred here. It was a rainy evening late in the summer, but the circus being first-class, the tent was filled with so dense an audience that there was neither sitting or standing room, while without it was black as tar. The grand cavalcade was finished, the ringmaster and clown had taken their places by the center-pole, and just as a lady rider had been placed on her horse, a powerful wind came roaring along from the northwest. The circus people fled to the dressing tent, but a great crowd was so wedged in that it could not stir. It was a moment of frightful suspense in which the multitude gave utterance to one great agonizing and frightful scream. It was but an instant when the hurricane lifted the canvas up into the air, carrying with it the center and stay-poles, and then the thoroughly soaked

canvas fell in upon the struggling and helpless crowd, at the same time extinguishing the lights, while a deluge of rain wet them through and through. For a moment there was such a pandemonium of frightful screams and groans issuing from the imprisoned people as to be actually heart-rending. Lanterns were speedily lighted by the circus employees, the sides of the tent were ripped into with knives, and every masculine finding himself unhurt plunged into the work of rescue. Quite a number of people had their limbs broken, others were injured by the falling tent poles and others badly bruised. Such a bedraggled, humiliated, disappointed crowd of people as that lighted off these grounds through the pouring rain, through gutters boiling with discolored water and muddy roadbeds to Main Street, never had an equal before or since.

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the preacher traveled a hundred miles in order to fill all his appointments. Three weeks out of four there was week-day preaching and the fourth week was "rest week."

TYRINGHAM CIRCUIT

In 1829 Rev. Billy Hibbard, the father of Dr. Hibbard, was appointed to travel Tyringham Circuit. He found thereon 87 members and in a year under his preaching they had

increased to 200. Lee and Stockbridge were on the Circuit that year. There was also an appointment at Beartown in the northeast part of Great Barrington. On his first visit there Billy said to the people: "I will preach to you about the bears." He then took for his text Kings, 2: 23, 24. The subject was "The scoffer and his doom." and as his maxim was "never hew blocks with a razor," he omitted the razor on that occasion. ■■■■■

STATE CENSUS OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1855

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Contrary to the census rules, the enumerator lists states of birth for those outside Massachusetts, and counties for those within.

40	46	Susan E. Green	14	F		Conn.
		Henry Green	12	M		Conn.
		Alanson Green	8	M		Conn.
41	47	Alonzo Warner	38	M	Forge Man	Conn.
		Betsey Warner	31	F		Conn.
		Alice Warner	11	F		Conn.
		Wallace Warner	5	M		Conn.
		Ida Warner	3	F		Conn.
42	48	Seba B. Moore	56	M	Physician	Conn.
		Sally Moore	51	F		Berkshire
		George R. Moore	14	M		Conn.
		Eliza Ann Moore	11	F		Conn.
		Herman P. Moore	9	M		Conn.
		Mary L. Moore	8	F		Conn.
43	49	Comfort Clark	53	M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Mary Clark	53	F		Berkshire
		Charles Clark	22	M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Esther P. Clark	20	F		Berkshire
		Philo Clark	17	M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Ellen S. Clark	13	F		Berkshire
	50	Barkley Clark	25	M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Lydia A. Clark	19	F		N. Y.
	51	Henry J. Farnham	32	M	Joiner	Hampden
		Mary J. Farnham	28	F		Berkshire
		Mary L. Farnham	4	F		Berkshire
		Curtis R. Farnham	1	M		Berkshire
		Robert Royce	15	M		Berkshire
44	52	Thomas Babb	62	M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Nancy Babb	57	F		R. I.
45	53	Lewis Clark	30	M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Elisabeth J. Clark	25	F		Hampden
		Clark	3m	F		Berkshire
		Josephene Clark	19	F		Hampden
		Franklin Hibbard	15	M		Not Known
46	54	Isaac Kibbee	60	M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Susan Kibbee	57	F		R. I.
		Mary R. Kibbee	17	F		Berkshire
		Eliza S. Kibbee	14	F		Berkshire
47	55	Silas Kimberley	38	M	Laborer	Conn.
		Maverva L. Kimberley	44	F		Berkshire
	56	Albert S. Benton	40	M	Joiner	Berkshire
		Lucina M. Benton	11	F		N. Y.
		Ellen L. Benton	11	F		Berkshire
48	57	Isaac Benton	83	M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Phebe Benton	72	F		Berkshire

		Milton Benton	41 M	Teacher	Berkshire
		Martha Benton	24 F		Berkshire
49	58	Marian Wilner	63 F		Berkshire
	59	Daniel R. Jones	43 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Nancy A. Jones	38 F		Berkshire
		George A. Jones	16 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Daniel P. Jones	14 M		Berkshire
		Phineas W. Jones	11 M		N. Y.
		Mary E. Jones	9 F		Berkshire
		Charlotte H. Jones	7 F		Berkshire
		Henry H. Jones	7 M		Berkshire
		Harriet N. Jones	5 F		Berkshire
		Warren J. Jones	2 M		Berkshire
50	60	Erastus Owen	85 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Eunice Owen	77 F		Hampden
		Chauncey S. Cannon	38 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Parmelia H. Cannon	31 F		Berkshire
		Erastus H. Cannon	7 M		Berkshire
51	62	Chauncey Cannon	67 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Sally Cannon	61 F		Berkshire
52	63	Asa Benton	52 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Ameret Benton	48 F		Conn.
		Jane S. Benton	17 F		Berkshire
		Flavel D. Benton	12 M		Berkshire
		Louis(e?) Benton	76 F		Berkshire
53	64	Eda Culver	52 F		Conn.
		Lucinda Culver	85 F		Berkshire
54	65	Eunice Scott	58 F		Berkshire
		Jane A. Scott	24 F		Hampden
		Luther Scott	22 M	Joiner	Berkshire
		Daniel W. Merritt	24 M	Joiner	Berkshire
		Sarah O. Merritt	24 F		Hampden
55	66	Percival Davison	54 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Harmony B. Davison	40 F		Hampden
		Louisa Davison	19 F		Berkshire
		Edmund Davison	16 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		George H. Davison	1 M		Berkshire
56	67	Roderick H. Norton	48 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Harriet Norton	45 F		N. Y.
		Isaac F. Norton	21 M	Clerk	N. Y.
		Bradford B. Norton	17 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		George S. Norton	14 M		Berkshire
		Mary Ann Parmele	45 F		Berkshire
57	68	Theodore Crittenden	45 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Sarah Crittenden	63 F		Berkshire
58	69	Shubal Dimmuck	78 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Theda Dimmuck	34 F		Berkshire
		Electa Dimmuck	30 F		Berkshire
59	70	Michael Lawless	39 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Eliza Lawless	36 F		Ireland
		Bridget Lawless	7 F		N. Y.
		Ellen Lawless	4 F		Worcester
		Eliza A. Lawless	2 F		Worcester
60	71	Aaron Fay	59 M	Farmer	Conn.

		Mary Fay	62	F		Conn.
		John Fay	23	M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Linus S. Fay	18	M	Laborer	Berkshire
61	72	Nathaniel Roreback	27	M	Laborer	Conn.
		Abigail Roreback	25	F		Berkshire
		Aaron C. Roreback	9m	M		Berkshire
62	73	Jeptha G. Hazzard	50	M	Laborer	R. I.
		Hannah M. Hazzard	40	F		Hampden
		George (blot) Hazzard	19	M	Laborer	Hampden
		Hannah M. Hazzard	18	F		Hampden
		Sally Hazzard	13	F		Berkshire
		William Hazzard	11	M		Berkshire
		Eliza Hazzard	2	F		Berkshire
		Henry Hazzard	6m	M		Berkshire
63	74	Elijah Palmer	69	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Betsey Palmer	62	F		Berkshire
		Mary L. Palmer	24	F		Berkshire
64	75	Austin Ransom	36	M	Farmer	Conn.
		Harriet A. Ransom	38	F		Hampden
		Almira C. Ransom	9	F		Berkshire
		Osbert A. Ransom	6	M		Berkshire
		Lawrence B. Ransom	4	M		Berkshire
		John H. Ransom	3	M		Berkshire
	76	Joseph White	67	M	Shoemaker	Conn.
		Esther C. White	63	F		Berkshire
		Mary C. White	24	F		Berkshire
		Harriet C. White	21	F		Berkshire
		Georgianna C. White	18	F		Berkshire
65	77	Henry W. Porter	45	M	Carpenter	Berkshire
		Lucinda B. Porter	42	F		Berkshire
		Oliver B. Porter	19	M	Turner	Berkshire

Date of Enumeration: 25 September 1855 Enumerator: Marcus Phelps

1	1	Rufus Harrington	54	M	Farmer	Hampden
		Eliza Harrington	46	F		Berkshire
		Franklin Harrington	13	M		Berkshire
2	2	Thomas Phelps	25	M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Martha A. Phelps	20	F		Berkshire
		Edward L. Phelps	5m	M		Berkshire
		Sally Phelps	70	F		Conn.
3	3	Stirling Phelps	46	M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Ruth Phelps	47	F		Hampden
		Hannah A. PHelps	22	F		Berkshire
		Caroline A. Phelps	18	F		Berkshire
		Charlotte M. Phelps	16	F		Berkshire
		Emaline C. Phelps	14	F		Berkshire
		Ruthina Phelps	12	F		Berkshire
		Willis D. Phelps	10	M		Berkshire
		Wilber L. Phelps	5	M		Berkshire
		Frank Gamble	19	M	Laborer	Ireland
4	4	Elijah D. Gibbs	50	M	Farmer	Hampden
		Syrina L. Gibbs	50	F		(Blot)
		Eliza A. Gibbs	23	F		Hampden

		Mary A. Gibbs	20 F		Hampden
		Russel D. Gibbs	14 M		Berkshire
		Vinson B. Gibbs	11 M		Berkshire
5	5	James W. Smith	40 M	Farmer	Franklin
		Harriet E. Smith	38 F		Franklin
		Frances E. Smith	15 F		Berkshire
		Adelaide Smith	6 F		Berkshire
		Wilson Smith	4 M		Berkshire
6	6	Joseph H. Cross	41 M	Farmer	Hampden
		Sharlotte Cross	37 F		Hampden
		Hellen C. Cross	19 F		Hampden
		Fanny E. Cross	16 F		Berkshire
		Lester B. Cross	14 M		Berkshire
		Julia E. Cross	13 F		Berkshire
		Joseph H. Cross	11 M		Berkshire
		Mary L. Cross	9 F		Berkshire
		Charles E. Cross	6 M		Berkshire
		Fidelia C. Cross	4 F		Berkshire
		Aradella R. Cross	2 F		Berkshire
7	7	Almira Latham	51 F		Berkshire
		Watson C. Latham	24 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Mary C. Latham	22 F		Berkshire
		Thomas J. Latham	18 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Harmony A. Latham	16 F		Berkshire
		Marcus L. Latham	13 M		Berkshire
		Isabel C. Latham	9 F		Berkshire
8	8	John Walker	41 M	Farmer	England
		Asceneth P. Walker	32 F		Berkshire
		James B. Walker	9 M		Hampden
		Sarah E. Walker	7 F		Hampden
		Lucius P. Walker	5 M		Hampden
		Lucretia L. Walker	5 F		Hampden
		Lydia S----	68 F		Hampden
9	9	Jonas Harris	34 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Roxana J. Harris	28 F		Berkshire
		Adison J. Harris	7 M		Berkshire
		Amilia R. Harris	6 F		Berkshire
		Norman J. Harris	3 M		Berkshire
10	10	Harvey E. Stowel	40 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Betsey E. Stowel	42 F		Conn.
		John R. Stowel	17 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Louisa M. A. Stowel	16 F		Berkshire
		Sarah M. Stowel	14 F		Berkshire
		Harlam P. Stowel	12 M		Berkshire
		Susan C. Stowel	8 F		Berkshire
		Harvey E. Stowel	5 M		Berkshire
		Mary J. Stowel	4 F		Berkshire
		Jerusla H. Stowel	1 F		Berkshire
11	11	Rodolphus Snow	67 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Mary A. Snow	28 F		Berkshire
		Catherine Snow	21 F		Berkshire
		Charles Snow	21 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Lydia Gilmore	27 F		Berkshire
		Rufus Gilmore	7 M		Berkshire

		Gilis? Gilmore	5 M		Berkshire
		Elias Gilmore	3 M		Ohio
12	12	James Lightbun	44 M	Farmer	England
		Hannah Lightbun	55 F		England
		William Lightbun	11 M		England
13	13	Russel Parsons	48 M	Farmer	Hampden
		Emma Parsons	49 F		Hampshire
		Elizabeth Parsons	17 F		Hampshire
		Lucretia A. Parsons	12 F		Conn.
		Andrew C.? Parsons	9 M		Hampden
14	14	Ephram Gibbs	50 M	Farmer	Hampden
		A---- J. Gibbs	51 F		Conn.
		Elizabeth C. Gibbs	22 F		Hampden
		Garaphilia A. Gibbs	21 F		Hampden
		Dorlisha A. Gibbs	19 F		Hampden
		Oscar R. Gibbs	18 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Nancy M. Gibbs	15 F		Berkshire
		Saphronia A. Gibbs	13 F		Berkshire
		Mary A. Gibbs	10 F		Berkshire
		Franklin O. Gibbs	8 M		Berkshire
		Elam L. Gibbs	6 M		Berkshire
		Samuel C. Gibbs	1m M		Berkshire
15	15	Alvin Rogers	58 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Sharlotte Rogers	47 F		Berkshire
		Ann B. Rogers	20 F		Berkshire
16	16	Joseph Kenyon	73 M	Farmer	R. I.
		Mary Kenyon	73 F		R. I.
		Nathaniel Kenyon	47 M	Farmer	R. I.
		Ania Crosby	39 F		Conn.
		Asa Church	39 M	Farmer	Hampden
17	17	Joseph Kenyon, Jr.	43 M	Farmer	R. I.
		Ann E. Kenyon	32 F		Hampden
		Mary J. Kenyon	6 F		Berkshire
		Almira A. Kenyon	1 F		Berkshire
18	18	Zelotus Cornwell	26 M	Colier	Hampden
		James Cunningham	36 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Mary Cunningham	5 F		Berkshire
		Lawrence Corbut	25 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Michael Hahy	34 M	Laborer	Ireland
19	19	Daniel O'Connel	28 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Catherine P. Connel	23 F		Ireland
		John Canion	23 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Thomas Duglas	30 M	Laborer	Ireland
		James Nary	30 M	Laborer	Ireland
20	20	Simeon Izrel	51 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Maphet O. Izrel	45 F		Berkshire
		Frances L. Izrel	13 F		Berkshire
		George J. Izrel	8 M		Berkshire
21	21	Elias Phelps	54 M	Farmer	Berkshire
		Orpha Phelps	42 F		Berkshire
		Alfred Phelps	19 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Julia M. Phelps	15 F		Berkshire
		Joseph Phelps	13 M		Berkshire
		Mariah Phelps	36 F		Berkshire

		Hannora Phelps	28 F		Berkshire
		Joseph Phelps	13 M		Berkshire
		Mariah Phelps	36 F		Berkshire
		Hannora Phelps	28 F		Berkshire
22	22	John Blair	72 M		Mass.
		Parmelia Blair	59 F		Vermont
23	23	Noah Loomis	73 M	Farmer	Hampden
		Lydia Loomis	68 F		Hampden
		Denison R. Loomis	44 M	Farmer	Hampden
		Lydia Loomis	31 F		Hampden
		Edward Loomis	39 M	Farmer	Hampden
24	24	Fanny Marcy	62 F		Hampden
		Elizabeth Marcy	25 F		Berkshire
		Henry C. Marcy	18 M	Farmer	Berkshire
25	25	Hampton Hazzard	43 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Betsey Hazzard	45 F		Berkshire
26	26	Chauncy Phelps	61 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Sally Phelps	63 F		Conn.
		Mary A. Phelps	35 F		Conn.
27	27	Isaiah W. Phelps	37 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Emmaline A. Phelps	37 F		Berkshire
		Frances C. Phelps	6 F		Berkshire
		Eliza G. Phelps	4 F		Berkshire
		Rocelia J Phelps	1 F		Berkshire
	28	Lucius Twining	28 M	Farmer	Hampden
		Mary E. Twining	28 F		Hampden
		Frederick E. Twining	3 M		N. Y.
		Franklin L. Twining	3 M		N. Y.
		Herbert H. Twining	1 M		Hampden
28	29	Sala G. Dunham	38 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Julia R. Dunham	42 F		N. Y.
		Harriet J. Dunham	15 F		Berkshire
		William C. Dunham	13 M		Berkshire
		Mary E. Dunham	11 F		Berkshire
		Martha A. Dunham	9 F		Conn.
		Jane M. Dunham	7 F		Conn.
		Albert M. Dunham	6 M		Conn.
		Sala A.? Dunham	2 M		Conn.
29	30	Lucius Noble	39 M	Farmer	N. Y.
		Sophia M. Noble	40 F		Berkshire
		Lucia J. Noble	12 F		Hampshire
		Charles A. Noble	9 M		Hampshire
		Lucius C. Noble	8 M		Hampshire
		Love A. Noble	4 F		Berkshire
		Ansel Dowd	18 M	Laborer	Berkshire
		Electa Atwater	77 F		Hampden
30	31	Elisha G. Hayden	42 M	Farmer	Hampshire
		Mary L. Hayden	44 F		Hampshire
		Noah W. Hayden	15 M		Berkshire
		Harriet D. Hayden	12 F		Berkshire
		Almira F. Hayden	9 F		Berkshire
		Janette Hayden	7 F		Berkshire

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