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## Editorial

We begin this issue with **Susannah Townsend of Berkley, Massachusetts, and the Descendants of George Townsend of Charlestown and Taunton, Massachusetts**, by Edward Charles Horton. The article's roots originated with the author's search for the identity and parents of Susannah Townsend who married Isaac Rickard of Freetown, Massachusetts on 5 March 1748/49. As is so often the case in New England genealogy, the solution was found in land records, in this case in a 1785 quitclaim deed, not recorded until more than fifty years later, that establishes her as a daughter of John and Experience (Gilbert) Townsend of Taunton. John Townsend was a son of George Townsend (ca. 1665-1717), who first appears in records of Charlestown, Massachusetts, and who moved with his family to Taunton probably in the early 1700s. Mr. Horton examines several print sources, none of which are satisfactory, that speculate on George's placement within the larger Townsend family. Lacking further evidence, the author wisely treats George and his descendants as an autonomous unit and provides a three-generation genealogy of George's progeny, most of whom remained residents of Bristol County, Massachusetts.

The widow Martha<sup>1</sup> Beard settled in Milford, Connecticut by 1640. A 1976 article in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* discusses a 1722 English Chancery suit regarding property in the parishes of Great Parndon, Epping, and Roydon in Essex that had belonged to James Beard, Martha's husband, and suggests that Martha was the Martha Wood who married James Beard at Epping, Essex in 1623. In **Ancestors of Widow Martha<sup>1</sup> (Wood) Beard and Mary<sup>1</sup> (Wood) Platt, Both of Milford, Connecticut**, author Robert Battle examined parish registers and wills for the border region of Essex and Hertfordshire to confirm Martha's identity and extend her paternal line for three generations. In addition, the author demonstrates that Mary<sup>1</sup> (Wood) Platt, wife of Richard<sup>1</sup> Platt, whose Wood parentage has long been known, was a double first cousin of Martha<sup>1</sup> (Wood) Beard, their fathers being brothers and their mothers being sisters. Part 2 of this article will appear in the Summer 2024 issue.

Although the identity of Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Wilson (1670-1750) of Woburn, Massachusetts, has hitherto been unknown, it was reported as early as 1866 that she may have been a Fuller. Subsequent genealogists have wrestled with this problem without success. In **Elizabeth Fuller of Salem and Woburn, Massachusetts; Rehoboth, Rhode Island; and Ashford, Connecticut—Probable Wife of Benjamin Wilson**, author William Utermohlen makes a persuasive case to show that this identity is almost certainly correct. Not only were the Wilsons and the Fullers both connected to Salem and Woburn and well acquainted with one another, but they were already related by marriage: Elizabeth's paternal grandfather, Thomas<sup>1</sup> Fuller (1618-1698), married Benjamin's widowed mother Hannah Wilson as his second wife just a few years prior to their own marriage, which took place about 1693. In addition, four of their twelve children bore given names that are found in Elizabeth's family but not Benjamin's. The author discusses other contemporary women named

Elizabeth Fuller but dismisses them on the basis of chronology, geography, or evidence of their marriage to another party.

It has long been known that the immigrant Reynold<sup>1</sup> Marvin, an early settler of Connecticut, was a native of Great Bentley, Essex, England, but the identity of his wife Mary has been unknown. The Great Bentley parish register lists the baptism or burial records of nine children between 1618 and 1636, but the poor condition of the register makes it unclear as to whether Reynold and Mary were married there or in a nearby parish. In **The Identity of Mary, Wife of Reynold<sup>1</sup> Marvin of Connecticut**, author Robert Battle, in an unrelated search, discovered three more baptism and burial records for the couple in Great Horkesley, Essex, about thirteen miles northwest of Great Bentley. One of these, a 1624 burial record of one of Reynold and Mary's sons, noted that the boy was "the grand-child of William Edwards," thus proving Mary's identity.

In the next article, **Who Were the Parents of Lydia P.<sup>5</sup> (Hunt) Hardy of Kingston, New Hampshire?**, author David F. Lowry uses a variety of sources to make a compelling case for identifying Lydia P. Hunt's parents and unraveling her ancestry. The Hunt family was numerous in southeastern New Hampshire, but Lydia's 1834 marriage record to Peter Hardy does not list her parents, though it states that she was "of Kingston" New Hampshire. Her gravestone in Kingston lists her exact age, which matches her age in censuses, pointing to a birth in 1809 in New Hampshire. Analysis of censuses and vital, land, and probate records leads to the conclusion that she was a daughter of Moses<sup>4</sup> and Lydia (Johnson) Hunt of Kingston.

Much has been written about the English origin of the immigrant Joseph<sup>1</sup> Twitchell of Dorchester, Massachusetts, but accounts differ. A 1929 Twitchell genealogy concluded that Benjamin Twitchell, also of Dorchester, was Joseph's brother, citing entries in the parish register of Chesham, Buckinghamshire. Later genealogists questioned this reasoning on the basis that this would make Benjamin much too old, and they proposed that he was actually *a son* of Joseph<sup>1</sup>. In **A Fresh Look at Immigrant Joseph<sup>1</sup> Twitchell of Dorchester, Massachusetts**, author Randy A. West proves that Joseph's brother Benjamin died in London in 1635 and that the Benjamin Twitchell of Dorchester was indeed a son of Joseph<sup>1</sup>, having been baptized in Heston, Middlesex, on 22 February 1617/8.

– Henry B. Hoff and David Curtis Dearborn

# Susannah Townsend of Berkley, Massachusetts, and the Descendants of George Townsend of Charlestown and Taunton, Massachusetts

*Edward Charles Horton*

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Freetown and Berkley, Massachusetts, vital records list the marriage of Isaac Rickard of Freetown and Susannah Townsend of Berkley on 5 March 1748/49.<sup>[1]</sup> Isaac Rickard was born in Plympton, Massachusetts, 6 February 1728/29,<sup>[2]</sup> and died in Middleborough, Massachusetts, before 5 February 1770,<sup>[3]</sup> son of Henry and Alice (Oldham) Rickard.<sup>[4]</sup> But the date of birth and parentage of Susannah Townsend has been undetermined. A search of the vital records of Berkley and neighboring towns yields no birth records for a Susannah Townsend. However, the vital records of Berkley do list births and marriages for others with the Townsend surname. Casting a wider net for the identity of Susannah Townsend reveals some initial possibilities. There are three recorded births for individuals named Susannah Townsend during the period 1720 to 1730 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The first possibility is Susannah, daughter of Benjamin and Susannah Townsend born in Westborough, Massachusetts, on 21 April 1721.<sup>[5]</sup> There is no further record of this Susannah, and both her age (almost 8 years older than Isaac Rickard) and the distance from Berkley almost certainly eliminates her as the possible wife of Isaac Rickard. Next is Susannah, daughter of Job and Rebecca Townsend, born in Newport, Rhode Island, on 18 November 1731.<sup>[6]</sup> However, she married James Goddard in Newport on 17 January 1750.<sup>[7]</sup> The third possibility is Susannah, daughter of Nathaniel and Susannah Townsend, born in Reading on

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<sup>1</sup> Scott Andrew Bartley, “Berkley, Mass., Vital Records, Book 1” *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):40; Helen Gurney Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts, 1686 Through 1890* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1988); *Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626–2001*, Berkley, Mass., Births, Marriages, 1735–1768, vol 1, p. 194 (FSL DGS 7009646, image 104 of 641).

<sup>2</sup> *Vital Records of Plympton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, (Boston: NEHGS, 1923), 1:163, “ch. Henery and Elce.”

<sup>3</sup> Plymouth Co., Mass., Probate, file no. 16934. This is the date that “Walter Rickard, a minor above age 14 years of age, son of Isaac Rickard, late of Middleborough” selected Job Macomber as his Guardian. Walter would have been age 17, as he was b. 3 July 1752 (*Mayflower Descendant* 51 [2002]:29).

<sup>4</sup> *Vital Records of Pembroke, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1923), 1:337, marriage of Henry Rickard of Plympton and Alice (Ellis) Oldham.

<sup>5</sup> *Vital Records of Westborough, Massachusetts, to the end of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 1:98.

<sup>6</sup> James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636–1850* (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1893), vol. 4, Newport County, part 2, p. 120.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 4, Newport County, part 2, pp. 32, 72.

6 May 1725.<sup>[8]</sup> Even though she is almost four years older than Isaac Rickard, she warrants further consideration. It is possible that the answer to Susannah's identity lies in identifying relationships in this branch of the Townsend family.

### New England and Long Island Townsend Families

Several works have been published documenting various branches of the Townsend family that immigrated to locations up and down the Atlantic seaboard of America. Such works include *A Memorial of John, Henry and Richard Townsend and Their Descendants*, by W. A. Townsend (1865); *Townshend Family, of Lynn, in Old and New England: Genealogical and Biographical*, by C. Hervey Townshend (1882); *Some Lines of the Townshend-Townsend Families of Old England, New England and Minnesota*, by Homer Worthington Brainard (1931); and *William Townsend of Tyringham, Massachusetts*, by Marion Sill Cummings (1932). More recently, there is the article "Thomas Townsend of Lynn and his Descendants for Five Generations" by Marcia Wiswall Lindberg, C.G., published in 1991.<sup>[9]</sup> There are other manuscripts and derivative works that exist but are either undocumented or clearly in error.

W. A. Townsend follows the lines of the brothers John, Henry, and Richard Townsend, who initially settled on Long Island. None of their descendants settled in the area of Berkley. Cummings's work deals with the descendants of William Townsend who settled in western Massachusetts and who have no relationship to any of the Townsend lines in eastern and southeastern Massachusetts.

The earlier works that begin to outline the Townsend lines of eastern and southeastern Massachusetts are those by C. Hervey Townshend and Homer Worthington Brainard. Both address early Townsend families who first appeared in Charlestown and Lynn, including the family of George Townsend. As we shall see, while some descendants of George Townsend moved north to New Hampshire, George and the rest of his family moved south to Taunton and Berkley. As the only identified branch that did so, it made this family distinguishable from other branches of the Townsend clan and provides clues as to the parentage of Susannah Townsend.

### George Townsend of Charlestown and Taunton, Massachusetts

Accounts differ on the origin of George Townsend of Charlestown, but based on geography and timelines alone, it is tempting to assume that he is the grandson of immigrant, Thomas Townsend, who settled at Lynn c. 1638.<sup>[10]</sup> But establishing which of Thomas's sons, if any, were the father of George has been problematic, with various authors taking different positions. C. Hervey

<sup>8</sup> *Vital Records of Reading, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1912), 1:231.

<sup>9</sup> *The Essex Genealogist*, 13 (1993):152–65.

<sup>10</sup> Charles Hervey Townshend, *Townshend Family, of Lynn, in Old and New England: Genealogical and Biographical*, revised third edition (New Haven Conn., Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1882), 48.

Townsend lists four sons of Thomas Townsend—Thomas, Samuel, John, and Andrew.<sup>[11]</sup> He places George in the family of John Townsend as a probable son.<sup>[12]</sup> However, the will of John Townsend of Lynn dated 15 Jan 1722/23 and proved 30 Dec 1726 demonstrates that George is not the son of John. In addition to listing his second wife, Mehitable, and the names of his four daughters, his will names his sons as John, Ebenezer, and Daniel.<sup>[13]</sup>

Brainard speculates that Thomas Townsend had a fifth and eldest son, Robert, and places George as a son of Robert Townsend of Lynn and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, but states that the information given on his wife and family is conjectural.<sup>[14]</sup> No information has been found to support the contention that George was a son of a Robert Townsend or that Robert Townsend was a son of the immigrant Thomas.

The *Genealogical History of the Town of Reading, Mass.* by Lilley Eaton states that George was probably the son of Andrew Townsend of Lynn.<sup>[15]</sup> It also states that John Townsend who married in 1698 Sarah Boutwell, daughter of James and Rebecca Boutwell, was probably a brother of George. However, Andrew did not marry until 18 July 1678,<sup>[16]</sup> while George's will implies that he was born c. 1665.<sup>[17]</sup>

While C. Hervey Townshend, Homer Worthington Brainard, and Marcia Wiswall Lindberg mention George Townsend, none of them pursue this line. C. Hervey Townsend only identifies the names of George Townsend's two wives. Brainard takes the additional step of identifying the children of George Townsend but does not go any further. Marcia Wiswall Lindberg refers to George as an "unattached" Townsend and provides no information on his descendants. Since there is no evidence supporting the assertion that George Townsend is a descendant of immigrant Thomas Townsend of Lynn, we will consider George Townsend to be an immigrant. Unlike the family of Thomas Townsend, George had no identified connection to the town of Lynn, as he lived in nearby Charlestown and Reading before moving to Taunton. One may speculate that he was a cousin of the Thomas Townsend family who immigrated at a later date, but no connection has been found.

George<sup>1</sup> Townsend was b. ca 1665, as shown in his will, dated 18 Jan 1715/16, and stating that he was about 50 years old.<sup>[18]</sup> George<sup>1</sup> Townsend was married twice. He first married Charlestown 27 February 1688/89, Rebecca Cowdry.<sup>[19]</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, 49–50.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, 53–54.

<sup>13</sup> Essex County Probate, file no. 27932.

<sup>14</sup> Homer Worthington Brainard, *Some Lines of the Townshend-Townsend Families of Old England, New England and Minnesota*, (Concord, N.H.: Rumford Press, 1931), 32, 38–40.

<sup>15</sup> Lilley Eaton, *Genealogical History of the Town of Reading, Mass.* (Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, 1874), 119–120.

<sup>16</sup> Joseph B. Felt, "Genealogical Items Relative to Lynn, Mass." *Register* 5 (1851):342.

<sup>17</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26107. (In the will of George Townsend dated 18 Jan 1715/16, he refers to himself as "being 50 years old and upward . . .")

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, file no. 26107.

<sup>19</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1984), 1:754 "12 mo. 27 da. 1688"; Mary Bryant Alverson Mehling, *Cowdrey–Cowdery–Cowdray Genealogy: William Cowdrey of Lynn, Massachusetts, 1630, and His Descendants*, (New York: Frank Allaben Genealogical Co., 1911), 49, shows the date as 27 Feb. 1688.



After her death, he moved to Taunton and married on 27 April 1705, Elizabeth (Crane) Gilbert,<sup>[20]</sup> widow of Eleazer Gilbert.<sup>[21]</sup> From his first marriage he had two sons, John<sup>2</sup> and Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>,<sup>[22]</sup> either of whom could be the possible father of the Susannah Townsend who married Isaac Rickard. His second marriage produced another son, George Townsend.<sup>[23]</sup> But his later birth and marriage eliminates him as the possible father of Susannah.

George<sup>1</sup> Townsend's younger son from his first marriage, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, was born in Charlestown 24 April 1697.<sup>[24]</sup> He married Susannah Damon, born in Reading 1697, daughter of Thomas and Lucy Ann (Emerson) Damon.<sup>[25]</sup> The vital records of Reading list eight children born to Nathaniel and Susannah (Damon) Townsend between 1719 and 1736, including the aforementioned Susannah Townsend, born 6 May 1725.<sup>[26]</sup> By 1747, this branch of the Townsend family had moved to Hollis, New Hampshire, at which time Nathaniel was a selectman.<sup>[27]</sup> The *History of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire* records the marriage of several of the Townsend daughters as well as children born of those marriages in Hollis, but Susannah Townsend is not among them.<sup>[28]</sup> The marriage of son, Nathaniel Townsend Jr., of Hollis and Sarah Johnson on 21 May 1751 is recorded in Andover, Mass.<sup>[29]</sup> It seems highly unlikely that Susannah, the daughter of Nathaniel and Susannah (Damon) Townsend, re-located to Berkley when the rest of her family remained in Hollis.

Unlike his younger brother, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, who remained in Reading and re-located to Hollis, John<sup>2</sup> Townsend moved to Taunton along with his father, George<sup>1</sup>. John<sup>2</sup> was born in Charlestown 28 May 1691,<sup>[30]</sup> and, based on the probable birth dates of his children, was married by 1715 to Experience Gilbert, born in Taunton about 1690, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Blake) Gilbert.<sup>[31]</sup>

The only recorded births of the children of John<sup>2</sup> and Experience (Gilbert) Townsend are those of the last two children born in Berkley. The vital records of Berkley list the births of Mary on 25 Dec 1727 and of Sarah on 12

<sup>20</sup> Maj. Thomas Leonard, "Marriages in Taunton," *Register* 13 (1859):253.

<sup>21</sup> George Gordon Gilbert and Geoffrey Gilbert, *Gilberts of New England: Part I. Descendants of John Gilbert of Dorchester* (Vancouver, B.C.: Ward & Phillips Limited, 1959), 82–83.

<sup>22</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:30, 174.

<sup>23</sup> Brainard, *Some Lines of the Townshend-Townsend Families of Old England, New England and Minnesota* [note 14], 38.

<sup>24</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:174.

<sup>25</sup> Eaton, *Genealogical History of the Town of Reading, Mass.*, 61; Donald Lines Jacobus, *Bulkeley Genealogy* (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1933), 191–92. Thomas Damon and Lucy Ann Emerson m. Holland, Mass. 16 May 1683 (*Massachusetts Marriages, 1695–1910, 1921–1924* [FSL film #886,999]; *Vital Records of Reading* [note 8], 1:315).

<sup>26</sup> *Vital Records of Reading* [note 8], 1:230–31.

<sup>27</sup> Samuel T. Worcester, *History of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire, From its First Settlement to the Year 1879* (Boston: A. Williams & Co., 1879), 257.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, 344, 378, 389.

<sup>29</sup> *Vital Records of Andover, Massachusetts, to the end of the Year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1912), 2:330.

<sup>30</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:30, the record shows "John, son of George & Rebecka Townsend b. 28 May 169[torn]" but all records before and after are for the year 1691.

<sup>31</sup> Gilbert and Gilbert, *Gilberts of New England: Part I* [note 21], 81–82.

Aug 1739.<sup>[32]</sup> However, the 1739 date must be in error and is likely 1729. Not only is a twelve-year gap between the birth of these daughters unlikely, but Experience would have been almost 50 years old if Sarah was born in 1739. In addition, Sarah married in 1752, and a 1729 birth date would put her at the appropriate age of 23 at the time of her marriage.<sup>[33]</sup> The oldest children of John<sup>2</sup> and Experience and the estimated years of birth are established through Bristol Co. Land Records. Eldest son John<sup>3</sup> must have been born by 1716, as he purchased land from his father in 1737.<sup>[34]</sup> Likewise, second son Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, must have been born by 1719, as he purchased land from his parents in 1740.<sup>[35]</sup> That leaves at least an eight-year gap between the births of Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> and Mary<sup>3</sup>, leading to the question of whether there were other children born during that period whose births were also unrecorded. That question is answered by Bristol County land records.

A quitclaim deed dated 15 March 1785, establishes the children of John<sup>2</sup> and Experience (Gilbert) Townsend, as it names the individuals who quitclaimed their rights to a certain tract of land in Taunton to Gilbert<sup>4</sup> Townsend, son of Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> Townsend. The list consists of John<sup>3</sup> Townsend of Middleborough; Experience Townsend of Middleborough, spinster; Rebekah Harvey of Berkley, widow; Isaac Rickard of Freetown; Verlille Ricker (also spelled Vermelia and Vornlilley in the same document) of Freetown, spinster; Job Dean of Taunton (husband of Sarah Townsend, apparently deceased); Gideon Lincoln of Taunton and his wife Mary [Townsend].<sup>[36]</sup> While children John, Mary and Sarah have already been established, Experience Townsend and Rebekah Harvey (widow of Seth Harvey) appear to be daughters born in the gap between the birth of Nathaniel (1719) and Mary (1727).<sup>[37]</sup> The only individuals named in the deed for whom the family relationship has not been determined are Isaac Rickard and Verlille Ricker, both of Freetown. Vital records of Berkley list the children of Isaac Ricket and Susannah, his wife, as Verliley, Walter and Isaac, thereby establishing Susannah Townsend, wife of Isaac Rickard, as another unrecorded daughter of John and Experience (Gilbert) Townsend.<sup>[38]</sup> Since both Susannah and husband Isaac had died by 1785, it was their children, Isaac Rickard and Verlille Ricker, who were parties to this deed.

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<sup>32</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):164.

<sup>33</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1978), 2:145, 485; *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):40.

<sup>34</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 26:224.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, 30:59.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, 151:303–04, recorded 7 Sept. 1836.

<sup>37</sup> It is possible that Experience Townsend is Experience (Gilbert) Townsend, the mother of the children named in this deed, but that is unlikely, as she would have been approximately 95 years old at this time. There is no record of her death, but *Gilberts of New England: Part I* [note 21], 82, shows her date of death as 1769. The last time Experience (Gilbert) Townsend is named in a deed is 27 Feb. 1769 when she sold land to Thomas Cobb (Bristol Co. Deeds, 52:53).

<sup>38</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):29.

## Genealogical Summary

### First Generation

1. **GEORGE<sup>1</sup> TOWNSEND**, was born c. 1665; he died in Taunton after 4 May 1717 (date of codicil) and before 3 June 1717 (date of inventory);<sup>[39]</sup> his parents are unidentified. He married (1) in Charlestown 27 February 1688/89, **REBECCA COWDRY**,<sup>[40]</sup> born in Reading 25 October 1663; died in Charlestown 25 February 1700/01;<sup>[41]</sup> daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Batchelder) Cowdry.<sup>[42]</sup> George Townsend married (2) in Taunton 27 April 1705, **ELIZABETH (CRANE) GILBERT**,<sup>[43]</sup> born in Milton, Mass., 14 August 1663;<sup>[44]</sup> died, probably in Taunton between October 1722 and March 1728, daughter of Henry and Tabitha (Kinsley) Crane and widow of Eleazer Gilbert.<sup>[45]</sup>

The will of George Townsend, dated 18 January 1715/16, names children John Townsin of Taunton, Nathaniel Townsin of Reading, Rebeckah Burros and Susannah Townsin both of Charlestown—all by his first wife, given as “Rebekah Coudre.” His will also names his second wife, Elizabeth Crane, youngest son George Townsin of Taunton; and daughter Mary Townsin.<sup>[46]</sup>

Children of George and Rebecca (Cowdry) Townsend:

- i. **REBECCA<sup>2</sup> TOWNSEND**, b. Reading 13 Oct. 1689;<sup>[47]</sup> m. Marlborough, Mass. 11 March 1711/12, **CHARLES BURROUGHS**.<sup>[48]</sup> He is probably the Charles Burroughs/ Burrows bp. Salem June 1693,<sup>[49]</sup> son of Rev. George and

<sup>39</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26107.

<sup>40</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:754, 12 mo. 27 da. 1688.

<sup>41</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620–1850*, Charlestown 1:182, “Rebeckah, wife of George.”

<sup>42</sup> *Vital Records of Reading* [note 8], 1:57; Mehling, *Cowdrey-Cowdery-Cowdry Genealogy* [note 19], 49; *Vital Records of Reading* 1:312, marriage of Nathaniel Cowdry and Mary Batcheller 22 Nov 1660; Frederick Clifton Pierce, *Batchelder, Batcheller Genealogy: Descendants of Rev. Stephen Bachiler, of England, a leading non-conformist, who settled the Town of New Hampton, N.H., and Joseph, Henry, Joshua, and John Batcheller of Essex Co., Massachusetts* (Salem, Mass.: Higginson Book Co., 1994), 353.

<sup>43</sup> *Register* 13 (1859):253; Emily Wilder Leavitt, “Henry Crane of Dorchester, Mass., and Some of His Descendants” *Register* 46 (1892):217.

<sup>44</sup> *Milton Records, Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1662–1843* (Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers, 1900), 1:16.

<sup>45</sup> Gilbert and Gilbert, *Gilberts of New England: Part I* [note 21], 82; *Register* 22 (1868):78, 46 (1892):216–17.

<sup>46</sup> Note that *The Essex Genealogist* 13 (1993):162 states that George Townsend married first, at Lynn, 1684, Mary Maxhurst, and secondly, at Reading, 1668 [sic], Rebecca Cowdry. No evidence has been found to support a marriage to Mary Maxhurst, and the text of the will of George Townsend clearly contradicts this assertion, as it names Rebecca Cowdry as his first wife.

<sup>47</sup> *Vital Records of Reading* [note 8], 1:231; Eaton, *Genealogical History of the Town of Reading, Mass.* [note 15], 119; *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:178, which lists the birth of Rebeckah Townsend, daughter of George and Rebeckah Townsend, on 20 March 1698/99, but she would have been too young to wed in 1712.

<sup>48</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 2:462; *Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626–2001*, Marriage, Marlborough, Middlesex MA, “Charls Courrough and Rebeckah Townsen of Char[lestown]” m. 11 March 1711–12 (FSL DGS 7009656, image 105 of 146).

<sup>49</sup> *Vital Records of Salem, Massachusetts, to the end of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1916), 1:143, no parents listed.

Sarah (Ruck) (Hathorne) Burroughs.<sup>[50]</sup> Charles Burroughs m. (1) Salem 3 Oct 1706, Elizabeth Marston,<sup>[51]</sup> who d. Salem May 1711.<sup>[52]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[53]</sup>

Children of Charles Burroughs and Rebecca Townsend, all born Charlestown:<sup>[54]</sup>

1. *Josiah<sup>3</sup> Burroughs*, b. 23 Aug. 1713; m. Charlestown 16 Sept. 1736, *Hannah Lewis*, b. Charlestown 6 March 1716/17, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Jones) Lewis.<sup>[55]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[56]</sup>
2. *Rebecca Burroughs*, b. 11 Jan. 1715/16; d. between 29 Dec. 1793 (date of will) and 14 Jan. 1794 (probate);<sup>[57]</sup> m. (1) Boston 15 Jan. 1740, *John Jarvis*;<sup>[58]</sup> poss. b. Boston 8 Nov. 1715, son of Samson and Mary (Atwood) Jarvis.<sup>[59]</sup> Rebecca m. (2) Boston 20 March 1745/46, *Abiah Holbrook*,<sup>[60]</sup> b. Boston 1718; d. between 17 May 1768 (date of will) and 24 Feb. 1769 (probate), son of Abiah and Mary (Needham) Holbrook.<sup>[61]</sup>
3. *Mary Burroughs*, b. 5 March 1717/18. No further record.
2. ii. JOHN TOWNSEND, b. Charlestown 28 May 1691.<sup>[62]</sup>
3. iii. NATHANIEL TOWNSEND, b. Charlestown 24 April 1697.<sup>[63]</sup>
- iv. SUSANNAH TOWNSEND, bp. Reading 2 April 1699.<sup>[64]</sup> No further record.

Children of George and Elizabeth (Crane) (Gilbert) Townsend:<sup>[65]</sup>

4. v. GEORGE TOWNSEND, b. Taunton c. 1707.
- vi. MARY TOWNSEND, b. Taunton c. 1709. No further record.

<sup>50</sup> *The American Genealogist* 56 (1980):44–45. This is the Rev. George Burroughs who was tried for witchcraft, convicted, and hanged at Salem 19 Aug 1692. Sarah (Ruck) Hathorne was the second of Rev. Burroughs's three wives.

<sup>51</sup> *Vital Records of Salem* [note 49], 3:171.

<sup>52</sup> *Ibid.*, 5:129.

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:142

<sup>54</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:255, 270.

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:249; Joseph Lewis and Hannah Jones m. Malden 1700 (*The American Genealogist* 31 [1955]:99); *Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Town of Malden, Massachusetts, 1649–1850* (Cambridge, Mass.: The University Press, 1903), 1:260.

<sup>56</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:332.

<sup>57</sup> Suffolk Co., Mass., Probate, file no. 20242. The will of Rebecca (Burroughs) Holbrook mentions niece Rebeckah H[olbrook] Gray, who lived with her since her childhood.

<sup>58</sup> *Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1809* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1977), 1:332.

<sup>59</sup> *Boston, MA: IN.H.abitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630–1822* [Boston Record Commissioners, vol. 24] (Thwing Collection), 11412; *Boston Births from A.D. 1700 to A.D. 1800* (Boston, Mass.: Rockwell & Churchill, city printers, 1894), 111.

<sup>60</sup> *Boston, MA: IN.H.abitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630–1822* (Thwing Collection) p. 4343.

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 10702–10703; Suffolk Co. Probate, file no. 14382. No children listed in his will.

<sup>62</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:30, shows “John, son of George & Rebecka Townsend b. 28 May 169[torn],” but all records immediately preceding and following are for 1691.

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:174.

<sup>64</sup> Brainard, *Some Lines of the Townshend-Townsend Families of Old England, New England and Minnesota* [note 14], 38–40.

<sup>65</sup> Note that both children were born by 1710, as both are named in Bristol Co. Deeds, 6:371 dated 5 Jan. 1710; Brainard, *Some Lines of the Townshend-Townsend Families of Old England, New England and Minnesota* [note 14], 38.

## Second Generation

2. **JOHN<sup>2</sup> TOWNSEND** (*George*<sup>1</sup>), was born in Charlestown 28 May 1691;<sup>[66]</sup> died before 2 February 1760;<sup>[67]</sup> married by 1715 (based on probable birth dates of children) **EXPERIENCE GILBERT**, born in Taunton c. 1690; daughter of Thomas and Hanna (Blake) Gilbert;<sup>[68]</sup> died after 27 February 1769 (sold land).<sup>[69]</sup>

By a deed dated 7 February 1754, John Townsend and Experience his wife of Berkley sold two and a half acres of land in Taunton for £3 to Sarah the wife of Job Dean of Taunton.<sup>[70]</sup>

Children of John and Experience (Gilbert) Townsend, birth order uncertain:

5. i. **JOHN<sup>3</sup> TOWNSEND**, b. by 1716 (based on date of land purchased from father, John Townsend, on 21 March 1737).<sup>[71]</sup>
6. ii. **NATHANIEL TOWNSEND**, b. by 1719 (based on date of land purchased from John and Experience Townsend on 3 March 1740).<sup>[72]</sup>
- iii. **EXPERIENCE TOWNSEND**, b. c. 1720–1725; d. aft. 15 March 1785 (named in deed).<sup>[73]</sup>
- iv. **REBEKAH TOWNSEND**, prob. b. by 1718 (based on date of marriage); d. aft. 15 March 1785 (named in deed);<sup>[74]</sup> m. Freetown 14 July 1736, **SETH HARVEY**,<sup>[75]</sup> b. Berkley 25 Sept. 1715; d. Berkley bef. 9 Feb. 1744 (inventory of estate),<sup>[76]</sup> son of William and Hopeful/Hopestill (\_\_\_\_) Harvey.<sup>[77]</sup>

Children of Seth and Rebecca (Townsend) Harvey, b. Berkley:<sup>[78]</sup>

1. *Peter*<sup>4</sup> *Harvey*, b. 26 Oct. 1736. No further record.

<sup>66</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:30.

<sup>67</sup> Bristol Co, Mass., Deeds, 44:129, Experience Townsend, widow of John Townsend, late of Berkley, sold land in Taunton, in right of Ensign Thomas Gilbert of Taunton deceased, to Thomas Burt of Taunton.

<sup>68</sup> Gilbert and Gilbert, *Gilberts of New England: Part I* [note 21], 81–82.

<sup>69</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 52:53. Experience Townsend of Berkley, widow, sold land in Taunton to Thomas Cobb that was from her father Thomas Gilbert.

<sup>70</sup> *Ibid.*, 84:378, recorded 12 Feb 1805. Sarah Dean the grantee was their daughter.

<sup>71</sup> *Ibid.*, 26:224.

<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*, 30:59.

<sup>73</sup> *Ibid.*, 151:303–304.

<sup>74</sup> *Ibid.*, 151:303–304.

<sup>75</sup> Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts* [note 1].

<sup>76</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51(2002):164; Bristol Co. Probate file no. 12070, Rebecca appointed administrator of estate of Seth Harvey, 13 March 1744.

<sup>77</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51(2002):164; Oscar Jewell Harvey in *The Harvey Book: Giving the Genealogies of Certain Branches of the American Families of Harvey, Nesbitt, Dixon and Jameson, and notes on many other families, together with numerous biographical sketches* (Wilkes-Barre, PA: E.B. Yordy & Co., 1899) shows Hopestill as the daughter of Jonathan Briggs of Taunton but does not show Seth as a son. The children of William and Hopestill Harvey listed in *The Harvey Book* do not match the children born in Berkley per *Mayflower Descendant* 51:164.

<sup>78</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):164; *Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988*, Berkley MA Births, Marriages and Deaths (typescript) viewed at Ancestry.com, image 334 of 521, lists children of Seth and Rebekkah Harvey but states that “Rebekkah, wife d. 10 Oct 1741.” However, she is named in the deed in 1785. It also shows two children b. after her “death,” including son, Seth, b. 5 Jan 1744, eight months after birth of daughter Ame.



2. *Phebe Harvey*, b. 21 Sept. 1738; d. aft. 11 April 1783;<sup>[79]</sup> m. (int.) Berkley 22 Nov. 1760, *Jotham Briggs*,<sup>[80]</sup> b. Berkley 28 April 1733; d. 5 July 1771, son of Israel and Naomi (Jones) Briggs.<sup>[81]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[82]</sup> Phebe prob. m. (2) Berkley 13 Oct. 1774, John Seekell of Taunton;<sup>[83]</sup> d. Taunton bef. 11 April 1783.<sup>[84]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[85]</sup>
3. *Marcy Harvey*, b. 1 Oct. 1741; d. Greene, Me., 1 May 1815;<sup>[86]</sup> m. (int.) Berkley 14 Dec. 1765, *Asa Rose*,<sup>[87]</sup> b. c. 1740 (based on age at death) bp. Scituate 4 July 1742; d. Greene, Me. 26 Oct. 1814, aged 74y 4m 27d,<sup>[88]</sup> son of Gideon and Lydia (Turner) Rose.<sup>[89]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[90]</sup>
4. *Amy (Ame) Harvey*, b. 9 May 1744; m. Berkley 19 Sept. 1771, *Joseph Staples*;<sup>[91]</sup> b. Taunton c. 1747; d. Taunton 20 Feb. 1803, in 56th yr.,<sup>[92]</sup> poss. son of Nathaniel Jr. and Susannah (Paull) Staples.<sup>[93]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[94]</sup>

<sup>79</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 22532, date Phebe Seekell, widow, is appointed administrator of estate of John Seekell, late of Taunton.

<sup>80</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):33 “Jotham Briggs of Berkley and Phebe Harvey of Taunton.”

<sup>81</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):135; Scott Andrew Bartley, “Berkley, Mass., Vital Records, Book 2 (Part1)” *Mayflower Descendant* (2004), 53:54; “Town Records—Book One, Dighton, Mass. copied April 1939 under the direction of Elizabeth Janet McCormick and Edith Whitney Shaw,” digitized image on AmericanAncestors.org, 1:33 (marriage of Israel Briggs and Naomi Jones 18 Feb. 1729/30, both of Dighton).

<sup>82</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 53 (2004):54.

<sup>83</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:67; Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 3306 shows that John Macomber was appointed guardian for Phebe Briggs and Cynthia Briggs, daughters of Jotham Briggs, deceased, on 30 October 1774. The document was signed by John Seekell.

<sup>84</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 22532, date Phebe Seekell, widow, is appointed administrator of estate of John Seekell, late of Taunton.

<sup>85</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 22528 dated 3 April 1787, names Job Dean as guardian of Diadama, John, and Lavina Seekell, all under the age of fourteen, children of John (deceased) and Phebe Seekell.

<sup>86</sup> *Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921*, Greene, Androscoggin, Co., Me., (FSL DGS 7595552, image 687 of 855).

<sup>87</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):33, “Asa Rose of Dighton and Marcy Harvey of Berkley;” DAR website Ancestor #A213859.

<sup>88</sup> *Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921* [note 86], (FSL DGS 7595552, image 687 of 855); Gravestone of Asa Rose viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 35510847.

<sup>89</sup> *Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, (Boston: NEHGS, 1909) 1:313; 2:252 marriage of Gideon Rose and Lydia Turner 11 Dec 1723.

<sup>90</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 53 (2004):57.

<sup>91</sup> Scott Andrew Bartley, “Berkley, Mass., Vital Records, Book 2 (Part 3)” *Mayflower Descendant* 55 (2006):116 “Joseph Staples of Taunton and Amy Harvey of Berkley;” *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:456.

<sup>92</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 3:190.

<sup>93</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:457, marriage of Nathaniel Staples Jr. of T[taunton] and Susannah Paul of Berkley, 11 Oct. 1744 [? in Berkley].

<sup>94</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 157:351. Capt. Nathaniel Staples d. 17 July 1862, b. Taunton c.1779, age 83y 6m 11d, names parents Joseph Staples b. Taunton and Amy Hervy. *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 3:190–191 shows that four children of Joseph and Amy Staples died of “bloody flux” in Sept. 1778.

- v. SUSANNAH TOWNSEND, b. c. 1720–1725; d. bef. 15 March 1785 (not named in deed);<sup>[95]</sup> m. Berkley 5 March 1748/49, ISAAC RICKARD,<sup>[96]</sup> b. Plympton 6 Feb. 1728/29; d. Middleborough bef. 5 Feb. 1770,<sup>[97]</sup> son of Henry and Alice (Oldham) Rickard.<sup>[98]</sup>

Children of Isaac and Susannah (Townsend) Rickard, b. Berkley:<sup>[99]</sup>

1. *Verlilley*<sup>4</sup> *Rickard*, b. 27 April 1750; living in Freetown 10 March 1785, when she is listed in Bristol Co. land records as Verlilley/Vermelia/Vornlilley Ricker, spinster.<sup>[100]</sup>
  2. *Walter Rickard*, b. 3 July 1752; d. aft 5 Feb. 1770,<sup>[101]</sup> and bef. 10 March 1785 (not listed in Bristol Co. Deeds, 151:303). No further record.
  3. *Isaac Rickard*, b. 15 April 1754; d. Freetown between 27 Jan. (date of will) and 2 June 1812 (date of probate proceedings).<sup>[102]</sup> He m. (1) Freetown 12 March 1776, *Drusilla Richmond*,<sup>[103]</sup> b. Freetown 1753; d. Freetown 1798, daughter of Thomas Richmond and Mary Dodson, a descendant of Thomas Rogers.<sup>[104]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[105]</sup> Isaac m. (2) Freetown 28 Dec. 1801, *Abigail* (\_\_\_\_) *Booth*.<sup>[106]</sup> No issue.
- vi. MARY TOWNSEND, b. Berkley 25 Dec. 1727;<sup>[107]</sup> d. aft. 15 March 1785 (named in deed);<sup>[108]</sup> m. Berkley 19 March 1752, GIDEON LINCOLN of Taunton,<sup>[109]</sup> b. by 1727 (based on date of land purchase), son of Thomas Lincoln.<sup>[110]</sup> No further record.

<sup>95</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 151:303–04, recorded 7 Sept. 1836.

<sup>96</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):40; *Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626–2001*, Berkley Mass., Births, marriages 1735–1768, vol 1, p. 194 (FSL DGS 7009646, image 104 of 641).

<sup>97</sup> Plymouth Co. Probate, file no. 16934. This is the date that “Walter Rickard, a minor above age 14 years of age, son of Isaac Rickard, late of Middleborough” selected Job Macomber as his guardian. Walter would have been age 17.

<sup>98</sup> *Vital Records of Plympton* [note 2], 1:163; *Vital Records of Pembroke* [note 4], 1:337, marriage of Henry Rickard and Alice Oldham.

<sup>99</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):29.

<sup>100</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 151:303, recorded 7 Sept. 1836.

<sup>101</sup> Plymouth Co. Probate, file no. 16934.

<sup>102</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 21188.

<sup>103</sup> Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown* [note 1]; Joshua Bailey Richmond, *The Richmond Family, 1594–1896, and Pre-American Ancestors, 1040–1594* (Boston: no publisher, 1897), 134.

<sup>104</sup> Richmond, *The Richmond Family* [note 103], 57, 134.

<sup>105</sup> *Ibid.*, 134; Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown* [note 1], lists children of Isaac and Drusilla Richard [sic].

<sup>106</sup> Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown* [note 1]; *Vital Records of Middleborough, Massachusetts* (Boston: Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1990), 2:73 m. (int.) dated 24 Nov. 1801, “Mr. Isaac Record of Freetown and Miss Abigail Booth of Middleborough.” However, Richmond, *The Richmond Family* [note 103], 134 states that she was the widow of Zebulon Booth.

<sup>107</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):164.

<sup>108</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 151:303–04, recorded 7 Sept. 1836.

<sup>109</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:304, 484.

<sup>110</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 51:409, in which Thomas Lincoln transferred land to son, Gideon, dated 17 Nov. 1748 and recorded 24 Oct. 1768. Bristol Co. Deeds, 71:196 names widow Esther Lincoln and references sale of land from the estate of Thomas Lincoln on 8 March 1789 by administrators Elisha Lincoln of Taunton and Samuel Stephens of Dighton. Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 16144 for

Probable child of Gideon and Mary (Townsend) Lincoln:

1. *Amaziah<sup>4</sup> Lincoln*,<sup>[111]</sup> prob. b. Taunton c. Dec. 1768 (based on age at death); d. Allen, Allegany Co., N.Y., 11 April 1844, age 75y 4m 25d;<sup>[112]</sup> m. Taunton 15 May 1800, *Susanna Hayward*,<sup>[113]</sup> b. Massachusetts c. 1785; d. prob. Allen aft. 18 Oct. 1850 (date of census).<sup>[114]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[115]</sup>
- vii. SARAH TOWNSEND, b. Berkley 12 Aug. 1739 [*sic*, 1729];<sup>[116]</sup> d. bef. 15 March 1785 (not named in deed);<sup>[117]</sup> m. Berkley 16 Oct. 1752, (as his 1st wife) JOB DEAN of Taunton,<sup>[118]</sup> poss. b. c. 1728; d. Taunton 24 Dec. 1804, in 76th yr.,<sup>[119]</sup> son of Israel and Ruth (Jones) Dean.<sup>[120]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[121]</sup> Job Dean m. (2) Berkley 9 Feb 1792, Rachel Harvey of Berkley.<sup>[122]</sup>

**3. NATHANIEL<sup>2</sup> TOWNSEND** (*George*<sup>1</sup>), was born in Charlestown 24 April 1697;<sup>[123]</sup> living 1742; married by 1718, **SUSANNAH DAMON**, born in Reading c. 1697 (estimated age 40 at birth of last child); living 1740, daughter of Thomas and Lucy Anne (Emerson) Damon.<sup>[124]</sup>

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the estate of Thomas Lincoln, appointed Elisha Lincoln and Samuel Stephens as administrators on 4 March 1788. Thomas Lincoln m. Taunton 16 Aug. 1733, Esther Andrews (*Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:311) but she would not be the mother of Gideon Lincoln.

<sup>111</sup> *Massachusetts and Maine: Direct Tax, 1798*, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., 11:414, lists Amaziah Lincoln after Gideon Lincoln and Abner Lincoln and before Caleb Lincoln, who may be another son of Gideon; Bristol Co. Deeds, 59:391 dated 17 April 1790, in which Amaziah Lincoln purchased property in Taunton from Abiathar Lee. The property adjoined land owned by Gideon Lincoln; recorded 4 April 1791, and witnessed by Abner Lincoln.

<sup>112</sup> Allegany County Historical Society website for White Cemetery, Allen, N.Y.: [alleganyhistory.org/index.php/research/cemeteries/a-e241/allen235/252-white-cemetery](http://alleganyhistory.org/index.php/research/cemeteries/a-e241/allen235/252-white-cemetery).

<sup>113</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:301.

<sup>114</sup> *United States Census, 1850*, Allen, Allegany Co., N.Y., NARA Series M432, Roll 476 (FSL film #17,052, image 2 of 23), household of Susannah Lincoln, age 65, b. Massachusetts. She may be the Susan Lincoln who d. 2 July 1851 (poss. 1854), and was buried with Amaziah Lincoln in White Cemetery, Allen. Her age is shown as “29 Yr.?” which may be an error for 69 Yr. [note 112].

<sup>115</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Dighton, 60:68, lists marriage of Warren Lincoln, age 30, on 18 April 1852, b. Taunton, son of Amaziah and Susanna. Amaziah and Susanna Lincoln are also listed as parents in the death record of Gilbert Lincoln (*Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Medford 482:321, death of Gilbert Lincoln, 26 March 1898).

<sup>116</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):164. The year of birth must be 1729, not 1739, as she married in 1752. A twelve-year difference in age between sisters Mary and Sarah is highly unlikely.

<sup>117</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 151:303–04, recorded 7 Sept. 1836.

<sup>118</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:145, 485; *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):40.

<sup>119</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 3:67.

<sup>120</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 8080 shows Ruth Dean as administrator of estate of Israel Dean. Job Dean was paid one-third of the net estate. *Vital Records of Taunton*, 2:269 Marriage of Israel Dean and Ruth Jones 19 Jan 1709/10. James Eldon Dean and H. Clark Dean, *The ancestry and descendants of Walter Deane, 1612–1693, of South Chard, England, and Taunton, Plymouth Colony* (Rockland, Me., Penobscot Press, 2013), 144.

<sup>121</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 8097 lists wife Rachel, sons Nathaniel, Job and Walter Dean and daughter Anne, wife of William Caswell.

<sup>122</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:146.

<sup>123</sup> *Vital Records of Charlestown* [note 19], 1:174.

<sup>124</sup> Middlesex Co. Probate, file no. 5814, the will of Thomas Damon lists daughter Susannah Townsend, wife of Nathaniel. Following the death of Lucy Anne (Emerson) Damon, there was a final settlement in 1740, at which time Nathaniel and Susannah (Damon) Townsend were living in Wilmington, Mass. Nathaniel Townsend is listed in settlement documents dated 30 April 1742.

Children of Nathaniel and Susannah (Damon) Townsend, first nine children b. or bp. Reading:<sup>[125]</sup>

- i. REBECCA<sup>3</sup> TOWNSEND, b. 3 April 1719. No further record.
- ii. HANNAH TOWNSEND, b. 3 Jan. 1720/21; poss. m. Wilmington 11 June 1744, NATHAN SCALES<sup>[126]</sup> b. poss. Boxford 10 Sept. 1716; d. Wilmington 6 Oct. 1787, in his 72<sup>nd</sup> year,<sup>[127]</sup> son of James and Sarah (Curtis) Scales.<sup>[128]</sup>

Children of Nathan and Hannah (Townsend) Scales, b. Wilmington:<sup>[129]</sup>

1. William<sup>4</sup> Scales, b. 12 April 1745. No further record.
2. Nathan Scales, b. 10 Sept. 1750; d. Townsend 14 Dec. 1832, aged 78 yrs. [sic];<sup>[130]</sup> m. Wilmington 18 Dec. 1781, Anna Kendall,<sup>[131]</sup> b. Wilmington 12 Aug. 1759; d. Townsend 23 Feb. 1848, aged 88y 6m 12d,<sup>[132]</sup> daughter of Enoch and Patience (Wright) Kendall.<sup>[133]</sup> No children identified.
3. Phebe Scales, b. 6 Jan. 1753. No further record.
- iii. NATHANIEL TOWNSEND, b. 17 April 1723; d. 5 Feb 1723/24.
- iv. SUSANNAH TOWNSEND, b. 6 May 1725. No further record.
- v. BETTE TOWNSEND, b. 20 Feb. 1726/27. No further record.
- vi. NATHANIEL TOWNSEND, b. 4 May 1729; m. Andover 21 May 1751, SARAH JOHNSON.<sup>[134]</sup> No further record.
- vii. LEVI TOWNSEND, bp. 1731. No further record.
- viii. MARY TOWNSEND, bp. 1732; m. Hollis N.H. 7 Feb. 1760 CALEB STILES JR.,<sup>[135]</sup> b. Middleton 19 June 1737; d. Danville, Vt., Oct. 1824, son of Caleb and Sarah (Walton) Stiles.<sup>[136]</sup>

<sup>125</sup> *Vital Records of Reading* [note 8], 1:230–231.

<sup>126</sup> *Wilmington Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths, from 1730 to 1898*, (Lowell, Mass.: Thompson & Hill, 1898), 180, 191.

<sup>127</sup> *Ibid.*, 245.

<sup>128</sup> *Vital Records of Boxford Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Soc., 1905), 84; John Scales, A.M., "Some Descendants of William Scales of Rowley, Mass., 1640," *Register* 66 (1912):43–44.

<sup>129</sup> *Wilmington Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths* [note 126], 70.

<sup>130</sup> *Vital Records of Townsend, Massachusetts* (Boston: NEHGS, 1992), 1:366.

<sup>131</sup> *Wilmington Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths* [note 126], 155, 180.

<sup>132</sup> *Vital Records of Townsend* [note 130], 1:334, 366.

<sup>133</sup> *Wilmington Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths* [note 126], 52; *Woburn Records of Births Deaths Marriages, Part X, Marriage Intentions December 2, 1699 to December 31, 1890* (Boston, Mass.: E.L. Grimes Co., 1919), 96, m. (int.) Enoch Kendall of Wilmington and Patience Wright of Woburn, 22 April 1758. Enoch m. (1) Wilmington 17 Dec. 1754 Mary Kittridge of Tewksbury (*Wilmington Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths* [note 126], 154), who d. Wilmington 9 Nov 1755 (*Ibid.*, 234), five days after giving birth to daughter, Mary (*Ibid.*, 52).

<sup>134</sup> *Vital Records of Andover* [note 29], 2:330 "Nathaniel Townsend [Jr. of Hollis, int.]"

<sup>135</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947*, Caleb Stiles and Mary Townsend, m. Hollis, N.H., 7 Feb. 1760 (FSL film 1,001,305, DGS 4243230, image 3941 of 4954).

<sup>136</sup> Mary A. Stiles, Paul Guild and Henry Reed Stiles, *The Stiles Family in America: Genealogies of the Massachusetts Family, Descendants of Robert Stiles of Rowley, Mass. 1659–1891, and the Dover, N. H., Family, Descendants of William Stiles of Dover, N. H. 1702–1891*, (Albany, N.Y.: J. Munsell's Sons, 1892) 78–79, 91–92; *New Hampshire, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1636–1947*, Hollis, N.H. Town Records 1733–1887 (FSL film #15,177, image 94 of 317); *Vital Records of Lynn Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1905), 2:357, marriage of Caleb Stiles and Sarah Walton 10 July 1733.

Children of Caleb and Mary (Townsend) Stiles, b. Hollis, N.H.:<sup>[137]</sup>

1. *Lucy<sup>a</sup> Stiles*, b. 21 Dec. 1762; m. Hollis NH 21 March 1786, *John Goddard Jr.* of Hollis, N.H. This family may have removed to Albany, N.Y.<sup>[138]</sup> *Lucy (Stiles) Goddard* may have d. Lena, Stephenson Co., Ill., 29 Oct. 1853.<sup>[139]</sup>
2. *Caleb Stiles*, b. 17 Feb. 1765; d. 26 Sept. 1807; m. Hollis, N.H. 7 Feb. 1787, *Elizabeth “Betsey” Pierce*, b. Hollis 26 Sept. 1766; living Barnet, Vt. Dec. 1843, daughter of Ephraim and Esther (Stone) Pierce. Had issue.<sup>[140]</sup>
3. *George Stiles*, b. 20 Jan. 1767; prob. d. Barnet, Vt.; m. bef. 1793, *Mary Pierce*, b. Hollis 26 Jan. 1768, daughter of Ephraim and Esther (Stone) Pierce. Had issue.<sup>[141]</sup>
4. *Samuel Stiles*, b. 17 July 1769; d. Danville, Vt. 13 Oct. 1849,<sup>[142]</sup> m. c. 1789, *Susan Pierce*, b. Hollis 23 April 1772; prob. d. Danville aft. 1830,<sup>[143]</sup> daughter of Ephraim and Esther (Stone) Pierce. Had issue.<sup>[144]</sup>
5. *Nathaniel Stiles*, b. 14 Dec. 1770; m. Chester, Vt., 29 Oct. 1792, *Elsa Stevens*,<sup>[145]</sup> prob. daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Stiles) Stevens.<sup>[146]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[147]</sup>
6. *Jonathan Stiles*, b. 30 May 1773; d. aft. 3 Sept. 1850 (date of census); m. prob. Vermont by 1796, *Lucy Burnell/Bunnell*,<sup>[148]</sup>

<sup>137</sup> Worcester, *History of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire* [note 27], 389; *The Stiles Family in America* [note 136], 91–92; *New Hampshire Birth Records, Early to 1900*, Hollis, Hillsborough Co., N.H., Mary Townsend in entry for Lucy Stiles, b. 21 Dec. 1762 (FSL film #1,001,042, DGS 4244307, image 1798 of 4910). Birth records for other children are also available here.

<sup>138</sup> Worcester, *History of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire* [note 27], 348; *The Stiles Family in America* [note 136], 91.

<sup>139</sup> Gravestone of Lucy (Stiles) Goddard viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 90857722; *Illinois, Stephenson County, Lena Park Cemetery Transcriptions, 1854–1983* (FSL DGS 4223915, image 153 of 234), d. 29 Oct. 1853, age 93y 10m 8d, spouse of John Goddard. The same document (image 151 of 234) lists a likely child, Alpheus Goddard, b. New Hampshire 26 Feb. 1794, d. Lena Ill., 24 Sept. 1888, age 94y 6m 28d; Gravestone of Alpheus Goddard viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 101199171.

<sup>140</sup> Stiles, *The Stiles Family in America* [note 136], 114–15, shows the date of death for Caleb Stiles as 26 Feb 1807, but his Revolutionary War pension file #25098 shows his date of death as 26 Sept. 1807. The file also lists multiple children. Betsey was receiving the pension in December 1843.

<sup>141</sup> *Ibid.*, 115–120.

<sup>142</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths S to 1871 (FSL film #27,699, p. 19608).

<sup>143</sup> 1830 US Census, Danville, Caledonia Co. Vt., page 309, NARA Series M19, Roll 187 [FSL film #27,453, image 15 of 32], household of Samuel Stiles (age 60 to 70) also shows a female (age 50 to 60) which is likely Susan (Pierce) Stiles.

<sup>144</sup> Stiles, *The Stiles Family in America* [note 136], 120–122.

<sup>145</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Marriages S to 1871 (FSL film #27,699, p. 19217).

<sup>146</sup> Stiles, *The Stiles Family in America* [note 136], 76–77; *Vital Records of Boxford* [note 128], 205, m. (int.) of Rebekah Stiles of Middleton and Samuel Stephen, 22 Feb. 1761.

<sup>147</sup> Stiles, *The Stiles Family in America* [note 136], 122–123.

<sup>148</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths S 1871–1908 (FSL film #27,699, p. 19462), death record of Albert Stiles, Georgia, Vt., 4 Dec 1885, age 89y 4m 1d, (b. Grand Isle, Vt., c.1796) names parents as Jonathan Stiles and Lucy Burnell.



b. Massachusetts c. 1775; d. aft. 3 Sept. 1850 (date of census).<sup>[149]</sup>  
Had issue.<sup>[150]</sup>

7. *Benjamin Stiles*, b. 12 Oct. 1775, moved to Canada.

ix. MEHITABLE TOWNSEND, bp. 1736. No further record.

x. LUCY TOWNSEND, b. c. 1737; d. Hollis, N.H., c. 1763; m. Hollis 23 Feb. 1758 (as his first wife) EZEKIEL JEWETT, b. Bradford, Mass., 28 May 1736; d. Temple, N.H., 25 July 1818, son of Samuel and Ruth (Hardy) Jewett. Ezekiel Jewett m. (2) Hollis 28 Feb. 1765, Anna Williams, b. c. 1738; d. prob. Temple, N.H., 28 Oct. 1803, aged 65.<sup>[151]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[152]</sup>

Children of Ezekiel and Lucy (Townsend) Jewett, b. Hollis, N.H.:

1. *Susannah<sup>4</sup> Jewett*, b. 11 Dec. 1758; m. by 1782 (birth of first child),<sup>[153]</sup> (as his second wife) *Benjamin Tenney*, b. Bradford, Mass., 17 Jan. 1742/43; d. New Hampshire 23 June 1811, son of Jonathan and Lydia (Perley) Tenney.<sup>[154]</sup> Had issue. Benjamin Tenney m. (1) Jane Smith.<sup>[155]</sup>
2. *Nathaniel Jewett*, b. 27 April 1760; d. Temple, N.H. 21 May 1828, aged 68;<sup>[156]</sup> m. Temple 12 Oct. 1784, *Ruth Powers*,<sup>[157]</sup> b. Acton, Mass. 1 May 1767; d. Temple 9 July 1843, age 76,<sup>[158]</sup> daughter of Gideon and Ruth (Hosmer) Powers.<sup>[159]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[160]</sup>

<sup>149</sup> *United States Census, 1850*, Georgia, Franklin Co., Vt., NARA Series M432, Roll 924 (FSL film #444,923, image 65 of 68), household of Jonathan Styles (age 77) and Lucy Styles (age 75).

<sup>150</sup> Stiles, *The Stiles Family in America* [note 136], 123.

<sup>151</sup> Gravestone of Anna (Williams) Jewett viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 179051508.

<sup>152</sup> Frederic Clarke Jewett, *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America*, (New York; Grafton Press, 1908), 61, 113.

<sup>153</sup> *New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, Births T–U–V to 1901 (FSL film #1,001,047), p. 3664, Susanna Tenney, Temple, N.H., 9 June 1783, daughter of Benjamin and Susanna Tenney.

<sup>154</sup> *Vital Records of Bradford, Massachusetts, to the end of the Year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1907), 155; *Ibid.*, 276, marriage of Jonathan Tenney and Lydia Perley, of Boxford, at Boxford.

<sup>155</sup> *DAR Patriot Index / National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*, 3 vols. (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2003), 2665.; DAR website Ancestor #A113486. This Benjamin Tenney should not be confused with the Benjamin Tenney b. Hollis, N.H., 28 Oct. 1746, d. Temple, N.H., 2 Sept. 1790, son of William and Anna (Jewett) Tenney who m. Ruth Blanchard (Worcester, *History of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire* [note 27], 389; *History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* [note 152], 964; *DAR Patriot Index*, 2665, DAR website Ancestor #A113487).

<sup>156</sup> *New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, Deaths I–J–K to 1901 (FSL film #1,001,088, p. 3477); Gravestone of Nathaniel Jewett viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 37456602.

<sup>157</sup> *New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, Grooms I–J–K to 1901 (FSL film #1,001,272, p. 5296).

<sup>158</sup> Gravestone of Ruth (Powers) Jewett viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 37456666.

<sup>159</sup> *Vital Records of Acton Massachusetts to the year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1923), 90; *Ibid.*, 210, m. (int.) of Gideon Powers and Ruth Hosmer, both of Acton, 3 Sept. 1757.

<sup>160</sup> *New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, Births I–J–K to 1901 (FSL film #1,001,009, p. 5265), birth of Ruth Jewett, Temple, N.H., 27 Jan. 1790, daughter of Nathaniel Jewett and Ruth Powers. Other children of this marriage are listed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 37456602.

3. *Isaac Jewett*, b. 5 July 1763; d. Nelson, N.H. 20 Nov. 1852, aged 89;<sup>[161]</sup> m. Wilton, N.H., 17 Nov. 1788,<sup>[162]</sup> *Mary Chandler*, b. Wilton Center, N.H., 17 Oct. 1769;<sup>[163]</sup> d. Nelson 11 Dec. 1845, aged 76,<sup>[164]</sup> daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Burnap) Chandler.<sup>[165]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[166]</sup>

**4. GEORGE<sup>2</sup> TOWNSEND** (*George*<sup>1</sup>), was born in Taunton c. 1707; died there before 2 May 1749 (date of probate administration).<sup>[167]</sup> He married before 1736, **MARGARET BURT**, born in Dighton 1 July 1705;<sup>[168]</sup> died after 15 December 1769,<sup>[169]</sup> daughter of John and Abigail (Paul) Burt.<sup>[170]</sup>

Children of George and Margaret (Burt) Townsend, prob. b. Taunton:<sup>[171]</sup>

7. i. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> TOWNSEND, b. bet. 17 May 1736 and 1743, prob. c. 1736.<sup>[172]</sup>  
 8. ii. JOB TOWNSEND, b. bet. 17 May 1736 and 1743, say c. 1739.  
 9. iii. JOHN TOWNSEND, b. bet. 17 May 1736 and 1743, say c. 1741. No further record.  
 iv. PAUL TOWNSEND, b. aft. 17 May 1743; d. aft. 18 March 1771, when he purchased land from Elizabeth Townsend, spinster.<sup>[173]</sup> No further record.  
 v. prob. ELIZABETH TOWNSEND.<sup>[174]</sup> No further record.

### Third Generation

**5. JOHN<sup>3</sup> TOWNSEND** (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *George*<sup>1</sup>), was born in Taunton c. 1716 (based on date of land purchased from father, John Townsend, on 21 March 1737),<sup>[175]</sup>

<sup>161</sup> Gravestone of Isaac Jewett viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 159781440.

<sup>162</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947* (FSL DGS 4243057, image 4529 of 5038).

<sup>163</sup> *New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, Births C to 1901 (FSL film #1,000,375, p. 11244).

<sup>164</sup> Gravestone of Mary (Chandler) Jewett viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 159781444.

<sup>165</sup> *Vital Records of Reading* [note 8], 1:306, marriage of Ebenezer Chandler and Mary Burnap 29 Nov 1768.

<sup>166</sup> *United States Census, 1850*, Wilton, Hillsborough Co. N.H., NARA Series M432, Roll no. 433 (FSL film #443,637, p. 165), Isaac Jewett, age 87, is in the household of Isaac Jewett Jr.; See FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 159781440 for list of children of Isaac and Mary (Chandler) Jewett.

<sup>167</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26108. The will of George Townsend of Taunton names his wife Margaret. The inventory of the estate was not presented to the court until 26 May 1757.

<sup>168</sup> *Vital Records of Dighton* [note 81], 1:9.

<sup>169</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 52:437.

<sup>170</sup> Will of John Burt dated 15 Aug. 1767, names daughter Margaret Townsend, widow of George Townsend (Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 4516); Richmond, *The Richmond Family* [note 103], 7.

<sup>171</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26110 dated 17 May 1757 establishes guardianship for the sons of George Townsend, late of Taunton. George, Job, and John are referred to as minors over the age of 14, while Paul is referred to as a minor under the age of 14.

<sup>172</sup> K. David Goss and David Zarowin, eds., *Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the French and Indian Wars, 1755–1756* (Boston, Mass.: Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and NEHGS, 1985), 342, lists George Townsend of Taunton, age 20.

<sup>173</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 63:113.

<sup>174</sup> *Ibid.*, 62:113 dated 8 March 1771, Elizabeth Townsend of Taunton, spinster, sold land in Taunton that was part of her father's estate to Paul Townsend. She named her mother Margaret Townsend. The deed was witnessed by John Townsend.

<sup>175</sup> *Ibid.*, 26:224.

died after 19 May 1783;<sup>[176]</sup> married (int.) at Berkley 20 February 1738/39, **MARY CASWELL**,<sup>[177]</sup> born in Berkley 6 March 1724;<sup>[178]</sup> died after 1 June 1768 (ack. deed),<sup>[179]</sup> daughter of Timothy<sup>3</sup> (*Stephen*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) and Sarah (\_\_\_\_) Caswell.<sup>[180]</sup>

Children of John and Mary (Caswell) Townsend, b. Berkley:<sup>[181]</sup>

- i. ABIEL<sup>4</sup> TOWNSEND, b. 11 May 1741, poss. the Abiel Townsend who served as a lieut. in the Rev. War and who was accidentally killed 17 Sept. 1775.<sup>[182]</sup>
- ii. JOHN TOWNSEND, b. 5 Sept. 1743. No further record.
- iii. GEORGE TOWNSEND, b. 13 Sept. 1745; prob. the George Townsend who d. Bethel, Vt., 20 July 1819, aged 73; m. (int.) Brookfield Feb. 1770, PERSIS RICE,<sup>[183]</sup> b. Westborough 1 June 1753; d. Bethel 30 Aug. 1836, aged 83, daughter of Elizer and Mehetabell (Stone) Rice.<sup>[184]</sup> George Townsend served in the Rev. War.<sup>[185]</sup>

Children of George and Persis (Rice) Townsend, b. Brookfield:<sup>[186]</sup>

1. *Mary*,<sup>5</sup> “*Molly*,” or “*Polly*” *Townsend*, b. 5 Jan. 1770; d. Brookfield 5 Oct. 1845;<sup>[187]</sup> m. Brookfield 7 March 1790, *Frederick Barnes*,<sup>[188]</sup> b. Brookfield 17 July 1768; d. Brookfield 17 Feb. 1847, aged 78y 6m 10d,<sup>[189]</sup> son of Jonathan and Dorothy (How) Barnes.<sup>[190]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[191]</sup>
2. *John Townsend*, b. 19 Sept. 1772; d. Bethel, Vt., 28 March 1863;<sup>[192]</sup> m. Bethel, Vt., Oct. 1795,<sup>[193]</sup> *Bathsheba Wells*, bp. Conway 28

<sup>176</sup> George Freeman Sanborn Jr. “Thomas Caswell of Taunton and His Descendants,” *Mayflower Descendant* 37 (1987):192.

<sup>177</sup> *Ibid.*, 37 (1987):192; m. (int.) Berkley 20 Feb 1738/39 (*Ibid.*, 51 [2002]:151).

<sup>178</sup> *Ibid.*, 51 (2002):165; 37 (1987):192.

<sup>179</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 51:161–62.

<sup>180</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):165; H. L. Peter Rounds, C.G. “Bristol County, Mass., Probate Abstracts,” *Mayflower Descendant* 49 (2000):136. The will of Timothy Caswell dated 7 July 1755 and probated 18 Aug. 1767, names daughter Mary, wife of John Townsend of Middleborough (Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 5270); *Mayflower Descendant* 37 (1987):191–92 lists children of Timothy and Sarah (\_\_\_\_) Caswell, including Mary who m. John Townsend.

<sup>181</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):143.

<sup>182</sup> *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* (Boston, Mass.: Wright & Potter Printing, 1896–1908), 15:924.

<sup>183</sup> *Vital Records of Brookfield, Massachusetts, to the end of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1909), 395.

<sup>184</sup> *Vital Records of Westborough* [note 5], 89; marriage of Eliezer Rice and Mahitable Stone of Sutton 17 Sept. 1747, *Ibid.*, 200.

<sup>185</sup> *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files* at Fold3.com, file no. W26,550; *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors* [note 182] 15:928; Gravestone of George and Persis (Rice) Townsend viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 223559417.

<sup>186</sup> *Vital Records of Brookfield* [note 183], 212.

<sup>187</sup> *Ibid.*, 459.

<sup>188</sup> *Ibid.*, 263.

<sup>189</sup> *Ibid.*, 459.

<sup>190</sup> *Ibid.*, 31; marriage of Jonathan Barnes and Dorothy How (*Ibid.*, 263).

<sup>191</sup> *Ibid.*, 30–33.

<sup>192</sup> *Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005*, Bethel, Windsor Co. Vt., births, marriages, deaths 1857–1882 (FSL DGS 5486402, image 186 of 207).

<sup>193</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954*, Bethel, Vt. (FSL DGS 4705382, image 3460 of 3930).

May 1780;<sup>[194]</sup> d. Bethel VT 5 Feb 1812,<sup>[195]</sup> daughter of Eliphalet and Mary (Henderson) Wells.<sup>[196]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[197]</sup> In the *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files* dated 12 Aug. 1850, John Townsend is referred to as the only surviving child of Persis (Rice) Townsend. Yet, his sister, Nancy (Townsend) Harrington was living until 1853.

3. *Nancy Townsend*, b. 23 Feb. 1775; d. New Braintree 2 March 1853;<sup>[198]</sup> m. Brookfield 27 March 1798, *Nathaniel Harrington* of New Braintree,<sup>[199]</sup> b. New Braintree 24 Oct. 1773; d. New Braintree 22 April 1845, age 71y 6m,<sup>[200]</sup> son of Samuel and Lucy (Whitney) Harrington.<sup>[201]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[202]</sup>
4. *Rice Townsend*, b. 16 Jan. 1777; d. Bethel, Vt., 16 Aug. 1827;<sup>[203]</sup> m. (1) Bethel 8 April 1807, *Martha "Patty" Huntington*,<sup>[204]</sup> b. Woodstock, Vt., daughter of James and Rebecca (Densman) Huntington.<sup>[205]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[206]</sup> Rice m. (2) *Bathsheba* (\_\_\_\_).<sup>[207]</sup>

**6. NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup> TOWNSEND** (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *George*<sup>1</sup>), was born in Taunton by 1719 (based on date of land purchased from John and Experience Townsend on 3 March 1740);<sup>[208]</sup> died after 12 December 1796;<sup>[209]</sup> married in Berkley 28

<sup>194</sup> *Vital Records of Conway, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston, NEHGS, 1943), 106 "Bathsheba, ch. Mary (wid.)."

<sup>195</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954*, Bethel, Vt. (FSL DGS 4705382, image 3178 of 3930).

<sup>196</sup> *Vital Records of Conway* [note 194], 196, m. (int.) of Eliphalet Wells and Mary Handerson, both of Conway, 8 Dec. 1777.

<sup>197</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954*, Bethel, Vt.

.Massachusetts Vital Records, 77:147.

<sup>199</sup> *Vital Records of Brookfield* [note 183], 421; m. (int.) New Braintree 13 March 1798 (*Vital Records of New Braintree, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* [Boston, NEHGS, 1904], 88, 117).

<sup>200</sup> *Vital Records of New Braintree* [note 199], -142.

<sup>201</sup> *Ibid.*, 27; *Vital Records of Brookfield* [note 183], 335, m. (int.) of Samuel Harrington and Lucy Whitney April \_\_, 1756; *Vital Records of Westborough* [note 5], 167, m. (int.) 3 April 1756.

<sup>202</sup> *Vital Records of New Braintree* [note 199], 27.

<sup>203</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V to 1871 (FSL film #27,711, p. 5941).

<sup>204</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 6108.

<sup>205</sup> Simon Huntington, *The Huntington Family in America: a Genealogical Memoir of the Known Descendants of Simon Huntington from 1633 to 1915, including those who have retained the family name, and many bearing other surnames* (Hartford, Conn.: Huntington Family Association, 1915), 782.

<sup>206</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Worcester, Mass., Olivia (Townsend) Hosmer on 21 Feb. 1907, lists parents as Rice Townsend and Martha W. Huntington; Huntington, *The Huntington Family in America* [note 205], 787.

<sup>207</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V to 1871 (FSL film #27,711, p. 5941).

<sup>208</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 30:59.

<sup>209</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26120 for Nathaniel Townsell of Berkley, husband of Abigail. His will, dated 12 Dec. 1796, written when he was "more than 70 years of age" names son Gilbert Townsell; daughter Parsilah Caswell, wife of William Caswell; daughter Abigail Haskins, wife of Henry Haskins; Gail E. Terry, *Berkley, Massachusetts Cemetery Inscriptions* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1997), 221, lists the gravestone of Nathaniel Townsend, died 1799 and Abigail Townsend, died 1801.

November 1754, **ABIGAIL BRIGGS**,<sup>[210]</sup> born in Berkley 4 July 1735; died there 1801,<sup>[211]</sup> daughter of Israel and Naomi (Jones) Briggs.<sup>[212]</sup>

Children of Nathaniel and Abigail (Briggs) Townsend, b. Berkley:<sup>[213]</sup>

- i. LYDIA<sup>4</sup> TOWNSEND, b. 23 Aug. 1755, not named in father's will.
- ii. PRISCILLA TOWNSEND, b. 17 May 1758; m. Berkley 12 Aug. 1794, WILLIAM CASWELL,<sup>[214]</sup> prob. b. Taunton c. 1756, son of Abiel and Phebe (Staples) Caswell.<sup>[215]</sup>

Prob. child of William and Priscilla (Townsend) Caswell:

1. *Townsend*<sup>5</sup> *Caswell*, b. Taunton c. 1797; d. Wendell 13 April 1872, aged 75y 3m 10d;<sup>[216]</sup> m. (1) Wendell 21 Jan. 1821, *Scinthia Whitaker*.<sup>[217]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[218]</sup> He m. (2) Wendell 26 Oct. 1851,<sup>[219]</sup> *Betsey Holden*, b. Leverett 31 Dec. 1818;<sup>[220]</sup> d. Wendell 10 Jan. 1888, age 69y 10d,<sup>[221]</sup> daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (\_\_\_\_\_) Holden. Had issue.<sup>[222]</sup>
- iii. GILBERT TOWNSEND, b. 9 June 1760; d. Berkley 23 Sept. 1817, "in his 58<sup>th</sup> year";<sup>[223]</sup> m. Dartmouth 16 Oct. 1794, HULDAH TINKHAM of New Bedford,<sup>[224]</sup> b. c. 1758; d. Berkley 4 Feb. 1843, "in 86<sup>th</sup> yr.," daughter of John and Mary (Allen) Tinkham.<sup>[225]</sup>

Children of Gilbert and Huldah (Tinkham) Townsend:

<sup>210</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):41.

<sup>211</sup> Terry, *Berkley, Massachusetts Cemetery Inscriptions* [note 209], 221.

<sup>212</sup> *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):135; *Vital Records of Dighton* [note 81], 1:33, marriage of Israel Briggs and Naomi Jones 18 Feb. 1729/30, "both of Dighton."

<sup>213</sup> *Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626–2001*, Berkley, Mass., Births, Marriages 1735–1768, 1:237 (FSL DGS 7009646, image 126 of 641 [handwritten record]) clearly reads "Nathaniel Townsend"; *Mayflower Descendant* 51 (2002):138 (name is incorrectly transcribed as Wetherel Townsend).

<sup>214</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:485; *Mayflower Descendant* 53 (2004):133, m. (int.) Berkley 4 July 1794 "William Caswell of Taunton and Priscilla Townsend of Berkley."

<sup>215</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 67:436, Abiel Caswell of Taunton sold land to his "son William Caswell of Taunton;" *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:90, marriage of Abiel Caswell and Phebe Staple 1 Nov. 1753, in Taunton; *United States Census, 1800*, Taunton, Bristol Co. Mass., NARA Series M32, Roll no. 19 (FSL film #205,612, image 9 of 18), lists William Caswell immediately following Abiel Caswell. William Caswell is listed as age 26–44, along with 2 males under age 10, one female age 10–15, and one female age 26–44.

<sup>216</sup> Gravestone of Townsend Caswell viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 126564098.

<sup>217</sup> *Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626–2001*, Wendell, Mass., p. 10 (handwritten) Townsend Caswell and Scinthia Whitaker, m. 21 Jan. 1821 (FSL film #770,463, DGS 7010692, image 13 of 150).

<sup>218</sup> *Massachusetts Births and Christenings, 1639–1915*, Wendell, Mass., multiple births for children of Townsend and Scinthia Caswell (FSL film #770,463, DGS 7010692).

<sup>219</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Wendell, Mass., 54:259.

<sup>220</sup> "Some Vital Records of Leverett, Mass.," *Register* 117 (1963):264.

<sup>221</sup> Gravestone of Townsend Caswell viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 126564098; *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Wendell, 391:382.

<sup>222</sup> Gravestone of Townsend Caswell viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 126564098.

<sup>223</sup> Terry, *Berkley, Massachusetts Cemetery Inscriptions* [note 209], 221.

<sup>224</sup> *Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, (Boston: NEHGS, 1930), 2:503.

<sup>225</sup> Robert S. Wakefield, ed. *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Volume 7, Peter Brown, Second Revised Edition* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2002), 51–52, 165–66.



1. *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup> *Townsend*, b. Berkley 25 May 1796; d. Berkley 5 April 1865;<sup>[226]</sup> m. 30 Dec. 1821, *Achsa Macomber*,<sup>[227]</sup> b. 11 Dec. 1800; d. Berkley 19 April 1884, aged 83y 3m 16d, daughter of Venus and Welthy (Pierce) Macomber.<sup>[228]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[229]</sup>
  2. *John Townsend*, b. prob. Berkley c. 1797 – 1803,<sup>[230]</sup> (prob. b. 1800);<sup>[231]</sup> d. bef. 28 June 1831 (estate administration);<sup>[232]</sup> m. Taunton c. 1821 – 1824,<sup>[233]</sup> *Betsey Burt*, b. 1803,<sup>[234]</sup> daughter of Abner and Polly (Dean) Burt.<sup>[235]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[236]</sup>
- iv. ABIGAIL TOWNSEND, b. 12 May 1762; m. Berkley 21 Nov. 1782, HENRY HASKINS 2d.<sup>[237]</sup>

Children of Henry and Abigail (Townsend) Haskins:

1. *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup> *Haskins*, b. Taunton 21 Feb. 1786; d. Raynham 14 April 1859, aged 73y 1m 21d;<sup>[238]</sup> m. (int.) Taunton 9 July 1814, *Experience Holloway* of Middleborough,<sup>[239]</sup> b. Middleborough 27 Feb.

<sup>226</sup> Terry, *Berkley, Massachusetts Cemetery Inscriptions* [note 209], 221.

<sup>227</sup> *Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626–2001*, Berkley, Mass. births, marriages (handwritten) 1754–1833, 3:487 (FSL film #903401, image 257 of 292).

<sup>228</sup> Terry, *Berkley, Massachusetts Cemetery Inscriptions* [note 209], 221, lists the name on her gravestone as “Aghsah”; *Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, 1921–1924*, Berkley, Mass., 355:83 (FSL film #960,226, DGS 4223250, image 94 of 793); *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:328 marriage of Venus Macomber and Weltha Pierce, both of Berkley, 25 June 1797, in Berkley.

<sup>229</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:485 lists marriage of Nathaniel G. Townsend, age 24, son of Nathaniel and Achsa on 16 Oct. 1848.

<sup>230</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26114, dated 7 Nov. 1817, lists John Townsend, “a minor above age fourteen,” son of Gilbert Townsend, late of Berkley. Edmund Anthony was selected as his guardian.

<sup>231</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:423.

<sup>232</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26115. His widow, Betsey Townsend, was appointed administrator of his intestate estate.

<sup>233</sup> Estimated date of marriage based on Betsey Burt’s date of birth in 1803 and Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26118, dated 29 June 1832, where Betsey Townsend, widow of John Townsend, is named as guardian of Mary Ann Townsend, a minor under the age of 14, a child of John Townsend. On 5 Oct. 1838, Mary Ann Townsend was still described as a minor under age 14.

<sup>234</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:423.

<sup>235</sup> *United States 1850 Census*, Berkley, Bristol Co., Mass., NARA Roll 307 (Mass., V.5), p. 561, lists Betsey Townsend, age 47, and Mary A. Townsend, age 22, living in the home of Abner Burt, age 89 <https://www.americanancestors.org/DB1665/i/39383/561/1019130161>; *Vital Records of Dighton*, 2a:29 marriage of Abner Burt of Berkley and Polly Dean of Dighton, 30 Jan. 1793/94.

<sup>236</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26118, dated 29 June 1832, names Mary Ann Townsend as a child of John Townsend, late of Berkley.

<sup>237</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:228, 484, “Abigail of Berkeley and Henry Haskins 2d of Taunton”; *Mayflower Descendant* 53 (2004):126. This appears to be the son of Henry Hoskins Jr., who m. Freetown 8 June 1745 Mary, daughter of Philip Rounsevill of Freetown (Gen. Ebenezer W. Pierce, “The Pierce Family of the Old Colony” *Register* 22 [1868]:178 footnote). He also may be the Henry Haskins of Taunton b. Jan. 1718 (*Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988*, from diary of Elijah Briggs, Berkley, Ancestry.com, image 318 of 521). Also see George Ely Russell, *Hoskins Families of Seventeenth Century America* (Bowie, Md.: Catocin Press, 1964), 3.

<sup>238</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Raynham 129:92.

<sup>239</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:230.

- 1794; d. Dighton 19 Dec. 1869, aged 75y 0m 10d,<sup>[240]</sup> daughter of Isaac and Lois (Pierce) Holloway.<sup>[241]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[242]</sup>
2. *Edward Haskins*, b. Taunton c. 1796; d. Freetown 28 Aug. 1851;<sup>[243]</sup> m. Freetown 23 March 1823, *Fanny Pierce*,<sup>[244]</sup> b. Taunton 16 Aug. 1803; d. Myricks, 24 Oct. 1875, aged 72y 2m 8d,<sup>[245]</sup> daughter of Clothier and Rebecca (Haskins) Pierce.<sup>[246]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[247]</sup>

7. **GEORGE<sup>3</sup> TOWNSEND** (*George<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>*), was born probably in Taunton between 17 May 1736 and 1743, say c. 1736;<sup>[248]</sup> he died between 22 May 1758 and 7 February 1764 (date of will and date probated);<sup>[249]</sup> married in Taunton 21 May 1758, **ANNA RICHMOND**,<sup>[250]</sup> possibly the daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Walker) Richmond.<sup>[251]</sup> Anna, widow of George Townsend, sold land to brother-in-law Job Townsend 4 January 1765.<sup>[252]</sup>

Probable child of George and Anna (Richmond) Townsend:

- i. **GEORGE<sup>4</sup> TOWNSEND**, b. 6 Dec. 1764;<sup>[253]</sup> d. bef. 1850 (not listed in census); m. Taunton 9 July 1786, **RACHEL THAYER**,<sup>[254]</sup> b. Taunton 20 Sept.

<sup>240</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Dighton 220:81

<sup>241</sup> *Vital Records of Middleborough* [note 106] 1:369; marriage of Isaac Holloway and Lois Pierce 18 Nov 1792 (*Ibid.*, 2:120).

<sup>242</sup> Death record of daughter Jane (Haskins) Waldron d. Taunton 13 Jan. 1884, age 57y 6m 20d, *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, Mass., 335:154; *United States Census, 1850*, Dighton, Bristol Co., Mass., NARA Series M432, Roll 307 (FSL film #14,701, image 5 of 40), Nathaniel Haskins.

<sup>243</sup> Gravestone of Edward Haskins viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 90984418.

<sup>244</sup> Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown* [note 1]; Intentions 22 Feb. 1823 (*Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:228).

<sup>245</sup> Gravestone of Fanny (Pierce) Haskins viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 90984436.

<sup>246</sup> Death record of Fanny (Pierce) Haskins, *Massachusetts Vital Records*, 274:147. Note that the death record lists her mother as Phebe, while Thomas, *Vital Records of the Town of Freetown* [note 1], shows marriage of Clothier Pierce to Rebecca Haskins 4 June 1801. The death records of her siblings all list their mother as Rebecca.

<sup>247</sup> *United States Census, 1850*, Taunton, Bristol Co., Mass., NARA Series M432, Roll 307 (FSL film #14,701, image 217 of 249), Edward Haskins.

<sup>248</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26110 dated 17 May 1757 establishes guardianship for the children of George Townsend, late of Taunton. George, Job, and John are referred to as minors over the age of 14, while Paul is referred to as a minor under the age of 14; *Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the French and Indian Wars, 1755–1756* [note 172], 342 lists George Townsend of Taunton, age 20.

<sup>249</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26109. The will of George Townsend dated 22 May 1758 “in the 31<sup>st</sup> year of the reign of His Majesty’s George II,” names wife, Anna and indicates there are no children. It also names his brother Job and specifies he will be in the expedition or invasion of Canada.

<sup>250</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:403, 484.

<sup>251</sup> Richmond, *The Richmond Family* [note 103], 29–30 lists Anna Richmond as daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Walker) Richmond but does not show her marriage to George Townsend, possibly because of short length of the marriage.

<sup>252</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 47:331

<sup>253</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>254</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:484.

1767;<sup>[255]</sup> d. prob. Kalamo, Mich., after 21 July 1860,<sup>[256]</sup> when she was living in the household of her son-in-law and daughter Alanson and Mercy (Townsend) Worden.

Children of George and Rachel (Thayer) Townsend:

1. *Thayer*<sup>5</sup> *Townsend*, b. Taunton 17 Dec. 1790;<sup>[257]</sup> d. Middlesex, Washington Co., Vt., 2 Aug. 1866, aged 73y 7m 16d, [*sic* 75y]<sup>[258]</sup>; m. (1) Woodstock, Me., 11 June 1815, *Hannah Starbird*,<sup>[259]</sup> prob. b. Woodstock 6 Nov. 1796;<sup>[260]</sup> d. prob. Montpelier, Vt., after 29 June 1860 (date of census),<sup>[261]</sup> prob. daughter of John and Sarah “Sally” (Tobey) Starbird.<sup>[262]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[263]</sup> Thayer Townsend m. (2) *Alvira H.* (\_\_\_\_).<sup>[264]</sup>
2. *Otis Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Oxford Co., Me., 20 March 1794;<sup>[265]</sup> d. prob. Craftsbury, Orleans Co., Vt., 1887;<sup>[266]</sup> m. Montpelier, Vt. 8 Sept. 1822, *Nancy Carpenter*,<sup>[267]</sup> b. Connecticut c. 1797; prob. d. Orleans Co., Vt., after 12 July 1870 (date of census).<sup>[268]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[269]</sup>

<sup>255</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>256</sup> *United States Census, 1860*, Kalamo, Eaton Co., Mich, NARA Series M653, Roll 542 (FSL film #803,542, image 24 of 26), Alanson Worden.

<sup>257</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227); *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V to 1871 (FSL film #27,711, pp. 5961–5962). Lists father as George Townsend and place of birth as Taunton.

<sup>258</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V to 1871 (FSL film #27,711, pp. 5961–5962).

<sup>259</sup> *Maine Marriages, 1771–1907*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 7 of 227).

<sup>260</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227). Date of birth listed for “Hannah wife of Thayer Townsend.” Hannah is not listed in the family of John and Sally Starbird (same image) but is likely the eldest child.

<sup>261</sup> *United States Census, 1860*, Montpelier, Washington Co., Vt., NARA Series M653, Roll 1324 (FSL film #805,324, image 61 of 61).

<sup>262</sup> *Maine Vital Records to c.1863*, New Gloucester, Cumberland Co., Me. (FSL film #11,587, image 147 of 266), marriage of John Starbird and Sally Tobie, 26 March 1796.

<sup>263</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 28 of 227).

<sup>264</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V to 1871 (FSL film #27,711, p. 5962).

<sup>265</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>266</sup> Viewed Gravestone of Otis Townsend at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 130850405; *United States Census, 1880*, Craftsbury, Orleans Co., Vt., NARA Series T9, Roll no. 1346 (FSL film #1,255,346, image 14 of 31), Otis Townsend, age 82, is listed as father-in-law in the household of Homer and Roena Bradley. Nancy (Carpenter) Townsend is not listed in the household.

<sup>267</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Montpelier, Vt. (FSL film #27,711, p. 6098).

<sup>268</sup> *United States Census, 1870*, Salem, Orleans Co., Vt., NARA Series M593, Roll 1623 (FSL film #553,122, image 11 of 20), lists Otis Townshind (age 73, b. Maine) and Nancy Townshind (age 73, b. Connecticut); Viewed Gravestone of Nancy (Carpenter) Townsend at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 130850405, but her date of death is not readable.

<sup>269</sup> *United States Census, 1850*, Eden, Lamoille Co., Vt., NARA Series M432, Roll 925 (FSL film #444,924, image 15 of 16); *Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954* (FSL film #540,064, DGS 4357158,

3. *Rachel Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Oxford Co., Me., 29 April 1797 (or 1791);<sup>[270]</sup> m. Woodstock; 29 Feb. 1816, *David Rand*,<sup>[271]</sup> b. Woodstock; 21 June 1787, son of Lazarus and Betsey (\_\_\_\_\_) Rand.<sup>[272]</sup> David Rand appears in the 1820 census in Paris, Oxford Co., Me. along with a white female (likely Rachel) both age 26–44.<sup>[273]</sup> He also appears in the 1830 census in Paris, Oxford, Me., age 40 to 49, along with a white female age 30 to 39.<sup>[274]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[275]</sup>
4. *William Laxes Frederick Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Oxford Co., Me., 22 July 1799;<sup>[276]</sup> d. Conway, Mass. 27 Sept. 1868, aged 68y 2m 5d;<sup>[277]</sup> m. by 1827 (based on birth of eldest child) *Tryphena Harvey*, b. Ashfield 1807; d. Conway 1 Oct. 1869, aged 62y 7m 6d, daughter of Enos and Rhoda (Hamlet) Harvey.<sup>[278]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[279]</sup>
5. *Malansa Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Me. 15 Sept. 1802;<sup>[280]</sup> m. by 1828, *David Pratt*. Had issue.<sup>[281]</sup>
6. *Edward Thayer Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Me., 21 Jan. 1805;<sup>[282]</sup> m. (as his 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage) Woodford, Bennington, Vt., 16 Nov.

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image no. 1669 of 6356), the marriage of Homer Bradley and Roena (Townsend) Anderson in Craftsbury, Vt., 18 March 1880 lists Homer's parents as Otis Townsend and Nancy Carpenter.

<sup>270</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227). The year of birth appears to be 1791; however, it is likely that the year is 1797. If Thayer Townsend was b. 17 Dec. 1790, Rachel Townsend could not have been born on 29 April 1791. All other siblings are listed in birth order and Rachel is listed after Otis Townsend b. 20 March 1794, and before William Townsend b. 22 July 1799.

<sup>271</sup> *Maine Marriages, 1771–1907*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 7 of 227).

<sup>272</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>273</sup> *United States Census, 1820*, Paris, Oxford Co., Me., NARA Series M33, Roll 37, p. 38 (FSL film #281,241, image 9 of 10), David Rand.

<sup>274</sup> *United States Census, 1830*, Paris, Oxford Co., Me., NARA Series M19, Roll 50 (FSL film #497,946, image 6 of 36, David Rand.

<sup>275</sup> *Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915*, North Adams, Mass. (DGS 4332369, image 97 of 717). Marriage record of Alonzo Rand lists parents as David Rand and Rachel Townsend.

<sup>276</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>277</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Conway, 211:267; Gravestone of William Townsend viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 96612566.

<sup>278</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Conway, 220:271; Gravestone of Tryphena (Harvey) Townsend viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 96612566; *Vermont: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1700–2008*, Marriages H to 1871 (FSL film #27,574, p. 5060), marriage of “Enias” Harvey and Rhoda Hamlet, St. Johnsbury, Vt., 17 Jan. 1793.

<sup>279</sup> *Vital Records of Ashfield, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1942) 112, birth of children of William Townsend and Triphena Harvey.

<sup>280</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>281</sup> The death record of Malansa Henrietta Briggs, widow, d. Kalamo, Mich., 15 July 1910, age 82, lists parents as David Pratt and Malansa Townsend (*Michigan Deaths and Burials, 1800–1995*, v. 4, p. 310 [FSL film #966,600, DGS 7621502]).

<sup>282</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

- 1879 (as her 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage) *Seville (Wallin) Knapp*, b. Massachusetts c. 1830, daughter of John and Lydia (\_\_\_\_\_) Wallin.<sup>[283]</sup>
7. *Susanna Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Me. 6 May 1807.<sup>[284]</sup> No further record.
  8. *John Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Me. 3 Jan. 1810;<sup>[285]</sup> d. Woodford, Bennington Co., Vt., 7 April 1885;<sup>[286]</sup> m. *Lydia Chase*, b. c. 1818 (age 32 in 1850 census and age 69 at date of death) d. Woodford, Vt., 26 Sept. 1887,<sup>[287]</sup> daughter of John and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) Chase.<sup>[288]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[289]</sup>
  9. *Polly Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Me. 10 Oct. 1812;<sup>[290]</sup> d. Bennington, Vt., 18 Dec. 1890;<sup>[291]</sup> m. Woodford, Vt., 20 Sept. 1835,<sup>[292]</sup> *Jonathan E. Camp*, b. c. 1804, served in 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt., Vermont Volunteer Infantry. Reported killed in action, Charlestown, W.V., 21 Aug. 1864.<sup>[293]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[294]</sup>
  10. *Mercy Blake Townsend*, b. Woodstock, Me., 13 Aug. 1814;<sup>[295]</sup> d. Kalamo, Mich., 2 May 1890;<sup>[296]</sup> m. prob. Vermont c. 1834,<sup>[297]</sup>

<sup>283</sup> *Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005*, Woodford, Bennington Co., Vt., Births, Marriages, Deaths 1858–1882, vol 3, p. 5 (FSL DGS 5465116, image 6 of 26).

<sup>284</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>285</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227). John Townsend is listed as age 35 in the 1850 census (b. c.1815) and age 48 in the 1860 census (b. c.1812) (United States Census, 1850, Woodford, Bennington Co., Vt., NARA Series M432, Roll 929, 230, hhd. 23–23; United States Census, 1860, Woodford, Bennington Co., Vt., NARA Series M653, Roll 1316, 1110, hhd. 25–25).

<sup>286</sup> *Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005*, Woodford, Bennington Co., Vt., Index to births, deaths 1873–1968 (FSL film #1,955,551, image 48 of 137); *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V 1871–1908 (FSL film #27,711, p. 5067).

<sup>287</sup> *Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005*, Woodford, Bennington Co., Vt., Index to births, deaths 1873–1968 (FSL film #1,955,551, image 48 of 137).

<sup>288</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V 1871–1908 (FSL film #27,711, p. 5079).

<sup>289</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954* (FSL DGS 7011683), death records for Hugh Mosher Townsend (d. 5 Feb. 1915, age 70) image 2861 of 3211, Charles Henry Townsend (d. 18 March 1913, age 57) image 2770 of 3211, and George F. Townsend (d. 9 Nov. 1909, age 63) image 2836 of 3211, all list parents as John Townsend and Lydia Chase.

<sup>290</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co. Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>291</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954* (FSL DGS 4357173, image 4086 of 5622).

<sup>292</sup> Date and place of marriage from Polly's widow's pension (Civil War Widows' Pension WC48947, viewed at Fold3.com).

<sup>293</sup> Gravestone of Jonathan Camp at Winchester National Cemetery, Winchester Va., viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 50865968; Theodore S. Peck, Adjutant General, *Revised Roster of Vermont Volunteers and Lists of Vermonters who Served in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion, 1861–66* (Montpelier, Vt.: Watchman Publishing Co., 1892), 34. Soldier's place and date of death are cited in the widow's pension [note 292].

<sup>294</sup> *United States Census, 1860*, Pownal, Bennington Co., Vt., NARA Series M653, Roll 1316 (FSL film #805,316, image 38 of 44), lists Jonathan and Polly (Townsend) Camp and family.

<sup>295</sup> *Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900*, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine (FSL film #864,977, DGS 7614229, image 16 of 227).

<sup>296</sup> Gravestone of Mercy Blake (Townsend) Worden viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 175699668.

<sup>297</sup> The presumed date of marriage is based on the place and date of birth of their eldest child, Anice (Worden) Moore. As shown on her marriage record, she was age 70 in 1905, *Michigan Marriages, 1868–1925*, (FSL DGS 4032374, image 358 of 639).



*Alanson Worden*, b. Massachusetts 1807; d. Kalamo after 1880. Possibly the son of William and Polly (Berry) Worden who were m. (int.) Deerfield, Mass. 23 Aug. 1806.<sup>[298]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[299]</sup>

**8. JOB<sup>3</sup> TOWNSEND** (*George<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>*), was born probably in Taunton between 17 May 1736 and 1743,<sup>[300]</sup> say c. 1739, and died in Barnard, Vermont;; He married in Taunton 10 November 1768, **PHEBE RICHMOND**,<sup>[301]</sup> born in Taunton c. 1744–1749;<sup>[302]</sup> died in Barnard, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Smith) Richmond.<sup>[303]</sup> Job and his wife were living in Taunton on 9 October 1804 when they sold land there to Jeremiah Hack of Taunton and their dwelling house and homestead farm to Walker Baker of Taunton.<sup>[304]</sup>

Children of Job and Phebe (Richmond) Townsend, b. Taunton:<sup>[305]</sup>

- i. **GEORGE<sup>4</sup> TOWNSEND**, b. Taunton 1769; d. Barnard, Vt., 28 July 1843; m. Barnard 2 Aug. 1789, **POLLY RICHMOND**, b. Taunton 6 April 1766; d. Barnard 15 Oct. 1857, daughter of Lemuel and Molly (Richmond) (Lincoln) Richmond.<sup>[306]</sup>

Children of George and Polly (Richmond) Townsend, b. Barnard, Vt.:<sup>[307]</sup>

1. *Lucinda<sup>5</sup> Townsend*, b. 12 Feb. 1790; d. before 1837 (date of her husband's second marriage to *Roxana Townsend*); m. Taunton 25 May 1815 (as his first marriage) *James Walker Jr.*,<sup>[308]</sup> b. Taunton 18 June 1789;<sup>[309]</sup> d. after March 1860, son of James and Deborah (Holmes) Walker. Had issue.<sup>[310]</sup>

<sup>298</sup> *Vital Records of Deerfield Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1920), 249.

<sup>299</sup> *United States Census, 1880*, Kalamo, Eaton Co., Mich., NARA Series T9, Roll 578, ED 74 (FSL film #1,254,578, image 28 of 33), Alanson (age 73) and Mercy B. (age 64) Worden and family.

<sup>300</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26110, dated 17 May 1757, establishes guardianship for the children of George Townsend, late of Taunton. George, Job, and John are referred to as minors over the age of 14, while Paul is referred to as a minor under the age of 14.

<sup>301</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:406, 484.

<sup>302</sup> Date of birth estimated based on date of her parents' marriage (9 June 1743) and also the date of Phebe's marriage.

<sup>303</sup> Richmond, *The Richmond Family* [note 103], 50, 109.

<sup>304</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 87:98, recorded 17 Jan. 1807; 92:279, recorded 19 March 1811. Walker Baker was Job and Phebe Townsend's son-in-law.

<sup>305</sup> Richmond, *The Richmond Family* [note 103], 109; William Monroe Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont: with Family Genealogies, 1761–1927* (Montpelier, Vt.: Vermont Historical Society, 1928) 2:395.

<sup>306</sup> Richmond, *The Richmond Family* [note 103] 52; Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 395; *Mayflower Families through Five Generations, Volume 20, Henry Samson* (2005), Part 2, p. 73, shows George Townsend as a probable son of George and Anna (Richmond) Townsend, rather than Job and Polly (Richmond) Townsend. However, Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26109 shows that George Townsend, the husband of Anna (Richmond) Townsend, d. bef. 7 Feb 1764, when his will was probated.

<sup>307</sup> Richmond, *The Richmond Family* [note 103], 120–121; Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 2:395–98; *Samson*, Part 2, p. 73.

<sup>308</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:484, 493.

<sup>309</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:432.

<sup>310</sup> James Bradford Richmond Walker, *Memorial of the Walkers of the Old Plymouth Colony: Embracing Genealogical and Biographical Sketches of James, of Taunton; Philip, of Rehoboth;*



2. *George Townsend*, b. 22 Sept. 1791; d. Springfield, Vt., 28 Dec 1882, aged 91;<sup>[311]</sup> m. Barnard, Vt., 28 Nov. 1816, *Alice Carver*, b. Barnard 9 June 1794; d. Barnard 14 June 1876, daughter of Thomas Carver of Barnard. Had issue.
3. *Marshal Townsend*, b. 26 Jan. 1793; d. Barnard, Vt., 28 Sept. 1874;<sup>[312]</sup> m. Woodstock, Vt., 13 Sept. 1820 *Hannah Holmes*,<sup>[313]</sup> b. 19 Jan. 1802; d. Barnard, Vt., 28 Oct. 1890. Had issue.<sup>[314]</sup>
4. *Polly Townsend*, b. 27 March 1796; d. Stockton 28 March 1870; m. Barnard, Vt., 7 Sept. 1818, *John Blackmer*,<sup>[315]</sup> b. Barnard 24 April 1798; d. Stockbridge, Vt., 8 June 1877, son of Solomon and Miriam (Benedict) Blackmer.<sup>[316]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[317]</sup>
5. *Roxana Townsend*, b. 8 March 1797; d. Barnard, Vt., 25 July 1837;<sup>[318]</sup> m. Barnard 22 Feb. 1837 (as his second marriage) *James Walker Jr.* (see 8–i.–1). No issue.<sup>[319]</sup>
6. *Phebe R. Townsend*, b. 18 June 1801; d. Rockford, Ill., 12 Sept. 1882; m. Barnard, Vt., 14 March 1822, *Hiram Blackmer*, b. Barnard 4 Oct. 1801; d. Rockford 1 Oct. 1885, son of Solomon and Miriam (Benedict) Blackmer. Had issue.<sup>[320]</sup>
7. *Clarissa Townsend*, b. 26 June 1804; d. Barnard, Vt., 22 May 1846; m. *Timothy E. Lucas*, b. Barnard c. Sept. 1814; d. Bridgewater, Vt., 28 March 1897, aged 82y 6m 14d.<sup>[321]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[322]</sup>

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*William of Eastham; John, of Marshfield; Thomas, of Bristol; and of their Descendants from 1620 to 1860*, (Northampton, Mass.: Metcalf & Co., Printers, 1861) 49, 74.

- <sup>311</sup> Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720–2008, Ancestry.com: 1871 and later > Tomlette–Trombly, image 2157 of 4423; FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 131209358, 131209367.
- <sup>312</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V 1871–1908 (FSL film #27,711, p. 5083).
- <sup>313</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths T–U–V 1871–1908 (FSL film #27,711, p. 6076).
- <sup>314</sup> *United States Census, 1850*, Barnard, Windsor Co., Vt., NARA Series M432, Roll 931 (FSL film #444,930, image 30 of 41), lists Marshall (age 57) and Hannah Townsend (age 51) with daughter Elizabeth H. Townsend (age 13).
- <sup>315</sup> *Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954* (FSL DGS 4705382, image 3715 of 3930).
- <sup>316</sup> Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 66–67; the death record for John Blackmer lists his parents as Timothy and Miriam Blackmer, which seems to be in error. Timothy was the brother of Solomon Blackmer. See *Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954* (FSL DGS 4357165, image 1480 of 6086). But the gravestone of John's younger brother, Lucian, shows parents as Solomon and Miriam Blackmer as viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 91298337.
- <sup>317</sup> Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 67; Death record of Harvey Whitcomb Blackmer (b. Stockbridge, Vt., 4 June 1838, d. there 14 Jan. 1907) lists parents as John Blackmer, b. Barnard, Vt., and Polly Townsend, b. Barnard (*Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005*, Stockbridge, Windsor Co., Vt., Deaths 1903–1934 [FSL film #2,079,575, image 83 of 449]).
- <sup>318</sup> *Vermont: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1700–2008*, Deaths W to 1871 (FSL film #27,718, p. 1577).
- <sup>319</sup> Walker, *Memorial of the Walkers of the Old Plymouth Colony* [note 310], 74.
- <sup>320</sup> Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 66–67; Death record for Laurentia J. Thompson (b. Vt. 30 Aug. 1832, d. Rockford, Ill. 27 Oct. 1917) names parents as Hiram Blackmer b. Vt. and Phebe Townsend b. Vt., *Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947* (FSL film #1,543,821, DGS 4008015, image 818).
- <sup>321</sup> *Vermont: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1700–2008*, Deaths L 1871–1908, p. 10113.
- <sup>322</sup> Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 277; *Vermont: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1700–2008*, Marriages L 1871–1908, p. 10962, marriage of Lorrison Lucas and Angeline Jeffrey, 26 July 1885, listed as son of Timothy E. Lucas and Clarissy Townsend.

8. *Alfred Richmond Townsend*, b. 16 April 1809; d. Barnard, Vt. 2 March 1880; m. Barnard 21 May 1834, *Susan Carver*, b. Barnard 10 July 1815; d. Barnard 1 April 1884, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Benjamin) Carver. No children identified.<sup>[323]</sup>
- ii. MARGARET TOWNSEND, b. c. 1771; d. Taunton 3 May 1851, aged 80 yrs.;<sup>[324]</sup> m. WALKER BAKER, b. Taunton 1770;<sup>[325]</sup> d. Taunton 12 June 1850.<sup>[326]</sup> His will, dated 8 April 1846 and proved 9 Aug. 1850, names his beloved wife Margaret Baker, sons Walker Baker, Abiather Baker, Zadock Baker, Leonard Baker, Marshall Baker and Silvanus Baker (named executor), daughters Abigail Lincoln, Clarissa Townsend, Louisa Baker, Eunice Parish (wife of Hiram Parish), the children of his daughter Betsey Gooding (deceased), and his granddaughter Caroline Phillips.<sup>[327]</sup>

Children of Walker and Margaret (Townsend) Baker:

1. *Walker<sup>5</sup> Baker Jr.*, b. Taunton 22 Sept. 1790;<sup>[328]</sup> d. Taunton 29 April 1868, aged 77y 7m 7d;<sup>[329]</sup> m. 29 May 1816 *Nancy Babbitt*, both of Taunton,<sup>[330]</sup> b. Taunton 29 March 1796; d. Taunton 8 Dec. 1851,<sup>[331]</sup> daughter of Ziba and Welthea (Woodward) Babbitt.<sup>[332]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[333]</sup>
2. *Abigail Baker*, b. Taunton Feb. [illegible]7, 1795;<sup>[334]</sup> d. aft. 16 June 1870 (date of census);<sup>[335]</sup> m. (int.) Taunton 25 June 1825, *Nicholas Hathaway Lincoln*, both of Taunton,<sup>[336]</sup> b. Taunton 18 June 1793; d. Taunton 24 July 1831, aged 38,<sup>[337]</sup> son of Abner and Ruth (Perry) Lincoln.<sup>[338]</sup> Had issue.
3. *Abiathar Baker*, b. Taunton 12 April 1796;<sup>[339]</sup> d. Mina, Chautauqua Co., N.Y. 6 Oct. 1850;<sup>[340]</sup> m. Taunton 14 Sept. 1823, *Lucinda Nutting*, both of Taunton,<sup>[341]</sup> b. Groton, Mass., 5 April

<sup>323</sup> *United States Census, 1850*, Stockbridge, Windsor Co., Vt., NARA Series M432, Roll 930 (FSL film #444,929, image 8 of 32), lists Alfred R. (age 41) and Susan Townsend (age 36) without children. Also listed in the 1840 census for Stockbridge, Vt., without children.

<sup>324</sup> Gravestone of Margaret (Townsend) Baker viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 94505325.

<sup>325</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:30.

<sup>326</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, 48:80; Taunton Gravestone of Walker Baker viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 94505401.

<sup>327</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 1414.

<sup>328</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:30.

<sup>329</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 211:144.

<sup>330</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:35.

<sup>331</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 57:89.

<sup>332</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:28; 2:33, marriage of Ziba Babbitt and Welthea Woodward 30 Oct. 1803.

<sup>333</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:29–30.

<sup>334</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:29.

<sup>335</sup> *United States Census, 1870*, Peoria, Peoria Co., Ill., NARA Series M593, Roll 267 (FSL film #545,766, image 29 of 116). Abigail Lincoln, age 75, is listed in the household of son, Albert Lincoln.

<sup>336</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:34.

<sup>337</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:135.

<sup>338</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:268; 2:301, marriage of Abner Lincoln of Taunton and Ruth Perry of Attleborough 18 June 1778.

<sup>339</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:29.

<sup>340</sup> Viewed Gravestone of Abiathar Baker at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 10445175.

<sup>341</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:34.

- 1803; d. Mina, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., 14 May 1845, aged 43y 4m 8d,<sup>[342]</sup> daughter of Abijah and Eunice (Page) Nutting.<sup>[343]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[344]</sup>
4. *Zadock Baker*, b. Taunton 29 Nov. 1797;<sup>[345]</sup> d. Taunton 11 April 1867, aged 69y 4m 12d;<sup>[346]</sup> m. (int.) Taunton 4 Dec. 1824, *Adaline Hall*, both of Taunton,<sup>[347]</sup> b. c. 1803; d. Taunton 14 Sept. 1849, aged 46y 1m 6d (dysentery).<sup>[348]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[349]</sup>
  5. *Leonard Baker*, b. Taunton 19 May 1800;<sup>[350]</sup> d. Taunton 11 July 1882, aged 82y 1m 22d;<sup>[351]</sup> m. Taunton 17 Sept. 1825, *Almira Haskins*, both of Taunton,<sup>[352]</sup> b. prob. Taunton c. 1801; d. Taunton 31 March 1878, aged 77y 1m 18d, daughter of Abijah and Deborah (Briggs) Haskins.<sup>[353]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[354]</sup>
  6. *Betsey Baker*, b. c. 1802; d. 14 July 1841, age 39; buried in Gooding-Standish Cemetery, Dighton, Mass.;<sup>[355]</sup> m. (1) (int.) Taunton 6 Oct. 1822,<sup>[356]</sup> *Perry Anthony* of Wellington (later Dighton), b. 12 June 1801; d. 14 Dec. 1822, aged 21; buried in the John Anthony Cemetery, Somerset, Mass.;<sup>[357]</sup> m. (2) (int.) Taunton 17 Sept. 1825,<sup>[358]</sup> *Ebenezer Gooding* of Wellington [Dighton].
  7. *Clarissa Baker*, b. Taunton 26 Feb. 1804;<sup>[359]</sup> d. Taunton 4 Oct. 1859;<sup>[360]</sup> m. (int.) Taunton 29 July 1827, *Almond Townsend*,<sup>[361]</sup> b. Taunton 27 Oct. 1799;<sup>[362]</sup> d. Taunton 10 Sept. 1873,<sup>[363]</sup> son of Job and Sarah (Hack) Townsend (see 8–iii.–2). Had issue.<sup>[364]</sup>

<sup>342</sup> Viewed Gravestone of Lucinda (Nutting) Baker at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 10445184.

<sup>343</sup> *Vital Records of Groton, Massachusetts*, (Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1926), 1:161; *Vital Records of Groton* 2:119, marriage of Abijah Nutting and Eunice Page of Shirley, at Shirley 5 Feb 1789.

<sup>344</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 29030734 for Henry W. Baker (d. Mina, Chautauqua Co. NY, 8 July 1880, age 36) indicates that he was the son of Abiathar and Lucinda (Nutting) Baker and that he had an older brother, Franklin.

<sup>345</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:30.

<sup>346</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 202:124.

<sup>347</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:35.

<sup>348</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:23.

<sup>349</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:23–24; 1:29.

<sup>350</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:30.

<sup>351</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 337:152.

<sup>352</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:34.

<sup>353</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 301:139; *Vital Records of Taunton*, 2:227, marriage of Abijah Haskins and Deborah Briggs, both of Taunton, 25 Sept. 1799.

<sup>354</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:29.

<sup>355</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 50557826.

<sup>356</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:34.

<sup>357</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 136807801.

<sup>358</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:23.

<sup>359</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:29.

<sup>360</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 129:98; Gravestone of Clarissa (Baker) Townsend viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 133349735.

<sup>361</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:484; 1:29 “w. Almond Townsend.”

<sup>362</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:423.

<sup>363</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 256:170; Gravestone of Almond Townsend viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 133349736.

<sup>364</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:423; 2:484.

8. *Marshall Baker*, b. Taunton 4 Jan. 1810;<sup>[365]</sup> d. Taunton 22 June 1892, aged 82y 5m 18d;<sup>[366]</sup> m. Taunton 1 Dec. 1835, *Rosilla Lamb*, both of Taunton,<sup>[367]</sup> b. Charlton, Mass., c. 1812; d. Taunton 26 Sept. 1890, aged 78, daughter of Joseph and Amity (Morse) Lamb.<sup>[368]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[369]</sup>
  9. *Louisa Baker*, b. Taunton 25 Aug. 1811;<sup>[370]</sup> d. Taunton 6 Dec. 1879, aged 68y 3m 11d, unmarried.<sup>[371]</sup>
  10. *Sylvanus Baker*, b. Taunton 12 June 1813;<sup>[372]</sup> d. Taunton 2 Aug. 1882, aged 69y 1m 21d;<sup>[373]</sup> m. (int.) Taunton 25 Sept. 1841, *Betsey Bryant*,<sup>[374]</sup> b. Kingston, Mass. 10 March 1815 (calc. from age at death); d. Taunton 7 Aug. 1894, aged 79y 4m 28d, daughter of Ezekiel and Betsey (Cole) Bryant.<sup>[375]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[376]</sup>
  11. *Eunice Baker*, b. Taunton 29 Aug. 1814;<sup>[377]</sup> d. Taunton 19 July 1901, aged 86y 10m 20d;<sup>[378]</sup> m. (int.) Taunton 26 May 1838, *Hiram Parish/Parris* of Fairhaven, Mass.,<sup>[379]</sup> b. c. 1812; d. Fairhaven 13 Aug. 1852, age 40y 1m 23d, son of George and Betsey (\_\_\_\_\_) Parish/Parris.<sup>[380]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[381]</sup>
- iii. *JOB TOWNSEND*, b. Feb. 1774; d. Taunton 19 July 1853;<sup>[382]</sup> m. *SARAH/SALLY HACK*, b. c. 1777; d. Taunton 21 Oct. 1849, aged 72,<sup>[383]</sup> daughter of Jeremiah<sup>4</sup> (*Seth*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2-1</sup>) and Judith (Clemens) Hack.<sup>[384]</sup>

Children of Job and Sarah/Sally (Hack) Townsend:

<sup>365</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:30.

<sup>366</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Taunton, 427:280.

<sup>367</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:34.

<sup>368</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Taunton, 409:218.

<sup>369</sup> *United States Census, 1850*, Taunton, Bristol Co. MA, NARA Series M432, Roll 307 (FSL film #14,701, image 98 of 249), household of Marshal Baker lists Bradford Baker (age 11) and Emily Baker (age 8).

<sup>370</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:30.

<sup>371</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Taunton, 310:144.

<sup>372</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:30.

<sup>373</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Taunton, 337:153.

<sup>374</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:35.

<sup>375</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Taunton 448:338; *Vital Records of Kingston, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 1:186, marriage of Ezekiel Washburn Bryant and Betsey Cole 2 Oct 1809.

<sup>376</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:29.

<sup>377</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:324 (under Parris).

<sup>378</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Taunton, 516:371.

<sup>379</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:34.

<sup>380</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Fairhaven, 66:63; Gravestone of Hiram Parris viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 137969126.

<sup>381</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Acushnet, 271:74, marriage of George W. Parris and Ruth M. Welden, 10 Jan. 1875, listing George's parents as Hiram and Eunice.

<sup>382</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910*, Taunton 75:90.

<sup>383</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 3:202, "Sally, w. Job."

<sup>384</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 11522 for Jeremiah Hack (d. 9 Feb. 1778 [*Vital Records of Taunton* (note 33) 3:93] lists wife Judah and daughter Sarah; *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:212, marriage of Jeremiah Hack and Judith Clemens/Clemmons of Dighton Nov. \_\_, 1776. Christopher A. Hack, "William Hack and his descendants," *Register* 48 (1894):454.

1. *Calista*<sup>5</sup> *Townsend*, b. Taunton 16 April 1798;<sup>[385]</sup> d. after 8 Aug. 1855;<sup>[386]</sup> m. Taunton 5 Feb. 1824, *Aaron P. Codding*, both of Taunton,<sup>[387]</sup> b. c. 1796; d. Taunton 23 Jan. 1844.<sup>[388]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[389]</sup>
2. *Almond Townsend*, b. Taunton 27 Oct. 1799;<sup>[390]</sup> d. Taunton 10 Sept. 1873;<sup>[391]</sup> m. (int.) Taunton 29 July 1827, *Clarissa Baker*,<sup>[392]</sup> b. Taunton 26 Feb. 1804; d. Taunton 4 Oct. 1859,<sup>[393]</sup> daughter of Walker and Margaret (Townsend) Baker (see 8–ii.–7).<sup>[394]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[395]</sup>
3. *Jeremiah Hack Townsend*, b. Taunton 25 Nov. 1803;<sup>[396]</sup> d. Taunton 28 July 1875;<sup>[397]</sup> m. Taunton 18 Oct. 1828, *Almira Phillips*, both of Taunton,<sup>[398]</sup> b. Taunton 11 Aug. 1805; d. Taunton 2 June 1892,<sup>[399]</sup> daughter of Edward and Bethia (Danforth) Phillips.<sup>[400]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[401]</sup>
4. *Judith Hack Townsend*, b. Taunton 26 Aug. 1807; d. Taunton 27 Aug. 1866;<sup>[402]</sup> m. Taunton 14 Sept. 1831, *Albert Shaw*,<sup>[403]</sup> b. 9 Jan. 1809,<sup>[404]</sup> d. Taunton 9 Oct. 1863,<sup>[405]</sup> son of Capt. Gaius and Sally (Rider) Shaw.<sup>[406]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[407]</sup>
5. *George B. Townsend*, b. prob. Taunton c. 1818; d. 7 Nov. 1889, aged 71y 0m 25d;<sup>[408]</sup> m. Dighton 11 June 1848, *Fanny Walker*,<sup>[409]</sup> b. 1824; d. prob. Dighton after 22 June 1900 (date of census),

<sup>385</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:423.

<sup>386</sup> *Massachusetts: 1855 State Census*, Raynham-Westport, Bristol Co. (FSL film #953,977, p. 244), Calista Codding, age 64, in the household of Henry and Abigail (Codding) White.

<sup>387</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:484.

<sup>388</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:52. Various listed as age 45, 47 and 48, “[buried] in lot with Calista (Townsend).”

<sup>389</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:109 lists marriage of Abigail Codding “of T[taunton], d[daughter of] Aaron P, and Harry [int. Henry] M. White . . . Oct. 8, 1846, in T[taunton].”

<sup>390</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:423.

<sup>391</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton 256:170; gravestone of Almond Townsend viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 133349736.

<sup>392</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:484.

<sup>393</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton 129:98; gravestone of Clarissa (Baker) Townsend viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 133349735.

<sup>394</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:29.

<sup>395</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:423; 2:484.

<sup>396</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:423.

<sup>397</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 275:290. His death record shows his mother as Margaret, but his birth record shows his mother’s name as Sarah.

<sup>398</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:484.

<sup>399</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Taunton, 428:533.

<sup>400</sup> *Vital Records of Bridgewater Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1916), 1:261.

<sup>401</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:317–18.

<sup>402</sup> Gravestone of Judith Hack (Townsend) Shaw viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 42923759.

<sup>403</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:423; 2:484.

<sup>404</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:382.

<sup>405</sup> Gravestone of Albert Shaw viewed at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 42906737.

<sup>406</sup> *Vital Records of Middleborough* [note 106], 1:359; also 2:162 for marriage of Gaius Shaw and Sally Rider, 10 April 1796.

<sup>407</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 1:382–84.

<sup>408</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Dighton, 400:148.

<sup>409</sup> *Vital Records of Dighton* [note 81], 2b:66.

prob. daughter of Samuel and Fanny (Nichols) Walker.<sup>[410]</sup> Had issue.<sup>[411]</sup>

- iv. PHEBE TOWNSEND, m. Taunton 18 Nov. 1802, DAVID BAKER.<sup>[412]</sup> They were living in Taunton on 8 Nov. 1814 when he conveyed a 7-acre brickyard in Taunton to Walker Baker.<sup>[413]</sup>

Children of David and Phebe (Townsend) Baker:

1. *David<sup>F</sup> Baker.*
2. *Phebe Baker.*

- v. PAUL TOWNSEND, b. 7 Aug. 1780; d. Barnard or Northfield, Vt., 5 Nov. 1846; m. Barnard 1 June 1806, FANNY LURVEY, b. Barnard 8 June 1788; d. there 3 March 1868, daughter of Moses<sup>4</sup> (*Eleizer<sup>3</sup>, Peter<sup>2-1</sup>*) and Elizabeth (Potter) Lurvey.<sup>[414]</sup>

Children of Paul and Fanny (Lurvey) Townsend, b. Barnard, Vt.:<sup>[415]</sup>

1. *Pau<sup>F</sup> Townsend*, b. 3 Jan. 1807; d. West Bridgewater, Mass., 14 April 1877, aged 70y 3m 11d;<sup>[416]</sup> m. 19 Dec. 1830, *Julia A. Benton*, b. 17 Oct. 1813; d. after 1877, daughter of Rev. Josiah Benton. Had issue. Rev. Paul Townsend was the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, West Bridgewater.<sup>[417]</sup>
2. *Lyman Townsend*, b. 1 May 1809; d. Barnard, Vt., 9 Dec. 1884; m. Barnard 27 Nov. 1832, *Pamelia Gray*, b. Barnard 26 Sept. 1812; d. there 11 May 1861, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Eunice (Russell) Gray of Barnard. Had issue.<sup>[418]</sup>
3. *Harriet Townsend*, b. 22 Feb. 1812; d. Barnard, Vt., 24 Oct. 1821.
4. *Horace C. Townsend*, b. 18 April 1815; d. Barnard, Vt., 11 Oct. 1884; m. Barnard 15 March 1841, *Louisa S. Babbitt*, b. c. 1819;

<sup>410</sup> Walker, *Memorial of the Walkers of the Old Plymouth Colony* [note 310], 65; *United States Census, 1850*, Dighton, Bristol Co., Mass., NARA Series M432, Roll 307 (FSL film #14,701, image 21 of 40), lists Fanny Walker (age 50) in the household of George B. (age 31) and Fanny (age 25) Townsend.

<sup>411</sup> *United States Census, 1900*, Dighton, Bristol Co., Mass., NARA Series T623, Roll 634, ED 100 (FSL film #1,240,634, image 31 of 37). Fanny W. Townsend, widow, b. 1824, (age 75)—mother of four children with three living—was living in the household of son George Townsend.

<sup>412</sup> *Vital Records of Taunton* [note 33], 2:485.

<sup>413</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 103:404, recorded 27 Dec. 1817. On 28 Dec. 1816, David Baker of Taunton conveyed another parcel of land in Taunton to Walker Baker; in the first record Phebe is not listed as having released her dower right (*Ibid.*, 101:332, recorded 28 Dec. 1816).

<sup>414</sup> Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 2:396; John Bradley Arthaud and Ernest Hyde Helliwell, III, "The Peter<sup>2</sup> Lurvey family of Essex County, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont," *Register*, 155 (2001):73; *Vital Records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1910), 2:297, m. (int.) of Moses Lurvey of Gloucester and Elisa[be]th Potter 11 Jan 1776. Moses m. (2) Barnard Vt. 16 Dec 1813, Ruth Carver of Barnard (Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 279).

<sup>415</sup> Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 2:396.

<sup>416</sup> *Vital Records of West Bridgewater Massachusetts to the year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 293:343.

<sup>417</sup> *Annual Catalogue of the Adelpian Academy, North Bridgewater, Mass. for the year 1844-5* (Boston: John Putnam, printer, 1845), Ancestry.com, *U.S High School Student Lists, 1821-1923*.

<sup>418</sup> Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 396-397.



- d. Barnard 22 Dec. 1906, daughter of Capt. Abel and Thankful (Welman) Babbitt. Had issue.<sup>[419]</sup>
5. *Norman Townsend*, b. 19 July 1818; d. prob. Worth, Cook Co., Ill., after 17 June 1880; m. Barnard, Vt., *Mary E. Huntoon*, b. Vermont c. 1816; d. prob. Worth, Cook Co., Ill., after 17 June 1880,<sup>[420]</sup> daughter of Hilton and Martha “Patty” (Brown) Huntoon. Had issue.<sup>[421]</sup>
  6. *Maria Townsend*, b. 28 Jan. 1825; d. Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 1 Feb. 1896; m. *Hiram Gates* of Barnard, Vt., b. there c. 1820; d. Boston 10 April 1884, aged 63y 7m 20d, son of Simeon and Sarah (\_\_\_\_\_) Gates.<sup>[422]</sup> Had issue.
  7. *Susan A. Townsend*, b. 22 April 1829; d. Stockbridge, Vt. 23 April 1903;<sup>[423]</sup> m. *Lewis Wood*, b. Vt., c. 1819; d. prob. Barnard, Vt. after 3 June 1880 (date of census).<sup>[424]</sup> Had issue.
- vi. LYDIA TOWNSEND, b. c. 1788; d. unmarried Barnard, Vt., Feb. 1873, aged 84 years.

**9. JOHN<sup>3</sup> TOWNSEND** (*George<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>*), was born probably in Taunton between 17 May 1736 and 1743,<sup>[425]</sup> say c. 1740. He married probably before 1787, **SUSANNA HACK**, born before 7 July 1752,<sup>[426]</sup> daughter of William<sup>3</sup> (*William<sup>2-1</sup>*) and Mary (Tinkham) Hack.<sup>[427]</sup> By a deed dated 29 July 1800, John Townsend of Taunton, gentleman, and Susanna his wife sold for \$242 to Nathan Hack Jr. of Taunton, yeoman, 22 acres of land in the west part of Taunton

<sup>419</sup> *Ibid.*, 396, 398.

<sup>420</sup> *United States Census, 1880*, Worth, Cook Co., Ill., NARA Series T9, Roll 200 (FSL film #1,254,200, image 24 of 24), Norman Townsend (age 61) and Mary Townsend (age 64) in household of son Alonzo Townsend.

<sup>421</sup> Newton, *History of Barnard, Vermont* [note 305], 396, 398, which incorrectly shows that Norman Townsend d. Northfield, Vt., and that Mary E. Huntoon was the daughter of Lydia Hathaway; *New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, Newport, Sullivan Co., N.H., Grooms H to 1901, p. 39630, marriage of Hilton Huntoon and Patty Brown 17 Aug. 1810; Martha (Brown) Huntoon d. Bridgewater, Vt., 3 Jan. 1836 (*Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths H to 1871, p. 21576).

<sup>422</sup> *Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841–1910*, Boston, 357:91. Wife of Simeon Gates may be Sarah/Sally Fairbank b. Barnard, Vt., 21 Sept. 1780, daughter of Luther and Thankful Fairbank (*Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Births E–F to 1871, p. 4134).

<sup>423</sup> *Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008*, Deaths W 1871–1908, p. 14125.

<sup>424</sup> *United States Census, 1880*, Barnard, Windsor Co., Vt., NARA microfilm publication T9, Roll 1350 (FSL film #1,255,350, image 3 of 32), Lewis and Susan Wood in household of Joseph E. Safford.

<sup>425</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 26110 dated 17 May 1757 establishes guardianship for the children of George Townsend, late of Taunton. George, Job, and John are referred to as minors over the age of 14, while Paul is referred to as a minor under the age of 14.

<sup>426</sup> *Ibid.*, file no. 11524, dated 7 July 1752. Guardianship of Susannah Hack, a minor under age 14, daughter of William Hack late of Taunton deceased, was granted to Mary Hack. See also Bristol Co. Probate, file no. 11530 for the administration of the estate of her father William Hack and the division of his real estate.

<sup>427</sup> Christopher A. Hack, “William Hack and his descendants,” *Register* 48 (1894):454; Wakefield, *Mayflower Families . . . Peter Brown* [note 225], 99.

that had been set off to Susanna in the division of the estate of her father William Hack.<sup>[428]</sup>

On 15 April 1796, George Townsend of Taunton, yeoman, sold two tracts of land in Taunton, one of which was a 21-acre tract called Hoar Farm to John Townsend of Taunton, gentleman.<sup>[429]</sup> On 29 July 1800, John and his wife sold the Hoar Farm parcel for \$318 to Job Townsend of Taunton, yeoman.<sup>[430]</sup> By a deed dated 28 June 1798, George Townsend of Poland, Massachusetts [later Maine] sold for \$200 to John Townsend of Taunton, gentleman, a lot of land in Poland.<sup>[431]</sup>

He is probably the John Townsend who died at Minot, Maine, 16 March 1815, age 85.<sup>[432]</sup>

Known children of John and Susanna (Hack) Townsend, order not known:

- i. JOHN<sup>4</sup> TOWNSEND JR., d. after 10 June 1801, when John Townsend of Poland, gentleman, sold him a lot of land in Poland.<sup>[433]</sup>
- ii. (Probably) SUSANNAH TOWNSEND, m. Turner, Me., 26 Nov. 1801, DANIEL MERRILL,<sup>[434]</sup> b. No. Yarmouth, Me., 1780; d. 1852, son of Elias<sup>5</sup> (*Daniel<sup>l</sup>*, *Moses<sup>3</sup>*, *Daniel<sup>2</sup>*, *Nathaniel<sup>l</sup>*) and Rhoda (True) Merrill.<sup>[435]</sup>
- iii. POLLY TOWNSEND, b. c. 1781; d. Turner, Me., 24 Oct. 1864, aged 83y; m. Turner, Me. 19 June 1803, HEZEKIAH BRYANT,<sup>[436]</sup> b. there 10 May 1781;<sup>[437]</sup> d. there 3 Dec. 1842, aged 61y 7m, son of Hezekiah<sup>5</sup> (*Thomas<sup>4</sup>*, *Stephen<sup>3-2-1</sup>*) and Deborah (Crooker) Bryant.<sup>[438]</sup> They are bur. in Turner Village Cem., Turner.<sup>[439]</sup>
- iv. BURT TOWNSEND, b. c. 1787; d. Boston, Mass. 9 Jan. 1860, aged 72y 10m;<sup>[440]</sup> m. Topsham, Me. 25 Aug. 1811, LUCY H. COOK,<sup>[441]</sup> b. Hingham, Mass. 25 Nov. 1794; d. Boston 10 Oct. 1866, aged 71y 10m 15d, dau. of John Cook.<sup>[442]</sup> By a deed dated 26 Oct. 1812, John Townsend of Minot, Me., gentleman, sold for \$700 to Burt Townsend of Minot, yeoman, 60 acres

<sup>428</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 79:152. Two of the witnesses were Job Townsend and Job Townsend Jr.

<sup>429</sup> *Ibid.*, 74:435.

<sup>430</sup> *Ibid.*, 79:151.

<sup>431</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 28:237.

<sup>432</sup> Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, c.1780–1980 (FSL film #1,316,316, image 1502 of 1588). A Capt. John Townsend married at Minot, Me., 25 July 1805, Abigail Taylor (Minot, Me. VRs [FSL film #11,550, image 109 of 588]). It is unclear whether this refers to either John Townsend Sr. or Jr.

<sup>433</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 53:247.

<sup>434</sup> *Maine Vital Records Prior to 1892* (FSL film #9,830, image 1292 of 4058).

<sup>435</sup> Samuel Merrill, *A Merrill memorial: an account of the descendants of Nathaniel Merrill, an early settler of Newbury, Massachusetts* (Cambridge, Mass.: the author, 1917–28), 367.

<sup>436</sup> *Maine Vital Records Prior to 1892*, (FSL film #9,758, image 1803 of 4243).

<sup>437</sup> *Ibid.* (FSL film #9,758, image 1766 of 4243).

<sup>438</sup> D. Alden Smith, "The descendants of Stephen Bryant of Plymouth, and of his son-in-law Lt. John Bryant of Plympton," *Register* 154 (2000):494.

<sup>439</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 63685040, 63685063.

<sup>440</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 140:3. His death record lists his birthplace as Taunton and his parents as John and Susan Townsend.

<sup>441</sup> *Lewiston, Me., Marriage Intentions, 1764–1889*, 112 (FSL film #223,931, image 234 of 383).

<sup>442</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 194:117.

of land in Minot.<sup>[443]</sup> Burt and Lucy are bur. in Pine Grove Cem., Brunswick, Me.<sup>[444]</sup>

Children of Burt and Lucy H. (Cook) Townsend, recorded at Brunswick, Maine.<sup>[445]</sup>

1. *Albert*<sup>5</sup> *Townsend*, b. 30 July 1812.
2. *Elizabeth Townsend*, b. 1 Nov. 1813; d. 23 Feb. 1833, aged 19y; m. Brunswick 1 Dec. 1831, *Henry C. Raymond*,<sup>[446]</sup> b. c. 1807; d. 25 June 1833, aged 26y. They are bur. in Growstown Cem., Brunswick.<sup>[447]</sup>
3. *Lucy Townsend*, b. 5 Feb. 1816; d. 12 Dec. 1880, aged 64y 9m.; m. c. 1840, *James F. Mars*, b. 8 Nov. 1814; d. 8 Sept. 1882. They were enumerated at Bath, Me., in 1850; he was a brass founder.<sup>[448]</sup> They are bur. in Maple Grove Cem., Bath.<sup>[449]</sup>
4. *Leonard Townsend*, b. 23 Jan. 1818; d. Brunswick 18 June 1893, aged 75y 4m 23d;<sup>[450]</sup> m. Brunswick 23 May 1839, *Maria E. Hodgkins*,<sup>[451]</sup> b. 3 May 1817; d. 19 April 1889. They are bur. with his parents.<sup>[452]</sup>
5. *Susan Townsend*, b. 11 Feb. 1820.
6. *Mary S. Townsend*, b. 13 March 1822; d. 12 June 1856; m. Brunswick 17 June 1849, *Theodore L. Stetson*,<sup>[453]</sup> b. Plymouth, Mass. 4 Jan. 1824; d. Brunswick 27 April 1882, son of the Rev. Seth and Lucy (Wadsworth) Stetson.<sup>[454]</sup> They are bur. in Pine Grove Cem., Brunswick.<sup>[455]</sup>
7. *William Townsend*, b. 11 May 1824; d. Boston, Mass. 21 June 1890, aged 67y;<sup>[456]</sup> m. Brunswick 3 July 1851, *Melinda D. Stetson*,<sup>[457]</sup> b. c. 1827; d. Brunswick 23 Jan. 1878, aged 51y 9m.<sup>[458]</sup> They are bur. in Pine Grove Cem., Brunswick.<sup>[459]</sup>

<sup>443</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 70:74.

<sup>444</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 41770038, 41770010.

<sup>445</sup> *Brunswick, Me. Births and Deaths, 1800–1890* (“Forsaith’s Book”), 246 (FSL film #10,596, image 174 of 183).

<sup>446</sup> Brunswick, Me. Town Records and Vital Statistics, 2:373 (FSL film #10,598, image 493 of 550).

<sup>447</sup> Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection [note 432] (FSL film #1,316,203, image 1223 of 1559); FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 172101386, 43397844.

<sup>448</sup> United States Census, 1850., Bath, Lincoln Co., Me., M432, Roll 261, 166b, hhd. 491–580. Lucy’s sister Harriet A. Townsend was in the household.

<sup>449</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 61110382, 61110345.

<sup>450</sup> *Maine Vital Records, 1892–1907* (FSL film #10,051, image 1723 of 4142).

<sup>451</sup> Cumberland Co., Me. Marriages 1836–1849, B:101 (FSL film #1,684,070, image 134 of 2593).

<sup>452</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 47619917, 47619952.

<sup>453</sup> *Brunswick, Me. Births, Deaths, Marriages 1746–1892, 70–71* (FSL film #10,595, image 158 of 450).

<sup>454</sup> Emma C. Brewster Jones, *The Brewster genealogy, 1566–1907: a record of the descendants of William Brewster of the “Mayflower,” ruling elder of the Pilgrim church which founded Plymouth Colony in 1620* (New York: The Grafton Press, 1908), 390.

<sup>455</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 130310240, 41769978.

<sup>456</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 411:205.

<sup>457</sup> *Brunswick, Me. Births, Deaths, Marriages 1746–1892*, 43 (FSL film #10,595, image 144 of 450).

<sup>458</sup> Death notice, *Eastern Argus* (Portland, Me.), Sat., 26 Jan. 1878, p. 2, col. 7.

<sup>459</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 50421216, 50421384.

8. *Jane C. Townsend*, b. 4 Nov. 1826; unm.; d. Boston, Mass. 22 June 1876, aged 49y 7m 18d;<sup>[460]</sup> bur. with her parents.<sup>[461]</sup>
9. *Harriet Ann Townsend*, b. 14 July 1829; unm.; d. Bath, Me. 19 Jan. 1884, aged 54y 6m;<sup>[462]</sup> bur. with her parents.<sup>[463]</sup>
10. *George B. Townsend*, b. 4 Aug. 1831; unm. During the Civil War, he enlisted in Aug. 1862 into Co. G, 147<sup>th</sup> Penn. Infantry; he was discharged in July 1863, having received a gunshot wound to the right wrist at the Battle of Chancellorsville, which took place April through May of 1863. He enlisted again in March 1864 into Co. I, 49<sup>th</sup> Penn. Infantry, serving as a sergeant, and was discharged in June 1865, having been shot in the right leg at the Battle of Spotsylvania in May 1864. He was granted a pension in 1866.<sup>[464]</sup> He was admitted to the Soldiers' Home at Togus, Me. 3 Aug. 1877 and discharged at his own request 20 Nov. 1878.<sup>[465]</sup>
11. *Eliza G. Townsend*, b. 10 July 1833; d. Westborough, Mass., 30 Dec. 1897, aged 64y 5m 20d;<sup>[466]</sup> m. *Benjamin E. Parkhurst*, b. Chelmsford, Mass., 23 Aug. 1819; bp. there 31 Dec. 1820;<sup>[467]</sup> d. Woburn, Mass., 17 May 1878, aged 58y 8m 24d, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Herrick) Parkhurst.<sup>[468]</sup>
12. *Albert Henry Townsend*, b. 23 Feb. 1836; d. Auburn, Me., 15 May 1897;<sup>[469]</sup> m. Boston, Mass. 11 Nov. 1862, *Susan M. Fernald*,<sup>[470]</sup> b. Boston 3 Sept. 1843; d. Portsmouth, N.H. 4 Nov. 1922, dau. of Almerin Washington and Susan Raynes (Wilson) Fernald.<sup>[471]</sup> He served as a 1<sup>st</sup> lieut. in Co. I, 47<sup>th</sup> Mass. Infantry during the Civil War, commissioned 23 Oct. 1862, mustered in 24 Oct. 1862, resigned and discharged 2 June 1863, for disability.<sup>[472]</sup> Both Albert and Susan received pensions.<sup>[473]</sup> They are bur. in Pine Grove Cem., Brunswick, Me.<sup>[474]</sup>

<sup>460</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 285:144.

<sup>461</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 41769933.

<sup>462</sup> Death notice, *The Evening Journal* [Lewiston, Me.], Tues., 22 Jan. 1884, p. 3, col. 5.

<sup>463</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 41769859.

<sup>464</sup> U.S., Civil War Pension Index, 1861–1900, application no. 103,423; cert. no. 75,225, image on Fold3.com.

<sup>465</sup> Registers of veterans at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Eastern Branch in Togus, Maine, 1866–1934, #2865 [FSL film #1,549,005, image 202 of 811].

<sup>466</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 474:754.

<sup>467</sup> *Vital records of Chelmsford, Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1914), 112.

<sup>468</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 302:201.

<sup>469</sup> *Maine Vital Records, 1892–1907* (FSL film #10,051, image 1816 of 4142).

<sup>470</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 155:98.

<sup>471</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Death Records, 1650–1969*, > 1901–1937 > Thurston–Taylor, F, image 2842 of 3338, on Ancestry.com.

<sup>472</sup> *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War*, 9 vols. (Norwood, Mass.: Norwood Press, 1931–37), 4:420.

<sup>473</sup> U.S., Civil War Pension Index, 1861–1900, application no. 308,240; cert. no. 196,237; **Widow Original** application no. 659,726, cert. no. 467,891, image on Fold3.com.

<sup>474</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 39408658, 39408713.

13. *Imogene Townsend*, b. 23 Feb. 1839; d. Portsmouth, N.H. 20 Dec. 1915, aged 77y 9m 28d,<sup>[475]</sup> m. *David Cotton* of Ipswich, Mass.<sup>[476]</sup> She is bur. in Pine Grove Cem. Brunswick.<sup>[477]</sup>

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<sup>475</sup> New Hampshire, U.S., Death Records, 1650–1969, on Ancestry.com. Her death record lists her birthdate as 23 Feb. 1838. Obit., *The Boston Globe* (Boston, Mass.), Tues., 21 Dec. 1915, p. 8, col. 4 [see note 445 for her birth record].

<sup>476</sup> He is probably David Augustus Cotton, b. Ipswich 8 Aug. 1850 (Massachusetts Vital Records, 42:161); d. there 11 July 1896, son of Charles and Susan (Harris) Cotton (Ibid., 463:470).

<sup>477</sup> FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 173429371. Her gravestone lists her birthdate as 23 Feb. 1838.

# Ancestors of Widow Martha<sup>1</sup> (Wood) Beard and Mary<sup>1</sup> (Wood) Platt, Both of Milford, Connecticut

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## Part 1 – The Wood Family

The widow Martha<sup>1</sup> Beard was one of the early proprietors of the town of Milford, Connecticut.<sup>[1]</sup> Traditionally, her husband's name was James; according to that tradition he died aboard ship on the way over from England, leaving his wife and children to complete the journey without him.<sup>[2]</sup> In 1976, Peter Wilson Coldham published the details of a suit brought in 1722 that established that the husband of Martha was indeed named James Beard and that he left a will dated 9 September 1639.<sup>[3]</sup> The salient points of the suit were that this James Beard in his will bequeathed property in the Essex parishes of Great Parndon (Much Parringdon), Epping, and Roydon, at that time occupied by Samuel Greygoose and William Beard, James Beard's brother, to his wife and sons James and John (failing them to their other children, and failing them to his brother William), that this property should have ultimately gone to John Beard and his descendants, and that instead the descendants of William Beard had kept the property. Coldham went on to note that James and Martha Beard were probably the James Beard and Martha Wood who were married in Epping in 1623.

A subsequent search of the Epping parish registers revealed also the baptisms of James and Martha (Wood) Beard's children James, Martha, and John; and a search of the registers of surrounding parishes returned the baptism of their first child, Mary, in Little Parndon, Essex. The baptisms of Sarah and Jer-

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<sup>1</sup> She joined the Milford church in 1640 (see below). For a history of her land ownership as part of the original group of settlers (first appearing in lists of proprietors in 1643), see *Great Migration Newsletter* 20 (2011) 11–14, 19–22, 25–26, and 30–31.

<sup>2</sup> Ruth Beard, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Widow Martha Beard of Milford, Conn.* (Ansonia, Conn., 1915), 9.

<sup>3</sup> Peter Wilson Coldham, "Genealogical Gleanings in England," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 64 (1976): 213–226, esp. 219–20 (citing PRO [now TNA] C11/1190/9). This will has, unfortunately, been lost, and probably was never probated. The plaintiffs were Abigail Beard, widow of John Beard (son of James and Martha and brother of James Jr.), and her daughter, also named Abigail Beard; the defendants were Robert and Elizabeth Deake and John and Martha Baker, relatives of William Beard. George A. Waller (in a footnote in Coldham's article) points out that the Abigail Beards were actually the widow and daughter of John Beard Jr., son of this John Beard and grandson of James and Martha. For a fuller discussion about the plaintiffs and defendants in this suit, see Robert Battle, "Ancestors of James Beard, Husband of Widow Martha<sup>1</sup> Beard of Milford, Conn.," forthcoming in the *Register*.



emial, their other two children from the literature, have not yet been found.<sup>[4]</sup> Further searches of available parish registers and wills enabled the piecing together of several generations of ancestors for this family in the border region between Essex and Hertfordshire. In this article, the ancestry of Martha is explored, including the ancestors of Mary<sup>1</sup> (Wood) Platt, wife of Richard<sup>1</sup> Platt of Milford, who was a double first cousin of Martha—their fathers were brothers, and their mothers were sisters.<sup>[5]</sup> Both of them were also more distant cousins of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Hussey of Charles County, Maryland. The ancestry of James Beard will be covered in a later article.<sup>[6]</sup>

## The Wood Family

As Coldham noted, Martha Wood married James Beard 19 June 1623 in Epping, Essex. Martha had been baptized there 2 April 1598, daughter of William Wood (see below). Confirmation of this identification comes from the will of her father, William Wood of Epping, yeoman, dated 10 November 1629 and proved 20 October 1631 (emphasis added):

to the poor of Hunsdon, Hertfordshire, and of Epping, 10s. for each parish; to kinsman William Wood 20s.; to sister Joan Stracie a piece of gold worth 22s.; to servant John Benton 6s. 8d.; to Thomas Wood, son of cousin Robert Wood, 10s.; to Joan Wood, daughter of cousin Thomas Wood, 10s.; to James Stracie, son of brother William Stracie, 10s.; to cousin John Wood son of brother John Wood 10s.; to wife messuage and tenement that I now dwell in called Dawes *alias* Bilsle *alias* Slies in Epping, with the lands belonging to it in the parishes of Epping, Great Parndon, and Little Parndon, for her life; to daughter Mary (Marie) £120 within a year or when married; to daughter Sarah the same within 2 years or when married; [lined out: *to daughter Martha the now wife of James Beard £20 within a year and a half*]; to son John the property bequeathed to wife (presumably after her death) to him and his male heirs, for want of which to go to my three daughters, Mary, **Martha**, and Sarah, and to their heirs; to said son John 5 acres of meadow in Hunsdon “in a comon Mead there, called Hunsdon mead (w<sup>ch</sup> I have bought of Wm. Ward of Much Haddam)”, son John to pay £5 to **the three children of my son-in-law James Beard** as follows: 10s. to **Mary Beard** within 1 year, 10s. to **Martha Beard** within 2 years, and £4 to **James Beard the younger** for the next 8 years at 10s. per year; to daughter-in-law now wife of son John a milk cow called Silke; to daughter Mary a joined bedstead, a cupboard at

<sup>4</sup> In Beard, *Descendants of Widow Martha Beard* [note 2], 9–10, the children assigned to Martha are James (d. 1642, unmarried), John (d. 1690, m. Anna Hawley), Jeremiah (d. 1681, unmarried), a daughter (d. 1689, m. Nicholas Camp), and Martha (d. 1706, m. John Stream). Subsequent works have named the wife of Nicholas Camp as Sarah Beard, who m. 1<sup>st</sup> Nathaniel Briscoe (see the forthcoming article by Coldham, “Genealogical Gleanings in England” [note 3], for this and the baptismal records noted here).

<sup>5</sup> Leslie Mahler noted their probable agnate relationship in a post to soc.genealogy.medieval dated 4 Oct. 2005: “Mary (Wood), wife of Richard Platt of New Haven, Ct. appears to be a first cousin of the widow Martha (Wood) Beard, of Milford Ct. They originated from neighboring parishes in Essex, and their fathers both left wills mentioning land in Hunsdon co. Hertford. (The article by John Coddington in TAG seems to have missed the will for Mary (Wood) Platt’s father, which is extant, [John Insley Coddington, “Richard<sup>1</sup> Platt, of Ware, co. Hertford, England, and Milford, Connecticut,” *The American Genealogist* 30 (1954): 232–242 and 31 (1955): 155–170 (esp. 31:169–170)]).”

<sup>6</sup> See note 3 above.

Hunsdon, a table that came from Hunsdon, bedding, a brass pot, a chest, and 6 pieces of pewter at wife's discretion; to daughter Sarah the same [without reference to Hunsdon]; to **daughter's daughter Mary Beard** 40s. when 13; residue to wife Mary, she to be executrix; brothers John Wood and William Stracye overseers; witnesses Tho. Denne and John Stracye.<sup>[7]</sup>

In addition to proving the identity of the wife of James Beard, William Wood's will indicates connections to the parishes of Epping, Essex; and Hunsdon, Hertfordshire. Both parishes have substantial Wood entries in their registers.

*Wood Entries in the Registers of Epping, Essex*<sup>[8]</sup>

**Baptisms**

1548 Nov. 14	Willm Wood
1558/9 Feb. 11	Alice Woode
1562/3 Jan. 24	Sara Wood
1576/7 Jan. 6/20	Henrie Woode
1576/7 Jan. 23	Joane Woode
1581 Oct. 1	Ann Wood
1583/4 Feb. 23	Joane the daughter of Tho: Woode
1584 Dec. 20	Lettyce the son [sic] of Henrie Wood
1585/6 Mar. 6	Marie the daughter of Tho: Woode
1586 Apr. 17	Joane ye daughter of Xpoffer Wood
1587/8 Jan. 7	Marie the daughter of Xpaffer Woode
1587/8 Feb. 11	Grace the daughter of Tho. Woode
1588 Nov. 3	Lydda the daughter of Jo: Woode
1589/90 Feb. 15	Sara ye daughter of Xpoffer Wood
1590 Oct. 4	John ye son of John Wood
1591 Mar. 28	Jane daughter of Tho: Woodde
1592/3 Feb. 18	Hester the daughter of John Wood
1593 Apr. 15	John son of William Wood
1594/5 Mar. 23	William son of John Woodd
1595 Sep. 21	Mary Wood/Ward
1596 Nov. 28	John Wood the sonn of John Wood of Hunsdon
1597/8 Feb. 19	Susan Wood daughter of William Wood
1598 Apr. 2	Martha daughter of Willm Wood
1600 Aug. 17	William ye sonne of Wm Wood
1601 July 19	Sarah ye daughter of Wm Wood
1602 Dec. 5	John Woode, the sonne of William Woode
1603/4 Mar. 4	Joane Woode the daughter of William Woode weaver

<sup>7</sup> London Metropolitan Archives, MS 9172/40 will 136 (missing the last several lines; supplemented from London Commissary Court registered wills, 26:184-5; FSL #94108); proved by Marie Wood, relict and executrix.

<sup>8</sup> Registers of All Saints, Epping (later Epping Upland), Essex, 1539-1581, 1558-1632, and 1632-1710 (Essex Record Office, D/P 302/1/1-3).

1604 Sep. 25	Sara the daughter of Henry Woode
1605/6 Mar. 9	John the sonne of Willm Woode Clothier
1606 May 11	Thomas son of Willm Wood Shomaker
1607 Oct. 4	Samuell son of William Wood
1608 Jul. 31	Marye the daughter of William Wood
1612 Dec. 26	William Wood the sonn of William Wood
1619 Jul. 8	Obediah the sonn of William Wood
1621 Sep. 2	Samuell the sone of Willm Wood Junior & Marget his wyfe
1630 May 30	Esther the daughter of John Wood and Esther his wyfe
1632/3 Mar. 3	Mary the daughter of John Wood & of Hester his wife
1634 Nov. 9	Martha Wood daughter of John Wood
1637 Apr. 30	Rebecka the daughter of John Wodd
1639 Nov. 24	John the sonne of William Woods
1641 Dec. 29	William the son of William & Margaret Wood
1644 Sep. 23	Samuel the son of William Wood & Margaret his wife
1646/7 Feb. 25	[blank] of Thomas Wood
1652 Jul. 6	Joane ye daughter of Samu: Wood
1654 Jun. 5	Thomas ye sonne of Samuel Wood & Joane his wife borne May 25 <sup>th</sup>
1655 Apr. 6	Sarah the daughter of Thomas Wood & Judith his wife borne Apr: 3d
1657 May 2	Richard [son] of Samuel Wood borne Apr: 25
1658 Dec. 10	Anne the daughter of Samuel Wood & Joane his wife born Dec: 2 <sup>nd</sup>
1662 Jul. 27	Richard ye sonne of Samuel Wood & Joane his wife

### Burials

1560 Jun. 26	Alice Woode
1566 Oct. 20	Henrie Wood
1586 Apr. 15	Marie the daughter of Tho Wood
1592 Apr. 1	Joane Wood vid
1592/3 Feb. 18	An Inffant daughter of John Wood
1595 Apr. 6	Willm Woode
1602 Dec. 8	John Woode the sonne of William Woode
1603 Jun. 14	Thomas Woode
1603 Jul. 2	<del>W Woodes wife</del> Margery Wood
1612/13 Feb. 13	Elisabeth Wood
1612/13 Mar. 17	Thomas Wood
1618 Apr. 3	John Wood
1621 Sep. 3	Samuell Wood
1631 Sep. 28	Williem Wood
1638 Oct. 9	Christopher Wood
1641 May [blank]	John ye son of William Wood

1650/1 Jan. 17	Margaret ye daughter of John Wood
1650/1 [no date]	Sarah daughter of Thomas Wood
1651 Oct. 12	Margaret ye daughter of Thomas Wood
1651 Dec. 10	John Wood of Rye hill . . . an old p[ro]fesser
1656 Jun. 24	Hester Wood widow
1656 Sep. 7	Judith the wife of Thomas Wood
1657 Aug. 18	Richard the sonne of Samuel Wood

### Marriages

1560 Oct. 1	John Archer and Margery Wood
1575 Aug. 28	Henrie Woode & Lettice Sumnor
1587/8 Feb. 4	John Wood and Agnes Wignall
1589/90 Feb. 25	William Wood & Marie Stracie
1623 Jun. 19	James Beard & Martha Woode
1638 Oct. 18	William Wood and Margeret Porter
1639 Nov. 25	Thom: Woodham & Ellinor Wood
1654 May 7	Thomas Wood Shoemaker & Judith Watts both of this parish (by banns)
1656 Sep. 20	Jeremiah Wood of Epping & Katharine Rudde of Stondon in Hertfordshire (by banns)
1661 Apr. 16	Thomas Wood & Sarah [blank]

### Churchwardens

1605	Willm Wood (signed by mark)
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### *Wood Entries in the Registers of Hunsdon, Hertfordshire*<sup>9</sup>

### Baptisms

1546 Nov. 30	Andrewe Wood sonne of Nicholas Wood
1547/8 Feb. 10 T	thomas Wood sonne of Robert Wood
1548 Sep. 1	Elizabeth Wood
1549/50 Jan. 17	Katheryne Wood
1549/50 Jan. 24	Anne Wood
1550/1 Jan. 1	Elizabeth Wood
1551/2 Feb. 6	Susan Wood
1552 Sep. 28	Agnes Wood
1555 Aug. 23	Margaret Wood
1556 Oct. 5	Allis Wood
1559/60 Mar. 16	Henry Wood
1560/1 Feb. 24	William Wood sonne of Roberte Wood
1561 Jun. 14	Thomas Wood sonne of Thomas Wood
1561 Aug. 7	John Wood sonne of Stephen Wood privately

<sup>9</sup> Registers of Hunsdon, Hertfordshire, 1546–1679 (Hertfordshire Record Office, D/P57 1/1); checked against Herbert Cokayne Gibbs, *The Parish Registers of Hunsdon Co. Hertford 1546–1837 with Some Account of the Church and Parish* (London: The St. Catherine Press, 1915): 65–87 (burials 1546–1673), 87–98 (marriages 1546–1662), and 98–120 (baptisms 1546–1643).

1563 May 29	Thomas Wood sonne of Thomas Wood
1564 Nov. 12	Agnes Lylly the daughter of Thoma Lyllye
1566 Apr. 13	John Wood sonne of Robert Wood
1566 Dec. 15	Elizabeth Wood daughter of Thomas Wood
1568 May 19	Thomas Lyllye sonne of Thomas Lyllie
1568/9 Jan. 7	John Wood sonne of Thomas Woodd
1579 Dec. 20	Edwarde Lyllie
1581 Aug. 20	Agnes Wood
1588/9 Feb. 16	Persis Whood daughter of John Whod
1591/2 Mar. 19	Thomas Woodd als Lylly sonne of Tho. Lylly
1595 Apr. 6	John Lyllie sonne of Thomas Lyllie als Wood
1599/1600 Jan. 6	Hannah Wood the daughter of John Wood
1607/8 Jan. 17	Leonard Wood ye sonne of Edward Wood
1610 Dec. 22	Andrew Wood the sonne of Andrew Wood
1612 Nov. 22	Marie Wood ye daughter of Andrew Wood
1615 Aug. 6	Joane Wood the daughter of Andrew Wood
1619 Aug. 22	Thomas Wood the sonne of Thomas Wood
1621 Dec. 23	John Wood son of Thomas Wood & Susan
1624 Nov. 9	William Woode son of Thomas Woode
1626 May 6	Mary Wood dau. to Thomas Wood
1627 Dec. 16	Robert Woode sonne of Thomas Woode
1629/30 Mar. 19	Sussan Woode daughter of Thomas Woode

### Burials

1551 Aug. 15	John Wood
1554 Apr. 1	Richard Wood
1554 Aug. 26	Margaret Wood
1559 Jun. 17	Agnes Wood als Lyllie, the daughter of Thomas Wode als Lyllie
1560/1 Feb. 28	Agnes Lyllie
1560/1 Mar. 20	Henry Wood sonne of Robert Wood
1565/6 Feb. 4	Mother Wood
1577 Aug. 1	Susan Woodd, daughter of Robte Wood
1580 May 29	Mary Wood
1580 Jun. 14	Agnes Wood
1584/5 Mar. 13	Thomas Wood als Lyllie
1586 Jul. 26	Thomas Wood
1587 Oct. 23	Robert Wood
1596 Apr. 14	Martha Wood, the daughter of one John Wood of Harlowe died being a Yonge child w <sup>th</sup> her grandfather of Hunsdon
1602 Dec. 28	Margaret Wood an auncient Christian widdow
1609 May 21	Old Mother Wood the mother of Andrew Wood
1615 Nov. 10	Andrew Wood "about the yeares of -610"
1615 Aug. 12	Father Wood an auncient old man
1615 Nov. 15	Mother Wood an auncient old woman
1616/17 Jan. 9	Marie Wood daughter of Tho. Wood

1623 Oct. 30	Johan Wood daughter to Andrew Wood
1633 Apr. 20	Goodwife Wood
1633 Jul. 19	Susan Wood, daughter of Thomas Wood
1634/5 Jan. 8	A Childe of Thomas Woods
1635 Sep. 20	Thomas Wood
1638 Aug. 17	Thomas Wood

### Marriages

1546 Oct. 18	Thomas Wood
1546 Oct. 23	Robert Wood
1547 Sep. 9	Richard Wood & Agnes Reddington
1555 Jul. 19	John Cakebreade & Agnes Wood
1563 Dec. 13	Hector Nicholson & Margaret Wood
1577 Oct. 6	Francys Waterman of Gelston & Elizabeth Wood
1578 Jul. 6	Awsten Robinson & Agnes Woodd
1580 Nov. 28	Phillippe Ellyot & Katheryne Wood
1618 Sep. 22	Thomas Wood & Susan Robynson
1639 Nov. 30	Myhell Sutton & Susan Wood

There was more than one William Wood living in Epping during the time there of Martha (Wood) Beard's father, as evidenced both by the Epping parish registers (e.g., the baptism of Susan Wood, daughter of a different William, less than two months before Martha's baptism, and the designation in some of the entries of different trades [weaver/clothier vs. shoemaker]) and by the reference in William Wood's 1629 will to his "kinsman" William Wood. However, the reference in that will to his ownership of the property of "Dawes *alias* Bilse *alias* Slies" and associated properties in Epping, Great Parndon, and Little Parndon, helps to identify him. On 10 September 1600, William Wood of Epping, shoemaker, purchased the property "at Rye Hill in Epping called Slyghes or Dawes" and associated properties in Epping and Great Parndon from Thomas Blakesbye of Great Chishall, yeoman.<sup>[10]</sup> The fact that this William Wood was a shoemaker also identifies him as the man of that name who was a brother of Thomas Wood of Harlow, shoemaker, and Katherine (Wood) (Eliot) Millet, and solidifies his ties to the parish of Hunsdon, Hertfordshire.<sup>[11]</sup> They had a third brother, John, as evidenced by William Wood's will above and the will of Thomas Wood (the overseers of which were his brothers William and John; see below), as well as that of their father, Robert Wood (see below).

<sup>10</sup> Essex Record Office ([essexarchivesonline.co.uk](http://essexarchivesonline.co.uk)) catalog entry for D/DU 651/35 (which see for further details).

<sup>11</sup> See William Wyman Fiske, "Ancestry of Bennet Eliot of Nazeing, Essex, Father of Seven Great Migration Immigrants to Massachusetts" *Register* 161 (2007): 85–91, 186–198, and 250–9, and 162 (2008): 65–72 and 128–139, esp. 162:70–71. As noted there, Philip Eliot m. Katherine Wood 28 Nov. 1580 in Hunsdon; the will of Philip Eliot named his brother Ferdinando Eliot and his wife's brothers Thomas Wood and William Wood as overseers; the widow Katherine (Wood) Eliot m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) John Millet 7 Feb. 1593/4 in Hunsdon; and in Millet's will he mentioned an indenture made with Thomas Woode of Harlow, shoemaker, William Woode of Epping, shoemaker, and Ferdinando Eliot of Epping, innholder, obviously the three overseers of Philip Eliot's will.



## Genealogical Summary: Wood

1. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>c</sup> **WOOD**, born say 1490; died in Hunsdon, Herts. before 21 February 1555/6 (when his widow wrote her will), probably;<sup>[12]</sup> married **AMY** \_\_\_\_\_. She was possibly the “Mother Wood” who was buried in Hunsdon 4 February 1565/6. Widow Amy Wood wrote her will 21 February 1555/6 (no probate recorded):

“Amy Wood of hunsdon in the county of hertforth wyddow;” to be buried in Hunsdon churchyard; 4*d.* to the high altar of Hunsdon; to son John Wood of Netteswell household items (described); to his 4 daughters household items (described), and to his youngest daughter Parnyll a porringer, and to his 4 sons 2*s.* 8*d.*; to son John Wood of Hatfylde [prob. Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex] household items (described); to his 4 daughters household items (described); to son Robart household items (described) and 10*s.*; to his son 8*d.*, and to his 2 daughters a pair of sheets, and to his wife Marget my frock; to daughter Jone Myghell of Haddam [prob. Much Hadham, Herts.] household items (described) and 20*s.*; to her daughter Mary household items (described), and to her daughter Alyce a sheet or a pewter dish, and to her daughter Rachyll the same, and to her son Wyllm Mychell 8*d.*, and to her son Edward 8*d.*; to Elsebethe Throne of Haddam 20*s.*; to goddaughter Amy Wood (Rychard Wood’s daughter) a great pan, and to Elsebeth Wood a diaper tablecloth, and to Annes Wood a great kanstyck [candlestick?]; to son Nycolas Wood household items (described); to his 2 sons 16*d.*, and to his daughter a sheet and a platter; to son Rychard Wood 2 of the best silver spoons; residue to son Rychard Wood, executor; 13*s.* 4*d.* to the poor at my burial; overseer eldest son John Wood; witnesses Jorge Thrain[?], John Lentten, Wyllm Borram, Thomas Wood, and John Sellyng.<sup>[13]</sup>

Children of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>c</sup> and Amy (\_\_\_\_\_) Wood (order uncertain):

- i. **JOHN WOOD**, d. probably in Netteswell, Essex (from his will) between 28 July and 21 Oct. 1558; m. **ELIZABETH** \_\_\_\_\_ (bur. in Netteswell 11 [sic] Jan. 1558/9).<sup>[14]</sup> John Wood was called “of Netteswell” in his mother’s will (along with four unnamed sons, three unnamed daughters, and youngest daughter Parnell). His own will was dated 28 July 1558 and proved 21 Oct. 1558:

“John Woode of the p[ar]ishe of Netswell in the Countie of Essex . . . wever”; to be buried in Netteswell churchyard; to eldest son Thomas Woode my shop with its belongings, and a silver spoon; said Thomas Woode to pay 40*s.* to each of his brothers (John Woode, Henrye Woode, and Androwe Woode) after the decease of his and their mother; wife Elizabeth to pay 40*s.* to each of my daughters (Joan Woode, Anne Woode, Margaret Woode, Parnyll Wood, and Katheryn Wood) when married; to daughter Anne Wood a harness girdle; residue to wife Elizabeth, she

<sup>12</sup> Possibly either the John Wood bur. 1551 in Hunsdon or the Richard Wood bur. there in 1554.

<sup>13</sup> Essex Record Office, D/ABW 39/166.

<sup>14</sup> Registers of St. Andrew, Netteswell, Essex, 1558–1710 (Essex Record Office D/P 33/1/1): Elizabeth Wood wedowe.

to be executrix; overseer Richard Grave; witnesses Thomas Graygoose, Thomas Knyght, William Graygoose, and Richard Longe.<sup>[15]</sup>

The will of Elizabeth Wood of Netteswell, widow, was dated 18 [*sic*] Jan. 1558/9 and proved 31 Jan. 1558/9; in it she named sons Thomas (executor), John, Henry, and Andrew, and daughters Joan, Amy, Margaret, Parnell, and Katherine.<sup>[16]</sup>

- ii. JOHN WOOD (again), d. probably either in Hunsdon, Herts. or Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex (from his will) between 16 July 1574 and 23 Sep. 1577; m. ALICE \_\_\_\_\_.

John Wood was called "of Hatfield" in his mother's will (along with four unnamed daughters). He was perhaps the John Wood who witnessed the 1559 will of his sister-in-law Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) Wood of Netteswell (see above). His own will was dated 16 July 1574 and proved 23 Sep. 1577:

"John Wood of the parish of Hunsden in the county of Hertf;" to be buried in Hunsdon churchyard; to wife Alice Wood my house with garden plot in Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex, for her life, then to son Steven Wood and his heirs; son Steven Wood to pay to my four daughters Johane, Agnes, Mariery, and Maude Wood the following sums: to daughter Johane Woode 26s. 8d. in one and a half years, to daughter Agnes Wood one year after that, to daughter Margery Woode 32s. 4d. one year after that, and to daughter Mawde Wood 20s. after that; to daughter Johane Wood my featherbed and bedding and furniture (described) at her marriage; to Margery Wood featherbed and bedding in my house at Hatfield Broad Oak and other furniture (described) after the death of wife Alice Wood; overseers Roberte Wood and John Reddington.<sup>[17]</sup>

2. iii. ROBERT<sup>B</sup> WOOD, m. MARGARET (prob. BEARMAN).  
 iv. JOAN WOOD, m. \_\_\_\_\_ MICHELL of (Much or Little) Hadham, Herts.; named in her mother's will (with children Mary, Alice, Rachel, William, and Edward Michell).  
 v. RICHARD WOOD, executor of his mother's will (named along with daughter Amy Wood and probable daughters Elizabeth and Ann Wood); *not* the Richard Wood who m. Agnes Reddington in Hunsdon in 1547.<sup>[18]</sup> Either this Richard Wood or his brother Nicholas was apparently the father of the nephew William Wood named in the 1587 will of their brother

<sup>15</sup> Archdeaconry of Middlesex (Essex and Herts) registered wills, 2:6 (Essex Record Office D/AMR 2/6/2).

<sup>16</sup> Abstracted in F. G. Emmison, *Essex Wills (England) vol. 1 1558–1565* (Washington, D.C.: National Genealogical Society, 1982), 274. The overseer was John Fynche; witnesses were John Wood, John Fynche, and John Barber.

<sup>17</sup> Archdeaconry of Middlesex (Essex and Herts) registered wills, 3:217 (Essex Record Office D/AMR 3/217/2). Despite his expressed wish to be buried in Hunsdon, his burial does not appear in the Hunsdon parish registers.

<sup>18</sup> The husband of Agnes Reddington was the Richard Wood who was buried 1554 in Hunsdon (see William Wyman Fiske, "English Origin of Massachusetts Immigrants John<sup>1</sup> Reddington of Topsfield and Abraham<sup>1</sup> Reddington of Boxford" *The American Genealogist* 81 (2006): 66–74 and 141–152, esp. 71).

Robert Wood (1587), as no such son is named in the wills of their other brothers.

- vi. NICHOLAS WOOD, named in his mother's will (along with two unnamed sons and one unnamed daughter). His wife was possibly the "Old Mother Wood the mother of Andrew Wood," bur. in Hunsdon 21 May 1609; Nicholas had a son Andrew bp. in Hunsdon 30 Nov. 1546.

2. **ROBERT<sup>B</sup> WOOD** (\_\_\_\_<sup>c</sup>), born say 1521; buried in Hunsdon, Herts. 23 October 1587. His marriage there to an unnamed woman was recorded 23 October 1546. She was probably his only known wife, **MARGARET** (probably **BEARMAN**).<sup>[19]</sup> She was likely the "Margaret Wood an auncient Christian widow" buried in Hunsdon 28 December 1602.

Robert Wood, together with a son and two daughters (unnamed) were legatees in his mother's 1556 will. He was an overseer of the 1574 will of his brother John Wood (see above). His own will was dated 5 April 1587 and proved 28 November 1587:

"Robert Wod of Hunsdon in the Countie of Hartford Yeoman"; to the poor of Hunsdon 10s.; to son William Wood my tenement I dwell in called Little Wuchlenighe[?] with appurtenances, a close called Wattescroft (4 acres) and

<sup>19</sup> As pointed out by Fiske in *Register* 162 (2008): 66–7 [see note 11], Thomas Bearman of Hunsdon in his 1565 will named Robert Wood of Hunsdon as his brother-in-law (for a fuller abstract, see below). Fiske took that to mean that Thomas Bearman's wife Katherine may have been a Wood; however, four wills—her own will and those of her relatives—demonstrate that she was, in fact, a daughter of John and Joan Ward of Much Hadham, Herts.: (1) the will of Katherine Bearman, widow, of Hunsdon (14 Jan. 1609/10 – 19 Oct. 1611; Essex Record Office D/ABW 7/43), naming (among others) brother Richard Ward of Sawbridgeworth, Herts.; (2) the will of William Ward, yeoman, of Much Hadham, Herts. (17 Sep. 1593 – 17 Jan. 1593/4; ERO D/ABW 40/200), naming (among others) brother Richard Ward and sisters Margaret Stracy, Katherine Beereman, and Mary Lavender; (3) the will of Joan Ward, widow, of Much Hadham (6 Sep. – 16 Oct. 1579; ERO D/ABW 39/364), naming (among others) children Harry, Richard, Joan Woodcock, Katherine, Mary, Margaret, Susan, and William; and (4) the will of John Ward of Much Hadham (21 Apr. – 18 May 1568; ERO D/ABW 39/265), naming (among others) wife Joan and children Henry/Harry, Richard, Mary, Susan, Katherine, Elizabeth, and "daughter Strachie."

The will of Thomas Bearman's father, Thomas "Berman" of Hunsdon, yeoman, names only his wife Alice and sons Thomas and Richard (Commissary Court of the Bishop of London [Essex and Herts] registered wills, 1:84; Essex Record Office, D/ABR 1/84: dated 21 Oct. 1556 and proved 1557 [no date given]). The lack of mention of Katherine does not necessarily mean that she was not his daughter, as he also neglected to name his known daughter Joan (a legatee in her brother Thomas Bearman's 1565/6 will). As noted by Fiske (see above), Margaret Wood's putative brother Thomas Bearman of Hunsdon left a will dated 13 Mar. 1565/6 and proved 18 July 1566 (Commissary Court of the Bishop of London [Essex and Herts] registered wills, 3:119; Essex Record Office, D/ABR 3/119/1): "to sister Johane Beareman meadow ground in Hunsdon mead in consideration of money due to her; to wife Katherine my dwelling house called Wynslow Laggattes in Hunsdon with its lands for her widowhood; after the death of my mother Alyce Bearman, wife Katherine to have my tenement called Cottalles in Hunsdon for her widowhood, she to suffer my daughter Brydget to enjoy the tenement for the term of 12 years; to daughter Brygget household items (described); if wife Katherine remarries, then my brother-in-law Robte Wode of Hunsdon to have control of said tenement called Cottalles after my mother Bereman and said tenement Wynslow lagates after the 12 years, until my son Bereman is 21, my said brother Wode to be accountable to my said son John; residue to wife Katheryne, she to be executrix; sister Johane Bereman to have a chamber in Cottalles after the death of my mother Als Bereman for her life; overseers John Warde of Much Hadham and Robte Wode of Hunsdon; witnesses Wyllym Preston, John Howe, John Welkins, and John Cakebreade."

a parcel of ground in Foule stoughe (5 rods) and another piece of ground in Broadles (1 acre), my wife Margaret the enjoyment of them for her widowhood; sons William and John to have the use and occupying of my shop in the foresaid tenement and the workhouse for six years if they remain so long unmarried, otherwise son William to give my son John 40s. and enjoy them by himself, with all tools belonging to the shop; to said son John Wood my close of freehold called Simondes Fieldes (10 acres), and a parcel of the manor of Goldingtons called Mills Greden (half a rod) with a tenement (my wife to enjoy it for her widowhood); if either son William or John should die without heirs, their portion to go to the other brother; to son Thomas Wood bedding (described); to son William Wood bedding, furniture, and dishes (described); to son John Wood bedding (described), "A great caldron that I use to stethe my piece of leather in my litle turring panne, a great brasse ppot that was my Fathers" and other dishes (described); to daughter Katherin Elliot 20s.; to her daughter Effa Elliot 20s.; to her other daughter Lidia Elliot 20s.; to Jeames Elliot the son of the foresaid Katherine Eliot 20s.; to her other son Daniell Eliot 20s.; to godson Robert Wood the son of Thomas Wood 40s.; to his second son Thomas Wood 20s.; to his other son Michaell Wood 20s.; to my brother's son William Wood 20s.; all the bequests to children's children and to William Wood my brother's son at their age of 18; residue to wife Margaret, she and son William to be executors; sons Thomas Wood and John Wood to be supervisors; witnesses Thomas Reddington, Thomas Eliot, Edward Bradlie, and Peter Barker (scribe).<sup>[20]</sup>

Children of Robert<sup>B</sup> and Margaret (prob. Bearman) Wood (baptisms recorded in Hunsdon, order of others uncertain):

3. i. THOMAS WOOD, bp. 10 Feb. 1547/8; d. prob. in Harlow, Essex in 1625.
- ii. KATHERINE WOOD, perhaps bp. 17 Jan. 1549/50 (though this would make her somewhat old at her first marriage); m. (1) in Hunsdon 28 Nov. 1580 PHILIP ELIOT; m. (2) there 7 Feb. 1593/4 JOHN MILLET, who was bur. in Hunsdon 3 Aug. 1603.<sup>[21]</sup> She was perhaps the Katherine Millet who m. WILLIAM BRASIER in Hunsdon 7 Jan. 1611/12 and was bur. there 3 Apr. 1617.<sup>[22]</sup> As Katherine Eliot, she was named in the 1587 will of her father (with children Effa Eliot, Lydia Eliot, James Eliot, and Daniel Eliot).<sup>[23]</sup>
- iii. SUSAN WOOD, bur. in Hunsdon 1 Aug. 1577.
- iv. HENRY WOOD, bp. 16 Mar. 1559/60; bur. in Hunsdon 20 Mar. 1560/1.
4. v. WILLIAM<sup>A</sup> WOOD, bp. 24 Feb. 1560/1; bur. in Epping 28 Sep. 1631; m. MARY STRACY.
5. vi. JOHN<sup>A</sup> WOOD, bp. 13 Apr. 1566; bur. in Royden, Essex 2 Dec. 1635; m. JANE STRACY.

**3. THOMAS WOOD** (Robert<sup>B</sup>, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>C</sup>), baptized in Hunsdon 10 February 1547/8, Herts.; died probably in Harlow, Essex between 3 March 1624/5 and

<sup>20</sup> Archdeaconry of Middlesex (Essex and Herts), registered wills, 4:116 (Essex Record Office D/AMR 4/116/2).

<sup>21</sup> See Fiske, "Ancestry of Bennet Eliot," *Register* 161 (2007), 85-91, 186-198, and 250-9, and 162 (2008): 65-72 and 128-139, esp. 162:70-71 [note 11].

<sup>22</sup> Hunsdon registers [note 9]: "Catherine Brasier wiffe of William Brasier."

<sup>23</sup> For this family, see Fiske, "Ancestry of Bennet Eliot" [note 11], 162:70-71.

28 April 1625 (from the dates of his will); married \_\_\_\_\_, who apparently had died before he wrote his will.

Like his brother William, Thomas was by trade a shoemaker (see above), though he referred to himself in his will as “yeoman” (also like his brother William). He was a supervisor (with his brother John Wood) of his father’s 1587 will (which also named his oldest son Robert, second son Thomas, and third son “Michael”). Thomas Wood of Harlow “shomaker” was an overseer of the 1603 will of William Sumpner of Harlow, yeoman.<sup>[24]</sup> The will of Thomas Wood of Harlow, yeoman, was dated 2 March 1624/5 and proved 28 April 1625:

to daughter Mary my message or tenement called Cockfleminges in or near the parish of Great Braxted, Essex, and Kitchen Croft (2 acres) and Barnecroft (5 acres), and parcel of wood grounds (3 acres), all in the parish and fields of Great Braxted, Little Braxted, Elsenham, and Chaveth[?], all in Essex; to son Samuell Dutch Croft (5 1/2 acres) and Malinges (5 acres) in Braxted, he to pay to my son Thomas Wood £65; to daughter Mary £10 and all goods and moveables in the parlor, the malt house (except the lead cistern), the milk house, the loft wherein I lie, the apple loft, and the loft over the entry, and the bedstead in the loft over the parlor which was her mother’s; to 3 sons Thomas, Michiaah, and Samuel, 20s. apiece; to the poor of Harlow 30s.; to Edward Bridges my son Robert’s servant 10s.; to Roger Clarke als Cooke in Harlow 3s. 4d.; residue to son Robert, he to be executor; overseers brothers Willm Wood and John Wood, they to have 2s. 6d. apiece; witnesses John Wood, Thomas Foster Junr., and George Harrison.<sup>[25]</sup>

Children of Thomas Wood (relative order of Samuel and Mary uncertain):

- i. ROBERT WOOD, bur. in Abbess Roding, Essex 4 Oct. 1648;<sup>[26]</sup> m. JUDITH \_\_\_\_\_ . She was bur. in Abbess Roding 12 July 1652.<sup>[27]</sup> He was executor of his father’s will and was named in his grandfather (and godfather) Robert Wood’s 1587 will. He was doubtless the Robert Wood of Harlow, Essex, “shoomaker,” who on 23 Nov. 1638 was appointed as an attorney (with Nicholas Camp of Nazeing, Essex) by John Graves of Roxbury, Mass., to recover property from Graves’s sister Lydia Ford, widow, late of Nazeing.<sup>[28]</sup> He was called eldest brother in the 1628 will of Michiaah Wood (which said that he was living in Harlow, and was the father of legatees [second son] Robert Wood, Judith Wood, and Mary

<sup>24</sup> Essex Record Office, D/ABW 36/4 (dated 13 Oct. 1603, proved 5 Apr. 1604).

<sup>25</sup> Essex Record Office, D/AMW 1/61.

<sup>26</sup> Registers of St. Edmund, Abbess Roding, Essex, 1560–1789 (Essex Record Office, D/P 145/1/1).

<sup>27</sup> Ibid., “Judeth Wood of Leaden Rooding widdow.” They were perhaps the Robert Woode and Judeth Serowcolde[?] who were mar. 18 Jan. 1606/7 in St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London (Registers of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, 1558–1628; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/BOT4/A/001/MS04515/001), or perhaps the Robert Wood and Judith Whitlock who were mar. 9 May 1605 in Sandon, Essex (Registers of St. Andrew, Sandon, Essex, 1554–1740; Essex Record Office D/P 253/1/1). The Sandon marriage is perhaps less likely, as there was an apparently unrelated Wood family living there.

<sup>28</sup> Edward Everett Hale, ed., *Note-Book Kept by Thomas Lechford, Esq., Lawyer, in Boston, Massachusetts Bay, from June 27, 1638, to July 29, 1641* (Camden, Me.: 1988), 38–9.

Wood). The will of Robert Wood of Abbess Roding was dated 24 Aug. 1648 and proved 9 Sep. 1649:

to son Samuell my house and land in Netteswell, with its access through Hatch's land which I reserved when I sold the said Hatch's land, he to pay his mother £5 per year during her life, and to my daughters Susan and Rebecca £10 apiece within 2 years; to wife Judith the profit of my house and lands in Harlow for her life, with my walnut orchard and a barn, she to pay £10 to Antony Eve of White Roding; to daughters Elizabeth and Martha my lands in Little Dunmow, Essex; to daughters Susan and Rebecca my parcel of land called Broomefeild Meade in Latton; to sons John and Jeremiah my two parcels of land copy and free in Harlow abutting on the back lane, after the decease of my wife, and "all my adventure into Ireland"; best bedstead at Harlow to go to daughter Judeth Niccolls; residue to wife Judeth, she to be executrix; signed; witnesses John Wood minister, Abraham Crowsier (by mark), and Thomas Wood.<sup>[29]</sup>

- ii. THOMAS WOOD, m. JOAN \_\_\_\_\_ (prob. FOXALL), prob. m. in Sawbridgeworth, Herts. 15 Aug. 1608.<sup>[30]</sup> She was bur. in Abbess Roding, Essex 11 Nov. 1655.<sup>[31]</sup> Thomas was named in his father's will, called second son

<sup>29</sup> Essex Record Office, D/ABW 60/143. Witness John Wood, minister, was a brother of Mary<sup>1</sup> (Wood) Platt (see below), and witness Thomas Wood was probably either Robert's brother (see below) or his own son, not named in his will (perhaps because he had already received his portion, or he was in disfavor with his father over religious issues). Robert Wood had a son named Thomas, from the 1629 will of William Wood (see above), probably his oldest child. This Thomas was probably the younger Thomas Wood of Stock, Essex, whose child and wife were buried in Abbess Roding in the 1640s (see below). He left several records in the parish registers of Stock which support this, most notably the fact that his occupation was cordwainer (shoemaker): Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Wood and Elianor his wife was bp. 26 Jan. 1639/40; Thomas the son of Thomas Wood of Little Greenwoods, cordwainer, and Elianor his wife was bur. 5 Jan. 1639/40; and on 7 May 1642 "Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Wood (an Annabaptistickall and factious seperatist) and Elianor his wife (the grave being ready made) was (by the Companie that came with the childe) intered and layd into the ground before the minister came: and without praiers: or the rightes of Christian buriall according to the order of the Church of England" (Registers of All Saints, Stock, Essex, 1563-1654; Essex Record Office D/P 54/1/1).

The "adventure into Ireland" in Robert Wood's will appears in *Calendar of the State Papers Relating to Ireland Preserved in the Public Record Office: Adventurers for Land 1642-1659* (London: His Majesty's Stationary Office, 1908), 164: "[19 June 1655] Assignment by Jeremiah Wood, of Epping . . . yeoman. The Committee of Claims have allowed a share, £25, to him and his brother John, of St. Mary Matfellow, in Middlesex, wool-comber, in respect of the investment of their father, Robert Wood, late of Harlow . . . deceased. . . [19 July 1653] Robert Wood, as above, paid in £50 on 18 July, 1642. . . Extract from the last will of Robert Wood, of Abbess Roothing [Abbess Roding] . . . dated 24 Aug., 1648, and proved 11 Sept., 1649. . . To his sons he gave also his adventure in Ireland."

<sup>30</sup> Registers of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire (FSL #991395). Joane, daughter of Thomas Wood, was bp. in Sawbridgeworth 15 Nov. 1612, perfectly positioned to be a child preceding their daughter Sarah (see next note). This would also fit with the 1629 will of Thomas Wood's uncle William Wood of Epping (see above), in which he left 10s. to Joan Wood, daughter of "cousin" Thomas Wood. It would also fit with the fact that Thomas Wood of Harlow, shoemaker (either this man or his father), was a party (with Thomas Wilbore of Braintree, linen and wool-draper) to the sale of a parcel of land in Sawbridgeworth 14 May 1610 (from the catalog entry for Essex Record Office, D/DHt T37/8). A further point in favor of this identification is Thomas Wood's association with William Foxall (see below), probably a relative of Joan.

<sup>31</sup> Abbess Roding registers [note 26], "Joane Wood the wife of Thomas Wood." They had the following children bp. and bur. in Abbess Roding: *Sarah Wood*, dau. of Thomas, bp. 3 Dec. 1614;



of Thomas Wood in his grandfather Robert Wood's 1587 will, and called second brother in the 1628 will of Michaiiah Wood (which said he was living in Abbess Roding and had a son, Samuel Wood); he was probably the Thomas Wood who witnessed the 1648 will of his brother Robert Wood. As Thomas Wood the elder of Abbess Roding, shoemaker, he was tasked with potentially facilitating Thomas Denne's bequest to the children of Denne's daughter Margaret, wife of a different Thomas Wood, in Denne's 1640 will (see below).

Thomas Wood followed the family trade of shoemaking. On 28 Apr. 1625, Thomas Wood of Abbess Roding, shoemaker, and William Foxall of Manuden, linendraper, were accused by Robert Marrion of illicitly acting as grocers.<sup>[32]</sup> On 8 Nov. 1633, William Richmond of Abbess Roding was convicted of breaking into the house of Thomas Wood and stealing supplies; witnesses in the case were William Foxall, Joan Wood, and Richard Sayre.<sup>[33]</sup>

- iii. MICHAIAH WOOD, bur. in Great Oakley, Essex 20 Mar. 1627/8;<sup>[34]</sup> m. MARTHA COLE.<sup>[35]</sup> He was named in his father's will and called "Michaell" Wood in his grandfather Robert Wood's 1587 will. Michaiiah Wood was curate of (Great) Hadham, Herts., and rector or parson of Great Oakley from 1617 until his death.<sup>[36]</sup> He was named in the 1623 will of Margaret Gooding of Great Oakley, widow, as "my well beloved in Christ, Michaiiah Wood, parson of Okely."<sup>[37]</sup> The will of Michaiiah Wood of Great Oakley, clerk, was dated 17 Mar. 3 Charles (1627/8) and proved 7 May 1628:

to be buried in chancel of Oakley; to the poor of Oakley £4; to wife Martha my tenement or messuage and 16 acres called Carolls alias Ash-

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*Joseph Wood*, son of Thomas, bp. 5 Jan. 1617/18; *Mary Wood*, dau. of Thomas, bp. 24 Jan. 1618/19; *John Wood*, son of Thomas, bp. 3 Apr. 1621; *Samuel Wood*, son of Thomas, bp. 18 Feb. 1622/3; *Martha Wood*, dau. of Thomas and Joan, bp. 19 Apr. 1625; *Rebecca Wood*, dau. of Thomas and Joan, bp. 1627 (no day or month given) and bur. 6 Jan. 1627/8; and *Micah Wood*, son of Thomas and Joan, bp. 5 Aug. 1630 and bur. 19 Jan. 1655/6 or 1654/5. Another Thomas Wood (probably son of his brother Robert; see above) was in Abbess Roding for part of the same time: on 18 June 1644 "Thomas Wood sonn of Thomas Wood of Stock and Ellen his wife" was bur. there, and "Ellen Wood the wife of Tho Wood the younger" was bur. there 3 Sep. 1649.

<sup>32</sup> From the catalog entry for Essex Record Office, Q/SR 249/106,107.

<sup>33</sup> From the catalog record of Essex Record Office, T/A 418/111/66. The supplies seemed mostly to be for making fancy shoes: silk lace, thread, linen, 4,000 pins, 60 shoestrings, etc.

<sup>34</sup> Registers of All Saints, Great Oakley, Essex, 1559–1673 (Essex Record Office, D/P 47/1/1): "Mr. Michaiiah Wood parson of this parish."

<sup>35</sup> Due to the fact that "William Cole now in Virginia" was named in the will of Martha's father "Humfrie Cole of Tillingham, Essex, Clarke" (dated 4 Nov. 1623 and proved 17 May 1624), that will was abstracted in Lothrop Withington, *Virginia Gleanings in England* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980), 299–300. One of the two overseers was son-in-law Michaiiah Wood, "Person of much Okeley."

<sup>36</sup> John Venn and J. A. Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses . . . to 1751*, vol. 4 (Cambridge: University Press, 1927), 453: "Wood, Michaiiah. Matric. sizar from King's, Michs. 1602 (impubes); B.A. 1606–7; M.A. 1610; B.D. 1617. Ord. deacon (Lincoln); priest (London) Dec. 18, 1614. C. of Hadham, Herts. R. of Gt Oakley, Essex, 1617–27. Married Martha, dau. of Humphrey Cole (1589)."

<sup>37</sup> "Genealogical Gleanings in England," *Register* 49 (1895): 269–70. The will was dated 23 Sep. and proved 22 Oct. 1623.

mans, and 16 acres with a barn called Babbes, in Great Clacton (Clacton Magna), Essex, occupied by one Skingson[?], and Holks Pightell and tenement called Lockes and other lands in Great Clacton, occupied by one Purchas; if wife Martha be pregnant and the child survives until 21, then the properties to go to him or her after wife's death, otherwise to Samuell Woode and his heirs "which Samuell Wood is one of sonnes of my Secende Brother Thomas Wood of Abbas Rooding in the County of Essex"; to Robert Wood "the seconde sonne of Robert Wood my eldest Brother of Harlowe in the County of Essex" (after death of wife) properties in Walton and Kirby le Soken (occupied by Timothy Hurrett), lately purchased from Henry Humfrey of Ipswich, clothier; to sister Mary, wife of John Scot of Hatfield Broad Oak, 7 yards of "Saye"; to Judith Wood and Mary Wood, daughters of said brother Robert Wood, 40s. apiece; to brother Samuell Wood the 48s. he owes me; to servant John Roth 40s.; residue to wife Martha, she to be executrix; signed; witnesses Willm Pipple, Thomas Shetfeld, and William Rolffe.<sup>[38]</sup>

iv. MARY WOOD, m. JOHN SCOTT. Named in her father's will; called the wife of John Scot of Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex, in the 1628 will of her brother Michaiiah Wood.

v. SAMUEL WOOD, named in his father's will and in the 1628 will of his brother Michaiiah Wood.

**4. WILLIAM<sup>A</sup> WOOD** (*Robert<sup>B</sup>, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>C</sup>*), baptized in Hunsdon, Herts. 24 February 1560/1; buried in Epping, Essex 28 September 1631; married **MARY STRACY** there 25 February 1589/90 (sister of his brother John's wife; see their ancestry below). She died after 20 October 1631 (when she proved her husband's will as executrix); no burial or probate for her has been found.

As noted above, William Wood purchased the property of "Slyghes or Dawes" in Rye Hill, Epping, in 1600. On 26 January 1602, William Wood the younger of Rye Hill, shoemaker, was apparently involved with "the unlawfull shootinge in [*sic*] a handgun."<sup>[39]</sup>

William Wood was, with his mother, an executor of the 1587 will of his father; he was one of the overseers of and witnesses to the 1592 will of his brother-in-law Philip Eliot. He was also a witness to the 1603 will of his brother-in-law John Millet, and an overseer of the 1625 will of his brother Thomas Wood. His own will, dated 10 November 1629 and proved 20 October 1631, is given above.

Children of William<sup>A</sup> and Mary (Stracy) Wood (baptized in Epping):<sup>[40]</sup>

i. JOHN WOOD, bp. 15 Apr. 1593; prob. the "old p[ro]fessor" John Wood of Rye Hill bur. in Epping 10 Dec. 1651; named in his father's will.<sup>[41]</sup>

<sup>38</sup> London Metropolitan Archives, DL/C/420.

<sup>39</sup> From the catalog entry for Essex Record Office Q/SR 157/47.

<sup>40</sup> There were other children of William Woods bp. in Epping who may also have been children of this William; the ones included here from among them were either named in this William Wood's will or (in the case of Thomas) were distinguished by the father's occupation of shoemaker.

<sup>41</sup> If by "professor" the parish clerk meant an academician (rather than a professor of Christ), he was perhaps the John Wood who "Matric. sizar from Jesus, Michs., 1615; B.A., 1618-9; M.A. 1622.

ii. MARTHA<sup>1</sup> WOOD, bp. 2 Apr. 1598; m. in Epping 19 June 1623 JAMES BEARD. She and her husband and their first three children were named in her father's will.

Widow Martha Beard joined the church in Milford, Conn., on 1 Nov. 1640, and died there June 1647.<sup>[42]</sup> Her husband James Beard was bp. in Great Parndon, Essex 8 Aug. 1585, son of John and Agnes (Adams) (Rime) Beard; as noted above, he died in late 1639 or 1640. They had five known children, four of whom survived to adulthood (and three of whom had children).<sup>[43]</sup>

iii. SARAH WOOD, bp. 19 July 1601; named in her father's will (unmarried).

iv. THOMAS WOOD, bp. 11 May 1606; not named in his father's will (prob. bur. in Epping 17 Mar. 1612/13).

v. MARY WOOD, bp. 31 July 1608; named in her father's will (unmarried).

5. JOHN<sup>A</sup> WOOD (Robert<sup>B</sup>, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>C</sup>), baptized in Hunsdon, Herts. 13 April 1566. He was almost certainly the John Wood who was buried in Roydon, Essex 2 December 1635.<sup>[44]</sup> He married JANE STRACY, who was born say 1575, died 2 September 1649, and was buried in Roydon two days later (sister of his brother William's wife; see their ancestry below).

John Wood was (with his brother Thomas Wood) a supervisor of the 1587 will of his father; he was an overseer of the 1625 will of his brother Thomas Wood; and he and his son John were named in the 1629 will of his brother

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One of these names Head Master of Carlisle Grammar School, 1630–3; M.A." (Venn and Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses* [note 36], 4:542).

His son John Wood of Rye Hill, yeoman (described as son and heir of John Wood of Rye Hill, deceased, son and heir of William Wood, late of Epping, shoemaker, deceased), mortgaged "Slyghes alias Bawes," etc., to William Hales 24 June 1658 (from the catalog entries for Essex Record Office D/DU 651/68 and 69). The will of this last "John Wood of Rye hill in the parish of Epping" was dated 3 Dec. 1675 and proved 19 Apr. 1677; in it, he named his sister Mary Faldo (wife of John Faldo) executrix and uncle Mr. William Hales of Great Hallingbury overseer; £300 to William Hales, £10 to niece Mary Ramsey (living with testator), and nieces Abigail Cole and Ann Cole residual legatees (London Metropolitan Archives, MS 9172/66, will 164). This will was also probated in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC 43 Hale, PROB 11/353/338–9).

<sup>42</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, "Milford Church Records" *The American Genealogist* 16 (1939): 29.

<sup>43</sup> For this and further information on James<sup>1</sup> Beard and his children and ancestors, see the forthcoming article. As discussed there, the first wife of Nicholas<sup>2</sup> Camp was probably James and Martha (Wood) Beard's eldest daughter Mary, rather than the oft-claimed Sarah.

<sup>44</sup> Registers of St. Peter, Roydon, Essex, 1567–1706 (Essex Record Office, D/P 60/1/1). Points in favor of this identification are as follows:

- From his will (see below), he had ties to Hunsdon, Herts.
- The John Wood who was a brother of Thomas and William was the last-living of the three, as he appeared in both of his brothers' wills.
- His eldest child was his son John, which corresponds with the 1629 will of William Wood (in which the "cousins" [i.e., nephews] named were John Wood, son of his brother John, and Robert and Thomas Wood [the living sons of his deceased brother Thomas—the apparently eldest child of each of them received a bequest]).
- The wife of this John Wood was a sister of the wife of William Wood.
- He left a bequest to "kinsman" William Wood of Epping, doubtless the same "kinsman" William Wood who was left a bequest in the 1629 will of John's putative brother William, and the nephew William Wood left a bequest in the 1587 will of their father Robert Wood.

William Wood, of which he was also an overseer (see above). His own will was dated 9 November 1635 and proved 22 January 1635/6:

“John Wood of Roydon in the Countye of Essex yeoman”; to each daughter (Mary, Judith, and Margaret) a furnished bed after the death of wife Jane; to daughter Mary £5; to daughter Margaret £50 when married or 21; to son John my tenement and lands both free and copy in Hunsdon, Hertfordshire, and the reversion after wife’s death of a meadow parcel in Roydon called Huggard’s Mead *alias* Weild Marsh and 2 parcels of meadow in Hunsdon mead containing about 2 acres called the round acre and the elbo acre; to son John the reversion of my tenement called Clement’s that I now dwell in with accompanying lands, with my little grove containing about 3 rods, all my meadows at the bridge called Oxlease and Bridgholmes, and cabinet, table, and frame in my hall; to the poor of Roydon 20s.; to the poor of Hunsdon 10s.; to the minister at my funeral 10s.; to goddaughter Mary Platt a 20s. piece of gold; to grandchild John Platt a 20s. piece of gold; to kinsman Wm. Wood of Epping my best riding coat, and to his son Wm., 2s. 6d.; to wife Jane the tenement I dwell in with all lands free and copy for her life (after her death the household items to be divided between daughters then living); wife Jane to be executrix; signed; witnesses Samuell Stracye and John Stracye.<sup>[45]</sup>

The family of this John Wood was covered by John Insley Coddington in an article on the Platt family that includes details not given here.<sup>[46]</sup> Citations to facts covered in that article are not repeated here.

Children of John<sup>A</sup> and Jane (Stracy) Wood (baptisms recorded in Roydon, Essex):

- i. JOHN WOOD,<sup>[47]</sup> d. 5 and bur. 7 Apr. 1665 in Roydon; m. \_\_\_\_\_ (bur. in Abbess Roding, Essex 14 Apr. 1657).<sup>[48]</sup> He was named in his father’s will, and in the 1629 will of William Wood (see above). He was a witness to the 1648 will of Robert Wood (see above). His own will, dated 9 July 1663 and proved 10 June 1665, is abstracted in Coddington’s article.<sup>[49]</sup>

John Wood became rector of Abbess Roding, Essex, 15 Oct. 1643, and was ejected from that position between 1659 and 1660.<sup>[50]</sup> That this is the same Rev. John Wood is evidenced by his signatures on his own will and that of Robert Wood of Abbess Roding, which he signed as a witness. The two signatures, although made fifteen years apart, are very similar.

<sup>45</sup> Essex Record Office, D/AMW 2/168.

<sup>46</sup> John Insley Coddington, “Richard<sup>1</sup> Platt, of Ware, co. Hertford, England, and Milford, Connecticut,” *The American Genealogist* 30 (1954): 232–242 and 31 (1955): 155–170 (esp. 31:169–170). As noted by Mahler [note 5], Coddington claimed incorrectly that this John Wood’s will was not extant. I have moved daughter Hannah to the second position in the list of children, due to the probability that she and her brother John were baptized before their father settled in Roydon, as well as evidence from her grandfather’s will (see below).

<sup>47</sup> He was possibly the John Wood, son of John Wood of Hunsdon, bp. 28 Nov. 1596 in Epping (see above).

<sup>48</sup> Abbess Roding registers [note 26]: “M<sup>ris</sup> Wood wife of M<sup>r</sup> John Wood minister.”

<sup>49</sup> TAG 30:235–6 [see note 46]. In that will he left property in Hunsdon called “the round acer and the elbow acer” to his nephew John Wood; these had been left to him in his father’s will (see above).

<sup>50</sup> Abbess Roding registers [note 26]: his entrance and exit were recorded among both the baptismal and burial entries.

*Signatures of John Wood as witness to will of Robert Wood, 1648,<sup>[51]</sup>  
and on his own will, 1663.<sup>[52]</sup>*

- ii. HANNAH WOOD, b. by 1602;<sup>[53]</sup> bur. in Roydon 12 July 1621.
- iii. MARY<sup>1</sup> WOOD, bp. 10 Nov 1605; bur. in Milford, Conn. 24 Mar. 1675/6; m. in Roydon 26 Jan. 1628/9 RICHARD<sup>1</sup> PLATT. She was named in her father's will, as were her son John Platt and daughter Mary Platt (the latter as John<sup>A</sup> Wood's goddaughter).  
Richard<sup>1</sup> Platt, one of the first settlers of Milford, Conn., was bp. in Ware, Herts. 6 May 1604 (son of George and Mary [\_\_\_\_\_] Platt) and d. in Milford before 13 Feb. 1684/5. Richard and Mary (Wood) Platt had nine children baptized in Roydon, Ware, and Milford.<sup>[54]</sup>
- iv. JUDITH WOOD, bp. 8 May 1608; bur. in Roydon 13 Aug. 1608.
- v. JUDITH WOOD (again), bp. 20 May 1610; m. in Roydon 29 Oct. 1634 HENRY PETT. She was named in her father's will. Her children Joseph Pett, James (Jeams) Pett, and Jane Pett were named in the 1663 will of her brother John Wood.
- vi. JOSIAS WOOD, bp. 4 Oct. 1612; bur. in Roydon 26 Nov. 1682;<sup>[55]</sup> m. (1) JOAN \_\_\_\_\_ (d. in Roydon 31 July and bur. there 3 Aug. 1663);<sup>[56]</sup> m. (2) in Roydon 8 Jan. 1663/4 FRANCES (\_\_\_\_\_) GREENE (bur. there 28 Nov. 1690).<sup>[57]</sup> His sons John and Samuel were named in the 1663 will of his brother John Wood, of which he was executor.<sup>[58]</sup> He was a witness (as Josiah Wood) to the 1648 will of Samuel Stracy of Roydon, and was called "cousin" in the 1680 will of Samuel Stracy of Roydon (a son of the 1648 testator; see below). He also witnessed the 1659 will of

<sup>51</sup> Essex Record Office, D/ABW 60/143; see above.

<sup>52</sup> Essex Record Office, D/AMW 6/242.

<sup>53</sup> Her bequest in her grandfather William Stracy's 1620 will (see below) was not conditioned upon her turning 18. She was possibly the Hannah Wood who was the daughter of John Wood, bp. 6 Jan. 1599/1600 in Hunsdon (see above).

<sup>54</sup> See Coddington's article in TAG cited above [note 46].

<sup>55</sup> Roydon registers [note 44].

<sup>56</sup> Ibid, Joane the wife of Josias Wood yeoman. They were possibly the Josias Wood and Joane Kent who were m. 4 May 1636 in Aston, Herts. (Registers of Aston, Hertfordshire, 1558–1812; Hertfordshire Record Office, D/P 9 1/1). Joan (Kent) Wood was named in the will of her father, Thomas Kent of Aston, yeoman, dated 9 May 1653 and proved 24 Apr. 1656 (PCC 431 Berkeley, PROB 11/260/150–1), which mentions wife Joan Kent (executrix), eldest son Thomas Kent, daughter Elizabeth Heynes, daughter Joan Wood, son John Kent, son Edward Kent, son Henry Kent, and daughter Rose Kent (wife of Richard Lawrence), and was signed by mark, with witnesses Thomas Kent, William Humbarston, and Richard Lawrence.

<sup>57</sup> Roydon registers [note 44], [m.:] "Josias Wood yeoman and widdower, and Francis Greene widdow . . . with a Lycense"; [bur.:] "Francis Wood wid."

<sup>58</sup> The birth of "Samuell the son of Josias Wood and of Joane his wife" was recorded 5 July 1656 in the Roydon registers [note 44], as was his baptism on 31 Aug. 1670: "Samuel the son of Josias Wood and of Joane his wife borne the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July . . . 1656 was baptized in ye parish church of Roydon" (attested by the minister, Ben. Wood).

Robert Graygoose of Netteswell, Essex,<sup>[59]</sup> and the 1663 will of Joane Fale of Roydon, widow,<sup>[60]</sup> and was overseer of and a witness to the c. 1662 will of Mary Graygoose of Roydon, widow.<sup>[61]</sup>

- vii. MARGARET WOOD, bp. 25 July 1615; m. in Roydon 22 Jan. 1639/40 NATHANIEL HALE. Their children Josias Hale, Joshua (Josua) Hale, Mary Hale, Samuel Hale, and Elizabeth Hale were named in the 1663 will of Margaret's brother John Wood.

*(to be continued)*

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<sup>59</sup> Essex Record Office, D/ABW 66/302 (dated 31 Oct. 1659 and proved 26 Jan. 1671/2).

<sup>60</sup> Essex Record Office, D/AMW 6/175 (dated 17 June and proved 16 Dec. 1663).

<sup>61</sup> Essex Record Office, D/AMW 6/102 (dated 11 May, no year given, and proved 17 June 1662):  
“ . . . my Christian and welbeloved Freinde Goodman Josias Wood of Roydon . . . yeoman . . . ”



# Elizabeth Fuller of Salem and Woburn, Massachusetts; Rehoboth, Rhode Island; and Ashford, Connecticut—Probable Wife of Benjamin Wilson

*William Utermohlen*

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Clarence Almon Torrey's compendium of New England marriages before 1700 includes the marriage of Benjamin Wilson and his wife Elizabeth, which occurred prior to the birth at Woburn on 9 January 1694 of their oldest child. Torrey did not assign Elizabeth a surname but noted that she may have been a Cooke or a Fuller.<sup>[1]</sup> The basis for the Fuller name was an 1866 report by E. J. Ormsbee that Benjamin Wilson had married a Fuller. In 1991, a Wilson family researcher questioned the accuracy of Ormsbee's account and added: "an extensive search in the various Fuller genealogies failed to uncover a suitable candidate for this marriage."<sup>[2]</sup>

In fact, there is a suitable candidate for Elizabeth (Fuller) Wilson: the Elizabeth Fuller who was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Putnam) Fuller, born at Salem on 11 August 1673.<sup>[3]</sup> Benjamin Wilson and Elizabeth Fuller were 23 and 20 respectively in 1693 and both had connections to Woburn and Salem. There was already a connection between the families, as Benjamin's mother had married Elizabeth's grandfather about 1689. Mr. Ormsbee's account of their family, while incomplete, is correct in many respects, giving credibility to his report of Elizabeth's surname. Moreover, several of the names of Benjamin's and Elizabeth's children seem to derive from the Fuller family, including Jonathan, Rebecca, Ruth, and Bethia. Benjamin's wife Elizabeth does not fit into any of the alternative families that have been proposed and no other appropriate Elizabeth Fuller has been found.

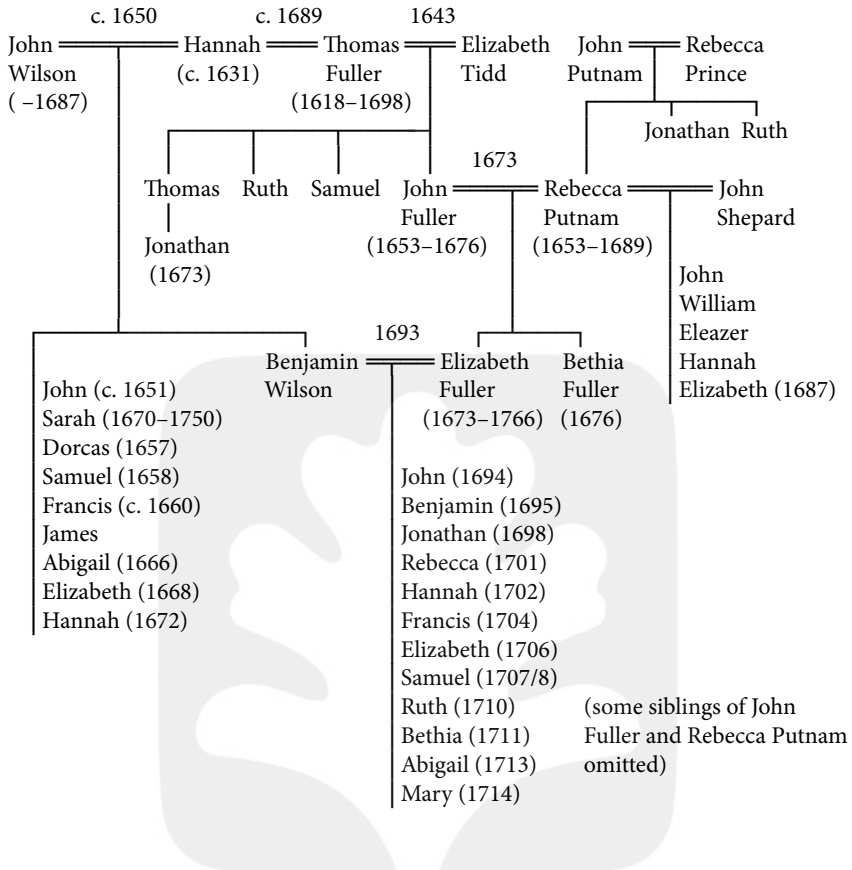
The chart below illustrates the relationships of the Wilson and Fuller families discussed in this article under the premise that Benjamin's wife was Elizabeth Fuller.

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<sup>1</sup> Clarence Almon Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* (Boston: NEHGS, 2011), 3:1690.

<sup>2</sup> Kenneth C. Stevens, *Wilson's from New England, Vol. "J," Descendants of John Wilson of Woburn, Massachusetts* (Walpole, N.H.: the author, 1991), 20–24. See also Kenneth C. Stevens, "Must This Circle Stay Unbroken? Three Benjamin Wilsons of Rehoboth, Massachusetts," *Register* 135 (1981): 302–306; Kenneth C. Stevens, "Benjamin Wilson of Rehoboth: Further Clues," *Register* 140 (1986): 264.

<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth is mentioned in a genealogy of the Woburn Fuller family: William Hyslop Fuller, *Fuller Genealogy* 4 vols., vol. 4: *Genealogy of Some Descendants of Thomas Fuller of Woburn* (Palmer, Mass.: C. B. Fiske & Co., 1918–19), 10.



### Ormsbee's Wilson Family History

On 12 February 1866, Ebenezer J. Ormsbee submitted a history of the Benjamin Wilson family to the Wilson Family Association.<sup>[4]</sup> Ormsbee was born on 8 June 1834 at Shoreham, Vermont, his mother Polly (1807-1891)<sup>[5]</sup> having been born a Wilson. Ormsbee was a lawyer, a Civil War officer, and, later, Governor of Vermont.<sup>[6]</sup> He described Benjamin and his children as follows:

Benjamin Wilson (the first) was born in England. After emigrating to America, he married a Fuller and had two sons and seven daughters. The daughters married:—Ruth a Jacob; Rebecca a Whiting; Elizabeth a Carpenter; Bethia a Will-

<sup>4</sup> Harrison O. Smith, *Report to the Wilson Association, U.S.A.* (Middlebury, Vt.: Register Book and Job Printing Establishment, 1866), 24.

<sup>5</sup> "Mrs. Polly Willson Ormsbee" *The Brandon Union*, 16 Jan. 1891, 3.

<sup>6</sup> Ullery, Jacob C., *Men of Vermont: An Illustrated Biographical History of Vermonters and Sons of Vermont* (Brattleboro, Vermont: Transcript Publ. Co., 1894), part ii, 292.

mott; one a Cobb; one a Hallet, and one a Franklin. The boys were Benjamin and Samuel. Benjamin married a Roff, in New Jersey: [by whom he had three sons],—Benjamin married for his second wife, widow Elizabeth Darril, whose maiden name was Sprague; by whom he had seven sons and one daughter . . .

As no dates were included, Ormsbee's account was presumably not based on a family Bible or review of original records. Rather, it seems likely that he relied on interviews of his mother and perhaps other family members.

Much of Ormsbee's account tracks what is known of the family. Benjamin and Elizabeth Wilson had five sons (several of whom may have died relatively young) and seven daughters recorded at Woburn and Rehoboth, Massachusetts. Each of the four daughters named by Ormsbee—Ruth, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Bethia—married men with the surnames he specifies.<sup>[7]</sup> The Fuller/Franklin marriage probably refers to that of Ruth Fuller, Benjamin's niece (daughter of his brother Jonathan), who married John Franklin in Rehoboth in 1703.<sup>[8]</sup> Ormsbee's account of the son Benjamin, Jr. is accurate in stating that he lived in New Jersey and that he married a widow Elizabeth whose maiden name was Sprague.<sup>[9]</sup> Her first husband was named Doyle, however, rather than the phonetically similar Darril that Ormsbee reported. Some facts are missing: Ormsbee was unable to name three of the daughters, and none of them is known to have married a Cobb or a Hallet: one daughter (Abigail) died as an infant, one (Hannah) has not been traced, and one (Mary) married Ebenezer Cole. Nevertheless, the general accuracy of the account—particularly as to the married names of four of her daughters—makes the maiden name of Fuller a strong possibility for Benjamin's wife.

### John Wilson and the Fuller Connection

Benjamin's father, John Wilson, was the founder of the Woburn Wilson family. He was born say 1626 (assuming he was 25 at the birth of his first child)<sup>[10]</sup> and died at Woburn on 2 July 1687.<sup>[11]</sup> His wife Hannah was born between 1626

<sup>7</sup> Citations are in the Genealogical Summary section. Whiting is a variant of Whiton.

<sup>8</sup> James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642–1895, Marriages, Intentions, Births, Deaths*, Part I, Rehoboth, Section 1, Marriages and Intentions (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publ. Co., 1897), 140. Benjamin Wilson bought land from James Franklin in 1710 (Bristol Co., Mass. Deeds, 9:33).

<sup>9</sup> Benjamin Wilson Jr. was “of Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey” in two deeds from March 1726/7 (Bristol Co. Deeds, 17:282, 17:280).

<sup>10</sup> John's birth and marriage dates have been estimated from the approximate date of birth of his son John, whose death record indicates that he died 1 Feb. 1734/5 in his 85th year, i.e., born about 1650 (*Vital Records of Bedford, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston: NEHGS, 1903], 141). John Jr. gave a number of depositions in which his age corresponded to a birth in 1651 or 1652, so a birth in 1651 seems the best estimate (Middlesex County Court, folio 87 [FSL #8131117], images 189 and 193 (age 28, 2 8<sup>th</sup> month 1679 [2 Oct. 1679]); folio 120 [FSL 8131118], images 212, 215, 220 and 222 (age 33, 6 8<sup>th</sup> month 1685 [6 Oct. 1685]).

<sup>11</sup> Edward F. Johnson, *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages From 1640 to 1873* (Woburn, Mass.: Andrews, Cutler & Co., 1890), 2:207. Date also given in his inventory. Suffolk Co., Mass. Probate, file no. 1585.

and 1633—probably about 1631.<sup>[12]</sup> They married about 1650. She died between 22 September 1697, when her second husband, Thomas Fuller, referred to his “now wife,”<sup>[13]</sup> and 9 June 1698 when Thomas made his will without mentioning her.<sup>[14]</sup>

John, a mason, purchased a dwelling house and two acres of land in Salem on 3 12th month (February) 1652[/3].<sup>[15]</sup> On 1 July 1657, John and Hannah sold their Salem property, although they retained possession through 10 October.<sup>[16]</sup> They may have removed to Woburn the following year, as the birth of their son Samuel on 29 December 1658 is in the Woburn records.<sup>[17]</sup> They were certainly there by 28 February 1660/1, when John was granted 4 acres of meadow by the town, “in the nether end of sable medow next Cedar Swampe if hee continue in the town five years.” He was also granted a three-acre parcel of swamp “against his owne land.”<sup>[18]</sup> While he must have bought his own land, no Woburn deeds naming him have been found. He had a swamp bottom grant near Wood Hill and ShawShin path, but it is not clear whether this property is different than his 3-acre swamp grant.<sup>[19]</sup>

Town offices were not widely distributed in Woburn, but John was chosen in 1666 to take care of the swine and fences and in 1683 as a surveyor of highways.<sup>[20]</sup> He was regularly taxed from at least 1671—when he apparently had 10 acres, until 18 February 1686/7.<sup>[21]</sup> He worked on the highway at Breakneck Hill<sup>[22]</sup> and, in 1677, took up 5 acres of upland at the southwest

<sup>12</sup> Hannah Wilson gave her age as 36 on 7 Oct. 1662 (i.e., a birth year of about 1626), 36 on 5 Aug. 1669 (a birth year of about 1633), and 58 in 1689 (a birth year of about 1631) (*Massachusetts Archives*, depositions in Middlesex County Court records [see note 10], MCC folio 30 [FSL #7902664], images 145, 150; MCC folio 49, image 877; MCC folio 134 [FSL 8131118], image 579. Despite these discrepancies in her reported age, all three depositions seem to be hers, as she was identified as John Wilson’s wife in 1662 and the Woburn vital records only mention one Hannah Wilson during that period.

<sup>13</sup> Essex Co. Deeds, 13:112.

<sup>14</sup> Essex Co. Probate, file 10422.

<sup>15</sup> Essex Co. Deeds, 1:16.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:42; Sidney Perley, “Salem in 1700, No. 19,” *The Essex Antiquarian* 9 (1905):82. Hannah’s maiden surname was James according to the account left by “Grandmother Mighill,” i.e., Margaret (Wilson) Mighill, who was born about 1737 and raised by her grandparents. Her grandfather James Wilson was a son of John and Hannah Wilson. “Grandmother Mighill’s” story was taken down shortly before her death in 1820 and a reconstruction has been included as an appendix in *Wilson, Vol. J* [note 2], 617–28. The Cleveland genealogy indicates that her surname was discovered in 1897 “having come down among family papers,” citing a 9 April 1897 letter of Anson Titus of Boston to Theodore Sedgwick Gold (Edmund James Cleveland, *The Genealogy of the Cleveland and Cleaveland Families* [Hartford: Case, Lockwood and Brainard, 1899], 2451).

<sup>17</sup> Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 1:276.

<sup>18</sup> Woburn Town Records [FSL DGS #7940925], 1:26.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:163.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:31.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:38, 42–43, 55–56; 2:12, 14, 38, 53, 67–70, 71–73, 106–109, 124–26, 159–60 [FSL DGS 7940925]; 3:8–9, 14–16, 30–33 and 35, 37, 39, 41, 50–52, 54–56, 70–72, 74–76, 88–90, 96–99, 103–105.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:7.

end of Wood Hill.<sup>[23]</sup> In 1680, he was paid for plastering the house of Mr. Fox, the minister.<sup>[24]</sup>

John's estate included a Woburn homestead worth £105, with a dwelling house, barn, upland, swamp, and orchard, as well as other land worth a total of £67, including meadow at Hoggbrook (part cleared and part not); meadow and upland in Concord bounds; three lots, "one at pine playn and two near breaknick hill"; "one great lot near Billerica line being 41 acres"; 15 acres at Boggymeadow; and two wood lots in woodhill.<sup>[25]</sup> His personalty included livestock and books.

Hannah Wilson was named administratrix of his estate on 3 August 1687.<sup>[26]</sup> She married Thomas Fuller after 30 September 1689, when she gave a deposition as Hannah Wilson, and before 6 January 1689[/90], when she and Thomas jointly conveyed property.<sup>[27]</sup>

### Thomas Fuller

No contemporaneous record of the maiden name of Benjamin Wilson's wife Elizabeth seems to exist. As noted above, a descendant indicated in 1866 that her name was Fuller. If so, the most obvious Fuller family to consider is that of Thomas Fuller, given his marriage to Benjamin's mother and his residence in Woburn.

Thomas Fuller, a blacksmith, was born between 1616 and 1619, perhaps in April 1618,<sup>[28]</sup> and died in Salem between 18 June and 4 July 1698.<sup>[29]</sup> He married first, at Woburn on 13 June 1643, Elizabeth Tidd.<sup>[30]</sup> Their last child was born at Woburn on 9 May 1662,<sup>[31]</sup> and Thomas married second, at Woburn on 25 August 1684, Sarah (Nutt) Wyman, widow of Lt. John Wyman.<sup>[32]</sup> She

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:80. In 1680, in lieu of other land, four acres were laid out to John Wilson Sen<sup>r</sup> at a place near Wood Hill (*Ibid.*, 2:153).

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:166 and 168.

<sup>25</sup> Suffolk Co. Probate, file 1585.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>27</sup> *Massachusetts Archives*, MCC folio 134, image 579; Essex Co. Deeds, 8:179 (first deed, acknowledged by Thomas 22 April 1690, and recorded 10 Jan. 1690).

<sup>28</sup> Danvers, Mass. First Church Records, 1689–1845 (Congregational Library and Archives, website, congregational library.org > Collections > Digital Archive > Church records, 1689–1845, First Church of Danvers, Mass., image 265/271). The Danvers church records indicate he died in June 1698, age 80. To the right, there is a faint "2" in the next column, which may mean 80 years and two months (i.e., that he was born in April 1618). However, the microfilm copy is not clear. In addition, only a handful of deaths are listed for the period 1696 through 1699, and the ages given for that period are frequently multiples of ten, giving the impression that the record was generated well after the events recorded. Thomas's age was given as about 58 on 19 March 1674 and 66 on 16–4–85 [16 June 1685]. *Records and Files of the Quarterly Court of Essex County, Massachusetts* (Salem: Essex Institute, 1975), 9:312; MCC folio 115, images 65, 66, 68–69.

<sup>29</sup> He executed a deed to his son Benjamin on 18 June 1698, eleven days after he made his will (Essex Co. Deeds 15:288). His will was proven on 4 July 1698 (Essex Co. Probate, file 10422 [FSL film #4,481,722, image 193 of 246]).

<sup>30</sup> Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 3:107.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:103.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:107.

died 24 May 1688 at Woburn.<sup>[33]</sup> Thomas married third, Hannah Wilson, as mentioned above.

A poem attributed to Thomas indicates he came to New England in 1638.<sup>[34]</sup> He was an original proprietor at Woburn, being the last of the thirty-two men who signed the Town Orders dated 13 3 mo. [May] 1640.<sup>[35]</sup> He was named in the first “country” rate in 1645 and was one of seven men chosen on 10 October 1647 to divide the remaining meadow land.<sup>[36]</sup> In 1648, he was granted meadow at Ragg Rock, as well as 4 poles of swamp “next his shop.”<sup>[37]</sup> He was active in Woburn town affairs, serving on a number of committees to lay out land, run bounds, or to determine whether the town should accept proposed changes to grants or highways.<sup>[38]</sup> He served many years on Middlesex County juries.<sup>[39]</sup> From 1656, Thomas is often called “Sargant.”<sup>[40]</sup> He was a surveyor of highways in 1654, asked to take care of fences and swine in 1662, and a selectman in 1663 and 1664.<sup>[41]</sup>

In 1663, while still living in Woburn, Thomas bought 300 acres of land in the northwestern part of Salem, extending into Reading.<sup>[42]</sup> He seems to have moved there in 1664 or 1665, as he no longer appears in the Woburn records. His property was adjacent to that of John Putnam and they were both frequently charged with maintaining the road to Andover.<sup>[43]</sup> Thomas was received as an inhabitant of Salem on 9 12<sup>th</sup> mo [Feb.] 1674, “with his whole ffarm belonging to Salem.” At the same time, he was engaged to make a sufficient cartway over Beach Brook, for which he was to be paid his “meeting house rate.”<sup>[44]</sup> His home still stands in what is now Middleton.<sup>[45]</sup>

Thomas spent most of the rest of his life in Salem, where he was Sergeant or Lieutenant of the militia company from at least 1666 to 1684,<sup>[46]</sup> perambu-

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:77.

<sup>34</sup> Daniel Fuller Appleton, *The Diary of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Daniel Fuller With his Account of His Family* (New York: De Vinne Press, 1894), p. 23 (“In thirty eight I set my foot; Upon New England’s shore”).

<sup>35</sup> Woburn TRs [note 18], 1:2 [FSL #893363]. The five agreed “orders” included a requirement that land be improved within 15 months of a grant.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:10–11.

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:12, 23.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:12, 20, 21, 25, 26.

<sup>39</sup> David Pulsifer, tr., Middlesex County, Mass., transcribed court records, 1 (1649–1663): 24 (1651), 67 (1652), 138 (1654), 216 (1660), 237 (1661) (FSL film #892,250).

<sup>40</sup> Woburn TRs [note 18], 1:21, 26, 27, 28.

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:19, 27, 28. In 1664, he was also a petitioner for an additional grant of land to Woburn (Massachusetts Archives Collection, 112:162 [28 Oct. 1664] [FSL film #1,838,215, image 266 of 1355]).

<sup>42</sup> Essex Co. Deeds 3:1; Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, *Salem-Village Witchcraft: A Documentary Record of Local Conflict in Colonial New England*, 2nd ed. (Boston: Northeastern Univ. Press, 1993), 228; see also 394 and 396.

<sup>43</sup> *Town Records of Salem, Massachusetts* 3 vols. (Salem: Essex Institute, 1868–1934), 2:74, 80, 85, 94, 98, 145, 315; 3:5, 70, 75, 117, 139.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:198; Massachusetts Archives Collection, 112:247–48 [FSL film #1,838,215, images 387–389 of 1355].

<sup>45</sup> Salem Witch Museum website for Lt. Thomas Fuller House, Middleton, Mass.: <https://salemwitchmuseum.com/locations/lt-thomas-fuller-house/>.

<sup>46</sup> He was called Sergeant frequently in the town records. *Salem TRs* [note 43] 2:74 (25 10th month [Dec.] 1666), 85, 212, 282, 287, 309, 315; 3:5, 15, 23, 51, 62, 70, 75, 117, 124, 133, (12 12th month [Feb.] 1684). On 15 8th month [Oct.] 1678, Major General Daniel Dennison approved the



lated the bounds with Reading,<sup>[47]</sup> served on both the grand and trial juries,<sup>[48]</sup> and frequently claimed the 30-shilling bounty for killing a wolf.<sup>[49]</sup> He constructed a fortification at the time of King Philip's War<sup>[50]</sup> and operated a saw mill on the stream that ran out of Wilkins Pond. In 1677, Thomas was sued by Andover for having cut and taken away more than 100 cedar trees and a large quantity of shingles from a swamp claimed by Andover to be within its bounds. Andover's claim was denied after a survey showed that the land was more than 6 miles from the Andover meeting house, but Andover took an appeal, claiming that the surveyors had wrongly adjusted the length shown by the chains.<sup>[51]</sup>

Thomas took a leading role in the efforts from 1670 to 1672 to obtain a separate minister to serve what eventually became Salem Village.<sup>[52]</sup> Once permission was obtained, he seems to have supported James Bayley, the initial minister. Bayley's status was controversial, particularly as to whether he was properly chosen by the Salem church members living in Salem Village (a total of eleven or twelve persons) or should have been chosen by the inhabitants as a whole (including an additional fifty freeholders).<sup>[53]</sup> As relations between the pro- and anti-Bayley factions deteriorated in 1679, Thomas sought guidance from the General Court.<sup>[54]</sup> Once Bayley abandoned the fight, Thomas was one of five men who donated land to him, apparently in

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appointment of officers for the Salem Troop, as requested by a petition signed by Thomas and others "belonging to the reserve of Salem old troope." (Massachusetts Archives Collection, 69:217 [FSL film #2,363,266, image 162 of 1488]).

<sup>47</sup> *Salem TRs* [note 43], 2:166 (Fuller bounds mentioned), 3:62, 27 March 1682.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:171 (1673), 212 (1676), 309 (1679); *Essex Co. Quarterly Court Records* [note 28], 5:245 (26 9th month [Nov.] 1673), 5:259 (3 9th month [Nov.] 1673), 5:316 (30 4th month [June] 1674), 6:215 (28 9th month [Nov.] 1676), 7:290 (25 9th month [Nov.] 1679), 7:383 (29 4th month [June] 1680), 8:394 (28 9th month [Nov.] 1682). Thomas was a tythingman in June 1677. 5:290. He also appraised the land of Nathaniel Putnam (*Ibid.*, 5:271 [1:9:1673/4]).

<sup>49</sup> *Salem TRs* [note 43], 2:197 (1674), 248 (1677), 282 (1678; 3 wolves), 286–87 (1678); 3:23 (1680).

<sup>50</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:288. He was paid £5:09:0.

<sup>51</sup> Massachusetts Archives Collection, 112:247–48 [FSL film #1,838,215, images 387–389 of 1355]. The background for this episode is given in detail in *Essex Co. Quarterly Court Records* [note 28], 5:322–25. See also the map in Boyer and Nissenbaum, *Salem-Village Witchcraft* [note 42], 394, and Carole Smith, "Early Middleton," *The Essex Genealogist*, 20 (2000):201–202. In Sept. 1672, Thomas was sued unsuccessfully by John Gould for cutting down trees (*Essex Co. Quarterly Court Records* [note 28], 5:84–85).

<sup>52</sup> Boyer and Nissenbaum, *Salem-Village Witchcraft* [note 42], at 232–34; Massachusetts Archives Collection, 10:105–108 [FSL film #2,294,420, images 210–221 of 1323], 113:79 [FSL film #1,838,215, image 836 of 1355]; *Essex Co. Quarterly Court Records* [note 28], 5:273. On 9 Dec. 1690, John Putnam, Thomas Fuller, Sr. and Francis Nurse petitioned the General Court to reaffirm the order of 1672 that the farmers of Salem Village need not continue to pay rates to support the Salem minister and meeting house, which was granted (Massachusetts Archives Collection, 11:57A [FSL film #2,294,420, images 1109–1110 of 1323]).

<sup>53</sup> See generally Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, *Salem Possessed: The Social Origins of Witchcraft* (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1974), 45–54. Thomas Fuller, Jun<sup>r</sup> was in the Anti-Bayley camp (Boyer and Nissenbaum, *Salem-Village Witchcraft* [note 42], 242–48).

<sup>54</sup> Massachusetts Archives Collection, 10:142–44 [FSL film #2,294,420, images 319–327 of 1323].

compensation for his unpaid salary.<sup>[55]</sup> Thomas was later a petitioner opposed to Samuel Parris's conduct as minister at Salem.<sup>[56]</sup>

Thomas also maintained contact with the town of Woburn. In 1679, he held Woburn harmless from damage caused by his son-in-law Isaack Richardson.<sup>[57]</sup> About 1684, Thomas briefly returned to Woburn, where he was elected a selectman in 1685 and was surveyor of highways for 1686.<sup>[58]</sup> Perhaps this was prompted by his 25 August 1684 marriage at Woburn to Sarah (Nutt) Wyman, although he continued to participate in Salem affairs, for example, by contracting with Salem on 1 November 1684 to maintain the Andover road for £20 per year.<sup>[59]</sup> He was assessed taxes at Woburn from 1 December 1684 to 18 February 1686/7.<sup>[60]</sup>

On 24 February 1684/5, while Thomas Fuller was in Woburn, he and Joseph Winn were appointed to a committee to settle the bounds between the house lots of John Ferrer and John Wilson Sr.<sup>[61]</sup> Thomas last appears in the Woburn tax lists in February 1686/7. John Wilson died the following July. As Thomas Fuller and Hannah Wilson did not marry until 1689, Thomas must have continued to spend time in both Salem and Woburn.

By 3 April 1684, Thomas began distributing land to his sons,<sup>[62]</sup> while also trying to retain sufficient rights to ensure the support of himself and his wife. On 22 September 1697, Thomas Fuller and his son Thomas revised their agreement to resolve "differences" that had arisen. Thomas Jr. agreed to pay £7 per year to Thomas Sr., and Thomas Sr. was authorized to sell land, if needed, to ensure that such payments were made. In return, Thomas Sr. promised to provide sufficient monies to his "now wife" to satisfy Thomas Jr.'s obligation to pay her £5 annually.<sup>[63]</sup> Such payments could not have continued long, as Thomas Sr. died the following summer and his will made on 9 June 1698 does not mention Hannah.<sup>[64]</sup>

Earlier in 1697, the question of support between Thomas Sr. and Hannah evidently caused her to leave Salem and return to Woburn. On 21 June 1697, the Woburn selectmen admonished James Procter for entertaining Hannah Fuller, his mother-in-law, without leave. This was resolved through an £80 bond given by James and Samuel Wilson, two of Hannah's sons, and James Procter and Aaron Cleveland, two of her sons-in-law, securing the town against paying for the support of "Hannah Fuller, y<sup>e</sup> Wife of Lt. Tho<sup>s</sup> Fuller

<sup>55</sup> Essex Co. Deeds, 7:79.

<sup>56</sup> Boyer and Nissenbaum, *Salem-Village Witchcraft* [note 42], 258–61. Again, Thomas Fuller, Junr was on the other side: see pp. 262–63.

<sup>57</sup> Woburn TRs [note 18], 2:122.

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:81, 94.

<sup>59</sup> *Salem TRs* [note 43], 3:117.

<sup>60</sup> Woburn TRs [note 18], 3:74–76, 84–86, 96–99, 103–105. He was called "Lieutenant" in the Woburn records.

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:82.

<sup>62</sup> Essex Co. Deeds, 9:221 (1684), 8:179 (two deeds reserving use of meadows and upland), 14:72, 15:288. Thomas Sr.'s 1698 estate included a homefield of 60 acres, 14 acres at Beach Meadow, and 150 acres in Redding. Lieut. (Suffolk Co., Mass. Probate, file 1585), Thomas Fuller Sr. inventory, 15 July 1698.

<sup>63</sup> Essex Co. Deeds, 13:112.

<sup>64</sup> Essex Co. Probate, file 10422.

of Salem Viliage [who] is come into this towne of Woobourne to live with her children.”<sup>[65]</sup>

### Other Connections Between the Fuller and Wilson Families

Clearly, the Wilson and Fuller families were well acquainted after Thomas Fuller married Hannah Wilson in 1689, but the relationship goes back much earlier. Both families lived in Woburn from about 1658 to about 1664 and had associates in common dating back to that period. The Fullers were associated with the Tidd, Kendall, Read, Bacon, and Wyman families.<sup>[66]</sup> Thomas Fuller’s first wife, Elizabeth Tidd, was a sister to Mary (Tidd) Kendall, the wife of Francis Kendall. Francis’s sister Mabel married William Read, by whom she had a large family, including Abigail, who married Francis Wyman (brother of John Wyman), Sarah, who married Samuel Walker, and Rebecca, who married Joseph Winn.<sup>[67]</sup> In 1684, Thomas Fuller married the widow of John Wyman, showing that he had not lost touch with Woburn.<sup>[68]</sup> In 1683 and 1685, respectively, two Fuller sons (Jacob and Benjamin) married daughters of Michael Bacon.<sup>[69]</sup>

Hannah Wilson (prior to her marriage to Thomas Fuller), and her sons John Wilson, Jr. and Francis Wilson all testified about members of these interrelated families.<sup>[70]</sup> In 1662, Hannah testified that Michael Bacon admitted that one of his hogs had damaged Francis and John Wyman’s wheat field, for which damage the Wymans had sued.<sup>[71]</sup> In August 1669, Hannah testified that Martha Hill told her that goodwife Blood had heard the new Doctor say that Sara Wyman had a swelling under her chin and another under her apron and that it was laid to Joseph Walker.<sup>[72]</sup> Sara was a daughter of John and Sarah (Nutt) Wyman and Joseph Walker was a brother of the Samuel Walker who married Sarah Read.<sup>[73]</sup> In October 1679, John Wilson Jr. deposed in a dispute between Francis Wyman and his tenant, Edward Farmer, concerning the property

<sup>65</sup> Johnson, Woburn TRs, [note 18] 4:94–95 [FSL film #968,002]; For family relationships, see Stevens, *Wilson Vol. J* [note 2], 3–8. The “admonishment” of James Procter is effectively a warning-out, meant to avoid any obligation on the part of the town to support Hannah.

<sup>66</sup> Nora Emma Snow, *The Snow–Estes Ancestry* (Hilburn, N.Y.: the author, 1939), 77–78 (Tidd); Mary Walton Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines* (Milwaukee: Wisconsin Cuneo Press, 1931–43), 1:375–80 (Kendall), 1:392–93 (Read); T. B. Wyman, Jr., “The Wyman Family,” *Register 3* (1849):33–34.

<sup>67</sup> Snow, *Snow–Estes Ancestry* [note 66], 77–78 (Tidd); Ferris, *Dawes–Gates Ancestral Lines* [note 66], pp. 375–80 (Kendall), 392–93 (Read); T. B. Wyman, Jr., “The Wyman Family” [note 66], *Register 3* (1849):33–34.

<sup>68</sup> T. B. Wyman, Jr., “The Wyman Family” [note 66], *Register 3* (1849):33–34.

<sup>69</sup> *Salem VRs*, 3:391–92; see also Leon Brooks Bacon, “Michael Bacon and His Descendants,” *Register 56* (1902):365.

<sup>70</sup> *Massachusetts Archives*, MCC folio 30, images 145 & 150; MCC folio 49, image 877; MCC folio 87, images 189, 193; MCC folio 120, images 215, 217, 218, 220, 222; MCC folio 134, image 579

<sup>71</sup> *Massachusetts Archives*, MCC folio 30, images 145 & 150; MCC folio 49, image 877.

<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*, MCC folio 49, image 877.

<sup>73</sup> Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 1:285; John Brooks Threlfall, *Twenty-six Great Migration Colonists to New England & Their Origins* (Madison, Wis.: the author, 1993), 307–10. Sarah married Joseph Walker at Billerica on 15 Dec. 1669 (Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 3:314; *Vital Records of Billerica, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* [Boston: NEHGS, 1908], 327).

fence and the labor provided by Wyman.<sup>[74]</sup> In October 1685, John Jr. testified as to the location of property owned by Michael Bacon and both John Jr. and Francis recounted comments Daniel Mackgines had made concerning his dispute with Michael Bacon.<sup>[75]</sup> Finally, on 30 September 1689, Hannah, who was a midwife, testified that Sarah Baker admitted<sup>[76]</sup> during her labor that the father of her child was Joseph Winn the younger, the son of Joseph and Rebecca (Read) Winn.<sup>[77]</sup> Francis Kendall and Samuel Walker were also appraisers of John Wilson's estate.<sup>[78]</sup> John and Hannah Wilson, their sons John Jr. and Francis, son-in-law Aaron Cleveland, and Francis Wyman, were all Baptists, as were Henry Somers and his wife (the former Mabel (Kendall) Read).<sup>[79]</sup>

The two families both lived in Woburn from 1684 to 1687, during which time Thomas Fuller mediated a boundary issue between John Wilson and his neighbor. While the marriage between Thomas Fuller and Hannah Wilson is probably sufficient to explain the subsequent marriage of Benjamin Wilson and Elizabeth Fuller, this web of interconnections further confirms the opportunity for such a match.<sup>[80]</sup>

### John Fuller and Rebecca Putnam

Thomas Fuller's son John was born at Woburn on 1 March 1653.<sup>[81]</sup> Between 1672 and 1676, he married, had two daughters, and died, as succinctly set forth in a paragraph of the Essex County records:

John fuller: the sonn of John Tho fuller & Rebeck putnam were marryed 22: 2<sup>mo</sup>: 1672 theire daughter Elizabeth borne 22 : 6<sup>mo</sup>: 73: daughter Bethia borne y<sup>e</sup> 22: 1<sup>mo</sup>: 76: John fuller the father deceased 25: 6<sup>mo</sup>: 75 And John Sheppard.<sup>[82]</sup>

Rebecka Fuller was granted administration of John Fuller's estate on 23 9<sup>th</sup> mo. [Nov.] 1676.<sup>[83]</sup> The inventory, taken on 8 9<sup>th</sup> month 1676, gives his death date as 25 6<sup>mo</sup> 1676 rather than 1675.<sup>[84]</sup> The property totaled £122.8.0, the

<sup>74</sup> *Massachusetts Archives*, MCC folio 87, images 189, 193.

<sup>75</sup> *Ibid.*, MCC folio 120, images 215, 217, 218, 220, 222.

<sup>76</sup> *Ibid.*, MCC folio 49, image 877.

<sup>77</sup> *Ibid.*, MCC folio 134, image 579.

<sup>78</sup> Inventory of John Wilson, Suffolk Co., Mass. Probate, file 1585.

<sup>79</sup> Middlesex Co. Court Records, 3:128 (15 June 1675), 204 (18 Dec. 1677); 2:300 (16 Dec. 1679); Massachusetts Archives Collection 11:388, Francis Wilson, [FSL film #2,294,422, images 172–74 of 974], 113:596 (same) [FSL film #1,838,216, image 214 of 1427]; Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 3:n.244.

<sup>80</sup> For another article using similar Wilson family connections to support a genealogical conclusion, see Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, "Joanna Hildreth, Wife of Captain James<sup>3</sup> Redway of Rehoboth, Massachusetts: How Much Circumstantial Evidence is Enough?" *Register* 146 (1992):337–41.

<sup>81</sup> Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 1:103.

<sup>82</sup> Marriages, Births & Deaths for the County of Essex, 1658–1701 [FSL film #877468, image 221 of 610]; see also *Vital Records of Salem, Massachusetts to the end of the Year 1849* (Salem: Essex Institute, 1924), 1:330–31, 3:392, 5:265.

<sup>83</sup> Essex County Court Records, 23 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1676 session, case 19 [FSL DGS 7894986, image 1014].

<sup>84</sup> The 1676 death date is more consistent with the birthdate of his second daughter and the date of his inventory.

principal asset being a house and 5 acres of land worth £60.<sup>[85]</sup> In the absence of a will, the widow Rebecka made a proposal:

The humble request of Rebecka fuller late wife of Jo<sup>n</sup> fuller, deceased, to this hon<sup>ed</sup> court sheweth y<sup>t</sup> whereas my husband dep<sup>ted</sup> this life & made noe will, my request is that the estate may thus be settled, my children to have 20£ a peece when they come to age, & if either of them dept this life before their time, y<sup>t</sup> then that shal survive to have thirty pounds, & myself to have the rest & this with the consent of my fathers  
 the names of the children are Tho fuller  
 Elizabeth & Bethia Jo<sup>n</sup> putnam  
 27 : June: 1677

Thomas Fuller and John Putnam, the two grandfathers, presumably signed to indicate their consent. The court confirmed the proposal on 29 June 1677.<sup>[86]</sup>

Rebecca married, second, at Salem on 6 December 1677, John Shepard,<sup>[87]</sup> by whom she had five additional children.<sup>[88]</sup> She died at Salem on 21 September 1689, age 37.<sup>[89]</sup> John was called of Rowley, late of Salem, on 15 February 1691,<sup>[90]</sup> and died at Rowley on 8 July 1726.<sup>[91]</sup>

During the 1692 Salem witch trials, Ann Putnam, Sr. accused Rebecca Nurse of having used witchcraft to kill John Fuller and Rebekah (Putnam) (Fuller) Shepard. Rebekah's parents, John and Rebecca (Prince) Putnam, gave evidence concerning their deaths:

The testimony of John Putnam, senior, and Rebecah, his wife, saith that our son-in-law John Fuller and our daughter Rebecca Shepard did both of them die a most violent death and die acting very strangely at the time of their death. Further saith that we did judge then that they both died of a malignant fever, and had no suspicion of witchcraft of any, neither can we accuse the prisoner at bar of any such thing.<sup>[92]</sup>

Thomas Fuller outlived his son John by more than twenty years, dying at Salem in 1698.<sup>[93]</sup> He made his will on 9 June 1698, leaving bequests, in no particular order, to several of his children and grandchildren, including: "I give unto my Grandaughter Bethia Fuller fifty shillings in or as money to be paid within two or three years after my decease." No mention is made of his

<sup>85</sup> Essex Co. Probate, 301:104.

<sup>86</sup> Ibid. The original of this document is missing from the probate packet.

<sup>87</sup> *Salem VRs* [note 69], 3:393.

<sup>88</sup> Gerald Faulkner Shepard, *The Shepard families of New England* 3 vols. (New Haven: New Haven Colony Historical Society, 1971–73), 3:330; Ferris, *Dawes–Gates* [note 66], 1:542–43.

<sup>89</sup> *Salem VRs* [note 69], 6:220; Marilynne K. Roach, "Records of the Rev. Samuel Parris, Salem Village, Massachusetts, 1688–1696," *Register* 157 (2003):20.

<sup>90</sup> Essex Co. Deeds, 9:70. John Shepard lived in central Salem Village in 1692, near the Meeting House (Boyer and Nissenbaum, *Salem-Village Witchcraft* [note 42], 395 and 399; Sidney Perley, "Center of Salem Village in 1700," *The Historical Collections of the Danvers Historical Society* 7 [1919]:33–53 at 43).

<sup>91</sup> *Vital Records of Rowley Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem: Essex Institute, 1931), 2:27.

<sup>92</sup> Boyer and Nissenbaum, *Salem-Village Witchcraft* [note 42], 28 and 30. Both John and Rebecca signed a petition in Rebecca Nurse's support (Ibid., 34). Coincidentally, the author descends from Rebecca Nurse on his father's side and, this article proposes, from John Fuller and Rebecca (Putnam) (Fuller) Shepard on his mother's side.

<sup>93</sup> *Salem VRs* [note 69], 5:266.

deceased son John or his granddaughter Elizabeth Fuller. Bethia would then have been 22 and Elizabeth two weeks short of 25. While it is possible that Elizabeth was dead by that time, Thomas did not mention all his heirs, and Elizabeth may have been omitted because she had married and thus had other means of support.<sup>[94]</sup>

A counterargument could be made based on Rebecca Shepard having had a second daughter Elizabeth by her second husband. Elizabeth Shepard, age 3, died at Capt. Putnam's 14 January 1690/1.<sup>[95]</sup> A second Elizabeth could imply that Rebecca's first daughter Elizabeth was dead by 1687. However, that the daughters had different fathers could also have been the explanation for two Elizabeths. John Shepard could have named his daughter in honor of his sister Elizabeth.<sup>[96]</sup>

### Other Candidates for Benjamin Wilson's Wife

Several other proposals have been made as to Elizabeth's identity, but none seem persuasive based on present evidence. Torrey suggests her surname might have been Cooke, but provides no citation addressed to the issue.<sup>[97]</sup> Stevens mentions the claim that she was the Elizabeth Russell born at Woburn on 19 February 1672/3, but Elizabeth Russell seems to have married a Pierce: "Widow Elizabeth Peirce dyed June ye 5<sup>th</sup>, 1743, in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of her age. Her maiden name, Eliza Russell."<sup>[98]</sup>

Some online pedigrees, including Family Tree, assert, without linking evidence, that James Tiffany's wives Bethia and Elizabeth were the two daughters of John and Rebecca (Putnam) Fuller by those names.<sup>[99]</sup> However, James and Elizabeth's first child was born prior to the last child of Benjamin and Elizabeth.<sup>[100]</sup> Moreover, while Elizabeth Wilson was having children by Benjamin, James's future wife was married to John Shepardson.<sup>[101]</sup> Nor could James Tif-

<sup>94</sup> Essex Co. Probate, file 10422. The four surviving children of Rebecca (Putnam) (Fuller) Shepard by her second husband, John Shepard, were provided for by her father, John Putnam, who transferred land to John Shepard with instructions that it be conveyed to their children. Such conveyance was made on 23 Feb. 1710/1 (Essex Co. Deeds 24:2).

<sup>95</sup> *Salem VRs* [note 69], 6:220.

<sup>96</sup> Ferris, *Dawes-Gates* [note 66], 1:541-43; George F. Shepard, "Shepard Family of Essex County," *Essex Institute Historical Collections*, 64 (1928): 236, 238-39. Eugene Stratton cites an unpublished study by Robert C. Anderson indicating that fathers with two living children with the same name nearly always had such children by different wives. The same pattern seems plausible with respect to mothers (Eugene Aubrey Stratton, *Applied Genealogy* [Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing, 1988], 83).

<sup>97</sup> A Robert Wilson and Elizabeth Cook married in Salem about 1685 (Sidney Perley, *The History of Salem, Massachusetts* 3 vols. [Salem, Mass.: S. Perley, 1924-28], 3:193).

<sup>98</sup> Stevens, *Wilson Vol. J* [note 2], 20; Samuel Sewall, *The History of Woburn, Middlesex County, Massachusetts* (Boston: Wiggins & Lant, 1868), 636.

<sup>99</sup> James Tiffany, Sr., LZBP-F5G (familysearch.org/search/tree/results?q.personId=LZBP-F5G). In some cases, the two are conflated by treating Bethia as a nickname for Elizabeth.

<sup>100</sup> James and Elizabeth Tiffany's first child was Jonathan, b. 21 June 1714, while Benjamin and Elizabeth Wilson's last child was Mary, b. 17 Oct. 1714.

<sup>101</sup> William B. Saxbe Jr., *Richard Bowen (1594?-1675), of Rehoboth, Massachusetts and His Descendants* 4 vols. (Hope, R.I.: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 2011-17), 1:143, 166-67. Elizabeth (Fuller) (Shepardson) Tiffany was a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Willmarth)



fany's first wife Bethia be the daughter of John and Rebecca Fuller, in that John and Rebecca's Bethia was born on 22 March 1676, while the apparent oldest child (Elizabeth) of James and Bethia Tiffany was born on 11 April 1687, only eleven years later.<sup>[102]</sup>

A cross-check for other Elizabeth Fullers was undertaken by searches in major databases, Fuller genealogies, and Torrey's *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, however the effort failed to identify alternative Elizabeth Fullers who might have been Benjamin Wilson's wife.<sup>[103]</sup> Torrey lists sixteen marriages by Elizabeth Fullers and sixteen marriages by Fuller men to women named Elizabeth (who could have married Benjamin Wilson under a married name). However, Elizabeth Wilson's age is tightly constrained by the birthdates of her children between 9 January 1694 and 17 October 1714. She was likely about 18 to 24 at her marriage in about 1693, and not older than about 45 at the birth of her last child in 1714, making her probable date of birth between 1669 and 1675. Most of Torrey's sixteen Elizabeth Fullers were clearly too old to be the wife of Benjamin Wilson. The most likely possibilities are the Elizabeth Fullers who married either 1) John Seaverns in Lynn in 1683, 2) John Shepardson in Salem in 1694, or 3) Samuel Eaton in Middleborough in 1694.<sup>[104]</sup> Elizabeth #1 (a daughter of John Fuller of Lynn) was born in 1652, and was thus too old to be the mother of a child born in 1714.<sup>[105]</sup> Elizabeth #2 married John Shepardson on 9 April 1694 and had children by him and James Tiffany from 1695 to 1719/20.<sup>[106]</sup> Elizabeth

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Fuller. See also Bristol Co. Deeds, 16:366, in which Daniel Shepardson acquires his interest in the estate of his father, John Shepardson of Attleboro, including anything that may fall to him "after the Death of our mother Elizabeth Tiffany now the wife of James Tiffany of attleborow."

<sup>102</sup> H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts to 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1992), 5. James Tiffany's brother Ephraim Tiffany also married a Bethia, who is a better fit with Bethia Fuller, in that Ephraim and Bethia Tiffany's first child seems to have been born on 7 April 1701, when Bethia Fuller would have been 25 (*New Shoreham, Newport, Rhode Island, Vital Records (1636-1850)* [FSL film 7766056, item 8, p. 50, image 1708 of 2035]). A 1999 article treated Ephraim's wife Bethia as a daughter of William and Jael (Sullivan) Tosh, mostly because Bethia Tosh was the only person by that given name found in the New Shoreham records (Mary Banning Friedlander, "Block Island Settlers of Joshua's Town, Lyme, Connecticut, 1701-1800: Banning, Niles, and Tiffany Families," *Register* 153 [1999]: 456 n.182). Bethia was not a rare name at that time and place, however. A review of H. L. Peter Rounds, *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687-1745* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publ. Co., Inc., 1987) shows about thirty-five Bethias.

<sup>103</sup> Searches were made on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, and AmericanAncestors.org, as well as the following Fuller genealogies: William Hyslop Fuller, *Fuller Genealogies*, vols. 1-4 [note 3] (1: Edward; 2: Samuel; 3: Matthew, John & Robert; 4: Thomas of Woburn); Arthur H. Radasch, Katherin Radasch, & Robert S. Wakefield, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, vol. 10, Samuel Fuller (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1996); Bruce C. MacGunnigle, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, vol. 4, Edward Fuller (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006); Saxbe., *Richard Bowen of Rehoboth*, [note 101], Robert Fuller of Salem; Marcia Wiswall Lindberg, "John Fuller of Lynn," *The Essex Genealogist* 17 (1997):154-57; Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn Jr., Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635* 7 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1999-2011), 2:598-602, John Fuller of Ipswich.

<sup>104</sup> Torrey, *New England Marriages* [note 1], 2:1351, 2:1365, 1:495.

<sup>105</sup> Anderson, Sanborn, and Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635* [note 103], John Fuller, 2:598-602.

<sup>106</sup> Saxbe, *Richard Bowen* [note 101], 166-69.

#3 was married to Samuel Eaton at Middleborough on 24 May 1694, after Benjamin's wife had begun having his children.<sup>[107]</sup>

Of the sixteen Elizabeths from other families who married male Fullers prior to 1700, the most pertinent are (1) the Elizabeth Walden who married Elisha Fuller at Lynn in 1690, (2) the Elizabeth Cobleigh who married Thomas Fuller in Rehoboth in 1693, (3) the Elizabeth Andrews who married another Thomas Fuller in Salem in 1693 or 1694, and (4) the Elizabeth Buxton who married an unknown male Fuller at Salem.<sup>[108]</sup> However, none of these appear to be viable candidates to be Benjamin Wilson's wife. Elisha Fuller of Lynn and his wife Elizabeth were still married on 27 February 1712/3 when they sold some of the land Elisha had inherited from his father, including Sedge Island in Lynn.<sup>[109]</sup> Thomas Fuller survived Elizabeth Cobleigh, having additional children by a second wife he married by 1703.<sup>[110]</sup>

Elizabeths #3 and #4 are probably the same person. The marriage record of Elizabeth Andrews and Thomas Fuller calls her a widow and gives their marriage date as 3 May 1694.<sup>[111]</sup> She may have first married John Andrew, who died from consumption on 30 May 1693 at Cambridge at age 32.<sup>[112]</sup> His death was also recorded at Salem.<sup>[113]</sup> Her husband Thomas Fuller was the grandson of the original Thomas of Woburn: i.e., Thomas<sup>3-2-1</sup>.<sup>[114]</sup> A history of the family written about 1800 by a great-grandson of Thomas<sup>1</sup> says "Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup>, married a Baxton."<sup>[115]</sup> An 1859 genealogy of the Woburn family says both Thomas and his brother Joseph married "Miss Buxton."<sup>[116]</sup> Both W.H. Fuller's 1919 Thomas Fuller genealogy and Sidney Perley's *History of Salem*, published in 1926, seem to rely on the Salem marriage records rather than family tradition. They say that Thomas Fuller married the widow Eliza-

<sup>107</sup> Fuller, *Fuller Genealogy* [note 3], 2:15–19.

<sup>108</sup> Torrey, *New England Marriages* [note 1], 1:588–92.

<sup>109</sup> Essex Co. Deeds 49:274; Marcia Wiswall Lindberg, "John Fuller of Lynn," *The Essex Genealogist* 17 [1997]:154–57 (quoting John Fuller's 1695 will by which he bequeathed Sedge Island to his sons, including Elisha. Essex Co. Deeds 49:274 is a 1712/13 instrument in which Elisha and Thomas Fuller sold their interest in the land to their brother Benjamin).

<sup>110</sup> Saxbe, *Richard Bowen* [note 101], 157. See also Arthur Monroe Cobleigh, "Genealogy of the Cobleigh Family and Descendants, c. 1413–1960: from the First John Cobleigh and His Wife Mary (Bosworth) Cobleigh at Swansea, Massachusetts in the Plymouth Colony, 1667," typescript (Providence, R. I.: the author, 1960), 24, 41 [FSL film #385,032].

<sup>111</sup> "Thomas Fuller & Elizabeth Andrew widow May 3, 1694" (Births, Marriages and Deaths for the County of Essex, 2 [1654–1795]:46 [FSL film #877, 468, image 427 of 610]). Included in a list of twenty-four marriages given by Jonathan Corwine 24 July 1694. The Salem records also have a family listing for Thomas and Elizabeth and five of their children, which does not mention her widowhood, gives their marriage date as 3 May 1693, and gives the birthdate of their oldest daughter Elizabeth as 9 February 1694. Salem Marriages, Births & Deaths, 1644–1774: vol. B, p. 11 (DGS #7011200, item 4, image 23/97); vol. 2, p. 26 (transcription, DGS #7011200, item 3, image 37/90 and images 163 [cover page] & 177/327).

<sup>112</sup> Thomas W. Baldwin, *Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts to the year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1915), 451, John Andrew, d. 30 May 1693, age 32; See Cambridge Old Burying Ground, FindaGrave.com, Memorial #20,820,786 (gravestone photo).

<sup>113</sup> *Salem VRs* [note 69], 5:48 (widow and 1694 in court record).

<sup>114</sup> Perley, *History of Salem* [note 97], 3:46.

<sup>115</sup> Appleton, *Diary of Daniel Fuller* [note 34], 16–17.

<sup>116</sup> [No author named], "Genealogy of the Fuller Family," *Register* 13 (1859):360–61.

beth Andrews, and that Joseph married Rachel Buxton.<sup>[117]</sup> In his Buxton section, Perley says that Elizabeth, the daughter of John Buxton, married a Fuller—first name not given—before 1715,<sup>[118]</sup> presumably alluding to the 15 April 1715 date of John Buxton's will, which mentions his daughter Elizabeth Fuller.<sup>[119]</sup> So, the earliest family traditions treat Thomas Fuller as having married a Buxton, the record of his having married a widow Andrews is not inconsistent with such a wife, and the 1715 Buxton will naming a daughter Elizabeth Fuller dovetails convincingly with the Andrews marriage record.<sup>[120]</sup> In any event, Thomas and Elizabeth had at least six children born at Salem in the period 1694 to 1707,<sup>[121]</sup> making clear that she was not the wife of Benjamin Wilson.<sup>[122]</sup>

From the available evidence, it appears that all other candidate Elizabeths either were too old to be Elizabeth Wilson or were married to others while Elizabeth Wilson was married to Benjamin Wilson.

### The Proposed Relationship

If Benjamin Wilson's wife Elizabeth was the Elizabeth Fuller who was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Putnam) Fuller, then Elizabeth would have been about 20, a typical age for marriage, when she and Benjamin were married in about 1693. Both families had connections to both Salem and Woburn and Benjamin and Elizabeth would probably have had frequent contact with each other, at least after 1689, when his mother married her grandfather. The Ormsbee record specifically states that Elizabeth was a Fuller, and all other reasonable alternative identities have been examined and rejected. Of Benjamin and Elizabeth's twelve known children, at least Jonathan, Rebecca, Ruth, and Bethia seem likely to have been named for relatives from the Fuller side of the family: Rebecca was Elizabeth's mother's name, both her parents had sisters named Ruth, Jonathan was the name of both an uncle on her mother's side and a cousin her age on her father's side, and Bethia was the name of her only full sister.<sup>[123]</sup> Other viable Elizabeth Fullers have been sought, but not found. While explicit proof has not survived, the cumulative circumstances support that Benjamin Wilson's wife was the Elizabeth Fuller, who was the daughter of John and Rebecca (Putnam) Fuller.

<sup>117</sup> Perley, *History of Salem* [note 97], 3:46.

<sup>118</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:450.

<sup>119</sup> Essex Co. Probate, file 4403. John also left his grandson Joseph Fuller £5 when he came of age. Both Elizabeth and Rachel Buxton had sons named Joseph Fuller, born before 1715.

<sup>120</sup> This was noted by Walter Goodwin Davis in *The Ancestry of Sarah Johnson, 1775–1824, wife of Joseph Neal of Litchfield, Maine* (Portland, Me.: Anthoensen Press, 1960), 84–86. The names of their children—Elizabeth, Ruth, John, Mary, Joseph, Timothy, and Lydia—are not very probative, but it is worth noting that Thomas's mother was named Ruth and that Elizabeth had a sister Lydia.

<sup>121</sup> Perley, *History of Salem* [note 97], 3:46.

<sup>122</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>123</sup> See Chart 1.

## Genealogical Summary

1. **BENJAMIN WILSON** was born at Woburn on 15 October 1670, one of the thirteen children of John and Hannah (James?) Wilson,<sup>[124]</sup> and died at Ashford, Connecticut, on 15 July 1750, in his 80<sup>th</sup> year.<sup>[125]</sup> He married in or near Woburn about 1693 **ELIZABETH** (probably **FULLER**) as the birth of his first child with his wife Elizabeth was recorded there on 9 January 1694.<sup>[126]</sup> Elizabeth was probably the daughter of John and Rebecca (Putnam) Fuller born at Woburn on 22 August 1673. She was baptized as an adult at Rehoboth on 10 December 1699,<sup>[127]</sup> and died at Ashford on 11 January 1766.<sup>[128]</sup>

Benjamin and his brother Francis served in Samuel Gallup's company in the invasion of Canada in 1690.<sup>[129]</sup> Benjamin was regularly taxed at Woburn from 25 August 1690 until 1 March 1696/7,<sup>[130]</sup> when the Woburn records called Benjamin "very poore, altho<sup>h</sup> he be found very dilligent in his place," and relieved him from paying any taxes that year.<sup>[131]</sup> Soon afterwards, on 30 March 1697, he bought land in Rehoboth, where his brother Francis had recently moved.<sup>[132]</sup>

The births and baptisms of Benjamin's and Elizabeth's children were recorded in Rehoboth from 1698 to 1714.<sup>[133]</sup> He held several minor town offices, including trial juror in 1708, hayward in 1709, constable in 1711, tithingman in 1721 and 1733, fence viewer in 1723, and hogreave in 1724.<sup>[134]</sup>

Benjamin was called a weaver in 1697, a husbandman in 1710, and a yeoman thereafter.<sup>[135]</sup> He generally signed his deeds with a mark.<sup>[136]</sup> He

<sup>124</sup> Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 1:276.

<sup>125</sup> FindaGrave.com, Memorial #45493465, Old Ashford Cemetery, Ashford, Windham Co., Conn. (gravestone photo; place of death inferred from grave).

<sup>126</sup> Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 1:276.

<sup>127</sup> Elisha L. Turner, "Baptisms, from Rehoboth Church Records," *Register*, 15 (1861):68. ("Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin").

<sup>128</sup> *Connecticut: Vital Records (The Barbour Collection), 1630–1870*, database on AmericanAncestors.org., Ashford, 191, citing original 1:26.

<sup>129</sup> Henry W. Taft, "List of Captain Samuel Gallup's Company," *Register* 13 (1859):133.

<sup>130</sup> Woburn TRs [note 18], 3:141–44, 151–53, 4:1–1a, 25, 35–40, 48–51, 55–58, 60–61, 67–68, 74–76, 80.

<sup>131</sup> *Ibid.*, 4:87.

<sup>132</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 9:29, 3:206 (Francis, 8 Aug. 1696; of Oburn). Richard Le Baron Bowen, in his *Early Rehoboth*, mentions that a number of Massachusetts men became acquainted with Rehoboth and Swansea in the course of King Philip's War and "we later find many of these young men settling" in those towns. As an example, he points to Benjamin Wilson of Captain Isaac Johnson's company in 1675 (Richard Le Baron Bowen, *Early Rehoboth: documented historical studies of families and events in this Plymouth Colony township* [Rehoboth: privately printed, 1945–50], 2:55). However, this seems to be in error, as the only adult Benjamin Wilson who is found in the Rehoboth or Swansea records between 1675 and 1715 seems to be Benjamin of Woburn, and he could not have been the soldier, as he was born in 1670.

<sup>133</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register*, 15 (1861):68–72; James N. Arnold, *Vital Records of Rhode Island, 1636–1850, vol. IX, Seekonk, Pawtucket & Newman Congregational Church* (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publ. Co., 1897), 526–27. They were baptized at Newman Congregational Church, in what is now East Providence, Rhode Island. Turner's transcription includes details omitted from Arnold's version.

<sup>134</sup> Rehoboth Town Meeting Records, 1670–1740, pp. 116, 133, 195, 204, 211, 259 [FSL DGS 7896663].

<sup>135</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 9:29, 9:33.

<sup>136</sup> *Ibid.*, 19:559, 17:282.

joined the Rehoboth church on 8 July 1705.<sup>[137]</sup> Benjamin lived in the Palmer River area of Rehoboth, four and one-half miles from the existing meeting house. Along with fifty neighbors, he sought a new parish at Palmer River,<sup>[138]</sup> which was a divisive issue from 1710, when the Palmer River congregants first petitioned to be exempted from paying a ministerial tax,<sup>[139]</sup> until 1720, when the two congregations (both of which had built new meeting houses) finally agreed to jointly bear the cost of both ministers.<sup>[140]</sup> Three parishioners donated an acre each for the new church, which parcel bordered on Benjamin's land.<sup>[141]</sup> He was one of the ten members who organized the new church on 29 November 1721.<sup>[142]</sup> In 1712, perhaps motivated by the heated dispute, the established church members described the Palmer River people in pejorative terms: "there are many families which they number are new beginners & are settled upon rugh land & in the woods & there lands at present no benefit to them neither have they houses fitt for men to dwell in nor mony to buld better, there fore not capable of baring such a charge."<sup>[143]</sup>

Benjamin's initial 1697 purchase in Rehoboth was of about 48 acres, to which he added 13 acres in 1710.<sup>[144]</sup> In 1735, he bought 20 acres sold by the administrator of his son-in-law John Beverly.<sup>[145]</sup> Beginning in 1718, when Benjamin Jr., his "eldest son," received 13 acres "toward his portion and for his well settlement,"<sup>[146]</sup> Benjamin entered into a number of transactions with his children. On 24 March 1726/7, Benjamin, Jr. received half of his father's Rehoboth property, and disavowed any further claims against his estate.<sup>[147]</sup> This transfer may have been an inducement for Benjamin Jr. to return home from Woodbridge, New Jersey. Instead of equal ownership, later deeds provide a much smaller portion for Benjamin, Sr., but seek to confirm his exclusive rights in that portion. Taking a belt-and-suspenders approach to confirming Benjamin Sr.'s rights, Benjamin Jr. first quitclaimed any portion of his father's 65-acre home lot in which his father was dwelling, then leased to his father the east end of the house for his natural life, and finally conveyed to his father that end (the old end) of the house.<sup>[148]</sup>

<sup>137</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 488.

<sup>138</sup> Massachusetts Archives Collection, 113:596 [FSL film #1,838,216, image 214 of 1427].

<sup>139</sup> Massachusetts Archives Collection, 11:388 [FSL film #2,294,422, images 172–74 of 974].

<sup>140</sup> Rehoboth TRs [note 134], 1:193. Benjamin and others pledged that the existing church would not incur more than £50 for the Palmer River meeting house (Rehoboth TR 1:180; Leonard Bliss, Jr., *The History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts* [Boston: Otis, Broaders, 1836], 135).

<sup>141</sup> Rehoboth TRs [note 134], 1:173. This location was in the southwestern part of Rehoboth, on present-day Lake Street, and is marked with an historical marker. See <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=55662>.

<sup>142</sup> George H. Tilton, *A History of Rehoboth Massachusetts* (Boston: the author, 1918), 173.

<sup>143</sup> Rehoboth TRs [note 134], 1:143.

<sup>144</sup> Bristol Co. Deeds, 9:29, 9:33.

<sup>145</sup> *Ibid.*, 27:243.

<sup>146</sup> *Ibid.*, 19:559.

<sup>147</sup> *Ibid.*, 17:282, 17:280.

<sup>148</sup> *Ibid.*, 19:433, 19:435.

In 1730, Benjamin, Jr. returned the 13 acres he had received in 1718, which his father then conveyed to his sister Elizabeth Carpenter in 1733.<sup>[149]</sup> She and her husband Edward also received another 16 acres in 1733 and 28 acres in 1735.<sup>[150]</sup> On 26 June 1739, Benjamin Sr. sold 42 acres to his son-in-law Joseph Jacob of Hingham, husband of Benjamin's daughter Ruth.<sup>[151]</sup>

While Benjamin was called "of Rehoboth . . . , now residing in Ashford, Connecticut" on 5 April 1733,<sup>[152]</sup> he apparently did not permanently move to Ashford until later, as he was again called "of Rehoboth" in 1735, 1738, and 1739.<sup>[153]</sup> He does not appear to have owned land in Ashford, and probably resided there with his daughter Rebeckah and her husband Joseph Whiton.

Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Fuller) Wilson:<sup>[154]</sup>

- i. JOHN WILSON, b. Woburn 9 Jan. 1694;<sup>[155]</sup> d. Rehoboth 27 Jan. 1706/7.<sup>[156]</sup>
- ii. BENJAMIN WILSON, b. Woburn 21 Nov. 1695;<sup>[157]</sup> bp. Rehoboth 14 Nov. 1702.<sup>[158]</sup>  
He m. (1) ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_, who d. Rehoboth 10 July 1731.<sup>[159]</sup> He m. (2) c. 1732, ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_. He was usually called Benjamin, Jr., a house wright or house carpenter living at Rehoboth or Attleboro.
- iii. JONATHAN WILSON, b. Rehoboth 8 Dec. 1698;<sup>[160]</sup> bp. Rehoboth 14 Nov. 1702;<sup>[161]</sup> d. Newport, R.I. 2 Sept. 1729;<sup>[162]</sup> m. Rehoboth 20 March 1723/4 HANNAH (HAILE) CARR of Swansea.<sup>[163]</sup> Jonathan was the primary heir of his uncle Francis Wilson of Rehoboth and was living with him when Francis made his will on 20 June 1723. Jonathan's widow m. Rehoboth 3 Oct. 1730 Capt. SAMUEL LITTLE of Abington.<sup>[164]</sup>
- iv. REBECCA WILSON, b. Rehoboth 20 Jan. 1701;<sup>[165]</sup> bp. Rehoboth 6 April 1701;<sup>[166]</sup> d. Ashford 17 March 1776;<sup>[167]</sup> m. (int.) Rehoboth 9 April 1720

<sup>149</sup> *Ibid.*, 20:41, 25:302.

<sup>150</sup> *Ibid.*, 25:302, 25:301, 19:434.

<sup>151</sup> *Ibid.*, 26:288.

<sup>152</sup> *Ibid.*, 37:71.

<sup>153</sup> *Ibid.*, 27:243, 26:209.

<sup>154</sup> For more details, see Stevens, *Wilson Vol. J* [note 2], 20–24.

<sup>155</sup> Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 1:276.

<sup>156</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 891.

<sup>157</sup> Johnson, *Woburn VRs* [note 11], 1:276. Also recorded at Salem Village, between 15 Oct. and 30 Nov. (Marilynne K. Roach, "Records of the Rev. Samuel Parris, Salem Village, Massachusetts, 1688–1696," *Register* 157 [2003]:18).

<sup>158</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register* 15 (1861):69.

<sup>159</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 891.

<sup>160</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 783 (citing orig. 1:92).

<sup>161</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register*, 15 (1861):69.

<sup>162</sup> James N. Arnold, *Vital Records of Rhode Island, 1636–1850, vol. IV, Newport Co.* (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publ. Co., 1893), 2–124; FindaGrave.com, Memorial #77640817, Common Burying Ground, Newport, R. I. (gravestone photo).

<sup>163</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 513.

<sup>164</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>165</sup> *Ibid.*, 783, citing orig. 1:92. For more on Joseph Whiton and Rebecka Wilson see an upcoming article in the *Mayflower Descendant*.

<sup>166</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register*, 15 (1861):68.

<sup>167</sup> Joel N. Eno, "Westford Hill Cemetery," *Register* 69 (1915):339, listing death date, and death in his 76<sup>th</sup> year; Ashford VRs (Barbour Collection) [note 128], 255. Rebeckah Whiton gravestone,



- JOSEPH WHITON.<sup>[168]</sup> They moved from Rehoboth to Ashford about 1726.<sup>[169]</sup>
- v. HANNAH WILSON, b. Rehoboth 7 Oct. 1702;<sup>[170]</sup> bp. Rehoboth 14 Nov. 1702.<sup>[171]</sup>
- vi. FRANCIS WILSON, b. Rehoboth 7 Sept. 1704;<sup>[172]</sup> bp. Rehoboth 8 Oct. 1704.<sup>[173]</sup> He resided in Rehoboth on 20 June 1723, when he was mentioned in the will of his uncle Francis Wilson.
- vii. ELIZABETH WILSON, b. Rehoboth 8 July 1706;<sup>[174]</sup> bp. Rehoboth 4 Aug. 1706;<sup>[175]</sup> d. Guilford, Windham Co., Vt., 24 April 1791, in 85<sup>th</sup> year of her age;<sup>[176]</sup> m. Rehoboth 12 Aug. 1724 EDWARD CARPENTER of Swansea.<sup>[177]</sup>
- viii. SAMUEL WILSON, b. Rehoboth 5 Jan. 1707/8;<sup>[178]</sup> bp. Rehoboth 17 April 1709.<sup>[179]</sup>
- ix. RUTH WILSON, b. Rehoboth 7 April 1710;<sup>[180]</sup> bp. Rehoboth;<sup>[181]</sup> d. Rehoboth 4 Oct. 1802, age 92;<sup>[182]</sup> m. Rehoboth 26 Oct. 1732 JOSEPH JACOB of Abington.<sup>[183]</sup> They lived at Hingham until about 1739, when they moved to Rehoboth.
- x. BETHIAH WILSON, b. Rehoboth 4 Dec. 1711;<sup>[184]</sup> bp. Rehoboth;<sup>[185]</sup> d. Dighton, Mass. between 13 Sept. and 31 Oct. 1776;<sup>[186]</sup> m. (1) Rehoboth 5 May 1731 JOHN BEVERLY,<sup>[187]</sup> who d. Rehoboth 2 Sept. 1731.<sup>[188]</sup> She m. (2) Rehoboth 18 April 1733 DANIEL WILMARTH.<sup>[189]</sup>
- xi. ABIGAIL WILSON, b. Rehoboth 30 Aug. 1713;<sup>[190]</sup> bp. Rehoboth;<sup>[191]</sup> d. Rehoboth 5 Nov. 1713.<sup>[192]</sup>

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FindaGrave.com, Memorial #52,894,930, Westford Hill Cem., Ashford, Conn (gravestone photo, giving birth [only partially legible] and death dates).

<sup>168</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 513.

<sup>169</sup> Ashford Deeds, F:86, F:91.

<sup>170</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 783, citing orig. 1:92.

<sup>171</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register* 15 (1861):69.

<sup>172</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 783, citing orig. 1:92.

<sup>173</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register* 15 (1861):70.

<sup>174</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 783, citing orig. 1:92.

<sup>175</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register* 15 (1861):70.

<sup>176</sup> FindaGrave.com, Memorial #43071303, Carpenter Cemetery, Guilford, Windham Co., Vt. (gravestone photo; d. location inferred from grave).

<sup>177</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 1:79, citing 2:139, 406.

<sup>178</sup> *Ibid.*, 783, citing orig. 1:92.

<sup>179</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register* 15 (1861):71.

<sup>180</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VR* [note 8], 783, citing orig. 1:92.

<sup>181</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register* 15 (1861):71.

<sup>182</sup> FindaGrave.com, Memorial #82813144, Village Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass. (gravestone photo, partially legible; d. location inferred from grave).

<sup>183</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 406.

<sup>184</sup> *Ibid.*, 783, citing orig. 1:92.

<sup>185</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register*, 15 (1861):72.

<sup>186</sup> Bristol Co. Probate, File 28822. Her will was made 13 Sept., and an inventory was taken 1 Nov. 1776.

<sup>187</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 406.

<sup>188</sup> *Ibid.*, 891.

<sup>189</sup> *Ibid.*, 27.

<sup>190</sup> *Ibid.*, 783, citing orig. 1:92.

<sup>191</sup> Turner, "Rehoboth Baptisms" [note 127], *Register*, 15 (1861):72.

<sup>192</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 891.

- xii. MARY WILSON, b. Rehoboth 17 Oct. 1714;<sup>[193]</sup> d. Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., Vt., 26 March 1794, in her 80<sup>th</sup> year;<sup>[194]</sup> m. Rehoboth 10 June 1740 EBENEZER COLE.<sup>[195]</sup>

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<sup>193</sup> Ibid., 783 (citing orig. 1:92).

<sup>194</sup> FindaGrave.com, Memorial #6493103, Center Shaftsbury Cemetery, Shaftsbury Center, Bennington Co., Vt. (gravestone photograph; d. location inferred from grave).

<sup>195</sup> Arnold, *Rehoboth VRs* [note 8], 1:104, citing 2:155. See Ernest Byron Cole, *The Descendants of James Cole of Plymouth 1633* (New York: Grafton Press, 1908), 49–50.

# The Identity of Mary, Wife of Reynold<sup>1</sup> Marvin of Connecticut

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In works published in 1900 and 1904, baptismal or burial records of nine children of Reynold<sup>1</sup> Marvin and his wife Mary were noted in the registers of St. Mary the Virgin, Great Bentley, Essex (*William* baptized 1618, *Elizabeth* baptized 1621, *Mary* baptized 1622, *John* buried 1626, another *Elizabeth* baptized 1627, *Sarah* baptized 1629, *Reynold* baptized 1631, *Abigail* baptized 1634, and another *Mary* baptized 1636).<sup>[1]</sup> The marriage record of Reynold and Mary does not appear in the legible portions of the extant registers of that parish, but must have occurred by 1618 and probably a year or two earlier.<sup>[2]</sup>

In an unrelated search through the registers of Great Horkesley, Essex, a parish about 13 miles northwest of Great Bentley, three more baptismal and burial records for children of Reynold and Mary Marvin were discovered.<sup>[3]</sup> The baptism of their son *John* (whose 1626 burial in Great Bentley is noted above) took place in Great Horkesley on 6 March 1624/5: “John the sonne of Reginald Marvin and Mary his wife”; and the baptism of an earlier son of the same name took place there on 1 October 1620: “John Marvin the sonne of Reginald Marvin & Mary his wife.” Most importantly, the burial record of this earlier John Marvin identifies the father of Reynold Marvin’s wife: “John Marviil [*sic*], the son of Reginald Marvin of Much Bentley, the grand-child of William Edwards” was buried in Great Horkesley on 1 June 1624.

The extant registers of Great Horkesley include the baptisms of several definite and probable children of this William Edwards, though Mary’s is not among them; nor is her marriage to Reynold Marvin (though as there are no extant marriage records for Great Horkesley between 1612 and 1685, that does not mean that they were not married there).

## *Edwards and Marvin-related entries in the registers of Great Horkesley, Essex, through 1640:*<sup>[4]</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> William T. R. Marvin, *The English Ancestry of Reinold and Matthew Marvin of Hartford, Ct., 1638: Their Homes and Parish Churches* (Boston: privately printed, 1900), 151; and George Franklin Marvin and William T. R. Marvin, *Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin of Hartford, Ct., 1638 and 1635, Sons of Edward Marvin, of Great Bentley, England* (Boston: T. R. Marvin and Son, 1904), 35. As noted below, most likely the 1621 baptismal record for Elizabeth was a mistake.

<sup>2</sup> The works cited in note 1 above took the view that the marriage was recorded in a different parish since it could not be found in Great Bentley. That may very well be the case, though given the extremely poor condition of the Great Bentley registers, it is not necessarily so.

<sup>3</sup> Register of All Saints, Great Horkesley, Essex, 1558–1685 (Essex Record Office [ERO] D/P 205/1/1).

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

## Baptisms

1594 Aug. 1	Robert Edwardes
1602 Oct. 10	Elizabeth Edwards
1608 Jun. 17	Sara ye daughter of Willm Edwardes
1610 Sep. 25	Sara ye daughter of Willm Edwardes
1620 Oct. 1	John Marvin the sonne of Reginald Marvin & Mary his wife
1623 Dec. 21	Elizabeth the daughter of Robert Edwards & Elizabeth his wife
1624/5 Mar. 6	John the sonne of Reginald Marvin and Mary his wife
1630 Sep. 20	John Edwardes the sone of Robt Edwardes and [blank] his wife
1632 May 13	John the sonne of John Edwards and Alice his wyfe
1633/4 Jan. 30	Samuel the sonne of John Edwards and Alice his wife
1637 Nov. 30	William the sonne of John Edwards and Mary his wife [no date given except "St Andrews Day"]
1639/40 Jan. 13	Robert Edw the son of John Edwards

Marriages: none (*not extant after 1611*)

## Burials

1596/7 Jan. 25	Wm Edwardes Infant
1608 Jun. 18	Sara ye daughter of Willm Edwardes
1624 Jun. 1	John Marviil, the son of Reginald Marvin of Much Bentley, the grand-child of William Edwards
1636 Aug. [blank]	Alice the wife of John Edwards
1640/1 Jan. 3	William Edwards

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**WILLIAM<sup>A</sup> EDWARDS**, born say 1568; probably buried 3 January 1640/1 in Great Horkesley, Essex; married say 1593 \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>[5]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The marriage between "Willm Edwardes and Anne Weste" took place 18 Nov. 1588 in St. Leonard, Colchester, Essex (Register of St. Leonard, Colchester, Essex, 1539–1800; ERO D/P 245/1/1). It is tempting to think that this might be the marriage of Mary (Edwards) Marvin's parents, especially as the latter's godfather Robert Goddard was living in Colchester when he wrote his will in 1607 (see below). However, the rest of the parish register entries pertaining to the Colchester William Edwards would seem to rule him out as Mary's father. This William Edwards married (1<sup>st</sup>) "Suzan Banynge" 9 Sept. 1582 in Mistley, Essex (Register of St. Mary, Mistley, Essex, 1559–1696; ERO D/P 343/1/1). He next appears in St. Leonard, Colchester, where his daughter Susan was baptized 6 March 1585/6, followed by the burial of his wife Susan on 4 Aug. 1586 and the burial of his daughter Susan on 15 Oct. 1587. After William's subsequent 1588 marriage to Anne West in St. Leonard, Colchester, noted above, "Nathaniell Edwardes the sonne of Willm Edwardes" was baptized 13 May 1589 in St. Botolph, Colchester (Register of St. Botolph, Colchester, Essex, 1560–1663; ERO D/P 203/1/1). Nathaniel's baptism was also recorded in the margin of the register of St. Nicholas, Colchester, on the same date, followed by the baptisms of "Ester Edwardes the daughter of William Edwardes" 6 Oct. 1591, "Peregryna Edwardes" (no parents given) 11 Sept. 1594, "William Edwardes the sonne of William Edward" 29 Aug. 1598, and "Anna the daughter of Wm Edwardes" 12 Jan. 1599/1600 (Register of St. Nicholas, Colchester, Essex, 1541–1673; ERO

On 16 October 1606, William Edwards of Great Horkesley was one of five men who were sureties for several residents of Boxted and Great Horkesley who were accused of assault and battery.<sup>[6]</sup> As noted under William's daughter Mary<sup>1</sup> Edwards below, William Edwards of Great Horkesley was called a "yeoman" in the 1607 will of Robert Goddard.

William Edwards witnessed the wills of Christopher Syday of Great Horkesley in 1597,<sup>[7]</sup> John Wright of Great Horkesley, blacksmith, in 1616,<sup>[8]</sup> John Ball of Great Horkesley, yeoman, in 1625,<sup>[9]</sup> and John Warner of Great Horkesley, yeoman, in 1634.<sup>[10]</sup> No will or administration for William Edwards could be found.

Known and probable children of William<sup>A</sup> and \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) Edwards (bp. in Great Horkesley):<sup>[11]</sup>

- i. (prob.) ROBERT EDWARDS, bp. 1 Aug. 1594 (no parents listed). He was likely the Robert Edwards who m. ELIZABETH MARVIN (probable sister of Reynold<sup>1</sup> Marvin) in Great Bentley in 1618,<sup>[12]</sup> and had children bp. in Great Horkesley in 1623 and 1630 (see above). Robert Edwards of Great Horkesley, yeoman, was presented for not scouring his ditch in 1624.<sup>[13]</sup>
- ii. (infant) EDWARDS, bur. 25 Jan. 1596/7 in Great Horkesley.
- iii. MARY<sup>1</sup> EDWARDS, b. say 1599; d. bef. 5 Sept. 1661 in Saybrook (modern Lyme), Conn.;<sup>[14]</sup> m. say 1617 REYNOLD<sup>1</sup> MARVIN (bp. 25 Aug. or Oct. 1594 in Great Bentley, Essex; d. between 23 May and 28 Oct. 1662 in Saybrook/Lyme).<sup>[15]</sup>

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D/P 176/1/1). The family seems to have then returned to the parish of St. Botolph, Colchester, where "Bowes[?] Edwardes the daughter of Welyam Edwardes" was baptized 26 Dec. 1602.

While the parentage of (i.) Robert Edwards (bp. 1594 in Great Horkesley) and (iv.) Elizabeth Edwards (bp. 1602 in Great Horkesley) is suppositional, it is certain that William<sup>A</sup> Edwards was living in Great Horkesley in 1596/7 and from 1606 on; and the baptism of (iv.) Elizabeth Edwards is in direct conflict with that of Bowes[?] Edwards in Colchester just two months later. While it is possible that not all of the Colchester records apply to the same William Edwards (or that all of the Great Horkesley baptisms are of William's children), as things stand it seems likely that William<sup>A</sup> Edwards was not the man who married Anne West.

<sup>6</sup> From the catalog entry for ERO Q/SR 178/33–38.

<sup>7</sup> ERO D/ACW 4/89; signed by William Edwards.

<sup>8</sup> ERO D/ACW 8/37; signed by William Edwards.

<sup>9</sup> ERO D/ACW 10/103; signed by William Edwards.

<sup>10</sup> ERO D/ACW 13/33.

<sup>11</sup> The John Edwards who married (1<sup>st</sup>) Alice and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Mary and had children bp. 1632 and later in Great Horkesley was perhaps also a son of William (if so, probably born between Elizabeth and the first Sarah).

<sup>12</sup> See Marvin and Marvin, *Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin* [note 1], 26. They note the marriage in the Great Bentley register of "Robert Edwardes singleman . . . to Elizabeth Maruin, singlewoma[n]" as bearing date 22 (xxij) May 1618. In my own examination of that register [see note 17 below], the month is not readable, and the day appears to be the 16<sup>th</sup>; the year is certainly 1618.

<sup>13</sup> From the catalog entry for ERO Q/SR 245/19 presentments in the sessions rolls, midsummer 1624.

<sup>14</sup> Marvin and Marvin, *Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin* [note 1], 29.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.* This work has the date of baptism as 25 Oct. 1594. The month in which this baptism took place is indeed labelled "October" in the margin; however, it is preceded by "June" and followed by "September" (which in turn is followed by another "October"), so most likely the correct

“Marie Edwardes . . . the dawghter of William Edwardes of mutche Horkesley in Essex yeoman” was left a bequest of 10 shillings in the 1607 will of her godfather Robert Goddard of St. Giles, Colchester.<sup>[16]</sup>

Known children of Reynold<sup>1</sup> and Mary (Edwards) Marvin:<sup>[17]</sup>

1. *William*<sup>2</sup> *Marvin*, bp. 4 Nov. 1618 in Great Bentley.
  2. *John Marvin*, bp. 1 Oct. 1620 in Great Horkesley; bur. there 1 June 1624.
  3. *Mary Marvin*, bp. 27 Oct. 1622 in Great Bentley; app. d. by 1636.
  4. *John Marvin* (again), bp. 6 March 1624/5 in Great Horkesley; bur. 16 March 162[?5]/6 in Great Bentley.
  5. *Elizabeth Marvin* (perhaps again), bp. 19 or 29 April 1627 in Great Bentley.<sup>[18]</sup>
  6. *Sarah Marvin*, bp. 22 July 1629 in Great Bentley.
  7. *Reynold Marvin*, bp. 20 Dec. 1630 in Great Bentley (or 1631; see note 17).
  8. *Abigail Marvin*, bp. 4 May 1634 in Great Bentley.
  9. *Mary Marvin* (again), bp. 23 Oct. 1636 in Great Bentley.
- iv. (prob.) ELIZABETH EDWARDS, bp. 10 Oct. 1602 (no parents listed).
- v. SARAH EDWARDS, bp. 17 June 1608; bur. 18 June 1608 in Great Horkesley.
- vi. SARAH EDWARDS (again), bp. 25 Sept. 1610.

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month for this baptism was August (or possibly July, but most likely the similar-sounding first syllables of “August” and “October” led to the mental error).

<sup>16</sup> Consistory Court of London registered wills, 6:337 [FSL film #94,173]: the will of “Robert Goddard als Goddard of the p[ar]ishe of St Gyles wthin the Towne of Colchester in the Countie of Essex . . . Baker” dated 26 Aug. 1607 and proved 18 Sept. 1607. This will was brought to my attention by Leslie Mahler’s unpublished abstract of this volume of the Consistory Court of London wills.

<sup>17</sup> Events recorded in Great Bentley taken from Marvin and Marvin, *Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin* [note 1], 35. There was evidently further deterioration which took place between the examination of the Great Bentley registers for that book and the digitization of them by the Essex Record Office (D/P 171/1/1). In my own examination of the latter, I was able to confirm the baptismal dates for (1) *William*, (6) *Sarah*, (7) *Reynold* [though I read the year as 1631 instead of 1630; the date appears to be 30 instead of 20, though this is not certain], (8) *Abigail*, and (9) *Mary*.

<sup>18</sup> Marvin and Marvin, *Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin* [note 1], 35, list under the children of Reynold and Mary Marvin two *Elizabeths*—this one (“v. Elisabeth, the daughter of Renold Meruin and of Marie his wyffe, the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 1627, bap.”) and an earlier one (“ii. Elizabeth, bap. 19 April, 1621; (d. y.?)” with a footnote “Mr. Watkins so read this entry: if correctly, she d. y.; but ii, and v from the Rev. Mr. Willcox, may be identical.”) A child of Reynold and Mary baptized on 19 April 1621 would have undergone that ceremony a mere 6 months and 18 days after their previous child, and only 18 months before the baptism of their next child. The latter is a bit shorter than the normal interval between children for this couple, but the former is extremely unlikely, even given the possibility of a late baptism for John or a very premature Elizabeth. Given all of the facts, Marvin and Marvin were almost certainly correct in their suspicion that the two baptismal entries found by different men for an Elizabeth Marvin were in fact the same one, read differently by each man, with the 1627 date being the correct one. So, only the “second” Elizabeth Marvin is included here.



# Who Were the Parents of Lydia P.<sup>5</sup> (Hunt) Hardy of Kingston, New Hampshire?

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Many online family trees provide the same birth and death date, with locations, for Lydia P. Hunt of Kingston, Rockingham County, New Hampshire: 2 January 1809 – 24 February 1860, both her birth and death in Kingston.<sup>[1]</sup> *The Hardy Family in America*, an unpublished manuscript, states: “She was from Kingston, NH when they married. She had been ill for over a year but never confined to bed until two days before her death.”<sup>[2]</sup> They all state she was the wife of Peter Hardy.<sup>[3]</sup>

But for all this specificity, not one of these sources nor Lydia’s marriage record names her parents, and no birth, baptismal, or death recording her parent’s names or birth date has survived.<sup>[4]</sup>

Extant records do confirm some of the stated facts. Lydia and her husband, Peter Hardy, appeared in the 1850 census where her recorded age was 41, so it does appear that her birth year of 1809 is correct.<sup>[5]</sup>

Records also confirm Lydia was of “of Kingston.” On 20 November 1824 Lydia P. Hunt witnessed a deed from Lydia Johnson to Levi Bartlett, both Kingston residents. Lydia Johnson sold Bartlett “all the land” she owned in Kingston. This land abutted property to the north “formerly owned by Lt. Stephen Hunt” and on the south by the property of Moses Hunt, two men who shared Lydia P. Hunt’s surname.<sup>[6]</sup> Lydia was 15 and a minor.<sup>[7]</sup> Likely, she was asked to witness the deed because she was the only one close by who was available.

Lydia was “of Kingston” when a “publishment” announcing her intention to marry James Johnson of Hampstead was recorded in that town on 30 March 1831,<sup>[8]</sup> and when she married Peter Hardy, also in Hampstead, 27 March

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<sup>1</sup> For example, see “Public Member Trees,” database, Ancestry.com, “Anderson, Ross, Hardy, Givens” family tree by glendahilbert42. Accessed 19 February 2021.

<sup>2</sup> John A Hardy, “The Hardy Family in America,” 65 (unpublished manuscript, 1967; call no. Mss A 6256, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, Boston), available online at archive.org/details/hardyfamilyname00hard.

<sup>3</sup> “Anderson, Ross, Hardy, Givens” family tree by glendahilbert42, [note 1].

<sup>4</sup> Lydia’s birth date referenced above is calculated from her tombstone. See genealogical summary for more details.

<sup>5</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Kingston, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, roll 437, p. 174A, as Lydia P. “Handy.”

<sup>6</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 245:67, Lydia Johnson to Levi Bartlett, 20 November 1824, (FSL film #0,016,295, image 259 of 699).

<sup>7</sup> All surviving records for Lydia record her name as Lydia P. Hunt and never without her middle initial, ensuring that this Lydia is the Lydia who is the subject of this article, and not a different Lydia Hunt.

<sup>8</sup> Hampstead, N.H. Town records 1746–1867, 2:77, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #0,015,158, image 45 of 452]. The marriage apparently never took place. James Johnson, son of Noah Johnson and

1834.<sup>[9]</sup> Finally, Lydia's final resting place is in Kingston, and her gravestone records her death date.<sup>[10]</sup> So, although no birth, baptism, or death record survived, Lydia was, most likely, born and raised in Kingston, and also died there.

The first step to identifying Lydia's parents is an examination of the 1810 U.S. Census for Kingston for persons with the Hunt surname. Five Hunts were heads of households in Kingston, four males and one female: Moses, Philip, Reuben, Stephen, and Sarah. Only Reuben had a female under ten.<sup>[11]</sup> In 1820, Reuben had a female household member aged 10 to 16, as did Stephen. Moses had a female age [zero] to 10. Philip and Sarah were no longer listed. A Henry Hunt appears, but there are no persons under the age of 16 residing with him.<sup>[12]</sup>

Reuben is the strongest candidate for Lydia's father. However, when Reuben died intestate in 1828, the 19-year-old Lydia did not make a claim on the estate as an heir-at-law.<sup>[13]</sup>

The census records give us few clues, but the previously cited deed does. Lydia witnessed a deed where the grantor, Lydia Johnson, shared her given name, and an abutter in the deed, Moses Hunt, shared her surname.<sup>[14]</sup> An examination of the Johnson family, and Lydia's close ties to this clan, provide clues to her parentage and strongly suggest that Moses Hunt and his second wife, Lydia (Johnson) Hunt, were her parents.

Lydia (\_\_\_\_) Johnson, the grantor cited in the above deed, was the widow of Jeremiah Johnson and the mother-in-law of Moses Hunt. Her daughter Lydia (Johnson) Hunt was Moses's second wife.<sup>[15]</sup> Moses Hunt (1752–1834) first married Mary Peaslee in Weare, New Hampshire, on 11 October 1780,<sup>[16]</sup> and they had at least six children. Only three survived childhood.<sup>[17]</sup> No surviving marriage record has been found, but Moses married Lydia Johnson before 31 July 1810, the date he wrote his will and named Lydia as his wife and chief beneficiary.<sup>[18]</sup>

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Molly Jeffers, disappeared from the public record after his engagement to Lydia. It is likely he died before they could wed.

<sup>9</sup> *New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, online database: AmericanAncestors.org.

<sup>10</sup> Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 214216952.

<sup>11</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Kingston, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, roll 25 pp. 195 (stamped) (Moses, Philip, Stephen, Sarah), 196 (Reuben).

<sup>12</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, Kingston, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, roll M33\_60, pp. 372 (Moses, Stephen, Reuben), 373 (Henry).

<sup>13</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1643–1982*, entry for Reuben Hunt, case 11570, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>14</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 245:67 (FSL film #0,016,295, image 259 of 699).

<sup>15</sup> See genealogical summary for details.

<sup>16</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,001,266, image 3609 of 5059].

<sup>17</sup> W. L. G. Hunt, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt Early Established in America From Europe. Exhibiting Pedigrees of Ten Thousand Persons. Enlarged by Religious and Historic Readings. Enriched with Indices of Names and Places.* (Boston: John Wilson and Son, 1862–3), 14.

<sup>18</sup> *N.H. Wills and Probate Records* [note 13], entry for Moses Hunt, case 12827, online at Ancestry.com. Online family trees record Mary (Peaslee) Hunt's death date as 1820. It is unclear what the source of the date is, but it is clearly off by at least a decade. See "Anderson, Ross, Hardy, Givens" family tree by glendahilbert42 [note 1].

Lydia P. Hunt's previously cited engagement to James Johnson is the first of several ties to the Johnson family. James was Lydia (Johnson) Hunt's third cousin.<sup>[19]</sup> No marriage record for James Johnson and Lydia P. Hunt has been found. James disappeared from the public record after their 1831 engagement, and Lydia still had the Hunt surname when she married Peter Hardy three years later.<sup>[20]</sup> Likely, James died before he could wed Lydia.

Lydia is not the first Hunt betrothed to a Johnson kin. Miriam Hunt, daughter of Moses and Mary (Peaslee) Hunt married her first cousin, Jedidiah Johnson, on 7 October 1809.<sup>[21]</sup> Jedidiah was the son of Amos<sup>6</sup> Johnson, another descendant of Joseph<sup>2</sup> Johnson, and Judith (Peaslee) Johnson.<sup>[22]</sup> Judith was the sister of Mary Peaslee, first wife of Moses Hunt

On 13 June 1839, Lydia (Johnson) Hunt sold land to Lydia P. Hunt's husband, Peter Hardy, in exchange for only \$2 and "love and affection," suggesting that she had a close relationship with Peter—likely, she was his mother-in-law. The deed was witnessed by the elder Lydia's sister, Polly (Johnson) Hall, who also appeared to have a close relationship with Peter and Lydia (Hunt) Hardy.<sup>[23]</sup> On 31 March 1840, Peter Hardy sold land to Samuel Hall,<sup>[24]</sup> Polly's husband,<sup>[25]</sup> and it appears that the Hardys resided with Samuel and Polly (Johnson) Hall in 1840.<sup>[26]</sup>

When Polly (Johnson) Hall died on Christmas Eve 1868, she left a will. Among her named beneficiaries were "Maria P. H. Collins and . . . Abby E. W. Hardy, daughters of Lydia P. Hardy late of Kingston deceased."<sup>[27]</sup> Every other beneficiary named in Polly Hall's will was a relative, and very likely Maria Collins and Abby Hardy were too: probably the daughters of her niece, Lydia P. (Hunt) Hardy.<sup>[28]</sup> She likely kept a close relationship with them after Lydia's death.<sup>[29]</sup>

<sup>19</sup> James<sup>6</sup> and Lydia<sup>6</sup> Johnson are both descendants of Joseph<sup>2</sup> Johnson, the son of the Great Migration immigrant William<sup>1</sup> Johnson (1602–1677) (Eleanor Johnson Baker, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown, Massachusetts Immigrant about 1630 Fairly complete through six generations; and a few lines carried through the seventh to the tenth*, [Newburyport, Mass: Newburyport Press, Inc., 1969], 77, 186. Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1640*, [Boston: NEHGS, 2015], 82).

<sup>20</sup> New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947 (FSL film #1,001,267, image 1603 of 5092).

<sup>21</sup> Baker, *Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown*, 241 [note 19].

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, 140.

<sup>23</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 292:357, Lydia Johnson to Peter Hardy, 13 June 1839.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, 298:198, Peter Hardy to Samuel Hall, 1 July 1840.

<sup>25</sup> Polly Johnson married Samuel Hall on 12 Nov. 1833. See genealogical summary for details.

<sup>26</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Kingston, Rockingham Co., New Hampshire, roll 242, p. 88, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #0014933]. Enumerated is one male age 20–29, likely Peter who was about 27; a male age 50–59, likely Samuel; 2 females under 5, likely Lydia's daughters – Hannah, born in 1835 and Maria, born in 1839; a female age 30–39, likely Lydia who was about 31 and a female age 50–59, likely Polly (Johnson) Hall. Peter does not appear in the 1840 census as a head of household.

<sup>27</sup> *N.H. Wills and Probate Records* [note 13], entry for Polly Hall, case 20836, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>28</sup> See genealogical summary for more details.

<sup>29</sup> The other beneficiaries in Polly (Johnson) Hall's will were her nephew, Jeremiah Johnson; her niece, another Lydia Hardy being Lydia (Johnson) Hardy, the widow of Samuel Hardy and daughter of her brother Thomas Johnson; her sister, Lydia (Johnson) Hunt, and all the children of her brothers, Sylvanus and Thomas Johnson (*N.H. Wills and Probate Records*, case 20836 [note 13]).

Lydia's marriage to Peter Hardy was another strong connection to the Johnson clan and thus a strong clue to her parentage. Lydia (Johnson) Hunt's paternal grandmother was Phebe Hardy.<sup>[30]</sup> Lydia Johnson, granddaughter of Jeremiah and Lydia (\_\_\_\_) Johnson, married Samuel Hardy of Candia, Rockingham County, New Hampshire.<sup>[31]</sup> Peter Hardy's eldest sister, Dorcas Hardy married Luther Johnson, another of Lydia P. Hunt's distant Johnson kin.<sup>[32]</sup> Clearly, these family connections are what brought Lydia Hunt and Peter Hardy together.

Family naming patterns also provide evidence that Lydia was the daughter of Moses and Lydia (Johnson) Hunt. First, Lydia P. Hunt shares a given name with both Lydia (Johnson) Hunt and her mother Lydia (\_\_\_\_) Johnson. Lydia P. Hunt may have been the latest in a long maternal line of Lydias.<sup>[33]</sup> Peter and Lydia P. (Hunt) Hardy's eldest daughter provides another clue. Hannah E. Hardy was likely named after her paternal grandmother, Hannah Eastman.<sup>[34]</sup>

A significant amount of indirect evidence strongly suggests that the parents of Lydia P.<sup>5</sup> (Hunt) Hardy are Moses<sup>4</sup> and Lydia (Johnson) Hunt. However, there are some facts that give a competent genealogist pause and must be addressed. The first is Moses and his second wife's advanced age and the time of Lydia's birth: Moses was about 57 and Lydia (Johnson) Hunt about 37. However, having children this late was not unusual for the time. The second is that Lydia, purportedly born in 1809, does not appear in Moses Hunt's 1810 will,<sup>[35]</sup> nor is there a female under age 10 in Moses's household in 1810,<sup>[36]</sup> although there is one in 1820.<sup>[37]</sup> Perhaps Lydia's birth was later than stated in the records. If she were born after the census date of 6 August 1810,<sup>[38]</sup> she would not appear in Moses's 31 July 1810 will, either. Even if her birth date was correct, there are other possible answers to these questions. First, the census taker may have made a transcription error and omitted Lydia. Second, Moses left only token bequests of \$1 to each of his two surviving adult children, Henry and Miriam (Hunt) Johnson. The remainder

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<sup>30</sup> Baker, *Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown* [note 19], 37. Phebe or Phoebe was the daughter of Jacob Hardy, a descendant of Great Migration immigrant Thomas Hardy, and Sarah (Clark) Hardy (Anderson, *The Great Migration Directory* [note 19], 151). She and Peter Hardy were first cousins three times removed. (H. Claude Hardy and Rev. Edwin Noah Hardy, *Hardy and Hardie Past and Present* (Syracuse: The Syracuse Typesetting Co., Inc., 1935), 378.) Peter Hardy does not appear in this publication, but extant records prove he is a descendant of Thomas Hardy. See genealogical details for details.

<sup>31</sup> *N.H. Wills and Probate Records*, case 20836 [note 13]. Samuel Hardy's parentage is unclear, but it is probable he is a descendant of Thomas Hardy considering his connection to the Johnson family and that the other Hardy's are descendants of Thomas Hardy.

<sup>32</sup> Baker, *Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown* [note 19], 144.

<sup>33</sup> See genealogical summary for details.

<sup>34</sup> Moses Hunt was the son of Henry Hunt and Hannah Eastman. See genealogical summary for details.

<sup>35</sup> *N.H. Wills and Probate Records*, case 12827 [note 13].

<sup>36</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Kingston, roll 25 p.195 [note 11].

<sup>37</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, Kingston, roll M33\_60, p. 372 [note 12].

<sup>38</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, "1810 Overview," [census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/overview/1810.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1810.html).

of his estate was left to his second wife, Lydia.<sup>[39]</sup> He may have decided if anything happened to him, Lydia would provide for their daughter, which she did when she gifted her land to Peter Hardy in the previously cited 13 June 1839 deed.<sup>[40]</sup> Perhaps Lydia pressured Moses into writing his will at this time to ensure that she and her infant daughter were properly cared for if anything happened to Moses.

Although no extant record documents the name of Lydia P. (Hunt) Hardy's parents, an examination of her family, associates, and neighbors—especially the intricate web of intermarriage among the Hunt, Johnson, Hardy, and Peaslee families—reveals that her parents were Moses<sup>4</sup> (1752–1834) and Lydia (Johnson) Hunt.

## Genealogical Summary

**1. MOSES<sup>4</sup> HUNT** (*Henry*<sup>3</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Kingston, Rockingham County, New Hampshire<sup>[41]</sup> on 17 October 1752,<sup>[42]</sup> died in Kingston, 26 October 1834, aged 82 and was buried in the Plains Cemetery in Kingston.<sup>[43]</sup> He married first in Weare, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, on 11 October 1780, **MARY PEASLEE**,<sup>[44]</sup> born about 1757 (age 23 at marriage),<sup>[45]</sup> probably in Amesbury, Essex County, Massachusetts,<sup>[46]</sup> the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Colby) Peaslee.<sup>[47]</sup> Mary and Moses may have married first earlier in Amesbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.<sup>[48]</sup> An entry in *The Vital Records of Amesbury Massachusetts To The End Of The Year 1849* states a Mary Peaselee married a Hunt male before 17 May 1781 in Amesbury, but the wedding was denied “soon after” because Mary was a Quaker and married “out of meeting,” meaning the Hunt male was not a Quaker so Mary denied the marriage rather than be disowned by the meeting.<sup>[49]</sup> It is unclear whether this male Hunt was Moses Hunt. Mary died, probably in Kingston, before 10 July 1810.<sup>[50]</sup> He mar-

<sup>39</sup> *N.H. Wills and Probate Records*, case 12827 [note 13].

<sup>40</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 292:357 [note 23].

<sup>41</sup> No birth or baptism record has been located for Moses; however, his father Henry was living in the Hawke parish in Kingston in 1760 when Hawke (now Danville) was founded as a separate town ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danville%2C\\_New\\_Hampshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danville%2C_New_Hampshire)). He purchased “The Thirteenth Privilege for a pew” there on 23 June 1760. (*Danville Town Records, 1760–1837*, 1:10 [stamped] [FSL film #0,015,113, image 12 of 692]). He was likely living in Hawke when it was part of Kingston at the time of Moses's birth eight years earlier. For this Hunt family, see David Webster Hoyt, *The Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. (Providence, R.I.: Snow and Farnham, 1897–1917), 2:112, 346.

<sup>42</sup> Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 149960351, Moses Hunt.

<sup>43</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>44</sup> New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947 (FSL film #1,001,266, image 3609 of 5059).

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>46</sup> Mary's father Nathaniel was born in Amesbury, as was her brother Nathaniel, Jr. who was born in 1764 just one year before Mary's birth. She first married Moses Hall in Amesbury in 1781 (*The Vital Records of Amesbury Massachusetts To The End Of The Year 1849*, [Topsfield, Mass: The Topsfield Historical Society, 1913], 192, 447).

<sup>47</sup> New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,001,266, image 3609 of 5059].

<sup>48</sup> *Vital Records of Amesbury, Mass.* [note 46], 447.

<sup>49</sup> Haverford College Libraries, “Quakers & Mental Health” at [qmh.haverford.edu/glossary](http://qmh.haverford.edu/glossary).

<sup>50</sup> *N.H. Wills and Probate Records*, case no. 12827 [note 13].

ried second, probably in Kingston, before 10 July 1810 (when he named her his wife and heir), **LYDIA JOHNSON**.<sup>[51]</sup> She was the daughter of Jeremiah and Lydia (\_\_\_\_) Johnson.<sup>[52]</sup> She was born, likely in Kingston, in April of 1772<sup>[53]</sup> and died in Kingston 16 December 1860.<sup>[54]</sup> Moses was a Revolutionary War veteran.<sup>[55]</sup>

Children of Moses and Mary (Peaslee) Hunt:<sup>[56]</sup>

- i. HENRY<sup>5</sup> HUNT, b. Hawke (now Danville), Rockingham County, N.H. 10 Nov. 1782;<sup>[57]</sup> d. Hawke 9 May 1822 aged 39,<sup>[58]</sup> intestate;<sup>[59]</sup> m. MERCY POLLARD abt. 1806 (birth of first child), parentage unknown<sup>[60]</sup> b. abt. 1786;<sup>[61]</sup> d. Danville 25 June 1876 aged 81.<sup>[62]</sup> He and Mercy had nine children when he died.<sup>[63]</sup> The Hunt family history records eight.<sup>[64]</sup>

Children of Henry and Mercy (Pollard) Hunt:

1. Polly<sup>6</sup> Hunt, b. Hawke 3 July 1806;<sup>[65]</sup> d. Danville 19 July 1892, age 86;<sup>[66]</sup> m. abt. 1825 Joseph C. Dearborn,<sup>[67]</sup> b. Danville 9 Feb. 1799,<sup>[68]</sup> d. Danville 5 Aug. 1865.<sup>[69]</sup>

<sup>51</sup> Ibid.

<sup>52</sup> Baker, *Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown* [note 19], 82.

<sup>53</sup> Birth month and year calculated from age at death. "Deaths," *Portsmouth Journal of Literature and Politics*, 29 Dec. 1860, p. 2.

<sup>54</sup> Ibid.

<sup>55</sup> Ibid.

<sup>56</sup> Children are listed in the order they appear in the *Genealogy of the Hunt Family*, 14. The first child listed, Henry, was born in 1782, and the last, Miriam, was born in 1786. Unless some of the other children were twins, it would not be possible for a woman to give birth to six children in four years. The author is using this order for a want of a better one.

<sup>57</sup> *New Hampshire Birth Records, through 1900*, New England Historical Genealogical Society, online at Ancestry.com, Image 4677 of 4973.

<sup>58</sup> Hunt, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* [note 17], "Deaths," *New Hampshire Patriot & State Gazette*, 20 May 1822, 3. In *Vital Records of Danville, N.H. (formerly Hawke) 1760–1886*, Henry's death date is listed as 1 Sept. 1862 (*Vital Records of Danville, N.H. [formerly Hawke] 1760–1886*, [Danville: The Hawke Historical Society of Danville, New Hampshire, 1979], not paginated, digital image 165 of 194, FamilySearch.org). It is unclear where this date comes from. Henry's obituary and also the fact that neither he nor Mercy (who was likely living with a relative) appears in the 1830 census, and the fact that Mercy is listed as a head of household in the 1840 census (1840 U.S. Census, Danville, NARA Series M704, roll 243, p. 267 [stamped], FamilySearch.org [FSL film #0,014,933]) confirm a death date in the 1820s.

<sup>59</sup> Rockingham Co. Probate, Old Series, no. 10486, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,631,983, images 339–373 of 1054].

<sup>60</sup> Hunt, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* [note 17], 15.

<sup>61</sup> "Deaths," *Portsmouth Journal of Literature and Politics*, 24 August 1867, 2

<sup>62</sup> Ibid.

<sup>63</sup> "Deaths," *New Hampshire Patriot & State Gazette*, 20 May 1822, 3.

<sup>64</sup> Hunt, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* [note 17], 15.

<sup>65</sup> *Danville Town Records, 1760–1837*, [note 41], 1:367.

<sup>66</sup> New Hampshire Vital Records. Index to Deaths up to 1900, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,001,071, Image 2699 of 5107].

<sup>67</sup> Edmund B. Dearborn, "The Dearborn Family," 188 (Mss. 374, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, Boston).

<sup>68</sup> *Vital Records of Danville, N.H.* [note 58], Familysearch.org, image 23 of 194.

<sup>69</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Deaths and Disinterment Records, 1754–1947*, image 2540 of 5055, Ancestry.com.



2. *John Hunt*, b. Hawke 8 Oct. 1807;<sup>[70]</sup> d. Danville 2 May 1885 aged 77;<sup>[71]</sup> m. 30 June 1829 *Elizabeth Dearborn*,<sup>[72]</sup> b. 18 Oct. 1808;<sup>[73]</sup> d. Danville 7 July 1869 of cancer, sister of Joseph C. Dearborn (above).<sup>[74]</sup>
3. *Miriam Hunt*, b. Hawke 20 Dec. 1809;<sup>[75]</sup> d. Danville 13 March 1853, aged 43;<sup>[76]</sup> m. in Plaistow, Rockingham County, N.H. 4 Sept. 1828 *James Dearborn*,<sup>[77]</sup> b. Danville 7 March 1803;<sup>[78]</sup> d. 11 June 1876 in Raymond, Rockingham County, N.H., aged 73;<sup>[79]</sup> he married second Raymond 20 Dec. 1853, Elizabeth Hardy (Kelly) Healy.<sup>[80]</sup> James Dearborn was brother of Joseph C. Dearborn and Elizabeth Dearborn (above).
4. *Betsy Hunt*, b. Hawke 31 Dec. 1811;<sup>[81]</sup> d. Raymond 28 Jun. 1878, aged 67;<sup>[82]</sup> m. Kingston 25 Nov. 1830, *Samuel Dearborn*,<sup>[83]</sup> b. 9 June 1806;<sup>[84]</sup> d. Raymond 7 March 1886, aged 79y 8m 26d;<sup>[85]</sup> first cousin of Joseph C., Elizabeth, and James Dearborn (above).
5. *Sally Hunt*, b. Hawke 17 Oct. 1813;<sup>[86]</sup> d. Kingston 12 August 1884, aged 70;<sup>[87]</sup> m. say 1834 (average age at marriage) *Samuel Dunn*,<sup>[88]</sup> b.

<sup>70</sup> *Danville Town Records, 1760–1837* [note 41], 1:367.

<sup>71</sup> *New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, online database at American Ancestors.org.

<sup>72</sup> Dearborn, “The Dearborn Family” [note 67], 189.

<sup>73</sup> *Vital Records of Danville, N.H.* [note 58], digital image 26 of 194, familysearch.org. Elizabeth was aged 60 years and 8 months when she died in July of 1869. *New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947* (FSL film #1,001,084, image 2558 of 5089).

<sup>74</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>75</sup> *Danville Town Records, 1760–1837* [note 41], 1:367.

<sup>76</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Deaths and Disinterment Records, 1754–1947*, image 2634 of 5055, Ancestry.com.

<sup>77</sup> *Plaistow, NH: Vital Records of Plaistow*, online database: American Ancestors.org; E. Dearborn, “The Dearborn Family” [note 67], 188.

<sup>78</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Birth Index, 1659–1900*, image 996 of 5030, Ancestry.com.

<sup>79</sup> *New Hampshire Vital Records. Index to Deaths up to 1900*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,001,071, image 2557 of 5107].

<sup>80</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1659–1947*, image 20 of 4972, Ancestry.com; Richard W. Musgrove, *History of the Town of Bristol, Grafton County, New Hampshire* (Bristol, N.H.: R. W. Musgrove, 1904), 2:263.

<sup>81</sup> *Danville Town Records, 1760–1837* [note 41], 1:367.

<sup>82</sup> *New Hampshire Vital Records. Index to Deaths up to 1900*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,001,071, image 2341 of 5107].

<sup>83</sup> *New Hampshire Vital Records. Marriages up to 1900*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,000,982, Image 430 of 4973]; E. Dearborn, “The Dearborn Family” [note 67], 189.

<sup>84</sup> Birthdate calculated from photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no.149920983.

<sup>85</sup> Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no.149920983, Samuel Dearborn.

<sup>86</sup> *Danville Town Records, 1760–1837* [note 41], 1:367.

<sup>87</sup> *New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947*, image 581 of 5117 FamilySearch.org [FSL film #004,243,585].

<sup>88</sup> The author could not locate a marriage record for Sally, and the Hunt family history only provides the surname of her husband. A Sally Dunn of Sally Hunt’s age is living in Danville with a Samuel Dunn 1850. (1850 U.S. Census, Danville, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, roll 437, p. 184a). The 1877 marriage record of an S. Burton Dunn states he was born in Danville, the son of Samuel Dunn born in Newburyport, Mass and Sally Hunt born in Danville, N.H. (*New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947*, Image 2557 of 5013 [FSL 004,242,907]).

- Newburyport, Essex County, Mass., 9 Jan. 1809;<sup>[89]</sup> d. Plaistow, Rockingham Co., N.H. 11 Jun. 1896.<sup>[90]</sup>
6. *Dorothy P. Hunt*, b. Hawke July 1815;<sup>[91]</sup> d. Danville 8 March 1833, aged 17y 8m, buried in the Old Meeting House Cemetery, Danville;<sup>[92]</sup> m. Kingston 24 Nov. 1831 *Elihu Thayer Webster*;<sup>[93]</sup> b. Kingston 29 July 1812;<sup>[94]</sup> d. Kingston 31 Oct. 1890, aged 78;<sup>[95]</sup> He m. (2) *Lucy Hunt* (see below); m. (3) Raymond 6 April 1841<sup>[96]</sup> *Ruth S. Hunt*,<sup>[97]</sup> b. Kingston 20 Jan. 1822;<sup>[98]</sup> d. Kingston 18 March 1882, aged 60y 2m 8d.<sup>[99]</sup>
  7. *Lucy Hunt*, b. Hawke, abt. 1817;<sup>[100]</sup> d. Hawke 12 July 1841,<sup>[101]</sup> aged 23; m. Hawke July 1834, *Elihu Thayer Webster*<sup>[102]</sup> (see above).
  8. *Henry Hunt*, b. Hawke abt. 1819;<sup>[103]</sup> d. Danville 1 Sept. 1862.<sup>[104]</sup> The Hunt Genealogy erroneously states Henry died young.<sup>[105]</sup> In 1843 Henry was declared an idiot and insane by the courts and appointed a legal guardian.<sup>[106]</sup>
  9. *Hannah Hunt*, b. Hawke bef. 9 May 1822, the date her father died;<sup>[107]</sup> d. Hawke 24 Dec. 1825 of throat distemper.<sup>[108]</sup>

<sup>89</sup> *Massachusetts Births and Christenings, 1639–1915*, database online, FamilySearch.org.

<sup>90</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Death and Disinterment Records, 1754–1947*, image 683 of 5054, Ancestry.com.

<sup>91</sup> Birth date calculated from gravestone (photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 40972869, Dorothy Webster).

<sup>92</sup> Ibid.

<sup>93</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1659–1947*, image 3007 of 5106, Ancestry.com.

<sup>94</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Birth Index, 1659–1900*, image 3753 of 5045, Ancestry.com.

<sup>95</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Death and Disinterment Records, 1754–1947*, image 4655 of 5031, Ancestry.com.

<sup>96</sup> *Vital Records of Danville, N.H.* [note 58], not paginated, image 106 of 194. FamilySearch.org.

<sup>97</sup> Ruth S. Hunt was the daughter of Stephen and Polly (Woodman) Hunt (Hunt, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* [note 17], 14).

<sup>98</sup> Birth date calculated from the image of the gravestone of Ruth S. Webster attached to “Public Member Trees,” database, Ancestry.com, “My Ancestry” family tree by cdrichards721, Accessed 20 March 2021. The author could not locate a birth or death record for Ruth. A photograph of her gravestone is online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 238960611, Ruth S. Hunt Webster.

<sup>99</sup> Ibid.

<sup>100</sup> Birthdate calculated from gravestone. Photograph of the gravestone is online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 40972750, Lucy (Hunt) Webster.

<sup>101</sup> Ibid.

<sup>102</sup> *Vital Records of Danville, N.H.* [note 58], not paginated, image 104 of 194, FamilySearch.org. Only the month and year of marriage are given.

<sup>103</sup> Birth year calculated from the 1860 U.S. Census when his age is recorded as 41 years. (1860 U.S. Census, Danville, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, 597, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #0,803,678, image 603 of 628].)

<sup>104</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Death and Disinterment Records, 1754–1947*, image 2505 of 4893, Ancestry.com.

<sup>105</sup> Hunt, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* [note 17], 14.

<sup>106</sup> *N.H. Wills and Probate Records* [note 13], entry for Henry Hunt, case no.14622. Image 187 of 1179 states the Henry was the son of Mercy Hunt so we can be sure that this is Henry Hunt, the son of Henry Hunt.

<sup>107</sup> If Hannah were the tenth child of Henry born after he died, and she was conceived shortly before her father’s 9 May 1822 death, the latest she could have been born was February of 1823. If she were Henry’s ninth child she would have been born by the date of his death of 9 May 1822.

<sup>108</sup> “Deaths,” *New Hampshire Patriot & State Gazette* (Concord, N.H.), Mon., 9 Jan. 1826, 3.

- ii. JOHN HUNT, died “early.”<sup>[109]</sup>
- iii. MOSES HUNT, b. Kingston say 1783, as the first year he appears to have paid taxes as Moses Hunt, Jr. was in 1804,<sup>[110]</sup> so he must have been 21 at the time; d. Kingston, say 1807,<sup>[111]</sup> the last year he appears in the tax records. The Hunt family genealogy states he died “single.”<sup>[112]</sup> Assuming he would have been married around age 24 (the average age for males to marry), 1807 seems like a probable death date.
- iv. JOHN HUNT, d. early.<sup>[113]</sup>
- v. STEPHEN HUNT, d. early.<sup>[114]</sup>
- vi. MIRIAM HUNT, b. Kingston 6 May 1786;<sup>[115]</sup> d. probably Weare 1880;<sup>[116]</sup>
  - m. Henniker, Merrimack County, N.H. 7 Oct. 1809 JEDEDIAH JOHNSON,<sup>[117]</sup> the son of Amos and Judith (Peaslee) Johnson; b. Weare 22 Oct. 1786;<sup>[118]</sup> d. Weare between 1830–1840.<sup>[119]</sup> Jedidiah and Miriam lived in Henniker after their marriage until 1815 when “Jedidiah Johnson of Henniker” purchased a plot of land from his father, Amos, in Weare.<sup>[120]</sup>

Children of Jedidiah and Miriam (Hunt) Johnson:

- 1. *Mary H.<sup>6</sup> Johnson*, b. Henniker 5 Oct. 1812;<sup>[121]</sup> d. Weare 1 April 1855;<sup>[122]</sup> m. Weare 6 Oct. 1839 *Silas McKellips*,<sup>[123]</sup> b. Bradford, Orange County, Vt.,<sup>[124]</sup> 28 Sept. 1815;<sup>[125]</sup> d. Epping, Rocking-

<sup>109</sup> The Hunt family genealogy states John was the second child of Moses and “ob. early,” that is, died young (Hunt, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* [note 17], 14).

<sup>110</sup> *Kingston Town Records, 1718–1812* (State Copy), 2:976, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #0,015,192].

<sup>111</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:1057.

<sup>112</sup> Hunt, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* [note 17], 14.

<sup>113</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>114</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>115</sup> *New Hampshire Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969*, online database at AmericanAncestors.org.

<sup>116</sup> Baker, *Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown* [note 19], 242 states Miriam died in 1880. “Mariam” Johnson, aged 94, was living with her son Jonathan in Weare in June 1880. (1880 U.S. Census, Weare, Hillsborough, N.H. Roll 684, p. 614.) The author could not locate a death record for Miriam.

<sup>117</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1659–1947*, image 2317 of 5062, Ancestry.com.

<sup>118</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Birth Index, 1659–1900*, image 2605 of 5142, Ancestry.com.

<sup>119</sup> Jedidiah Johnson appears in the 1830 census in Weare but does not in 1840 (1830 U.S. Census, Weare, Hillsborough, N.H., Roll 76, p. 391.)

<sup>120</sup> Hillsborough Co., N.H. Deeds, 149:56–57, Amos Johnson to Jedidiah Johnson, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #0,016,005, images 33–34 of 625], dated and acknowledged 20 Sept. 1815, recorded 6 Sept. 1826.

<sup>121</sup> Baker, *Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown*, [note 19], p. 242.

<sup>122</sup> Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no.32029306, Mary H. McKellips.

<sup>123</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1659–1947*, image 747 of 5065, Ancestry.com.

<sup>124</sup> *New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,001,093, image 1596 of 5081]. Silas’s death record is the only one to provide his exact place of birth. The 1880 census does confirm he was born in Vermont (1880 U.S. Census, Weare, Hillsborough County, N.H., roll 764, 614A).

<sup>125</sup> Baker, *Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown* [note 19], 242.

- ham County, N.H., 1 March 1897;<sup>[126]</sup> he married (2) Manchester, Merrimack Co., N.H., 21 March 1856 *Mary Ann Runnels*.<sup>[127]</sup>
2. *Jonathan Johnson*, b. Weare 1 May 1815;<sup>[128]</sup> d. Bennington, Hillsborough County, N.H.,<sup>[129]</sup> 9 or 10 July 1886,<sup>[130]</sup> aged 71, buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Bennington; m. Weare 10 May 1852 *Elsie May Collins*;<sup>[131]</sup> b. probably Weare<sup>[132]</sup> 15 March 1821;<sup>[133]</sup> d. Bennington 17 Jan. 1911, aged 89y 10m 2d,<sup>[134]</sup> buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Bennington.<sup>[135]</sup>
  3. *Judith Johnson*, b. Weare 11 June 1817;<sup>[136]</sup> d. Weare 9 Aug. 1851, aged 33, buried at Center Square Cemetery, Weare.<sup>[137]</sup> Judith never married.<sup>[138]</sup>

The child of Moses and Lydia (Johnson) Hunt:

2. vii. **LYDIA P. HUNT**, b. Kingston 2 Jan. 1809; d. Kingston 24 Feb. 1860;<sup>[139]</sup> m. Hampstead 27 March 1834 **PETER HARDY**.<sup>[140]</sup>
- 2. LYDIA<sup>5</sup> P. HUNT** (*Moses<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Kingston on 2 January 1809.<sup>[141]</sup> She died in Kingston on 24 February 1860, aged 51 years, 1 month, 22 days, and is buried in the Mill Stream Cemetery in South Kingston.<sup>[142]</sup> She married in Hampstead on 27 March 1834, **PETER**

<sup>126</sup> *New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,001,093, image 1596 of 5081].

<sup>127</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1659–1947*, image 745 of 5065, Ancestry.com.

<sup>128</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Birth Index, 1659–1900*, image 2615 of 5142, Ancestry.com.

<sup>129</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Death and Disinterment Records, 1754–1947*, image 1355 of 4883, Ancestry.com.

<sup>130</sup> Jonathan's death record (note 130) states he died 10 July while his gravestone states 9 July. (photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 149427806, Jonathan Johnson).

<sup>131</sup> Her marriage states her name as Eliza but all other records, such as her cited death record and gravestone record, it is Elsie. (*New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1659–1947*, image 745 of 5065, Ancestry.com.)

<sup>132</sup> Elsie was living in Weare when she married. See note 132 above.

<sup>133</sup> *New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #2,108,769, image 1723 of 2548].

<sup>134</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>135</sup> Elsie Johnson marker, photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 149427842.

<sup>136</sup> *New Hampshire Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654–1969* (Online database: AmericanAncestors.org).

<sup>137</sup> Judith Johnson marker, photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 32029455.

<sup>138</sup> Baker, *Descendants of William Johnson of Charlestown* [note 19], 242.

<sup>139</sup> Birthdate calculated from age on tombstone (photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 214216952, Lydia P. Hardy).

<sup>140</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947*, FamilySearch.org (FSL film #1,001,267, image 1603 of 5092).

<sup>141</sup> Birthdate calculated from age on tombstone (photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 214216952, Lydia P. Hardy).

<sup>142</sup> *Ibid.*

**HARDY**,<sup>[143]</sup> son of first cousins<sup>[144]</sup> David and Hannah (Hardy) Hardy.<sup>[145]</sup> He was born in Danville, Caledonia County, Vermont, on 20 June 1813.<sup>[146]</sup> He died in Kingston, 15 September 1898, aged 85 years, 2 months, 15 days.<sup>[147]</sup> He married second Abigail (Pevere) Robinson in Kingston on 22 September 1861.<sup>[148]</sup> She was born in Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts, on 6 August 1816, daughter of John Pevere and Elizabeth Ingalls.<sup>[149]</sup> Lydia was first betrothed to her distant cousin James Johnson on 30 March 1831 in Hampstead.<sup>[150]</sup> There is no evidence they ever married. On the morning of 18 August 1844 Lydia was baking. That afternoon the family left the house and shortly after a fire ignited from the oven and burned the house and all its possessions. Peter had no insurance to cover the loss.<sup>[151]</sup> Peter, at the advanced age of 49, joined the New Hampshire 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry in 1861 and fought in the Civil War.<sup>[152]</sup> He saw action at South Mountain and Antietam, the bloodiest one-day battle of the war. In a letter to his brother, Arba L. Hardy, he made it clear he had no tolerance for the “damn rebels.” He described the aftermath of South Mountain and the number of rebel dead. “In one small field five hundred laid dead. So much for their fooling [with] the Union. Rebels lay in all directions—some across stone walls, others in the road, some with their heads in holes, and always poor, dirty, ragged sons of bitches without shoes or anything else to

<sup>143</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947* (FSL film #1,001,267, image 1603 of 5092).

<sup>144</sup> Peter and Hannah were the grandchildren of James Hardy (Hardy, “The Hardy Family in America” [note 2], 30).

<sup>145</sup> Peter’s death record erroneously states his father’s name as Jonathan. (New Hampshire Death Records, 1645–1947 [FSL film #1,001,084, image 4478 of 5089]). However, on his marriage record to his second wife, Abigail Robinson, where he was the informant, he states his father’s name as David. (*New Hampshire, U.S., Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947*, image 1603 of 5084, Ancestry.com).

<sup>146</sup> Birthdate calculated from age reported on death record. This death record states that he was born in Danville, New Hampshire. However, his marriage record to Abigail Robinson states Danville, Vermont [see note 148]. Peter also states his birthplace as Danville, Vermont, in his Civil War pension application file. (Peter Hardy [Sgt., Co. C, 6<sup>th</sup> N.H. Inf., Civil War], pension no. S.C. 350943, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Records Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.) There is a David Hardy living in Danville, Vermont in 1810, just three years before Peter’s birth. (U.S. Census, Danville, Caledonia, Vermont, Roll 64, 340, Ancestry.com).

<sup>147</sup> *New Hampshire Death Records, 1645–1947*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #1,001,084, image 4478 of 5089].

<sup>148</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947*, image 1603 of 5084, Ancestry.com.

<sup>149</sup> Hardy, “The Hardy Family in America” [note 2].

<sup>150</sup> *Hampstead, N.H. Town records 1746–1867, 2:77*, FamilySearch.org [FSL film #0,015,158, image 45 of 452].

<sup>151</sup> “Fire,” *Portsmouth Journal of Literature and Politics*, 31 Aug. 1844.

<sup>152</sup> Augustus D. Ayling, *Revised register of the soldiers and sailors of New Hampshire in the War of the Rebellion, 1861–1866* (Concord, N.H.: Ira C. Evans, Public Printer, 1895), 311; Peter Hardy, Civil War pension no. S.C. 350943, RG 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

make them look decent.”<sup>[153]</sup> Peter was discharged from the Army on 2 April 1863.<sup>[154]</sup>

Children of Peter and Lydia P. (Hunt) Hardy:

- i. HANNAH E.<sup>6</sup> HARDY, b. Hampstead 1 Aug. 1835;<sup>[155]</sup> d. 11 May 1854, aged 18, and is buried in the Mill Stream Cemetery in South Kingston.<sup>[156]</sup>
- ii. MARIA [PATTEN?] HARDY,<sup>[157]</sup> b. Hampstead 27 Jan. 1839;<sup>[158]</sup> d. Boston, Suffolk County, Mass. 2 June 1907 aged 68y 4m 6d, and is buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Dorchester, Suffolk County, Mass.;<sup>[159]</sup> m. Kingston 5 Aug. 1855;<sup>[160]</sup> GEORGE WASHINGTON COLLINS,<sup>[161]</sup> b. Kingston abt. 1831;<sup>[162]</sup> d. Salisbury, North Carolina 24 Dec. 1864, a prisoner of war.<sup>[163]</sup> Maria lost her Civil War widow’s pension<sup>[164]</sup> when she m. (2) Bradford (now Haverhill), Mass., 31 Dec. 1888 GEORGE COGSWELL BOWLES;<sup>[165]</sup> b. Lisbon, Grafton County, N.H. 11 Feb. 1838;<sup>[166]</sup> d. Littleton, Grafton County, 18 Feb. 1906, aged 73y 7m,<sup>[167]</sup> buried at Sunny Side Cemetery, Sugar Hill, N.H.;<sup>[168]</sup> m. (1) Lisbon 13 March 1856, Emily Oakes.<sup>[169]</sup>

<sup>153</sup> Hardy P. (Antietam Iron Works, Antietam, Maryland) to Arba L. Hardy, letter, September 1862, image online at [sparedshare7.wordpress.com/2014/04/05/1862-peter-hardy-to-arba-lafayette-hardy](http://sparedshare7.wordpress.com/2014/04/05/1862-peter-hardy-to-arba-lafayette-hardy).

<sup>154</sup> Peter Hardy Civil War pension no. S.C. 350943, RG 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C. [note 146].

<sup>155</sup> There is no surviving birth or death record for Hannah, but her gravestone records her exact birth date and has an inscription that reads, “daughter of Peter & Lydia P. Hardy.” (Photograph of the gravestone online at [FindaGrave.com](http://FindaGrave.com), memorial no. 214216988, Hannah E. Hardy [see note 157]).

<sup>156</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>157</sup> “The Hardy Family in America” records Maria’s middle name as Patten as does an unsourced annotation on [FindaGrave](http://FindaGrave.com), but there is no picture of Maria’s gravestone to confirm that and the annotation’s source is likely the cited manuscript (Hardy, “Hardy Family in America” [note 2], 66; unsourced annotation of [FindaGrave.com](http://FindaGrave.com), memorial no. 192921964.) Her death record [see note 161] states her name as Maria P. Bowles. The author has never found a record that confirms Maria’s middle name was Patten.

<sup>158</sup> Birthdate calculated from age on death record [see note 159].

<sup>159</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, Deaths 1907, 13:215.

<sup>160</sup> New Hampshire, Index to Marriages to 1900 (FSL film #1,000,977, image 340 of 4931).

<sup>161</sup> George’s full name appears on his Civil War enlistment record (*New Hampshire, U.S., Civil War Service and Pension Records, 1861–1866*, image 1208 of 1328, [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)).

<sup>162</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Civil War Service and Pension Records, 1861–1866*, image 1208 of 1328, [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com).

<sup>163</sup> Deposition of Claimant, 14 June 1865, Maria P. Collins, widow’s pension file application no. 63659, service of George W. Collins, (Pvt. Co. H, 4<sup>th</sup> N.H. Vol., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

<sup>164</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>165</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 388:260.

<sup>166</sup> *New Hampshire Birth Records, Early to 1900* (FSL film #1,000,374, image 1860 of 4943).

<sup>167</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Death and Disinterment Records, 1754–1947*, image 3148 of 3425, [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com).

<sup>168</sup> Photograph of the gravestone online at [FindaGrave.com](http://FindaGrave.com), memorial no. 65865554, George C. Bowles.

<sup>169</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S. Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947*, image 340 of 4931, [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com).



- iii. ABBA WEBSTER HARDY, b. abt 1840; d. abt 1841.<sup>[170]</sup>
- iv. ABBIE ELVIRA HARDY,<sup>[171]</sup> b. Kingston c. 29 May 1843; d. Newton Rockingham Co., N.H. 2 July 1918, aged 75y 1m 3d;<sup>[172]</sup> m. Kingston 7 Dec. 1861, GEORGE PERRY LOWRY;<sup>[173]</sup> b. Lowell, Mass. c. 12 March 1839; d. Newton 9 May 1915, aged 76y 1m 27d.<sup>[174]</sup>
- v. ARBA E. HARDY, b. Kingston 20 April 1851;<sup>[175]</sup> d. 3 Feb. 1855, aged 3.<sup>[176]</sup>

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<sup>170</sup> Birth and death date estimated from death notice published on 4 Jan. 1842, “In Kingston, Abba Webster, daughter of Mr. Peter Hardy, aged one year.” Presumably the death occurred in December of 1841. (“Deaths,” *Exeter Newsletter and Rockingham Advertiser*, 4 Jan. 1842, p. 3).

<sup>171</sup> For a fuller summary of Abbie and her husband’s life, see David F. Lowry, “Gaining a Daughter but Losing a Son: The Children of Samuel Eddy of Wallingford and Dorset, Vermont,” *Register* 174 (2020): 228–241 at 238–239.

<sup>172</sup> *New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947* (FSL film #2,110,471, image 1438 of 2798).

<sup>173</sup> *New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947* (FSL film #1001279, image 3418 of 6607).

<sup>174</sup> *New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947* (FSL film #2,110,471, image 1448 of 2798).

<sup>175</sup> *New Hampshire, U.S., Birth Index, 1659–1900*, image 2536 of 5007, Ancestry.com.

<sup>176</sup> *New Hampshire Death Records, Early to 1900*, for “Arta E. Hardy” (FSL film #1,001,084, image 4099 of 5089). When compared to the b in the death month of February, it is clear that the third letter in the given name is a *b* and not a *t* as recorded in the index.

# A Fresh Look at Immigrant Joseph<sup>1</sup> Twitchell of Dorchester, Massachusetts

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In 1929 Ralph Emerson Twitchell published *Genealogy of the Twitchell Family*. He found records in the parish registers of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, for the family of Richard and Cecily (Waller) Twitchell. This couple was married in 1581 and had eight children baptized in this parish: Joseph (1582), Mary (1584), Martha (1586), Anne (1589), Sarah (1591), Lazarus (1594), Miriam (1596), and Benjamin (1599).<sup>[1]</sup> Twitchell concluded that Joseph and Benjamin, sons of Richard Twitchell, were the two men of those same names who were early at Dorchester, Massachusetts.<sup>[2]</sup> He also noted the marriage of this Joseph Twitchell with Elizabeth Lovet, daughter of James Lovet, and that her father made a bequest to her in his will “if she demands it,” although he did not mention the date of this will.<sup>[3]</sup> In addition, Twitchell found a baptism in Chesham for a son Joseph of this couple in 1614[75].<sup>[4]</sup>

Robert Charles Anderson in 1995 did not accept Ralph Twitchell’s assertion that the brothers Joseph and Benjamin Twitchell of Chesham had immigrated to New England. His reasoning was that it made “both men much older than they appear to be from New England records” and he observed that “Benjamin Twitchell would be about 50 years old at his marriage to Mary Riggs.” Anderson proposed that Benjamin Twitchell of Dorchester was probably the son of Joseph<sup>1</sup> Twitchell, the immigrant to New England in 1633.<sup>[5]</sup> In 2004 Dean Crawford Smith and Melinde Lutz Sanborn accepted that Joseph Twitchell of Chesham was the immigrant to New England. As they noted, he, as well as his wife Elizabeth, were living in 1633/4 when both were mentioned in her father’s will.<sup>[6]</sup> This possibly explains why Elizabeth’s father conditioned his bequest to her with “if she demands it,” as she and her husband were in New England in 1633. Smith and Sanborn also found that Benjamin Twitchell of

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<sup>1</sup> Ralph Emerson Twitchell, *Genealogy of the Twitchell Family: Record of the Descendants of the Puritan Benjamin Twitchell, Dorchester, Lancaster, Medfield and Sherborn, Massachusetts, 1632–1927* (New York: privately printed, 1929), xii.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, xii.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, xiii (the source of the will not given).

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, xxi.

<sup>5</sup> Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1995), 3:1855–1856 (sketch of Joseph Twitchell), at 1856.

<sup>6</sup> Dean Crawford Smith, *The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton, 1878–1908, Part III: The Ancestry of Henry Clay Bartlett, 1832–1892*, Melinde Lutz Sanborn, ed. (Boston: NEHGS, 2004), 425. By 2015 Anderson concurred with Smith and Sanborn (Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1640, A Concise Compendium* [Boston: NEHGS, 2015], 344).

Chesham was apprenticed to a London livery company at age 20 and therefore was unlikely to be the Dorchester immigrant.<sup>[7]</sup>

Records have now been found in London that prove that Benjamin Twitchell of Chesham could not have immigrated to New England, as he died in London in 1635 (see below). As Joseph Twitchell of Chesham had a child born there in 1614/5 and as the parish registers appear to be complete for the period 1615–1633, he probably resided elsewhere if he had additional children. A search of parishes within a 20-mile radius of Chesham has found the following in the parishes of Heston, Middlesex, about 20 miles south of Chesham, and in the parish of Isleworth, Middlesex, a parish just south of Heston:

*Heston, Middlesex*<sup>[8]</sup>

22 February 1617/8	Baptism	Benjamin Twitchell filius Josephi Twitchell
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*Isleworth, Middlesex*<sup>[9]</sup>

24 April 1620	Baptism	Joseph Twichell & Elizabeth his wife had there daugh[torn] Ba[blot]ua baptized
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13 October 1622	Baptism	Joseph Twichell & Elizabeth his wyfe had [their] daught[e]r Mary baptized
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29 September 1625	Burial	Josephe sone of Josephe Twichell
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It is almost certain that these records pertain to the immigrant as these baptisms follow nicely after the 1614/5 baptism of their son Joseph in Chesham; the burial of the son Joseph links with the baptism in Chesham; and the baptism of a son Benjamin corresponds with the proposed son of the immigrant.

The above information is used in the following updated genealogical summary for Joseph<sup>1</sup> Twitchell.

## Genealogical Summary

1. **RICHARD<sup>A</sup> TWITCHELL** was born say 1556 (assuming age 25 at marriage) and he married in Chesham, Buckinghamshire, 14 November 1581, **CICELY WALLER** as “Rychard Twytchell weau[er] & Cicely wawller daughter to the widoe Byrche.”<sup>[10]</sup> He was buried there on 6 April 1619.<sup>[11]</sup> The will of “Richard Twitchell of Chesham in the countie of Bucks: yeoman” dated 18 December 1617 and proved 23 April 1619 gave to “my sonnes Lazarous & Beniamyn . . . when they shall accomplish the age of eighte and twentie yeares . . . my three daughters Martha, Sarah, and Miriam . . . my daughter Hannah the wife of

<sup>7</sup> Smith and Sanborn, *The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton, 1878–1908, Part III* [note 6], 425.

<sup>8</sup> St. Leonard, Heston, Middlesex, parish register, 1560–1705, *London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1812*, database at Ancestry.com, image 28 of 149 (Borough: Hounslow), citing London Metropolitan Archives, DRO/026/A/01/001.

<sup>9</sup> Isleworth, Middlesex, parish register, 1566–1748 [FSL DGS 8041035, images 75 (baptism of daughter in 1620), 79 (Mary’s baptism), and 85 (Joseph’s burial)].

<sup>10</sup> *A Transcript of the First Volume, 1538–1636, of the Parish Register of Chesham, in the County of Buckingham*, J. W. Garrett-Pegge, transcriber (London: Elliot Stock, 1904), 189. This was the source used in Twitchell, *Genealogy of the Twitchell Family* [note 1], xix–xxii.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, 312.

Willyam Tyler . . . Cicely my wife, whome I make full and whole executrix . . . my sonne Joseph.” His will named “my loveinge freinde Richard Byrch and my sonne in lawe Willyam Tyler” overseers.<sup>[12]</sup>

Children of Richard<sup>A</sup> and Cicely (Waller) Twitchell (all baptized in Chesham<sup>[13]</sup>):

- 2 i. JOSEPH<sup>1</sup> TWITCHELL, bp. 27 May 1582; m. ELIZABETH LOVETT.
- ii. MARY TWITCHELL, bp. 2 Aug. 1584; not mentioned in her father’s 1617 will.
- iii. MARTHA TWITCHELL, bp. 29 Jan. 1586/7, living 18 Dec. 1617 (her father’s will); perhaps m. Amersham, Buckinghamshire, 28 Sept. 1618, Thomas Buckingham.<sup>[14]</sup>
- iv. ANNE/HANNAH TWITCHELL, bp. 5 Oct. 1589, living 18 Dec. 1617 (her father’s will); m. Chesham, 12 May 1614, WILLIAM TYLER.<sup>[15]</sup>
- v. SARAH TWITCHELL, bp. 23 Jan. 1591/2, living 18 Dec. 1617 (her father’s will); perhaps m. Amersham, 22 Jan. 1623, George Laurance.<sup>[16]</sup>
- vi. LAZARUS TWITCHELL, bp. 1 April 1594, probably bur. Barking, Essex, 15 March 1656/7.<sup>[17]</sup> On 29 April 1611 he was apprenticed for eight years to a master of the Clothworkers’ Company of London.<sup>[18]</sup>
- vii. MIRIAM TWITCHELL, bp. 10 Oct. 1596, living 18 Dec. 1617 (her father’s will); probably m. Chesham, 10 May 1621, Nehemiah Spriggins.<sup>[19]</sup>
- viii. BENJAMIN TWITCHELL, bp. 10 June 1599, bur. St. Botolph Aldgate, London, 27 July 1635 as “Benjamyn Twitchell Cittizen and browne baker of London;”<sup>[20]</sup> m. by 1628, PRUDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ (baptism of eldest known child).<sup>[21]</sup> On 18 Oct. 1619 the Brown Bakers’ Company of London recorded “Richarde Nashe a freema[n] of this Co[m]pany p[rese]nted Benjamin Twitchell sonne of Richard Twitchell of Chesham in the County of Buck yeoma[n] Deceased bound vnto him by Indenture for terme of

<sup>12</sup> Archdeaconry Court of Buckingham, registered wills, vol. 31, fol. 197r-197v [FSL DGS 8036429, images 215–216, citing Buckinghamshire Archives, D-A/WE/27/263] Original will in box 23, no. 106 [FSL DGS 8094005, images 765–766, citing Buckinghamshire Archives, D-A/WF/23/106]. A more detailed abstract is in Smith and Sanborn, *The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton, 1878–1908, Part III* [note 6], 426.

<sup>13</sup> *Parish Register of Chesham* [note 10], 49 (Joseph), 53 (Mary), 58 (Martha), 63 (Anne/Hannah), 68 (Sarah), 72 (Lazarus), 76 (Miriam), and 81 (Benjamin).

<sup>14</sup> Amersham, Buckinghamshire, parish register, 1561–1661 [FSL DGS 8100526, image 159]. Amersham is immediately south of Chesham.

<sup>15</sup> *Parish Register of Chesham* [note 10], 218.

<sup>16</sup> Amersham parish register [note 14], image 159.

<sup>17</sup> St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, parish burial register, 1653–1772, online at [essexarchivesonline.co.uk](http://essexarchivesonline.co.uk), image 8, “Lazarus Twitchell,” citing Essex Record Office, D/P 81/1/5.

<sup>18</sup> The Clothworkers’ Company, Registers of Apprentices, 1606–1908, abstract from Records of London’s Livery Companies Online at [londonroll.org](http://londonroll.org) (apprentice “Lazarus Twichell,” father “Rici Twichell, Chessham, Buckinghamshire,” master “Willo Twichell”).

<sup>19</sup> *Parish Register of Chesham* [note 10], 222.

<sup>20</sup> St. Botolph Aldgate, London, parish burial register, 1625–1665, *London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1812*, database at Ancestry.com, image 72 of 294 (Borough: City of London), citing London Metropolitan Archives, P69/BOT2/A/015/MS09222/002.

<sup>21</sup> All Hallows London Wall, London, parish register, 1559–1653, *London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1812*, database at Ancestry.com, image 42 of 157 (Borough: City of London), “[on 29 June 1628 baptized] John the sonne of Benjamin & Prudence Twickell,” citing London Metropolitan Archives, P69/ALH5/A/001/MS05083.

Seaven yeares.”<sup>[22]</sup> On 24 July 1635 administration on the estate of Benjamin “Twitchin” [sic] of St. Botolph Aldgate was granted to Prudence, his relict.<sup>[23]</sup>

2. **JOSEPH<sup>1</sup> TWITCHELL** (*Richard<sup>A</sup>*) was baptized in Chesham on 27 May 1582. He married there 12 May 1614, **ELIZABETH LOVETT**,<sup>[24]</sup> daughter of James<sup>A</sup> and Joan (\_\_\_\_\_) Lovett.<sup>[25]</sup> He immigrated to New England by 1633 and settled at Dorchester, Massachusetts.<sup>[26]</sup> On 14 May 1634 Joseph was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.<sup>[27]</sup> He died at Dorchester on 13 September 1657.<sup>[28]</sup> The inventory of “goods Late belonging to Joseph Twitchell of Dorchester” was taken 8 October 1657 and on 26 November 1657 “Timothy wales [and] Benjamin Twitchell deposed this to be a true Inventory.”<sup>[29]</sup>

Children of Joseph<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth (Lovett) Twitchell:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> TWITCHELL, bp. Chesham 12 March 1614/5, bur. Isleworth, Middlesex, 29 Sept. 1625.
- ii. BENJAMIN TWITCHELL, bp. Heston, Middlesex, 22 Feb. 1617/8, d. 17 Dec. 1681 (his inventory); m. say 1650, MARY RIGGS, daughter of Edward<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth (Holmes) Riggs.<sup>[30]</sup> The inventory of “y<sup>e</sup> goods Debts & Estate of Benjamin Twichell of sherborn whoe deceased y<sup>e</sup> 17 day of December 1681” was taken 23 Dec. 1681 and six days later “Joseph Twichel admitted Adm<sup>r</sup> made Oath . . . that this is a just and true Inventory of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of his late ffather.”<sup>[31]</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Worshipful Company of Brown Bakers’ of London, court minutes, 1615–1622 [FSL film 1068459 item 1, citing London Metropolitan Archives, CLC/L/BH/B/001/MS05204/001]. Smith and Sanborn stated he was apprenticed as a waxchandler (Smith and Sanborn, *The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton, 1878–1908, Part III* [note 6], 427), citing origins.net as the source. In 2014 Findmypast.com acquired origins.net (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Findmypast). Findmypast indicates the source of this apprenticeship record is based on “abstraction and indexing of these records . . . by Cliff Webb” (“London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442–1850,” database at Findmypast.com). These abstractions were published in Cliff Webb, *London Livery Company Apprenticeship Registers: Volume 31, Wax Chandlers’ Company, 1666–1800, Brown Bakers’ Company, 1615–1646* (London: Society of Genealogists, 2000). Page 32 of this work records that Benjamin Twitchell was apprenticed to the Brown Bakers’ Company.

<sup>23</sup> Archdeaconry Court of London, act books, vol. 6, fol. 173v [FSL DGS 8039446, image 206].

<sup>24</sup> *Parish Register of Chesham* [note 10], 218.

<sup>25</sup> Nathaniel L. Stott, “The Lovett Family of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, Ancestors of Daniel<sup>1</sup> Lovett and His Half-Sister Elizabeth (Lovett) Twitchell, Wife of Joseph<sup>1</sup> Twitchell, of Massachusetts,” *Register* 177 (2023):258–261, at 259–260.

<sup>26</sup> Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1995): 3:1855–1856 (sketch of Joseph Twitchell), at 1855.

<sup>27</sup> Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England*, 5 vols. in 6 (Boston: William White, 1853–1854), 1:369.

<sup>28</sup> [Twenty-First] *Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston Containing Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths to the End of 1825* (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1891), 25 (Joseph “Tuchel”).

<sup>29</sup> Suffolk County, Massachusetts, probate files, case #173 [FSL DGS 102840310, image 190].

<sup>30</sup> Robert Charles Anderson and Alvy Ray Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs of Roxbury, Massachusetts, Revisited,” *The Genealogist* 23 (2009):131–173, at 136.

<sup>31</sup> Suffolk County, Massachusetts, probate files, case #1208 [FSL DGS 102889989, image 1009].

- iii. DAUGHTER TWITCHELL, bp. Isleworth 24 April 1620. She or her sister Mary possibly married Timothy Wales, son of Nathaniel<sup>1</sup> Wales of Dorchester and Boston, Mass.,<sup>[32]</sup> as he deposed to the inventory of her father.
- iv. MARY TWITCHELL, bp. Isleworth 13 Oct. 1622; no further record unless she married Timothy Wales (see above).

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<sup>32</sup> Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635, Volume VII, T–Y* (Boston: NEHGS, 2011), 193–197 (sketch of Nathaniel Wales), at 195.



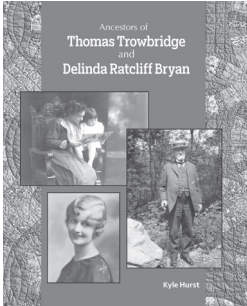
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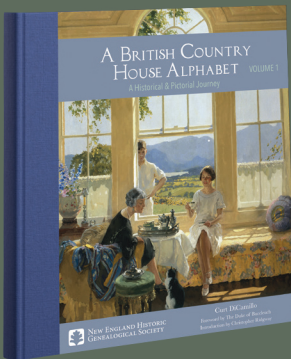
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