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**Name**

Catherine Bence

**How long have you done family history research?**

Over 10 years

## Pre-Tour Consultation

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Amos Brown / Shepardson ~1752 Mendon, MA

### **Pertinent information available about individual:**

In June 1752 Rebecca was appeared before the Bristol County Court charged with fornication. At that time she named Amos Shepardson (1734-) of Attleboro as the father.

Amos 1734- later married Abigail Pratt and had four children all who have baptismal records and a mentioned in probate.

Rebecca married Peter Brown of Mendon in December 1753 and in 1754 there is a Mendon record of their son, Amos Brown born in 1752.

In 1778 an Amos Shepardson married Hannah Norcross in Mendon, Mass.

I'm trying to trace "Amos Brown" / "Amos Shepardson".

I've followed the line of male Shepardsons from the arrival of Daniel Shepardson in Charlestown, MA ~1732. There aren't a lot of them. In the mid 1700s there are three in Attleboro: Amos Sr. 1704-, Amos Jr. 1734-, and possible Amos Brown.Shepardson 1752-.

I want to look for Amos Brown to see when he disappeared/moved/became Amos Shepardson. I have found no documentation to date for Amos (1752-) other than the fornication trial and the birth of Amos Brown.

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Determine parental candidates for Amos (1752-) by examining records for Peter Brown.

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

Bristol County Court of General Sessions

American Revolutionary records - Amos Shepardson, Peter Brown,  
BMD - Attleboro, Mendon, Milford  
Probate for Amos Shepardson (1704-1799)

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

none

**Optional: Provide a link to your  
PUBLIC family tree:**

[https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/6309293/?  
cfpid=-1313545602](https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/6309293/?cfpid=-1313545602)



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**Name** Catherine Bence

**Name of individual to be discussed:** Parents of Titus Wood

### **Pertinent information available about individual:**

To date, I have done little or no research with Connecticut records. Most of my early New England ancestors settled in and around Bristol, Plymouth, and Middlesex counties. Several families moved west to the Lanesborough area in the Berkshires by the mid-1700s, some by way of Connecticut.

Titus Wood was born on 5-Nov-1756 in Ridgefield, CT. He married Suzanne Lasell/Lazell (b. 3-Oct-1762, Windham, CT) in 1785 in Lanesborough. He died in Lanesborough, MA on 20-Jan-1839. They are both buried there.

I believe his father was John Wood and his mother was Abigail Church or possibly Lobell. I found one adult baptism for a John Wood at St. Luke's Church in Lanesborough. This may or may not be Titus's father who is elsewhere documented as dying in Ridgefield.

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

I am most interested in learning what Connecticut resources are available online or in archives for records from the 1600s to the mid-1700s.

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

I have looked at census and church records for Lanesborough. Titus has a Revolutionary War pension and wrote an affidavit for another soldier he served with.

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

I am interested in sources to explore for this family and others who also travelled up the Connecticut River to western Massachusetts.

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**Optional: Provide a link to your PUBLIC family tree:**

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/6309293/?cfpid=-1313545602>



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**Name** Claire Clemens

**Name of individual to be discussed:** William Clemens/Clemmons

### **Pertinent information available about individual:**

Looking for parents of

Richard CLEMENS

Birth 1796 • Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, USA

Death 30 MAY 1870 • Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, USA

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Find out as much as possible about William Clemmons, born about 1770 in Maryland, died about 1855 in Jefferson County, Ohio. Was his son Richard born in Virginia during the family move to Ohio? Did William Clemmons serve in the military? Did he receive a land grant? Did he marry Elizabeth Goard in 1790 in Franklin, Virginia?

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

William Clemmons was enumerated from 1820-1850 in Steubenville, Ohio. His daughter Sally/Sarah was born 1800 in Jefferson County.

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

Would like to confirm William is the father of Richard and learn more about William and his origins.

## Optional Additions

**Optional: Provide a link to your PUBLIC family tree:**

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/109272333/person/150120533272/facts>



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**Name** Lynne De Merritt

**Name of individual to be discussed:** Eli Demeritt and wife Hopstill/Hopestill

**Pertinent information available about individual:**

Sending separate Word file via email

**Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

I would like to review items that might be in the NEHGS library and receive recommendations for further research. There are many sources, but it is difficult to determine what is the best sources to site when there is no standard tools for documentation.

**Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

Sending separate Word file via email with pertinent information about individual.

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

My research on has been on and off for several years, I may have missed some sources on American Ancestors web site. I did find online Will and probate information on Ancestry but could not access the information. There is information New Hampshire resources in the New England Research book 6th edition but was not able to access the items that may have been online.

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**Name**

Ann McLean DWELLEY

**How long have you done family history research?**

5-10 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:**

1] Rev. James GARCELON Jr, b. 6 September 1761, Gloucester, Mass; 2] HARRINGTON, Fred Henry b. 18 March 1874, Durham Maine; 3] Bessie Merrill STUBBS b. 23 April 1879 Pownal, Maine; 4] Olive Ela CURRIER b. 6 June 1871, Sherbrooke, Quebec; 5] Bert Lee DWELLEY b. 3 April 1866, Jackson Michigan.

**Pertinent information available about individual:**

1] GARCELON, Rev James Jr, m. Elizabeth DYER b.17 November 1757. He d. 28 December 1838, buried Lewiston ME Garcelon cemetery; she d. 23 November 1828, Lewiston ME.  
2] HARRINGTON m. [3]Bessie STUBBS 27 November 1902, Pownal ME. Both died in Durham ME.  
Bert DWELLEY m. [4]Olive CURRIER 16 April 1889 Lynn MA. Her French Canadian background has several variants, depending on whether she wanted to be seen as US or Canadian, I think. (Tracing her may not be worth the effort.)

**Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Nearly all individuals will have lived in Maine. James GARCELON Sr, said to have come to Maine from Guernsey, is intriguing. Dwelleys are fairly well traced, but I have put off confirming the information on Harringtons, Stubbs and Curriers. I have names and dates, and occasionally burial sites on the paper records I hold, but not much more.  
I hope to be able to explore records not necessarily on line for early Maine settlers.

**Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

I only have family stories at this point. They include memories of visiting family farms, etc. but nothing specific.

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

We are looking for the first settlers from Europe, their State of Maine connections, and documentation of

the names, dates and places. I expect that paper records the NEGBS holds can be very helpful. This form doesn't allow me to review page 1, where I think I described the paper family record pages I hold, organized by a family member in 2017 using Ancestry.com ancestral charts. Nothing is verified, but personal knowledge regarding 20th century people is probably reasonably accurate. I will have the paper forms with me, leaving behind the ones linking to crusaders and royalty.



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**Name** David Earle

**How long have you done family history research?** 5-10 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Charles Henry Vos Christian

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Everything I have discovered is on my NEHGS tree, if you have access to it. If not, let me know and I'll send that information.

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

Family history says he came here, age 20, in 1855, from the Isle of Mann, I'd like to confirm that and, if possible, find his parents. The U.S. records I've found simply say "England. " I have two references from American Ancestors and Findmypast, but they disagree

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

Census, 1880 and 1900  
Kentucky county marriages 1797-1954  
Find a Grave  
Family Search ID KCFL-KLJ  
American Ancestors  
Findmypast

### Any additional comments related to this consultation:

Apologies for this being late. I couldn't locate this page from the main NEHGS website

**Optional: Provide a link to your PUBLIC family tree:** <https://trees.americanancestors.org/#!/tree/19811/people/3H2-KJ69-FQNP>



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**Name** David Earle

**Name of individual to be discussed:** See below

### **Pertinent information available about individual:**

I have spent 6 years collecting data and have almost all the names I need (1200+) to begin writing a family history. I'd like to review with an expert the authority of my sources to date and the data "polishing" that should be done. Also, because I've been learning as I go along, my research methodology has been inconsistent (another word might be scattershot), I'd like help in setting up a more consistent, efficient, step-by-step workflow.

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

- 1 - When is a source "good enough?" (published family histories, on-line family trees...)
- 2 - The most efficient way to approach Internet sources. Is there a step-by-step, approach that consistently delivers the best results in the least time?
- 3 - Organizing citations and footnotes. How much is necessary for a non-scholarly but authoritative work.

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

Many over the years, but inconsistent individual by individual. Many sources for some, few for others.

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

How close am I to the point where I can move from the research phase of my project to the writing phase?

## Optional Additions



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**Name** Laurie McTeague

**How long have you done family history research?** 1-5 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Eleanor McNabb

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Eleanor "Ellen or Ella" McNabb was born about 1851 in Scotland. She emigrated to the US with her father, David McNabb (and perhaps her mother, who is known only to our family as Frazelle?), and lived in Brooklyn, New York. I have an 1865 NY State Census which may or may not be her, living with an older Ellen McNabb (50) and a younger sister, Catherine (14).

I have a marriage record from Jersey City, NJ on 1 Jun 1871, showing Ella's marriage to George Washington Nelson, and an 1875 NY State Census showing the couple living in Brooklyn with their first daughter (also named Ella). The 1880 US Federal Census shows Ella and George living with Ella's father, David (listed as disabled, and a widower, at age 65) and their four children: Eleanor Florence Nelson (b. 3 Apr 1873), Maude Frazelle Nelson (b. 25 Dec 1875), Archibald John Nelson (b. 27 Feb 1879), and George W Nelson (b. abt 1880).

George died on 27 Nov 1882 and later, Ella married John Calvin Guy in Jersey City, NJ on 5 Mar 1884. I was told that John Guy was a cousin to George Nelson. Ella and John had one daughter (my great-grandmother), Ethel Irene Guy, on 17 Aug 1888 (or 89). Both Ella and John became ill and died in 1891 (Ella on 27 Aug and John on 17 Sep). I have a record that Ella is buried in Evergreens Cemetery in Brooklyn.

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

I know very little about Ella and John Guy beyond their marriage and the names of (most of) their parents. I'd like to fill in the blanks and extend my family tree back into Ireland (where Ella's mother and John's parents were born) and Scotland (where Ella and her father were born).

I'd like to see if I could find immigration records, to see who Ella immigrated with, when and from where. If successful, I'd like to put names and other records to Ella's parents and grandparents (including David McNabb's immigration record and death certificate). I'd also like to verify John Guy's ancestry, including

his parents immigration records into the US, from Ireland, and his ancestors beyond his immigrant parents.

I've done a fair amount of ancestry research in the US, but not much in immigration records, and none in Ireland, so I could use some pointers on how to get started effectively.

**Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

For Ella McNabb, I have reviewed:

- US Federal Census - 1880
- NY State Census - 1865, 1875
- NJ Marriage records
- Death certificate

For John Guy, I have reviewed:

- US Federal Census - 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880
- NY State Census - 1855
- NJ Marriage records
- Grand Army of the Republic muster record

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

None for now



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**Name** Laurie McTeague

**Name of individual to be discussed:** Conrad T Hanse

### **Pertinent information available about individual:**

It appears that Conrad was born in Philadelphia around 1818, but I would like to confirm this, and his parentage. (The 1860 Fed Census says he was born in the Philippines, but I'm almost certain that's a typo.)

He was married in Augusta, GA in 1838 to Heloise Bouyer Turpin (widow to George Turpin). Though I have several records of Heloise's marriage to George, I have none of her subsequent marriage to Conrad. Their first child, Cecilia, was born in 1861, and their second, Lewis Albert Hanse, was born in Augusta on 30 Nov 1843. By the 1850 Fed Census, the family was living in Macon, GA, where they lived through (and past) Conrad's death on 20 Apr 1864.

I've located Census records from 1820 and 1830 for a Conrad Hanse in Philadelphia, but can't tell if this is the same person.

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

I would like assistance in locating Conrad before the 1850 Fed Census, including his marriage record to Heloise Turpin, and his birth records and parentage.

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

I have an 1850 and 1860 Fed Census that are certainly Conrad, in Georgia, with his wife Heloise.

I've reviewed an 1820 and 1830 Fed Census that list a Conrad Hanse in Philadelphia, but I'm uncertain if this is the right person.

I've found a couple articles through GA Historical Newspapers that list a C. Hanse in Macon, but I'm not sure if they match.

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

None

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**Name** Rebecca Miller

**How long have you done family history research?** Over 10 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Wealthy Green

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Welthey (Welthy, Wealthy) Green (1784-1862) is my 4th great grandmother. She married Andrew Skinner (1781-1857) in Durham, Maine on August 21, 1802. I cannot find her parents or where she may have been born. I have seen her gravestone but have found very few documents pertaining to her. She is listed in the Durham, Maine VR for marriages and listed as "Miss Welthy Green of this town."

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

My goal would be to find Wealthy Green's parents and her place of birth.

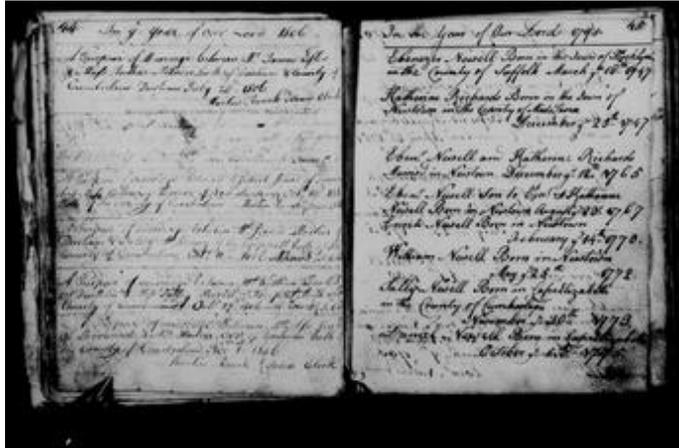
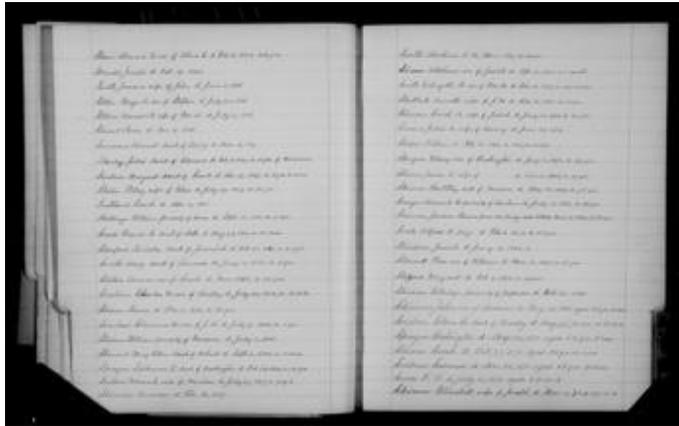
### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

Find a Grave, Maine Marriage Record, Maine death record for her son Calvin Skinner, 1850 and 1860 Census. Durham, ME vital Records

### Any additional comments related to this consultation:

I did have Maine Historical Society do a search for me and they were not able to find anything definitive.

Optional: Upload a GEDCOM file



COPY OF AN OLD RECORD OF A MARRIAGE

Groom Mr Andrew Skinner  
 Bride Mrs Wally Green  
 Residence of Groom \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Bride \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 Jacob Herrick  
 Residence Dulham  
 Official Station Clergyman  
 Date of Marriage Aug 21 1886  
 Place Dulham

\*Clergyman, Justice of the Peace, etc.

(Record continued over)

Signature Wally Green  
 I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the marriage recorded in \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MAINE

Source of Record From Records  
 Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE'S FATHER AND MOTHER

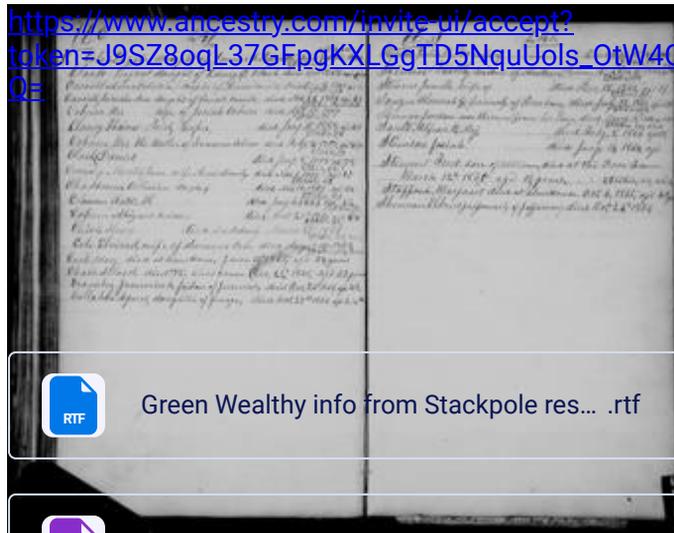
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 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

GROOM'S FATHER AND MOTHER

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Optional: Provide a link to your PUBLIC family tree:

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 Green Wealthy info from Stackpole res... .rtf

 Green Wealthy MHS research 10-2024.pdf



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**Name** Rebecca Miller  
**Name of individual to be discussed:** Wealthy (Welthy) Green

### Pertinent information available about individual:

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### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

Would like to find Wealthy Green's parents, and where she was born and any other information about her family (siblings, etc)

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

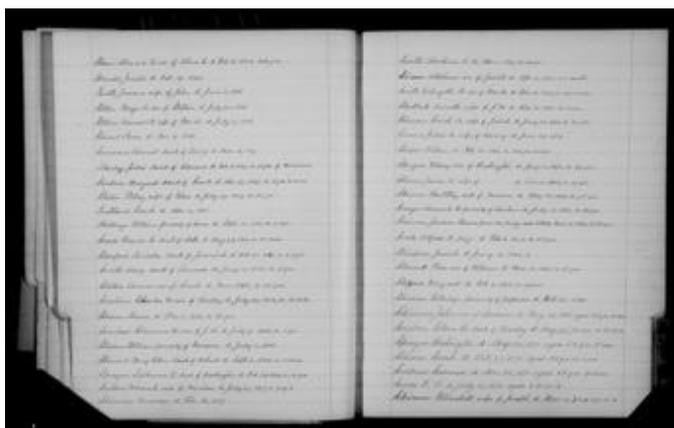
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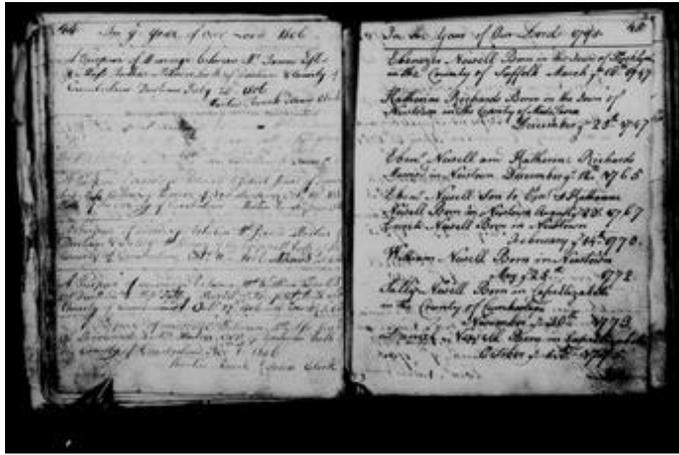
### Any additional comments related to this consultation:

have had Maine Historical Society do a search but they were not able to find much more. Their summary is attached

## Optional Additions

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OF A MARRIAGE**

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Bride Miss Welthy Green

Residence of Groom \_\_\_\_\_

" Bride \_\_\_\_\_

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 Jacob Herrick

Residence Durham

Official Station\* Clergyman

Date of Marriage Aug. 21. 1806

Place Durham

\*Clergyman, Justice of the Peace, etc.

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### GROOM'S FATHER AND MOTHER

Father's Name.....  
" Residence.....  
" Color.....  
" Occupation.....  
" Birthplace.....  
Mother's Name.....  
" Residence.....  
" Color.....  
" Occupation.....  
" Birthplace.....

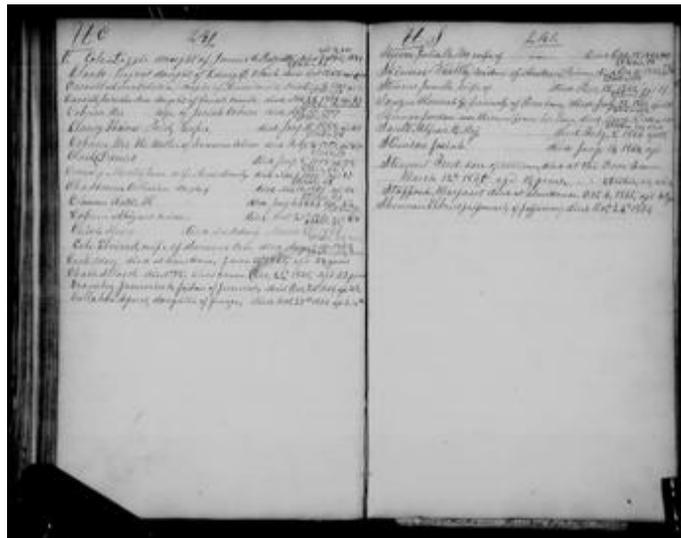
### BRIDE'S FATHER AND MOTHER

Father's Name.....  
" Residence.....  
" Color.....  
" Occupation.....  
" Birthplace.....  
Mother's Name.....  
" Residence.....  
" Color.....  
" Occupation.....  
" Birthplace.....  
Source of Record Town Records

#### STATE OF MAINE

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the marriage recorded in

Signature Durham  
Clinton Parker







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**Name**

Barbara Hayes Muhlfelder

**How long have you done family history research?**

Over 10 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Mindret/Mindert Harris

**Pertinent information available about individual:**

Born 1790's? Where? To Whom?

D. 1875 Prospect, NY

M. Hannah Richardson

Lived in Prospect, NY

**Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Born 1790's? Where? To Whom?

**Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

Family Search

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

No



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**Name** Barbara Hayes Muhlfelder

**Name of individual to be discussed:** Margaret A. Hadden

**Pertinent information available about individual:**

B: 16 Aug 1812-1815 England/Ireland?

D: 16 Feb 1855, Utica, NY

M: Rynier Van Evera Yates (1809-1879) Utica, Oneida Cnty, NY

I have no further info on her.

**Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

I would like further info on her. Thank you.

**Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

Family Search.

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

NO

## Optional Additions



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**Name** Susan Pasion

**How long have you done family history research?** 5-10 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Dorothy Louise Hamilton

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Dorothy BD Aug 19, 1911, Lynn Massachusetts birth name, Dorothy Virginia McKenney, Adopted name Ethel Louise Mason; Died Oct 10, 1989 Hawaii

Married: Don L. Hamilton BD: 12 Feb 1916 Eaton County Michigan D: 26 Nov 2014 Sierra Vista Arizona ;Marrage date Unknown

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

Would like to know about biological grandparents:

Where did they work? Where did they live and, go to school, who are the relatives? They gave my mother Dorothy up for adoption 12 September 1912.

Lyman Atwell McKenney BD: 8 July 1888 Suffolk MA D: 19 May 1953 Flint Genesee Michingan

Married to Bernice Mildred Oakes (my biological grangmother) 3 May 1911 in Maine;

BD 21 May 1891 Boston MA D: 31 July 1983 Brockton, Plymouth MA

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

Adoption records from Middlesex Probate Court, regarding my mother, Dorothy's adoption to the Mason family.

I have a copy of the family ledger that Edith (Mrs. Arthur) Bridge compiled regarding all family members. Lyman McKenney and Bernice Oakes are mentioned in there. This ledger is from the Special Collections NEHGS Stanton Avery Collection. My mother's name is not mentioned.

### Any additional comments related to this consultation:

Seem to have a road block with the McKenney family and Bernice Oakes. I would like to start filling in the blanks.



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### **Pertinent information available about individual:**

Born : 21 May 1891 Boston, Massachusetts

Died: 31 July 1983 Brockton, Plymouth Massachusetts

Married May 3, 1911 to Lyman A. McKenney

One child: Dorothy L. McKenney-this child was put up for adoption shortly after birth

Her date of birth August 19, 1911

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Would like to know more about Bernice Mildred Oakes, my grandmother. Who was she, who were the family memebers, what did she do? What was her education. Also like to find out divorce date, and obituary.

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

I do have birth information about Bernice, registered birth city of Boston 1891. I do have death index with certificate number, but not the actual certificate.

Maine marraige records for Lyman and Bernice (no certificate number)

1900 census, giving information of Bernice parents; Joseph E Oakes and Anne E Oakes.

I also have the adoption records for Dorothy McKenney. She was adopted by the Mason family.

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

I believe that Bernice's mother Annie E. Oakes owned a Cambridge millinery shop. I know it was still there in 1920, per a Cambridge directory. 1670 Massachusetts Ave H 61. I would like to know more about that also, did Bernice work there?

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**How long have you done family history research?** Over 10 years

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1718 - Victor's grandparents  
Brice Blair (tailor) and his wife Ann Blair and their children arrived in Boston, part of a migration of Ulster Scots-Irish immigrants who came by ship from north Ireland.

[1]

For approximately four years the Blair family – Brice and Ann and their children Ebenezer, Rosanna, Jean and Bethel - resided in Chilmark, as documented in the diary of Rev. William Homes.

[2]

Rev. William Homes and his origins, which is part of the history of the immigration of Scots-Irish into the American colonies, is documented in the "History of Martha's Vineyard, Dukes County, Massachusetts" by Charles Edward Banks (1854-1931).

[3]

1719 - Brice Blair witnessed a transaction on Martha's Vineyard regarding property belonging to Matthew Mayhew, a landholder, divided between his sons Matthew and Pain Mayhew after the elder Matthew's death.

[4]

20 July 1721 - Brice Blair

purchased a piece of land bordering on the town of Edgartown, from Samuel Smith.

[5]

31 Dec 1722 - Based on "Surtyes" provided by Josiah Franklin and James Davenport, "Brice Blare Tayler from Martins vineyard" was admitted as an inhabitant "with his wife & four Children.

[1]

Information about early Blair family history is included in a document entitled "Lot 321 Important Silver Beaker Christie's Auction 18 Jan 2002 – Gift of Brice and Ann Blair 1 May 1744 to Presbyterian Church at Long Lane," first shared with me October 22, 2011 by Marie Daley of NEHGS at an NEHGS seminar in Boston.

[2]

This document also cites to the "Records of Boston Selectmen," the diary of Reverend William Homes of Chilmark

[3]

and Boston property records showing the acquisition and record of the Purchase Street property, including through the will of Ann Blair is discussed below. This "Silver Beaker" is at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

[4]

1725? - At some point, [1725?] Brice and Ann had a son, Bethel born in Milton [citation] where they apparently also owned property. This differs from 1722 record above which says there were four children. Perhaps a child died and Bethel was born in 1725?.

1728 – John Moorhead came from Ulster to Boston and helped establish the first Presbyterian Church. (Thwing shows property sold to him by Blairs).

[5]

While property records show they initially lived in Boston's north end, in 1742

[1]

Brice and Ann moved to Purchase Street overlooking Boston's Harbor. Neighbors included Samuel Adams, Sr. and his wife Mary (Fifield Adams), as well as their son Samuel, who would eventually be the leader of Boston's revolutionary movement.

[2]

(Samuel Adams lived on Purchase Street until approximately 1774.)

[3]

In 1756 Thomas Dawes and his family moved to Purchase Street, living on one side of the Blair property (see [https://hne-rs.s3.amazonaws.com/filestore/1/2/8/6/4\\_aa15642d7f7510e/12864\\_55501fa2fb2014a.pdf](https://hne-rs.s3.amazonaws.com/filestore/1/2/8/6/4_aa15642d7f7510e/12864_55501fa2fb2014a.pdf),

page 8). The family of Onesiphorus Tileston, including his son Thomas Tileston, lived on the other side, which is borne out by property divisions found in Suffolk County probate records.

The Purchase Street property included a number of buildings which appear to have housed multiple generations of the Blair family

at various points from 1742 through the post-war period.

[4]

The property also included a joiner shop? A bake shop? Was close in proximity to significant historical events in Boston in the period, all within walking distance of the center of the town, including Old South Meeting House, the ropewalks and the site of the Boston Massacre at the State House [confirm].

This property placed the Blair family in a neighborhood at the center of the lives of many well-known Bostonians of the time. As Benjamin Carp noted in

*Defiance of the Patriots,*

"[w]hile

Boston had its social hierarchy, most Bostonians were also closely intertwined by kinship and marriage and by the close proximity of their houses."

[5]

This appears to have been the case with Victor's grandparents Ann and Brice Blair, members of the Church of Long Lane around the corner, and his parents, Ebenezer and Hannah Blair, who were married in New South Church, just around the corner from Purchase Street, the same church in which neighbor Samuel Adams and his wife Elizabeth Checkley were married.

[6]

Victor Ferguson was baptized in this same church on 9 April 1749.

[7]

1 May 1744 - Brice and Ann donated the beaker described above to commemorate the building of the new "Presbyterian Church at Long Lane" which they and other Presbyterians had established earlier. Also referred to as "The Church of Presbyterian Strangers," this church would eventually be called the Arlington Street Church, it was also referred to this was Boston's first Presbyterian church. [Later "Federal Street Church" and did it have some role in the Constitution?

27 Mar 1746/15 Apr

1746 - Oldest son Ebenezer Blair married Hannah Brilsford/Brailsford/Brielsford in New South Church.

[1]

9 Apr 1749 [1]

– Victor Ferguson (Faugerson) Blair was baptized, New South Church.

[2]

13 Sep 1756 - Victor's grandmother Ann Blair died - age 80 years, Boston, MA. Buried Old Cemetery [Old Copps Hill Cemetery],

[3]

Boston, Suffolk Co., MA. (Ann Blair Will, 17 Sep 1756; Inventory 8 Oct 1756; Admin. Acct. 3 Sep 1762).

[4]

14 Oct 1756 – (One month later) Rosanna Blair Creighton (Ann's daughter, Ebenezer's sister and Victor's aunt) died,

[5]

age 42.

[6]

Rosanna was married to Abraham Creighton and had two living children, Sarah and Bethel Creighton, Victor's cousins.

28 Jan 1757 – Brice Blair, placed under guardianship.

[7]

22 Dec 1758 – Brice Blair died -

(Letter Administration 22 Dec 1758; Adm. Bond 24 Nov 1760; Div. of Brice Blair Real Estate, 1 Apr 1763; Admin. Account 21 Feb 1766).

[8]

After deaths of Ann and Brice Blair, the Purchase Street property was held, divided and distributed among their heirs and grandchildren before the last of it was sold by grandson Victor Ferguson Blair, detailed below.

31 Aug 1759 – Abraham Creighton (Rosanna's husband), died.

[9]

28 August 1762 – At some point at or near this date Ebenezer Blair passed away, leaving his and Hannah's children - Victor, John and Hannah Blair

[10]

– as well as the children of his sisters Rosanna Blair Creighton and Jean Blair Robinson - all grandchildren of Ann and Brice Blair – without an adult overseeing the Blair family property. By the wills I've seen, it seems the Blair grandchildren were to inherit the Purchase Street property through their parents, and multiple guardianships were established, although Hannah Brilsford Blair was apparently still alive.

[11]

28 Aug 1762 – Ebenezer's estate administration and guardianships were filed with Suffolk County Probate Court for Bethel, Victor and Hannah Blair, Sarah and Bethel Creighton and Rosanna Orrell (a relation of Rosanna Creighton's through her husband Abraham Creighton?).

[12]

Within a week, a guardianship/representation was filed for Bethel Blair (last surviving son of Ann and Brice Blair, as part of Ann Blair's estate. Bethel Blair may have been absent from Boston and needed representation in his inheritance

of Blair family property).

[13]

The guardianships (Nos 13050-13056 et al.) which I have broken out, Probate number, and guardians appointed, reflect people who were involved in the lives of the Blair family and the grandchildren, and who thus played a role in, and influenced, Victor Blair's life and that of his siblings and his family. These individuals show associations in various aspects of Victor's life (as a ropemaker, an Engineman with Engine No. 7 and in the military) that reflect involvement with life in Boston, including with regard to the events which led up to the Boston Tea Party and individuals directly associated with it.

5 May 1768 – Hannah Brailsford  
Blair died

– See,

Admin. of Ebenezer Blair at 13051:3 noting “To burying and charges of Mrs. Hannah Blair 3 £, 13 [shillings], 7 ¼ [pence].”

[1].

8 May 1771 – Victor Blair and fellow Bostonian Thomas Appleton were approved by Boston Selectmen as Engine men in Company No. 7. “To His Excell. Thom' Hutchinson, Esq. Mess', Thomas Appleton and Victor Blair are approved by the Selectmen as Engine men in his Company of Engine N' 7 in the room of

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1770 – Victor became co-guardian of his Victor's siblings, Hannah Brielsford Blair and John Brielsford Blair, along with William McNeill and John Crossley, both ropemakers.

See Guardianships.

7 Nov 1771 – Intention,  
Victor Blair m. Elizabeth Badger (28 Nov. 1771).

[1]

August 1773- the last of the property in Ebenezer's estate was distributed (see final accounting for Ebenezer Blair). Victor Ferguson Blair – ropemaker, Engineman and married man – received a portion of the Blair family property on Purchase Street in Boston.

*Thwing*

shows at various points that descendants of Brice and Ann Blair sold or mortgaged their property, including to Thomas Dawes and Joseph Pierce, his son-in-law.

[1]

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Dec 1773 – The Blair family's association with First Baptist and Rev. Stillman was shared by other Blair family members, including Victor's sister Hannah Brailsford Blair, married by Rev. Stillman to Ebenezer Woodward, a mere ten days after the Boston Tea Party.

[1]

Victor and Elizabeth's children were also all married by Rev. Stillman in First Baptist Church. Daughter Hannah Woodward Blair married Caleb Eaton on 8 Sep 1800.

[2]

Daughter Catharine Blair was married to John Sullivan in Boston's First Baptist Church on 3 May 1804.

[3]

Son Victor Blair married Mary Brown 29 Jun 1806.

[4]

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[1] *Boston, MA: Marriages, 1700-1809.* (Online database: [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org)

,  
New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2006), Originally published  
as:

*Report of the*

*Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages  
from 1700 to 1751*

(Vol. 28), Boston, Municipal Printing  
office, 1898.

*Records*

*Relating to the Early History of Boston, Containing Boston Marriages from 1752  
to 1809*

(vol. 30), Boston, Municipal Printing Office, 1903.

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB174/i/7455/110/248656723>.

[2] *Boston, MA: Marriages, 1700-1809*. (Online database: *AmericanAncestors.org*

, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2006), Originally published as:

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*Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751*

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(vol. 30), Boston, Municipal Printing Office, 1903.

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB174/i/7455/187/248662683>.

[3] *Boston, MA: Marriages, 1700-1809*. (Online database: *AmericanAncestors.org*

, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2006), Originally published as:

*Report of the*

*Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751*

(Vol. 28), Boston, Municipal Printing office, 1898.

*Records*

*Relating to the Early History of Boston, Containing Boston Marriages from 1752 to 1809*

(vol. 30), Boston, Municipal Printing Office, 1903.

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB174/i/7455/204/248662435>

[4] *Boston, MA: Marriages, 1700-1809*. (Online database: *AmericanAncestors.org*

, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2006), Originally published

as:

*Report of the  
Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages  
from 1700 to 1751*

(Vol. 28), Boston, Municipal Printing  
office, 1898.

*Records*

*Relating to the Early History of Boston, Containing Boston Marriages from 1752  
to 1809*

(vol. 30), Boston, Municipal Printing Office, 1903.

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB174/i/7455/221/248663818>

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[1]

Boston, MA:

Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630-1822 (Thwing Collection).

*Inhabitants*

*and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630–1800 and The Crooked and Narrow Streets  
of Boston, 1630–1822.*

CD-ROM. Boston, Mass.: New England Historic  
Genealogical Society, 2001. (Online database.

*AmericanAncestors.org*

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New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2014.)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB530/i/14226/3121/260084009>

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Pages 3121-3122.

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[1] <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G979-4H59?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQG1K-K9PC&action=view>  
Vol. 1646, page 297. Also shows his subsequent marriages to Elizabeth Indicott in 1782 and Abigail Reed 1784.

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[1]  
"A report of the record commissioners of the city of Boston: containing the selectmen's minutes from 1769 through April, 1775,"  
(Volume 23, Pub. 1893), Page 84. <https://archive.org/details/reportofrecordco23bost/page/84/mode/2up>

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[1]

*Suffolk County, MA: Probate File Papers.*

Online database.

*AmericanAncestors.org.*

New

England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017-2019. (From records supplied by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives. Digitized images provided by FamilySearch.org)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB2735/i/48698/13051-co3/69551191>

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[1]

*"Boston, MA: Church*

*Records, 1630-1895" The Records of the Churches of Boston. CD\_ROM. Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2002. (Online database.*

*AmericanAncestors.org.*

New

England Historic Genealogical Society, 2008 .)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB31/i/7619/34/8449258>

[2]

Based on my research,  
Victor's grandfather Brice Blair took part in the Presbyterian Synod in Ulster with  
Dr. Victor Ferguson, an elder and minister.  
[CITE] It is possible Ebenezer knew Dr. Ferguson as a youth before  
coming to Boston and named Victor in his honor.

[3] Listed as "An Blair" -

[Boston, MA: Old Cemeteries of  
Boston, 1649-1920.](#)

[\(Online database: AmericanAncestors.org.](#)

[New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2007\), \(Inscriptions and Records of  
the Old Cemeteries of Boston, Dunkle, Robert J. and Lainhart, Ann S., Boston,  
MA: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2000.\)](#)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB207/i/71114/182/4241040>. Page 182

. Mentions "double  
stone with Rosanna Creighton and Ebenezer Woodward."

[4] Ann Blair Will, 17 Sep 1756.

*Suffolk*

*County, MA: Probate File Papers.*

Online database. *AmericanAncestors.org.*

New

England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017-2019. (From records supplied by the  
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives. Digitized images provided by  
FamilySearch.org)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB2735/i/48696/11332-co1/0>

(Probate 11332:1 – 11332:19); Inventory: 8 Oct  
1756 (11332:10 – 11332:12), Ann Blair Admin. Acct. 3 Sep 1762 (11332:13 –  
11332:17) [NOTE: also designated "Brice and Ann Admin.Acct."]; Bethel Blair  
Bond to Represent during period of his absence from Suffolk County. 3 Sept 1762 (11332:18-11332:19).

[5]

Rosanna (Roxanna)  
Blair Creighton - b. [1714], d. 14 Oct 1756, aged 42, Boston, MA – Old Cemetery  
[Copp], Boston, MA. m. \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham Creighton. "Find A Grave Index," database,  
*FamilySearch*

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVVD-X1N5> : 16 December 2021),  
Rosanna Creighton, ; Burial, Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, United States of  
America, Copp's Hill Burying Ground; citing record ID 13428389,  
*Find a Grave*

<http://www.findagrave.com>

. This notes  
12 Oct 1756. This is based on Find A  
Grave entry by someone named Jan Franco, 24 Feb 2006.  
See <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13428389/rosanna-creighton>

[6] From my NOTES from 36<sup>th</sup>

Congress:  
Note: Ann was 80  
when she died, mother of Rosanna who was 42.  
80 years minus Rosanna's age 42 means that Ann was 38 years old when she  
had Rosanna? 1756 – minus Rosanna's age at death (42) = 1714, means Rosanna was  
born in the Ulster Plantation and was about four years old when they came to  
Boston.

**This is a birth record to research when we go to Ireland.**

Did a search of  
American Ancestor database Boston MA Births 1700-1800 just to be sure but found  
no reference to a Blair in that period.

[7]

**Brice Blair,  
Guardianship/Guardian Bond, 28 Jan 1757.**

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Probate  
11409:1 – 11409:9)  
Accounting 5 Dec 1760. *Suffolk County, MA: Probate File Papers*. Online database. *AmericanAncestors.org*.  
New  
England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017-2019. (From records supplied by the  
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives. Digitized images provided by  
*FamilySearch.org*)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB2735/i/48696/11409-co1/1416852392>

Directed to "William Hall, Leather Draper, William  
Story, Gentleman, and John Ball, Book Keeper," with William Hall appointed  
guardian for Brice Blair adjudged by selectmen to be a person  
*non compos*.  
(11409:3)

[Hall to "take care of the person" as estate, both real  
and personal, to care for the family and to manage, divide, improve and take  
care of real property and "render a just and true account of his guardianship."  
\(11409:5\)  
Accounting  
by Hall \(at 11409:6 – 8\) references sums paid/rec'd in period 1757-1758,](#)

Old Gent to spend." Appears to indicate some allowance for mourning allowed Eben "by order of your honor" Thomas Hutchinson. Also note compensation for "his troubles in this troublesome affair."

[Sounds like a "hot toddy" recipe] see also <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/rum>

[8] [Brice Blair, Letter Admin., 22 Dec 1758.](#)

[Suffolk County, MA: Probate File Papers.](#)

[Online database. AmericanAncestors.org.](#)

[New](#)

[England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017-2019. \(From records supplied by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives. Digitized images provided by FamilySearch.org\)](#)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB2735/i/48696/11888-co1/1416856986>.

Probate 11888:1 - 11888:16). Letter Admin.

22 Dec. 1758 (11888:2 – 11888:3) Directed to "Bethel Blair, sailmaker" to account and report by 22 Dec 1759. Admin. Bond 22 Dec 1758 (11888:4 – 11888:5)

Bethel Blair (sailmaker), James Robinson (currier), Thomas Hartley (cordwainer). "Prince Blair" Admin. Bond 24 Nov. 1760" (11888:6 – 11888:7), John Morehead (Cleric), John Ball (Book Keeper), Niel McIntire (Tobacconist)

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

I inadvertently submitted the first two sections of information as a continuation of the Participant 1 form, but decided to supplement it by including the "vital information) listed in the section above.

Also, for some reason, the footnotes in the section above repeat which is going to make it very confusing for a reader. I am going to see if I can create a document with the footnotes in appropriate order and I will send it separately.

## **Optional Additions**



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**Name** Janet Rupert

**How long have you done family history research?** Over 10 years

## Pre-Tour Consultation

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Barzillai Treat

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Born

3 March 1781 in Woodbridge, New Haven, Connecticut per Barbour (or at least he supposedly appears in those town records). Born about 1780 in Watertown, per

*The Treat Family*

by John Harvey Treat (1893). Watertown makes more sense for where the Treat family generally lived, so is something off in Barbour? Son of Abijah Treat (1761-05 January 1799) and wife Mary Sperry (1761-17 November 1853) of Watertown.

Married

Amy

Royce on 10 March 1801 in Norfolk, Litchfield. She was born about 1778 in Norfolk and died 9 March 1845 in Bristol, Connecticut.

In

1820 and 1830, Barzillai Treat was recorded in Norfolk, Litchfield, Connecticut with his growing family.

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Litchfield newspaper reported on 12 January 1832 that Barzel Treat, of Norfolk, who had a reputable character, was convicted of burglary and sentenced to two years in state prison for breaking into the store of Joseph Battell, Esq. of Norfolk and stealing banknotes worth \$1500. On 16 June 1836, the same paper reported that Barzillai Treat had petitioned for restoration of forfeited privileges [presumably as a result of his burglary conviction]; his petition was rejected.

In the 1840 census, he was enumerated in Bristol, Hartford, Connecticut; marked as "Persons Employed in Manufacture and Trade."

A book on New England organ builders reports, "Between 1820 and 1840 Barzillai Treat of Bristol, a carpenter, built several small organs in his spare time. Most of these were chamber organs, but in 1820 he built an organ (said to have been the first church organ in town) for the First Baptist Church of Bristol. Shortly after this, he built another, for the Congregational Church..."

Died 5 March 1845 in Bristol, age 65, per tombstone; wife Amy died just four days later, age 67. The couple had nine children: Abijah (1802-1803), Jason (1803-1827), Lucius (1805-1870), Aner (1809-1875), Stephen (1811-1839), Julia (1813-1873, married Daniel Holmes), David Sherman (1815-1887), Orrin Royce (1818-1878), Joseph B. (1820-1899). None of them remained in Norfolk.

**Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Where was Barzillai actually born? Might the records transcribed as Woodbridge have included Watertown?  
What might have led him to migrate from Watertown to Norfolk, presumably before 1801 when he married Amy? His father had moved to Bristol and died their in 1799. Why did Barzillai move further west?  
What can I learn about the family of his wife, Amy Royce?  
Do any court records exist related to his burglary conviction or request for restoration of forfeited privileges?  
What else can I learn about the organs that he built?

**Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

*The Treat Family: A Genealogy of Trott, Tratt, and Treat* by John Harvey Treat. Salem, Massachusetts: The Salem Press Publishing & Printing Company, 1893.  
Census records for 1810, 1820, 1830, & 1840  
Barbour Collection records on Ancestry.com  
Searched newspaper collections on Newspapers.com and GenealogyBank. Tried to search "Old News" through MyHeritage, but I find their site very hard to use.  
Notes from my grandmother's research during the 1950s.

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

None

**Optional: Upload a photo of yourself to help us match names and faces more quickly during the getaway! :) We'll attach your photo to this research interest form which will be shared with our genealogists. It will not be shared among our participants.**



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**Name** Janet Rupert

**Name of individual to be discussed:** James Arnold

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Born about 1750, probably in Haddam, Middlesex County, Connecticut. Married Freelove Wellman in Haddam on 3 May 1771. She was born 22 May 1753 in Killingworth, the daughter of Barnabas and Sarah (Ward) Wellman. A James Arnold from Haddam served as 1st Lieutenant in the Fifth Battalion, Wadsworth's Brigade, Col. William Douglas, Eighth Company, under Capt. Cornelius Higgins from June-December 1776. James Arnold appears as head of household in Haddam in 1790, 1800, and 1810; there are several other Arnolds enumerated, but he is the only James. The Barbour records for Haddam have 9 pages of Arnold vital statistics, but none of this couple's children's births are recorded. The death of Welman Arnold, son of James, in December 1808 at age 22 is in the records. Also recorded is the death of James Arnold, age 60, on 13 March 1813. No estate records were located in connection with that death or for any James Arnold in Haddam during the appropriate period. James's widow Freelove moved to Wayne County, Pennsylvania, with her son Daniel by 1817 and died there in 1845. Daniel was born about 1793, so perhaps the youngest son. Undocumented family trees on Ancestry suggest that James was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Brainerd) Arnold, and a genealogy of that family located in Google Books does show that they had a son James, born in East Haddam, baptized 7 July 1756. However, other books describing descendants of John Arnold, an early settler of Hartford, list a couple of other James Arnolds who could potentially be this guy.

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

Who were the parents of James Arnold who married Freelove Wellman? Was he the James Arnold who served in the Revolutionary War from Haddam or the one who died there in 1813? Who were the other children of James and Freelove and where might their births have been recorded?

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

1790, 1800, 1810 census records for Haddam, Middlesex, Connecticut.  
Barbour Collection records on Ancestry.  
Searched Middlesex County records on FamilySearch, using the full-text search experiment.

*The genealogy of the Brainerd-Brainard family in America, 1649-1908, Volume 1*  
by Lucy Abigail Brainard (1908) [https://www.google.com/books/edition/The\\_genealogy\\_of\\_the\\_Brainerd\\_Brainard\\_f/7IbHuohcUZQC](https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_genealogy_of_the_Brainerd_Brainard_f/7IbHuohcUZQC)  
*Families of early Hartford, Connecticut,*  
by Lucius Barnes Barbour (1977), pp. 20-21  
[https://www.google.com/books/edition/Families\\_of\\_Early\\_Hartford\\_Connecticut/WJ\\_XiLoXvLkC](https://www.google.com/books/edition/Families_of_Early_Hartford_Connecticut/WJ_XiLoXvLkC)  
*Genealogical*

*and Family History of the State of Connecticut:*

*A Record of the Achievements of Her People in  
the Making of a Commonwealth and the Founding of a Nation, Volume 3*  
(1911), p. 1349

[https://www.google.com/books/edition/Genealogical\\_and\\_Family\\_History\\_of\\_the\\_S/y884QAAMAAJ](https://www.google.com/books/edition/Genealogical_and_Family_History_of_the_S/y884QAAMAAJ)

*Commemorative*

*Biographical Record of Middlesex County, Connecticut*

, (Beers, 1903), pp. 520-522 [https://www.google.com/books/edition/Commemorative\\_Biographical\\_Record\\_of\\_Mid/41Rqjp63OhYC](https://www.google.com/books/edition/Commemorative_Biographical_Record_of_Mid/41Rqjp63OhYC)

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

None

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**Name** Susan Ryan

**How long have you done family history research?** 5-10 years

## Pre-Tour Consultation

Please fill out the following information for your 30-minute pre-tour consultation which will take place via Zoom in late March or early April ahead of the tour. Please be as detailed as possible.

**Name of individual to be discussed:** Mary Gillespie (1876 to 1901), my biological 2x-great grandmother.

### Pertinent information available about individual:

I have done extensive research on my father's biological family.

The pedigree is: my father (adopted at birth) – Rollande Gillespie – Joseph Gillespie – Mary Gillespie.

As you can imagine, there was a great deal of incorrect info. I've written a case study on this family, but for now, here is the short version.

Mary was born on 17 Jan 1876 in Boston to William Gillespie and Annie M. J. (Gillespie) Gillespie.

She had two older brothers who succumbed to childhood disease before she was born: Dennis (1871-1871) and William Jr. (1874-1875).

In 1881, Mary's mother Annie died while giving birth to the fourth child. Both baby and mother died.

Mary's father William remarried in 1884 to a woman named Annie McDermott (1851-1891).

By age five, Mary had lost her mother and three brothers, and by age fifteen, she lost her stepmother. Her family then consisted of herself and her father.

On 4 Dec 1898, Mary, twenty-two, gave birth to Joseph Gillespie. Joseph's birth certificate lists his father as Joseph, a laborer from Boston. Baby Joseph's baptismal record says his parents are Mary Gillespie and father unknown. (DNA was used to identify Joseph's biological father.)

The 1900 census shows Mary (twenty-four, widow, housekeeper) in the home of Joseph Goodrow who was thirty years her senior. Her son Joseph Gillespie was listed as a boarder. Six weeks after the census was enumerated, Mary married Joseph Goodrow. Just over a year later, on 14 November 1901, Mary died of pneumonia, leaving Joseph an orphan. At the time of her death, Mary and her son were living in a boarding house without Joseph Goodrow. She was back to using her maiden.

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

I still have several unanswered questions surrounding Mary. I'd be happy to find answers on any of the following:

- 1) Find funeral records (undertaker James Mullen) and the correct location where Mary is interred. Her death record states place of interment as "Cambridge R.C. Cem." (See next section for the completed research.)
- 2) Did Mary remain in William's household or was she placed with family or an orphan asylum? The time frames would likely be between the ages of five and eight (after the death of her mother until William's second marriage) and the age of fifteen on (after the death of her stepmother)?
- 3) Did Mary answer an ad in a paper to live and work for Joseph Goodrow?

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

Mary's baptismal record – (<https://www.americanancestors.org/databases/massachusetts-roman-catholic-archdiocese-of-boston-records-1789-1920/image>)

)

Joseph Gillespie's birth record – ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5062/images/41262\\_b139439-00266](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5062/images/41262_b139439-00266))

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Joseph Gillespie's baptismal record – (<https://www.americanancestors.org/databases/massachusetts-roman-catholic-archdiocese-of-boston-records-1789-1920/image>)

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1900 census – ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4114440\\_00121](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4114440_00121))

)

Mary Gillespie's marriage to Joseph Goodrow –  
([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2511/images/41262\\_b139465-00160](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2511/images/41262_b139465-00160))

)

Mary Gillespie's death – (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L975-HZ5K>)

)

Negative searches for a husband for Mary, other than Joseph Goodrow.

Negative searches in City Directories for Mary.

Negative Cemetery Research:  
Stephen Pinkerton,  
Research Docent and Genealogist for Mt. Auburn Cemetery, checked Mt. Auburn Cem. and Sand Banks Cem.

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

None at the moment, but if you have any questions, I'm happy to answer.  
Thank you.



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**Name** Susan Ryan

**Name of individual to be discussed:** William Gillespie

### **Pertinent information available about individual:**

Born 1844 in Donegal, Ireland  
Died 1918 in East Boston  
Sources attached in tree.

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Continuation of the pre-tour consultation.  
I'd like to learn where William Gillespie was born in the County of Donegal.

I contacted the cemetery records number you provide. They were unable to find Mary; however, they were going to try to dig a little more and will call me next week.

Information on the Elliot Congregational Church where Mary Gillespie married Joseph Goodrow ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eliot\\_Congregational\\_Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eliot_Congregational_Church)).

Sorry, this is not as detailed as I would have wanted to give you. After our consult, I changed my mind and wanted to work further on this line for the next consultation. I will try to narrow down the info over the next week before the conference and will update you, if possible.

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

<https://www.americanancestors.org/databases/massachusetts-vital-records-1916-1920/image?rid=1422349208&volumeld=52024&pageName=186&filterQuery=>

All other sources are in the tree attached to William Gillespie.

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

Thanks again for the info today.

## Optional Additions

**Optional: Provide a link to your PUBLIC family tree:**

<https://www.ancestry.com/invite-ui/accept?token=KlrfHTfMzr4bFhehQEY30OAX9LqtM6wToXHGARFRp8M=>



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**Name** ROBERT SCAMMAN

**How long have you done family history research?** Over 10 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Richard Scammon

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Richard Scammon, "All available records indicate that he was the first fo the family to arrive in America. He emigrated from England, via the Barbodoes Islands & arrived in Boston about 1630." (G. Frank Scammon, Scammon - Scammon Genealogy, 1971). Frank Scammon did not include any references in his self-published family genealogy. His son Humphrey was born in Portsmouth, NH in 1642. Richard is said to have died in Dover, NH ca. 1660.

Richard Scamon, bp. 21 Sep 1593, Nettleton, Lincolnshire, England.

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

I have not been able to document Richard Scammon's immigration from England in the 1630s. His son Humphrey was born in Portsmouth, NH in 1642. What sources can you recommend for me to look at?

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

- A Genealogy of the Family Scammon - Scamman in America 1630 - 1970, by G. Frank Scammon, 1971. A copy is in the NEHGS library.
- England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Findmypast Database
- Passenger and immigration lists index, P. William Filby. NEHGS Database
- The Great Migration Directory, 1620-1640. Robert Charles Anderson.
- New Englanders in the 1600s, expanded edition. Martin E. Hollick, 2012
- Savage. A Genealogical Dictionary of The First Settlers of New England Showing Three Generations, Vol. IV

### Any additional comments related to this consultation:

I have looked at many more sources than those listed above, but in most cases there was no entry or information for Scammon (e.g. The Complete Book of Emigrants 1607-1660, Peter Wilson Coldham, 1987).

I am re-submitting this form as I have not received replies to an email and voicemails as to whether the fields above were blank as they appeared when I tried to back and print them after my first submission.

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**Name** Robert Scamman

**Name of individual to be discussed:** Daniel Davison (1630? - 1693)

### Pertinent information available about individual:

My maternal great grandmother Kate Hannah Davison is descended from Daniel Davison. Daniel is thought to be a Scottish POW from the Battle of Worcester 1651 who was transported to Boston as an Indentured Servant. The manifest of the "John and Sara" ship does not a Davison, but does list a Daniell with no surname. A Daniel Davison was a servant of John Kinsman, Jr. in Wenham, Essex, MBC on 22 Mar 1652 according to Vital Records of Ipswich MA Vol I p.111. A Daniel Davison married Margaret Low on 8 Apr 1657 in Ipswich, Essex, MBC (VR of Ipswich, Vol II p126). Daniel Davison built a house in Ipswich in 1667.

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

Do records of Indentured Servant Contracts exist for Colonial Massachusetts?

What other records could I search for that might confirm Daniel Davison of Ipswich, MA as an immigrant?

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

Find a Grave Tombstone (commemorative) for Daniel and Margaret Davison.

Scottish Prisoners of War Society spows.org

Ancestry and Family Search records for Daniel Davison in the 1600s.

Vital Records of Ipswich, MA to the end of the year 1849, Vol I Births

Vital Records of Ipswich, MA to the end of the year 1849, Vol II Marriages and Deaths

- Arthur Henry Davison: American

Ancestry: Giving the Name and Descent, In the Male Line, of Americans whose

Ancestors Settled in the United States previous to the Declaration of

Independence, A. D. 1776. Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers; 1899 Volumes XII,

p 46-48

- Ancestors

and Descendents of James R. Davison, by Eunice E. Hall, Free Press Co., 1951

- Genealogical Record of the Davison, Davidson, Davisson Family of New England, by H. R. Remsen Coles, 1899.

- Genealogy of the Davison Family, Part First, Descendants of Nicholas Davison, by Gideon M Davison, 1887.

### Any additional comments related to this consultation:

A lot of what I've found about Daniel Davison appears to be family legends. I have found no hard proof that he was a Scottish POW sent to Boston in 1561. A Daniel Davison being a servant to John Kinsman in

Ipswich in 1652 appears to be the strongest evidence that he may indeed have been a POW shipped to Boston. But I need more details, evidence, proof!

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### Daniel Davison, Sr

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Birth: 1630, Scotland  
 Death: 1693  
 Ipswich  
 Essex County  
 Massachusetts, USA

The immigrant ancestor of the most numerous families of Davison in America of that period, was a Scotch Conventaner, a group in Scotland, which struggled for religious liberty. They were called thus because they found themselves in a series of covenants to maintain the Presbyterian doctrines. The Conventaner Army was defeated at the Battle of Dunbar Scotland by Oliver Cromwell in 1650. Daniel is supposed to have been a prisoner of war, who was exiled or deported to the Colonies in 1651 or 52. He built a house in Ipswich Hamlet, Essex Co., MA in the year 1667. He served in King Phillips War 1675-1675. His will was dated Dec. 5, 1693. The earliest record of Daniel Davison is the marriage record in the Essex court record. He was 27, Margaret was 22.

The placing of Daniel as one of the Scotch exiles was in the instance largely upon circumstantial evidence, and family traditions. Wehn this solution was once accepted, it was found so well secured in circumstances that it seemed impossible to rove a flaw of genuineness of the same. The traditions, while indistinct as to the historical facts, were founded in lines of the family descent, and had been separated for two centuries, and could have only a common source at the beginning. Daniel Davison being an industrious, frugal thinking man under the conditions named in Rev. John Cotton's letter, soon found himself able to reimburse the person who paid for his passage to America and in the short period of six years accumulated enough substance to become a farmer upon his own account, and married into a substantial English family, that was a borne a worthy name through the centuries since. His children were able to make marriage alliance with the best families, the



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Daniel Davison was a member of the Conventaner Army stands as the strongest evidence that his people were of that faith, and that he was baptized as a child in Scotland.

Family links:  
 Spouse:  
[Margaret Low Davison \(1632 - 1668\)\\*](#)

Children:  
[William Davison \(\\_\\_\\_\\_ - 1730\)\\*](#)

\*Calculated relationship

Burial:  
[Wenham Cemetery](#)  
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**Name** Cheryl Sirois

**How long have you done family history research?** Over 10 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Charles Breault

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Son of exile Alexis Breault ..Family arrived in MA 1755 source passenger immigration lost. Supposed to have been born in Boston or Higham about 1754 no source. death 1837 Napierville Canada source Drouin. Father Alexis said to have joined a delegation to Quebec for reparation.

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

Where and when was Charles born? Did he have a twin? What happened to the rest of the family..

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

Drouin marriage records  
Passenger and immigration list

### Any additional comments related to this consultation:

I have used the American ancestor search and have found where Acadian records are located

**Optional: Provide a link to your PUBLIC family tree:** Sirois family tree



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**Name** Cheryl Sirois

**Name of individual to be discussed:** Thomas Smith

### **Pertinent information available about individual:**

Immigrant from England about 1638 no sources. Many tree claim he was on the Hector but there is no passenger list for this time period. He married in New Haven CT in 1656 to Elizabeth Patterson. Died 1724 in New Haven.

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Where was Thomas born? Was George Smith his father as many cousins believe..there are no sources. Was our ancestor really Thomas? An uncle insisted that the immigrant ancestor was Benjamin with red hair.

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

Marriage CT town records  
Death CT town records

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

A first cousin named Henry Smith did a y-dna test in an effort to find some answers ..I have joined the worldwide Smith project on Family DNA

## Optional Additions

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**Name** Barbara Whittlesey

**How long have you done family history research?** Over 10 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** Capt James Richards (1743-1778)

### Pertinent information available about individual:

Born 1743 location unknown [est from grave marker]; Assumed as James of Norwich CT in 1761-1763 [Jabez Fitch diary]; I presume he married Lucy Mix in Norwich/Preston before 1771; buried 19 Feb 1778 in Long Society Burying Ground, Preston, CT; Hartford CT probate 1778, with bond Lucy Richards and Daniel Mix of Norwich (inventory, no will)

PS -- NOT Capt James Richards of NORWALK.

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

- Archives or other sources to consult that might provide evidence to confirm my theory that James married Lucy Mix of Norwich and was the father of Clarissa (Richards) Wright (1771-1843), Charles Richards of NYC (1773-1820), and the grandfather of Elizur Wright the Boston abolitionist.
- sources that might provide information about James' potential activities as a privateer/captain during the war, and his (presumably) war-related death.
- leads/strategy for identifying parents of James and his wife Lucy.

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

- online databases/websites, for basic vital info, military records, census for wife Lucy, burials, town histories/genealogies, clues re descendants/cousins & "family traditions."
- biographical sketches of (presumed) descendants.
- Elizur Wright letters in Library of Congress.
- my analysis of a key archival document "Sketch of the Wright Ancestry" is posted at [piecesandstems.wordpress.com/2020/02/26/clarissa-richards/](https://piecesandstems.wordpress.com/2020/02/26/clarissa-richards/)



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**Name** Barbara Whittlesey

**Name of individual to be discussed:** William Preston

### Pertinent information available about individual:

I have attached two versions of why I have come to two conclusions about the William Preston buried in Ohio in 1802. First, that he was the descendant of great migration Roger Preston (~1614-1666), and second that he married a woman named Miriam Preston. (Needs further research to prove Miriam as a descendant of immigrant ancestor Gerrit Jansen van Oldenburg aka Gerrit "de Mof.")

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

Are my conclusions sound? If not, what needs the most attention?

### Briefly cite sources already reviewed:

Published Preston genealogies, online and published vital records for Salem Hundred, New Jersey, microfilmed records "Old Stone" church in Fairfield, NJ, online cemetery, land, & probate records for Salem/Cumberland, NJ. Pennsylvania online land, census, and tax records, published journals of visitors to the area later known as Centre County, PA. Published histories of Springfield/Springdale, Hamilton, Ohio, including church histories and biographical sketches of early settlers. Published & online probate records for 1790-1820 or so for the extended/possible family members in Hamilton County, Ohio. Census & similar records for early Hamilton County, Ohio.

### Any additional comments related to this consultation:

A current working draft 210WP (with many unfinished citations) is attached. It traces both my process and my conclusions.

I am aware that formal dissemination of this information will require a re-write in a more academic style with register-style summaries.

I also have a slightly more finished formal essay Wm-Preston\_MG with a Preston tree diagram, and more complete citations. It also includes a refutation of "Sarah Sprong," the fictional wife of William Preston and various other bits of bad information about William that are widely found on the internet.

## Optional Additions

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**Name**

Erin Reddy Wolff

**How long have you done family history research?**

1-5 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** a few options - see next questions

### Pertinent information available about individual:

View Erin's family tree on Ancestry

<https://ancestry.com/family-tree/tools/tree/74243649/invitees/accept?inviteId=49a89b8f-4e06-4f27-ac8d-d5c2c2f70975>

Christian IV Fredericksson King of Denmark and Norway (1577.04.12-1648.02.28)

Squire Boon Sr & Mary Milton Maugridge and family (parents of Daniel Boone and uncle/aunt of Brigadier General Daniel Morgan)

my father (Harold George Reddy)'s direct paternal line

### Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:

a) King Christian IV - is there a genetic link to Alhed Povelsdatter, the natural child of a 15-yo teenager living in the region where he vacationed?

b) digging into the ancestors that were early settlers of what became New England and the frontier south  
\*Are there Revolutionary War documents about Daniel Morgan? Can any of them place Morgan in a room with Washington, or are there any that show their communication?

\*Were my ancestors supportive of slavery? Many are listed in Quaker records, AND the will and testament of one lists a slave child.

\*Which people immigrated when and from where?

c) the Riddy/Reddy family - finding documents and especially digging into their propensity for finding themselves in workhouses

d) I have been able to find German ancestors back to those who came to the US or maybe the generation

before them. As a non-German-reader/speaker, how do I discover more?

\*bonus a - Is there anything way to identify which of my aunts gave up for adoption the first cousin who was identified through DNA matching? Our family doesn't speak...about anything.

\*bonus b - My grandfather (Clyde Otis Wagner, born 1942.05.06) was severely injured in WWII, and there is very little knowledge of what happened (see above, which I attribute to the untreated PTSD that he brought home and eventually passed down to me). Can we find documents related to his service?

**Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

anything attached to my Ancestry tree (mostly what popped up as hints, as I'm only just beginning to discover searching for them)

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

I am currently in Boston and can discuss in person as well.

**Optional: Provide a link to your PUBLIC family tree:**

<https://ancestry.com/family-tree/tools/tree/74243649/invitees/accept?inviteId=49a89b8f-4e06-4f27-ac8d-d5c2c2f70975>

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**Name** Erin Reddy Wolff

**Name of individual to be discussed:** see form 1

**Pertinent information available about individual:**

ditto

**Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

ditto

**Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

ditto

**Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

😊 - my goals are very open

## Optional Additions

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**Name** Chris Young

**How long have you done family history research?** 1-5 years

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**Name of individual to be discussed:** John Gould Jr. (1733-?)

### Pertinent information available about individual:

I am beginning to research the Gould-Wentworth family of Boston. A daughter of the Gould-Wentworth family of Boston married a James Monk, merchant, of Boston. James Monk was an aide-de-camp to Pepperell at the siege of Louisbourg and then went on to settle in Halifax, 1749. James Monk married Anne Deering in Boston and was a a merchant (Boston), surveyor, justice, solicitor general of Nova Scotia. This is pre New England Planter migration to Nova Scotia. (See [https://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/monk\\_james\\_3E.html](https://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/monk_james_3E.html)). His son George Henry Monk married Elizabeth Gould in Boston. The Monk family became very prominent in Nova Scotia, Upper and Lower Canada.

My next focus is to reconstruct the family of John Gould Jr. m. Elizabeth Deering Wentworth.

John Gould b. 21-Nov-1733, Boston, Province of Massachusetts Bay, m. 09-Apr-1758, King's Chapel, Boston Elizabeth Deering Wentworth

Elizabeth Deering Wentworth 21-Feb-1737, Boston, m. 09-Apr-1758, 08-Mar-1802 Quincy

Related families: Monk, Deering (Dering), Gould, Acarrel (or Averell), Wentworth, Packer, Apthorp, Troutbeck.

A probate and administration file exist for John Gould Sr. but before I go further with this, I would like to get a better understanding of New England records. I believe a probate file also exists for John Gould Jr.

### **Specific question(s) or goals for consultation:**

Who are John Gould Jr.'s parents? A 1734 marriage record exists for John Gould & Sarah Accarel. There is speculation that these are the parents of John Gould Jr. There is speculation that Accarel is a transcription error for Averell. Sarah Accarel (several spellings) appears only in one record, the 1734 marriage record.

### **Briefly cite sources already reviewed:**

Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton, "The Deering or Dering Family of Boston, Massachusetts, and Shelter Island, New York," Richard Henry Greene et al., *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (New York, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1921); *Internet Archive* (<http://archive.org/details/newyorkgenealogiv52gree> : accessed 30 Mar 2025), pages 40-54. He [George Henry Monk] married Elizabeth Gould, daughter of John Gould and his wife Elizabeth (Wentworth) Gould, of Boston (who died at Windsor or Halifax).

James B. Bell, ed., *The Colonial Records of Kings Chapel, 1686-1776*, vol. 2, 2 vols., Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts (Boston: The Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2019), p. 583.

Baptism of Elizabeth Gould, 21 Mar 1759, of John Jun<sup>r</sup> & Elizabeth Gould, Infant, sponsors James Griffen Proxy for Jn<sup>o</sup> Gould Eliza.<sup>th</sup> Wentworth & Sarah Gould.

James B. Bell, ed., *The Colonial Records of Kings Chapel, 1686-1776*, vol. 2, 2 vols., Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts (Boston: The Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2019), p. 664.

Marriage of John Gould & Sarah Accarell, 15 Feb 1734/35, Both of Boston

*Suffolk County, MA: Probate File Papers*. Online database. *AmericanAncestors.org*. New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017-2019, Probate for John Gould Sr.; from records supplied by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives. Digitized images provided by FamilySearch.org (<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB2735/i/48699/15077-co1/69568883> : accessed 31 Mar 2025).

### **Any additional comments related to this consultation:**

Looking forward to this. I was in Halifax two weeks ago at the Provincial Archives and the West Hants Historical society researching the Monk family. Now I am turning my focus to the Boston connection.

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<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Young-50816>

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