

# Bringing It All Together

*Making Your Case and Drawing Conclusions*

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- Set Limits
- Stay Organized
- Trust your Research
- Be Creative, not Crazy
- Set realistic goals

# Create a Research Summary

## TWO GENERATIONS OFF JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> ROWLEY: AN EDWARD FULLER LINE

### OBJECTIVE

The following research has confirmed generations that are primarily given accurately in printed genealogies but with some events not contemporarily recorded (as stated in the genealogies) or in some cases the genealogies make certain errors that are herein clarified.

The following concerns the *Mayflower* descent of Henry Kent Bliss (1835-1909). His son Arthur Daniel Bliss applied in 1930 to the Sons of the American Revolution in New York State through his descent from Captain Micah Mudge (1718-1813), and cited his sources as the Thurston, Mudge, and Bliss genealogies.<sup>1</sup> This application identified the following generations:

Abigail Rowley m. Micah Mudge [son of Capt. Micah Mudge]  
Charlotte Mudge m. Daniel Thurston  
Hannah Thurston m. Daniel Bliss  
Henry Kent Bliss m. Theresa S. Johnson

Abigail Rowley has been identified as a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller in the *Mayflower Five Generation Series*. She was born probably at Colchester, Connecticut, and baptized at Kent, Connecticut, 4 October 1747, the daughter of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> (*Moses Rowley<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Fuller, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) and Abigail (Green) Rowley.<sup>2</sup> Her father's will, dated at Kent, Connecticut, 21 December 1769, inventory 13 April 1772, mentions (among others) daughter Abigail by first name only. The following now identifies what the genealogies say and what the contemporary or soon after events can confirm.

### RESEARCH SUMMARY |

Alfred Mudge, *Memorials: Being a Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Name of Mudge in America, from 1638 to 1868* (Boston, 1868), 88-89, lists the following pertinent information about Micah and his wife:

Micah Mudge, son of Micah and Lucy, b. in Sharon, Conn., May 15, 1745; d. in Lumberland, Sullivan Co., N.Y., November 1801, ae. 59 y. 6 m. ....

<sup>1</sup> Sons of the American Revolution Application of Arthur Daniel Bliss, 1930, State Number 5181, National Number 50175 (on Ancestry.com, accessed March 2013).

<sup>2</sup> Kent Church Records, 1:87, Connecticut State Library, as cited in Bruce Campbell MacGinnigle, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 - Volume Four Third Edition Family of Edward Fuller* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006), 108-09.

He m. Abigail Rowley, 1767, dau. of Issachar, New Lebanon.  
She m. 2 Ichabod Carmichael, and removed to Delaware Co., N.Y., and died about 1811.

### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. ABIGAIL ROWLEY<sup>4</sup>, baptized at Kent, Connecticut 4 October 1747, daughter of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> (*Moses Rowley<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Fuller, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) and Abigail (Green) Rowley.<sup>2</sup> She purportedly removed to Delaware County, New York and died about 1811.<sup>4</sup>

She married first at in 1767 MICAH MUDGE. He was born at Sharon, Connecticut, 15 May 1742, son of Micah and Lucy (Spencer) Mudge. He died at Lumberland, Sullivan County, New York, November, 1801.<sup>5</sup>

She married second ICHABOD CARMICHAEL.<sup>6</sup>

*Mudge Memorials*, 89, calls her "dau. of Issachar, New Lebanon." This is the Issachar Rowley of New Lebanon, brother of this above Abigail. He is also the "Deacon Rowley" at whose home Charlotte Mudge married Daniel Thurston about 1785.

*Mudge Memorials*, indicates that Micah lived in Sharon, Connecticut until 1760 when he moved with his father to Richmond, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He afterwards removed to Caanan, New York where he resided in 1790.

No probate for Micah Mudge has been found and no land records identifying heirs.

Children of Micah and Abigail (Rowley) Mudge:<sup>7</sup>

- 2 i. CHARLOTTE MUDGE<sup>7</sup>, b. 14 June 1768, m. 1785 or 1786, DANIEL THURSTON.
- ii. RUTH MUDGE, b. 1771; d. at age of two years.
- iii. LUTHER MUDGE; b. 29 May 1773; m. JEMIMA JOHNSON.
- iv. MICAH MUDGE, m. THEMBA HENRYS, rem. to South Carolina.
- v. ABIGAIL MUDGE, b. 1783; m. CLEMENT COREY.
- vi. JOEL MUDGE, b. 25 April 1792; m. ESTHER MINER.

<sup>3</sup> Kent Church Records, 1:87, Connecticut State Library, as cited in Bruce Campbell MacGinnigle, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 - Volume Four Third Edition Family of Edward Fuller* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006), 108-09.

<sup>4</sup> Death information taken from Alfred Mudge, *Memorials: Being a Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Name of Mudge in America, from 1638 to 1868*. (Alfred Mudge & Son: Boston, 1868) [hereafter *Mudge Memorials*], 88-89.

<sup>5</sup> *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89, "ae. 59 y. 6 m."

<sup>6</sup> *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89.

<sup>7</sup> *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89, the earlier children were likely born in Richmond, Mass., whose earliest surviving records begin in 1791. Joel is stated as being born in the state of New York from late censuses.

# Research Summary

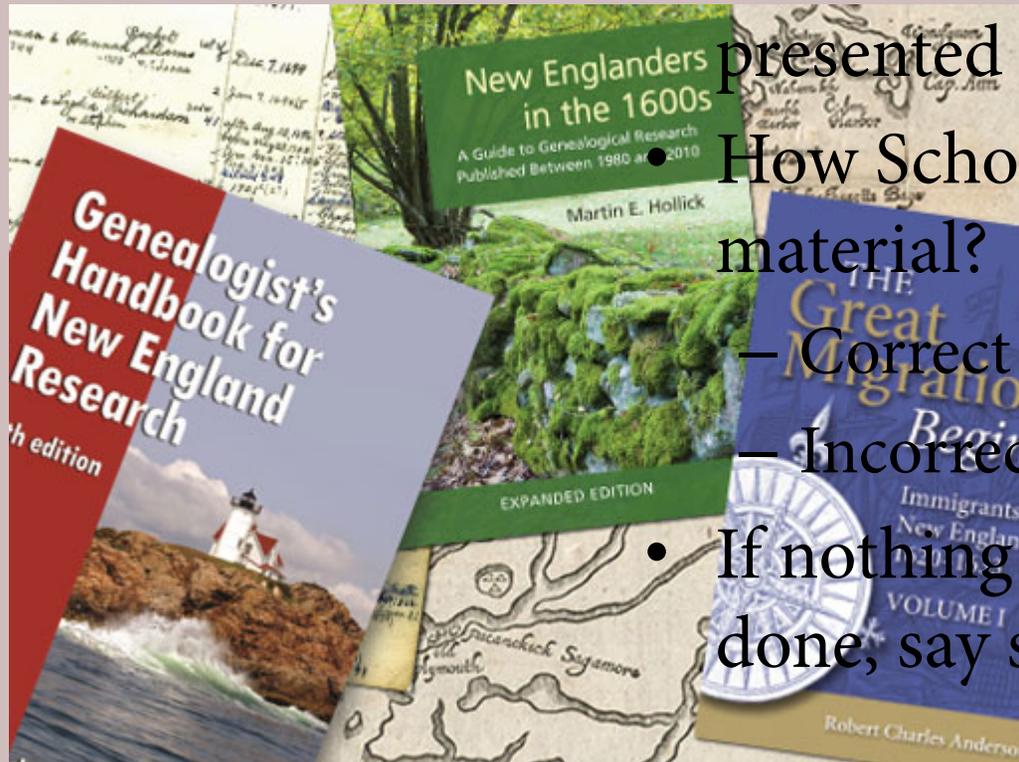
- Clearly stated Objective
- Recognition of Earlier Scholarship (Correct or Incorrect)
- Research Summary
  - What did you find?
  - What didn't you find?
- Address anomalies or mistakes in the research process
- Suggest Alternative Possibilities
- Conclusion
- Provide a Genealogical Summary

# Clearly State Objective

- What is the genealogical Question?
- Include information such as:
  - The Primary Individual (Date/Place of Birth and Date/Place of Death- if known)
  - The name of the Primary individual's Spouse (Date/Place of Birth and Date/Place of Death- if known)
  - The names of the Primary Individual's Parents

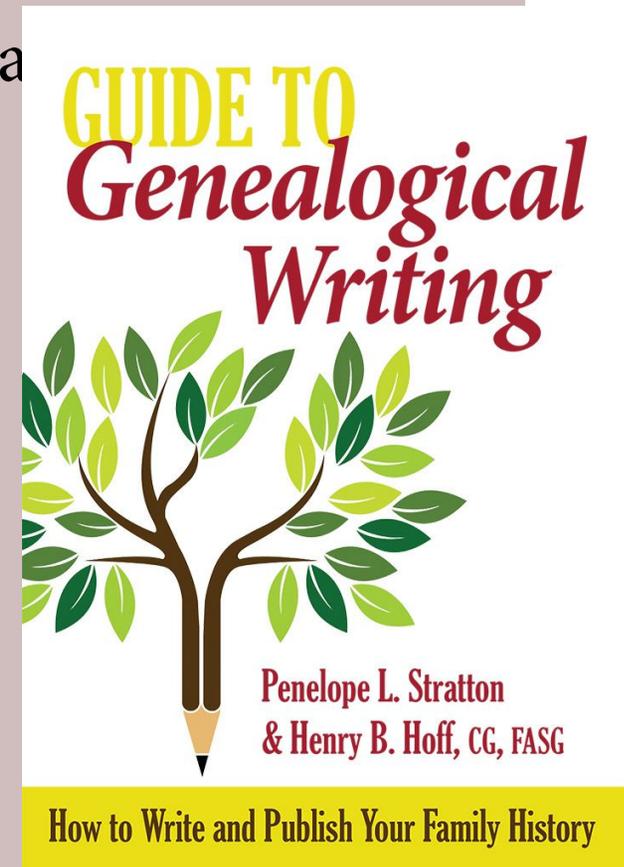
# Recognize Earlier Scholarship

- What has been presented previously?
- How Scholarly is that material?
  - Correct
  - Incorrect
- If nothing has been done, say so



# Research Summary

- Provide an explanation of the relevance of what you found
  - Logical progression
  - Clear and concise
- Use scholarly footnotes
  - *Guide to Genealogical Writing*



# Address Anomalies

- Missing records
- Numerous Individuals with the same name
- Incorrect Information on a record or an incorrect published genealogy
- Present this information honestly
  - Do not distort or underplay a record

# Suggest Other Possibilities

- Cover all your bases, Even if unlikely
- Does your conclusion jive with historical, geographical, and religious facts
- Conflating two persons?
- Creating Two persons?

# Conclusion

## DO

- Clearly State Your Conclusion Based on your analysis

## DON'T

- Give too much information- just state the facts
- Present new information

# Genealogical Summary

- *Register* style
- Include relevant persons and their relationships
- Continue to provide scholarly citations

**GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY**

1. **WRIGHT BROWN**<sup>6</sup>, born at Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts 1 July 1748, son of Timothy<sup>5</sup> (*Mercy Hayward*<sup>4</sup>, *Anna*<sup>3</sup> *White, Resolved*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah (\_\_\_\_) (Wright) Brown.<sup>ix</sup> He removed to Swanzey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire,<sup>ix,ixi</sup> Saratoga, New York,<sup>ixii,ixxiii</sup> and Yates County, New York, and died 25 April 1837.<sup>ixiv</sup>

He married first probably before 1780,<sup>ixv</sup> before 1784 **HANNAH NOLLIN/NEWLAND**.<sup>ixvi</sup> She died before 1796.<sup>ixvii</sup> He married second **BETHANY** \_\_\_\_\_ before 1 June 1796.<sup>ixviii</sup> She died in 1828.<sup>ixix</sup>

No probate for Wright Brown has been found in Yates County and no land records identifying heirs.

Children of Wright and Hannah (\_\_\_\_) (Wright) Brown:

- i. **CHILD BROWN**<sup>7</sup>, d. Swanzey, NH 4 Mar. 1780.<sup>ixxx</sup>
- ii. **JOEL BROWN**, d. Swanzey, NH 21 Mar. 1780.<sup>ixxxi</sup>
- 2 iii. **SAMUEL RIGHT BROWN**<sup>7</sup> b. 1775;<sup>ixxxii</sup> d. Cherry Valley, NY, 15 Sep. 1817.<sup>ixxxiii</sup> m. 13 February 1803 **EUNICE ANNABLE**.
- iv. **ISAAC BROWN**, bp. Stillwater, NY 18 Jan. 1784.<sup>ixxxiv</sup>

Children of Wright and Bethany Brown:

- v. **WRIGHT BROWN**<sup>7</sup>, b. 1 Jun. 1796; d. 28 Jun. 1874.<sup>ixxxv</sup> m. **EMILY KING**.<sup>ixxxvi</sup>

2. **SAMUEL RIGHT BROWN**<sup>7</sup>, born possibly at New Hampshire,<sup>ixxxvii,ixxxviii</sup> 1775. He died at Cherry Valley, Otsego County, New York, 15 September 1817.<sup>ixxxix</sup>

He married, at Saratoga, New York on 13 February 1803, **EUNICE ANNABAL/HANNIBAL**.<sup>xc</sup> She was born in 1780.<sup>xcii</sup> She died probably at Yates County, New York, 1874.<sup>xciii</sup>

No probate record for Samuel R. Brown has been found in Albany, Fulton, Saratoga, or Cayuga Counties, New York.

Children of Samuel Right and Eunice (Annable) Brown:

- i. **CHARLES VOLNEY BROWN**, b. 1804; d. 1878.<sup>xciii</sup>
- ii. **ACHILLES V BROWN**, b. 1806;<sup>xciv</sup> m. **LUCY ANN MILLER**, 13 February 1827.
- 3 iii. **ERASMUS DARWIN BROWN**<sup>8</sup>, b. 1808;<sup>xcv</sup> d. Kankakee County, IL after 1880.<sup>xcvi</sup> Married Lettice Loghry bef. 1835.<sup>xcvii</sup>
- iv. **WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON BROWN**, b. 1814; d. 1896.<sup>xcviii</sup>
- vi. **JULIETTE EUNICE BROWN**, m. **CHARLES LOGHRY**.
- vii. **SAMUEL RIGHT BROWN JR.**, b. 17 Nov. 1817;<sup>xcix</sup> d. 2 Feb. 1908.<sup>c</sup> m. **SALLIE ANN CASS**.<sup>ci</sup>

# Case Study: Who are the parents of Polly Fitch?

# Objective

- Who are the parents of Polly Fitch?
  - Married Daniel Chase at Cornish, New Hampshire
- Is she a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger William Brewster?

# Step 1

**Start with what you  
know**

# The Ancestry of Polly Fitch

Groom *Daniel Cochase*  
Bride *Polly Fitch*  
Residence of Groom *Gorham*  
" Bride *Gorham*  
Age of Groom .....  
" Bride .....  
Color of Groom .....  
" Bride .....  
Occupation of Groom .....  
" Bride .....  
Birthplace of Groom .....  
" Bride .....  
No. of Marriage of Groom .....  
" Bride .....  
Groom Widowed or Divorced .....  
Bride " " " .....  
Intention Filed .....  
By whom Married *Wm Ripley*  
Residence .....  
Official Station\* *Justice Peace*  
Date of Marriage *July 28, 1905*  
Place .....  
[Record continued over.]  
\*Clergyman, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, etc.

[Record continued.]  
**GROOM'S FATHER AND MOTHER.**  
Father's Name .....  
" Residence .....  
" Age\* ..... Color .....  
" Occupation .....  
" Birthplace .....  
Mother's Name .....  
" Residence .....  
" Age\* ..... Color .....  
" Occupation .....  
" Birthplace .....  
**BRIDE'S FATHER AND MOTHER.**  
Father's Name .....  
" Residence .....  
" Age\* ..... Color .....  
" Occupation .....  
" Birthplace .....  
Mother's Name .....  
" Residence .....  
" Age\* ..... Color .....  
" Occupation .....  
" Birthplace .....  
**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.**  
*I hereby certify that the above marriage record is a correct transcription as required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.*  
*Paul Sanderson*  
Clerk of *Gorham*  
Date *Nov. 17, 1905*  
\*If deceased, give age at death.

# Step 2

## Locate Potential Family Members

# All 1790 United States Federal Census results for Fitch



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## Search Filters

Broad Exact

Fitch

LIVED IN: Cornish, ...

[Edit Search](#) | [New Search](#) | [Update](#)

## All Categories

> [Census & Voter Lists](#)

> [1790s](#)

## 1790 United States Federal Census

This database details those persons enumerated in the 1790 United States Federal Census, the First Census of the United States. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule...

Results 1-4 of 4

View Record	Name	Home in 1790 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Hezekiah Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		5	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Paul Fitch	Jaffrey, Cheshire, New Hampshire		10	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Samuel Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		8	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Zebediah Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		9	

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# Ancestry.com

# All 1800 United States Federal Census results for Fitch



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Fitch

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## All Categories

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1800 United States Federal Census

This database details those persons enumerated in the 1800 United States Federal Census, the Second Census of the United States. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule...

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## Results 1-7 of 7

View Record	Name	Home in 1800 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Herckiah Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		7	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	John Fitch	Jaffrey, Cheshire, New Hampshire		3	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Paul Fitch	Jaffrey, Cheshire, New Hampshire		7	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Rufus Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		8	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Same Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		12	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Zebiediah Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		4	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Austen Phike	Unity, Cheshire, New Hampshire		10	

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# Step 3

# Exhaust Original Records

# Step 4

# Secondary Sources

and Huldah (Davis) Hammond. After he became of age, spent many years as a watchman in the Vt. State Prison, at Windsor. He has never m.

## FIFIELD.

FRANK ADDISON FIFIELD, son of Edward and Rosarah (Spaulding) Fifield of Plainfield, was b. there Nov. 24, 1852; m. first, Jan. 30, 1877, Kate S. Waterman of Lebanon, adopted dau. of Silas and Sally (Wood) Waterman. She d. about 1880, without issue; m. second, Feb. 6, 1882, Thankful Pardy, dau. of John and Phebe (Havens) Pardy, b. Sept. 27, 1856. They came to Cornish about 1885 and settled on the Alfred Nevens place, at that time owned and occupied by Moses Hutchinson and wife, caring for them through the remainder of their lives. Child, b. in Cornish:

- i. ERNEST LEON, b. Sept. 17, 1888; m. May 4, 1910, Ethel M. Williams of Claremont.

FRED LOREN FIFIELD, a brother of Frank A., was b. in Plainfield Nov. 14, 1861; m. May 1, 1895, Ella, dau. of Henry and Mary (Sullivan) Thayer, b. July 4, 1868. They came to Cornish May 7, 1888, and settled on the Benj. F. Plastridge place. Children, b. in Cornish:

- i. MARY ROSARAH, b. Feb. 3, 1896.
- ii. HELEN INEZ, b. March 16, 1897.
- iii. EVELYN ARABELLE, b. Nov. 18, 1903.

## FITCH.

1. JAMES<sup>2</sup> FITCH, said to be the first of the name in Cornish was b. in 1712. He came from Conn. and spent the last years of his life in Cornish. He had m. Sarah ———, who was b. in 1717, and d. in town Jan. 3, 1811, aged 94. He d. in town Oct. 25, 1805, aged 93. Children, all b. before coming to Cornish:

2. i. HEZEKIAH, b. ———, 1746.
- ii. LYDIA, b. ———; m. Nov. 14, 1772, Ezra Spaulding. Seven children. (See Spaulding.) She d. in Cornish in 1836; aged about 85.
- iii. JAMES, b. ———. Went to either Thetford or Bradford, Vt., and lived and died there.
3. iv. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 15, 1757.

2. HEZEKIAH<sup>2</sup> FITCH (*James*<sup>2</sup>) was b. in 1746; m. ———, Prudence Read, who was b. in 1757, and d. in Cornish April 28, 1833, aged 76. Mr. Fitch built the house, long since owned by the Fitch family. He d. Sept. 30, 1830, aged 84. Children, supposed to have been b. in town (order uncertain):

4. i. ANDREW, b. in 1788.
- ii. ASA, b. ———.
- iii. JUDITH, b. ———; m. Nov. 12, 1812, Elisha Read, Jr.
5. iv. JOHN, b. in 1793 (?).

3. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> FITCH (*James*<sup>2</sup>) was b. Oct. 15, 1757; m. ———, Thankful Royce of Claremont, b. in 1760, and d. May 30, 1844, aged 80. He d. April 18, 1841, aged 84. A farmer. Children, all b. in Cornish:

- i. LYDIA, b. Sept. 5, 1785; m. Jan. 1, 1816, Calvin Leach of Claremont. She d. Feb. 7, 1828, in Cornish.
6. ii. JAMES, b. Feb. 27, 1787.
- iii. THANKFUL, b. March 27, 1789; d. July 4, 1805.
7. iv. DANIEL, b. Feb. 9, 1791.
- v. SALLY, b. Feb. 27, 1794; d. Aug. 15, 1803.
- vi. HARRIET, b. April 21, 1796; m. June 12, 1820, Thomas Stearns. She d. Oct. 29, 1843.
- vii. LOIS, b. Feb. 23, 1798; m. April 20, 1830, Samuel Ayers of Cornish. Three children. (See Ayers.) She d. Dec. 9, 1843.
- viii. ZURVLAH, b. March 4, 1800; m. Jan. 26, 1824, Nathaniel W. Griswold.
- ix. SAMUEL RICE, b. April 12, 1803.
- x. SARAH GRATIA, b. March 16, 1806; m. May 2, 1844, Samuel Ayers, her deceased sister's husband. Two children. (See Ayers.) She d. April 27, 1885.
- xi. CHAPIN DEMING, b. Aug. 28, 1809.

4. ANDREW<sup>2</sup> FITCH (*Hezekiah*<sup>2</sup>, *James*<sup>2</sup>) was b. in 1788; m. ———, Polly Stone of Plainfield, dau. of David and Ruth (Kenyon) Stone, b. Jan. 30, 1796, and d. Jan. 22, 1843. He d. May 14, 1865, aged 77. Children:

- i. GEORGE, b. and d. in infancy.
- ii. HIRAM, b. and d. in infancy.
- iii. HARRIET, b. July 15, 1820.
- iv. CLARISSA, b. June 30, 1825.
- v. ALDRA, b. ———, 1827; m. ———, Nutting. She d. March 7, 1895.
- vi. AURILLA, b. June 21, 1829; m. ———, Stevens. She d. Feb. 22, 1893.
- vii. SOPHIA, b. April 27, 1831.
8. viii. HENRY HUBBARD, b. March 15, 1833.
- ix. RUTH F., b. Jan. 30, 1835; m. ———, Bartlett. She d. Sept. 14, 1895.
- x. HARRISON W., b. July 4, 1837; d. April 3, 1901.

5. JOHN<sup>2</sup> FITCH (*Hezekiah*<sup>2</sup>, *James*<sup>2</sup>) was b. in 1793 (?); m. Nov. 29, 1821, Eleanor Johnson of Cornish, dau. of Nathaniel and Eleanor (Whitten) Johnson, b. ———, May, 1800, and d. June 17, 1870. He d. July 12, 1855, aged 62. Children, all b. in town:

9. i. LYMAN, b. Feb. 27, 1824.
- ii. HUBBARD, b. ———; lived in Rutland, Vt.
- iii. EMELINE, b. ———; m. Jan. 4, 1853, John Q. York of Cornish. She d. July 25, 1853.

6. JAMES<sup>2</sup> FITCH (*Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *James*<sup>2</sup>) was b. Feb. 27, 1787; m. March 24, 1817, Bethena Bartlett of Cornish, dau. of Nathaniel and Anna (Fitch) Bartlett, b. Nov. 16, 1784, and d. Aug. 28, 1870, aged 86. He d. Oct. 11, 1869, aged 83. Children, all b. in Cornish on the Fitch homestead:

The records also contain the following: Zebadiah and Betsey Fitch had the following children:

- i. BILLE, b. at Norwich, Conn., Sept. 20, 1772.
- ii. ZEBEDIAH, JR., b. at Cornish Dec. 1, 1774.
- iii. HEZEKIAH, b. April 20, 1776, in Cornish.

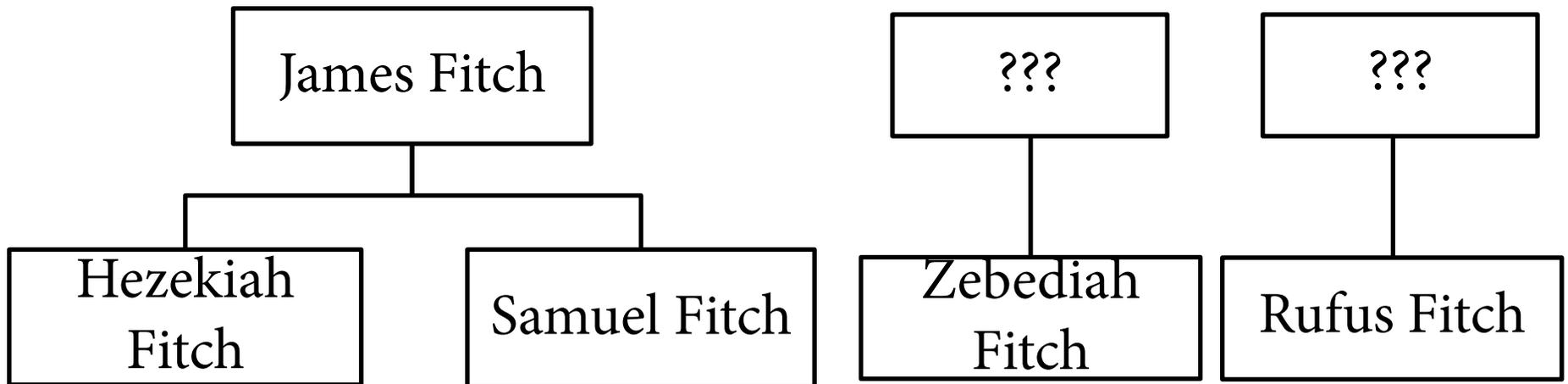
## FLETCHER.

ROBERT FLETCHER, of English stock, settled in Concord, Mass., in 1630. He is the recognized ancestor of all of the name who have ever res. in Cornish and vicinity. He was then 38 years of age, and had four sons, of whom three left descendants. The generations following Robert were Francis, Samuel, Timothy, John and Ebenezer, b. in 1761, who Feb. 5, 1781, m. Mary Comings, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Spaulding) Comings, b. Dec. 16, 1757, and d. Feb. 26, 1812. He d. May 8, 1831, in New Ipswich. His son, Ebenezer, b. Oct. 9, 1782, m. May 29, 1808, Sybil Spaulding, dau. of Benjamin and Sybil (Wallace) Spaulding, b. Sept. 15, 1782. Came to Cornish (time not known) lived and d. there on the place afterwards owned and occupied by Quartus Fletcher. He d. Nov. 15, 1834. Children, all b. in Cornish:

2. i. BENJAMIN SPAULDING, b. Nov. 30, 1809.
- ii. HIRAM COMINGS, b. June 24, 1811; m. first, Marion Patrick, who d. May 14, 1841; m. second, Mary Smith. Four children, one of them being Lawson C. who m. a dau. of Benjamin S. Hiram C. lived in Eden, Vt., where he d. Dec. 17, 1868.
- iii. ORREL, b. June 4, 1813; m. Dec. 18, 1832, John Johnson of Cornish. Two children. (See Johnson.) He d. Feb. 28, 1892. She d. Dec. 9, 1908.
- iv. MARY W., b. Aug. 8, 1815; m. Henry Little. She d. Dec. 27, 1846, in Manchester.
- v. DAVID DEXTER, b. Oct. 24, 1817; m. Lucy Horton and d. Jan. 25, 1857, in Exeter.
- vi. JOHN, b. —; d. young.
- vii. SILAS S., b. April 6, 1820. Was a Universalist preacher ord. in 1842. Had pastorates in Bucksport, Me.; New Bedford, Mass.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Portsmouth and Exeter and other places. He had a strong intellect, was a keen reasoner and did much to promote Universalism, temperance and education. He d. in Exeter March 30, 1884. His wife was Caroline Partridge. They had four children.
- viii. STEPHEN N., b. March 8, 1822, and d. —, 1824.
- ix. JOHN Q. A., b. Oct. 16, 1824, and d. Sept. 14, 1846.
- x. SYBIL LAVINIA, b. Oct. 2, 1826; m. —, Peleg Sarsons of Brattleboro, Vt. Two children. Res. in Martha's Vineyard, Mass.
- xi. GUILFORD D., b. Sept. 21, 1829. Res. chiefly at South Acton, Mass.; m. first, Sept. 21, 1856, Emline Lewis at Lowell, Mass., who d. at South Acton Aug. 26, 1873; m. second, Nov. 17, 1875, at

## History of Cornish, New Hampshire

# Fitches of Cornish, NH



The Fourth Generation

ham Co., CT, Vol. 2, p. 88. [10] Woodstock *History*, Vol. 6, pp. 269, 285. [11] G.s. Old Mansfield Cem., Tolland Co., CT. Photos courtesy Lynn E. Desy, Columbia, CT. [12] AF-4.19.

181. DR. ASHBEL (or ASELE or ASAHLE<sup>[7]</sup> or AZAHLE<sup>[4]</sup>) (*Col. Jabez<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>*), b. Canterbury, Windham Co., CT, 24 Jul. 1736;<sup>[1]</sup> (but prob. 1738)\* bp. Canterbury, 27 Aug. 1738;<sup>[2]</sup> d. Redding, Fairfield Co., CT, 31 Mar. 1793 æ 55;<sup>[2]</sup> m. (1) 24 Jun. 1760,<sup>[1]</sup> Rachel Strong of Stamford, Fairfield Co.,<sup>[1]</sup> d. Redding, 13 Apr. 1762;<sup>[1]</sup> m. (2) Wilton, Fairfield Co., 4 Oct. 1764,<sup>[6]</sup> Hannah Lockwood of Norwich, New London Co., CT,<sup>[1]</sup> poss. the one b. Stamford, abt. 1740,<sup>[6]</sup> dau. of Jonathan and Freelove (Wright) Lockwood.<sup>[6]</sup> Ashbel was the first physician in Redding. He served as a Surgeon's Mate in the 5th CT Reg. under Col. Waterbury from May to Dec. 1775.<sup>[3]</sup> Ashbel died insolvent, according to an administrator's accounting at Danbury Probate Court in 1793.<sup>[8]</sup>

Child born Redding, Fairfield Co., CT, by first wife, Rachel:

+ 613 i Anna, b. 24 Mar. 1760.<sup>[1]</sup>

Children born Redding by second wife, Hannah:

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Children of Hezekiah<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>



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Fig. 70 - G.s. Sarah Fitch, Cornish Cem.<sup>[10]</sup>

1805 æ 93;<sup>[6]</sup> m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_,<sup>[2]</sup> b. 1717,<sup>[2]</sup> adm. comm. Cornish, 4 May 1777,<sup>[6]</sup> d. Cornish, 3 Jan. 1811 æ 94,<sup>[6]</sup> James prob. rem. Cornish after 1765, when he sold land in Norwich, New London Co., to his cousin Benajah, No. 195, below.<sup>[1]</sup>

Children born prob. CT:

+ 621 i Hezekiah, b. 1746.<sup>[2]</sup>

+ 622 ii Zebediah, b. abt. 1750.<sup>[6]</sup>

+ 623 iii Lydia, b. 1751.<sup>[6]</sup>

624 iv James,<sup>[2]</sup> m. Charity Chase;<sup>[4]</sup> rem. Thetford or Bradford, Orange Co., VT.<sup>[2]\*\*</sup>

+ 625 v Samuel, b. 15 Oct. 1757.<sup>[2]</sup>

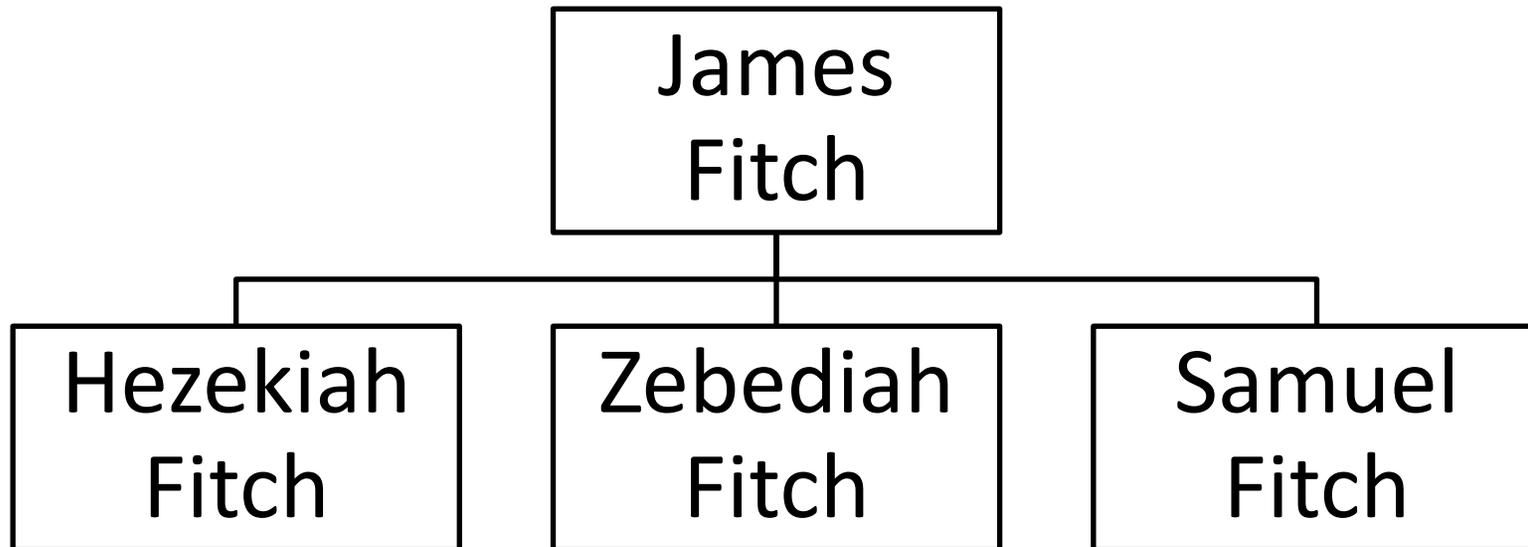
Sources:

[1] Preston, New London Co., CT *CR*, p. 25, LDS Film No. 1,011,968. [2] Child *Cornish*, p. 154. [3] Norwich, New London Co., CT *LR*, Vol. 12, p. 382. [4] RLF No. 6C1-1B2C. [5] Ltr. of 11 Nov. 1923 from Mrs. J. M. Spaulding, Walpole, NH, to Winchester<sup>8</sup> Fitch, at NYG&BS. [6] Vermont *Revolution*, p. 189. [7] 1840 Census, Cornish, Sullivan Co., NH. [8] G.s. Cornish Cem., Sullivan Co., NH. [9] "Records of Cornish, N.H." in *NEHG Register*, Vol. 72, p. 282. [10] Photos courtesy Arthur Osgood, Boca Raton, FL.

\* This James is prob. the one, b. abt. 1750-60, listed in the 1840 Census for Cornish, with a wife, b. abt. 1760-1770, a younger couple, and their four children.<sup>[7]</sup>

Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch, 1622-1702

# Fitch Family of Cornish, NH



## The Fifth Generation

agreed to "well and faithfully maintain and support" their parents "in a good comfortable and honorable manner suitable for persons in their situation, standing and time of life by procuring, providing and furnishing for them...everything which may be necessary in sickness and in health for and during each of their natural lives."<sup>17</sup>

Children born Cornish, Sullivan Co., NH:

- +1764 i Andrew, b. 13 Jun. 1786;<sup>[4]</sup> d. Windsor, Windsor Co., VT, 15 May 1865;<sup>[4]</sup> m. (1) Polly Stone,<sup>[1]</sup> m. (2) Abigail Hillian.<sup>[4]</sup>
- +1765 ii Asa,<sup>[1]</sup> prob. the one b. NH, abt. 1803;<sup>[6]</sup> m. Eunice B. Sargent.<sup>[6]</sup>
- 1766 iii Judith, m. Cornish, 12 Nov. 1812,<sup>[10]</sup> Elisha Read, Jr.,<sup>[10]</sup>
- +1767 iv John, b. abt. 1793;<sup>[1]</sup> d. 12 Jul. 1855;<sup>[1]</sup> m. Eleanor Whitten Johnson.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Sources:

[1] Child *Cornish*, pp. 154, 155. [2] Fitch-Brewster, p. 4. [3] RLF *Revolution*, p. 160. [4] General Index to State of VT VR, LDS Film No. 27,548. [5] IGI-5.0, Barbour Collection. [6] CT Service Recs., p. 85, 103. [7] Cheshire Co., NH, *LR*, Vol. 31, pp. 242, 243; Vol. 77, p. 356; Vol. 79, p. 110; LDS Film Nos. 15,637, 56, & 57. [8] 1850 Census, Enfield, Grafton Co., NH. [9] IGI-3.06 submitted record. [10] NH VR, Marriages, LDS Film No. 975,684. [11] G.s., Cornish, Sullivan Co., NH. [12] Ltr. of 27 Aug. 1920 from P. C. Harris, The Adjutant General, War Dept. [13] FGS by, and photos courtesy of, Arthur H. Osgood, Boca Raton, FL, great-great-grandson of John<sup>6</sup> Fitch, above.

622. ZEBEDIAH (*James<sup>4</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>*), b. prob. CT, abt. 1750;<sup>[1]</sup> d. Thetford, Orange Co., VT, 28 Dec. 1831 æ 81;<sup>[1]</sup> m. Betsey Miner,<sup>[6]</sup> b. abt. 1749, d. Thetford, 4 Nov. 1827 æ 78,<sup>[1]</sup> dau. of Dr. Simeon and Hannah (Wheeler) Miner.<sup>[6]</sup> Zebediah and Betsey bur. Old Cem., Thetford Cntr.<sup>[1]</sup>

Zebediah was listed in the Cornish Foot Militia Co., under Capt. Solomon Chase, 25 May 1776.<sup>[12]</sup> He enlisted 5 Oct. 1776 in Capt. Josiah Russell's Co. of Rangers. He fought under Col. Jonathan Chase and was at Ticonderoga, 27 Jun. to 4 Jul. 1777.<sup>[2]</sup> On 26 Dec. 1792, Jabez bought 2 acres 16 rods in Lot 15 from Jabish Spicer for £6 6s. In early 1799, Zebediah, husbandman of Cornish, bought 50 acres of Lot 14, 3rd range, 1st division from his bro. Hezekiah, No. 621 above. He sold both pieces, 16 May 1801, to Joseph Chase for \$1000. He also sold more than 51 acres in Lot 17, 14 Sep. 1803, to Thomas Chase for \$200.<sup>[4]</sup> Between 1800 and 1803, Zebediah, often identified as "late of Cornish, New Hampshire, but now of Thetford," bought a number of tracts of land, dwelling houses, barns, and outhouses from various residents of Thetford. In 1817, he began selling off his land.<sup>[6]</sup>

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Children of James<sup>4</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>

Children, first one born Norwich, New London Co., CT, others at Cornish, Sullivan Co., NH:

- +1788 i Belz, b. 20 Sep. 1772;<sup>[3]</sup> d. Clarendon, Cheshire (later Sullivan) Co., 2 Mar. 1813;<sup>[4]</sup> m. Sally Whittle.<sup>[6]</sup>
- +1769 ii Zebediah, Jr., b. 5 Dec. 1774;<sup>[6]</sup> m. Olive \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>[6]</sup>
- +1770 iii Hezekiah, b. 20 Apr. 1773;<sup>[3]</sup> d. Weatherfield, Windsor Co., VT, 23 Jan. 1857;<sup>[3]</sup> m. Experience French.<sup>[10]</sup>
- 1771 iv Pess, James, b. abt. 1780; d. 25 Oct. 1803 æ 23.<sup>[8]</sup>
- +1772 v Pess, Lyman,<sup>[6]</sup> b. 1780;<sup>[1]</sup> d. Thetford, Orange Co., VT, 1843,<sup>[1]</sup> m. Rhoda Crocker.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 1773 vi Zurziah,<sup>[6]</sup> m. (1) 30 Mar. 1802,<sup>[11]</sup> Daniel Dudley, 2nd of Newport, Sullivan Co.,<sup>[11]</sup> m. (2) Cornish, 4 Oct. 1805,<sup>[11]</sup> Thomas Penniman, Esq.<sup>[11]</sup>
- 1774 vii Pess, Betsey,<sup>[1]</sup> m. 9 Nov. 1814,<sup>[1]</sup> Otis Wood.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Sources:

[1] General Index to VT VR, LDS Film No. 27,548. [2] RLF *Revolution*, pp. 183, 184. [3] Cornish Flat, Sullivan Co., NH, VR, LDS Film No. 15,506. [4] Cheshire Co., NH, *LR*, Vol. 31, pp. 242, 243; Vol. 37, pp. 449, 451; Vol. 40, p. 418; LDS Film Nos. 15,637, 40 & 41. [5] E-mail of 12 Feb. 2002 from Ryan D. Wood, desc. of Thomas Miner, bro. of Betsy Miner, above. [6] Thetford, Orange Co., VT, *LR*, Vol. 4, p. 604, Vol. 7, pp. 95-97, 176, 191, 248, 265, 279, Vol. 8, p. 493; LDS Vol. 10, pp. 63, 66, 377, 634, Vol. 11, p. 1, Film Nos. 28,982-6. [7] Several Thetford *LRs* contain the names of both Lyman and Zebediah. See Vol. 8, p. 493, Vol. 10, p. 634; LDS Film Nos. 28,585 & 6. [8] Child *Cornish*, p. 154. [9] RLF No. A7½, Unknowns. [10] Cheshire Co., NH, *PR*, Vol. 82, p. 171, LDS Film No. 15,650. [11] Cornish Town Recs., Book 2, pp. 319, 321 (pp. 144, 146 in orig.), LDS Film No. 15,108-9. [12] *General Jonathan Chase of Cornish*. (Cornish, NH: Cornish Bicentennial Commission, 1977), p. 31. [13] Charles B. Spofford, *Grave Stone Records...Clarendon, New Hampshire*. (Clarendon, NH: George I. Putnam, 1896), pp. 20, 21.

623. LYDIA (*James<sup>4</sup>, prob. Hezekiah<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>*), b. prob. CT, 1751;<sup>[1]</sup> d. Cornish, Sullivan Co., NH, abt. 1833;<sup>[6]</sup> m. Cornish, 12 (or 14) Nov. 1772,<sup>[7]</sup> Ezra Spalding,<sup>[7]</sup> b. Plainfield, Windham Co., CT, 11 Dec. 1751,<sup>[4]</sup> d. Barnard, Windsor Co., VT, Sep. 1840,<sup>[5]</sup> son of Abeland Mary (Anderson<sup>[8]</sup>) Spalding.<sup>[4]</sup> Ezra served two short enlistments, 1775 and 1777, during the Revolutionary War.<sup>[1]</sup>

Children born Cornish, Sullivan Co., NH, surname Spalding:

- 1775 i Roswell, b. Windsor, Hillsboro Co., NH, 11 Aug. 1774;<sup>[6]</sup> res. Hartland, Windsor Co., VT,<sup>[1]</sup> d. Hartland, abt. 1848,<sup>[1]</sup> m. (1) Lois \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>[6]</sup> d. Hartland, 12 May 1827;<sup>[2]</sup> m. (2) Hartland, 17 Mar. 1828,<sup>[6]</sup> Susan Patterson.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 1776 ii Jesse, b. Cornish, 31 Jul. 1776.<sup>[6]</sup>
- 1777 iii Sarah, b. 26 Sep. 1778;<sup>[6]</sup> d. Westminster, Windham Co., VT, 1868.<sup>[1]</sup>

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## Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch, 1622-1702

In the name of God amen - I Zebediah Fitch  
of Tisbury in the County of Orange & State of Vermont  
being in a full health & body, and of sound mind and

I hereby give to Polly Corbin & Daniel Chen children of  
my deceased daughter Polly Chen one Dollar - all which  
I give in full satisfaction of the household furniture & wearing apparel  
which she was entitled to by her will - I order to be paid by my  
Executor

and I also give to my wife Patsy Fitch  
personal property not herebefore bequeathed including  
all debts due at my decease - And lastly I do hereby  
constitute & appoint my said son by name  
Fitch sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament  
In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal  
this Twenty second day of October Anno Domini  
Eighteen hundred & Twenty one -  
I doint Simon Short for me in my stead to write my name  
to this my last Will in my presence - Zebediah Fitch

Signed, Sealed, Published, & Proclaimed & Declared by  
the said Zebediah Fitch as & for his last Will  
& Testament in the presence of us who at his request  
and in his presence hereunto set our names as  
witnesses to the same -  
Simon Short  
Joseph Reed  
Thomas Knaulick  
Simon Newmark

Grand children Sarah Phelps, Debra Fitch & Harry  
Fitch, heirs of my deceased son Debra Fitch one Dollar  
I give to my Grand children Henry Fitch, George  
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son Zebediah Fitch each Five Dollars -

In the name of God amen - I Zebediah Fitch  
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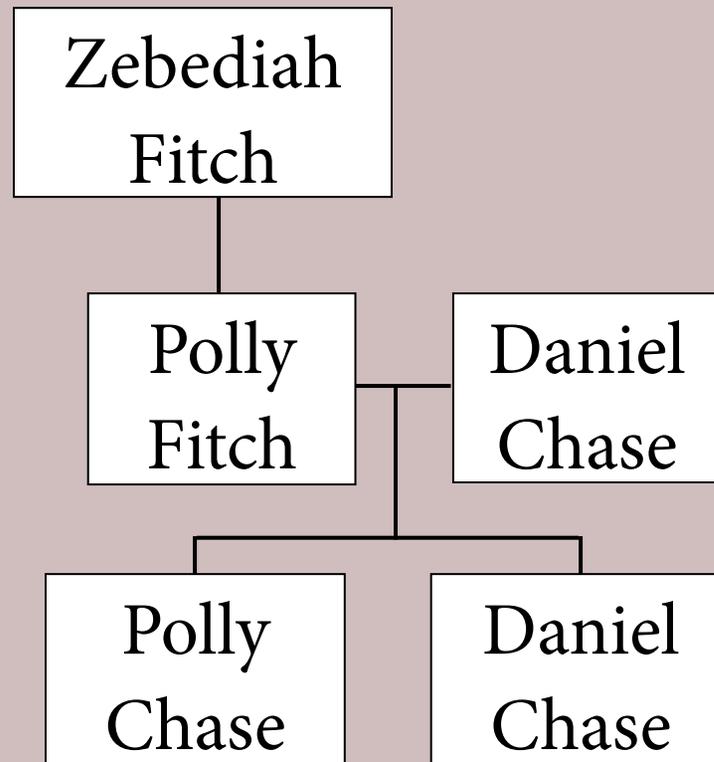
and I also give to my wife Patsy Fitch  
personal property not herebefore bequeathed including  
all debts due at my decease - And lastly I do hereby  
constitute & appoint my said son by name  
Fitch sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament  
In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal  
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Will of Zebediah Fitch, Orange  
County, VT

# Family of Polly (Fitch) Chase



# Step 5

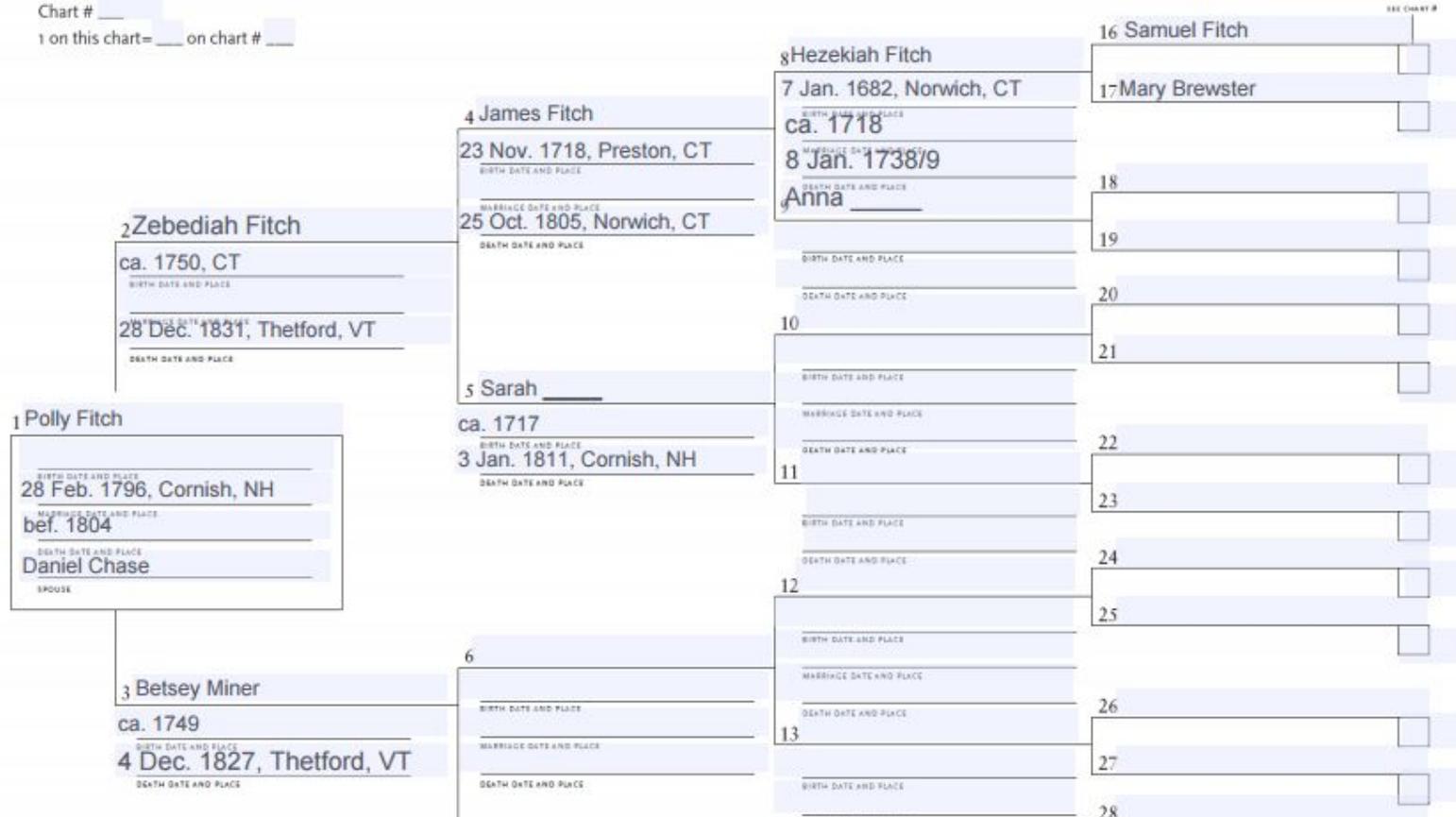
# Connect the Fitches

# Ancestry of Polly Fitch



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before the delivery here by Samuel Little of Cornish approved the receipt whereof  
 I do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained and sold and by these presents  
 do give grant bargain sell assigne release convey and confirm to have the said  
 Samuel Little his heirs and assigns the following tract or tract of land  
 being and being in Cornish aforesaid to wit the Easterly half of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 11  
 the 3<sup>rd</sup> range of the first division of lots in the town of Cornish to be divided  
 by a long narrow lane beginning on the center of the South line of said Lot and  
 by a long narrow lane beginning on the center of the North line thereof containing  
 more or less to have and hold the said granted Premises with the appurtenances  
 thereto unto the said Samuel Little his heirs and assigns to his and their own  
 proper use and benefit for ever hereby warranting the Premises free and clear  
 from all claims or demands of any Person or Persons holding or claiming by lease or  
 under me my heirs Executors Administrators or assigns or either of them to have  
 the said Samuel Little his heirs and assigns in Witness whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and seal the first day of March in the second year of our said  
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 James Puffly

Received of the said Samuel Little of Cornish in the County  
 of Cheshire and Province of New Hampshire the sum of thirty pounds  
 lawful Money of said Province to me in hand paid before the delivery hereof by  
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 or Persons holding or claiming by lease or under me my heirs Executors  
 Administrators or assigns or either of them to have the said Samuel Little and  
 his heirs and assigns in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
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 Administrators or assigns or either of them to have the said Samuel Little and  
 his heirs and assigns in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
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# Cornish Land Records

# Proximity in Connecticut

## The Fourth Generation

ham Co., CT, Vol. 2, p. 88. [10] *Woodstock History*, Vol. 6, pp. 269, 285. [11] G.s. Old Mansfield Cem., Tolland Co., CT. Photos courtesy Lynn E. Desy, Columbia, CT. [12] AF-4.19.

181. DR. ASHBEL (or ASELE or ASAHLE<sup>[7]</sup> or AZAHLE<sup>[4]</sup>) (*Col. Jabez<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>*), b. Canterbury, Windham Co., CT, 24 Jul. 1736;<sup>[1]</sup> (but prob. 1738)\* bp. Canterbury, 27 Aug. 1738;<sup>[2]</sup> d. Redding, Fairfield Co., CT, 31 Mar. 1793 æ 55;<sup>[3]</sup> m. (1) 24 Jun. 1760,<sup>[1]</sup> Rachel Strong of Stamford, Fairfield Co.,<sup>[1]</sup> d. Redding, 13 Apr. 1762;<sup>[1]</sup> m. (2) Wilton, Fairfield Co., 4 Oct. 1764,<sup>[6]</sup> Hannah Lockwood of Norwich, New London Co., CT,<sup>[1]</sup> poss. the one b. Stamford, abt. 1740,<sup>[6]</sup> dau. of Jonathan and Freelove (Wright) Lockwood.<sup>[6]</sup> Ashbel was the first physician in Redding. He served as a Surgeon's Mate in the 5th CT Reg. under Col. Waterbury from May to Dec. 1775.<sup>[4]</sup> Ashbel died insolvent, according to an administrator's accounting at Danbury Probate Court in 1793.<sup>[8]</sup>

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Fig. 69 - G.s. James<sup>4</sup> Fitch, Cornish Cem.<sup>[10]</sup>

Fig. 70 - G.s. Sarah Fitch, Cornish Cem.<sup>[10]</sup>

1805 æ 93;<sup>[6]</sup> m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_<sup>[2]</sup> b. 1717,<sup>[2]</sup> adm. comm. Cornish, 4 May 1777,<sup>[6]</sup> d. Cornish, 3 Jan. 1811 æ 94.<sup>[6]</sup> James prob. rem. Cornish after 1765, when he sold land in Norwich, New London Co., to his cousin Benajah, No. 195, below.<sup>[1]</sup>

### Children born prob. CT:

- + 621 i Hezekiah, b. 1746.<sup>[2]</sup>  
 + 622 ii Zebediah, b. abt. 1750.<sup>[6]</sup>  
 + 623 iii Lydia, b. 1751.<sup>[6]</sup>  
 624 iv James,<sup>[2]</sup> m. Charity Chase;<sup>[4]</sup> rem. Thetford or Bradford, Orange Co., VT.<sup>[2]\*\*</sup>  
 + 625 v Samuel, b. 15 Oct. 1757.<sup>[2]</sup>

### Sources:

[1] Preston, New London Co., CT *CR*, p. 25, LDS Film No. 1,011,968. [2] *Child Cornish*, p. 154. [3] *Norwich, New London Co., CT LR*, Vol. 12, p. 382. [4] *RLF No. 6C1-1B2C*. [5] Ltr. of 11 Nov. 1923 from Mrs. J. M. Spaulding, Walpole, NH, to Winchester<sup>3</sup> Fitch, at NYG&BS. [6] *Vermont Revolution*, p. 189. [7] 1840 Census, Cornish, Sullivan Co., NH. [8] G.s. Cornish Cem., Sullivan Co., NH. [9] "Records of Cornish, N.H." in *NEHG Register*, Vol. 72, p. 282. [10] Photos courtesy Arthur Osgood, Boca Raton, FL.

\* This James is prob. the one, b. abt. 1750-60, listed in the 1840 Census for Cornish, with a wife, b. abt. 1760-1770, a younger couple, and their four children.<sup>[2]</sup>

# Proximity in Connecticut

(154) Daniel Hibard, died, at  
Ticonderoga, October 21<sup>st</sup> 1776.  
Danill son to Daniel Hibard  
and Hannah his wife was born  
the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1776.  
Pilla son to Jbediah Fitch  
and Jety his was born, at  
Norwich Connecticut September  
ye 20<sup>th</sup> 1772.  
Jebediah there son was born  
Cornich December ye 1<sup>st</sup> 1774.  
Kezekiah there son was born  
Cornich April ye 20<sup>th</sup> 1776.  
Clementina daughter to Daniel  
and Mahetibe Chase was born  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> & died October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1777.  
Silas son Elias Cady & Hannah  
his wife was born in Cornich  
ye 9<sup>th</sup> November 1773.  
Noah hutchen there son was  
born in Cornich January 28<sup>th</sup> 1776.  
Died August 16<sup>th</sup> 1777.



# Naming Patterns

- Unique names used by Zebediah Fitch
  - Billa
  - Hezekiah

## The Third Generation

51. HEZEKIAH (*Samuel<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>*), b. "Mohegin" (Norwich), New London Co., CT, 7 Jan. 1682;<sup>[1]\*</sup> d. 8 Jan. 1738/9;<sup>[1]</sup> m. prob. abt. 1718,<sup>[3]\*\*</sup> Anna \_\_\_\_.<sup>[1]</sup> After Hezekiah d. Anna m. (2) Fall, 1754,<sup>[2]</sup> John Bailey, Sr.<sup>[2]</sup> The 15 Feb. 1738/9 inventory of Hezekiah's estate does not provide a total amount, but the house and land were valued at £1200, and the horses, cows, sheep and swine at £153. There were also a number of small debts to be paid, including £.20 to Dr. Joseph Perkins for "visit and medicine in his last sickness."<sup>[5]</sup>

Children baptized Preston, New London Co., CT:\*\*\*

- + 183 i James, bp. 23 Nov. 1718.<sup>[3]</sup>
- + 184 ii Samuel, bp. 3 Apr. 1720.<sup>[3]</sup>
- 185 iii Elizabeth, bp. 24 Jan. 1723.<sup>[3]</sup>
- 186 iv Anna, bp. 4 Jul. 1725;<sup>[3]</sup> m. (1) Aug. 1752,<sup>[6]</sup> (1st cousin) Asa<sup>4</sup> Fitch,<sup>[6]</sup> No. 201 below and next generation; m. (2) abt. 1756,<sup>[6]</sup> John Bailey, Jr.<sup>[6]</sup> b. Groton, New London Co., 9 Dec. 1719,<sup>[7]</sup> son of John and Elizabeth (Stallins) Bailey.<sup>[7]</sup>
- + 187 v Billa.<sup>[4]</sup>

Sources:

[1] Barbour *Fitch Family*. [2] Jabez Fitch *Diary*, Mayflower Desc., Vol. 1, p. 38. [3] Preston, New London Co., CT *CR*, pp. 15, 17, 24-28, LDS Film No. 1,011,968. [4] Norwich, New London Co., CT *LR*, Vol. 12, p. 296; Vol. 15, p. 430. [5] New London, New London Co., CT *PR*, LDS Film No. 1,025,017. [6] RLF No. 6C5C. [7] IGI-5.0, submitted record.

52. ELIZABETH (*Samuel<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>*), b. "Mohegin" (Norwich), New London Co., CT, 15 Feb. 1684;<sup>[1]</sup> bp. 17 Feb. 1684;<sup>[4]</sup> d. Stonington, New London Co., 8 Feb. 1715;<sup>[5]</sup> prob.<sup>[5]</sup> m. Stonington, 15 Apr. 1712,<sup>[6]</sup> Samuel Mason,<sup>[2][6]</sup> b. Stonington, 11 Feb. 1686,<sup>[2]</sup> d. prob. England, abt. 25 Feb. 1737,<sup>[3]</sup> son of Daniel and Rebecca (Hobart) Mason.<sup>[2]</sup> After Elizabeth d. Samuel m. (2) 22 Feb. 1720,<sup>[2]</sup> Rebecca (Minor) Lippincott,<sup>[7]</sup> b. Stonington, 13 Feb. 1699,<sup>[8]</sup> dau. of Elnathan and Rebecca (Baldwin) Minor,<sup>[7]</sup> and wid. of Robert Lippincott.<sup>[8]</sup>

Child born Stonington, New London Co., CT, surname **Mason**:

\* Because of the 5 Oct. 1681 birth date of Hezekiah's bro. Samuel, Hezekiah's date is prob. 1682/3.

\*\* On 23 Nov. 1718, the same day her first child was bp, "Anna, the wife of Hezekiah Fitch confessed her sin of fornication."<sup>[3]</sup> She also renewed her covenant and submitted to discipline. There is no record to indicate that Hezekiah did the same.

\*\*\* The relationship to Hezekiah of children, James, Samuel, Anna, and Billa, is established by a Norwich deed,<sup>[4]</sup> in which Billa mentions Anna, Samuel, James, and "my honored Father Mr. Hezekiah Fitch." In another deed, Anna (Fitch) Bailey also refers to James, Samuel, Billa, and her "honored father Hezekiah Fitch."<sup>[4]</sup>

# Pulling it all together

## Fitch Analysis

### Statement of Purpose

The following research confirmed generations and migrations that have been published in town histories and earlier GSMD applications. The research draws together a collection of land, probate, cemetery, and family records in order to identify and verify the generations described below and in some cases clarifies any errors or inaccuracies made in texts. The following concerns the Mayflower descent of Zebadiah Fitch (abt. 1750-28 Dec 1831), through the following generations:

Hezekiah Fitch  
James Fitch m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_  
Zebadiah Fitch m. Betsey Miner  
Polly Fitch m. Daniel Chase

### Research

In 2004, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants accepted that Zebadiah<sup>7</sup> Fitch was the son of James<sup>6</sup> Fitch, and therefore a descendant of Mayflower passenger William Brewster (GSMD#74001). The records of the Fitch family and of Cornish, New Hampshire suggest that this lineage is correct, despite the lack of vital records.

According to *History of Cornish, New Hampshire with Genealogical Record, 1763-1910*, James<sup>6</sup> Fitch removed to Cornish from Connecticut with four children: Hezekiah, Lydia, James, and Samuel; Zebadiah Fitch is not listed as a member of the family. No probate record can be found for James<sup>6</sup> Fitch in Cheshire County.<sup>15</sup> No birth record exists for Zebadiah in Connecticut.

Land Records for Cheshire County, New Hampshire suggest a connection to Hezekiah and Samuel Fitch, who are listed as children of James<sup>6</sup> Fitch in *History of Cornish, New Hampshire*. On 1 June 1771, Hezekiah Fitch purchased 100 acres of land in Cornish from Joseph Chase, though the deed was not recorded until 2 April 1799.<sup>16</sup> The deed states that Hezekiah purchased a "one Hundred acre Lot of Lan lying and being in the town Cornish and is known by being No. 14 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> range and first division."<sup>16</sup> Hezekiah sold the western 50 acres of Lot 14 to Zebadiah in 1773, and in 1799, sold the eastern 50 acres to Samuel Fitch.<sup>17</sup> The deeds involving Hezekiah Fitch, Zebadiah Fitch, and Samuel Fitch were all recorded on 2 April 1799.

Though the land record involving Hezekiah Fitch and Zebadiah Fitch does not state that they are brothers, the deed does suggest that they are related. Hezekiah sells the 50 acres of land to Zebadiah for only 7 pounds 10 shillings;<sup>18</sup> in comparison, Zebadiah purchased 2 acres and 16 rods of land from Jabesh Spicer for 6 pounds 6 shillings in 1792,<sup>19</sup> and 51 acres and 1056 rods of land from Moody Chase for \$330 in 1798.<sup>20</sup> The low rate in which the land was sold could be indicative of a familial relationship; often when land was sold for a low price, it was being passed to family members.

The family record of Zebadiah Fitch, located in the Cornish Town Records, does not list all of his children. However, the births of the three oldest children of Zebadiah and Betsey (Miner) Fitch, Billa, Zebadiah, and Hezekiah, are recorded.<sup>21</sup>

The birth record for Billa Fitch, the eldest child of Zebadiah and Betsey (Miner) Fitch, states that he was born at Norwich, Connecticut on 20 September 1772.<sup>22</sup> The Fitch genealogy states that James Fitch likely removed to Cornish, New Hampshire after 1765, when he sold land in

Norwich, New London County, Connecticut.<sup>23</sup> This indicates that both men were in New London, Connecticut around the same time, and then both removed to Cornish New Hampshire around the same time.

The names of the children of Zebadiah and Betsey (Miner) Fitch also support the connection between Zebadiah and James Fitch. Billa (or Bela) is the name of a brother of James<sup>6</sup> Fitch.<sup>23,24,25</sup> According to the Fitch genealogy, the first Billa/Bela that appears in the Fitch family is the brother of James, and the name appears largely among the descendants of Hezekiah<sup>7</sup> Fitch. Similarly, Zebadiah names another son Hezekiah, which is another name that is found almost exclusively among descendants of Hezekiah<sup>7</sup> Fitch, the first member of the Fitch family with the name. As Zebadiah Fitch named two of his children names that largely only appear among the descendants of Hezekiah<sup>7</sup> Fitch, the father of James<sup>6</sup> Fitch of Cornish, it is likely that Zebadiah is a son of James<sup>6</sup> Fitch.

### Conclusion:

An analysis of Cornish, NH and Connecticut records produced no negative evidence contradicting *Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch, 1622-1702*. Land records and family records suggest that the Fitches of Cornish, New Hampshire are related, upholding the assertion that Zebadiah<sup>7</sup> Fitch is the son of James<sup>6</sup> Fitch. Therefore, the lineage verified in GSMD#74001 can still be accepted as correct.

## GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. **JAMES FITCH<sup>6</sup>**, baptized at Preston, Connecticut 23 November 1718, son of Hezekiah<sup>5</sup> (*Mary Brewster<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>*) and Anna (\_\_\_\_\_) Fitch.<sup>26</sup> He died at Cornish, New Hampshire 25 October 1805.<sup>27,28,29</sup> He married **SARAH \_\_\_\_\_**.<sup>30</sup> She was born 1717.<sup>31,32</sup> She died at Cornish, 3 January 1811, ae 94.<sup>33</sup>

*Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch*, 121, states that James removed to Cornish between 1765, when he sold land in Norwich, New London County, Connecticut, and 1777, when Sarah (\_\_\_\_\_) Fitch was admitted to the Church in Cornish. No probate for James Fitch has been found and no land records identifying heirs.

Children of James and Sarah (Fitch) Mudge, born probably at Connecticut.<sup>34</sup>

- i. HEZEKIAH FITCH<sup>7</sup>, b. 1746.
- 2 ii. ZEBEDIAH FITCH<sup>7</sup>, b. abt. 1750; d. Thetford, VT, 28 Dec. 1831 ae 81; m. Betsey Miner.<sup>35</sup>
- iii. LYDIA FITCH, b. 1751
- iv. JAMES FITCH, m. CHARITY CHASE, rem. to Thetford or Bradford, VT.
- v. SAMUEL FITCH, b. 15 Oct. 1757.

2. **ZEBEDIAH FITCH<sup>7</sup>**, born probably at Connecticut about 1750.<sup>36,37</sup> He died at Thetford, Orange County, Vermont, 28 December 1831.<sup>38,39</sup> He married **BETSEY MINER**, born about 1749, daughter of Simeon and Hannah (Wheeler) Miner.<sup>40,41</sup> She died at Thetford 4 November 1827.<sup>42</sup>

Zebadiah was a member of the Cornish Foot Militia Co., under Capt. Solomon Chase, 25 May 1776. In 1792, he purchased land from Jabish Spicer.<sup>43,44</sup> In 1799, he purchased 50 acres of land in Cornish from Hezekiah Fitch, which he sold to Joseph Chase on 16 May 1801.<sup>45,46</sup> Between 1800 and 1803, Zebadiah began purchasing land in Thetford, VT, indicating his removal to Thetford.<sup>47,48</sup> His will was written 22 March 1821, and probated 27 February 1832.<sup>49,50</sup>

# Clearly Stated Objective

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# Recognize Earlier Scholarship

- 2004 General Society of Mayflower Descendants, approved application (GSMD#74001)
- *History of Cornish, New Hampshire with Genealogical Record, 1763-1910*
- *Descendants of Reverend James Fitch, 1622-1702*

# Research Summary

- Land Records in Cheshire County, NH suggest a connection between Hezekiah Fitch and Zebadiah Fitch, because of the low price of the land.
- Cornish Town Records list the birth of Zebadiah and Betsey (Miner) Fitch's eldest, Billa Fitch, as 20 SEP 1772 in Norwich, CT.
- Naming patterns for the children of Zebadiah and Betsey (Miner) Fitch

# Address Anomalies

- Unable to locate the following records:
  - Probate record for James Fitch in Cheshire Co., NH
  - Birth record for Zebadiah Fitch in Connecticut
- History of Cornish, New Hampshire with Genealogical Record, 1763-1910
  - Includes a summary of James Fitch's family (Hezekiah, Lydia, James, and Samuel), but does not include Zebadiah Fitch

# Suggest Other Possibilities

- Zebadiah Fitch may have been a nephew of James Fitch
  - Unlikely, based on the evidence presented

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Children of Zebediah and Betsey (Miner) Fitch:<sup>xxx, xxxi</sup>

- i. BILLA FITCH<sup>8</sup>, b. Norwich, CT 20 Sep. 1772.
- ii. ZEBEDIAH FITCH, b. Cornish 1 Dec. 1774.
- iii. HEZEKIAH FITCH, b. Cornish 20 Apr. 1776.
- iv. POLLY FITCH<sup>7</sup>, d. bef. 9 Sep. 1804;<sup>xxxii</sup> m. at Cornish, 28 Feb. 1796, DANIEL CHASE.<sup>xxxiii</sup>
- v. BETSEY FITCH, m. \_\_\_\_ WOOD.
- vi. LYMAN FITCH

# Result?

# Review

1. Get Organized
2. Define Your Objective
3. List records that will aid in your research
4. Find the Resources
5. Research
6. Draw a Conclusion

# QUESTIONS?

# Activity #5

# Analyze and Conclude

# Facts

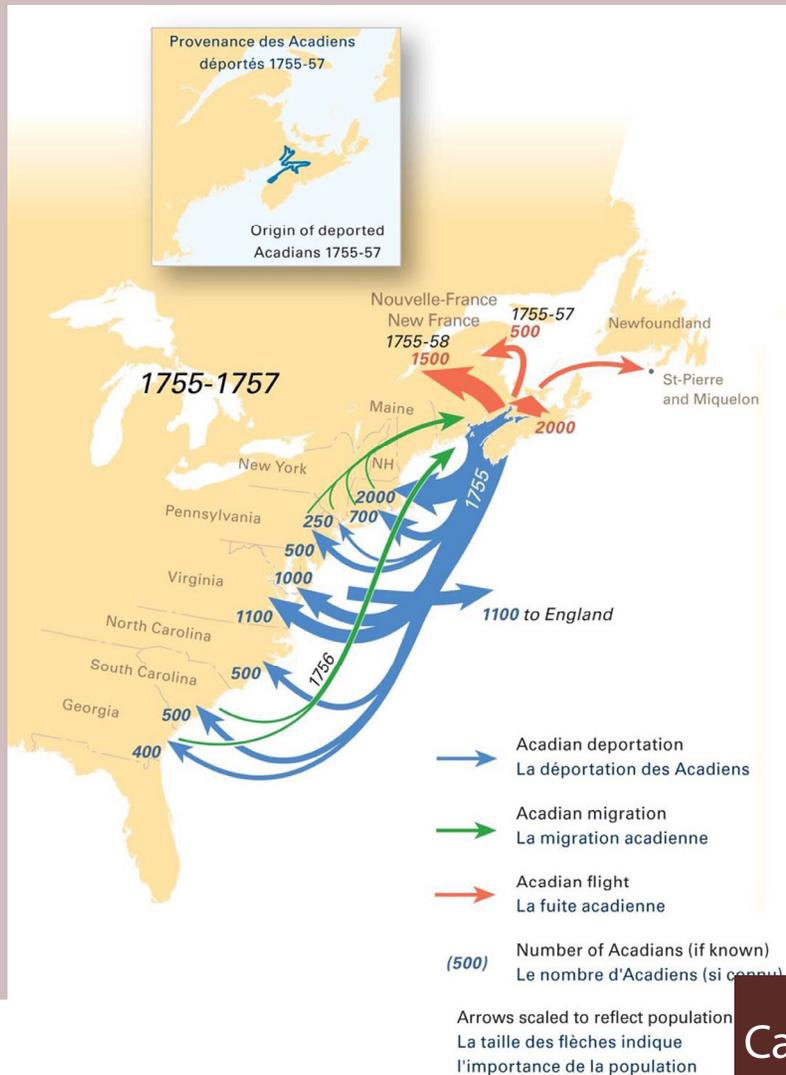
- George Ellis, Joshua White, and George Ellis were born in Nova Scotia
- Alfred Ellis and Charles Ellis were born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
- Reuben White was born in Tusket in Yarmouth County
- Likely that the Ellis family was Catholic
- Mention of Muse and Doucette families in vital records of the White family (also neighbors)

# Acadian Community



A painting of the deportation in Grand-Pré, Nova Scotia.

# The Great Expulsion



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# Acadians of Argyle

- After forced expulsion in 1750s, many settled in New England
- Eventually returned to the Argyle region beginning in the late 1760s
- Learned that the White family was actually the LeBlanc family

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## An Acadian Parish Reborn

Post-Deportation Argyle – First 50 Years of Catholic Parish Records  
1799-1849



The resource presented here results from a partnership between the [Argyle Township Court House and Archives](#), who created the product in its entirety, and the Nova Scotia Archives, who provided technical assistance in integrating, and then hosting, the final results.

Researchers will find here a searchable database providing the names of all Roman Catholics baptized, married or buried, 1799-1849, in the predominantly Acadian French township of Argyle, Yarmouth County, as recorded in the first eleven parish registers, all of which have survived.

Each of the 4575 records included in the database is linked to a data table presenting, in both French and English, key information about the event. Below the data table is a digitized image of the page on which the original register entry is found, and another link leading to a full transcription, in French, of that same page. A surname index elsewhere on the site helps researchers understand what family names (and

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# William Ellis and Anne LeBlanc

MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED						IN THE COUNTY OF <i>Yarmouth</i> 1844.				
No.	When, where, and how Married.	Names and Signatures of the parties.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at time of Marriage.	Where born.	Parents.	Rank or Profession.	Witnesses and Officiating Minister.
15	July 27 1844 Salem By License and Banns	Nathan J. Threlker Hemoria C. McLaughlin	257 236	Widower Spinster	Bookman	Freeport Little River	Freeport Little River	John & Louisa Anson & Almira	Bookman Farmer	John Long Annie LeBlanc Wm. W. Patten
16	March 6 1844 Salem By License and Banns	Nehemiah C. Lusk Emma L. Allen	225 220	Bachelor Spinster	Seaman	Little River Northwest	Little River Northwest	John & Mary Wm. C. & Eliza	Farmer Carpenter	Wm. LeBlanc Maggie C. Allen John W. Patten
17	March 11 1844 Little River By License and Banns	Henry B. Saunders Martha E. DeWald	220 211	Bachelor Spinster	Artist	Northwest Little River	Freeport Little River	Nathan R. & Eliza Cyrus & Mary	Farmer -	Isaac Rice Elizabeth Capwell William Capwell
18	March 8 1844 Yarmouth By License and Banns	Isaac L. Cornell Sammy Smith	223 221	Bachelor Spinster	Bookman	Yarmouth	Bennington Yarmouth	Joseph & Mary George & Mary	Bookman Carpenter	Little River Annie Smith Wm. W. Patten
19	March 6 1844 Putnam By License and Banns	William Lusk Amanda J. Murphy	226 224	Bachelor Spinster	Minister	East Putnam West	East Putnam West	Wm. & Rebecca Jesse & Sarah	Minister Merchant	Wm. W. Patten Annie Miller Wm. W. Patten
20	April 11 1844 Little River By License and Banns	Robert Nicholson Selena Smith	221 220	Bachelor Spinster	Farmer	Freeport Freeport	Freeport Freeport	Abraham & Elizabeth James & Mary	Farmer -	William Miller Wm. Nicholson Wm. W. Patten
21	March 13 1844 Yarmouth By License and Banns	Frederick Campbell Bessie Roberts	221 218	Bachelor Spinster	Carpenter	Yarmouth Glasgow	Yarmouth Glasgow	David R. & Mary Henry & Ruth	Carpenter Blacksmith	Isaac Cornell Wm. W. Patten
22	March 18 1844 Yarmouth By License and Banns	William H. Leonard Jr. Esther Seraph	223 221	Bachelor Spinster	Minister	Yarmouth	Yarmouth Yarmouth	Wm. H. & Joanna Gordon & Sarah	Minister Merchant	Wm. W. Patten Wm. W. Patten
23	March 22 1844 Yarmouth By License and Banns	James Rogers Levi W. White	226 221	Bachelor Spinster	Carpenter	Yarmouth	Yarmouth Yarmouth	John B. & Lydia Rich. & Sophia	Farmer -	Wm. W. Patten Wm. W. Patten
24	March 15 1844 Freeport By License and Banns	William H. Nicholson Mary C. McNeil	224 218	Bachelor Spinster	Minister	Freeport	Freeport	James & Hannah Rich. & Sarah	Minister -	Wm. W. Patten Wm. W. Patten
25	April 12 1844 Portland By License and Banns	William H. Ayres Susan C. Johnson	227 218	Bachelor Spinster	Farmer	Portland Portland	Portland Portland	Wm. & Mary Anna & Almira	Farmer -	Wm. W. Patten Wm. W. Patten
26	April 18 1844 Yarmouth By License and Banns	William Ellis Anne L. LeBlanc	228 229	Bachelor Spinster	Labourer	Yarmouth	Yarmouth Bel Brook	Wm. & Mary Joseph & Eliza	Farmer Bookman	Wm. W. Patten Wm. W. Patten



# Anne Virginie LeBlanc

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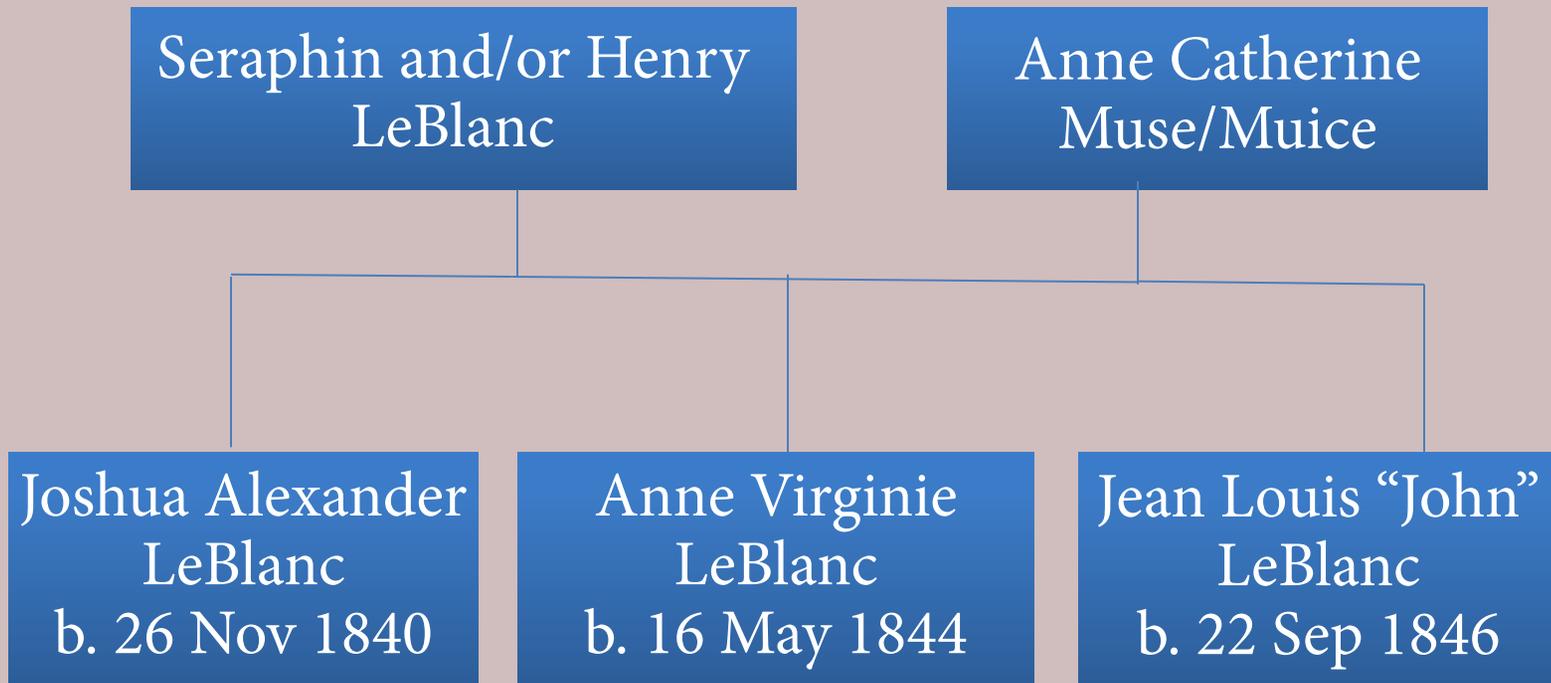
Register	RG 1 Vol. SA8 p.27
Priest	Joseph Goudot
Registration Date	16 May 1844
Event	Baptism
Name	Anne Virginie LeBlanc born 13 May 1844
Father	Seraphin LeBlanc
Mother	Anne Catherine Muice
Godparents	Joseph Muice Jenevieve LeBlanc

1844 fille légitime de mariage de Seraphin LeBlanc, et de protestante  
 6 Avril Joseph Blanc son épouse et a été baptisé le cinq mai et a  
 pour parrain Joseph Doucet, et pour marraine  
 Dabine Seraphin LeBlanc. En foi de quoi nous avons écrit  
 5 Mai ifeun le parrain est né Rosalie muice fille de  
 Rosalie et Jacques muice, et pour marraine  
 muice et a été baptisé le cinq mai elle a eu pour  
 5 Mai parrain Joseph muice et pour marraine et  
 Michel Catherine Doucet. En foi de quoi nous avons écrit  
 pour le dit le dit muice est né Michel Joseph Doucet  
 Doucet. fille légitime de Joseph Doucet, et de Joseph muice  
 son épouse, et a été baptisé le cinq mai et a  
 pour parrain Joseph Doucet, et pour marraine  
 en foi de quoi nous avons écrit  
 16 Mai sans nul doute qu'on ne peut que dire  
 Anne Virginie muice est née Anne Virginie <sup>leBlanc</sup> fille légitime de  
 leBlanc Seraphin leBlanc, et de Anne Catherine muice son  
 épouse et a été baptisé le six mai elle  
 en pour parrain Joseph muice, et pour marraine

# Update Research Plan

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Citation
<b>Vital Records</b>						
Birth Record	William Ellis	1838	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	no		
Birth Record	Annie Virginie LeBlanc	13 May 1844	Eel Brook, Nova Scotia	yes	Father: Seraphin LeBlanc Mother: Anne Catherine Muice; Godparents: Joseph Muice and Jenevieve LeBlanc	Annie Virginie LeBlanc Baptismal Record (1844) RG 1 Vol. SA8 p.27
Marriage Record (1)	William Ellis and Annie V. LeBlanc	15 Apr 1884	Yarmouth Co., Nova Scotia	yes	Father: Seraphin LeBlanc Mother: Catherine ____; Godparents: Remi Muice and Mary LeBlanc	William Ellis and Annie V. LeBlanc Marriage Record (1884); Registration Year: 1884 - Book: 1839 -
Marriage Record (2)	Annie White and James Stevens McGill	10 Jan 1905	Reading, Massachusetts	yes	Annie's father: Henry White; Annie's Mother: Kate Muse. Birth place: Eel Brook, Nova Scotia	James Stevens McGill and Annie White Ellis Marriage Record, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911-1915
Death Record	William Ellis	10 Feb 1904	Reading, Massachusetts	yes	William's father: William Ellis; William's mother unknown. Birth place: Nova Scotia	William Ellis death record (1904), Massachusetts Vital Records, 1840-1911. New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.
Death Record	Annie (White) McGill	1930	Reading, Massachusetts	yes	Annie's father: Henry White; Annie's Mother: Kate Muse. Birth place: Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	Annie Virginia McGill death record (1930), Department of Vital Statistics, Boston, Massachusetts, vol. 79, pg. 494

# Seraphin or Henry? Or Both?



## Some Notes on Acadian Proper (Given) Names

The given name 'Thomas,' though a common Biblical name found in many French jurisdictions, was never used by the old Acadian families of Argyle. The only family who may have used it during early times were the Cottreaus in Wedgeport, whose progenitor came directly to Nova Scotia from France in the post-Deportation era. Instead of 'Thomas,' families in Argyle preferred 'Athanasé,' which they translated as 'Tom' or 'Thomas' for English use.

Some of the more unusual names assigned to males in Argyle during the early days include Amable, Ange, Anselme, Appolinaire, Augustin, Barromé, Damase, Florent, Hilaire, Honoré, Hyppolyte, Mandé, Mathurin, Maximin, Onésiphore, Rémi, Silvain or Sylvain, Toussaint and Volusien. Those for women include Bibianne, Euphrosine, Léonice or Léonisse, Osithes, Pélagie, Perpétue, Radegonde and Scholastique.

Research into the origins of these given names demonstrates that with few exceptions, most can be found in any good encyclopedia of the saints of the Catholic Church. Many of the names, when first used, may have been suggested or imposed by the priest. The standard lexicon of names among early Acadian families was otherwise not particularly extensive, hence the surplus of 'Maries' among women and countless 'Jeans' and 'Josephs' among men.

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# Birth of Gregoire Seraphine LeBlanc

## Gregoire Seraphine LeBlanc

Register	RG 1 Vol. SA3 p.28
Priest	Jean Mandé Sigogne
Registration Date	14 March 1817
Event	Baptism
Name	Gregoire Seraphine LeBlanc born 12 March 1817
Father	Jean Baptiste LeBlanc
Mother	Luce Doucete
Godparents	Edouard Doucet maternal uncle of child
	Marguerite LeBlanc paternal aunt of child

1817  
 Le neuf Mars mil huit cent dix sept apres devant moi frere  
 Dominique Mene qui m'a declare que le 12 Mars dernier a été  
 Gerardoult inhumé dans le cimetière de cette Paroisse le corps de Dominique  
 Gerardoult decede par accident le jour precedent exhumé  
 10 Gerardoult decede par accident le jour precedent exhumé  
 epouse en premieres noces de Celeste Mene decede  
 Le quatorze Mars mil huit cent dix sept a été  
 par moi frere Siffre Baptiste Gregoire Seraphine né le  
 Gregoire deuz de pres de l'eglise mariage entre Jean Baptiste  
 Seraphine de Mene et Luce Doucete decede Paroisse Luce pres de  
 Le Mene Le Paroisse a été Edouard Doucet pere de la mere del'en-  
 fant et la Marianne a été Marguerite Le Blanc sœur de  
 114 Jean Baptiste Le Blanc épouse aussi de cette Paroisse le  
 quel ont declare ne savoir pas s'en  
 Le quatorze Mars mil huit cent dix sept m'a été declare que le  
 Charles frere du frere Lundi jour de mon retour en cette paroisse a  
 Gerardoult inhumé le corps de Charles doucet decede dans son a-

# Saint Day-March 12<sup>th</sup>

March 12 [\[ edit \]](#)



**Saint Fina** (1238–1253), or **Saint Serafina**, was an [Italian Christian](#) girl who is venerated in the Tuscan town of [San Gimignano](#). She developed a paralytic illness and spent the rest of her life on a bed made from a wooden pallet, where [Saint Gregory the Great](#) allegedly appeared to her to predict her death. Miraculous healings were later attributed to her remains.

Saint Fina is celebrated in San Gimignano on both March 12, the anniversary of her death, and the first Sunday in August. Her relics are kept in a chapel in the [Collegiata di San Gimignano](#). A hospital in San Gimignano was formerly named in her honor and several paintings of her can be found in the town.

**Attributes:** Violets, depicted with [Saint Gregory the Great](#), or lying on her wooden board

**Patronage:** physically challenged people, [spinners](#)

# Marriage of Gregorie Seraphine LeBlanc and Anne Catherine Mieuce

## Séraphin Grégoire LeBlanc and Anne Catherine Mieuce

Register	RG 1 Vol. SA7 p.64
Priest	Amable Petithomme
Registration Date	20 November 1836
Event	Marriage
Groom	Séraphin Grégoire LeBlanc of the age of majority
Father	Jean Baptiste LeBlanc
Mother	Ursule Doucette
Bride	Anne Catherine Mieuce of the age of majority
Father	Louis Mieuce
Mother	Théotiste Doucette
Witnesses	Charles Thérieau Hypolite Babin

20<sup>nov</sup>  
1836  
entre Louis Mieuce  
et Ursule Doucette  
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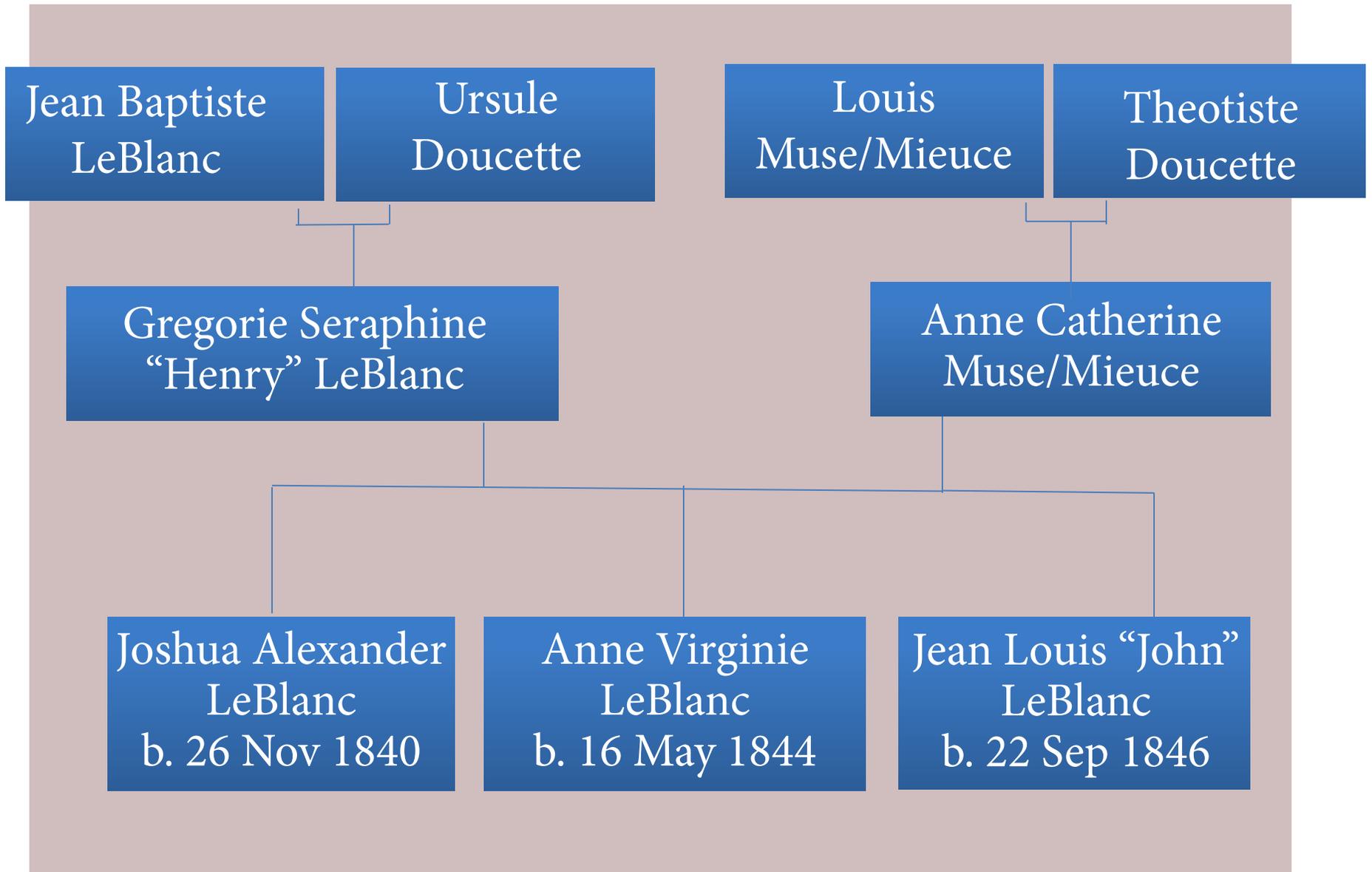
après avoir publié trois dimanches de suite, dans l'église de St Anne, les bans du futur mariage légitime mariages de Jean Baptiste LeBlanc et Ursule Doucette d'une part et d'Anne Catherine Mieuce fille majeure de légitime mariage de Louis Mieuce et de Théotiste Doucette, après avoir observé toutes les règles et formalités prescrites par l'église. Cha. ap. et R. ne s'étant trouvé aucun empêchement ou opposition, excepté d'empêchement de consanguinité au 7. et de degré, je les ai dit, puis, ensuite j'ai reçu au point de leur mutuel consentement et je leur ai donné la bénédiction nuptiale en présence de Charles Thérieau et d'Hypolite Babin. Charles Thérieau

# Birth of Anne Catherine Muice

## Anne Catherine Muice

Register	RG 1 Vol. SA3 p.29
Priest	Jean Mandé Sigogne
Registration Date	23 March 1817
Event	Baptism
Name	Anne Catherine Muice born 7 November 1816, previously baptised by Pierre Muice (neighbour)
Father	Louis Muice the younger
Mother	Théotule Dousset
Godparents	Athanase LeBlanc son of Joseph LeBlanc  Celeste Muice widow of Dominique Gourdault; paternal aunt of child

*Le vingt-trois Mars mil huit cent dix sept j'ay fait avec l'assistance  
de quatre témoins ai suppléé la cérémonie du Baptême a  
Anne Catherine née le sept novembre dernier du légitime con-  
jugement entre Louis Muice luyneur & Théotule Dousset luyneur  
présente qui ma déclaré que son mari & elle avoient fait  
ordonner son enfant par Pierre Muice luyneur de cette paroisse  
le 7 Mars mil huit cent dix six par le Ministre de la paroisse & la  
Marraine a été Celeste Muice veuve Dominique Gourdault sans  
dépense de l'enfant de cette paroisse. Sigogne  
Le vingt-trois Mars mil huit cent dix sept de Britel pasteur de  
suppléer la cérémonie du Baptême a Sophie Henriette née le  
11 Mars mil huit cent dix six de la paroisse de Britel.*



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