

## Editor's Introduction



This issue begins with a tribute to **Robert Charles Anderson**, founder and Director of the Great Migration Study Project at American Ancestors and longtime consulting editor of *Mayflower Descendant*, with an outline of his two descents to passengers William and Susanna (Jackson) White, both through their passenger son Resolved.

Erica Hahn continues her research on Matthew Fuller's origins in **Was Matthew Fuller of Barnstable, Massachusetts, a Son of Edward Fuller's Unnamed Wife? Some Corrections, Some Additions**, including a transcription error in her previous article, which disputes the previously proposed origins of Robert Fuller of Rehoboth, now articulating how Matthew Fuller could be more closely related to Giles Fuller than Robert, in a manner consistent with the previously published Fuller BigY-DNA Project.

In the next article, **Two Fathers and Two Sons Named David Hatch of Scituate, Massachusetts: Corrections to the Brewster, Hopkins, and Standish Silver Books**, Edward Charles Horton goes through two sets of fathers and sons with the same name in the fourth and fifth generation of the Hatch family (with numerous *Mayflower* connections), to show which David belonged to which, correcting previously published material that confused the two families in the same town.

In another case of two men of the same name, **Competing Genealogies: A Tale of Two John Whites**, Ellen S. Hoffman and Jon A. Horine discuss two competing claims of parentage for a family descended from William and Susanna (Jackson) White. One John White was from Marshfield, Massachusetts, while the other was from Brookfield, Massachusetts. The article discusses which John White moved to Blandford, Massachusetts, and served in the Revolutionary War, while the fate of the other John White is unknown.

Paul K. Graham's article, **Descendants of Benjamin and Phebe (Smith) Smith of Sandisfield, Massachusetts: Three Additional Generations from Thomas Rogers**, follows Benjamin Smith, whose parents had moved from Eastham, Massachusetts, to the western part of the state. Benjamin served in the Revolutionary War (despite his widow being denied a pension due to conflicting ages) and married his first cousin who was also originally from Eastham. The article follows this

couple in western Massachusetts through their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**Warren Rogers alias Sparrow (1813–1890): A Man with Two Names and Two Families**, by Aidan Walsh, follows the interesting life of Warren Sparrow who appears getting married in New Jersey in 1851 with no previous record of life before this date. Through researching his life there, in New York, and in western Massachusetts, aided by surprising Y-DNA results amongst his agnate descendants, Walsh shows that Warren Sparrow was originally a man named Warren Rogers from Cape Cod, who left his first family and assumed his mother's maiden name midway through life. The article concludes with a genealogical summary for three generations, with numerous intermarrying *Mayflower* lines.

Gregory J. Weinig's article, **The Maternal Ancestry of Alvah Philo Shurtleff (1820–1900) for Four Generations: Reconsidering a Possible John Howland Line**, uncovers past transcription errors, especially with the surname Landers being misread as both Sanders and Sparrow, aided especially by a family Bible that ended up with a descendant who moved to Tennessee, to document a sixth-generation John Howland descendant through five generations.

John Bradley Arthaud expands upon coverage in the last Henry Samson publication with **The Hiram and Melinda (Latham) Niles Family of Lynn, Massachusetts**, with a summary of this sixth-generation descendant through their children and grandchildren.

Richard Hall continues with his Notable *Mayflower* Descendant series, this time with **Myron H. Avery, Cofounder of the Appalachian Trail**, with descents back to the Hopkins, Cooke, Allerton, Warren, and Eaton families, all in Massachusetts and Maine. Andrew P. Langlois continues his transcription of **Wellfleet Vital Records, 1763–1844**.

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