

The.NE^{HG} Register



The Journal of
American Genealogy



The gravestone of immigrant Anne (Needham) Hett (1613–1688) in the Phipps Street Burying Ground in Charlestown, Massachusetts (see pp. 275–280).

In this issue

Origins: Hett, Huntington, Needham, Townsend, Whiting

Families: Sellingham, Townsend



American Ancestors®
A NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY HISTORY, HERITAGE & CULTURE



American Ancestors®

A NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY HISTORY, HERITAGE & CULTURE

97 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3007

Receipt of the *Register* is a benefit of American Ancestors membership.

For membership information, call 888-296-3447, fax 617-536-7307,
or visit AmericanAncestors.org/join.

To advance the study of family history in America and beyond, we educate, inspire, and connect people through our scholarship, collections, and expertise.

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, published quarterly since 1847, is the flagship journal of American genealogy and the oldest journal in the field, supporting the purpose of American Ancestors. The complete *Register*, 1847 to present, is searchable as a database at AmericanAncestors.org.

Consulting Editors, 2026

CHERRY FLETCHER BAMBERG, FASG • SCOTT ANDREW BARTLEY, FASG
DAVID CURTIS DEARBORN, FASG • CHARLES M. HANSEN, FASG
HENRY B. HOFF, FASG • DAVID ALLEN LAMBERT • LESLIE MAHLER, FASG
RHONDA R. MCCLURE • NATHAN W. MURPHY, AG, FASG
GARY BOYD ROBERTS • GEORGE FREEMAN SANBORN JR., FASG
WILLIAM B. SAXBE JR., CG, FASG • CLIFFORD L. STOTT, CG, FASG
NATHANIEL LANE TAYLOR, FASG • RANDY A. WEST, FASG

Submitting an article to the *Register*: The editors welcome articles, especially from new authors. We seek articles on families that migrated into or out of New England; families of Irish, African American, Native American, Italian, Jewish, Portuguese, Dutch, German, French Canadian, or other backgrounds; and families that arrived in America as recently as the 19th or 20th century.

Register articles usually fall into one of the following categories: immigrant origins with a genealogical summary; problem-solving articles with a genealogical summary; genealogical accounts of families, especially families for which no genealogy now exists (normally limited to three generations); and source material.

Submission guidelines for authors are given at AmericanAncestors.org/publications/register, toward the bottom of the page. Articles should be written in Microsoft Word. It is advisable to send an email in advance to the editor, at register@americanancestors.org, describing your proposed article.

Book Reviews: The *Register* reviews a limited number of books. Send books for consideration, with complete ordering information, to Editor of the *Register*, P.O. Box 7786, Tacoma, WA 98417.

Volume 180 Whole Number 719 Summer 2026

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register®

The Journal of American Genealogy

219 Editorial

221 The Suffolk Roots of Simon Huntington of Norwich, England,
Who Died En Route to New England in 1633, and His Kin in
Great Yarmouth
Clifford L. Stott

239 The Descendants of Martin¹ Townsend of Watertown, Massachusetts
John D'Alessandro

275 The English Ancestry of Anne¹ Needham of Boston, Massachusetts,
Wife of Thomas¹ Hett
Randy A. West

281 The Identity and Ancestry of the First Wife of Rev. Samuel¹ Whiting of
Lynn, Massachusetts
Robert Battle

304 Jacob and Henry Sellingham, Hessian Immigrants, of Boston,
Ashburnham, and Ashby, Massachusetts (*concluded*)
George W. Varney

336 New England Articles in Genealogical Journals in 2024
Robert Battle

Editorial Staff

ROBERT BATTLE, FASG, *Editor* (register@americanancestors.org)

CHRISTOPHER CHALLENGER CHILD, *Associate Editor*

Funding provided in part by



*This publication is supported
in part from a bequest by
Ruth Chauncey Bishop*



American Ancestors®

A NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY HISTORY, HERITAGE & CULTURE

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

RYAN J. WOODS, *PRESIDENT & CEO*

SHERRY LARKIN-PRINS AND ROBYN SEARS, *C-SUITE SR. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DAVID M. TREBING, *CHAIR*

M. DAVID SHERRILL, *VICE CHAIR*

JOHN E. CORCORAN, *SECOND VICE CHAIR*

GERARD A. HALPIN III, *TREASURER*

ERIC N. WARD, *SECRETARY*

MARK KIMBALL NICHOLS, *CORRESPONDING SECRETARY*

2029

MARC E. CHARDON

MARK T. COX IV

SARAH E. GUNDERSON

JENNIFER LONDON

BONNIE A. REILLY

GWILL E. YORK

2028

ROBB ALEY ALLAN

MARK E. FERGUSON

BEVERLEY L. HAMILTON

GREGORY G. O'BRIEN

LIONEL B. SPIRO

SCOTT E. TRACY

JONATHAN BUCK TREAT

BRENDA M. WILLIAMS

2027

BRADY BRIM-DEFOREST

BRENDA L. JOHNSON

ANDREW P. LANGLOIS

JOHN S. RANDO, JR.

HELEN E. R. SAYLES CBE

RYAN D. TALIAFERRO

TAWNY G. WELCH

HONORARY TRUSTEES

BRUCE R. BARTLETT

NORDAHL L. BRUE

STEPHEN H. CASE

RALPH J. CRANDALL

JOHN M. FLEMING

WILLIAM M. FOWLER, JR.

JUDITH WAITE FREEMAN

DONALD R. FRIARY

HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

PRISCILLA C. GREENLEES

THOMAS B. HAGEN

JUDITH HUBER HALSETH

VIRGINIA M. HAMISTER

KENNETH E. HAUGHTON

ROBERT F. HENDRICKSON

ELIZABETH B. JOHNSON

DAVID W. KRUGER

AMBASSADOR JOHN LOEB

PETER S. LYNCH

LINDA A. PESCOSOLIDO

FRANK C. RIPLEY

STACY SCHIFF

ERIC B. SCHULTZ

ALVY RAY SMITH

LYNN BRYAN TROWBRIDGE

JUSTIN L. WYNER

The NEHG Register (ISSN 0028-4785) is published in winter, spring, summer, and fall by American Ancestors, 97 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116. An electronic version is free with membership. Members who want to receive a print copy in the mail must pay \$20 per year. For subscription and membership information, call 888-296-3447 or visit AmericanAncestors.org/join.

Copyright © 2026 by American Ancestors. All rights reserved. No part of this periodical may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or any information storage or retrieval system, without permission in writing from the copyright holder, except for the inclusion of brief quotations in a review. NEHGS is a nonprofit corporation qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The periodical's name and titles and headings are trademarks of NEHGS and the name and logo of NEHGS are registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and may not be used without the express permission of the corporation's Board of Trustees. All contents of this periodical are archived for member access at AmericanAncestors.org. Periodicals postage is paid at Boston, Massachusetts, and additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to Member Services, American Ancestors, 97 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3007.

Editorial

In this third issue published during the United States' semi-quincentennial anniversary, we continue our unplanned thread of articles featuring participants in the Revolutionary War. In the Spring issue we were introduced to Henry Sellingham, who though of Hessian birth enlisted on the American side in that conflict; the story continues in this issue with his son Jacob, who enlisted with his father when only 16 years old. The complexity of this war was evident in the Townsend family featured in this issue, with brothers finding themselves on opposite sides of the conflict.

Our lead article in this issue is **The Suffolk Roots of Simon Huntington of Norwich, England, Who Died En Route to New England in 1633, and His Kin in Great Yarmouth**. Author Clifford L. Stott explores the extended English family of Simon Huntington and his wife Margaret Barrett to demonstrate that the Norwich man long known to be the immigrant originated in the parish of Battisford, Suffolk, about 40 miles away.

Unlike Simon Huntington, Martin Townsend survived his voyage from England to New England, though like him, he also perished somewhere other than the family's intended destination—in his case dying while on a trip from Massachusetts down to South Carolina. In **The Descendants of Martin¹ Townsend of Watertown, Massachusetts**, author John D'Alessandro presents the recently confirmed English origin of the immigrant and traces three generations of his descendants in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, and the Midwest.

Anne Needham came over to Massachusetts as a single woman on the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, where several years later she married Thomas Hett and with him left descendants to the present day. The origin of Hett was published in this journal in 2001; in this issue, author Randy A. West presents **The English Ancestry of Anne¹ Needham of Boston, Massachusetts, Wife of Thomas¹ Hett** in Spalding, Lincolnshire, identifying her parents as well as two generations of her mother's ancestors in that parish.

The origin of Rev. Samuel Whiting of Lynn, Massachusetts and the identity and ancestry of his second wife, Elizabeth St. John, have long been known; but the identity of his first wife, mother of his daughter Dorothy (Whiting) Weld, has remained undiscovered. In **The Identity and Ancestry of the First Wife of Rev. Samuel¹ Whiting of Lynn, Massachusetts**, author Robert Battle identifies her as Anne Revett of King's Lynn, Norfolk, tracing her ancestry in that town back to her grandparents.

The next item is the second half of George W. Varney's article covering the descendants of **Jacob and Henry Sellingham, Hessian Immigrants, of Boston, Ashburnham, and Ashby, Massachusetts**. In this part, Jacob's grandchildren and great-grandchildren are traced in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, and Canada.

Continuing the tradition begun by Henry B. Hoff in 2002, the final item in this issue is a list of **New England Articles in Genealogical Journals in 2024**.

– *Robert Battle and Christopher Challender Child*



The Suffolk Roots of Simon Huntington of Norwich, England, Who Died En Route to New England in 1633, and his Kin in Great Yarmouth

Clifford L. Stott^[1]

Simon Huntington died at sea while trying to reach New England in 1633. For at least a decade before his departure, he lived in the city of Norwich, co. Norfolk, where he married Margaret Barrett in St. Andrew's parish on 11 May 1623 and had five children. Margaret and several of the children survived the journey and settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, where Rev. John Eliot wrote of them, "Margret Huntington widdow; she came in the yeare 1633, her husband dyed by the way of the small pox, she brought her children with her."^[2] Simon Huntington's descendants are numerous throughout America today.

Though this has long been known, Simon's ancestry has been difficult to establish. One fraudulent ancestry concocted in the early 20th century by the renowned charlatan Gustav Anjou has Simon born on 7 August 1583, the son of George and Anne (Fenwick) Huntington.^[3] Despite being repeatedly exposed as a fraud, this false pedigree continues to circulate as factual on many internet sites, although most informed readers have rejected it.^[4]

In the late 1980s, Marilyn B. Brown of Ogden, Utah, in collaboration with Randall Dixon of Salt Lake City, discovered the 1598 will of Robert

¹ *Editor's Note:* As the author mentions below, his work on what became this article began back in 2009; the completed article was accepted for publication in the *Register* several years later. It has since come to our attention that Carolyn Alderson independently came to the same conclusions regarding Simon Huntington's ancestry and in 2024 published an article online detailing that, titled "Using Wills to Develop a Family Tree[:] The Case of Simon Huntington (d. 1633) and his Ancestors in East Anglia." Though the same conclusions were reached, the evidence used and the presentation of the findings made in each article differ significantly enough that the two articles complement each other, and the decision was made to publish Mr. Stott's article in its original form. Readers of this article are strongly encouraged to also read Carolyn Alderson's article posted on her website, carolynalderson.com.

² *A Report of the Record Commissioners, Containing the Roxbury Land and Church Records* (Boston, 1884) 79; Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1995) [hereafter *GMB*], 2:1044–1046; Randy A. West, "Updates to Some of the Great Migration Immigrants" *Register* 172 (2018):356.

³ The pedigree is attributed to Gustav Anjou in *The Huntington Family in America* (Hartford, 1915), 11.

⁴ Donald Lines Jacobus wrote in 1948 that the Anjou pedigree "contains many evidences of fabrication" (Dwight Brainerd, *Ancestry of Thomas Chalmers* [Montreal, 1948], 170). In 1952, Jacobus rejected the Anjou pedigree as "worthless" (Jacobus, *Hale, House and Related Families* [Hartford, 1952], 648). In addition, George E. McCracken, who studied a copy of Anjou's report received from the Huntington Library, reached the "unmistakable conclusion" in 1975 that Anjou's pedigree is "a fabrication" (McCracken, "President Grant's Ancestry, *The American Genealogist* 51 [1975]:231–241, at 237).

Huntington, a substantial yeoman, who lived in Battisford, Suffolk, about 40 miles southwest of Norwich. Among the children named in Robert's will were minor sons Robert and Simon Huntington.

In 2009, Mr. Dixon retained the author to determine whether Simon Huntington of Norwich was identical to Simon Huntington of Battisford. Although the loss of Battisford parish registers before 1711 (and bishop's transcripts before 1685) continues to be an impediment, significant circumstantial evidence was found linking Simon of Norwich to the Huntingtons of Battisford. Most noteworthy is the Huntington connection to the prominent Barrett family of Norwich.^[5] Three nephews of Simon Huntington of Battisford came to Norwich and Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, two of whom, Robert and Richard, were business associates of Peter and William Barrett, brothers-in-law of Simon Huntington, the immigrant. Robert and Richard were also Puritans. Besides these circumstantial connections, it is also noteworthy that the land holdings of the Battisford Huntingtons included two properties purchased by Simon's grandfather, Symond Huntington, from John Skott, who lived in Postwick, Norfolk, on the eastern fringe of Norwich. No other reasonable candidates for Simon¹ Huntington have so far been identified, and no contrary evidence to the current theory has been uncovered.

This article explores the origins of Simon Huntington and his nephews, who became prominent citizens of Great Yarmouth, while adding new details of Simon's activities in Norwich.

Genealogical Summary

1. **SIMON^B HUNTINGTON**, of Battisford, Suffolk, was born say 1505. The only known record of Simon is his will.^[6] He died between 5 April 1564, when he executed his will, and 17 July 1564, when it was proved. The terms of the will imply that he was a yeoman farmer of some means with tenements in Battisford and the adjacent parish of Combs. He married **ANNE** _____, who was mentioned in his will. She was living in 1566 when her son Gilbert wrote his will, bequeathing to her a milch cow and 44 shillings.^[7] Simon may be related (possibly father) to a Barnaby Huntington of Wheatacre, Norfolk (near Great Yarmouth), whose will, dated 16 March 1558[/9?] and proved 16 November 1559, mentions his wife Grace and brother Gilbert.^[8] The following are excerpts from the will of "Symond Huntington of Battysforde":^[9]

I wyll & bequethe to Anne my wyffe my beste bede w^hall that there to belonge & one other bede w^hall that there to belone Allso I give & bequethe to Anne my wyffe my Tenete [tenement] that I hold of James Hobberd Esquier callyd Brayes w^hall the Lands thereto belonginge Dewringe her mortall lyef & when

⁵ For the Barrett family, see Joseph James Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families, Being the County Visitations and other Pedigrees*, 2 vols. (Exeter, 1900–1908), 2:157–160.

⁶ NB: for other mentions of Simon in his occupation of carpenter, see the Alderson article noted above.

⁷ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, original wills, 1621, W57/54 (FSL DGS 8313686 images 234–235).

⁸ Archdeaconry Court of Norfolk, registered wills, 19:299–300 (FSL DGS 8045266 images 298–299).

⁹ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, registered wills, 21:35 (FSL DGS 8040694 images 50–51).

it shall please god to calle the fore saide Anne my wyf owte of this worlds then I wyll that it shall Remayne to Barnarde my sonne to hym & to his heires. Allso I gyve and bequethe to Anne my wief my tenement osburnes w^hall the Lands thereto belonginge which I hold of my Ladye Gressime by copie of court rowell Dewringe the tyme of hir mortall lyfe and when it shall please god to pulle hir owte of this worlde Lyefe then I will that Edmund my sonne shall have that tenemente called osburnes with all the Lands that I howlde of my Ladye Gressime to hym and to his heres Item I wyll and bequethe to Gylberd my sonne five ackers of medowe in Batysforde fen that I hold of James hobberd Esquier by copie of courte Rowle whereof one acker Liethe beyownde the Ryv^r [river] to hym and hys heres Allso I wyll that Gylberd my sonne shall have one small Rente to hym and to hys heres of tenne shillings & fower pence by yere that I bowght of M^r John Poley of Badlie the whiche Rente is payde owte of the Tenement burkylis in Comys [Combs] by Edmund Palmar Item I wyll that Henrie my sonne shall have my Lands in Comys to hym & to his heires callyd mottys & mottiswod w^h I latlie Bowght of John Skotte of Postwicke in the countie of Norfolk as in a payre of Indentures doth apere Item I wyll that Henrye my sonne or his heires shall paye to Gylberd my sonne or his heires three pownds vj^s viij^d to be paide in ij yeres after his entrie of the Lands afor saide.... Allso I wyll that Henrye my sonne or his heires shall paye to Edmund my sonne or his heires iij^{li} vj^s viij^d of good & Lawfull monye of England in ij yeres.... Allso I wyll that Henrye my sonne or his heires sall paye to Barnard my sonne or his heires iij^{li} vj^s viij^d of good & Lawfull monye of England to be paide in ij yeres.... Item I wyll and bequethe to Roberte my sonne the fearme that [illegible] howlde of James Hobberd esquier & Fransis his wief withe all the korne and grasse growinge upon the saide fearme.... Allso I wyll that Roberte my sonne shall have corne sufficientlye to fynde his howse for my hoole [whole] yere after my Deceasse Allso I wyll that Roberte my sonne shall have fower of my beste horsse or meares, which he wyll take Allso I wyll that Roberte my sonne shall have syxe of my mylche kynne All the rest of my cattyll I wyll shalbe Equallye Devyded to my wief and fower of my children that is to saye to Gilberde my sone Henrye my sonne Edmund my sonne and Barnarde my sonne to evry one of them a Lyke parte Item I wyll that all the Reste of my moveables goods note geven nor bequethed shalbe equallye Devydyd to Anne my wyff and Roberte my sonne Gylberd my sonne Henry my sonne Edmund my sonne and Barnarde my sonne to evry one of them alike parte I ordayne and make my Executors to se this my wyll p[er]formyd and to take my Debts and to paie my Debts Thomas Lukasse of hunsim[?] and Roberte my sonne and Henrye my sonne wytnesses Henrye Cuttinge of Rynsoll [Ringshall] Thomas Lawdye of Battsiford and Robts Kyspe of Battsiford w^h others.

Children of Symond Huntington (prob. b. Battsiford; order uncertain):^[10]

- i. EDMUND HUNTINGTON, received from his father's will a tenement called Osburnes with lands held of "Ladye Gressime" (Gresham).^[11] He received a double share of the household stuff in the will of his brother Gilbert in 1566 (below), suggesting a possible senior position in the family. No further record.

¹⁰ Gilbert at least was a son of Anne.

¹¹ NB: for this Gresham family, see the Alderson article noted above.

- 2 ii. ROBERT^A HUNTINGTON, b. say 1535; m. (1) _____; m. (2) MARGARET _____.
- iii. HENRY HUNTINGTON, yeoman of Battisford, d. betw. 9 June and 3 July 1621, the dates of the execution and probate of his will. Henry m. (1) an unknown wife; m. (2) in St. James, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 10 Nov. 1591, JANE LONGE.^[12] Jane is not believed to be Henry's first wife because he was probably near 50 when he married her, and Henry's son Henry, who died in 1624, bequeathed to his "brother-in-law" Robert Huntington, which in this case probably meant his half-brother. The younger Henry made no such distinction when referring to his sisters. Henry inherited land in Combs from his father. The following are excerpts from his will:^[13]

I geve & bequeathe unto Henrye my sonn all my lands lying in Combes.... I geve & bequeathe more to the said Henrie my sonn my land called Semans lieng in Battisford.... I geve & bequeathe unto Jane my wyfe duringe the terme of hir life my tent [tenement] brayes wher I now dwell withe all the land therunto belonginge and one close called Parkesfyeld & after her desease to remayne & be to Robert my sonn and his heirs forever. Item I geve unto Jane my wife duringe the terme of twentye yers my tent [tenement] which I hold by lease called Hollidais garden.... I geve & bequeathe unto Ann my daughter for & during the terme of her lyfe my tente [tenement] Tarbers with all the lande therunto belonginge lying in Battisford and after hir decease to Robert my sonn.... I geve & bequeathe to Jane my wyfe and to Henrye my sonn my eyght milch kyne to be equally devyded betwene them Item I geve & bequeathe my fyve horses mares & colts to Jane my wyfe and Henrye my sonn to be equally parted between them. Item I geve to An my daughter my twoe yerling colte. Item I geve & bequeathe to Henrie & Robert my twoe sonns all my sheepe. Item I geve unto Jane my wife the bedd that she had of hir mistris with all thereunto belonging. Item I geve unto Jane my wyfe my table stooles formes & cupbord chayers & crease in the hall. Item I geve unto Henrie my sonn the bedd on the chamber wher he lyeth.... I geve to Ann my daughter the bedd wheron I nowe lye.... I geve to the poore of the p[ar]ishe of Battisforde twenty shillings. all the residue of my goods chattele & howshould stuff I geve & bequeathe to be equallye devided betwene Jane my wyfe Henrie my sonn and An my daughter.... I geve and bequeathe unto Marye my daughter the wife of Robert Levold the obligacon which I have of Robert Huntington of Hetcham [Hitcham] Item I geve hir another obligacon of which I have from Mr Francis Coppinger of Buxhall Item I geve here another obligacon which I have from John Fleminge of Hectham [Hitcham] Item geve unto Ann Levold and to Marye levold my grandchildren [f]yve pounds a pece...after their severall ages of eyghten yeares....

¹² *Bury St. Edmunds, St. James Parish Register, Marriage 1562–1800* (Woodbridge, 1916), 13.

¹³ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, original wills, 1621, W57/54 (FSL DGS 8313686 images 234–235).

Child of Henry and _____ (_____) Huntington:

1. *Robert Huntington*, yeoman of Battsford, d. betw. 11 May 1652 and 19 Nov. 1658, the dates his will was written and proved.^[14] He was the only Huntington in Battsford who paid the ship money tax 1639–40, the purpose of which was to fund the Royal Navy. His assessment of 14s. 7d. was the 6th highest out of the 40 taxpayers in the parish.^[15] Robert's 1652 will named a son Robert and daughters Susan and Mary. He held lands and houses in Battsford and Combs.

Children of Henry and Jane (Long) Huntington:

2. *Henry Huntington*, yeoman of Battsford, d. betw. 16 Oct. and 4 Nov. 1624, the dates his will was written and proved.^[16] Although Henry's will indicated he was "of Battsford," he also gave to the poor of the town of Bramford "wherein I now dwell." The will also gave to Robert Huntington "my brother in lawe" (probably half-brother) all his messuages, lands, and tenements of whatever kind forever with certain obligations to Henry's sister Mary "Levell" and her daughters Anne and Mary. Others mentioned in the will were Henry's sister Anne and Henry Huntington, "kinsman," probably [3.v] Henry of Great Yarmouth, his 1st cousin once removed.
 3. *Anne Huntington*, unmarried in 1624.
 4. *Mary Huntington*, m. *Robert Levold* and was the mother of two children by 1624, who were mentioned in her brother Henry's will. The family lived in Ringshall, where Robert "Levall," yeoman, d. betw. 26 June and 20 July 1640, the dates his will was written and proved.^[17] Among others, the will mentions his wife Mary, daughters Mary and Anne, and brother [i.e., brother-in-law] Robert Huntington.
- iv. GILBERT HUNTINGTON, d. betw. 19 May and 1 Aug. 1566, the dates of the execution and probate of his will.^[18] The will, quoted below, names no wife or children but makes bequests to his brothers, his mother, and others:

unto Roberte Huntington my brother fyve acres of meadowe in Batisforde fenne... I will that Robert my brother or his heires shall paye to Barnarde my brother vj^l x^s...in two yeres that is to saye when he cometh to the age of xx yeres thre powndes And when he comethe to the age of xxj yeres three powndes tenne shillings in full payment.... I will that Robert my brother his heires executors or Administrators shall paye to his thre daughters to everye one of them fortye shillings that is to saye Anne Margeret and Marye as they shall come to the age

¹⁴ Prerogative Court of Canterbury [PCC] 655 Wootton (PROB 11/284 folios 226–227).

¹⁵ Vincent B. Redstone, ed., *The Ship-Money Returns for the County of Suffolk, 1639–40* (Ipswich, 1904), 102.

¹⁶ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, registered wills, 55:39 (FSL DGS 8226475 images 47–48).

¹⁷ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, original wills, 1640, W78/116 (FSL DGS 8040718 images 265–266).

¹⁸ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk registered wills, 21:377 (FSL DGS 8040694 image 311).

of xx yerres.... I bequethe to Edmunde my brother and to his heires one annuall rente of x^s iiij^d by yere the which my late father gave me by his laste testamente and is payde owte of the tenemente burkillis in Combis by Edmunde Palmer.... I geve and bequethe to my mother my mylche cowe and xliiij^s.... I geve to my Henrye my brother iij^j x^s.... I geve to Johane Colman the elder halfe a bushell of wheate Item I will the reste of my wheate my brother Roberte shall have Item I will that my parte of the howsholde stuffe which my father gave me by his sayde testamente shalbe putt in syxe equall partes whereof I will my mother to have one parte and Roberte my brother one parte and Henry my brother one parte and Bernard my brother one parte and Edmunde my brother the other twoe partes....

- v. BARNARD HUNTINGTON, b. say 1548, probably the youngest son. In 1566, his brother Gilbert bequeathed him £6 10s. to be paid in two years, "when he cometh to the age of xx yerres." No further record.

2. **ROBERT^A HUNTINGTON** (*Simon^B*), a yeoman of Battisford, was born say 1535. He died between 9 March 1597[/8?] and 4 April 1598, the dates of the execution and probate of his will.^[19] He inherited a farm and livestock from his father. Robert married first an unknown wife or wives. Robert's will mentioned his wife **MARGARET** _____, but it is believed she was not his first wife because of the considerable age range among his children, three of whom were born before 1566 (named in their uncle Gilbert's will), and others who were minors in 1598, with son Simon probably born near the latter year. Robert's will, quoted below, refers to "both my elder and younger children," hinting at a significant age difference between two groups of children. Additionally, Robert's five surviving daughters were divided into two groups: three who received 20 marks and two who received £10. The former group appears to be the older daughters (one born before 1566). Sons Robert and Simon were the only children specifically referred to as under age 21. The following include the salient portions of Robert's will:

Item I geve and bequeath unto Margaret my wief all that my house & landes set lienge and beinge in Battisford aforesaid w^h all & singular the comodities and p[ro]fits thereupon growenge and encreasinge w^hout strip or waste duringe the mynoritye & nonage of Robert Huntington my sonne towards the paiement of my Debtes and bringing up of children w^h all my stocke utensils of howsholde and howsholde stuff to her and her heires of our two bodyes yeldinge and painge unto my two daughters Elline and Marion ten pownds a pece of lawful monye and at such tyme and times as hereafter is specified. viz. Item I geve and bequeathe unto Elline my daughter ten powndes of monye to be paide unto her w^hin fowre yerres next after my decease. Item I geve and bequeathe unto Marion my daughter ten powndes of good mony to be paid to her w^hin five yerres next after my departure. Item geve and bequeath unto Robert Huntington my sonne my said howse and landes w^h thapp[ur]tences [the appurtenances] to him and his heires forev[e]r yelding and painge unto his three sisters that is to saye Ales Margaret and Elizabeth twenty markes a pece of good mony and at such times as hereafter is mencioned that is to say, Item I geve and bequeath unto Ales my daughter six powndes thirtene shillings & fower pence of Lawefull monye and

¹⁹ Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk, registered wills, 37:45 (FSL DGS 8313680 images 55–58).

to beginne her paiment w^hin two yeres next after the entry of his said lande and his age xxi yeres p[ar]te of her legacye of xxii^{li} vj^s viij^d, Item I geve and bequeath unto Margaret my daughter vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d of good monye to be paide w^h in thre yeres next after the entry of his lande and his age of xxi years in p[ar]te of her legacy of xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d. Item I geve and bequeath unto Elizabeth my daughter likesome of vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d of good monye and to be paide to her w^hin fower yeres next after his attainment unto his lande. Item I geve and bequeath unto Simon Huntington my sonne threeskoare powndes to be paide likewise by his brother Robert Huntington my sonne in such tyme and yeres as hereafter is nominated. viz. that is to saye Twentye powndes w^hin five yeres next after that Robert shall enter his landes and accomplish his full age of xxj yeres in p[ar]te of his legacye of threescore powndes of good monye. And so likewise begininge w^h Ales my daughter again the sixte yere to pay her other vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d of lawefull [money] in full satisfaction of her legacye of twentye markes. Likewise the seaventh yere to paye other vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d to Margaret my daughter in full satisfaction of xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d her full some Also I geve unto Elizabeth my daughter the eighte yere next after his entrance unto his landes other vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d in full satisfaction of her legacie. Item I geve and bequeathe unto Simond other twenty powndes of good and lawefull monye to be paide unto him the ninth yere after Robert shall accomplish his full age of xxj yeres. Also I will and my minde is that w^hin twoe yeres after the last paiment unto Simon, there be paide by Robte unto Simon other xx^{li} in full satisfaction of the threescore powndes of good monye. Moreover I will and my mynde is that yf Robte Huntington my sonne shall refuse to p[er]forme this my laste will in manner as is mencioned in this my will and testament then I will that Simon Huntington shall undertake the like payments that Robte sholde have done, and also enter unto all my landes at the same yere as Robert shoulde yf had not refused. Also farther I will that yf it shall please god to call Robert unto his mercy before he attaine unto his full age of xxj teres w^hout yssue of his bodye lawefullye begotten then my mynde is that Simon my sonne shall enter upon the landes w^h like paiments as my sonne Robert showld yf had lived and at such yeres and tymes. Also yf shall please god to take Simon unto his mercye before he shall attaine unto xxj yeres w^hout yssue of his bodye lawefullye begotten then I will that my landes be sould by my executrix and the same mony be equally amonge all my children the surviving distributed and p[ar]ted Indeferently betwene them both my elder and younger children Also farther it is my mynde that the children of John Kempster that is to say John Bridget & Robte Kempster be educated and brought uppe by my executrix untill the time limited in there [sic] fathers will, as I am bounde by vertue of Executorshipe in the same will of the aforesaid John Kempster. The Reste of all my goodes and chattels not given nor bequeathed I geve them unto Margaret my wief whom I ordaine and appointe my executrix to take my debtes and paie my debtes And to se my funerall charges discharged and my bodye Reverently buried....

Children of Robert^A Huntington:^[20]

- i. ANNE HUNTINGTON, b. bef. 1566; d. prob. bef. 1597 (omitted from her father's will). She received 40 shillings in her uncle Gilbert's will in 1566.

²⁰ All mentioned in their father's will except i and iii, who were mentioned in their uncle Gilbert Huntington's will in 1566. Birth order uncertain, but iv–ix were likely born after Gilbert wrote his will.

- ii. MARGARET HUNTINGTON, b. bef. 1566; bequeathed 20 marks^[21] in her father's will and 40 shillings in her uncle Gilbert's will in 1566.
- iii. MARY HUNTINGTON, b. bef. 1566; prob. d. by 1597 (omitted from her father's will). She received 40 shillings in her uncle Gilbert's will in 1566.
- iv. ALICE HUNTINGTON, bequeathed 20 marks in her father's will.
- v. ELIZABETH HUNINGTON, bequeathed 20 marks in her father's will.
- vi. ELLEN HUNTINGTON, bequeathed £10 in her father's will.
- vii. MARION HUNTINGTON, bequeathed £10 in her father's will.
- 3 viii. ROBERT HUNTINGTON, b. say 1583; m. (1) MARTHA RIDNALL; m. (2) AGNES HAYWARD.
- ix. SIMON¹ HUNTINGTON, b. abt. 1596, almost certainly the youngest of Robert's children and therefore probably a son of Margaret, Robert's wife in 1597; died at sea from smallpox in 1633. Simon married in St. Andrew's, Norwich, 11 May 1623, MARGARET BARRETT, the daughter of Christopher Barrett, a grocer and alderman of Norwich. Margaret's brothers Peter and William Barrett and nephew Thomas Barrett became business associates of Simon's nephews, Robert and Richard Huntington, as described below.

Recent research has found that Simon was admitted a freeman of Norwich as a grocer in 1628, having been apprenticed by Norwich grocer Thomas Toft (Toftes), who was himself admitted a freeman of the city in 1609.^[22] Simon's apprenticeship bond has not been found, but the typical apprentice served his master for seven years, beginning in his early to mid-teens. This is important because it suggests a narrow range for Simon's birth year. Assuming that Simon entered into his apprenticeship at the typical age of 13–16 between 1609, when Toft was admitted to the freedom of Norwich, and 1616, seven years before Simon's marriage, his birth year range is limited to 1593–1597 (if all assumptions are correct). When Simon married in 1623, the average age of men marrying in England was about 27, according to a recent Cambridge study.^[23] The latter finding suggests a birth year for Simon of about 1596.

In 1628, the same year Simon became a freeman, he received an appointment as constable in the East Wymer Ward of Norwich, which included the parish of St. Simon and Jude, where two of his children were christened in 1627 and 1629.^[24] Further details of Simon Huntington and his family have been published elsewhere.^[25]

²¹ The term "mark," used for accounting purposes only, was worth two-thirds of a pound, or 13s. 4d.

²² Percy Millican, *The Register of the Freemen of Norwich, 1548–1713* (Norwich, 1934), 77 (Huntington), 75 ("Toftes").

²³ Alice Reid, "What Age did People Marry in the British Past?" The Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure (campop.geog.cam.ac.uk/blog/2024/07/11/what-age-did-people-marry/).

²⁴ Timothy Hawes, ed., *An Index to Norwich City Officers, 1453–1835*, Norfolk Record Society 52 (1986), 87.

²⁵ See the sources cited in the introduction above.

3. **ROBERT HUNTINGTON** (*Robert*^A, *Simon*^B), a yeoman of Battisford and Hitcham, Suffolk, was born say 1583 (based on probable age at marriage). He was buried at Hitcham, 22 November 1633.^[26] Robert married first in Mendlesham, Suffolk, 11 September 1610, **MARTHA RIDNALL**, baptized there 5 November 1587, daughter of Richard and Anne (Eccleston) Ridnall.^[27] She was buried at Hitcham, 19 February 1621/2.^[28] Robert married second in St. Mary, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 10 March 1623/4, **AGNES HAYWARD**, whose parentage is unknown.^[29] Robert inherited a house and lands from his father in 1598 while he was a minor. As a yeoman of Hitcham, Robert wrote his own will on 2 November 1633, and it was proved on 7 February 1633/4. The following are excerpts:^[30]

I give and bequeath my lands and Tenements scituate lyeing and being in Batisford ...unto mine executors hereafter named...within two yeares after my decease to pay my debts and performe such legacies as hereafter shall bee sett.... Item I give & bequeath unto Robert Huntington my eldest sonne the some of two hundred pounds.... I give and bequeath unto Richard Huntington my second sonne the some of one hundred pounds...at his age of one and Twentie yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Henry Huntington my sonne one hundred pounds...at the age of one and twentie yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Marie Huntington my daughter the some of threescore pounds.... Item I give and bequeath unto Martha Huntington my daughter the some of threescore pounds...at her age of one and twentie yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret my daughter the some of Threescore pounds...at her age of one and twentie yeares Item I will and my mynd is that myne Executo^{rs} shall bee at the charge of maynteyning and bringing up of my said children untill his or her of their persons shall grow due provyded allways & my mynd is That if it shall please God to take any of my said children out of this World before their said severall persons shall grow due that then his or her of their porcons [portions] soe deceasing shall bee equallie devyded amongst the survivo^{rs}.... Also my will and mynd is that if my lands and moveable goods and chattells will not extend to the paying of my debts and performing of my legacies Then to deduct default and abate of my childrens porcons proporconally as shall make it good.... And if there shall bee any remaynder left or overplus when my legacies are performed and my debts paid I give unto Robert Huntington my eldest sonne Item I make nomynate and appoynt for my Executo^{rs} John Locke of Hunderclaie [Hinderclay] Robt Huntington of Batisford^[31] John Mannying of Combes Jeremy Gardiner of Kettlebaston in the Countie of Suffolke yeoman

²⁶ Register of Hitcham, Suffolk, 1575–1706 (images on Ancestry.com) [hereafter *Hitcham PRs*], image 84: Robertus Huntington.

²⁷ Register of Mendlesham, Suffolk, 1558–1661 (images on Ancestry.com): “Robert Huntington and Martha Ridnall were maryed” 11 Sept. 1610 (image 68 of 112), “Martha ye daught[er] of Rich. Ridnall” bp. 5 Nov. 1587 (image 19), “Richard Ridnall and An[n]e Eccleston were maryed” 13 Sept. 1582 (image 63).

²⁸ *Hitcham PRs*, image 80: Martha Huntington uxor Roberti Huntington.

²⁹ Register of St. Mary, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 1558–1656 (images on Ancestry.com), image 122 of 212: Robt Huntington & Agnes Haywarde. It is possible she was in fact a *Howard*; her stepson Robert Huntington's first wife, Sarah Howard, was called “Sarah Heyward” in their marriage record (see below).

³⁰ PCC 17 Seager (PROB 11/165 folios 129–130).

³¹ Almost certainly the son of Henry Huntington of Battisford, Robert's first cousin.

desiring them as my trusty friends to pay my debts performe my legacies and see my bodie in decent manner brought to the grave....

Robert's death in 1633 left his six children, four of them minors, without a father or mother. In the same year, the children's uncle, Simon Huntington, left for America and died en route. It appears that the influential Barrett family of Norwich played a crucial role in assisting Robert's children. They were well-positioned to help—Christopher Barrett, Simon's father-in-law, became the mayor of Norwich in 1634, and his sons Peter and William were successful merchants and excise officers in Great Yarmouth.^[32] All three sons of Robert Huntington—Robert, Richard, and Henry—went to Great Yarmouth, and two of them, Robert and Richard, became business associates of the Barretts and led remarkably successful careers, as outlined below.

Children of Robert and Martha (Ridnall) Huntington:

- i. MARY HUNTINGTON, b. prob. Battsford say 1612; m. Hitcham, 4 June 1635, FRANCIS DURRANT.^[33] She prob. d. before 1653 when her brother Henry's will mentions all of his siblings except Mary.
- ii. ROBERT HUNTINGTON, b. prob. Battsford abt. 1615 (age abt. 53 on 1668/9 marriage license); bur. St. Botolph, Aldersgate, London, 30 April 1684.^[34] He m. (1) St. Martin at Oak, Norwich, 20 June 1637, SARAH HOWARD,^[35] bp. St. Andrew, Norwich, 27 Nov. 1614, dau. of Matthew Howard;^[36] bur. Great Yarmouth, 3 Oct. 1642.^[37] Robert m. (2) Clyst Hydon, Devonshire, 1 May 1649, ELIZABETH REYNELL, b. abt. 1619, dau. of Sir Richard and Mary (Reynell) Reynell.^[38] Her death or burial record has not yet been

³² William and Peter Barrett both purchased freemanship in Great Yarmouth in 1633, William as comptroller of His Majesty's Customs House and Peter as "searcher [of Ships]" of the Customs House (*A Calendar of the Freeman of Great Yarmouth, 1429–1800* [Norwich, 1910] [hereafter *Great Yarmouth Freeman*], 67). Some of Peter Barrett's activities as a searcher are mentioned in *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series*, Charles II, 1661–1662, p. 309, 326; 1667, p. 469; 1675, p. 608.

³³ *Hitcham PRs*, image 68: Franciscus Durrant [and] Mariam Huntington.

³⁴ Register of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, London, 1682–1707 (images on Ancestry.com), image 112 of 117: Major Robert Huntington.

³⁵ Register of St. Martin at Oak, Norwich, Norfolk (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): Robert Huntington & Sarah Heyward married by license.

³⁶ Register of St. Andrew, Norwich, Norfolk (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): "Sara ye dawghter of Mathew Howard." The will of "Mathew Howard of the Cittie of Norwich Worsted weaver" was dated 12 Dec. 1648 and proved 11 Jan. 1648/9 (PCC 15 Fairfax; PROB 11/207 folios 108–109): "unto my two grand Children vizt Sara and Mary Huntington the daughters of my sonne in lawe Mr Robert Huntington [£150 each]... putt forth to the Town of Yarmouth for their use..."

According to Ashworth P. Burke, *Family Records* [vol. 1] (London, 1897), 254–255 (which provides very few details, no dates, and no evidence), Matthew Howard (youngest son of Robert Howard of Brockdish, Norfolk, and his wife Phillippa Buxton) had 2 sons and 3 daughters, among whom was "Sarah, m. Major Huntington." Sarah's brother Matthew Howard was said to m. Sarah, dau. of William Burrough of Suffolk, and have 2 sons, one of whom, another Matthew Howard, "m. Elizabeth, dau. of Ralph Bucknall."

³⁷ Register of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (images on FindMyPast.co.uk) [hereafter *Great Yarmouth PRs*]: Sara Huntington ux: Robert.

³⁸ Register of Clyst Hydon, Devonshire (images on FindMyPast.co.uk) [hereafter *Clyst Hydon PRs*]: M^r Robert Huntington gentellman and Elezabeth Reynell daughter of S^r Richard Reynell of Ogwell. Elizabeth, age 1, was the second daughter and (at that time) coheirress of her parents

found. Robert m. (3) St. John, Hackney, Middlesex, 4 March 1668/9, DOROTHY (STYLES) DICER, dau. of William Styles and widow of Sir Robert Dicer, Bt.,^[39] d. Hackney, 11 Nov. 1680.^[40]

Robert became a freeman of Great Yarmouth by purchase in 1640.^[41] He joined with Peter and William Barrett in a salt works venture in Gorleston, Suffolk, on the River Yare opposite Great Yarmouth. Robert Huntington and Peter Barrett were co-defendants in a suit brought by Thomas Bendish, claiming they were withholding £600 owed him for his investment in the venture. Bendish described Peter as the company's bailiff and receiver. Robert's title was not stated in the complaint.^[42] During the English Civil War (1642–1651), Robert joined the Parliamentary forces and received a captain's commission in 1644 but resigned with the rank of major in 1648. The following summation of his military career is quoted from "The Cromwell Association Online Directory of Parliamentary Army Officers":^[43]

On the eve of the civil war he was a merchant in and freeman of Great Yarmouth. By summer 1644, he was a captain in Vermuyden's regiment of horse in the Eastern Association Army; he transferred with his troop in that regiment to the New Model Army, promoted to major and serving until the late 1640s in what later in 1645 became Cromwell's horse regiment. He fought at Naseby and in much of the south-western campaign of 1645–6, though he was with Cromwell in the expedition to capture Devizes, Winchester and Basing in autumn 1645. In 1647 he was appointed by Fairfax to take control of the king after his seizure by Joyce at Holdenby and he subsequently acted as an intermediary between the New Model and Charles. It is possible that this role led to his subsequent falling-out with Cromwell when he became aware of Cromwell's and the Army's hardening line towards

in the 1620 visitation of Devonshire (Frederic Thomas Colby, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Year 1620*, Harleian Society Visitations vol. 6 [London, 1872], 235, 240). Elizabeth's younger brother Richard Reynell was created a baronet in 1678 (George E. Cokayne, ed., *Complete Baronetage*, 5 vols. [Exeter, 1900–1906] [hereafter *Complete Baronetage*], 4:211). In 1650, Robert Huntington, gent., was a defendant (along with Richard Peynell [sic], gent., and others) in a suit brought by Dame Susannah Pickering als Reynell, widow, concerning money matters in Norfolk (entry for C 5/538/60 in the Discovery catalog of The National Archives, UK [TNA]). In 1663 Robert Huntington was again a defendant with Richard Reynell and others in a suit brought by John Croker concerning property in Hook Norton manor, Oxfordshire (entry for C 10/75/15 in the TNA catalog).

³⁹ Register of St. John at Hackney, 1653–1686 (images on Ancestry.com), image 9 of 90: Robert Huntington of Stanton Harecourt in the County of Oxford Esquier and the lady Dorothea Dicer of this parish widow...by vertue of a licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury his office. Joseph Lemuel Chester, *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, 1558 to 1699; Also for those issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 1660 to 1679* (London, 1886) [hereafter Chester, *Allegations*], 162: [28 Feb. 1668/9] Robert Huntington, of Stanton Harecourt, co. Oxon., Esq., Wid^r, ab^t 53, & Dame Dorthy Dicer, of Hackney, Widow; at Hackney afs^d. *Complete Baronetage*, 3:178.

⁴⁰ Wood Family Account Book, London Archives, ACC/1302/002, abstracted in the TNA catalog.

⁴¹ *Great Yarmouth Freeman*, 73.

⁴² Chancery Pleadings, 1640, TNA C 6/126/15.

⁴³ The Cromwell Association Online Directory of Parliamentary Army Officers, Stephen K Roberts, ed. (2017), British History Online, british-history.ac.uk/no-series/cromwell-army-officers.

the king. He suddenly resigned in summer 1648, in the midst of the second civil war, writing an explanation, subsequently published, explaining that he did so because of Cromwell's hypocrisy and the officers' double-dealing in their relations with the king. As such he was under suspicion and out of office and spent the next few years living in Oxfordshire, working as a merchant and rebuffing royalist approaches. In the changed circumstances of 1659–60 he became major in the Oxfordshire and Berkshire militia and he supported Monck. He returned to local office and was rewarded with property in Windsor Great Park at the Restoration and during the 1660s and 1670s became a senior customs and excise official.

Upon his return to mercantile activity, Robert participated in a Greenland whaling venture. In 1666, he received an appointment as a commissioner for the ale and beer excise around London, and in 1670, he testified regarding losses of excise in Norfolk and Suffolk due to the plague.^[44] In 1671 he became a chief commissioner for excise and was receiver-general of customs in 1677–79.^[45] In 1678, he and his brother Richard were importing French wine from Bordeaux.^[46]

Robert Huntington of London, Esq., "sick and weak in bodye," wrote his will on 17 April 1684, proved 16 May 1684. Legatees included a grandson Robert Huntington, son of Robert (who received £1,000), other unnamed grandchildren and great-grandchildren, son Robert Huntington, daughters: Elizabeth Dodd, Mrs. Brumpsted, and Mrs. Friend; sons-in-law: Col. John Friend, Mr. Mercer, Thomas Brumpsted, Timothy Dodd, Ralph Bucknall, and Robert Breedon. To his four surviving children Robert bequeathed the profits of a business partnership he had with Sir John James, Mr. William Dawson, and Mr. Lemuel Kingdome, "either as hay masters of the forces or any other trade traffick or dealinge."^[47] Apparently, at the time of his death Robert and his partners had a contract to supply hay to the army.

Children of Robert and Sarah (Howard) Huntington:

1. *Sarah Huntington*, bp. Great Yarmouth, 14 Oct. 1638;^[48] m. Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire, 14 Aug. 1657, *John Mercer*.^[49]
2. *Mary Huntington*, bp. Great Yarmouth, 6 Nov. 1640;^[50] poss. the wife of Ralph Bucknall, who was called son-in-law in her father's will. She was likely deceased by 1684 (not mentioned in her father's will).

⁴⁴ Exchequer, King's Remembrancer, Depositions, TNA E 134/21Chas2/East18, abstracted in the TNA catalog.

⁴⁵ Timothy Venning, "Huntington, Robert (c.1616–1684)," in *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (2004), 28:937–938.

⁴⁶ "Intoxicants & Early Modernity" database, dhi.ac.uk/intoxicants. The Huntington entries were drawn from the Great Yarmouth port books, TNA E 190/496/21.

⁴⁷ PCC 58 Hare (PROB 11/376 folios 80–81).

⁴⁸ *Great Yarmouth PRs*: Sarah Huntington d. Robt & Sarah.

⁴⁹ Register of Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): John Mercer the son of William Mercer of this p[ar]ishe gent...And mrs Sarah Huntington of Eastogwell ye daughter of Robert Huntington Esqr.

⁵⁰ *Great Yarmouth PRs*: Mary Huntington d of Robert & Sara.

Children of Robert and Elizabeth (Reynell) Huntington:

3. *Rebecca Huntington*, bp. Clyst Hydon, 2 June 1650;^[51] m. Saint Michael Queenhithe, London, 30 April 1668, *Robert Breedon*.^[52] She was likely deceased by 1684 (not mentioned in her father's will).
4. *Robert Huntington*, b. abt. 1651/2;^[53] m. bef. 1678 *Elizabeth Spyer*, dau. of John Spyer.^[54] He had a son Robert who received £1,000 in the will of his grandfather in 1684.
5. *Elizabeth Huntington*, b. abt. 1654/5; m. in St. John, Hackney, Middlesex, 11 April 1673, *Timothy Dodd* of St. Gregory, London.^[55]
6. *Ann Huntington*, b. abt. 1656/7; m. All Hallows Staining, London, 9 Oct. 1679, *John Friend*.^[56] John Friend represented Great Yarmouth in Parliament in 1685 and was knighted the same year. Sir John was convicted of high treason and executed at Tyburn, Middlesex (near London), 3 April 1696, having supported the Jacobite insurrection and the plot to assassinate King William in March 1696. Although Friend took no active part in the plot, he was found guilty after refusing to testify against the conspirators.^[57]
7. *Martha Huntington*, b. abt. 1657/8; m. St. Bartholomew the Great, London, 27 April 1676, *Thomas Brumpsted* of the Inner Temple.^[58]

iii. *MARTHA HUNTINGTON*, bp. Hitcham, 27 Feb. 1615/6.^[59] She m. (1) Beccles, Suffolk, 4 May 1637, *RICHARD BARDWELL*,^[60] bur. Brundish, Suffolk,

⁵¹ *Clyst Hydon PRs*: Rebecca Huntington daughter to M^r Robert Huntington & Elizabeth his wife.

⁵² Register of St. Michael Queenhithe, London, 1707–1737 (images on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)), image 196 of 378: Robert Breedon and Rebecca Huntington: lic by M^r Clifford.

⁵³ Joseph Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses...1500–1714*, 4 vols. (Oxford, 1891), 2:773: Huntington, Robert, s. Rob., of Stanton Harcourt, Oxon, arm. BRASENOSE COLL., matric. 16 July 1668, aged 16; student of Gray's Inn 1669 (his father of Hackney, Middlesex).

⁵⁴ Indenture of Robert Huntington of Stanton Harcourt (Oxford), gent., son and heir of Robert Huntington Sr. of Hackney, esq., and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John Spyer, 2 April 1678, Northamptonshire Archives, L(C) 403, abstracted in TNA Discovery Catalogue.

⁵⁵ St. John, Hackney parish register; image: [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). Chester, *Allegations*, 214: Timothy Dod, of S^t Gregory's, Lond., Citizen & Salter, Bach^r, ab^t 25, & M^{rs} Elizabeth Huntington, of Hackney, Middx., Sp^r, ab^t 18; consent of her father Robert Huntington, Esq.; at Hackney.

⁵⁶ Register of All Hallows, Staining, London, 1642–1710 (images on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)), image 23 of 139: John Freind of Hackney Esq^r and Ann Huntington of y^e same parish p[er] lic.: George J. Armytage, *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, July 1679 to June 1687* (London, 1890), 8: [8 Oct. 1679] John Freind, of Hackney, Middx., Esq., Wid^r, ab^t 38, & M^{rs} Anne Huntington, of the same, Sp^r, ab^t 22, with her father's consent; at Hackney afs^d.

⁵⁷ Basil Duke Henning, *The History of Parliament: The House of Commons, 1660–1690*, 3 vols. (London, 1983) [hereafter Henning, *Parliament 1660–1690*], 2:369–370.

⁵⁸ Register of St. Bartholomew the Great, London, 1647–1716 (images on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)), image 25 of 129: Thomas Brumpsted of the Inner Temple and Martha Huntington of Hackney." *London and Surrey, England, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1597–1921* ([Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)), 1676 > Apr–Jun, image 6 of 15: [24 April 1676] Thomas Brumpsted of ye Inner Temple London, Batchelor aged 22 years or thereabouts...with Martha Huntington of Hanbury in ye County of Midx spinster aged 18 years or thereabouts & she hath ye Consent of her father (her Mother being dead)...

⁵⁹ *Hitcham PRs*, image 19: Martha Huntington filia Roberti Huntington.

⁶⁰ Register of Beccles, Suffolk, 1623–1659 (images on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)), image 74 of 140: Richard Bardwell singellman and Matha Huntenton singellwoman. *Marriage Licences from the Official Note Books of the Archdeaconry of Suffolk Deposited at the Ipswich Probate Court 1613–1674* (London, 1903) [hereafter *Archdeaconry of Suffolk Licenses*], 113: [4 May 1637] Richard Bardwell of Brundish and Martha Huntington of Beccles, late of Framsdon, both single, at Beccles.

2 Oct. 1639.^[61] Martha m. (2) Boulge, Suffolk, 23 Aug. 1640, THOMAS WHITEMAN.^[62] Martha Whiteman received £50 in the will of her brother Henry in 1653.

- iv. RICHARD HUNTINGTON, bp. Hitcham, 4 June 1618;^[63] bur. Great Yarmouth, 24 Jan. 1689/90.^[64] He m. (1) in Great Yarmouth, 10 Nov. 1644, ROSE WAKEMAN,^[65] dau. of Robert Wakeman of Great Yarmouth, draper.^[66] She was bur. there 10 Sept. 1677.^[67] Richard m. (2) St. Andrew, Norwich, 9 Oct. 1679, HANNAH (WATTS) HAWES,^[68] dau. of Henry Watts of Norwich, hosier, and widow of John Hawes of Norwich, apothecary. She was bur. in the chancel of the church at Wymondham, Norfolk, 10 June 1686.^[69] Hannah wrote her will at Great Yarmouth, 1 April 1685, proved 10 Feb. 1686/7, in which she explained that her marriage contract of 11 Oct. 1679 established her right to manage her own estate and also confirmed that her first husband was John Hawes.^[70]

Richard was apprenticed by his brother Robert and became a freeman of Great Yarmouth in 1646.^[71] There are numerous references to his activities as a merchant and trader. A lawsuit brought in 1663 shows that Richard had business with Peter Barrett in Great Yarmouth as early as 1650.^[72] In 1657, he was part owner of the ship *Phenix* carrying coal from Newcastle and Sunderland to Great Yarmouth.^[73] Fellow merchant Peter Barrett referred to Richard Huntington as one of his “loveing friends” in his 1675 will.^[74] Peter’s nephew Thomas Barrett, a Norwich textile manufacturer and merchant, engaged Richard to ship his products during the 1670s.^[75] In 1673, Richard was importing wine

⁶¹ Register of Brundish, Suffolk, 1562–1765 (images on Ancestry.com), image 36 of 42: Richard Bardwell Junior.

⁶² Register of Boulge, Suffolk, 1621–1659 (images on Ancestry.com), image 13 of 32: Thomas Whitman and Martha Barrowell [sic] widdow. *Archdeaconry of Suffolk Licenses*, 161: [21 Aug. 1640] Thomas Whiteman of Boulge, widower, and Martha Huntington [sic] of Brundish, widow, at Boulge.

⁶³ *Hitcham PRs*, image 21: Richardus Huntington filius Roberti Huntington.

⁶⁴ *Great Yarmouth PRs*: Mr Rich Huntington.

⁶⁵ *Great Yarmouth PRs*: Ri. Huntington of Y & Rose Wakeman Y.

⁶⁶ For this and other uncited statements in this section below, see Richard Huntington’s sketch in Henning, *Parliament 1660–1690*, 2:620–621.

⁶⁷ *Great Yarmouth PRs*: Mrs Rose Huntentun.

⁶⁸ Register of St. Andrew, Norwich, Norfolk (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): Mr Richard Huntunten Wid gent and Mrs Hanna Hawis Widdow. Their marriage license bond was recorded 10 [sic] Oct. 1679 (Norwich Diocese, Norwich Archdeaconry Court, marriage licence bonds, 1676–1681; FSL DGS 4033449 image 391).

⁶⁹ Register of Wymondham, Norfolk (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): Hannah the wife of Captine Richard Huntington of great Yarmouth...in the Chancell of wymondham.

⁷⁰ Consistory Court of Norwich, registered wills, 141:569 (FSL DGS 8472230 images 290–291).

⁷¹ *Great Yarmouth Freeman*, 77.

⁷² Chancery Pleadings, 1663, TNA C 9/29/183.

⁷³ Claim of Thomas Wilde, William Scapes, Richard Huntington, et al., 31 July 1657, depositions submitted to the High Court of Admiralty, 1657–59, TNA HCA 13/72 fo. 81v–82r.

⁷⁴ PCC 42–43 Dycer (PROB 11/347 folios 318–319).

⁷⁵ Siobhan Talbott, ed., *The Letter-Book of Thomas Baret of Norwich, Merchant and Textile Manufacturer, 1672–1677*, Norfolk Record Society 85 (2021), 81, 104, 145, 151, 161, 203, 210.

from the Canary Islands;^[76] as noted above, in 1678 he and his brother Robert were importing French wine from Bordeaux. Richard also had a significant interest in the fish trade, as shown by his will, below.

Richard undoubtedly had Puritan leanings. Although he attended Anglican services, he refused to kneel for prayer or stand for the creed, the same offences that his uncle Simon Huntington, the immigrant, was cited for in 1629.^[77] Richard has been described as “a leading political figure in Great Yarmouth” in a study of the royal servants in the time of Charles II.^[78] His civic appointments included lieutenant of militia 1648–70, captain 1670–82, alderman by Dec. 1660–84, again Oct. 1688–death, commissioner for assessment at Yarmouth 1663–64, 1677–80, and 1689–death; bailiff, 1666–67 and 1676–77. He represented Great Yarmouth in Parliament in 1679.^[79] As Richard Huntington of Great Yarmouth, merchant, he wrote his will on 20 Jan. 1688/9, proved 14 Feb. 1689/90.^[80] The following are excerpts:

I give and devise unto Rose fuller my Daughter now the wife of Samuel Fuller of Great Yarmouth aforesaid Merchant and to the Heirs and Assigns of the same Rose forever all my Messuage in Great Yarmouth aforesd late in my owne occupacon wth the Houses Edifices Buildings fishhouses Barfehouses^[81] yards and grounds thereunto belonging And all other my Messuages Lands Tenemts and Hereditis [hereditaments] whatsoever... Charges with the payment of a certaine Annuity of yearly sume of thirty and five Pounds... unto John Huntington my sonne at the Crosse called the Markett Crosse of the Towne of Great Yarmouth... during the natural life of the same John.... I give and bequeath unto my five grandchildren Samuel Fuller Elizabeth Fuller John Fuller Mary Fuller and Richard Fuller Children of the said Samuel Fuller and Rose his wife the sume of one hundred pounds apeece to be paid unto them respectively at their... ages of one and twenty years.... I give unto Augustine Reeve my grandchilde sonne of Nicholas Reeve and Mary his late wife my Daughter deceased the like sume of one hundred pounds...at his age of one and Twenty yeares.... I give unto my sister Martha [blank] An annuity or yearly sume of tenn pounds to be paid unto her out of my stock and personall Estate at the Market Crosse.... I give and bequeath unto the said Samuel Fuller my sonne in Lawe and Rose his Wife my Daughter all the Rest and Residue of my goods Chattles Moneys Debts Duties and Estate wtsoever that shall remaine Clear after payments of such Debts as I shall justly owe at the time of my decease and satisfy the said two several annuities and other the Legacies aforesaid and my Funeral charges.... I doe ordaine and make the said Samuel Fuller and Rose his wife executors.

⁷⁶ Israel Jackson and John Bolt v. Thomas Bloefeild, John Bloefeild, and Richard Huntington, 1673, King's Remembrancer, Depositions taken by Commission, TNA E 134/21Chas2/East18 (abstracted in TNA catalog).

⁷⁷ Henning, *Parliament 1660–1690*, 2:620; GMB, 2:1045.

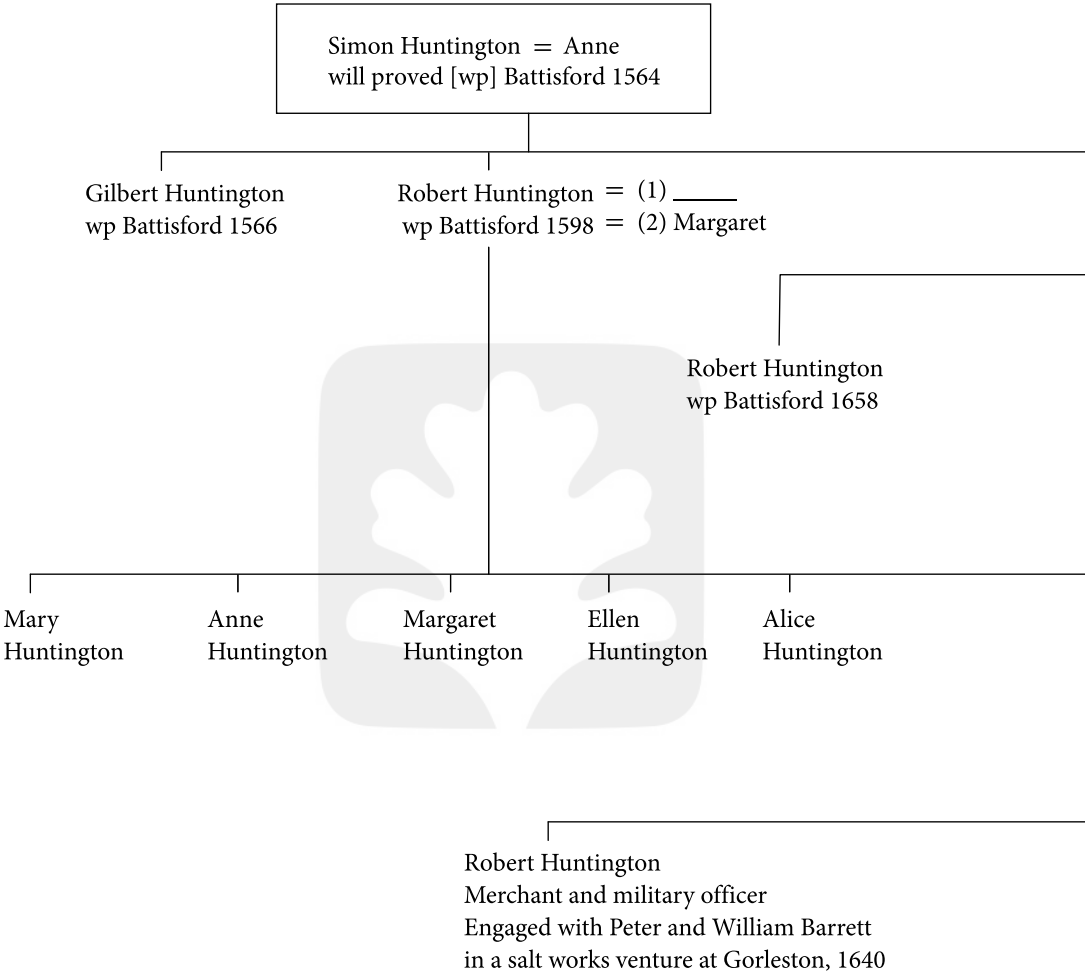
⁷⁸ G. E. Aylmer, *The Crown's Servants: Government and Civil Service under Charles II, 1660–1685* (Oxford, 2002), 167.

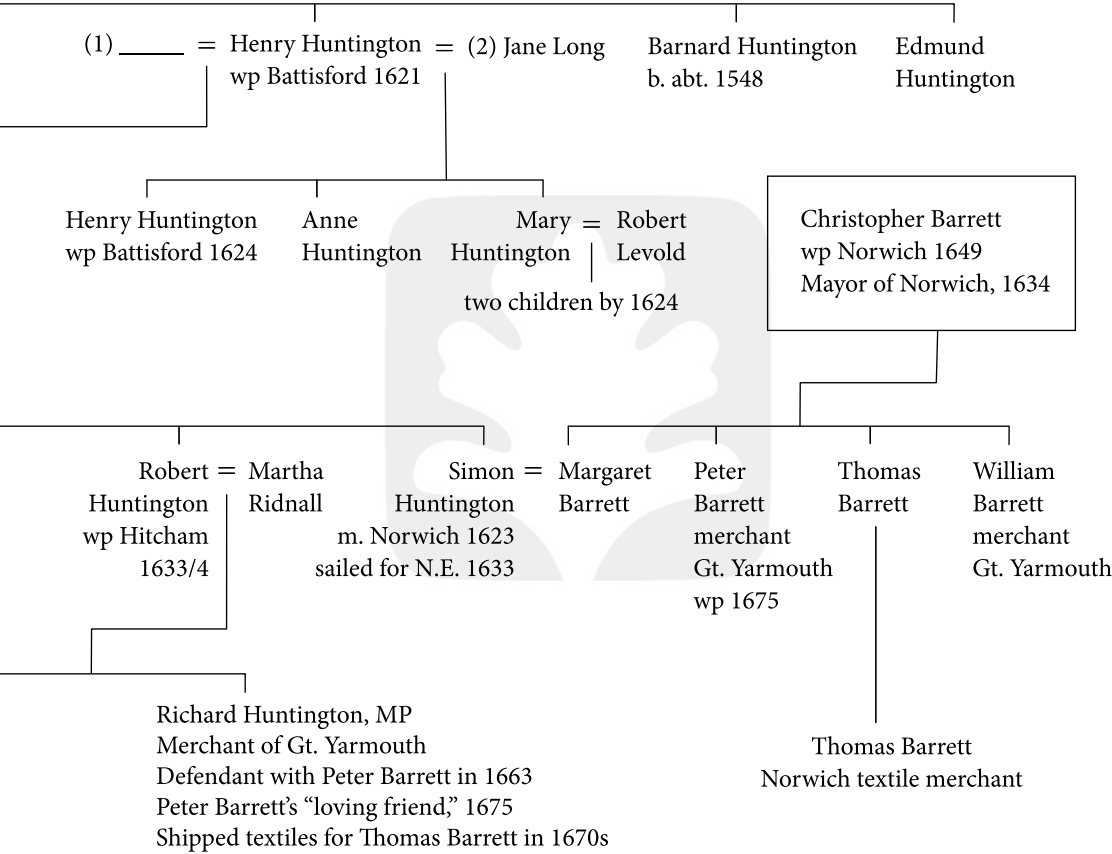
⁷⁹ Henning, *Parliament 1660–1690*, 2:620–621.

⁸⁰ Archdeaconry Court of Norwich, registered wills, 1689, folios 270–272 (FSL DSG 8477124 images 733–735).

⁸¹ The barfe house was a covered shed open at the side where fish were cured.

Huntington Pedigree Showing Barrett Connections





Children of Richard and Rose (Wakeman) Huntington (bp. and bur. Great Yarmouth):^[82]

1. *Robert Huntington*, bp. 10 Sept. 1645; called Capt. Robert Huntington when he was bur. at Great Yarmouth, 29 Sept. 1687.^[83]
 2. *Samuel Huntington*, bp. 30 April 1647; d. 1675, leaving a will dated 14 April and proved 31 May 1675, naming his parents, brothers, and sisters.^[84] He was a merchant of Great Yarmouth.
 3. *Richard Huntington*, bp. 21 Jan. 1648/9.
 4. *John Huntington*, bp. 3 Nov. 1650; bur. 7 Aug. 1652.
 5. *Rose Huntington*, bp. 12 Dec. 1652; m. Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, 6 May 1673, *Samuel Fuller*.^[85] This family received the bulk of Richard's estate.
 6. *Mary Huntington*, bp. 24 Dec. 1654; d. bef. 20 Jan. 1688/9 (deceased in her father's will). She m. Great Yarmouth, 31 Jan. 1682/3, *Nicholas Reeve* of Rotterdam.^[86]
 7. *Sarah Huntington*, bp. 19 Oct. 1656; bur. 15 Aug. 1657.
 8. *John Huntington* (again), bur. 10 May 1658.
 9. *John Huntington* (again), bp. 11 Dec. 1659.
- v. HENRY HUNTINGTON, bp. Hitcham, 25 March 1620;^[87] d. Great Yarmouth between 6 June 1653 and 3 March 1653/4, the dates that his will was written and proved. The will of "Henry Huntington of Yarmouth in the County of Norfolk Esquire" is simple and straightforward, mentioning no wife or children and bequeathing nearly all his estate to his siblings: Richard Huntington, £50; Martha Whiteman, £50; Margaret Otty, £50; and Robert Huntington, executor and witness.^[88]
- vi. MARGARET HUNTINGTON, bp. Hitcham, 5 Feb. 1621/2;^[89] m. Bradwell, Suffolk, 16 April 1650, ROBERT OTTY.^[90]

Clifford L. Stott, CG (Retired), FASG (cliffordstott@gmail.com) is a retired professional genealogist specializing in New England families and their English origins. He is a contributing editor to The American Genealogist and a consulting editor of the Register.

⁸² *Great Yarmouth PRs*.

⁸³ *Great Yarmouth PRs*: Capⁱ Rob. Huntington Chur[ch] Ward[en]. Administration of the estate of Robert Huntington of Great Yarmouth was given to his father Richard Huntington 20 Oct. 1687 (Consistory Court of Norwich admons., vol. 2 [1673–1688], 208; FSL DGS 8076239 image 222).

⁸⁴ PCC 47 Dycer (PROB 11/347 folios 352–353).

⁸⁵ Register of Caistor-on-Sea (a.k.a. Caister by Yarmouth), Norfolk (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): Samuel Fuller & Rose Huntington.

⁸⁶ *Great Yarmouth PRs*: Nicolas Reeve of Roterdm: Widr & Mary Huntington yar[mouth]: S[ingle] wom[an].

⁸⁷ *Hitcham PRs*, image 22: Henricus Huntington filius Roberti Huntington.

⁸⁸ PCC 163 Alchin (PROB 11/236 folio 95).

⁸⁹ *Hitcham PRs*, image 23: Margareta Huntington filia Roberti Huntington.

⁹⁰ Register of Bradwell, Suffolk (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): Robert Otty of yar[mouth] single and Margaret Huntington of yar[mouth] single. Though Bradwell is in Suffolk, it is on the border with Norfolk and less than a mile from Great Yarmouth; images of its register are in the FindMyPast.co.uk collection of Norfolk parish registers.

The Descendants of Martin¹ Townsend of Watertown, Massachusetts

John D'Alessandro

In 1899 Martin Ingham Townsend (1810–1903), a former Congressman and United States Attorney for New York, published a short history and genealogy of the Townsend family in England and America.^[1] He had commissioned a researcher in England to trace the ancestry of his third great-grandfather Martin Townsend, who first appeared in Watertown, Massachusetts in 1667. The chapter entitled “The Townsends of Watertown Massachusetts” concluded that this Martin Townsend was the son of William Townsend of Hinton-in-the-Hedges, born in the mid-1500s. It was an ancestry that included gentleman farmers, successful merchants, and landowners who were related to Colonel Richard Townsend, the commander in Cromwell’s army who passed Castle Townsend to his heirs. It was an impressive set of characters, but subsequent research suggested that it was not the true ancestry of Martin of Watertown. As summarized by Liane Townsend Fenimore, church records and recent DNA evidence indicate that Martin of Watertown was more likely from West Yorkshire and could possibly have been the Martin “Townend,” son of Simeon and Grace (Shaw) Townend, who was baptized in Heptonstall, Yorkshire, on 23 January 1640/1.^[2] The recent discovery of the 1680 will of “Simeon Townend of Colden in Heptonstall in the County of Yorke Yeoman” proves the connection: among other bequests, he wrote “if my son Martin come forth of New England into Heptonstall within the space of seven years next after my decease I give him fiteene poundes.”^[3]

Martin I. Townsend’s 1899 book presented the first several generations of Martin¹ Townsend’s descendants from the information the author was able to gather, which for several lines was self-admittedly incomplete. For those lines covered, the information provided was minimal (often without dates, and only years in nearly every case where there was a date), and, as was often the case with genealogies produced in this time period, no sources were provided,

¹ Martin Ingham Townsend, *The English Townsends[,] The Tancreds Crusaders[,] The Townsends of Watertown, Mass.[,] The Townsends of Hebron, Ct. and of Hancock, Mass.* (Troy, N.Y., 1899), 37pp. [hereafter *The English Townsends*], proposed English ancestry and connections at 13–18 and 36–37. Col. Richard Townsend figured particularly in a seven-page booklet the same author had produced several decades earlier: Martin I. Townsend, *A Short History of the English Townsends* (Troy, N.Y., 1871).

² Liane T. Fenimore, “Martin Townsend, Weaver, of Watertown, MA: A New Look at the Emigrant” *Townsend Society Genealogical Journal*, vol. 15 no. 3 (Fall 2017), 91–103 [hereafter Fenimore, “Martin Townsend”].

³ Prerogative Court of York registered wills, 59:419 (FSL DGS 8004719 image 557), dated 16 Sept. 1680. Other legatees were sons James Townend and Luke Townend (executors) and the children of Simeon’s deceased sons Simeon (Mercy, Mary, John, and Grace) and Paul (Susan, Mary, Martin, and Paul).

with the occasional exception of reference to the recounted stories of older generations. The goal of this article is to more fully and authoritatively present the first several generations of Martin¹ Townsend's descendants.

Genealogical Summary

1. **MARTIN¹ TOWNSEND**, baptized in Heptonstall, West Yorkshire, 23 January 1640/1, son of Simeon^A and Grace (Shaw) Townend;^[4] died in Berkeley County in the Province of Carolina (now South Carolina), 20 August 1697.^[5] He married first in Watertown, Massachusetts, 16 April 1668, **ABIGAIL TRAINER**,^[6] born there 31 January 1648/9, daughter of John and Margaret (possibly Dix) Trainer;^[7] died there 16 January 1690/1.^[8] Martin perhaps married second Esther (Hassell) Perry, daughter of Richard and Joanne (____) Hassell and widow of Obadiah Perry.^[9] If this marriage did take place, Esther apparently died before Martin, as no mention of a widow appears in his probate records.

Martin Townsend made his first known appearance in Watertown records on 16 December 1667, when he testified in a court proceeding alongside his future father- and brother-in-law John "Trayne" and John "Trayne" Jr.^[10] On 4 August 1670, Martin purchased a homestead and four parcels of land in Watertown, totaling ninety acres, from Thomas Boynton for the sum of £60.^[11]

⁴ Fenimore, "Martin Townsend," 93–94: from the register of St. Thomas, Heptonstall, Yorkshire, Symeon Townend m. Grace Shaw 24 Jan. 1636/7, and Martin son of Symeon Townend was bp. 23 Jan. 1640/1. Not included in the article were the burials of Symeon Townend of Heptonstall and "Ux[or] Symeon Townend" of Heptonstall there 16 Oct. 1681 and 6 March 1677/8 respectively (Registers of St. Thomas, Heptonstall, Yorkshire [images on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)], 1681 image 5 of 6, 1677 image 6 of 7).

⁵ Middlesex Co., Mass. probate file no. 22696 (images on [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org)) [hereafter *Martin Townsend Sr. Probate*], image 5: letter from Abraham Warnock and William White to Jonathan Sanders and Thomas Hammon, written from "Carolina County Barkly" 2 July 1698: "it hath pleased god to Call martin townsend your friend out of this wordle [*sic*] agust ye 20 1697 and he left will[m] white and Abraham warnock to turn his goodes into money..."

⁶ Watertown, Mass. vital records, 1 [1630–1690] (FSL DGS 7011107) [hereafter *Watertown VRs 1*], 95 (image 102): Martaine Townesend & Abigall trayne.

⁷ *Watertown VRs 1*, 23 (image 59): Abigall Traine the Daughter of John & Mergret Traine. For this family, see Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635*, 7 vols. (Boston, 1999–2011), 7:83–87.

⁸ *Watertown VRs 1*, n.p. (image 7): Abigaill Townsend.

⁹ *New England Families, 1641–1700* ([AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org)): William Parry, image 4 of 5, and Richard Hassell, images 3–4 of 4. The marriage, dated 30 Aug. 1693, is cited to Ezra S. Stearns, *Early Generations of the Founders of Old Dunstable...* (Boston, 1911), 59–60, which states that Obadiah Perry's "widow, Esther, married second, August 30, 1693, Martin Townsend of Watertown." Stearns gives no source for this marriage, but he likely drew it from Henry Bond, *Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts...*, 2nd ed. (Boston, 1860) [hereafter Bond, *Watertown*], 605, which says that Martin Townsend "m. (2d), Aug. 30, 1693, HESTER PERRY, of Woburn" (on p. 402 suggesting that she was the daughter of Obadiah and Hester b. in Watertown 11 Aug. 1674). However, this marriage cannot be found in any extant Watertown vital records. Bond's source remains unknown.

¹⁰ Depositions from "John Trayne senior," "John Trayne Junior aged about 16 years," and "Martin Townend aged about 25 years," all on the same day (Middlesex Co., Mass., colonial court papers, folio 44; FSL DGS 7902664 image 720).

¹¹ Middlesex Co., Mass. deeds, 4:108–110 (FSL DGS 7448438 images 68–69).

Early Watertown historian and genealogist Henry Bond listed six children for Martin and Abigail, including three who died in childhood.^[12] Martin I. Townsend, in his published genealogy, mentions only four children. The original Watertown vital records have at least one omission and a duplicate entry. No birth record has been found there for Martin Jr., the son of Martin Sr. and Abigail.^[13] Martin I. Townsend's history records that there were two sons named Martin, one born in 1671 "who died in infancy" and a second Martin who was "born before 1680."^[14] Bond lists one son named Martin and does not provide the date of his birth. Martin and Abigail's youngest son Jonathan's birth is listed twice in the original vital records about three months apart. Bond seems to have assumed that the second record should have been a death entry and not a second birth record, as he lists a Jonathan who died at about three months old and a second son Jonathan with no date of birth provided. No record for the birth of a second Jonathan has been found, and other evidence suggests that he was born about the same year as shown in the two births that were recorded. The mystery of the duplicate birth entry remains unsolved. Considering the evidence found to date, we are able only to conclude that Martin of Watertown and Abigail had just three children who lived to adulthood and likely several more who perished at an early age.

Martin had accumulated significant holdings in Watertown and, sometime before 4 April 1696, he travelled to the Province of Carolina where he obtained a warrant for 200 acres of land.^[15] Martin was still in Carolina when he died the following year, which death, according to Martin I. Townsend, was the result of a fever.^[16]

Martin left no will; his estate, appraised at £120, was divided among his three surviving children by the court-appointed commissioners. His daughter Abigail was named as guardian of her two brothers, Martin Jr. and Jonathan, who were minors at the time of the settlement. Eldest son Martin Jr. was awarded the value of half of the estate, and the balance was divided equally between Abigail and Jonathan.^[17]

¹² Bond, *Watertown*, 604–605

¹³ An early copy of the vital records for Watertown in 1683 includes "John son of Martin & Abigail Townsend born 23 decemb[er]" [preceded by the birth record for Mary, dau. of John & Abigail Parkhurst, on the same day] (Middlesex Co., Mass., vital records, 1678–1745, p. 88; FSL DGS 4198966 image 208). Fenimore, "Martin Townsend," 99–101, takes this to be an error for Martin Jr.'s birth record. However, this was actually a mistake made by the scribe who copied that record, as the original record reads as follows: "Mary Parkhust daughter of John & Abigall Parkhust [/] borne 23 of December [/] John Tounsend the son of Martin & Abigall Townsh [/] end dyed the last of september" (*Watertown VRs 1*, 95 [image 102]). The early copyist mistook "borne 23 of December" as applying to both entries.

¹⁴ *The English Townsends*, 19.

¹⁵ A. S. Salley, Jr., *Warrants for Lands in South Carolina 1692–1711* (Columbia, S.C., 1915), 110: "Martin Townesing."

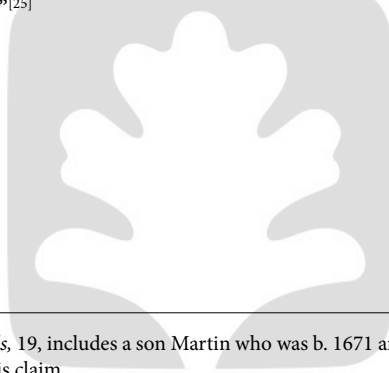
¹⁶ *The English Townsends*, 19.

¹⁷ *Martin Townsend Sr. Probate*.

Children of Martin¹ and Abigail (Traine) Townsend (b. Watertown):^[18]

- i. ABIGAIL² TOWNSEND, b. 18 Sept. 1669;^[19] d. between 3 March 1711/2 and 18 Aug. 1712;^[20] m. between 19 May 1701^[21] and 10 July 1702 NATHANIEL PRATT, son of Thomas and Susannah (Gleason) Pratt,^[22] d. prob. Framingham, Mass., between 5 Sept. 1735 and 27 Dec. 1736 (from his will). Nathaniel m. (2) Marlborough, Mass., 18 Aug. 1712, Abigail Waite.^[23]

The first Abigail and Nathaniel raised their family on the land in Watertown Abigail inherited from her father, and later moved to Framingham sometime after Nathaniel purchased a 32-acre property there from Benjamin Bridges 25 Aug. 1707.^[24] Nathaniel and his second wife had four more children. The will of “Nathanael Pratt of Framingham... husbandman, being Advanced in Age” was dated 5 Sept. 1735 and proved 27 Dec. 1736; in it he named his wife Abigail (executrix), her children by him (Martha, Deborah, Beriah, and Simon), and “my Three Children (by my former wife) Namely Nathanael, Martin & Phebe.”^[25]



¹⁸ *The English Townsends*, 19, includes a son Martin who was b. 1671 and d. “in infancy”; no source has been found for this claim.

¹⁹ *Watertown VRs 1*, 64 (image 84): Abigall Townsend daughter of Martin & Abigaill towne-end.

²⁰ On the latter date her husband remarried (see below). On 19 Feb. 1711/2, “an act for the Distribution & settlement of the Estate” of Martin Townsend Sr. was recorded “with the Consent of Abigail the Wife of Nathaniel Prat, & Joshua Kendall of Watertowne, Attorney to Martin Townesend, (The said Abigail & Martin, together with Jonathan Townesend being ye three surviving Children of Martin Townesend sometime of Watertown ... but last of Carolina”; and on 3 March 1711/2 the inventory of the estate was noted by “Nathaniel Pratt the husband of Abigail & Joshua Kendall the attorney of Martyn Townesend, and the sd Nath: Pratt for himself & wife ... for her pt & her Bro’ Jonathan Townesendes” (*Martin Townsend Sr. Probate*, images 13, 15).

²¹ When she was signed a receipt as “abigil Townend” (*Martin Townsend Sr. Probate*, image 10). On 7 April 1714, Nathaniel Pratt signed the final settlement of Martin Townsend Sr.’s estate (by mark) “for his children by Abigail Townsend” (image 11).

²² Kenneth Charles Pratt, *Abraham...The Father of us All A Pratt Family History* (Oxford, Ct., 1968), 24, gives him a guessed birthdate of 1678. The estate of Thomas Pratt of Sherborn, Mass., was distributed among his heirs 16 Nov. 1696, among whom were his widow Susannah and son Nathaniel (Middlesex Co., Mass. probate file no. 17942; images on AmericanAncestors.org; image 6). The identity of his wife Susannah is discussed in Helen Schatvet Ullmann, “Susannah Pratt, the Evidence for Her Being a Daughter of Thomas Gleason of Middlesex County, Massachusetts” *MASSOG* 32 (2008):71–72. For the origin of Thomas Gleason and the identity of his wife, see Judith Gleason Claassen, “The Origin of Thomas Gleason of Watertown and Cambridge, Massachusetts” *Register* 168 (2014):5–15.

²³ *Vital Records of Marlborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass., 1908), 298: Nathaniel Prat and Abigal Waite.

²⁴ Middlesex Co., Mass. deeds, 14:590–591 (FSL DGS 7448442 images 320–321).

²⁵ Middlesex Co., Mass. probate file no. 17909 (images on AmericanAncestors.org).

Children of Nathaniel and Abigail² (Townsend) Pratt (b. Watertown):

1. *Nathaniel Pratt*, b. 10 July 1702;^[26] m. Hopkinton, Mass., 17 June 1729, *Margery/Margene Leonard*,^[27] daughter of Josiah and Marjoram (Washburn) Leonard.^[28]
 2. *Martin Pratt*, b. 13 Dec. 1703;^[29] m. Framingham, 30 Sept. 1731, *Lydia Bigelow*,^[30] b. there 2 Jan. 1702[/3?], daughter of Daniel and Abial (Pratt) Bigelow.^[31]
 3. *Thomas Pratt*, b. 14 Feb. 1705/6;^[32] d. Watertown, 8 Feb. 1705/6.^[33]
 4. *Phillip Pratt*, b. 14 Feb. 1705/6;^[34] d. Watertown, 4 Feb. 1705/6.^[35]
 5. *Abigail Pratt*, b. 15 Aug. 1707;^[36] apparently d. unmarried between 2 April and 31 May 1733.^[37] She was not named in her father's 1735 will.
 6. *Phebe Pratt*, b. 22 Dec. 1709;^[38] m. Holliston, Mass., 26 July 1739, *Abidah Hunt*,^[39] b. Sudbury, Mass., 31 July 1717, son of Isaac and Mary (Willard) Hunt.^[40]
- ii. HANNAH TOWNSEND, b. 6 Oct. 1673,^[41] d. Watertown, 3 Sept. 1675.^[42]

²⁶ *Watertown Records Comprising the Third Book of Town Proceedings and the Second Book of Births Marriages and Deaths to the End of 1737...* (Watertown, 1900) [hereafter *Watertown VRs* 2], 25: Nathaniell Prat Son of Nathaniell & Abigaill Pratt.

²⁷ *Vital Records of Hopkinton Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1911), 348: Nathaniell Pratt and Margery Learnard.

²⁸ *Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants* (AmericanAncestors.org) [hereafter *Mayflower Fifth Generation*], Chilton, James and More, Richard (Vol. 15), images 58–59. For the 1743/4 will of Josiah Leonard, naming his daughter Margene Pratt, see Plymouth Co., Mass. probate records, 9:458–459 (FSL DGS 7050983 image 241).

²⁹ *Watertown VRs* 2, 25: Marten Pratt Son of Nathaniell & Abigaill Pratt.

³⁰ *Vital Records of Framingham Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1911) [hereafter *Framingham VRs*], 359: Martin Pratt and Lidia Biglo.

³¹ *Framingham VRs*, 26: Lidia Biglow, d. of Daniel and Abiell. *Early New England Families, 1641–1700* (AmericanAncestors.org), John Bigelow, image 4.

³² *Watertown VRs* 2, 31: Thomas Pratt Son of Nathaniel and Abigael Pratt.

³³ *Watertown VRs* 2, 31: Thomas Pratt.

³⁴ *Watertown VRs* 2, 31: Phillip Pratt Son of Nathaniel & Abigael Pratt.

³⁵ *Watertown VRs* 2, 31: Phillip Pratt.

³⁶ *Watertown VRs* 2, 34: Abigail Pratt Daughter of Nathaniell & Abigail Pratt.

³⁷ On 2 April 1733, “Nathaniel Pratt [and wife Abigail] & Nathaniel Pratt Junr. [and wife Margaret] Husbandmen and Abigail Pratt and Phebe Pratt Spinsters Single women all of Framingham and Martin Pratt Husbandman of Hopkinton [and wife Lydia]” sold to William Smith of Weston, tailor, property in Weston; on 31 May 1733, all of the grantors except Abigail acknowledged the deed (Middlesex Co., Mass. deeds, 44:141–142; FSL DGS 7448461 images 530–531).

³⁸ *Watertown VRs* 2, 39: Phebe Prat daughter of Nathanael & Abigail Prat.

³⁹ *Vital Records of Holliston Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1908), 258: Phebe Pratt and Abida Hunt. According to W. L. G. Hunt and T. B. Wyman, *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* (Boston, 1862–3), 123, Phebe Pratt of Sherborn, wife of Abidah Hunt, was b. 10 Jan. 1706 or Dec. 1707 and d. 22 July 1793. On 28 March 1861, this Wellington L. G. Hunt claimed to be a great-great grandson of this couple, calling her “Pheobe Pratt of Watertown” (*NEHGS Membership Applications, 1845–1900* [AmericanAncestors.org], 1861, 23:2).

⁴⁰ *Vital Records of Sudbury, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1903), 75: Abida Hunt, s. Isaac and Mary. *Vital Records of Weymouth Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1910), 2:101: Isaac Hunt of Brantry and Mary Willard of Brantry, m. 26 April 1698.

⁴¹ *Watertown VRs* 1, 74 (image 89): Hanah Townesend the daughter of Martaine and Abigail Townesend.

⁴² *Watertown VRs* 1, 79 (image 91): Hannah townsend daughter of martaine & Abigall townesend.

- iii. JOHN TOWNSEND, b. 6 May 1679;^[43] d. Watertown, 31 Sept. 1683.^[44]
- iv. MARTIN TOWNSEND, b. abt. 1684;^[45] bp. Watertown, 14 Nov. 1686.^[46]

Martin sold the homestead and lands of his “honored father Martin Townsend” to Joshua Kendall on 9–10 July 1711.^[47] No further records for Martin Jr. have been found,^[48] and although Martin I. Townsend contended that Martin Jr. became “the head of a very large kindred,” he also conceded that he was unable to trace Martin Jr. “personally” after the sale of the Watertown properties.^[49] Bond said that Martin Jr. died in 1714, but offered no documentation.^[50] In the sale transaction Martin Jr. was called a “sailor,” which might offer a clue to the absence of any further records in Watertown or elsewhere.

- 2 v. JONATHAN TOWNSEND, b. 27 April 1688; d. 22 March 1764.

2. **JONATHAN² TOWNSEND** (*Martin*¹) was born at Watertown, 27 April 1688,^[51] and baptized there 29 April 1688.^[52] He died 22 March 1764 and was buried in Andover, Connecticut.^[53] No record has been found for Jonathan’s marriage or marriages, and the identity of his spouse or spouses remains unknown. Many family trees identify his wife as Mary Sugars or Mary Otis, but both identifications have been shown to be mistaken.^[54]

⁴³ *Watertown VRs 1*, 87 (image 96): John Townend son of Martaine and abigall Townend.

⁴⁴ *Watertown VRs 1*, 95 (image 102); see above.

⁴⁵ Guardianship of Martin “Townsing” (Middlesex Co., Mass. probate file no. 22698; images on AmericanAncestors.org), image 3: on 6 Feb. 1699/1700, Martin was said to be a “minor of about fifteen years of age.”

⁴⁶ *Watertown Records Comprising East Congregational and Precinct Affairs 1697 to 1737 Also Record Book of the Pastors 1686 to 1819* (Boston, 1906) [hereafter *Watertown Pastors Record*], 120: [1686] Ye 14th of November I baptized ... Abigall Townsends child (her husbands name I know not) viz Martin.

⁴⁷ Middlesex Co., Mass. deeds, 15:523–524 (FSL DGS 7448442 image 676).

⁴⁸ In the “act for the Distribution & settlement of the Estate” of Martin Townsend Sr., dated 19 Feb. 1711/2, Martin Jr. was represented by his attorney Joshua Kendall of Watertown; as he was on 3 March 1711/2 when the estate was inventoried (see above).

⁴⁹ *The English Townsends*, 19. The only example Martin Ingham provides of Martin Jr.’s descendants is “David Townsend, recently deceased” who “represented Waltham in the House of Representatives.” If this was the David Townsend (1777–1837), who represented Waltham in the House of Representatives for 14 years, he was likely a descendant of Thomas Townsend of Lynn. For a brief biography of David Townsend, see Levi S. Gould, *Ancient Middlesex with Brief Biographical Sketches of the Men Who Have Served the County Officially since Its Settlement* (n.p., 1905), 71.

⁵⁰ Bond, *Watertown*, 604.

⁵¹ *Watertown VRs 1*, 95 (image 107). Jonathan’s birth appears twice on this page: “Jonathan Townend son of Martaine and Abigall borne the 27 of Aprill” and later “Jonathan Townend son of Martaine & Abigal borne the 27 of July.” Based on his baptism record the first must be correct and the duplication was likely an error.

⁵² *Watertown Pastors Record*, 126: Ye 29th of April 1688 a child ... of Martin Townsends called Jonathan.

⁵³ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 58219115 (Old Andover Cemetery).

⁵⁴ Mildred Welch Clough, “Who was the first wife of Jonathan Townsend?” *Townsend Society Genealogical Journal*, 10.3 (Summer 2012):10. In 1888 Jonathan’s great(x3)-grandson, Rufus Martin Townsend, applied to the New York Society of the American Revolution, in right of his maternal lineage back to Rufus Marsh, soldier of the Revolution. In addition to his maternal line, Rufus M. Townsend also filled in his paternal lineage and traced back through his great-grandparents Martin and Susannah Townsend, great-great-grand-parents Martin Townsend

Jonathan Townsend, weaver, sold most of the property he had inherited from his father to Samuel and Daniel Livermore on 27 December 1713; another small parcel was sold to Timothy Barron 26 February 1713/4.^[55] After he left Watertown he became an early settler of Hebron, Connecticut, where he is said to have arrived about 1714.^[56] Jonathan's children were all born probably while he was living in Hebron; according to one source, his family became "very numerous" and "quite distinguished."^[57]

Jonathan's son David and his son, David Jr., are buried there in the Old Andover Cemetery with him as well their wives and several of their children, but there is no trace there of Jonathan's spouse or spouses.^[58] There are few records to establish precise birth dates or the birth order of Jonathan's children, and death records have not been found for three of them.

Children of Jonathan² Townsend (prob. b. Hebron, Ct.):

- 3 i. JESSE³ TOWNSEND, b. abt. 1722; m. MARTHA SHIPMAN.
- 4 ii. DAVID TOWNSEND, b. abt. 1725; m. (1) IRENE LOOMIS; m. (2) ELIZABETH FOWLER.
- iii. RACHEL TOWNSEND, b. say 1726; m. Colchester, Conn., 5 Nov. 1745, WILLIAM LITTLE.^[59]

According to Martin I. Townsend's family history, Jonathan's "other daughter" (name not known) married "Juda Little" [*sic*], and the "Hon Russell M. Little of Glens Falls, N. Y., formerly a Senator of the State, was a descendant of hers."^[60] Russell Mack Little served in the New York State Senate in 1862; his great-grandparents are identified as William and Rachel (Townsend) Little in a 1901 genealogy of the Treman/Truman family.^[61]

The William Little who married Rachel Townsend was not the William Little who married Sybil Metcalf in Lebanon, Conn., 10 Nov. 1748; this misidentification has led to the incorrect assumption that Rachel must have died by 1748 when William remarried. The ancestry and children of William Little and Sybil Metcalf have been well researched due to this man's *Mayflower* descents.^[62]

and Rhoda Ingham, and great(x3)-grandparents Jonathan Townsend and his wife, named in this document as "Chloe Huntington." No other record has been found linking the name Chloe Huntington to Jonathan Townsend. Numerous descendants of Simon¹ Huntington settled in Ct., and several families can be traced to Tolland Co., but no suitable Chloe has been found in any of the records. The mystery of the identity of Jonathan's spouse remains unsolved.

⁵⁵ Middlesex Co., Mass. deeds, 16:426–427, 448–449 (FSL DGS 7448443 images 225, 236).

⁵⁶ J. R. Cole, *History of Tolland County, Connecticut* (New York, 1888) [hereafter Cole, *History of Tolland County*], 336.

⁵⁷ Cole, *History of Tolland County*, 337.

⁵⁸ FindaGrave.com lists ten Memorials under the surname Townsend in the Old Andover Cemetery.

⁵⁹ *Connecticut, U.S., Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920* (Ancestry.com) [hereafter Conn. Church Records], Colchester, 188 (image 191 of 355).

⁶⁰ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, p. 34.

⁶¹ Ebenezer Mack Treman and Murray E. Poole, *The History of the Treman, Tremaine, Truman Family in America* (Ithaca, N.Y., 1901) [hereafter *Treman Genealogy*], 548, 592.

⁶² *Mayflower Fifth Generation*, John Alden vol. 16 part 2, 119–120, and Richard Warren vol. 18 part 2, 205.

The Treman/Truman genealogy noted above speculates that the William Little who m. Rachel Townsend may have originally come from Mass. or R.I., settling in Colchester, Conn. in 1744 and moving to Bolton, Conn. about 1771. The latter date is confirmed by a deed recording the purchase of just under 58 acres of land in Bolton by William Little of Colchester from Nathaniel Shaler of Middletown, Conn., on 16 Sept. 1771.^[63] On 28 Oct. 1780, William sold about 28 acres of that land to his son Barzillai ("Berzelael") Little.^[64] He sold the rest of that parcel to John Porter Wallis 31 Jan. 1782;^[65] he also purchased 3 acres and 100 rods in Bolton from Ebenezer Darte 22 Jan. 1778.^[66]

A list of the children of William and Rachel (Townsend) Little is provided in the Treman/Truman genealogy:^[67]

- Rachel, b. 1746; m. 17 May 1768 Richard Harris Huntley.
- Lydia, b. 1748; m. Colchester 4 Nov. 1767 Jacob Townsend.
- William Jr.^[68]
- Barzillai, b. Colchester 1750; d. Middlefield, Mass., 13 Dec. 1835; m. 1 Sept. 1774 Betsey Blush [*sic*], b. 1756; d. 8 May 1838.^[69]
- Russell, b. abt. 1756; d. Ludlow, Mass., 27 Aug. 1800; m. Charlotte _____.^[70]
- John, b. 1763; d. Lee, Mass., 19 Sept. 1840; m. (1) Mehitabel _____, d. Ludlow 9 April 1814; m. (2) Mary Jane Warner, b. Greenfield, Mass., 6 March 1788; d. Bloomsburg, Pa., 22 April 1878.^[71]
- (perhaps) Sally, m. _____ Yeomans, b. 1770.

Of this list of the children of William and Rachel (Townsend) Little, only Barzillai is definitely confirmed by the available evidence (the deed noted above in which William Little referred to Barzillai as his son). However, that available evidence supports, to varying degrees, the likelihood of the rest also being their children (with the exception of Sally).^[72]

⁶³ Bolton, Conn. land records, 5:59 (FSL DGS 8569985 image 289): for £80. William's mortgage of that property a month later is recorded on 5:62 (image 291).

⁶⁴ Bolton, Conn. land records, 5:428 (FSL DGS 8569985 image 480): "in Consideratin of Fifty Pounds Lawfull Money Received of my Son, Berzelael Little"; recorded 25 Feb. 1782.

⁶⁵ Bolton, Conn. land records, 5:440 (FSL DGS 8569985 image 486).

⁶⁶ Bolton, Conn. land records, 5:420 (FSL DGS 8569985 image 476).

⁶⁷ *Treman Genealogy*, 548.

⁶⁸ No dates or wife given; children Alethia, William, Asahel, Alvin, and Anne.

⁶⁹ Children Nial, Barzillai Jr., Warren, Russell (father of N.Y. State Sen. Russell Mack Little), Dr. Charles Henry, Betty, Nancy, Sarah, and Amasa.

⁷⁰ Children John and Russell.

⁷¹ Children Lyman, Charles, Francis, Mary, Maria, Edmond T., Sarah, and Jane.

⁷² Sally was doubtless the Sally Little, daughter of Gamaliel and Sarah (Phelps) Little of Lebanon and Columbia, Conn., who married David Yeomans, with son William Austin Yeomans b. in Columbia 14 June 1805 (*Mayflower Fifth Generation*, Henry Samson vol. 20 part 3, images 289–290 of 711). David Yeomans and Sally Little (m. 4 Nov. 1801) were noted as the grandparents of William H. Yeomans of Columbia in his sketch in *Commemorative Biographical Record of Tolland and Windham Counties Connecticut...* (Chicago, 1903), 364–365.

Children of William and Rachel³ (Townsend) Little (order uncertain):

1. (prob.) *Rachel Little*, b. abt. 1745/6; d. Marlow, N.H., 13 Aug. 1807, age 61;^[73] m. Colchester, Conn., 17 March 1768, *Richard Harris Huntley*.^[74]

This Rachel Little is listed as a daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Woodbridge) Little in a recent book tracing the descendants of Gov. Thomas Dudley;^[75] however, Rachel does not appear among the ten children mentioned in Ephraim Little's will, dated 24 May 1787,^[76] when she was still living. Although no record has been found to provide definite proof, Rachel was likely the daughter of William and Rachel Little, as the Treman/Mack genealogy contends and as onomastic evidence would suggest.

2. (poss.) *Lydia Little*, m. Colchester, 4 Nov. 1767, *Jacob Townsend*.^[77] No further records for them could be found, nor the identity of Jacob's parents.
3. (prob.) *William Little*, bp. as an adult in North Bolton (later Vernon), Conn., 10 Aug. 1777;^[78] d. intestate prob. in Barkhamsted, Conn., bef. 29 May 1799;^[79] m. *Alathea* ____.

William Little Jr. of Bolton was involved in a number of land transactions in that town between 1782 and 1787: he sold about 14 acres to Joseph Saffons on 2 April 1782, purchased about 50 acres from Lemy Thrall on 3 May 1782, sold 10 acres to Asahel Root 23 on June 1785, sold about 40 acres to Benjamin Talcott Jr. and Samuel Talcott on 23 Aug. 1785, purchased from Noah Foot 11 ¼ acres on 9 Aug. 1786, and sold to Levi Loomis Jr. 11 ½ acres on 14 March 1787.^[80]

⁷³ The death of "Mrs. Rachel Huntley, wife of Mr. Richard H. Huntley, late of East-Haddam, Con. aged 61 years" at Marlow, N.H., on 13 Aug. 1807, was recorded in the *Hartford Courant* (2 Sept. 1807, page 3).

⁷⁴ Colchester, Conn. vital records, 1:106 (FSL DGS 7730347 image 120): also records the births of nine of their children.

⁷⁵ Marston Watson, *Royal Families: Americans of Royal and Noble Ancestry*, vol. 1, Governor Thomas Dudley, 2nd ed. (Baltimore, 2004), 273. Rachel was also mistakenly called "probably the daughter of Rev. Ephraim and Elizabeth (Woodbridge) Little" in Alice P. Huntley, "John Huntley and Some of His Descendants" *Register* 100 (1946): 261–271, 101 (1947): 56–63, 141–152, 199–212 (esp. 101:148).

⁷⁶ *Connecticut, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1609–1999* (Ancestry.com) [hereafter *Conn. Probates*], Colchester District, Lanphear-McGee, 1741–1880, images 460–461 of 1634. Rachel is also not listed among the children of Ephraim Little in *Mayflower Fifth Generation*, Richard Warren vol. 18 part 2, 195–196.

⁷⁷ *Conn. Church Records*, Colchester, 187 (image 190 of 355).

⁷⁸ *Register* 58 (1904):197. The following baptism, on the same day, was of "Aletheia Daughter of William Little."

⁷⁹ When his widow Alathea Little was bonded to administer his estate *Conn. Probates*, Simsbury District, Latimer, Wright-Meritt, J, 1769–1880, images 352–354 of 1450). The estate was divided among his widow Alathea, oldest daughter Alathea (wife of Hubbard Hotchkiss), oldest son Asahel, second son Alford, third son William D., second daughter Amelia, and youngest daughter Anna.

⁸⁰ Bolton, Conn. land records, 5:459, 6:14, 17, 58, 82, 99 (FSL DGS 8569985 image 495, 8199530 images 12, 13, 34, 48, 56).

William and Sybil (Metcalf) Little's eldest son was William (Jr.), b. 11 Aug. 1749 in Lebanon, Conn.^[81] He was not the man who m. Alethea and d. by 1799, as the probate file for the William Little who m. Sybil includes a receipt dated 6 Sept. 1800 in Boston from William Little acknowledging receipt of \$1932.22 "in full for what was due me from the estate of William Little, late of Lebanon, deceased."^[82] The recipient was almost certainly the son of that name, receiving the largest share of the estate as the eldest son. The administrator of William Sr.'s estate was Jonathan Little of New York, N.Y., who was William and Sybil's fourth child and third son, born in Lebanon 15 July 1756. Their second child was Asa Little, born there 31 Oct. 1751; a receipt from him (dated 30 Sept. 1800 in Lebanon) "in full of all demands against the Estate of my Father, William Little, late of Lebanon" is also in the probate file. When this Asa Little died in Lebanon in 1830, his living next of kin included his brother William Little of Boston.^[83] Given that William Little, the son of William and Sybil, was still alive in 1830, he was certainly not the man of that name who was dead by 1799.

William Little, son of Edward and Zerviah (Cogswell) Little and cousin of the William Littles of Lebanon, has been put forward as the husband of Alatheia ____.^[84] However, as he was b. in late 1760,^[85] he would not have been considered an adult in 1777 (or already have at least one child).

Given his well-established presence in Bolton with other members of the family, and ruling out the other two other proposed candidates, most likely this William was a son of William and Rachel (Townsend) Little.

4. *Barzillai Little*, b. abt. 1750; bp. as an adult in North Bolton (later Vernon), Conn., 31 Oct. 1773;^[86] d. Peru, Mass., 31 Dec. 1835, age 85,^[87] and bur. in Middlefield Center Cemetery, Middlefield, Mass.,^[88] m. in North Bolton, 1 Sept. 1774, *Elizabeth Blish*.^[89]

⁸¹ *Mayflower Fifth Generation*, Richard Warren vol. 18 part 2, 205.

⁸² Estate of William Little of Lebanon, 1798, no. 2469 (*Conn. Probates*, Windham District, Kinne-Loomis 1719–1880, images 1277–1297 of 1381, esp. 1297). Asa Little's receipt (see below) is on image 1297.

⁸³ The heirs at law of Asa Little were his siblings William Little of Boston, Lydia White of Marshfield, Cynthia Little, Elizabeth Baxter, and John Little of Lebanon, and the heirs at law of his (apparently deceased) brother Jonathan Little (Maria L. Hyde, Eliza L. Taylor, Jonathan Little, Harriet A. Blydenburgh, Henry A. Little, George Edwin Little, and Charles Little; on image 831 they were grouped under "L Avery [of] Norwich N.Y.," perhaps their remarried mother) (New York, N.Y. administrator records 1830–1831, 28:200; FSL DGS 5522088 images 825–836).

⁸⁴ Katrina Fahy, "The Parentage of Elizur Gates: a Thomas Rogers Line" *MD* 70 (2022):49–54 (esp. 53).

⁸⁵ *Mayflower Fifth Generation*, Richard Warren vol. 18 part 2, 223.

⁸⁶ *Register* 58 (1904):196.

⁸⁷ *Vital Records of Peru, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1902), 106; his death "in Peru" was also recorded in Middlefield (*Vital Records of Middlefield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston, 1907], 124).

⁸⁸ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 123801609.

⁸⁹ *Register* 60 (1906):78: "Barzillai Little & Bette Blish."

On 25 Feb. 1782, “Berzalael” Little of Bolton sold to Elijah Skinner the 28 acres he had purchased from his father two years earlier.^[90] Further particulars on his activities and descendants can be found in the works cited above.^[91]

5. (prob.) *Russell Little*, b. say 1757; bp. as an adult in Bolton, Conn., 28 Nov. 1779;^[92] d. intestate^[93] in Ludlow, Mass., 27 July 1800;^[94] bur. in Fuller Cemetery in Ludlow;^[95] m. Ellington, Conn., 2 June 1782, *Charlotte Pinney*.^[96]

Russell’s early presence in Bolton and the fact that Barzillai Little had a son of the same name indicate that this Russell was probably a son of William and Rachel (Townsend) Little.

6. (poss.) *John Little*, b. abt. 1762/3; d. Lee, Mass., 19 Sept. 1840, age 73;^[97] perhaps m. (1) _____ *Pearson*;^[98] m. (1 or 2) bef. 9 Feb. 1801 *Mehitable* _____,^[99] d. Ludlow, Mass., 9 April 1814;^[100] m. (2 or 3) by 1818 *Mary* _____.^[101]

John Little of Bolton purchased 50 acres there from Hab Wyles on 24 May 1790 and sold them to Salathial Chapman on 2

⁹⁰ Bolton, Conn. land records, 5:440 (FSL DGS 8569985 image 486).

⁹¹ Also in Edward Church Smith and Phillip Mack Smith, *A History of the Town of Middlefield, Massachusetts* (Menasha, Wisc., 1924), 523–525, which has a genealogical sketch of Barzillai Little and his family (noting that his father “has been given by some” as either Judah or William Little).

⁹² *Register* 55 (1901):35. He had received the covenant and was admitted to baptism there about two weeks earlier (*Register* 56 [1902]:356).

⁹³ Hampshire Co., Mass. probate box 89, no. 26 (images on AmericanAncestors.org). Administrators of his estate were his widow Charlotte Little and Pliny Sikes, both of Ludlow.

⁹⁴ *Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988* (Ancestry.com) [hereafter *Mass. VRs*], Ludlow, image 203 of 255; Russel Little.

⁹⁵ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 47137105.

⁹⁶ *Barbour Collection*, Ellington, 19 (citing p. 12).

⁹⁷ *Vital Records of Lee, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1903), 213.

⁹⁸ In the division of the estate of Ezra Pearson of Ludlow, Mass., on 31 March 1803, one of the heirs was “John Little who is grand child” (Hampshire Co., Mass., probate file 111–29; FSL DGS 102115101 image 341). On 16 Feb. 1802, John Little certified “that my design is not to be Guardian for my son but request it should be granted to Mrs Anna Pearson widow.” On 30 March 1802, Anna Pearson, widow, was made guardian of “John Little a Minor son of John Little.” This was only in regard to the younger John Little inheriting from his maternal grandfather, whose widow was the Anna in question (same, file 89–23; FSL DGS 102046345 images 669, 671). The older John Little must have married one of the daughters of Ezra Pearson and had a son named John, and his wife must have died before the estate of Ezra Pearson was probated, leaving the younger John Little to inherit his mother’s share of the estate. Whether the older John Little was the same man whose (second?) wife Mehitable died in Ludlow about 11 years later is not clear, though it seems likely.

⁹⁹ On that day John Little of Granby, Mass., yeoman, sold to Joel Nash and Stephen Nash three tracts of land in Grandby; the deed was also signed by Mehitable Little (by mark) (Hampshire Co., Mass. deeds, 20:428; FSL DGS 7464515 image 415).

¹⁰⁰ *Mass. VRs*, Ludlow, image 203 of 255; Mahitable Little wife of John Little.

¹⁰¹ Edmund (4 July 1818) and Charles (11 Oct. 1820), children of John Little and Polly his wife, were b. in Pittsfield, Mass. (*Mass. VRs*, Pittsfield, image 105 of 189). Edmund T. Little, age 62y 6m 5d, son of John and Mary Little, d. 8 Jan. 1881 in Lee (*Mass. VRs*, Lee, image 817 of 1764).

As noted above, *Treman Genealogy*, 548, gives further details for John’s wife Mary and gives John’s children as Lyman, Charles, Francis, Mary, Maria, Edmond T., Sarah, and Jane.

March 1792.^[102] It was apparently about this time that he moved north; on 26 April 1792, John Little of Granby, Mass., yeoman, purchased land in that town from John Lathrop.^[103]

The presence of this John in Bolton and later in the same location as Russell Little argues for him being a son of William and Rachel (Townsend) Little. William and Sybil (Metcalf) Little had a son named John who was bp. in Lebanon 12 April 1763; however, as noted above under William Little, that John Little was still living in Lebanon in 1830 and so could not have been the man who moved to Massachusetts.

- iv. ANNE TOWNSEND, b. say 1727; m. Colchester, Conn., 10 Nov. 1748, JOSEPH PITTS.^[104] Though online databases provide a variety of ancestries for Joseph, no records have been found for him prior to the marriage to suggest when and where he was born or who his parents were. He was likely related to the Sarah Pitts whose marriage to Nathaniel Ingraham on 25 or 26 Sept. 1745 was recorded in Colchester;^[105] on 24 April 1758 Joseph Pitts and Nathaniel Ingraham, both of Colchester, sold 49 acres there to Jacob Root.^[106]

Joseph Pitts was an early settler of Chatham, N.Y. (part of Canaan, N.Y., prior to 1795); he signed a petition on 15 May 1774 requesting recognition of the settlers' property claims. The Revolution interrupted this process, and titles were not secured until many years later by the state legislature.^[107]

Records have not been found to give places or dates of death or a definitive list of children for Joseph and Anne. Online family trees reproduce a list of nine children born between about 1749 and 1773. Records have been found that for some of those suggest that they were children of Joseph and Anne, but vital records are lacking during this time frame. Martin I. Townsend identified Joseph Pitts as the husband of "Anna" Townsend, but does not provide a list of their children, though he did identify a few of their prominent descendants, including Edmund L. Pitts of Medina, N.Y.^[108] Edmund Levi Pitts (1839–1898) served in the N.Y. State Assembly (Speaker in 1867) and State Senate (1880–1887);^[109] he was a great-great grandson of Joseph and Anne through their son Joseph Jr.^[110]

In the 1790 census there were a Joseph Pitts and an Amasa Pitts recorded in Canaan, New York.^[111] Joseph was head of a household of eight that included two males over 16, three males under 16, and three

¹⁰² Bolton, Conn. land records, 6:294, 301 (FSL DGS 8199530 images 138, 142).

¹⁰³ Hampshire Co., Mass. deeds, 14:576 (FSL DGS 7464512 image 603).

¹⁰⁴ *Conn. Church Records*, Colchester, 231 (image 234 of 355).

¹⁰⁵ Colchester, Conn. vital records, 1712–1878 (no pp.) (FSL DGS 7730347 image 69).

¹⁰⁶ Colchester, Conn. deeds, 7:139 (FSL DGS 7833557 image 100).

¹⁰⁷ Franklin Ellis, *History of Columbia County New York*, (Philadelphia, 1878), 284.

¹⁰⁸ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 33–34.

¹⁰⁹ *Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, rev. ed., vol. 5 (New York, 1898), 34.

¹¹⁰ Joseph Pitts Jr > Levi Pitts > John M. Pitts > Edmund Levi Pitts.

¹¹¹ 1790 U.S. census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 217.

females; this was likely the family of Joseph and Anne's son Joseph Jr. Amasa, likely their second son, was head of a household of seven—two males over 16, one male under 16, and four females. If Joseph and Anne were still alive, one or both could have been included in either of these households, as both households included two males over 16 and a number of females. In 1800, the households of Joseph and Amasa in Chatham each had just one male and one female over 45.^[112]

Probable children of Joseph and Anne³ (Townsend) Pitts:^[113]

1. *Joseph Pitts*, b. abt. 1752; d. Chatham, N.Y., 12 Feb 1833 “in the 81st year of his age,” bur. Pitts Family Burying Ground, Malden Bridge, N.Y.;^[114] m. *Elizabeth* _____, b. abt. 10 May 1755; d. 10 Feb. 1838 age 82y 9m, bur. Pitts Family Burying Ground.^[115]

¹¹² 1800 U.S. census, Chatham, Columbia Co., N.Y., 1264 (Joseph), 1254 (Amasa).

¹¹³ Based on their residence in Chatham, their known or apparent birthdates, and onomastic factors. Five additional children are regularly ascribed to this couple, as follows.

Sarah Pitts appears in many online trees as the eldest daughter of Joseph and Anne and wife of Archibald Walker, but no records have been found to support this. There was an Archibald Walker recorded living in Canaan near other members of the Pitts family in the 1790 U.S. census, (Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 217).

Levi Pitts of Onondaga Co., N.Y. (abt. 1764–1856) also appears in many online trees as a son of Joseph and Anne. Though he was born about the right time to have been their son and shared a name with a known grandson (son of Joseph Jr.), no records have been found linking him to Columbia Co., N.Y., or to other members of this family.

Anne or Anna Pitts (1767–1833) also appears in many trees as a daughter of Joseph and Anne and wife of Richard Hudson of Scipio, Cayuga Co., N.Y. Though Richard Hudson did live in Columbia Co., N.Y., before moving to Scipio, and had a son named Pitts Hudson, no contemporaneous record has been found for the name or identity of his wife. The closest discovered to date is from the sketch of Jefferson Tripp in an 1894 history of Cayuga Co., N.Y., describing the ancestry of his wife Aurelia D. Hudson (m. March 1866): “Mrs. Tripp is the daughter of Pitts and Julia (Oatman) Hudson, who were respected residents of Scipio, Cayuga County, her grandparents having been Richard and Anna (Pitts) Hudson” (*Biographical Review... of the Leading Citizens of Cayuga County New York* [Boston, 1894], 219; FSL DGS 7549290 image 114).

Lydia Pitts (1771–1851), wife of (1) Asa Harris and (2) John Britton, also appears in many trees as a daughter of Joseph and Anne. No contemporaneous evidence has been found for this connection (no known associations with Columbia Co., N.Y., or other members of this family, or similar names).

David Pitts (1773–1840) of Herkimer Co., N.Y., also appears in many online trees as a son of Joseph and Anne. No contemporaneous evidence has been found for this connection, other than the fact that one of his sons was named Levi (from his will, dated 19 Sept. 1839 [Herkimer Co., N.Y. wills, F:543–544; FSL DGS 5116163 images 577–578]), and the possibility that he was named for his putative uncle David Townsend.

¹¹⁴ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 64501769 (pictures of gravestone and death notice from the *Columbia Sentinel*). Joseph's will was dated 25 April 1827 and proved 20 March 1833 (*New York, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1659–1999*; [Ancestry.com](#) [hereafter N.Y. Wills]; Columbia, Wills Vol. G–H, 1832–1839, images 20–22 of 646).

¹¹⁵ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 64501986. Many online trees have Elizabeth's surname as *Winans*, with parents William and Sarah (Hawley) Winans.

2. *Amasa Pitts*, b. abt. 1754/5;^[116] d. Chatham, N.Y., 19 Nov. 1839;^[117] m. (1) prob. by 1779^[118] *Rosanna* _____;^[119] m. (2) by 1835 *Mary* _____,^[120] b. abt. 1764; d. aft. 1850.^[121]
3. *James Pitts*, d. aft. 1799;^[122] m. 7 Oct. 1779 *Mary Bockas* (perhaps *Backus*).^[123]
4. *William Pitts*, b. 5 Dec. 1760; d. 27 Aug. 1839, bur. Pitts Cemetery, Nassau, Rensselaer Co., N.Y.;^[124] m. (1) *Salome Wickham*, dau. of David Wickham,^[125] b. abt. 1762/3; d. 15 July 1813 age 50, bur.

¹¹⁶ The will of "Amasa Pitts of the town of Chatham in the County of Columbia ... aged seventy nine years and upwards" was dated 22 Sept. 1835 and proved 28 Dec. 1839 proof (*N.Y. Wills, Columbia, Wills Vol I-J 1839-1847*, image 20 of 709).

¹¹⁷ From Henry P. H. Smith's deposition in proof of Amasa's will: "Amasa Pitts...died on or about the Nineteenth of November [1839] and was at the time of his death an inhabitant of the Town of Chatham" (Surrogate's Court, Columbia Co., N.Y., 1840; FSL DGS 7327821 image 753).

¹¹⁸ Amasa's son Phillip Pitts, age 76, b. in Columbia Co., appears in a household with his daughters Sarah (Pitts) Holmes and Samantha M. (Pitts) Scott in the 1855 N.Y. state census (Orange, Schuyler Co., 499-500). All were mentioned in Amasa's will (cited above).

¹¹⁹ A deed from "Amasa Pitts and wife Rosanna to Henry Fosmire" dated 2 April 1806 for land in Chatham, Columbia Co., N.Y., is noted in the probate records for Deidamia E. Fosmire on 10 Feb. 1899 (Surrogate's Court, Rensselaer Co., N.Y.; FSL DGS 7353136 image 1382). Many online trees identify Rosanna's parents as Phillip and Sarah (Cory) Roberts, but no records have been found to corroborate.

¹²⁰ When she was named in Amasa's will.

¹²¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Orange, Steuben Co., N.Y., 149A (297): "Mary Pitts" (86, b. N.Y.) in the household of Abraham Scott and "Semantha" M. Scott.

¹²² James Pitts was listed in a 1799 tax list in Chatham, with a house and farm worth \$775 and \$31 of personal property (*New York, U.S. Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799-1804; Ancestry.com*; Columbia, 1799, Chatham, Image 4 of 6). Joseph Pitts and Amasa Pitts were also listed there on the same page.

¹²³ *Excerpts from a Diary of John Beebe Jr. (1727-1786)...Covering...1779 and 1780 in New Concord, Canaan, Columbia County, N.Y.*, 8 (FSL DGS 7547938 image 1606): "[7 Oct. 1779] Rode to Mr Bockas and married James Pitts and Mary Bockas this Day..."

¹²⁴ Transcription of the Pitts Cemetery in Nassau, N.Y., on the Town of Nassau website (townofnassau.digitaltowpath.org), under Town Cemeteries [hereafter *Nassau Pitts Cemetery*]: William Pitts, 5 Dec. 1760 - 27 Aug. 1839, age 78y, wives Salome Pitts and Charity Hoag.

¹²⁵ Cuyler Reynolds, ed., *Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs*, vol. 4 (New York, 1911), 1642: "William Pitts, son of Joseph Pitts, was born in the town of Chatham, Columbia county... As a boy he recalled the incidents of the revolution... He married (first) Salome Wickham, who bore him twelve children; (second) Charity Couse, who was the mother of two."

In the 1815 will of David Wickham of Chatham, he named William Pitts of Nassau an executor, and among the bequests to his daughters he included "the heirs of William Pitts being the children of Saloma Pitts deceased" (Columbia Co., N.Y. wills, D:492-493; FSL DGS 7637229 image 909).

Pitts Cemetery;^[126] m. (2) *Charity (Hoag) Couse*,^[127] b. 16 Aug. 1777; d. 20 Feb. 1849, bur. Pitts Cemetery.^[128]

5 v. MARTIN TOWNSEND, b. say 1728; m. RHODA INGHAM.

6 vi. AMASA TOWNSEND, b. say 1730; m. PHEBE INGHAM.

7 vii. RICHARD TOWNSEND, b. 28 Sept. 1731; m. NANCY or MARY STEWART.

8 viii. TIMOTHY TOWNSEND, b. abt. 1734/5; m. (1) ELIZABETH ____; m. (2) ____; m. (3) ____; m. (4) MARY OLMSTEAD.

3. **JESSE³ TOWNSEND** (*Jonathan², Martin¹*), born probably in Hebron, Connecticut, about 1722; died 25 September 1809, age 87, buried in East Bergen Cemetery, East Bergen, Genesee Co., New York;^[129] married in Hebron, 29 April 1746, **MARTHA SHIPMAN**,^[130] born there 27 September 1726, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Shipman) Shipman;^[131] died 4[?] January 1793 “in the 67th year of her age” and buried in Powell Wiswall Cemetery, West Milton, Saratoga Co., New York.^[132]

Jesse Townsend of Hebron served during the 1758 campaign in Col. Nathan Whiting’s Second Regiment; he was one of the men enlisted “to goe in the expedition against Canada.”^[133] After the Revolutionary War, Jesse and Martha moved to Malta near Ballston, New York, with one of their daughters.^[134] In the 1790 U.S. Census in “Balls Town,” Jessie Townsend is listed as head of a household of two, and John Matoon, who married Jesse and Martha’s daughter

¹²⁶ *Nassau Pitts Cemetery*: Salome Pitts, d. 15 July 1813, age 50y, husband William Hoag [sic].

¹²⁷ As noted above and below, Charity’s surname was given as “Couse” in a late family history and as “Hoag” in the transcribed cemetery records. [Ancestry.com](#) user Marianne29 shared on her “Jonas Coon Family Tree” a photo of a handwritten sheet in two columns with the appearance of a transcription of data from a family Bible; the only provenance supplied was the statement “I found this at the Saratoga County Historical Society at Brookside Museum in 2019.” Heading the first column is “William Pitts was born Dec 5th 1760 [/] Charity Pitts was born Aug 16th 1777,” followed by the births of three Couse girls (3 July 1798, 22 May 1800, and March 16 [no year]), followed by the births of fourteen Pitts children between 1789 and 1818 (David W., Joseph, Mercy, Susannah, Anna, Marilda, Hosea, Polly, Betsey, Margaret, Samuel, William, Alva, and Jane A.), followed by several deaths (headed by those of William Pitts [27 Aug. 1839] and Charity Pitts [10 [sic] Feb. 1849]). Most likely the three Couse children were Charity’s by her first marriage, and the fourteen Pitts children were William’s by both of his marriages.

¹²⁸ *Nassau Pitts Cemetery*: Charity Hoag, 16 Aug. 1777 – 20 Feb. 1849, husband William Pitts.

¹²⁹ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 10859143. Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 33, says that Jesse died at the age of 93.

¹³⁰ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 1:43): Jesse Townsend m. Martha Shipman.

¹³¹ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 124 (citing 1:63): Martha Shipman, d. Samuell. Same, 124 (citing 1:3): Samuell Shipman m. Martha Shipman 14 May 1724. Mrs. Wayne A. Carl (Rita Shipman) et. al., *The Shipman Family in America*, (n.p., 1962) [hereafter *Shipman Family*], 234–235 (according to which, Martha [Shipman] Townsend d. 26 April 1795). The will of Samuel Shipman of Hebron (dated 14 Jan. 1763) named among others wife Martha and daughter Martha Townsend (Colchester, Conn., probate records, 3:209–211; FSL DGS 7626285 images 500–501).

¹³² [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 20033998: “In memory of Martha wife of Jesse Townsend, who Died Jan 4th[?] 1793, in the 67th year of her age, also her Gran daughter Weltha Landon wife of John Landon, who died April 17th 1805, in the 25th year of her age.”

¹³³ *Rolls of Connecticut men in the French and Indian War 1755–1762*, vol. 2 1758–1762 (Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, vol. 10) (Hartford, 1905) [hereafter *Conn. French and Indian War Rolls 2*], 39–40, 95.

¹³⁴ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 33.

Chloe, is head of a household of nine.^[135] Jesse Townsend died intestate; on 13 October 1809 administration of his estate was given to Alexander White and his wife Azuba.^[136]

Children of Jesse³ and Martha (Shipman) Townsend:

- i. MARTHA⁴ TOWNSEND, b. Bolton, Conn., 27 Aug 1747;^[137] nothing further known.
- ii. CHLOE TOWNSEND, b. Hebron, 30 May 1749; d. prob. Darien, Genesee Co., N.Y., aft. 6 Feb. 1838;^[138] m. Hebron, 24 April 1770, JOHN MATTOON,^[139] b. there 6 Dec. 1747, son of Gershom and Abigail (Chappell) Mattoon;^[140] d. Locke, N.Y., 7 Dec. 1812.
- iii. JONATHAN TOWNSEND, b. Bolton, 14 April 1751,^[141] bp. there 21 July 1751;^[142] d. Hebron, 6 June 1830, bur. Gilead Cemetery, Hebron;^[143] m. Hebron, 18 May 1789, MIRIAM NEWTON,^[144] bp. Colchester, Conn., 4 May 1755, dau. of Israel and Jerusha (Wells) Newton;^[145] d. Cayuga Co., N.Y., 16 Oct. 1839.^[146]
- iv. ALICE TOWNSEND, b. Hebron, 27 Jan. 1755;^[147] d. aft. 1 April 1780; m. Hebron, Oct. 1774, ABNER MORLEY,^[148] d. bef. 1 April 1780.^[149]

¹³⁵ 1790 U.S. Census, Balls Town, Albany Co., N.Y., 299.

¹³⁶ Genesee Co., N.Y., administrator letters, A:39 (FSL DGS 5114900 image 29).

¹³⁷ Bolton, Conn. town records (FSL DGS 7730509) [hereafter *Bolton VRs*], 1:235 (image 119): "Martha Townsen Daughter of Jesse Townsen & Martha his Wife."

¹³⁸ When she appeared in court concerning her widow's pension (see below).

¹³⁹ *Connecticut Private Records[:]* *Hebron Baptisms – Marriages – Deaths 1752–1876 Compiled by Will J. Farmer 1886* (typescript; Connecticut State Library, 1931) (FSL DGS 116005576) [hereafter *Hebron Private Records*], 63 (image 67): Chloe Townsend m. John Toon, Apr. [], 1770. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application File W16339 for Chloe, widow of John Mattoon, of N.Y. (catalog.archives.gov/id/144162590), image 3: "Chloe Mattoon of Darian widow of John Mattoon who died 7th December 1812 at Locke, Cayuga County N.Y. and lift [sic] his widow... Married 24 April 1770 born 30 May 1749 in Hebron...Ct... Name before marriage, Chloe Townsend"; images 10–11: testimony on 6 Feb. 1838 from Chloe Mattoon, age 88.

¹⁴⁰ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 82 (citing 1:49): John Mattoon, s. Gershom. *Barbour Collection*, Lebanon, 116 (citing 1:197): Gershom Mattoon m. Abigail Chappell 12 May 1743.

¹⁴¹ *Bolton VRs*, 1:239 (image 121): "Jonathan Townsen son of Jesse Townson & Martha His Wife."

¹⁴² *Conn. Church Records*, Bolton, 225 (image 237 of 280): Jonathan, s. Jesse (citing 1:75 and 3:162).

¹⁴³ *Hebron Private Records*, 63 (image 67): Jonathan Townsend, d. May 7, 1830, [age] 79. FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 45243495.

¹⁴⁴ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:122): Jonathan Townsend of Hebron m. Miriam Newton of Colchester.

¹⁴⁵ *Conn. Church Records*, Colchester, p. 212 (image 215 of 355): Miriam Newton, d. Israel; p. 210 (image 213): Israel Newton m. Jerusha Welles 18 April 1754.

¹⁴⁶ Cayuga Co., N.Y., court records, January Term 1845 (FSL DGS 7780213 image 203): "In the matter of Miriam Townsends Heirs It is...proved that Miriam Townsend died in this County October 16 1839 and left the following Children surviving To Wit Justus & William Townsend..."

¹⁴⁷ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:247): Alice Townsend, d. Jesse & Martha.

¹⁴⁸ *Hebron Private Records*, 63 (image 67): Alice Townsend m. Abner Moreley, Oct. [], 1774.

¹⁴⁹ Alice Morley was called a widow when her daughter Alice was baptized 1 April 1780 (*Conn. Church Records*, Hebron, p. 56 [image 58 of 101]).

v. AZUBAH “ZUBA” TOWNSEND, b. Hebron, 26 Aug. 1757;^[150] d. aft. 14 Feb. 1810;^[151] m. Hebron, 18 June 1778, ALEXANDER WHITE,^[152] b. there 2 Dec. 1750, son of James and Rachel (Chapwell) White;^[153] d. 12 Jan. 1810, age 59, bur. East Bergen Cemetery, East Bergen, Genesee Co., N.Y.^[154]

vi. CHARLOTTE TOWNSEND, b. Hebron, 3 Jan. 1762;^[155] nothing further known.

4. **DAVID³ TOWNSEND** (*Jonathan², Martin¹*), born probably at Hebron, Connecticut, about 1725; died there 9 November 1813, age 87 or 88, buried in Old Andover Cemetery in Andover, Connecticut.^[156] He married first in Hebron, 7 August 1751, **IRENE LOOMIS**,^[157] baptized in Columbia, Connecticut, “from” 27 May 1728,^[158] daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Dyer) Loomis;^[159] died at Coventry, Connecticut, 16 January 1761.^[160] David married second at Hebron, 6 September 1761, **ELIZABETH FOWLER**,^[161] perhaps the Elizabeth Fowler born at Coventry 12 November 1735, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Smith) (Barber) Fowler.^[162] Jonathan Fowler was traditionally known as “Fowler, the giant...seven feet in height, and weighed something over 400 pounds,” and was famous for his feats of strength.^[163] In Martin I. Townsend’s family history, David Townsend, though described as a man of “great physical energy,” was “so small in stature as to weigh scarcely more

¹⁵⁰ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:247): Zuba Townsend, d. Jesse & Martha.

¹⁵¹ Azubah White, widow, and William White were made administrators of the estate of Alexander White, deceased, 14 Feb. 1810 (Genesee Co., N.Y., administrator letters, A:48; FSL DGS 5114900 image 34).

¹⁵² *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:123): Azubah Townsend m. Alexander White.

¹⁵³ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 151 (citing 1:56): Alexander White, s. James; 152 (citing 1:47): James White m. Rachell Chapwell 14 Jan. 1747/8.

¹⁵⁴ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 10859264.

¹⁵⁵ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:248): Charlotte Townsend, d. Jesse & Martha.

¹⁵⁶ *Connecticut, U.S., Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629–1934* (Ancestry.com) [hereafter *Hale Collection*], Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions Vol 01, image 26 of 728: “Townsend, David, died Nov. 9, 1813, age 87”; FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 34626073. *U.S., Newspaper Extractions from the Northeast, 1704–1930* (Ancestry.com), Connecticut, *American Mercury*, Death, 1784–1820, image 334 of 472: issue of 16 Nov. 1813, David Townsin, Hebron, age 88.

¹⁵⁷ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:112): David Townsend and Irana Lo[o]mis.

¹⁵⁸ *Conn. Church Records*, Columbia, 102 (image 105 of 178): Irene, d. Nethaneel.

¹⁵⁹ Helen L. Stark, “Some Untraced Dyers” *TAG* 22 (1945):210–218 (esp. 215), which has Irene b. 1731 and wife of Daniel [sic] Townsend. Stark notes that Nathaniel Loomis’s 1766 will names “the children of daughter Irena townsin, i.e. Lydia, David, Irena, Nathaniel and Mary.”

¹⁶⁰ *Connecticut, U.S., Vital Records, 1659–1854*; Ancestry.com, Coventry, 1711–1844 [hereafter *Coventry VRs*], image 218 of 330: Irene, wife of David Townsend.

¹⁶¹ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:113): David Townsend and Elisabeth Fowler.

¹⁶² *Coventry VRs*, image 65 of 330: Elizabeth, dau. of Jonathan and Hannah Fowler. For a discussion about Hannah’s identity, see her FindaGrave.com entry (memorial no. 11467593). The vital records of Suffield, Conn., include the following entries: “Joseph Barber and Hanna Smith were Joined in Marriage April the 13th 1715. himself decd. Decemb. The 1st 1715” and “Jonathan Fowler and the Wido Barber of Suffield were Joined in Marriage Jany. the 7th 1720” (1:38, 47; FSL DGS 7730434 images 145, 149). Among the legatees of Jonathan Fowler of Coventry, dated 9 Jan. 1753/[4] was his daughter Elizabeth Fowler, who was to receive £50 (*Conn. Probates*, Windham District, Fitch-Frink, 1719–1889, images 1094–1095 of 1461).

¹⁶³ *A Genealogical Memoir of the Descendants of Capt. William Fowler, of New Haven, Connecticut* (Milwaukee, 1870), 17, 36–39.

than one hundred pounds.”^[164] If this Elizabeth Fowler was the woman who married David Townsend, she could hardly have chosen a husband more physically different than her father. No record has been found for Elizabeth’s death. She was alive when David’s will was probated in 1813 (see below), and no marker has been found for her in the Old Andover Cemetery where David, Irene, their son David Jr., and other family members are buried.

In 1745 David joined the expedition against the French fortified seaport of Louisburg on Cape Breton Island.^[165] “David Townsen” was recorded as a member of Capt. Eleazer Hutchinson’s militia in 1776; this was likely David Jr.^[166]

David Townsend of Hebron wrote his will 11 May 1797 (with a short codicil concerning his daughters “Lidia Irene Moly and Betse” dated 10 January 1806), naming his wife Elizabeth and his five sons and four daughters. Elizabeth was given use of the home lot and buildings for as long as she remained a widow. His sons David, John, Nathaniel, Jonathan, and Jesse were each to receive an equal share of David’s real estate holdings. His daughters Lydia Davenport, “Iransy” Bradish, Mary Loomis, and Elisabeth Hutchinson were each provided an equal share of the balance of David’s estate. The will was proved 7 December 1813, with the inventory of the estate taken six days earlier, valued at \$10,759.63; the division of assets was not completed until 1816.^[167]

Children of David³ and Irene (Loomis) Townsend:

- i. LYDIA⁴ TOWNSEND, b. Hebron, 15 Aug. 1752;^[168] d. between 25 April 1811 and 15 March 1814;^[169] m. BILLA DAVENPORT, b. Lebanon, Conn., 13 Jan. 1744/5,^[170] son of Benjamin and Sarah (Burr) Davenport;^[171] d. 10 May 1810, bur. Lowville Rural Cemetery, Lowville, N.Y.^[172]

¹⁶⁴ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 23.

¹⁶⁵ *Connecticut Historical Society Collections* (Ancestry.com), vol. 13, Law Papers, image 78 of 364; David Townsend appears on a list of soldiers (10 Company) from the Conn. Regiment compiled by Nathan Whiting in 1745. David’s service at Louisburg is mentioned in Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 22.

¹⁶⁶ *Connecticut Historical Society Collections* (Ancestry.com), vol. 8, Connecticut Line, 1783, Twelfth Regiment-Col Hosford, image 3 of 5 (p. 161). His name was directly followed by “Jon^a Townsen,” likely his younger brother Jonathan. David was one of those noted for having deserted 28 Sept. and returned 8 Nov.

¹⁶⁷ *Conn. Probates*, Andover District, Thomson-Way, 1787–1880, images 167–206 of 1083.

¹⁶⁸ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:246): Lydia Townsend, d. Dauid [*sic*].

¹⁶⁹ “Lydia Davenport (Widowe of Billa Davenport Deceased)” purchased property in Lowville, N.Y., from Billa Davenport of Lowville and Nancy his wife on 25 April 1811 (Lewis Co., N.Y. deeds, C:164–165; FSL DGS 7178789 image 103). In a distribution list of David Townsend’s household furniture dated 15 March 1814, “Lydia Davenport” was said to be deceased (*Conn. Probates*, Andover District, Thomson-Way, 1787–1880, image 186 of 1083).

¹⁷⁰ *Barbour Collection*, Lebanon, 50 (citing 1:64): Bille Davenport, s. [Benjamin & Sarah].

¹⁷¹ Bennett F. Davenport, “The Davenport Family” *Register* 33 (1879): 25–34 (esp. 30–31): Billa, son of Benjamin³ and Sarah (Burr) Davenport, “m. _____ Townsend. He settled, 1795, at Lowville, Lewis Co., N.Y.”

¹⁷² FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 73208933.

- ii. IRENE TOWNSEND, b. Hebron, 19 Aug. 1754;^[173] d. 8 March 1843, bur. Townsend Cemetery, Floyd, Oneida Co., N.Y.;^[174] perhaps m. (1) Dr. _____ CLARK;^[175] m. (perhaps 2) by 1783 Dr. JAMES BRADISH,^[176] b. Hardwick, Mass. 21 Oct. 1752, son of John and Mary (Green) Bradish;^[177] d. 18 Sept. 1818, bur. Townsend Cemetery.^[178]
- iii. DAVID TOWNSEND, b. Coventry, Conn., 13 June 1756;^[179] d. 1 April 1836, bur. Old Andover Cemetery;^[180] m. Hebron, 20 May 1784, HANNAH ANDREWS CONE,^[181] b. East Haddam, Conn., 26 Feb. 1763, dau. of Sylvanus and Hannah (Ackley) Cone;^[182] d. 5 Feb. 1833, bur. Old Andover Cemetery.^[183]
- iv. JOHN TOWNSEND, b. Coventry, 22 Dec. 1758;^[184] d. 9 April 1841 “in the 83 year of his age,” bur. Westmoreland Union New Cemetery, Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N.Y.;^[185] m. MARY _____, b. abt. 1760/1;^[186] d. 28 July 1824 “in the 64 year of her age,” bur. Westmoreland Union New Cemetery.^[187]
- v. NATHANIEL TOWNSEND (twin of Mary), b. Coventry, 16 Dec. 1760;^[188] d. 18 July 1836, age 75, bur. Evergreen Cemetery, Oneida, Madison Co.,

¹⁷³ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:247): Irene Townsend, d. David & Irene.

¹⁷⁴ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 6720346.

¹⁷⁵ A sketch of James Fordyce Bailey (b. 1815) included the following: “The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Nancy Bradish and was born in Cummington, Massachusetts, her parents being Dr. James and Irene (Townsend) Bradish. Her mother was twice married, her first husband being Dr. Clark. They took up their abode in Floyd, Oneida county, New York, in 1802. Dr. James Bradish was a surgeon at the siege of Boston in the Revolutionary war. Irene (Townsend) Bradish...was...a daughter of David and Irene (Loomis) Townsend” (L. F. Parker, *History of Poweshiek County, Iowa...*, vol. 2 [Chicago, 1911], 196–199).

¹⁷⁶ The vital records of Cummington, Mass., 1768–1882, 198–199 (FSL DGS 7009226 image 107) include the births of eight children of “James & Irena Bradish”: *John* (1 Aug. 1783), *Polly* (27 Nov. 1784), *Nancy* (29 April 1786), *Clark* (22 April 1788), *Achsa* (8 Oct. 1790), *Welthy* (14 Aug. 1792), *Laury* (29 Feb. 1796), and *Chester* (16 May 1800). The death of their daughter *Laura* was recorded there 23 Jan. 1797 (275, image 145).

¹⁷⁷ *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1917), 19: James Bradish, s. of John and Mary. The marriage intention of John “Braddish” and Mary Green of “Southboro” was recorded there 12 May 1746 (147).

¹⁷⁸ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 6720323.

¹⁷⁹ *Coventry VRs*, image 136 of 330: Children of Daniel [*sic*] and Irene Townsend...David.

¹⁸⁰ *Hale Collection*, Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions Vol 01, image 26 of 728: “Townsend, David, died Apr. 1, 1836, age 80.” [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 34626233.

¹⁸¹ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:122, 3:265): David Townsend Jr. of Hebron m. Hannah Andrews Cone of East Haddam.

¹⁸² *Barbour Collection*, East Haddam, 56 (citing LR5:267): Hannah Andrewes Cone, d. Silvanus & Hannah. Silvanus Cone m. Hannah Ackley there 13 Nov. 1755 (61, citing LR5:267).

¹⁸³ *Hale Collection*, Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions Vol 01, image 26 of 728: “Townsend, Hannah, wife of David, died Feb. 5, 1833, age 69.” [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 34626210.

¹⁸⁴ *Coventry VRs*, image 136 of 330: Children of Daniel [*sic*] and Irene Townsend...John.

¹⁸⁵ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 42674337.

¹⁸⁶ Addison Kingsbury, *A Pendulous Edition of Kingsbury Genealogy* (Pittsburgh, 1901), 53–54, has her as Mary Kingsbury, b. 20 or 26 Oct. 1760, dau. of Jabez and Mary (Phelps) Kingsbury. *Coventry VRs*, image 88, has one of the children of Jabez and Mary (Phelps) Kingsbury as Mary, b. 26 Oct. 1760.

¹⁸⁷ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 42674340.

¹⁸⁸ *Coventry VRs*, image 136 of 330: Children of Daniel [*sic*] and Irene Townsend...Nathaniel and Mary (twins).

- N.Y.;^[189] m. (1) Hebron, Sept. 1787, MARY BASSETT,^[190] b. abt. 1765; d. 9 April 1818, age 53, bur. Evergreen Cemetery;^[191] m. (2) HEPZIBAH BASSETT, b. Chilmark, Mass., 13 Sept. 1783, dau. of Samuel and Anna (____) Bassett;^[192] d. 26 Dec. 1849, age 66, bur. Evergreen Cemetery.^[193]
- vi. MARY TOWNSEND (twin of Nathaniel), b. Coventry, 16 Dec. 1760;^[194] d. Hinsdale, Mass., 4 Dec. 1840;^[195] m. Hebron, June 1783, ELEAZER LOOMIS,^[196] b. Coventry, 2 May 1756, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Ryley) Loomis;^[197] d. Hinsdale, 17 Dec. 1810.^[198]

Children of David³ and Elizabeth (Fowler) Townsend (b. Hebron):

- vii. JONATHAN⁴ TOWNSEND, b. 12 May 1762;^[199] d. between 28 Nov. 1818 and 7 Nov. 1820;^[200] m. Hebron, 18 Jan. 1787, MARTHA DUTTON,^[201] b. Colchester, 6 Jan. 1765, dau. of Timothy and Martha (Bartholomew) Dutton.^[202]

¹⁸⁹ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 33905092.

¹⁹⁰ *Hebron Private Records*, 63 (image 67): Nathaniel Townsend m. Mary Basset, Sept. [], 1787. Her identity has not yet been discovered; probably she was a relative of Nathaniel's second wife. On 21 Feb. 1804, Hepzibah Bassett was a witness to a deed in which Nathaniel Townsend of Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N.Y., and his wife "Polly" sold property in Marcellus, N.Y. (Onondaga Co., N.Y. deeds 55:291–292; FSL DGS 7173754 image 195).

¹⁹¹ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 33905126.

¹⁹² *Vital Records of Chilmark, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1904), 13: Hephzibah Bassett, ch. Samuel and Anna. The 1820 will of Samuel Bassett of Easton, Washington Co., N.Y., names among others "daughter Hepzibah Townsend the wife of Nathan[ie]l Townsend" (Washington Co., N.Y. wills, 5:160–162; FSL DGS 5116663 images 629–630).

¹⁹³ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 33905394.

¹⁹⁴ *Coventry VRs*, image 136 of 330: Children of Daniel [sic] and Irene Townsend...Nathaniel and Mary (twins).

¹⁹⁵ *Vital Records of Hinsdale, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1902) [hereafter *Hinsdale VRs*], 85: Mary Loomis, wid., age 80.

¹⁹⁶ From the Revolutionary War pension file for Mary, widow of Eleazer Loomis of Conn. (W15035; FSL DGS 7583118 images 674–702): "Mary Loomis, widow of Eleazer Loomis, deceased... who died on the 17th of December 1810" (image 676); deposition (10 Oct. 1840) of "Elizabeth Hutchinson wife of Enoch Hutchinson of Pomfret [Chautauqua Co., N.Y.], now in the 70th year of her age...from her infancy, she has been acquainted with Mary Loomis, widow of Eleazer Loomis, deceased, and that her name before marriage was Mary Townsend...the said Mary was married to the said Eleazer Loomis in June, 1783, at the town of Hebron in the State of Connecticut..." (image 685).

¹⁹⁷ Elias Loomis and Elisha S. Loomis, *Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America...*, revised ed. (Berea, Ohio, 1909) [hereafter *Loomis Genealogy*], 144, 161.

¹⁹⁸ *Hinsdale VRs*, 85: Eleazar Loomis, "who hung himself Verdict Insanity," age 54.

¹⁹⁹ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:249): Jonathan Townsend, s. David & Elisabeth.

²⁰⁰ From the signing and probate of the will of "Jonathan Townsend of the town of Deerfield" (Oneida Co., N.Y. wills, 2:206–208; FSL DGS 7637265 images 337–338). According to [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 19976337 (no gravestone image), he d. 8 Oct. 1820, age 59, and was bur. in Grandview Cemetery, Whitesboro, Oneida Co., N.Y.

²⁰¹ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:122): Jonathan Townsend 2d m. Martha Dutton, Jr., both of Hebron.

²⁰² *Barbour Collection*, Colchester, 61 (citing 1:48): Martha Dutton, [d. Timothy & Martha]. *Barbour Collection*, East Haddam, 69 (citing LR6:512): Timothy Dutton of East Haddam m. Martha Bartholomey of Wallingford, 1 Nov. 1758. According to [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 19976337 (no gravestone image), Martha (Dutton) Townsend d. 21 Sept. 1821, age 56, and was bur. in Grandview Cemetery.

- viii. Rev. JESSE TOWNSEND, b. 13 Jan. 1766;^[203] d. Palmyra, N.Y., 14 Aug. 1838, bur. Palmyra Cemetery;^[204] m. Haddam, Conn., Oct. 1790, ANNA (MAY) FULLER,^[205] b. there 5 March 1763, dau. of Eleazer and Sibyl (Huntington) May and widow of Jonathan Fuller;^[206] d. Palmyra, 13 April 1846, bur. Palmyra Cemetery.^[207] Jesse Townsend was a member of the 1790 class at Yale:

Jesse Townsend, the second son and child of David and Elizabeth (Fowler) Townsend... was prepared for College, and for the ministry, by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Lockwood (Yale 1745)... He graduated at the mature age of 25... married... Anna, daughter of the Rev. Eleazer May (Yale 1752), of Haddam, Connecticut, and widow of the Rev. Jonathan Fuller (Yale 1783), of Preston, Connecticut. She was two or three years his senior... [description of ministry in Mass., N.Y., Ill., Mo., and finally in Palmyra, N.Y.] He died in Palmyra... on July 14, 1838, aged 72 ½ years. His widow died on April 13, 1846, aged 83 years. Their children were three sons and one daughter...^[208]

- ix. ELIZABETH TOWNSEND, b. 1 March 1772;^[209] d. 28 Sept. 1848, age 74 [*sic*], bur. Pioneer Cemetery, Fredonia, Chautauqua Co., N.Y.;^[210] m. ENOCH HUTCHINSON, b. Lebanon, Conn., 8 Dec. 1766, son of Samuel and Eunice (Badger) Hutchinson;^[211] d. 30 Nov. 1856, age 90, bur. Waldo Cemetery, Waldo, Sheboygan Co., Wisc.^[212]

5. **MARTIN³ TOWNSEND** (*Jonathan², Martin¹*), born probably in Hebron, Connecticut, say 1728; died probably in Hancock, Massachusetts, between 4 July 1789 and 5 April 1791 (from the dates of his will; see below). Martin married in Hebron, 19 October 1753, **RHODA INGHAM**,^[213] born there 24 November 1733, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Chalker) Ingham;^[214] died

²⁰³ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:249): Jesse Townsend, s. David & Elisabeth.

²⁰⁴ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 109525313.

²⁰⁵ *Conn. Church Records*, Haddam, 297 (image 301 of 331) (citing 5:44): Jesse Townsend of Andover and Anne May, d. Rev. Eleazer, Oct. [], 1790.

²⁰⁶ *A Genealogy of the Descendants of John May...* (Boston, 1878), 85, 90.

²⁰⁷ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 1095255303.

²⁰⁸ Franklin Bowditch Dexter, *Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College...* vol. 4, 1778–1792 (New York, 1907), 695–696.

²⁰⁹ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:249): Elisabeth Townsend, d. David & Elisabeth.

²¹⁰ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 15797340. On 10 Oct. 1840, when Elizabeth deposed for her sister Mary (see above), she and Enoch were living in Pomfret, Chautauqua Co., N.Y. In 1850, Enoch (age 84, b. Conn.) was living in the household of Leonard Hutchinson (41, b. N.Y.) in Wisconsin (1850 U.S. Census, Dist. 36, Calumet Co., Wisc., 93B [186]).

²¹¹ *Barbour Collection*, Lebanon, 89 (citing 1:159): Enosh Hutchinson, s. [Samuel & Eunice]; 90 (citing 1:159): Samuel Hutchinson m. Eunice Badger 10 June 1762.

²¹² [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 91815846, from image of gravestone there the inscription reads, “Enoch Hutchinson son of _l Hutchinson of Hebron, Conn. Died Nov. 30, 1856, Aged 90 Years.”

²¹³ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:112): Martin Townsend m. Rhoda Ingham. *Hebron Private Records*, 63 (image 67) has the date as 25 Oct. 1753.

²¹⁴ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 65 (citing 1:14): Rhoda Ingham, d. Samuell. *Barbour Collection*, Saybrook, 64 (citing 2:79): Samuel Ingham m. Ruth Chalker 7 Aug. 1718. The will of Samuel Ingham of Hebron was dated 16 Sept. 1754; in it he named among others wife Ruth and daughters Rhoda Townsend and Phebe Ingham (Colchester, Conn. probate records, 2:313–315; FSL DGS 7626285 images 309–310).

21 January 1825, buried in Townsend Cemetery, Floyd, Oneida Co., New York.^[215] Rhoda was a sister of Phebe Ingham, wife of Martin's brother Amasa Townsend.

About 1765, Martin and Rhoda, with their three young children, set out with Amasa and Phebe with their young family of four on a 60-mile journey from their home in Connecticut to Jericho Hollow, Massachusetts, which later when incorporated was named in honor of the Declaration of Independence's first signatory, John Hancock.^[216] It was likely Martin Sr. who was present at the first Hancock town meeting 21 August 1776, where he is called "Ensign Martin Townsen" and was one of signatories of a letter "to procure the incorporation of this town."^[217]

No record has been found to establish how or from whom Martin Townsend obtained his initial land in Jericho Hollow after his arrival. On 22 October 1773, "Martin Townsen of Jericho...Shoemaker" purchased an additional tract of land from Daniel Squire for the sum of £80.^[218] According to his great-grandson Martin I. Townsend, Martin Townsend "purchased and eventually cleared about 600 acres of excellent land, and placed his family in circumstances of great comfort and independence."^[219]

In Hancock as elsewhere, the Revolutionary War pitted brothers against brothers and neighbours against neighbours. Martin's brother Amasa, whose family had made the journey to Massachusetts with Martin and Rhoda, is recorded as having served as a soldier of the Revolution. Asa Douglas, one of the first settlers of Jericho, led a company of Patriots who fought at the Battle of Bennington.^[220] Martin and his son Martin Jr., on the other hand, were both branded as Loyalist sympathizers. It was likely Martin Townsend Sr. who was said to have stood his ground on his land in Jericho in the face of the militia and proclaimed "God Save the King," for which he was allegedly imprisoned in Pittsfield until after the battle of Bennington.^[221] Martin Jr. was tried for treason in 1778 for aiding the British at Bennington, along with a number of

²¹⁵ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 113410456: "In memory of RHODA consort of Martin TOWNSEND who died Jan 21 1825 in the 92 year of her life."

²¹⁶ Elias Nason and George J. Varney, *A Gazetteer of The State of Massachusetts* (Boston, 1890), 355. "An Act for erecting the plantation called Jericho, in the County of Berkshire, into a Town by the name of Hancock" can be viewed at hdl.handle.net/2452/117026.

²¹⁷ A. B. Whipple, *History of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, with Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men*, 2 vols. (New York, 1885) [hereafter Whipple, *History of Berkshire County*], 2:62. This was probably Martin Sr., as Martin Jr. would have been about only 20 years old and not an established landowner in Hancock. The minutes of a later town meeting refer to "Martin Townsen, jun.," thus distinguishing him from his father.

²¹⁸ Northern district, Berkshire Co., Mass. deeds, B:191 (FSL DGS 7468429 image 497).

²¹⁹ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 24.

²²⁰ Arthur Latham Perry, "Berkshire at Bennington" *Collections of the Berkshire Historical and Scientific Society*, 1 (1886):260.

²²¹ "A Little Back History," *The Pittsfield Sun*, 7 Feb. 1877, p. 2. This article misidentifies the "tory" who was living in Hancock, named as "Mr. Townsend," as the father of Martin Ingham Townsend. Martin I. Ingham's father Nathaniel was born in 1781. The "Mr Townsend" in this anecdote was most likely Martin Ingham's great-grandfather, Martin Townsend Sr. See also the article cited in the previous note (p. 261) for another reference to Martin Sr.'s allegiance: "Hancock did well in the Revolutionary war, Richard Jackson, and Solomon Barnett, and old Martin Townsend to the contrary, notwithstanding."

other citizens of Hancock.^[222] Loyalties, however, appear to have been fluid, and pragmatism prevailed. Martin Sr. would return to his farm and live out his days, and Martin Jr. became a respected leading citizen of Hancock in the years following the war.

On 4 July 1789, “Martin Townsend of the Town of Hancock...Gentleman” wrote his will. It included a request that his burial be “decent without Pomp and State at the Direction of my wife and my Executor.” His “loving wife Rhoda Townsend” was to receive “for term of Life” one half of their house and the buildings on their farm along with the household furnishings, a good horse and saddle and two good cows. Rhoda was also to receive the farm purchased from Daniel Squires, except for the portion already given to the children of their deceased daughter, Hannah Brown.^[223] Sons Martin and Nathan were to each receive half of the farm, with the portion reserved for their mother Rhoda excluded from Nathan’s share. The will was probated on 5 April 1791 without recording Martin’s date of death.^[224]

Rhoda sold the parcel of land Martin Sr. had purchased from Daniel Squires to her son Martin Jr. on 16 June 1791 for £150.^[225] In 1803 Rhoda and her son Nathan were living in Floyd, Oneida Co., New York, having sold their properties in Hancock to Martin Jr. Rhoda sold her rights to the homestead for £100 on 7 March 1803,^[226] and on the same day Nathan sold his half of the farm and his other properties in Hancock, estimated to be 250 acres, for \$3500.^[227]

Rhoda would live out the rest of her days with Nathan and his family in Floyd, New York. Martin I. Townsend described Rhoda as “a woman of very

²²² *Divided Hearts, Massachusetts Loyalists, 1765–1790* (AmericanAncestors.org), image 1504 of 1705. See also Whipple, *History of Berkshire County*, 2:64 for the names of the other men censured with “Martin Townsen, jun.” at a Hancock town meeting for being with the enemy at Bennington.

The charges for “Martin Townsend of Hancock...Labourer” and “Elijah Brown of Hancock...Labourer” are recorded in Suffolk Co., Mass. supreme court records (FSL DGS 7943553 image 77). Both were accused of having aided the enemy on 16 Aug. 1777 at “Wallon Schaick in the County of Albany in the State of New York.” Both were listed among the prisoners “in the Goal [sic] in Northampton, belonging to the County of Berkshire” on 5 Nov. 1777 (Mass. Muster Rolls 1776–1833, 8:210; FSL DGS 8092183 image 335). In Jan. 1778 Elijah Borne and “Martin Townsen Jun” were two of the signatories to a petition for release from the “Gaol in the County of Hampshire,” having been “induced to go within the Enemys Lines near Bennington in August last” where they “were taken at the Battle of Bennington without any Arms” (Mass. court petitions, 183:329; FSL DGS 7703481 image 154).

²²³ On 16 May 1785, “Martin Townsen of Hancock...Gent...for the natural Love and respect that I bear unto my well beloved Grand Children, Elijah Brown Junr., Nathan Brown, Clarissa Brown, Hannah Brown and John Townsen Brown, being the Children and heirs of my Daughter Hannah Brown Deceased” decreed that property to them (Northern district, Berkshire Co., Mass. deeds, 7:311–312; FSL DGS 7464418 images 162–163), recorded 1 Feb. 1802. On 28 Feb. 1797, Elijah Brown Jr. (now called Elijah T. Brown, of Bennington, Vt., cordwainer), sold his share of that property to Nathan Townsend of Hancock, gent. (5:508; FSL DGS 7464417 image 266).

²²⁴ Berkshire Co., Mass., probate file no. 1510 (images on AmericanAncestors.org).

²²⁵ Northern district, Berkshire Co., Mass. deeds, 5:486–487 (FSL DGS 7464417 image 255), recorded 26 April 1799.

²²⁶ Northern district, Berkshire Co., Mass. deeds, 10:201–202 (FSL DGS 7464419 images 467–468).

²²⁷ Northern district, Berkshire Co., Mass. deeds, 11:153 (FSL DGS 7464420 image 82).

superior intellectual endowments” who “was looked up to by her sons Martin and Nathan as almost a superior being.”^[228]

Children of Martin³ and Rhoda (Ingham) Townsend:

- i. HANNAH⁴ TOWNSEND, b. Hebron, Conn., 19 June 1754;^[229] bp. Bolton, Conn., 11 Aug. 1754;^[230] d. Hancock, Mass., 2 March 1784;^[231] m. ELIJAH BROWN.^[232] As noted above, Elijah Brown was charged for claimed Loyalist activities at the same time as his brother-in-law Martin Townsend Jr.
- ii. MARTIN TOWNSEND, b. Cornwall, Conn., 11 Dec. 1756;^[233] d. Hoosick, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., 13 May 1848; m. (1) by 1776 SUSANNAH ALLEN, b. Portsmouth, R.I., 21 June 1760, dau. of John and Sarah (Durfee) Allen; d. 1798; m. (2) by 1800 ANNA (GARDNER) NILES, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (____) Gardner and widow of John Niles, b. East Greenwich, R.I., 2 April 1765; d. 13 Jan. 1814; m. (3) MERCY (SMITH) WINSOR, dau. of Richard Smith and widow of Jesse Winsor,^[234] b. abt. 1763; d. 3 Sept. 1820 “in the 58th year of her age”; m. (4) SALLY COGSWELL, b. 15 April 1776; d. 28 Sept. 1824; m. (5) JANE KNOWLTON, b. abt. 1769; d. 1857. Martin and all five of his wives were buried in Townsend Cemetery, Hancock, Mass.
- iii. NATHAN TOWNSEND, b. Cornwall, Conn., 2 Oct. 1764;^[235] d. between 19 Jan. and 26 Sept. 1854, bur. Townsend Cemetery, Floyd, Oneida Co., N.Y.;^[236] m. (1) DORCAS GARDNER, daughter of Palmer and Hannah (Nichols)

²²⁸ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 30.

²²⁹ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 2:246): Hannah Townsend, d. Martin & Rhoda.

²³⁰ *Conn. Church Records*, Bolton, 225 (image 237 of 280): Hannah, d. Martin (citing 1:88 and 3:166).

²³¹ *Mass. VRs*, Hancock, Births, Marriages and Death, image 69 of 496: “Hannah Brown wife of Elijah Brown.”

²³² He perhaps d. bef. 6 Dec. 1794, when land belonging to “the Heirs of Elijah Brown” was referenced as a boundary (Northern district, Berkshire Co., Mass. deeds, 3:458; FSL DGS 7464416 image 237). According to his unsourced profile on FindaGrave.com (memorial no. 125779402), he d. 1823 in Petersburg, Rensselaer Co., N.Y.

²³³ *Barbour Collection*, Cornwall, 92 (citing 1:26): Martin Townsend, s. Martin & Rhoda. This man is the subject of a sketch in *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790* (AmericanAncestors.org), “Martin Townsend, Jr.” Most of the data for this man and his wives is a summary of what appears in that sketch, which should be consulted for cites. Information not from that sketch is cited below.

²³⁴ On 23 May 1817, “Martin Townsin and Mercy Townsin” sold Mercy’s rights to property in Fairfield, Herkimer Co., N.Y., which she had “in right of Dower in consequence of the said Mercy being the widow of Jesse Windsor of said Fairfield Deceased” (Herkimer Co., N.Y., deeds, 11:426, 429–430; FSL DGS 7162256 images 569–571), witnessed by Smith Winsor and Nancy Townsend. *Rhode Island: Vital Records, 1636–1850* (AmericanAncestors.org), Providence County V3, p. 35 (image 3–35 of 6–123): [marriages in Scituate] “Winsor Jesse, of Glocester, and Mercy Smith, of Richard, of Scituate; m. by John Harris, Justice, April 14, 1782.”

²³⁵ *Barbour Collection*, Cornwall, 92 (citing 1:69): Nathan Townsend, s. Martin & Rhoda.

²³⁶ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 63607018. The will of Nathan Townsend of Trenton, Oneida Co., N.Y., was dated 12 Dec. 1850 with a codicil dated 19 Jan. 1854 and proved 26 Sept. 1854 (Oneida Co., N.Y., wills, 11:120–126; FSL DGS 5115544 images 555–558); in it, he named wife Dolly, son Nathan H. Townsend (his children Mary H., Nathan T., and Caroline Isabella), son Gardner Townsend (his son James B.), son Palmer Townsend, daughter Elizabeth Ward (her daughter Sarah H. Stevens), son Ingham Townsend, son William Townsend, daughter Rhoda McVicar, and granddaughter Mary Ann Palmer.

Gardner,^[237] b. abt. 1765/6; d. Floyd, 30 April 1814, age 48;^[238] m. (2) DOROTHY “DOLLY” (HASKINS) CADWELL, widow of Dan Cadwell Jr. and dau. of Enoch and Mary (Williams) Haskin, b. Lenox, Mass., 16 Aug. 1773; d. Camden, Oneida Co., N.Y., 9 Oct. 1851.^[239]

6. **AMASA³ TOWNSEND** (*Jonathan², Martin¹*), born probably in Hebron, Connecticut, say 1730; married there first, 29 January 1756, **PHEBE INGHAM**,^[240] born there 26 March 1737,^[241] daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Chalker) Ingham and sister of Rhoda Ingham, wife of Amasa’s brother Martin. According to a later account, Phebe died at Hartford, New York, 17 August 1793.^[242] No record of Amasa’s death has been found, but from census records he likely died before 1810 (see below). He married second by 1805 (by 1800 if his first wife indeed died in 1793) **MARY** _____.^[243]

Amasa Townsend was a soldier in the French and Indian War, serving from May to November 1758 in Capt. McNeal’s Tenth Company.^[244] Amasa was also recorded as 1st Lieutenant in Capt. William Douglass’s 11th (1st Jericho) Co. of the militia in 1776.^[245] As noted above, loyalties were divided in Hancock, and Amasa’s nephew Martin Jr. and several other neighbours in Hancock were censured for allegedly aiding the British at Bennington. In the years following the Revolution it seems that the practical and economic considerations outweighed the divisions of the past. In 1796 Amasa and his son Amasa Jr., nephew Martin Jr., and several of Martin Jr.’s fellow former Tory sympathizers appeared on a petition filed in Lower Canada seeking a grant of Crown lands as “loyal refugees”.^[246] The petition was one of many led by Levi Allen, whose brother Ethan was famous for his Patriot exploits in the war. Ultimately, the petition was declined because there was a lack of evidence with respect to

²³⁷ Lillian May Stickney and Charles Morris Gardner, *Gardner History and Genealogy* (Erie, Pa., 1907), 200.

²³⁸ Col ____ Gazette (Utica, N.Y.), 17 May 1814: “At Floyd, the 30th ult, Mrs Dorcas Townsend, wife of Nathan Townsend, Esq, ages [sic] 48, ‘leaving behind an affectionate partner and a numerous family’” (FSL DGS 7764411 image 682). [FindaGrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com), memorial no. 95932103.

²³⁹ *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790* ([AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org)), Dan Cadwell Jr.

²⁴⁰ *Conn. Church Records*, Hebron, p. 43 (image 45 of 101): Phebe Ingham m. Amasa Tounzen.

²⁴¹ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 65 (citing 1:23): Phebee Ingham, d. Samuell. For her parents, see above under her sister Rhoda.

²⁴² Bible, family and miscellaneous records from New York state (Daughters of the American Revolution), 2:229–230 (FSL DGS 8218656 images 543–544): Vital records for the Townsend family, apparently drawn at least in part from the “Holy Bible published... in 1850, Troy, N.Y. In possession of Frank L. Townsend, Greenwich, N.Y.” and copied in 9 Feb. 1923: “Phebe Ingham, b. 1738 [sic] d. Aug, 17, 1793, in Hartford, N.Y.”

²⁴³ On 29 Jan. 1805, “Amasa Townsend of Hartford County of Washington and State of New York and Mary his wife” sold 32 ¾ acres there; it was attested to by both grantors 2 Feb. 1805 (Washington Co., N.Y. deeds, 1:97–98; FSL DGS 7125478 image 684). As noted before, Amasa Townsend seems to have had a wife in the 1800 census, likely either Phebe or Mary.

²⁴⁴ *Conn. French and Indian War Rolls* 2, 86.

²⁴⁵ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* (Boston, 1907), 15:925. On p. 924 there is another record for Amasa “Townsen” as a Private in Lieut. Daniel Browns Co. in October 1780.

²⁴⁶ *Land Petitions of Lower Canada, 1761–1841* (images on [recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng](https://www.recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng)), Townsend Martin, Jr. 1786 Vol. 30 Item 86362 [hereafter *Townsend Petition*] images 1, 3.

the applicants, and many of the signatures appeared “to be all in same hand writing.”^[247]

Amasa and Phebe’s first homestead, in what would later become Hancock, Massachusetts, was located about a mile south of where Martin and Rhoda had settled, and they would live there for about the next thirty years.^[248] On 9 February 1790, Amasa Townsend sold 99 acres and 15 rods of land and “bargained premises” in Hancock to Griffin Eldridge for £210.^[249]

In the 1790 U.S. Census in Westfield, New York, there were two households headed by an Amasa Townsend, one with 1 male 16 or older and 2 females, the other with 1 male 16 or older, 2 males under 16, and 3 females.^[250] The household of three was likely Amasa Sr., and the household of six Amasa Jr. On the same page there is a Warren Townsend, very likely the son of Amasa and Phebe, as well as a probable son-in-law, Ezekiel Whitford, who married their daughter Anna. There is also a Will[ia]m Eldridge on the same page, listed directly before Ezekiel Whitford and Warren Townsend; he was likely the William Eldred who married Amasa and Phebe’s daughter Huldah. Elijah Weaver, the husband of their daughter Phebe, was also listed in Westfield, on the preceding page of the census.

In the 1800 census the two Amasa Townsend households were in Hartford, New York. One Amasa Townsend was the head of a household with 1 male over 45 and 1 female over 45 (doubtless Amasa Sr. and his wife),^[251] and the other, “Amasa Townsend Ju^r,” 3 males 0–9, 2 males 10–15, 1 male 26–44, 2 females 0–9, 2 females 10–15, and 1 female 26–44.^[252] Amasa and Phebe’s youngest son Calvin is also listed in Hartford, on the same page as Amasa (Sr.). No further census records for Amasa or his second wife have been found. Only one Amasa Townsend was recorded in New York State in the 1810 census;^[253] this would appear to be Amasa Jr., with his wife and children, based on the size of the household and age of the adults listed. Amasa Sr.’s son Calvin was still living in Hartford in 1810, but his household did not include any males or females in the 45 and over column.^[254]

Martin I. Townsend’s family history says that Amasa Sr. “removed with his son Amasa to Oswegatchie, in the County of St. Lawrence, where he died and was buried,” but no date of death was provided.^[255] Many family trees show a death date for Amasa Sr. of 26 March 1825. This was likely taken from a list of deaths in a newspaper published on this date which stated only “In Chazy, Amasa Townsend” without a date listed.^[256] This notice was likely reporting

²⁴⁷ *Townsend Petition*, images 18–19.

²⁴⁸ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 24.

²⁴⁹ Northern district, Berkshire Co., Mass. deeds, 1:249–252 (FSL DGS 7464415 images 131–132).

²⁵⁰ 1790 U.S. Census, Westfield, Washington Co., N.Y., 204.

²⁵¹ 1880 U.S. Census, Hartford, Washington Co., N.Y., 510.

²⁵² 1880 U.S. Census, Hartford, Washington Co., N.Y., 512.

²⁵³ 1810 U.S. Census, Chazy, Clinton Co., N.Y., 932: 1 male 10–16, 4 males 16026, 1 male 45-over, 1 female 0–10, 2 females 10–16, 2 females 16–26, 1 female 45-over; 1820 U.S. Census,

²⁵⁴ 1810 U.S. Census, Hartford, Washington Co., N.Y., 65.

²⁵⁵ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 24.

²⁵⁶ *The Evening Post* (New York), 26 March 1825, p. 2.

the death of Amasa Jr. on 11 March 1825 and not the death of Amasa Sr.^[257] Based on his apparent disappearance from the census records it is likely that Amasa Sr. died sometime before 1810.

Children of Amasa³ and Phebe (Ingham) Townsend:

- i. ANNA⁴ TOWNSEND, b. Cornwall, Conn., 16 Dec. 1757;^[258] d. 3 Jan. 1833 age 76y [sic] 18d, bur. Hartford, Washington Co., N.Y.;^[259] m. by 1776 EZEKIEL WHITFORD,^[260] b. abt. 1754; d. 5 March 1825 age 71, bur. Hartford.^[261]
- ii. AMASA TOWNSEND, b. abt. 1759/60; d. 11 March 1825 age 65, bur. Highland Cemetery, Altona, Clinton Co., N.Y.;^[262] m. by 1783 SARAH _____,^[263] b. abt. 1766; d. 27 Jan. 1843 age 75, bur. Highland Cemetery.^[264]
- iii. PHEBE TOWNSEND, b. Cornwall, 3 July 1762;^[265] m. app. by 1792 ELIJAH WEAVER.^[266]

²⁵⁷ Transcription of the gravestone inscription in Highland Cemetery (a.k.a. Douglass Cemetery), Altona, Clinton Co., N.Y., made by H. & W. McLellan on 5 May 1940 and recorded on the Northern New York Tombstone Transcription Project (nnytombstoneproject.nygenweb.net) [hereafter *Highland Cemetery*]: “Amasa Townsan [sic] who died the 11th of March 1825 aged 65 years.” The image of the gravestone on FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 118069213, is difficult to make out.

²⁵⁸ *Barbour Collection*, Cornwall, 92 (citing 1:26): Anna Townsend, d. Amasa & Thela [sic].

²⁵⁹ Isabella Weir Brayton and Florence Ford Fenno, “Gravestone Inscriptions in Hartford, N.Y., and Vicinity” *Register* 115 (1961):198–209, 290–303, 116 (1962):57–71, 112–120, 205–213 [hereafter *Hartford N.Y. Gravestones*], 115:302: “In memory of Anna, consort of Dea. Ezekiel Whitford d Jan. 3, 1833, age 76 years, 18 days.” This works out to a calculated birth date of 16 Dec. 1756.

²⁶⁰ Their oldest known child, Lucy (Whitford) Douglas, was b. 20 April 1776 (calculated from age at death reported in the *Essex County Republican*, 15 Feb. 1872, p. 3).

²⁶¹ *Hartford N.Y. Gravestones*, 115:302: Deacon Ezekiel Whitford, d Mar 5, 1825, age 71 years. FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 69725100.

²⁶² See above.

²⁶³ Their oldest known child, Abigail, was born abt. 1782/3, based on the age at death recorded on her gravestone (*Highland Cemetery*: Abigail Townson Died Feb. 17, 1858, AE 75 Years). Many online trees identify Amasa’s spouse as Sarah Cass, b. Candia, N.H., 9 Nov. 1767, dau. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Morrill) Cass (*New Hampshire, U.S., Birth Records, 1631–1920, Ancestry.com*). However, when Benjamin Cass wrote his will on 22 Nov. 1802, he granted his daughter Sarah “a privilege in my house so long as she remains unmarried” (*New Hampshire Will and Probate Records, 1643–1982* [Ancestry.com], Rockingham, Estate Papers, No. 7121–7122, 1803–1804, image 872 of 1224). On 29 July 1791, “Nathan Lee and Sarah his Wife And Amasa Townsown [sic] Junior and Sarah his his [sic] Wife all of Westfield in the County of Washington and State of New York Yeoman [sic]” mortgaged property there, and on 7 June 1798 “Amasa Townsend Junr. of Hartford in the county of Washington and State of New York and Sarah his wife Yeomen” mortgaged property there (Washington Co., N.Y. mortgages, A:307–308, C:15v; FSL DGS 7138482 images 152–153, 7138483 image 36).

²⁶⁴ *Highland Cemetery*: “In memory of Sarah, wife of Amasa Townson Who died June 27 1843; Aged 76 years.” FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 118069156.

²⁶⁵ *Barbour Collection*, Cornwall, 92 (citing 1:48): Phebe Townsend, d. Amasa & Phebe. Many online trees confuse this Phebe Townsend with another Phebe Townsend who was the daughter of Aaron and Hephzibah (Wolcott) Townsend bp. in Charlestown, Mass., 28 Nov 1773 (Thomas Bellows Wyman, *The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1629–1818*, 2 vols. [Boston, 1879], 2:948). The surname Weaver is listed in the DAR collection referenced above and in Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 32 where a daughter of Amasa is said to have “married a Weaver.”

²⁶⁶ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 32, has one of Amasa’s daughters (name not given) as marrying a “Weaver.” Reuben H. Walworth, *Hyde Genealogy*, 2 vols. (Albany, 1864), 1:557, has the parents of Rev. John M. Weaver, b. at Hartford, N.Y., 5 July 1792, as Elijah Weaver and Phebe

- iv. WARREN TOWNSEND, b. Cornwall, 13 May 1764;^[267] d. prob. Springwater, Livingston Co., N.Y., aft. 1830;^[268] m. (poss. [2])^[269] Hancock, Mass., 29 Oct. 1793, SARAH GREENE, daughter of Benjamin and Comfort (Carr) Greene,^[270] probably the Sarah Townsend, age 79, b. R.I., who d. in Springwater, Livingston Co., N.Y., Oct. 1849.^[271]
- v. SAMUEL TOWNSEND, b. Mass. (prob. Hancock) abt. 1767;^[272] d. 8 Nov. 1859 age 92, bur. Green Hill Cemetery, Wallingford, Vt.,^[273] m. by 1793 LYDIA DYER,^[274] b. West Greenwich, R.I., 26 March 1767, dau. of George and Ann (Nichols) Dyer;^[275] d. 27 Sept. 1849 age 82, bur. Green Hill Cemetery.^[276]

Townsend. As noted above, Elijah Weaver was listed as head of a household in Westfield, N.Y. in the 1790 U.S. census, in close proximity to two Amasa Townsends, Warren Townsend, and other sons-in-law of Amasa Sr. Elijah's household has one male and four females, suggesting there may have been children older than John M.

²⁶⁷ *Barbour Collection*, Cornwall, 92 (citing 1:55): Warring [sic] Townsend, s. Amasa & Phebe.

²⁶⁸ 1830 U.S. Census, Springwater, Livingston Co., N.Y., 117.

²⁶⁹ In the 1790 U.S. census (Westfield, Washington Co., N.Y., 204), Warren Townsend was head of a household with one male and four females, suggesting the possibility that he was already married.

²⁷⁰ *Mass. VRs, Hancock, Births, Marriages and Death*, image 55 of 496: "Warren Townsen and Sarah Green." The will of Benjamin Green of Hancock, Berkshire Co., Mass., dated 10 Sept. 1815, named among others wife Comfort Green and daughter Sarah "Townsin" (*New York, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1659–1999* [Ancestry.com], Washington, Wills, Vol 0003-0005, 1811–1824, images 315–316 of 687). *Rhode Island, U.S., Vital Extracts, 1636–1899* (Ancestry.com) [hereafter *R.I. Vital Extracts*], Vol. 01, image 448 of 637: [West Greenwich marriages] Benjamin Greene and Comfort Carr, 25 May 1760.

²⁷¹ 1850 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Springwater, Livingston Co., N.Y., 200a (391). It is likely that this Sarah Townsend was the widow of Warren Townsend given that he was recorded in Springwater in 1830 as noted above.

²⁷² *U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index, 1850–1880* (Ancestry.com): 1860; Rutland Co., Vt.; Samuel Townsend; age 92; d. Nov.; b. Mass.; farmer. Samuel Townsend appears in the 1850 U.S. census (Wallingford, Rutland Co., Vt., 337a [671]) with the wrong surname (duplicated mistakenly), in the household of his son-in-law and daughter: David Holden (57, physician, b. Vt.), Lydia [Holden] (51, b. Vt.), Townsend [Holden] (20, farmer, b. Vt.), Mary [Holden] (12, b. Vt.), and Samuel [Holden] [sic] (83, b. Mass.).

²⁷³ *FindaGrave.com*, memorial no. 58910262. Walter Thorpe, *History of Wallingford Vermont* (Rutland, Vt., 1911), 52–54: "Another early settler was Samuel Townsend. His early life was spent in Hancock, Mass., and... he and his young family came to Wallingford in 1809... His family consisted of three sons and four daughters... At the time of his death in 1859, he had twenty-four grandchildren... He was over ninety-two and one-half years of age when he died" (sketch includes pictures of Samuel and his son Dyer Townsend).

²⁷⁴ On 8 July 1793, Samuel "Townson" of Hancock, yeoman, sold to Allen Remington property in Hancock, signed by Samuel and "Lydia Townson"; Daniel Dyer was one of the witnesses. This land was part of the properties purchased by Samuel Townsend from Amasa and Phebe Townsend 23 April 1789 (one of the witnesses being William Eldred). On 5 Nov. 1793, Allen Remington also purchased from Samuel Dyer and his wife Abigail of Hancock adjacent property there (one of the witnesses being George Dyer). All three of these transactions were recorded 13–14 Feb. 1794 (Berkshire Co., Mass. deeds, 3:296–298; FSL DGS 7464416 images 155–156).

²⁷⁵ *R.I. Vital Extracts*, Vol. 01, image 496 of 637 [West Greenwich births and deaths]: among children of George and Ann "Dyre," Lydia, b. 26 March 1767 (the names of their other children match those of George's children in his 1816 will; see below). The marriage of George "Dyre" and Ann Nichols, dau. of Joseph, on 25 Dec. 1760, is recorded on image 443. The will of George Dyer of Parkerstown, Rutland Co., Vt., dated 18 Oct. 1816, named among others daughter "Lydia Townson wife of Samuel Townson" (Mendon, Vt. land records, 2:31–33; FSL DGS 8664004 images 19–20).

²⁷⁶ *FindaGrave.com*, memorial no. 58910319 (Lydia Dyer, wife of Samuel Townsend).

- vi. HULDAH TOWNSEND, b. prob. Hancock, 10 Dec. 1768 (calc.); d. 3 Sept. 1847 age 78y 8m 24d, bur. Highland Cemetery, Altona, Clinton Co., N.Y.;^[277] m. 18 Dec. 1788 WILLIAM ELDRED,^[278] b. 24 March 1765 (calc.);^[279] d. 2 March 1846 age 80y 11m 9d, bur. Highland Cemetery.^[280]
- vii. LOIS TOWNSEND,^[281] b. prob. Hancock, 19 Feb. 1771 (calc.); d. Berkshire, Vt., 1 Feb. 1860 age 88y 11m 13d, bur. Berkshire Center Cemetery, Berkshire;^[282] m. (1) prob. Hancock, bef. 1790, SILAS GARDNER,^[283] son of Caleb B. and Almy "Amy" (Aylesworth) Gardner.^[284] By the 1806 will of his father, Silas inherited about 300 acres in Durham Twp., Lower Canada (now Quebec).^[285] On 13 Jan. 1808, "Loes Townsend wife of Silas Gardner late of Durham in the district of Montreal yeoman" petitioned for guardianship of her children and control of the Canadian property of her husband, who "for two years past hath... neglected your petitioner and his family and hath associated himself with another woman by the name of Haldy Humes, with whom, in September last he clandestinely left this province & went to the United States from whence your petitioner has been credibly informed (since his departure) that he frequently declared that it was his decided intention never to return." Lois was granted executorship of her children and her husband's property two months later.^[286] At some point thereafter the marriage appar-

²⁷⁷ *Highland Cemetery*: Huldah wife of William Eldred, d. 3 Sept. 1847, age 78y 8m 24d. [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 117236381. Note no. 2476 from contributor "E.F.A." in the *Boston Evening Transcript*, 27 July 1932 [hereafter *Eldred BET*], includes a substantial account of the family and descendants of William and Huldah (Townsend) Eldred; in it Huldah is given a birthdate of 9 Jan. 1760. The entry also provides a marriage date and list of children corresponding to those listed in a copy of a family Bible uploaded by Ancestry user Jennifer Ebeling, *Eldred Family Tree (The New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ... [Saratoga Springs: G. M. Davison, 1826])* [hereafter *Eldred Bible*]. The same date of death and age at death for Huldah are recorded in that Bible.

²⁷⁸ *Eldred Bible*: "William Eldred Married To Huldah Townson December 18th 1788."

²⁷⁹ *Eldred BET* gives William a "probable" ancestry of Capt. Joseph⁴, William³, Capt. John², Samuel¹, and a birthdate of 3 May 1765.

²⁸⁰ *Highland Cemetery*: William Edward [sic] Eldred, d. 2 March 1846, age 80y 11m 9d. [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 117236248. *Eldred Bible* has the same date and age at death. *Eldred BET* gives William Eldred a birthdate of 3 May 1765.

²⁸¹ Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 32, says that Amasa and Phebe had an unnamed "daughter who married in Hancock, to Silas Gardner."

²⁸² *Vermont: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1700–2008* ([AmericanAncestors.org](#)), Deaths B to 1871, image 17981: Lois Brace, widowed, age 88y 11m 13d, b. Townsend [sic], father Samuel [sic] Townsend, mother Phebe. The following image has her as Lois F. Brace, age 89, wife of Joseph Brace. Gravestone image on [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 20226103.

²⁸³ In the 1790 U.S. census (Hancock, Berkshire Co., Mass., 283), Silas Gardner was listed with 1 male 16 and over, 1 male under 16, and 1 female.

²⁸⁴ *R.I. Vital Extracts*, vol. 01, image 446 of 637: [West Greenwich marriages] Caleb Gardiner, of South Kingstown, son of Benjamin, dec., and Almy Aylesworth of West Greenwich, dau. of Aughter, Jr., (Arthur); m. 18 March 1761. The gravestones of Caleb B. Gardner and his wife Amy (called "Amy Ayelsworth wife of Cap. Caleb B. Gardner") are in Gardner Cemetery, Hancock ([FindaGrave.com](#), memorial nos. 107945471 and 107945524).

²⁸⁵ Will and probate of Caleb B. Gardner of Hancock, Mass. (will dated 29 July, proved 2 Sept. 1806) (Berkshire Co., Mass. probate file no. 2459; images on [AmericanAncestors.org](#)). Among the other legatees was Caleb's wife Amy.

²⁸⁶ Tutelles et curatelles, district judiciaire de Montreal, 17 Oct. 1808 – 15 Nov. 1808 (FSL DGS 8583287 images 567–570). Lois said that she and Silas had eight children living (Peregrine,

ently ended (whether by divorce or the death of her estranged husband), as she m. (2) at Berkshire, Vt., 25 Sept. 1817, JOSEPH BRACE.^[287]

- viii. CALVIN TOWNSEND, b. Mass. (prob. Hancock) abt. 1775;^[288] d. 7 Feb. 1862 “in the 87 year of his age,” bur. South Hartford Cemetery, South Hartford, Washington Co., N.Y.;^[289] m. MARY “POLLY” COVELL, b. N.Y. abt. 1780,^[290] dau. of Jonathan and Mary (____) Covell;^[291] d. 31 March 1867 age 87, bur. South Hartford Cemetery.^[292]

7. **RICHARD³ TOWNSEND** (*Jonathan², Martin¹*), born in Hebron, Connecticut, 28 September 1731;^[293] married in Colchester, Connecticut, 6 June 1751, **NANCY** or **MARY STEWART**.^[294]

Children of Richard³ and Nancy or Mary (Stewart) Townsend:

- i. HULDAH⁴ TOWNSEND, b. Litchfield, Conn., 31 Dec. 1752;^[295] app. d. young.
- ii. HULDAH TOWNSEND (again), b. Litchfield, 26 June 1754;^[296] nothing further known.

8. **TIMOTHY³ TOWNSEND** (*Jonathan², Martin¹*), born probably in Hebron, Connecticut, about 1734/5 (or possibly about 1737/8; see below); died 14 March 1832 age 97, buried in Flatbrook Cemetery in Flatbrook, Columbia Co., New York.^[297] He married first **ELIZABETH** _____, born about 1741/2; died

Clarissa, Olive, Sylvester, Mary, Minerva, Aima, and Caleb), the eldest 18, and five under 12.

²⁸⁷ Vital records of Berkshire, Franklin Co., Vt., 266 (FSL DGS 5458757 image 149): “Joseph Brace & Lois Garner both of Durham.”

²⁸⁸ The birthplace of Calvin “Townsend” in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses was given as Mass. (1850, Hartford, Washington Co., N.Y., 267b; 1860, Hartford, Washington Co., N.Y., 110).

²⁸⁹ [FindAGrave.com](#), memorial no. 27216934: Calvin “Townson.”

²⁹⁰ She was enumerated as “Polly,” age 70, b. N.Y., in 1850, and “Martha” [*sic*], age 80, b. N.Y., in 1860, in the households of “Calvin Townsind” (see above).

²⁹¹ In the will of Jonathan “Covill” of Hartford, Washington Co., N.Y., dated 30 May 1829, he named among others wife Patience and daughter Polly Townsend (Washington Co., N.Y. wills, 7:270–272; FSL DGS 5116664 images 416–417). Patience was his second wife—Mary, wife of Jonathan Covell, d. 22 Aug. 1816 age 69 and was bur. in Hartford (*Hartford N.Y. Gravestones*, 115:205; the burial of Jonathan Covell, d. 24 July 1831 age 82, is on the same page). Isabella Brayton and John B. Norton, *The Story of Hartford A History* (Hartford, N.Y., 1929), 172, identifies Jonathan Covell’s (first) wife as Mary Pickens. A sketch of Joseph Townson (b. Hartford, N.Y., 20 Aug. 1806), a son of Calvin, calls Calvin’s wife “Miss Polly Covell, of Washington County... a daughter of Jonathan Covell, who was born in New England, of English parentage, while his wife was a native of Holland” (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Jackson County, Michigan* [Chicago, 1890], 350–352).

²⁹² [FindAGrave.com](#), memorial no. 27216951: Mary wife of Calvin Townson.

²⁹³ *Barbour Collection*, Hebron, 142 (citing 1:13): Richard Townsend, s. Jonathan.

²⁹⁴ *Conn. Church Records*, Colchester, 299 (image 302 of 355): Richard Townsend m. Mary Stewart (citing 4:50), also Richard Townsend m. Nancy Stewart “Overwritten to read ‘Mary’” (citing 4:52); both have the same date. The name of Richard’s wife is “Nancy” in their daughters’ birth records.

²⁹⁵ Litchfield, Conn. vital records, 1:79 (FSL DGS 7734299 image 110): Huldah Daughter to Richard & Nancy Townsen.

²⁹⁶ Litchfield, Conn. vital records, 1:79 (FSL DGS 7734299 image 110): Huldah Daughter to Richard and Nancy Townsen.

²⁹⁷ [FindAGrave.com](#), memorial no. 29239636.

Canaan, Columbia Co., New York, 27 May 1809 age 66,^[298] buried in Flatbrook Cemetery.^[299] Timothy married second probably by 1810 _____, died in Canaan, 9 April 1815.^[300] He married third in the fall of that year _____,^[301] died in Canaan, 2 September 1822.^[302] He married there fourth, 3 February 1827, **MARY OLMSTEAD**,^[303] born about 1758/9; died 29 April 1831 age 72, buried in the Methodist churchyard at Queechy in Canaan.^[304]

Timothy Townsend appeared in the 1790 U.S. census in Canaan as the head of a household of nine.^[305] In the 1800 census, Timothy was recorded in Canaan as the head of a household of a household of 12 with one male and one female 45 and over.^[306] He acquired land in Champion, Jefferson Co., New York, which he and his wife “Betty” sold to (their son) Josiah Townsend of that town on 22 April 1809 for the sum of \$1.^[307] In the 1810 census, Timothy was

²⁹⁸ Royden Woodward Vosburgh, ed., *Records of the Congregational Church and Society of New Canaan at Canaan Four Corners in the town of Canaan, Columbia County, N.Y.* (New York, 1919) [hereafter *New Canaan Church Records*], 101: “Mrs. Betsey Townsend of a bilious fever, 66 years.”

²⁹⁹ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 29239635: “Mrs Elizabeth Townsen Wife of Mr Timothy Townsen who departed this life May 27th, 1809, in the 67th Year of her age.”

³⁰⁰ *New Canaan Church Records*, 106: “Mrs. Townsend, Consort of Mr. Tim^y. Townsend.” As noted below, the 1810 census recorded a woman of an age to be his wife in his household.

³⁰¹ In the fall of 1815 Martin I. Townsend, age 5, met his great-great uncle Timothy, who was then age 80. In his family history, he said that Timothy was “on a wedding trip, having just married Mary (or Molly), half sister of the author’s grandmother” (Townsend, *The English Townsends*, 33). However, it seems he may have misremembered the name and identity of this third wife. Martin I. Townsend’s grandmothers were born in the 1760s, a generation after Timothy. Martin’s grandmother, Mary “Polly” Adams, was the daughter of Eliashib and Betsey (Phillips) Adams. After the death of his first wife, Eliashib married (2) Mary “Molly” Webb. Their children, half siblings of Martin’s grandmother, were born between 1768 and 1780 and did not include a Mary or Molly (Andrew N. Adams, *A Genealogical History of Henry Adams of Braintree, Mass...* [Rutland, Vt., 1898], 539). The list of Eliashib Adams’s children includes Martin I. Townsend’s grandmother Mary Adams, but the list of half siblings does not include anyone who could have married Timothy Townsend. It is likely that the name Mary/Molly that Martin recalled was that of the second spouse of his grandfather. If Timothy’s third wife was a Palmer (see below), perhaps she was related to her new stepdaughter Clarissa (Townsend) Palmer’s husband, and this link was the source of Martin’s distorted recollection of a prior family connection.

She was likely the Eunice Townsend who, with her husband Timothy Townsend, signed off on a deed from Samuel Palmer of Canaan and Anna his wife to Billy Hibbard of property in Canaan on 14 May 1821, with Clarissa Palmer as one of the witnesses (Columbia Co., N.Y. deeds, U:140–141; FSL DGS 7120574 image 425). While not stated in the document, it would seem that Eunice and Timothy had some right to the land in question, suggesting that Eunice may have been a Palmer by birth or previous marriage.

³⁰² *New Canaan Church Records*, 110: “Mrs. Townsend, wife of T. T. of a fall.”

³⁰³ See the discussion below.

³⁰⁴ Milton Halsey Thomas, *Gravestone Inscriptions Columbia County, New York*, vol. 3 (typescript; Troy, N.Y., 1923), 7: Mary, wife of Timothy Townsend, d. 29 Apr. 1831 aged 72. A difficult-to-read image of the gravestone is on [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 23465954.

She was perhaps Mary Olmsted, dau. of William and Mary (Cone) Olmsted, b. 20 April 1761 in East Haddam, Conn. (her father d. in Canaan, N.Y., in 1811) (*Barbour Collection*, East Haddam, 134 [citing LR3:18]; Henry King Olmsted and George K. Ward, *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family in America...* [New York, 1912], 29).

³⁰⁵ 1790 U.S. Census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 222: 2 males 16-over, 3 males under 16, 4 females.

³⁰⁶ 1800 U.S. Census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 1232.

³⁰⁷ Jefferson Co., N.Y. deeds, F:281 (FSL DGS 717827 image 153). Witnesses were Jonathan Warner and Jonathan Loomis Jr. This was the “easterly” half of subdivision lot 4, great lot 23, in the town of Champion. The “westerly” half had been sold by Timothy Townsend (Jr.) and his wife Salome the preceding month (see below).

recorded in Canaan as the head of a household of 2, a male and a female both 45 and over, suggesting that Timothy had already remarried.^[308] In the 1820 census, Timothy and his third wife were doubtless the male and female 45 and over in Timothy's household of two.^[309]

On 3 February 1827, five years after the death of his third wife, Timothy married for the fourth time. The event gained some notoriety due to the ages of the bride and groom. A notice in the *New York Evening Post* read, "MARRIED, In Canaan on the 3d inst. By the Rev. Mr. Hall, Mr. Timothy Townsend, aged *eighty-nine* to Mrs. Mary Olmstead, aged *sixty-nine*, both of that town."^[310] A more detailed and colorful account appeared in the *Auburn Free Press*:

Mr. Townsend was one of the first settlers in Canaan, having lived there about 70 years. He buried three wives and now has become the husband of the fourth in his second childhood. After the guests had assembled, nearly 3 hours were spent in settling the conditions of their union, when a compromise was made and they were joined in "Hymen's bonds." No goose so grey, but soon or late, may find a silly gander for a mate.^[311]

Mary Olmstead was said to be 69 years old, which would make her year of birth about 1757. There was an apparent discrepancy with respect to Timothy's age—according to the inscription on his gravestone he was "aged 97" when he died in 1832, which (if accurate) would have made his age at marriage about 92 rather than 89. It is possible that his age at death was exaggerated.

Timothy "Townsen" of Canaan wrote his will on 24 July 1823, about 10 months after the death of his third wife.^[312] He added a codicil to the will on 13 March 1828, not, as might be expected, to account for his recent marriage, but rather to disinherit one of his children; there is no mention made of his fourth wife in the codicil. Timothy's original will directed that his debts and expenses be "punctually and speedily paid" and a tombstone erected, with value not to exceed \$25. The balance of his estate was to be divided equally among his children or their heirs. In this will, Timothy's children were named as Lucy Loomis, Anne White, Lydia Stevens, Clarissa Palmer, Jonathan Townsend ("Townsen"), Josiah Townsend, Timothy Townsend Jr., Elice Griffing (apparently deceased), and Betsey Barnes (deceased). Any disputes were to be settled by the two men named as executors (Uriah Edwards and Jirah Dean) and a third man to be chosen by them. In the codicil, without expressing any reason or rationale, Timothy revoked the bequest to Clarissa Palmer and stated that it be "expressly understood and declared" that Clarissa or her heirs were "not to receive any part" of his "real or personal estate." Executor Uriah Edwards summarized the family situation of the testator on 9 April 1832:

Timothy Townson late of the town of Canaan... died on the fourteenth day of March AD 1832 at his residence... unmarried at the time of his decease... his heirs at law & next of kin him surviving are (as near as your petitioner is able to

³⁰⁸ 1810 U.S. Census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 638.

³⁰⁹ 1820 U.S. Census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 13.

³¹⁰ *New York Evening Post*, 19 Feb. 1827, p. 3.

³¹¹ *Auburn Free Press*, 28 Feb. 1827 (as transcribed on WellsWooster.com; link now defunct).

³¹² Columbia Co., N.Y. wills, F:469–471 (FSL DGS 5512723 images 469–470); probate documents on FSL DGS 7327815 images 11–25.

ascertain) the children of Lydia Stevens deceased a daughter of Testator Most of whom Reside in the town of Chatham in said County [Columbia], Jonathan, Josiah & Timothy his sons of the County of Jefferson or Lewis in the state of New York, Lucy Loomis daughter of deceased of the County of Oneida in said State, ~~The heirs of Anna White~~ Griffing wife of William Griffing (& daughter of Testator) of the County Greene, The children of Ellis Griffing a deceased (daughter of Testator) who reside in said County of Greene, Fanny Barnes a grand daughter of Testator a pauper of the County of Cayuga & Erastus Townsen son of Testator of the state of Indiana...

The children of Lydia (Townsend) Stevens were apparently the “Elis C. Van Ness, Jane M. Stevens, Anson B. Stevans & Laura Stevens The next of kin to Timothy Townsen late of the town of Canaan” summoned to appear on 9 April 1832.

Children of Timothy³ and Elizabeth (____) Townsend (order uncertain):

- i. ELIZABETH⁴ TOWNSEND, d. by 1823; m. _____ BARNES. They were doubtless the parents of “Fanny” Barnes, “pauper of the County of Cayuga,” named as a granddaughter and heir of Timothy Townsend in 1832.
- ii. LUCY TOWNSEND, d. prob. Oneida Co., N.Y., aft. 9 April 1832; m. _____ LOOMIS.

Thus far the contemporaneous records take us as cited above. An 1870 history of the Loomis family says of Lucy Townsend that she d. Jan. 1835 age 72 (so b. abt. 1762) and m. 1780 Jonathan Loomis (1751–1825) of Egremont, Mass., and Vienna (Oneida Co.), N.Y., son of David and Rachel (Judd) Loomis, and had 10 children b. 1784–1805.^[313] This identity for Lucy’s husband is supported by census records and later associations. Jonathan Loomis was enumerated in Canaan in 1790,^[314] 1800,^[315] and 1810,^[316] and in Oneida Co., N.Y., in 1820,^[317] fitting both the location of Lucy Townsend’s family in Canaan and the statement that she was living in Oneida Co. in 1832. In 1817, Jonathan Loomis and Erastus Townsend were both listed as owning property in the Servis Patent of the Holland Land Company (in Oneida Co.). In the case of “Jonathan Loomis & Jonathan Loomis Jr.,” on 6 May it was recorded that they owned part of lot 136, owing \$394.40 in principal and \$55.22 in interest: “49 ¼ acre, 5 acs. Cleared, two log houses; J. Loomis Jr. run off, leaving his father, an old man, He not able to pay, will sell if not the whole, at least the greatest part, to make a paymt. next Spring.” For Erastus Townsend, it was recorded on 24 June that he owned part of lot

³¹³ Elias Loomis, *The Descendants of Joseph Loomis...* (New Haven, 1870), 43, 66, 114–115. This is repeated with some additional information in *Loomis Genealogy*, 178, 239.

³¹⁴ 1790 U.S. Census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 222 (listed directly before Timothy Townsend): Jonathan Lummis, 1 male 16-over, 3 males under 16, 1 female.

³¹⁵ 1800 U.S. Census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 56 (1232): Jonathan Loomis, 2 males 0–9, 2 males 10–15, 1 male 16–25, 2 males 45-over, 1 female 0–9, 1 female 10–15, 1 female 16–25, 1 female 26–44, 1 female 45-over. Timothy Townsend is listed on the same page.

³¹⁶ 1810 U.S. Census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 641 (643): Jonathan Loomis, 1 male 0–9, 2 males 10–15, 1 male 16–25, 1 male 45-over, 2 females 0–9, 1 female 10–15, 1 female 45-over.

³¹⁷ 1820 U.S. Census, Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N.Y., 212: Jonathan Loomis, 1 male 10–15, 1 male 16–18, 2 males 16–25, 2 males 26–44, 1 male 45-over, 1 female 16–25, 1 female 45-over.

145, owing \$450.85 in principal and \$138.15 in interest, and had “74 ¼ acres, 25 acres cleared, a new unfinished frame house, a frame Barn, a log house, good improvements, but unable to pay having a large family to maintain, is obliged to sell if he can.”^[318]

- iii. JONATHAN TOWNSEND, b. Mass. abt. July 1765;^[319] d. 20 April 1854 age 88y 9m, bur. Sandy Loam Cemetery, Calcium, Jefferson Co., N.Y.;^[320] m. (1) by 1791^[321] ORANGE FOX, b. East Haddam, Conn., 8 Sept. 1772, dau. of David and Elizabeth (Gates) Fox;^[322] d. 25 April 1827 age 47y 6m, bur. Sandy Loam Cemetery;^[323] m. (2) by 1850 MARY (____) DAVIS, b. N.Y. abt. 1775/6; d. prob. Pamela, Jefferson Co., N.Y., abt. 1852.^[324]
- iv. CLARISSA TOWNSEND, d. aft 1828; m. by 1821 _____ PALMER.
- v. JOSIAH TOWNSEND, b. Mass., 12 March 1770 (calc.); d. 19 March 1860 age 90y 7d, bur. Champion Huddle Cemetery, Champion, Jefferson Co., N.Y.;^[325] m. DOLLY PARKER, b. Conn., 11 Aug. 1769 (calc.); d. 28 Nov. 1856 age 87y 3m 17d, bur. Champion Huddle Cemetery.^[326]
- vi. ANNE TOWNSEND, d. aft. 9 April 1832; m. (1) _____ WHITE; app. m. (2) betw. 24 July 1823 and 9 April 1832 WILLIAM GRIFFING of Greene Co., N.Y., perhaps the widower of her sister Alice (see below).
- vii. LYDIA TOWNSEND, d. prob. Chatham, Columbia Co., N.Y., betw. 24 July 1823 and 9 April 1832; m. (prob. JOHN W.) STEVENS.^[327]

As noted above, Uriah Edwards reported on 9 April 1832 that Lydia (Townsend) Stevens was dead, with her children mostly residing in Chatham, Columbia Co., N.Y. On two occasions Uriah Edwards sold property which probably formerly belonged to Lydia and her husband, though no record has been found of his acquisition of those properties. On 15 March 1828, Uriah Edwards and Betsey his wife of Canaan sold to Ambrose Chapman ¾ acre in Canaan, “it being the same premises Deeded Uriah Edwards by John W. Stevens & Lydia his wife.”^[328] On 1

³¹⁸ Holland Land Company Records, Servis Patent, 1817, 10 (FSL DGS 8345897 image 218).

³¹⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, Pamela, Jefferson Co., N.Y., : Johnathan Townsend (85, Farmer, b. Mass.), Mary [Townsend] (74, b. N.Y.), and Sylvanus Leisure (14, b. N.Y.).

³²⁰ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 83640493.

³²¹ Their oldest known child Luna (Townsend) Page was b. abt. 1791 (FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 55941715).

³²² *Barbour Collection*, East Haddam, 76 (citing 2:72): Orange Fox, d. Daniel & Elisabeth; 75 (citing 2:72): Daniel Fox m. Elisabeth Gates 12 Nov. 1761. William Freeman Fox, *Daniel Fox of East Haddam, Ct. and Some of His Descendants* (Albany, 1890), 8–9.

³²³ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 83640497.

³²⁴ Jonathan's probate documents include testimony that his wife had died a year before his will was written in 1853 and that by her first husband she had a son Harry Davis and daughter Harriet, wife of John N. Van Amber (Jefferson Co., N.Y. wills, 3:190–214; FSL DGS 5116390 images 124–136).

³²⁵ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 64254503.

³²⁶ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 64254504. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Gratiot County, Michigan* (Chicago, 1884), 180–181: brief sketch of Almon Townsend, giving his parents as Josiah and Dolly (Parker) Townsend, “natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut respectively.”

³²⁷ Besides the evidence below for the Stevens husband of Lydia being named John W., the gravestone of “Joel E. son of John W. & Lydia Stevens 1823 10 yrs.” was recorded in the “cemetery on the old Bradley Nichols place” on the road to North Chatham, Columbia Co., N.Y. (Harriet H. K. van Alstyne, *Columbia County, New York Cemeteries: Private and Scattered* [typescript; Kinderhook, N.Y., 1932–1938], 20; FSL DGS 8619375 image 201).

³²⁸ Columbia Co., N.Y. deeds, X1:80–81 (FSL DGS 7120577 image 46).

Jan. 1835, Uriah Edwards of Canaan and Betsey Edwards his wife sold to Jeremiah King “all that Certain piece or parcel of Land and Buildings formerly owned and occupied by John Stevens deceased and lying Both sides of the highway leading from flat Brook... to the first Presbyterian Church at Canaan Center... Containing by Estimation Forty five Acres.”^[329]

viii. ALICE TOWNSEND, d. perhaps Greene Co., N.Y., bef. 24 July 1823; m. _____ GRIFFING.

As noted above, Alice’s children were said to be living in Greene Co., N.Y., in 1832. According to an 1881 Griffing genealogy, Alice Townsend d. 6 Oct. 1818, having married on 19 Jan. 1798 William Griffing (1776–1855), son of Timothy and Thankful (Chittenden) Griffing. No mention is made of any subsequent marriage to Anne (Townsend) White.^[330]

ix. TIMOTHY TOWNSEND, b. abt. 1780;^[331] d. prob. Jefferson Co., N.Y., between 1840 and 1850;^[332] m. by 1809^[333] SALOME DAVIS, b. Mass. abt. 1784,^[334] dau. of Jesse Davis;^[335] d. Pamela, Jefferson Co., N.Y., Sept. 1859 age 75.^[336]

x. (poss.) GURDON TOWNSEND, b. say 1782; d. app. between 1810 and 1820.^[337]

³²⁹ Columbia Co., N.Y. deeds, U:414–415 (FSL DGS 7120574 image 562).

³³⁰ Clara J. Stone, *Genealogy of the Descendants of Jasper Griffing*, (N.Y.?, 1881), 73–74.

³³¹ If his apparent ages in the 1810–1840 censuses were accurate (see next note).

³³² Timothy Townsend was the head of household in the following U.S. Censuses: **1810** (Lewis Co., N.Y., 697): 1 male 0–9, 1 male 26–44, 1 female 0–9, 1 female 16–25; **1820** (Pamelia, Jefferson Co., N.Y., 457): 2 males 0–9, 1 male 10–15, 1 male 26–44, 2 females 0–9, 1 female 26–44; **1830** (Orleans, Jefferson Co., N.Y., 311): 1 male 0–4, 2 males 5–9, 1 male 40–49, 1 female 10–14, 1 female 15–19, 1 female 30–39 [*sic*, should be 40–49]; and **1840** (Adams, Jefferson Co., N.Y., 10): 1 male 15–19, 1 male 60–69, 1 female 20–29, 1 female 50–59. As noted below, in 1850 Salome was living in the household of (her probable son) Jesse Townsend.

³³³ On 10 March 1809, “Timothy Townsend of the town of Denmark County of Lewis State of New York & Salome his wife” sold to George L. Coughlin “the Westerly half of subdivision Lot Number Four in Great Lot Number twenty three” in Champion, Jefferson Co.; one of the witnesses was Jonathan Townsend (Jefferson Co., N.Y. deeds, E:238–239; FSL DGS 7178726 image 325). As noted above, this Timothy’s parents, Timothy and “Betty” Townsend of Canaan, sold the other half of that lot to their son Josiah Townsend the following month.

³³⁴ 1850 U.S. Census, Pamela, Jefferson Co., N.Y., 480 (240b): Jesse Townsend (24, Farmer, b. N.Y.), Saloma [Townsend] (65, b. Mass.), Losilla [Townsend] (30, b. N.Y.). This was doubtless the Jesse D. Townsend who with his wife Nancy sold an acre of land in Le Ray, Jefferson Co., to “Saloma” Townsend 5 Aug. 1852 (Jefferson Co., N.Y., deeds, 108:241–424; FSL DGS 7178713 images 469–470).

³³⁵ The will of Jesse Davis of Alexandria, Jefferson Co., N.Y., was dated 25 Nov. 1830 (Jefferson Co., N.Y. wills, A:177; FSL DGS 5116388 image 177). In it he named wife Sarah Davis, oldest son John, son Delos, son Jesse, son Paul, daughter Senath, daughter Salomay, daughter Jane, daughter Sarah, and sons Alvin and Albert. The will was proved 16 Jan. 1839 by Albert H. Davis of Alexandria, signed by heirs Asenath Comstock, Paul Davis, Delos Davis, John Davis, Jesse Davis, and Jane Comstock, with a note dated 22 Feb. 1839 that Albert H. Davis could not locate the other heir, Salome Townsend, wife of Timothy Townsend (Jefferson Co., N.Y., probate records, Box D 1–3; FSL DGS 7330582 images 118–136).

³³⁶ 1860 U.S. Mortality Schedule, Pamela, Jefferson Co., N.Y., 1 (671a): Saloma Townsend, age 75, widow, d. Sept. of “Old age.”

³³⁷ Gurdon Townsend (1 male 26–44 and 1 female 16–25) was listed in the 1810 U.S. Census (Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 639), directly between Timothy Townsend (Sr.) and Erastus Townsend. He was not listed in prior or subsequent censuses.

- xi. ERASTUS TOWNSEND, b. 6 June 1784 (calc.); d. 20 Feb. 1837 age 52y 8m 14d, bur. Townsend Cemetery, Patoka Twp., Gibson Co., Ind.,^[338] m. SUSAN _____, b. 16 Sept. 1783 (calc.); d. 17 Oct. 1860 age 77y 1m 1d, bur. Townsend Cemetery.^[339]

Erastus was not mentioned in his father's will, but in the probate of that will and estate he was named as Timothy's son by Uriah Edwards in 1832, living in Indiana (see above). Erastus Townsend was enumerated in Canaan in 1810 (3 males 0–9, 1 male 26–44, and 1 female 16–26)^[340] and in Gibson Co., Ind., in 1830 (1 male 0–4, 1 male 5–9, 1 male 15–19, 2 males 20–29, 1 male 40–49, 1 female 10–14, and 1 female 40–49).^[341]

On 17 Jan. 1805, Erastus Townsend of Canaan, N.Y., purchased 116 ¼ acres in Champion, Oneida Co., N.Y.;^[342] he already owned land there worth \$125 for which he was taxed \$0.62 in 1804.^[343] On 26 Oct. 1814, Erastus Townsend of Trenton, Oneida Co., N.Y., purchased 30 acres in that town; he and his wife Susan sold them 22 April 1818.^[344] See above under his sister Lucy for a record of his condition in Oneida Co. in 1817. Erastus Townsend purchased 80 acres in Gibson Co., Ind., on 26 July 1827.^[345] On 29 Jan. 1833, "Erastus Townsend of the County of Gibson in the State of Indiana by Uriah Edwards his Attorney" sold 12 acres in Canaan, N.Y., doubtless inherited after his father Timothy's death.^[346]

John D'Alessandro (john@dalassandro1.ca) is a retired business professional who holds a Combined Honours BA in Political Science and History and is now engaged in genealogical research. His current research focuses on the previously undiscovered colonial ancestry of his spouse, Laurie (Peirce) D'Alessandro, who is a direct descendant of Martin of Watertown and many other early New England progenitors. John was a contributor to American Ancestors' Western Massachusetts Families in 1790 study project. John lives on the shores of Lake St. Clair in St. Joachim, Ontario, Canada.

³³⁸ Cemetery Records (with photographs of headstones) for Gibson Co., Ind. (ingenweb.org/ingibson/gibcem_w_photos.html), Patoka, Townsend [hereafter *Townsend Patoka Cemetery*].

³³⁹ *Townsend Patoka Cemetery*. Her maiden surname is given as Bull in the notes here and elsewhere, though no primary evidence for this has been found.

³⁴⁰ 1810 U.S. Census, Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y., 639.

³⁴¹ 1830 U.S. Census, Gibson Co., Ind., 133.

³⁴² Oneida Co., N.Y. deeds, 12:90 (FSL DGS 7119043 image 361).

³⁴³ *New York, U.S., Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804* (Ancestry.com), Oneida, 1804, Champion, image 4 of 5.

³⁴⁴ Oneida Co., N.Y. deeds, 26:299–300, 30:259–260 (FSL DGS 7119050 images 469–470, 7119052 images 430–431).

³⁴⁵ Registers of Cash Certificates: Knox Land Sale Records 1820–1837 (FSL DGS 113966469 image 35).

³⁴⁶ Columbia Co., N.Y. deeds, T:249 (FSL DGS 7120574 image 156).

The English Ancestry of Anne¹ Needham of Boston, Massachusetts, Wife of Thomas¹ Hett

Randy A. West

Anne¹ Needham of Boston, Massachusetts, immigrated to New England with the Winthrop Fleet in 1630. She was admitted to the Boston church in the winter of 1630-1 and by 1637 had married Thomas¹ Hett.^[1] She was buried in Phipps Street Burial Ground in Charlestown, Massachusetts; her gravestone reads “Here Lyes Y^e Body Of Ann Hett Aged 75 Years Deceased Y^e 30 Of November 1688.”^[2] Anne’s year of birth as calculated from her gravestone is about 1613. Her English origin has remained unknown.^[3]

A search of English parish registers returned the baptismal record in Spalding, Lincolnshire, on 28 October 1613 of “Ann y^e Daughter of Ismaell Needham.”^[4] Further research of this family showed that Anne had a brother named Beeston who executed his will on 15 November 1637 in which he made a bequest to “my sister Anne sometime the wife of Thomas Heate in New England” (see below).

The above information is used in the following genealogical summaries of the ancestry of Anne (Needham) Hett.

Genealogical Summary: Needham

ISMAEL^A NEEDHAM was born about 1589 (marriage license with his first wife). He married first in Spalding, Lincolnshire, on 11 February 1612/3, **ANNE HOBSON** (see below)^[5] by license dated 28 January 1612/3 as “Ishmael Needham, of Spalding, mercer, aet. 23, & Alice [*sic*] Hobson, of same sp[*inste*]_r, aet. 19, dau. of Geo. Hobson, of same, butcher, dec[*ease*]_d.”^[6] She was buried on 2 March 1625/6 in Spalding as “Anne the wife of Ismaell Needham Mercer.”^[7] Ismael married second in Spalding on 20 November 1626 **LYDIA COLBORN**^[8] by license dated 17 November 1626.^[9] The inventory of “y^e goodes and chattles

¹ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Winthrop Fleet: Massachusetts Bay Company Immigrants to New England, 1629–1630* (Boston, 2012), 489–490 (sketch of Anne Needham).

² [FindAGrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35677100), memorial no. 35677100. An image of this appears on the cover of this issue.

³ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1640*, 2nd ed. (Boston, 2025), 260.

⁴ Register of St. Mary & St. Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire, 1538–1656 (images on [FindMyPast.com](https://www.findmypast.com)) [hereafter *Spalding PRs*], image 86 of 202.

⁵ *Spalding PRs*, image 85: “Ismaell Nedam & Ann Hobson.”

⁶ A. Gibbons, ed., *Lincoln Marriage Licences, An Abstract of the Allegation Books Preserved in the Registry of the Bishop of Lincoln, 1598–1628* (London, 1888) [hereafter *Lincoln Marriage Licences*], 23.

⁷ *Spalding PRs*, image 107.

⁸ *Spalding PRs*, image 108: “Ismaell Needham and Lydya Coleborne.”

⁹ *Lincoln Marriage Licences*, 131: “Ismael Needham, of Spaldinge, mercer, & Lidea Colborne, of same, sp[*inste*]_r.”

of Ishmael Nedham of Melborne in Darbieshire deceased Decem: y^e 4th 1635” was taken on 7 December 1635.^[10] Administration “of the goods, which were of Ismael Needham, late of the parish of Melborne” was granted on 18 December 1635 to “Lydia Needham, relict of the said deceased.”^[11]

Children of Ismael^A and Anne (Hobson) Needham (bp. Spalding):^[12]

- i. ANNE¹ NEEDHAM, bp. 28 Oct. 1613; d. Charlestown, Mass., 30 Nov. 1688;^[13] m. by 1637 THOMAS¹ HETT, bp. Folkingham, Lincolnshire, 27 Dec. 1611, son of Thomas^A and Anne (Shearson) Hett;^[14] d. Charlestown, 6 June 1668.^[15] Their later history and children are documented elsewhere.^[16]
- ii. BEESTON NEEDHAM, bp. 26 Feb. 1614/5; bur. Boston, Lincolnshire, 18 Nov. 1637.^[17] The will of “Beetson [*sic*] Needham of Boston in the County of Lincoln Mercer,” dated 15 Nov. 1637 and proved 15 Dec. 1637, gave to “my brother George Needham of Boston... Twenty pounds... my sister Anne sometime the wife of Thomas Heate in New England... Ten pounds... my sister Elizabeth Needham late of Melborne in the county of Leic[ester] [*sic*]... Ten pounds... my master m^r John Marshall... Twenty pounds... my said master m^r John Marshall[’s] foure Children... Twenty pounds to be equallie devided amongst... them... my foure fellow servants Will[ia]m Kirkby John Wilkinson Margaret Wright and Mercy Southerne to each of them Fifty shillings... M^{rs} Ellen Coulson... Five pounds... All the Residue... to my said Master M^r John Marshall whom I do make the Executor.” Signed “Beeston Nedham.”^[18]
- iii. GEORGE NEEDHAM, bp. 9 June 1617; living 15 Nov. 1637 (his brother Beeston’s will).
- iv. ROBERT NEEDHAM, bp. 24 June 1619; bur. Spalding, 22 Jan. 1619/20.^[19]
- v. JOHN NEEDHAM, bp. 4 Jan. 1620/1; bur. Spalding, 9 Nov. 1621.^[20]
- vi. ELIZABETH NEEDHAM, bp. 8 Oct. 1622; living 15 Nov. 1637 (her brother Beeston’s will).

¹⁰ Consistory Court of Lichfield and Coventry, original probate documents, N–O, 1634–1639 (FSL DGS 7620942 images 75–76) [hereafter *Ismael Needham Inventory*].

¹¹ *Ismael Needham Inventory*, image 76 (translated from Latin by Simon Neal of London).

¹² *Spalding PRs*, images 86 (Anne), 88 (“Beeston y^e sonne of Ismaell Needham”), 92 (“George the sonne of Ismaell Nedeham”), 95 (“Robert the sonne of Ismaell Needham”), 97 (“John the sonne of Ismaell Needham”), and 100 (“Elizabeth the daught[e]r of Ismaell Needham”).

¹³ Roger D. Joslyn, ed., *Vital Records of Charlestown, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. in 3 (Boston, 1984–1995) [hereafter *Charlestown VRs*], 1:140: “Widow Ann Het, aged woman.”

¹⁴ Leslie Mahler, “The English Origin of Thomas Hett of Massachusetts Bay,” *Register* 155 (2001):357–358.

¹⁵ *Charlestown VRs*, 1:57: “Thomas Hett Senior of Charlstown, cooper.”

¹⁶ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1995), 2:915–918 (sketch of Thomas Hett).

¹⁷ *The Parish Registers of Boston in the County of Lincoln, Volume II, 1599–1638*, Publications of the Lincoln Record Society, vol. 3 (Horncastle, 1915), 197. St. Botolph, Boston, Lincolnshire, parish register, 1598–1638 (images on FindMyPast.com), image 96 of 103: “Beeston Needham.”

¹⁸ Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 1637 (vol. 134), fol. 20r–v (FSL DGS 8052494 images 42–43). The parish of Melbourne is in the county of Derby and on the border with the county of Leicester.

¹⁹ *Spalding PRs*, image 96: “Robert the sonne of Ismaell Needham.”

²⁰ *Spalding PRs*, image 99: “John the sonne of Ismaell Needham.”

Children of Ishmael^A and Lydia (Colborn) Needham (bp. Spalding):^[21]

vii. LYDIA NEEDHAM, bp. 23 Sept. 1627, bur. Spalding, 2 Oct. 1627^[22]

viii. JOHN NEEDHAM (again), bp. 21 April 1629, bur. Spalding, 16 June 1629.^[23]

Genealogical Summary: Hobson

1. **WILLIAM^C HOBSON** was born say 1520 (assuming age 25 at birth of eldest known child). His wife's name was **ELLEN** _____. He was buried in Spalding, Lincolnshire, 3 March 1560/70, as "willm Hobson Butcher."^[24] The will of "willm Hobson of Spalding in Holland in the countie of Lincoln," dated 27 February 1569[70] and proved 21 November 1571, gave to "John Hobson my sonne my howse that I nowe dwell in w[i]th my howse in westlaine... my wief shall have the said howse that I dwell in duringe her lief naturall yf she do not marrie... if she shall marrie... she shall have the same but for the space of x yeres... unto my said wief my best bed two of my best coverletts two of the best fetherbed w[i]th bolsters and pillowes to the same the best mattis... Alice Hobson my daughter one paire bedstocks one mattis one fetherbed one coveringe one bolster ij pillowes... vj paire shetes... two table clothes vj napkynes on towell one table w[i]th a frame one forme one litle forme two puter platters foure puter dishes two sawcers one candelsticke and one salte... Elizabeth Hobson my daughter one paire bedstocks one mattis one fetherbed one coveringe one bolster ij pillowes... vj paire shetes... two table clothes vj napkyns one towell one table and forme one litle forme two puter platters iiij puter dishes two sawcers one candelsticke and one salte... Julyan Hobson my daughter one paire bedstocks one mattis one fetherbed one coveringe one bolster ij pillowes... vj paire shets... two table clothes vj napkyns one towell one table one forme w[i]th one litle forme two puter platters iiij puter dishes two sawcers one candelsticke and one salte... unto everie of my said iij daughters x woll shepe and ij plancks... George Hobson my sonne tene pounds... when he shall come to lawfull age... unto the same George my sonne one round table w[i]th a carpit clothe to the same... all my painted clothes... be equallie devided betwene my said wief and my thre daughters... to ev[er]y my said daughters one brasse pote... to Alice my daughter one great cheste... to Elizabeth my daughter one chest... to Julyan my daughter one cheste... Katherine Spencer my s[er]vaunte one mattis ij paire shetes... one bolster one pillowe... one puter platter two puter dishes and one sawcer The residue of all my howshold stuffe... unto Helene my said wief... unto John Hobson my sonne whome I make my sole executor... I... constitute willm wilsby and Edmund Boytie sup[er]visors."^[25]

²¹ *Spalding PRs*, images 109 ("Lydda y^e daughter of Ismaell Needham mercer") and 112 ("John the sonne of Ismaell Nedham Mercer").

²² *Spalding PRs*, image 110: "Lydia the daughter of Ismaell Nedham."

²³ *Spalding PRs*, image 113: "John the sonne of Ismaell Nedham mercer."

²⁴ *Spalding PRs*, image 35.

²⁵ Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 1571, pt. 2 (vol. 46), fol. 32v–33v (FSL DGS 8052544 images 283–284).

His widow married second in Spalding on 20 June 1570 ROBERT SIMPSON.^[26] He was buried there on 31 December 1615.^[27] The will of “Rob[er]te Simpson of Spaldinge in the dioces of Lincoln yeoma[n],” dated 22 October 1577 and proved 15 April 1578, included “to Helline my wiffe... to John Hobson... ev[er]y one of John Hobson children... to george Hobson... to Julyan Hobson my wiffes daughter... to alice youle my wiffes daughter... to Thomas Robson & george Hobson whom I... make my full executors.”^[28] His widow was buried in Spalding on 20 June 1585 as “Elen Sympson widdowe.”^[29]

Children of William^c and Helen (____) Hobson (bp. Spalding):^[30]

- i. JOHN HOBSON, bp. 6 Dec. 1545; m. Spalding, 15 May 1569, KATHERINE WHITACRE.^[31] The will of “John Hobson of Spaldinge in the Countye of Lincoln yeoman,” dated 1 Nov. 1611 and proved 5 Feb. 1611/2, gave to, among others, “willm Hobson the sonne of the said willm my sonne,” “Morrys Hobson the sonne of the said willm Hobson my sonne,” “John Hobson the sonne of the saide willm my sonne,” “to [blank] Hobson the daughter of Edmund Hobson my sonne,” “Elizabeth Hobson the daughter of John Hobson my sonne,” “Mary Williams my daughter the wife of willm williams Clarke,” “Alice Dymocke my syster,” “George Hobson the sonne of my Brother George Hobson deceased,” “willm Hobson the sonne of the said George Hobson my brother,” “Thomas Hobson the eldest sonne of the said George my brother deceased” and “Anne Hobson the daughter of the said George my Brother.”^[32]
- ii. (poss.) JOAN HOBSON, bp. 23 Dec. 1547; no further record found.
- iii. ALICE HOBSON, bp. 31 Jan. 1548/9; bur. St. Nicholas, King’s Lynn, Norfolk, 22 Oct. 1623;^[33] m. (1) St. Margaret, King’s Lynn, 4 Aug. 1577, RICHARD YOULE/YOWLE;^[34] m. (2) St. Margaret, King’s Lynn, 21 Dec. 1592, FRANCIS DIMOCK,^[35] bur. there 13 April 1617.^[36]
- iv. (poss.) LAWRENCE HOBSON, bp. 20 Nov. 1553.
- v. ELIZABETH HOBSON, b. say 1554; living 27 Feb. 1569/[70] (her father’s will).
- 2 vi. GEORGE^b HOBSON, b. say 1556.

²⁶ *Spalding PRs*, image 35: “Rob[er]t Sympson & Ellyn Hobson.”

²⁷ *Spalding PRs*, image 43: “Rob[er]t Symson.”

²⁸ Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 1578 (vol. 58), fol. 115r–116r (FSL DGS 7905030 images 103–104).

²⁹ *Spalding PRs*, image 51.

³⁰ *Spalding PRs*, images 9 (“John Hobson”), 11 (“Jone Hobson”), 13 (“Alyce Hobson”), 19 (“Laurence Hobson”), 20 (“Katheren Hobson daughter of will[i]am”), and 23 (“Julyan Hobson daught[er] of will[ia]m”).

³¹ *Spalding PRs*, image 34: “John Hobson & Katteren Whitacre.”

³² Prerogative Court of Canterbury 14 Fenner (PROB 11/119 folios 112–114).

³³ Archdeacon’s transcripts for St. Nicholas, King’s Lynn, Norfolk, 1600–1696 (images on FindMyPast.com), image 14 of 85: “Alice Dimocke widow.”

³⁴ Register of St. Margaret, King’s Lynn, Norfolk, 1559–1678 (images on FindMyPast.com) [hereafter *St. Margaret King’s Lynn PRs, 1559–1678*], image 185 of 259: “Richard Yowle w[i]th Alice Hobson.”

³⁵ *St. Margaret King’s Lynn PRs, 1559–1678*, image 198 of 259: “Frauncys Damett w[i]th Alice yowle.”

³⁶ Register of St. Margaret, King’s Lynn, Norfolk, 1562–1653 (images on FindMyPast.com), image 144 of 215]: “Franncs Damett.”

- vii. KATHERINE HOBSON, bp. 19 Sept. 1557; bur. Spalding, 28 Sept. 1557.^[37]
- viii. JULIAN HOBSON, bp. 11 Feb. 1559/60; living 22 Oct. 1577 (her stepfather Robert Simpson's will).

2. **GEORGE^B HOBSON** (*William^C*) was born say 1556 (assuming age 25 at marriage). He married in Spalding, Lincolnshire, 3 July 1581, **AGNES** (_____) **BRINSTONE**.^[38] George was buried in Surfleet, Lincolnshire, 16 December 1599.^[39] The will of "George Hobson of Surflett in the County of Lincoln yeoman." dated 11 December, 42 Eliz. I [1599], and proved 2 April 1601, gave "to Thomas my sonne... at the full age of xxj yeares... to William my sonne... And I will that William Hobson my brothers sonne shall have the custody and bringing upp of the said William my sonne... to Georg my sonne... And I will that John Hobson my brothers sonne shall have the custody and bringing upp of the said George my sonne... to Anne my daughter... to be payd in and uppon the daye of hir marriage... my house and the ground under yt w[i]th the Appurtenancs in Spalding shalbe sould... my executrix shall deliv[er] to my brother John Hobson... one great lease of twenty acres land and pasture... granted from the Queenes Ma[jes]tie to be recieved in the name of Georg my sonne... All the Residewe... to agnes my wyfe whome I make my sole executrix... I make John Hobson my brother and William Hobson his sonne sup[er]visors."^[40]

Agnes (_____) (Brinstone) Hobson married third in Spalding on 4 July 1603 **MATHEW BEESTON**.^[41] He was buried there on 3 October 1615.^[42] The will of "Mathew Beiston of Spalding in the county of Lincoln yeoma[n]," dated 22 September 1615 and proved 23 November 1615, gave to "Agnes my wief... Beiston Needham the sonne of Ismaell Needham of Spalding two messuages lease being in wicke & 24 acres belonging to the said lease... w[hi]ch I boughte of Thomas Hobson my wieves sonne... will[ia]m Hobson my wieves sonne..." He named Beiston Needham the executor.^[43] Agnes was buried in Spalding on 17 October 1633.^[44]

Children of George^B and Agnes (_____) (Brinstone) Hobson (bp. Spalding):^[45]

- i. **THOMAS HOBSON**, bp. 10 Dec. 1582; living 1 Nov. 1611 (will of his uncle John Hobson).
- ii. **ANNE^A HOBSON**, bp. 8 March 1587/8; m. **ISMAEL^A NEEDHAM** (see above).

³⁷ *Spalding PRs*, image 21: "Katteren Hobson daughter of will[ia]m."

³⁸ *Spalding PRs*, image 47: "George Hobson & Agnes Brynstone vidua."

³⁹ Bishop's transcripts for Surfleet, Lincolnshire (FSL DGS 7905523 image 30): "georgius Hobsone."

⁴⁰ Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 1601, pt. 1 (vol. 89), fol. 125v-127r (FSL DGS 8052525 images 137-138).

⁴¹ *Spalding PRs*, image 72: "mathew Beeston & Anise Hobson."

⁴² *Spalding PRs*, image 90: "Mathew Beeston yeoman."

⁴³ Consistory Court of Lincoln, registered wills, 1615 (vol. 107), fol. 84r-85v (FSL DGS 8040482 images 111-113).

⁴⁴ *Spalding PRs*, image 121: "Agnes Beeston widdowe."

⁴⁵ *Spalding PRs*, images 48 ("Thomas Hobson y^e sonn of George"), 53 ("Ann y^e daughter of George Hobson"), 55 ("John the sonn of George Hobson," 1589/90), 57 ("will[ia]m the sonne of George Hobson"), 61 ("George y^e sonn of Georg[e] Hobson"), and 100 ("John y^e sonne of George Hobson," 1599).

- iii. JOHN HOBSON, bp. 1 March 1589/90; bur. Spalding 2 Sept. 1590.^[46]
- iv. WILLIAM HOBSON, bp. 22 Aug. 1591; living 24 May 1630 (administrator of his brother George's estate).
- v. GEORGE HOBSON, bp. 1 Jan. 1594/5. On 24 May 1630 "administration of the goods, etc., of George Hobson, deceased, late, while he was alive, the natural and lawful son of George Hobson, late of Surflet, woolman, deceased, to William Hobson of Spalding, the natural and lawful brother of the said George the son, deceased... With Anne Beeston *alias* Hobson, widow, the mother of the said George the son, renouncing..."^[47]
- vi. JOHN HOBSON (again), bp. 22 April 1599; d. by 11 Dec. 1599 (not mentioned in his father's will).

Randy A. West, FASG (746west@comcast.net), consulting editor for the Register, has an interest in discovering the English origins of seventeenth-century immigrants to New England.



⁴⁶ *Spalding PRs*, image 57: "John the sonn of George Hobson."

⁴⁷ Consistory Court of Lincoln, act books, vol. 10, fol. 32r (FSL DGS 8228740 image 45), translated from Latin by Simon Neal of London.

The Identity and Ancestry of the First Wife of Rev. Samuel¹ Whiting of Lynn, Massachusetts

Robert Battle

The history and connections of Rev. Samuel Whiting of Lynn, Massachusetts, have been written about for several hundred years. The first description in print of his early life and family appeared in Cotton Mather's *Magnalia Christi Americana* in 1702, which described Rev. Whiting's post-Cambridge career as follows:

Having proceeded Master of Arts, he... became a Chaplain to Sir Nathanael Bacon, and Sir Roger Townsend, where he did for Three Years... serve... in a Family, which had no less than Two Knights and Five Ladies in it. He next removed to Lyn, in the County of Norfolk, and spent another Three Years, as a Colleague... with... Mr. Price... leaving Lyn, he exercised his Ministry at Skirbick, near Boston in Lincolnshire... Having buried his First Wife, by whom he had Three Children, Two Sons, who died in England, and one Daughter afterwards matched with one Mr. Thomas Weld, in another Land, he married the Daughter of Mr. Oliver St. John.^[1]

Though more modern works have dealt further with Rev. Whiting's biography and the identity and ancestry of his second wife, the state of knowledge regarding his first wife remains largely at the point at which Mather left it—that he was married to someone by whom he had two sons who died young and a daughter who married Thomas Weld.^[2]

¹ Cotton Mather, *Magnalia Christi Americana: Or, the Ecclesiastical History of New-England, From Its First Planting in the Year 1620 unto the Year of our Lord, 1698* (London, 1702), book 3: 156–161 (esp. 156–157).

² William Whiting, *Memoir of Rev. Samuel Whiting, D.D., and of His Wife, Elizabeth St. John...* (Boston, 1873), 193: “By his first wife he had two sons and one daughter. His wife and sons died in England, his daughter was subsequently married (1650) to Mr. Thomas Welde, son of Rev. Thomas Welde of Roxbury. Mr. Whiting was married at Boston, Eng., 6th August, 1629, to his second wife, Elizabeth St. John...”

John Roger Scott Whiting, “The Rev. Samuel Whiting, 1597–1679” *Register* 123 (1969):161–169, esp. 165: “He now (1625) became rector of Skirbeck, near Boston... While he was at Skirbeck, his wife and two sons died. Shortly afterwards he married as his second wife, at Boston 6 Aug. 1629, Elizabeth St. John...”

Marilyn Fitzpatrick, “The Whiting Family of Lynn” *The Essex Genealogist* 23 (2003):218–228 [hereafter Fitzpatrick, “Whiting Family”] (esp. 218–219): “[Rev. Samuel Whiting] married ____ who died in England, and he married (2) at Boston, England, 6 August 1629, Elizabeth St. John... Children: by first wife: i. ____ a son, d. in England. ii. ____ a son, d. in England. iii. Dorothy, b. about 1629...”

Ian Watson, “Samuel Whiting,” version of April 1, 2024, New England settler sketches at ne.ianwatson.org/sketches/whiting-samuel-1636-lynn.pdf: “[Rev. Samuel Whiting married] (1) About 1624... ____.” This sketch, published online after this article's submission but

While those accounts do not attempt to identify Rev. Whiting's first wife, they do narrow the parameters for when and where this marriage was likely to have occurred—between 1620–1 (when he earned his M.A. and commenced his preaching career) and 1625–6 (when he moved from King's Lynn, Norfolk, to Skirbeck, Lincolnshire), and most likely somewhere in or around King's Lynn. A search of the registers of the parishes in and around King's Lynn turned up, in addition to the baptism of one of Rev. Samuel Whiting's sons in 1625 in King's Lynn (see below), the marriage of "Samuel Whiting & Anne Rivet" 20 December 1624 in Runcton Holme, Norfolk, about 5 miles south of King's Lynn.^[3]

The Revett family was a prominent one in King's Lynn, of about the same social status as that of the Whitings of Boston. A thorough examination of the Revett family of King's Lynn turned up only one Anne Revett who could have been the wife of Samuel Whiting—the daughter of that name of John and Faith (Browne) Revett, baptized in King's Lynn in 1604 (see below). Besides the name and age being right, this branch of the Revett family was acquainted with Rev. Whiting—he was among the clerical legatees in John Revett's 1624 will (see below). In addition, two of this Anne Revett's sisters lived or were buried in Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, while Rev. Whiting was ministering there: her older sister Cecily Revett was married there in 1626 (and was referred to as "of" that place in the license application), and her younger sister Grace Revett was buried there in 1634.

Revett entries in St. Margaret, King's Lynn, Norfolk.^[4]

Baptisms

1565/6 March 8	Thomas Revett S of Michael
1567 June 19	Elsabeth Revett D of Michael
1568/9 Feb. 15	John Rivett S of Michael
1571 Nov. 11	Tymothy Revett S of Michael
1573 April 12	Rhoda Rivett D of Michael
1575 Aug. 23	Michael Rivett S of Michael
1576/7 March 24	Sara Rivett D of Michael
1578 Oct. 15	Martha Rivet D of Michael
1579/80 Jan. 24	Tymothy Rivett S of Michael
1581 July 28	Mary Revett D of Michael
1582 Dec. 2	James Revett S of Michael
1594 Nov. 3	Faith Revett D of John
1596/7 March 6	Cicely Revett D of John
1599 Aug. 5	Alice Rivet D of John
1601/2 Feb. 10	Rhoda Revett D of John

before its publication, duplicates the discoveries of the English baptisms and burials of Rev. Whiting's children noted below but does not seek to identify his first wife.

³ Registers of Runcton Holme (with South Runcton and Wallington), Norfolk (images on FindMyPast.co.uk). This is the only Whiting or Rivet/Revett entry in this parish through 1650.

⁴ Registers of St. Margaret, King's Lynn (images on FindMyPast.co.uk) [hereafter *King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*]. The entries start in 1559. Archdeacon's Transcripts are extant from 1600, 1602–1603, 1607–1608, 1623, 1625, 1633, and 1668ff (images on FindMyPast.co.uk); additional and/or conflicting data from these are in curly brackets.

1602 July 18	Elizabeth Revet D of Thomas
1603 Sept. 25	Thomas Revett S of Michael ye yonger {Thomas Revett S of Thomas}
1604 Oct. 17	Marye Revet D of Thomas
1604 Oct. 25	Agnes Revett D of John
1605 April 7	Willm Revet S of Willm
1606 May 7	Alice Revett D of Mychaell his wyfe Alice Gibbson
1607 May 25	Mychaell Revett S of John by his wife Faythe Browne
1607 Aug. 23	Timothie Revett S of Thomas by his wife Jane wid of Xpofer Fisher In virginytie Greebye
1607/8 March 13	Sara Revett D of Michael by his wife Alice Gibbson
1609 Oct. 8	Grace Revett D of John by his wife Faythe Browne
1610 Dec. 30	Marye Revett D of Michael by his wife Alice Gibson D of George
1612 Oct. 15	Abigall Revett the dau: of Michael
1614 Aug. 14	Ann Revett the dau: of Mychaell
1615 June 29	Cecylie Revett the dau of James
1615 Sept. 13	Jane Revett the dau of John
1615 Sept. 28	Tymothie Revett the sonne of Michael
1616 Oct. 19	Cecilie Revett the dau of Michael
1616 Oct. 23	Thomas Revett the sonne of James
1617 Oct. 31	Michael Revett the sonne of Mr. James
1618 Aug. 30	Michael Revett the so: of Michael Revett
1618 Nov. 20	Thomas Revett the sonne of James Revett
1620 June 29	John Revett the sonne of James Revett
1620 Oct. 30	John Revett the sonne of Mychaell Revett
1621 Aug. 12	Ann Revett the dau: of James Revett
1622 May 19	Robert Revett the sonne of Mychaell Revett
1623 Mar 28	James Revett the sonne of James Revett
1624 April 28	Samuell Revett the sonne of James Revett
1626 April 24	Sara Revett the dau: of James Revett
1627 July 4	Owen Revett the so: of James Revett
1630 Nov. 24	John Revett the so: of Michael Revett Junr
1632/3 March 6	Matthias Revett the so: of Michael Revett Junr
1646 July 20	Elizabeth Rivett the d of Michael junior
1647 April 30	Nathaniell Rivett the S of Michael senior
1647 Dec. 17	William Rivett the s of Michael junior
1649 Aug. 17	Alice Rivett the d of Michael Junior
1651 Aug. 18	Mary Rivett the d of Michael the senior
1663 Oct. 29	Francis Rivett the S of John

Burials

1601 Sept. 21	Alice Revett D of John
1603 Sept. 9	Roda Revett D of John
1605 April 19	Cisselye wi of Michael Revett Alderman
1606 Oct. 12	Mr. Michael Revett Alderman
1610 June 22	Roda Revett virgin
1611 Nov. 1	John Revett a saylor

1614/15 March 1	Fayth Revett the dau of John
1619 Aug. 18	Michael Revett the so: of James Revett
1620 Nov. 12	John Revett the sonne of James Revett
1623/4 Feb. 21	John Revett {John Revett senr the so: of Michael Revett}
1624 Dec. 14	[blank] Revett the so: of James Revett
1625/6 Jan. 30	[blank] Revett the wife of Robert Revett {Alyce Revett the wife of Robt Revett a taylor}
1625/6 Feb. 28	Samuel Ryvet the so: of James Ryvett {[blank] Revett the so: of James Revett}
1629 Aug. 13	Faith Revett vid
1648 April 14	A stilborne child of Michael Rivett senior
1653 Nov. 6	Elizabeth Rivett the wife of Michael
1655 April 4	Marie Rivett the d of Mr. Michael
1670/1 Jan. 5	Cisley Rivet Singlewo:

Marriages

1565 June 17	Michael Rivett wth Cicelye Some
1573 June 1	Thomas Threvell wth Rose Revett
1573 Dec. 26	Willm Olyver wth Bridgett Revett
1594 Aug. 7	Edmunde Forman wth Elizabeth Revett
1596 April 15	Richarde Smythe wth Rhoda Revett
1597 Dec. 15	John Kynge wth Sara Revett
1599 Aug. 27	Michael Rivet Ju: wt Alice Gibson
1611 March 26	John Johnson wth Elizabeth Revett
1613 Oct. 7	Robt Ryvett wth Joane Typpen vid
1626 Nov. 1	William Deye with Alyce Revett
1627 Aug. 3	John Revett wth Margaret Barker
1629 Nov. 29	Mychaell Revett with Marye Wallys
1645 Nov. 13	James Rivett wth Alice Thornton
1648 April 2	Thomas Furnis wth An Rivett
1649 June 14	Giles Houthier wth Jane Rivett

Revett entries in St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, Norfolk: ^[5]

Baptisms

1629/30 Jan. 15	Elizabeth the daughter of James Revett
1630 May 23	Jane the daughter of John Rivett
1631 June 5	James the sonne of James Riveet
1632 Dec. 30	Elizabeth the daughter of John Ryvett
1633 Nov. 13	Elizabeth the daughter of Mr Thomas Rivett
1634 Dec. 22	Margert the daughter of Michael Rivett Ju:
1635 March 39	Mary the daughter of John Rivet
1636 Aug. 24	Mihell the sonn of Thomas Revett
1637 May 4	Sara the daughter of John Revitt

⁵ Registers of St. Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn (images on FindMyPast.co.uk) [hereafter *King's Lynn St. Nicholas PRs*]. The baptisms start in 1628, burials and marriages in 1562 (the latter with a gap from 1605 to 1610). Archdeacon's Transcripts of burials are extant from 1600–1603, 1606, 1608, 1623, 1625, then a gap until 1668 (images on FindMyPast.co.uk).

1638 April 8	Mary the daughter of Mr. Michell Revitt
1638 Dec. 27	Alice the daughter of Mr. Thomas Revett
1639 Oct. 9	Thomas the sonne of Mr. Michael Rivett
1639 Nov. 17	Roda the daughter of Mr. John Revett
1640 Oct. 26	Nathaniell the sonne of Thomas Revett
1650/1 Jan. 26	Margery the daughter of John Revett
1651/2 March 12	Susan ye daughter of Michael Rivett

Burials

1607 Nov. 26	Timothie the Sonne of Tho: Revet
1617 May 30	Mara the dawghter of Michael Rivett
1622 Sept. 21	Abigaill the daughter of Michael Revet
1625 July 5	Alice the daughter of Mychaell Revett
1627 Nov. 3	Mary the daughter of Thomas Revett Towne Clarcke
1628 Dec. 15	James the sonne of James Revett
1629 Aug. 13	Fayth Revett widdowe
1633 April 27	Mr. Thomas Revett Towneclerke
1633 Nov. 21	Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Revett gent
1635/6 Jan. 11	Margeret the daughter of Michael Rivett
1636 Aug. 29	Michael Rivett Alderman
1638 Aug. 28	Mary the daughter of Michael Rever[sic]
1639 May 1	Mrs. Alice Rivett Widd
1639 Oct. 9	Mary the wife of Mr. Michael Rivett
1639 Oct. 15	Thomas the sonne of Mr. Michael Rivett
1641 April 15	Michael the sonne of Thomas Revett
1641 Aug. 6	Alice the daughter of Thomas Revett
1641/2 Feb. 11	Matthias the sone of Michall Revett
1645/6 Feb. 7	A stilborne child of Michael Rivett
1649 June 18	Avice the wife of James Rivett
1649 Aug. 21	Alice ye daugh: of Michael Rivet
1649/50 Jan. 20	Mr. John Rivett
1650/1 Feb. 5	James Revett sword-bearer
1652 April 1	Nathanil ye son of Alderm: Tho: Rivett
1652 Aug. 28	Susan ye daugh: of Michael Rivett
1653 April 10	Francis Rivett
1655 April 4	Mary Daughter of Mr. Michael Revet
1657 Dec. 5	Mr. Michael Rivett
1657/8 Jan. 22	Mrs. Eliza: Rivett Widd
1658 Sept. 8	Amy Rivett
1667 April 8	Mr. Michell Rivett
1669 Dec. 29	Mr. Thomas Rivet once Ald.
1671 April 13	John Rivitt [plague]
1677/8 Jan. 4	Mrs. Margaret Rivett wid
1678 April 19	Mr. Thomas Rivett Single
1681 April 1	John son of John Rivitt
1682 April 17	Elizabeth Rivett
1686/7 Feb. 3	John Revet
1707 May 14	Mr. Nathaniell Revitt

Marriages

1593/4 Jan. 3	John Revet and Fayth Browne
1628 April 29	Wm Taylor of Boston and Grace Revett Synglep[er]sons
1628/9 Feb. 12	John Stukely singleman and Sara Revett
1635 Sept. 6	John Atkin & Janne Rivett
1651 Oct. 23	John Smith and Brigett Rivett

Churchwardens

1601–1606	John Revett
1614–1621	Michaell Revett
1640	Jno: Revett

Genealogical Summary

1. _____^c **REVETT**, father of Michael^b Revett and the siblings named in his will (see below). According to tradition he was from Suffolk, an offshoot of one of the Revett families of that county.^[6] Whether or not he came from Suffolk, he or his children probably came from somewhere other than King's

⁶ A compiled pedigree of the Revett family of King's Lynn has the patriarch of the family as "...Revett of Suffolk" in Frederic Salmon Growse, *Materials for a History of the Parish of Bildeston, in the County of Suffolk... Compiled in the Year 1859, Revised and Brought Up to Date in 1891* (n.p., 1892), 59–60.

This pedigree and the eight other Revett pedigrees preceding it on pp. 52–59 were derived (without attribution) from the Revett(t) pedigrees compiled in the early nineteenth century by David Elisha Davy in his "Pedigrees of the families of Suffolk, with historical illustrations," 43 vols. in the British Library (Add. 19114-19156), Add. 19146 folios 276–325 [hereafter *Davy's Suffolk Families: Revett*]. The pedigree of "The Descent of the Revetts of King's Lynne in the County of Norfolk" appears on folio 315; on it the father of Michael^b Revett is "... Revet of... Co. Suff." According to a note at the bottom of this pedigree, "The above with the foregoing... were copied from a thin paper Book, in the hand writing, apparently, of Samuel Stebbing, Somerset Herald [N.B.: 1700–1720], & among the Papers of the Revett Family, 1810." According to this pedigree, the arms of the King's Lynn family were "Revet, with a martlet on a fleur de lis for difference." Two different arms were given for Revett on preceding folios: *Argent 3 bars, & 3 trivets in chief, sable* (296r, 296v, 298r, 311v, 312r) and *Per pale argent & sable, on a chevron between 3 lozenges, 3 martlets, all countercharged* (296r, 296v, 312r [with *fusils* (thin lozenges) rather than *lozenges*]). A *martlet* for difference normally denotes the fourth son, and a *fleur-de-lis* the sixth son; this arrangement would thus seemingly indicate descent from the fourth son of the sixth son of someone entitled to the undifferenced Revett arms. The first of these arms (with the bars and trivets/trivets, though with no cadency marks) were ascribed to [1.ii.1] John Revett, [2.vi.1] Thomas Revett, and [3.vi] Michael Revett, as noted below.

Timothy Revett, Archdeacon of Bath (2.ix below), submitted a pedigree in the 1623 visitation of Somerset (Frederic Thomas Colby, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Somerset in the Year 1623*, Harleian Society visitations vol. 11 [London: 1876], 91; no arms noted). This pedigree called Timothy's grandfather "... Rivett of Suffolke" and his parents "Michaell Rivett of Lynne in com. Norff" and "Cicilie d. of ... Some in com. Norff." Timothy (by implication son number 4 of Michael and Cecily) is listed with his wife "Kath. d. of Fran. James of Wells," son and heir "Timothie Revett," and brothers Thomas (1st son; his children Elizabeth and Mary), John (2nd son), Michael (3rd son), and James (5th son; his son Timothy).

There was a "William Rivet of Swofham" who was made a freeman of King's Lynn 1345/6 by purchase, but no more of that name were freemen there until Michael Revett over 200 years later (see below) (*A Calendar of the Freemen of Lynn 1292–1836: Compiled from the Records of the Corporation of that Borough by permission of the Town Clerk [Norwich, 1913]* [hereafter *Freemen of Lynn*], 9).

Lynn originally, as virtually all of the Revetts appearing in the extant King's Lynn parish registers are descendants of this man.

Children of _____^c Revett (order unknown):

- 2 i. MICHAEL^B REVETT; m. CECILY SOAME.
- ii. JOHN REVETT, d. aft. 1624 (when he was a legatee in the will of his nephew John Revett); a legatee with unnamed wife and children in the 1606 will of his brother Michael Revett.

In the nineteenth-century pedigrees mentioned above, this John Revett is given as the father of John Revett of King's Lynn (died 1649/50) and his siblings Sarah, Rhoda (wife of Richard Smith), and Mary. Unfortunately, the putative father John Revett left no known surviving records outside of the mentions of him in the 1606 and 1624 wills noted above (no probate record, burial record, marriage record,^[7] or baptismal records of children), so this link must be regarded as unproved. However, from that 1606 will, we know that he was married with children; and he is the only known candidate to be the father of John Revett (d. 1649/50) and his siblings. This, coupled with the fact that the latter in his will called James Revett, a son of Michael^B Revett, his cousin, and was himself called a kinsman by other children of Michael^B Revett,^[8] makes this connection probable, though not proven.

Probable children of John Revett (order unknown):

1. *John Revett*, d. 18 and bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 20 Jan. 1649/50; m. (possibly 2nd) St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 3 Aug. 1627, *Margaret Barker* (bur. St. Nicholas 4 Jan. 1677/8).^[9] John Revett's grave was marked in the chapel of St. Nicholas: "On a Marble Stone is the Arms of *Revet*...Argent three Bars, and in Chief as many Treverts Sable impaling Blank; and this Inscription, *Here resteth, in hopes of a joyful Resurrection to Glory, the Body of Mr John Revet, Merchant, and sometime one of the Common Council of this Corporation: He exchanged this Life for heaven the 18th of January, 1649.*"^[10]

In 1621/2. "John Revett, junr., app[rentice] of Thomas Revett, Town Clerk" was made a freeman of King's Lynn.^[11] John Revett was named in the 1633 will of [2.i] Thomas Revett, in which he was a legatee, helper, and witness. John Revett was a super-

⁷ The marriage of "Johes Ryvett et Maria Leye" was recorded 30 Aug. 1601 in Hardingham, Norfolk, possibly this man (Registers of Hardingham, Norfolk, 1558ff; images on FindMyPast.co.uk).

⁸ As noted below, the John Revett who died 1649/50 was called "kinsman" in the 1633 will of Thomas Revett (another son of Michael^B), the 1636 will of Thomas's brother Michael Revett, and the 1638 will of the latter Michael Revett's widow Alice Revett.

⁹ They had the following children baptized in St. Nicholas: *Jane* (bp. 23 May 1630; m. [1] 14 June 1649 in St. Margaret, King's Lynn, Giles Heather; m. [2] by 1676 Edmond Johnson), *Elizabeth* (bp. 30 Dec. 1632), *Mary* (bp. March 1635), *Sarah* (bp. 4 May 1637), and *Rhoda* (bp. 17 Nov. 1639; m. by 1676 ____ de Yong of Rotterdam).

¹⁰ Benjamin Mackerell, *The History and Antiquities of the Flourishing Corporation of King's-Lynn in the County of Norfolk...* (London, 1738) [hereafter Mackerell, *History of King's Lynn*], 141.

¹¹ *Freemen of Lynn*, 144 (free by apprenticeship).

visor of the 1636 will of [2.vi] Michael Revett and the 1638 will of Michael's widow Alice (Gibson) Revett (see below), in both of which he was called "kinsman." The will of "John Revett of Kings Lynne in the countie of Norff merchant" was dated 20 July 1649 and proved 7 Feb. 1649/50.^[12] The will of "Margaret Rivett of Kings Lynne in the County of Norff widdow being weake in body" was dated 13 Dec. 1676 and proved 25 Jan. 1677/8.^[13]

2. *Sarah Revett*, named in the 1649 will of her brother John Revett; nothing further known.
3. *Mary Revett*, named in the 1649 will of her brother John Revett; nothing further known.
4. (poss.) *Rhoda Revett*. According to the pedigrees noted above, the Rhoda Revett who married Richard Smith was also a daughter of John Revett. That Rhoda Revett was in fact the daughter of Michael¹⁸ Revett (see below), but this Rhoda may have been the "Roda Revett, virgin," who was bur. 22 June 1610 in St. Margaret, King's Lynn.

iii. BRIDGET REVETT, bur. St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 23 Oct. 1615;^[14] m. there (1) 26 Dec. 1573 WILLIAM OLIVER;^[15] m. there (2) 2 March 1578/9 ROBERT BURROWS, who was bur. there 20 Sept. 1615.^[16] Bridget, her husband Robert Burrows, their daughter Ellen, and Bridget's granddaughter Elizabeth Tillson were named in the 1606 will of Bridget's brother Michael Revett.

¹² Prerogative Court of Canterbury [PCC] 28 Pembroke (PROB 11/211 folio 213): wife Margaret Revett executrix; house and lands in St. James End in King's Lynn; son John Revett; land in Conehouse, Suffolk (described); my two sisters Sara and Mary; 4 of my daughters (Elizabeth, Mary, Sara, and Rhoda) when 21 or married; legacy to daughter Mary from "Mr. Richard Mylles late of Northwotton in the countie of Norff"; eldest daughter Jane; her husband Giles Heather; Margaret, wife of Godfrey Browne, and her son Christopher; servant William Beecraft; cousin James Revett; witnesses Anthony Williamson, Nicholas Hamond, John Revett, and Thomas Nellson. This will was also summarized in *Davy's Suffolk Families: Revett*, folio 310r.

His son, "John Revett, eldest son of John R[evett], mercer," was made a freeman of King's Lynn (by birth) 1648/9 (*Freemen of Lynn*, 162).

¹³ Archdeaconry of Norwich registered wills, 61:391–392 (FSL DGS 8098654 image 430): daughter Rhoda de Yong of Rotterdam, widow; granddaughter Margaret Heather; granddaughter Aurelia Molins; granddaughters Elizabeth and Mary Molins when 21; executrix daughter Jane Johnson, wife of Edmond Johnson, linen draper of King's Lynn; witnesses Will. Falkner and John Halcott.

¹⁴ *King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*: Bridgett Burrowes the wief of Robert.

¹⁵ Their daughter *Elizabeth Oliver* was bp. there 20 June 1575 (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*). She m. Richard Tillson there 12 Dec. 1596; they were buried there together on 3 May 1605. They had the following children bp. and bur. there: *Susan Tillson* (bp. 27 June 1599; bur. 21 Nov. 1600), *Elizabeth Tillson* (bp. 6 Nov. 1601), and *Susan Tillson* (again) (bp. 22 July 1604). On 7 May 1605 administration of Richard Tillson's estate was given to his brother Leonard Tillson during the minority of his daughter Elizabeth Tillson (Consistory Court of Norwich admons., 9:4; FSL 173450 item 1).

¹⁶ *King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*. They had the following children bp. and bur. there: *Ellen Burrows* (bp. 30 Jan. 1579/80), *Matthew Burrows* (bp. 6 Jan. 1582/3; bur. 15 June 1593), *Venus Burrows* (bp. 5 Oct. 1586; bur. 11 May 1604), and *Mary Burrows* (bp. 10 Oct. 1589).

2. **MICHAEL^B REVETT**, buried in St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 12 October 1606; married there 17 June 1565 **CECILY SOAME**, daughter of Thomas Soame, mercer, of King's Lynn.^[17] She was buried in St. Margaret, 19 April 1605.

"Michell Rivett, merchant" was made a freeman of King's Lynn in 1569/70.^[18] The detailed will of "Michaell Revett the ellder of Kinges Lynne in the Countye of Norff...notarye publique" was dated 20 April 1606 and proved 5 November 1606.^[19]

to be buried "in the Alley wthoute the weste dore of the parishe churche of Saynte Margaret in Kinges Lenne...neere the sepultures there of Cicelye my late wife and Rhoda Smithe late one of my daughters"; properties (described) to son Thomas Revett; to son John Revett messuage or tenement late "wherein my brother in lawe Thomas Soome the ellder, and his sonne in lawe Henry Johnson doe nowe inhabit"; to daughter Mary Revett property (described); to said son Thomas Revett (now a town councilor) £30, "the greate Bible that was his grandfathers," my statute book, the standing desk "that I use to wryte on in my shoppe", and other furnishings, wall hangings, and household items (described); to said son John Revett £10, biggest map hanging in the dining chamber, clothes, and other items (described); to his wife Faith little tapestry coverlet that used to lie on my late wife's bed; to said sons Thomas and John clothes (described); to son Michael Revett £60, furniture (described), "my booke of the exposicon of Job," dishes (described), and gown; to son Timothy Revett "Mr of Arte and fellowe of Sayncte Peters Colledge in Cambridge" £10 for buying books, bedding (described), "my standinge deske that was his grandefathers" and other furniture (described); to said son Timothy books of monuments (if he already has them, then to said sons Thomas and John); to said son Timothy debt owed by "a gentleman of the Universitie of Cambridge"; to son James Revett £60, bedding (described), furniture (described), and hat; to

¹⁷ Thomas Soame was buried 19 June 1567[sic] in St. Margaret (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*). His will was dated 27 June 1567[sic] and proved 11 July 1567 (Consistory Court of Norwich registered wills, 75:40–42; FSL DGS 8219665 images 49–52): "Thomas Soome thelder of kynges lynne in the county of Norff mercer"; to be buried in churchyard of St. Margaret in Lynn "nere unto the west churche dore... amongst the sepulturs of my kynsfolke"; property in King's Lynn on Mercer Row and behind the Fleet; wife Margaret; son Thomas Soome; daughter Cycile Revet; son John Some; daughter Margaret Revans; son Robert Some when 21; daughter Ellizabeth Some when 21; husband of daughter Cycile Michahell Revet; husband of daughter Margaret Nicholas Revans; son Thomas's children (John Soome, Cicile Soome, and Robert Some); daughter Cicile's son (Thomas Revet); lease of two pastures in Gaywood neare the "ketyll mylles"; wife Margaret and son Thomas Some executors; supervisor son-in-law Mychahell Revet; witnesses Thomas Soome the younger, John Soome, and Michahell Revet.

This Thomas Soame was probably the Thomas Some, son of Robert Some and apprentice of Thomas Leighton, who was made a freeman of King's Lynn (by apprenticeship) 1535/6; Thomas Leighton was mayor the following year (*Freemen of Lynn*, 89). Thomas Soame's father was doubtless the Robert Some who was made freeman of King's Lynn 1489/90 and was mayor 1514–15 and 1527–28 (68, 79, 85). A Robert Some was also mayor 1544–45 and 1551, either the same man or else his nephew of the same name (93, 97). Joseph James Muskett put together a partial pedigree of this family based on wills in the PCC in *The East Anglian*, n.s. vol. 3 (1889–1890):328.

¹⁸ *Freemen of Lynn*, 109 (free by purchase). Robert Some, merchant, an apprentice of "Michael Revytt," was made freeman of King's Lynn 1578/9 (*ibid.*, 114).

¹⁹ PCC 79–80 Stafford (PROB 11/108 folios 220–224). The will covers eight large pages, its detail perhaps not surprising given the large size of the testator's extended family, his relative wealth, and the fact that he was a notary public. A great deal of detail with respect to the descriptions of the bequests has been left out of this summary. This will was also summarized in *Davy's Suffolk Families: Revett*, folio 307v.

said daughter Mary Revett £40, my half of the £10 "whiche wee use together in buyenge and selling of nayles," the clothing belonging to late wife (her mother) not otherwise bequeathed, bedding and furniture (described), and dishes and household items (described); to daughter Elizabeth Manistie coins (described), dishes (described), furniture (described), and "my mapp of the description of Englande wch her firste husbände Ed: Forman gave me"; to "her nowe husbände Allen Manistie Mr of Arte" coins (described) and "my booke of Statutes wch Mr Leverock borrowed of me"; to daughter Sarah Kynne £7, coins (described), and pewter (described); to her husband John Kynne release of debt of £3; to said son Thomas best 12 silver spoons and stone pot with silver fittings; to his wife Jane velvet hat; silver items and jewelry (described) to said sons John, Timothy, and Michael Revett, and said daughters Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah; to Michael's wife Alice great stone pot fitted with silver, chair, and stools (described); to said sons Timothy and James and daughters-in-law Jane, Faith, and Alice an old spur royal of gold or the value of it; to son-in-law Richard Smithe late husband of my said late daughter Rhoda littlest white silver bowl, bedding, and gown; to the children of said sons Thomas, John, and Michael, and daughters Elizabeth and Sarah, "being Eleven in number and one other that the said Alice wife of the said Michael is nowe conceived withall, and not longe ere shee looke by Godes grace to be delyvered thereof" 40s. each to be held by their parents ("savinge for those twoo of my sayde daughter Elizabeth"); "whereas it was my said late wyves requeste and desier made to me longe before her decease... that I wolde... geve unto those the nyne chlldren betweene her and me before named... viz to the said Thomas Revett Twentye poundes, John Revett Twentye poundes, Michael Revett Twentye poun, Tymothie Revett Tenne poundes, James Revett Tenne poundes, Elizabeth Manistie Tenne pound, Rhoda Smithe Tenne poundes, Sara Kynne Tenne poundes, and Marye Revett Tenne poundes, and to the Eleven chlldren before menconed with one other childe then of my said daughter Elizabeth since the deathe of my said late wife deceased and to the twoo chlldren of my said daughter Rhoda (who since was delyvered of another childe) Twentye shillinges a peece. To whiche said childe so since delyvered whose name is Elizabeth Smithe in steed of the other aforesaide childe deceased I geve likewise Twnty shillinges, and to her daughters in lawe the said Jane, Faithe, and Alice everye of them Twentye shillinges a peece. And to her sister in lawe Alice the wife of her brother the foresaid Thomas Seeme other Twentye shillinges"; bequest to daughter Rhoda to go to her three children (Alice Smith, Rhoda Smith, and Elizabeth Smith) plus another £10, the money to be held by their father Richard Smith; executors to hold money for the children of daughter Elizabeth (Dorothy Forman and Margaret Forman) until married or of age; said son John and said daughter Mary to maintain possession of my home messuage or tenement until said son Thomas takes possession with his wife Jane; to brother John Revett 40s. and clothes (described); to his wife 20s.; to each of their children 5s.; to sister Bridget 20s.; to her husband Robert Burrows forgiveness of debt of £4; to their daughter Ellen 20s.; to said sister's grandchild Elizabeth Tillson 10s.; to said brother-in-law Thomas Soome forgiveness of £5 debt with the use of his booth in the market called the Black Booth, he yielding his right in the beam, scales, and weights "belonging to the same that were his late Fathers," and a cloak and hat (described); to neighbor James Wilkinson 5s.; to Mary Breamer 5s. of 15s. owed; to late maidservant Mary Scott 5s.; to apprentice William Pynder 10s.; to maidservant Elizabeth Doughtie 6s. 8d.; to sister of said late wife Margaret Baker 10s.; to godchildren Robert Hawlye, Mary Gibson, and Frances Ellmer a quarter of a gold angel each; residue to sons Thomas Revett and John Revett, they to be executors; if they fail in the

associated obligations, then said sons Timothy Revett and Michael Revett to be executors; supervisor friend Mr. Thomas Gibson; witnesses Simone Carrowe, Thomas Soome the elder, and Edmond Carrowe.

Children of Michael^B and Cecily (Soame) Revett (bp. St. Margaret, King's Lynn):

- i. THOMAS REVETT, bp. 8 March 1565/6; d. 26 and bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 27 April 1633; m. Great Massingham, Norfolk, 20 April 1601, JANE/JOAN (GREBBY) FISHER, who d. prob. West Lynn, Norfolk, betw. 4 April and 12 Oct. 1647 (from her will; see below).^[20]

The burial place of Thomas Revett was marked on a brass plate in the chapel of St. Nicholas: "*Hic jacet inhumatum Corpus Mr. Thomas Revet, nuper hujus Burgi Com. Clerici, inter Consil. Commune ididem unius, & unici, ubi bene vixit, & beate obit, 26 Aprilis, Anno Domini 1633, Ætatus suae 67.*" [*Here lies the unburied[sic] body of Mr. Thomas Revet, late town clerk of this borough and member of the common council... died 26 April 1633, age 67.*]^[21]

Thomas Revett was an executor of his father's will and a supervisor of his brother John Revett's 1624 will, both of which also named his wife Jane. Jane was named in the 1636 will of her brother-in-law Michael Revett. As "Thomas Revett the elder," Thomas was a witness to the 1629 will of his sister-in-law Faith (Browne) Revett. The will of "Thomas Revett Towne Clarke of the Burrough of Kinges Lynne in the County of Norff" was dated 1 April and proved 9 May 1633.^[22] The will of "Jane Rivett in the p[ar]ish of West Linn sick in body" was dated 4 April and proved 12 Oct. 1647.^[23]

Children of Thomas and Jane/Joan (Grebbe) (Fisher) Revett (bp. St. Margaret, King's Lynn):

1. *Elizabeth Revett*, bp. 16 July 1602; probably the mother of the Timothy Evans named in the wills of both of his grandparents above.^[24] She was named in her father's will.

²⁰ Registers of Great Massingham, Norfolk, 1564–1655 (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): "Mr Thomas Ryvet And Mrs Katheryne[sic] Fisher widdowe...Both of Kingslinn." She had m. (1) 3 June 1594 in St. Margaret, King's Lynn, Christopher Fisher, an attorney (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*); he was bur. 27 July 1599 in St. Nicholas, King's Lynn (*King's Lynn St. Nicholas PRs*). They had the following children, bp. in St. Margaret: *John* (bp. 30 Jan. 1593/4), *Ursula* (bp. 15 June 1595), *Cecily* (bp. 20 Feb. 1596/7), and *Christopher* (bp. 10 Sept. 1598).

²¹ Mackerell, *History of King's Lynn*, 141. As "Thomas Revett, merchant, son of Michael Revett," he was made freeman of King's Lynn (by birth) 1586/7 (*Freemen of Lynn*, 120). As noted above, his apprentice, "John Revett, junr.," was made freeman there 1621/2.

²² Consistory Court of Norwich registered wills, 126:72–73 (FSL DGS 8472222 images 118–119): wife Joane executrix; kinsman John Revett; daughter Elizabeth; grandchild Timothy Evans when 21; son-in-law Robert Henson, clerk; brother Michael Revett; brother James Revett; maid Cicelie; witnesses Thomas Gedney, William Champney, Thomas Greene, and John Revett.

²³ Archdeacons of Norwich registered wills, 49:160–161 (FSL DGS 8077030 image 187): son Christopher Fisher, minister; daughter-in-law Fisher; grandchild Timothy Evans executor; son-in-law Robert Hinson, minister of West Lynn; witnesses James Coppin and Agnes Dallton.

²⁴ The will of this "Timothy Evans of Westlyn in the County of Norff Navigator beinge Sicke in bodye" was dated 22 March 1656/7 and proved 20 Jan. 1657/8 (PCC 28 Wootton; PROB 11/272 folios 217–218): "my Grandmother" buried in chancel of West Lynn; uncle Fisher of Fringe; cousin Christopher Fisher; cousin John Henson; cousin Christopher Damant; cousin Jane Greene wife of

2. *Mary Revett*, bp. 17 Oct. 1604; bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 26 Nov. 1607.
3. *Timothy Revett*, bp. 23 Aug. 1607; bur. St. Nicholas 26 Nov. 1607.
- ii. ELIZABETH REVETT, bp. 19 June 1567; m. (1) St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 7 Aug. 1594, EDMUND FORMAN;^[25] m. (2) by 1606 ALLEN MANISTIE.
 Allen Manistie was a graduate of Cambridge University, earning his B.A. 1593–4 and M.A. 1597.^[26] Elizabeth was called Elizabeth Manistie in her father's will, which also named her former husband "Ed." Forman, current husband Allen Manistie, M.A., and children Dorothy Forman and Margaret Forman. Elizabeth was called "sister Manistie" in the 1624 will of her brother John Revett.
- 3 iii. JOHN^A REVETT, bp. 15 Feb. 1568/9; m. FAITH BROWNE.
- iv. TIMOTHY REVETT, bp. 11 Nov. 1571; apparently d. young.
- v. RHODA REVETT, bp. 12 April 1573; d. by 1606 (probably the "Roda wi[fe] of Richard" bur. St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 27 July 1605, two days after the baptism of her daughter);^[27] m. St. Margaret 15 April 1596 RICHARD SMITH.^[28] Rhoda was named as deceased in the 1606 will of her father, which also named her husband Richard Smith and children Alice, Rhoda, and Elizabeth.
- vi. MICHAEL REVETT, bp. 23 Aug. 1575; bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 29 Aug. 1636; m. St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 27 Aug. 1599, ALICE GIBSON (bp. there 22 March 1580/1, dau. of George Gibson; bur. St. Nicholas 1 May 1639).^[29]

Richard Greene of West Lynn and her three children (Robert Greene, Priscilla Greene, and Ursula Greene); the last will and testament of my grandfather Thomas Revitt late of King's Lynn, deceased; cousin Richard Greene and Jane his wife executors; Anne Williamson; uncle Robert Henson supervisor; witnesses William Snell, John Broadlynne, and Alice Wilson (by mark).

²⁵ They had the following children bp. in St. Margaret (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*): *Dorothy Forman* (bp. 23 Nov. 1595) and *Margaret Forman* (bp. 15 Aug. 1599). Dorothy was perhaps the "Dorithie" Forman who m. William Wright 10 June 1628 in Boston, Lincolnshire (Registers of St. Botolph, Boston, Lincolnshire; images on FindMyPast.co.uk [hereafter *Boston St. Botolph PRs*]).

²⁶ John Venn and J. A. Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, part 1, 4 vols. (Cambridge: The University Press, 1922–7) [hereafter *Alumni Cantabrigienses*], 3:133: "Manesty, Allen. Matric[ulated] pens[ioner] from EMMANUEL, c. 1591; B.A. 1593–4; M.A. 1597."

²⁷ *King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*. Richard Smith remarried by 30 Oct. 1608, when "Richard Smithe S of Richard by his wife Susan Betts" was bp. in St. Margaret.

²⁸ They had the following children bp. and bur. in St. Margaret (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*): *Michael Smith* (bp. 25 March 1597; bur. 10 Dec. 1599), *Alice Smith* (bp. 9 Aug. 1602; bur. 28 Apr. 1622), *Rhoda Smith* (bp. 31 July 1603; bur. 4 Oct. 1622), and *Elizabeth Smith* (bp. 25 July 1605; bur. 1 Feb. 1626/7).

²⁹ *King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*. In the pedigrees noted above, the wife of this Michael Revett is given as Alice Thurston, sister of John Thurston of Hoxne, due to the fact that the latter is called brother-in-law in this Michael Revett's will (see below). However, this is one of the rarer instances in which the term was used to refer to a parent of a daughter-in-law: Michael Revett's son Thomas had married John Thurston's daughter Bridget.

Alice (Gibson) Revett's sister Mary Gibson was bp. 9 March 1588/9 in St. Margaret, King's Lynn; she m. (1) there 11 June 1618 Rev. Robert Kitson, and (2) 28 Sept. 1631 in St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, Rev. Edward Tidswell (*King's Lynn St. Nicholas PRs*). As Aunt Mary Tidswell she is mentioned several times in the wills of her Revett relatives (see below); and in her own will (dated 11 June 1661 and proved 19 Feb. 1661/2) she in turn mentioned many of her Revett kin (Archdeaconry of Norwich registered wills, 53:337–338; FSL DGS 8472752 image 360): "Mary Tidswell of Kings Lynne in ye Countye of Norff widdowe being sicke & weake in body"; cousin Thomas Revett; cousin Anthony Butler; his wife Anne; cousin Sara Stokley; cousin Alice Hart the wife of William Hart; William Rivett and Elizabeth Rivett, son and daughter of cousin Michael Rivett, deceased, when 21; cousin Anthony Butler executor; witnesses Francis Dawson and Fra. Rolfe.

“Michael Revett, jun., son and app[rentice] of Michael Revett, sen.” was made a freeman of King’s Lynn (by apprenticeship) 1598/9.^[30] Michael Revett and his wife Alice were named in his father’s will. Michael Revett was a supervisor of his brother John Revett’s 1624 will, which also named his wife Alice. Alice (Gibson) Revett was a witness to the 1629 will of her sister-in-law Faith (Browne) Revett. Michael Revett was named in the 1633 will of his brother Thomas Revett. The will of “Michaell Revett thelder of Kings Lynne in the Countie of Norff Merchant” was dated 28 July 1636 and proved 29 Sept. 1636.^[31] The will of “Alice Revett of Kings Lynne in the County of Norff Widdow” was dated 20 Jan. 1637/8 and proved 24 May 1639.^[32]

Children of Michael and Alice (Gibson) Revett (bp. in St. Margaret, King’s Lynn):

1. *Thomas Revett*, bp. 25 Sept. 1603; d. 26 and bur. St. Nicholas, King’s Lynn, 29 Dec. 1669; m. Hoxne, Suffolk, 1 Sept. 1631, *Bridget Thurston* (bp. there 21 July 1612, dau. of John and Elizabeth [Godbold] Thurston).^[33] She survived her husband, as she was the executrix of his will; her own burial or probate record has not been found. Thomas Revett was mayor of King’s Lynn 1649–50.^[34]

³⁰ *Freemen of Lynn*, 128.

³¹ PCC 98–99 Pile (PROB 11/172 folios 68–70): to be buried “in the Chappell of St. Nicholas in Kings Lynne aforesaid neere the south doore where my deceased Children are buried”; wife Alice executrix; son Michael Revett when 24; son John Revett when 24; son Robert Revett when 24; daughter Anne Revett when 22; grandchild Alice Young £20 when 21; grandchild Robert Stewkeley when 21; son-in-law John Stewkeley; sister-in-law Jane Revett; daughters Elizabeth Young, widow, and Sara Stewkeley; Mr. Arrowsmith, preacher; kinsman John Revett; son Thomas Revett and Bridgett his wife and their children (indenture dated 20 Mar 6 [Charles I] [1630/1] “betweene me the said Michaell Revett of thone part and my Brother in Lawe John Thurston of Hoxne in the Countie of Suff Esquier of thother part upon the marriage of my said sonne Thomas with the said Bridgett”); sister Tidswell; supervisors friend Benjamin Creswell and kinsman John Revett; witnesses Thomas Barnard, Richard Browne, and Sidrack Cave. This will was also summarized in *Davy’s Suffolk Families: Revett*, folio 309r.

³² Archdeaconry of Norwich registered wills, 46:317–319 (FSL DGS 8472749 images 365–366): executor son Thomas Revet; supervisors brother-in-law Edward Tidswell, clerk, and kinsman John Revet; Mr. John Arrowsmyth, preacher at St. Nicholas Chapel; grandchild Alice Young, daughter of daughter Alice[sic] Younge; grandchild John Younge son of said daughter Alice (both until 21 or married); grandchildren Robt Steukley, Sarah Steukley, and Michaell Steukley, when 21 or married; daughter Anne Revett; son Michaell Revet 40s.; brother Cobbe; 3 daughters (Elizabeth, Sarah, and Anne); sister Tidswell; sons John Revett and Robt Revett; sister Sarah; daughter Elizabeth Younge; daughter Sarah Steukley; grandchild Michaell Revett son of son Tho: Revett; witnesses James Revett, Richard Brown, and Robt Troth.

³³ Register of Hoxne, Suffolk, 1548–1684 (images on Ancestry.com), images 66 (“Mr. Thomas Rivett & Mrs. Bridget Thurston”) and 51 (“Bridgett daughter to Mr. John Thurston & Elizabeth”). For connections of this Bridget Thurston, see Robert Battle, “English Ancestry of Anne (Derehaugh) Stratton of Salem, Massachusetts” *Register* 155 (2001): 367–390 and 156 (2002): 39–61 (esp. 156:60–61), and John Anderson Brayton, “From One Boston to Another: Notes on the Ancestry of Mary (Jackson) Woodward” *Register* 158 (2004): 213–227 (esp. 226–227). Thomas and Bridget (Thurston) Revett had the following children bp. and bur. in St. Nicholas: *Elizabeth* (bp. 13 and bur. 21 Nov. 1633), *Michael* (bp. 24 Aug. 1636; bur. 15 Apr. 1641), *Alice* (bp. 27 Dec. 1638; bur. 6 Aug. 1641), and *Nathaniel* (bp. 26 Oct. 1640; bur. 1 Apr. 1652).

³⁴ Mackerell, *History of King’s Lynn*, 278. As “Thomas Revett, eldest son of Alderman Michael R[evett], merchant,” he was made a freeman of King’s Lynn (by birth) 1631/2 (*Freemen of Lynn*, 151).

The graves of Thomas Revett and his children were marked on stones in the chapel of St. Nicholas: "On a Marble Stone is the following Coat of Arms, *viz*, Argent three Bars, and in Chief as many Trevets Sable; and this Inscription, *Here lieth interred the Body of Thomas Rivet, once Mayor of this Corporation; who deceased the 26th Day of December, 1669.* [and] On another Stone this, *Here lie the Children of Thomas Revet, Alderman, Elizabeth, Michael, and Alice; also Nath. born October 19, 1640. dy'd March 31, 1652.*"^[35]

Thomas Revett and his wife Bridget were named in his father's will. He was the executor of his mother's will (which also named his son Michael). He was also named in the 1651 will of his brother John Revett. Either this Bridget or her sister-in-law Bridget (Leake) Revett was a witness to the 1653 will of their sister-in-law Elizabeth (Revett) Young. Thomas Revett was called "cousin" in the 1661 will of his aunt Mary (Gibson) Tidswell (see above). The will of "Thomas Revett of Tottenhill Row in the County of Norfolk gent being sicke in body" was dated 9 March 1665/6 and proved 11 July 1670.^[36]

2. *Elizabeth Revett*, bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 21 April 1656; m. by 1623 *Isaac Young* (bur. St. Nicholas 2 Jan. 1634/5).^[37] She was called Elizabeth Young, widow, in her mother's will (with children Alice Young and John Young); she was also called Elizabeth Young in the 1651 will of her brother John Revett. The will of "Elizabeth Younge of Kings Lynn in the County of Norff widdow beeing sick in body" was dated 26 Dec. 1653 and proved 6 June 1656.^[38]
3. *Alice Revett*, bp. 7 May 1606; bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 5 July 1625.
4. *Sarah Revett*, bp. 13 March 1607/8; bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 4 Oct. 1671; m. there 12 Feb. 1628/9 *John Stukely* (bur. there 27 Feb. 1657/8).^[39]

³⁵ Mackerell, *History of King's Lynn*, 139.

³⁶ PCC 93–94 Penn (PROB 11/333 folios 216–217): wife Bridgett executrix; nephew Mr. Michael Stukely; William Keeling the son of William Keeling of Fonsham, Norfolk; nephew William Stukely; witnesses Edward Edwards and Fra. Kendrickses.

³⁷ *King's Lynn St. Nicholas PRs*. They had the following children bp. in St. Margaret, King's Lynn (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*), and bur. in St. Nicholas: *Alice Young* (bp. 11 March 1623/4), *Thomas Young* (bp. 20 Nov. 1625), *Elizabeth Young* (bp. 12 Dec. 1626; bur. 14 Dec. 1627), *Ann Young* (bp. 22 Feb. 1628/9), *John Young* (bp. 16 Sept. 1630), and *Mary Young* (bp. 26 Sept. 1632; bur. 15 June 1634/5).

³⁸ PCC 238 Berkeley (PROB 11/256 folio 250): buried "as neare my Father and mother Revett as I may with Convenience be layd"; son Thomas Young; grandchild Isaac Young, son of Thomas Young, when 21; son John Young; brother Michael Rivett; mention of late husband Isaac Young; daughter Alice Hart; grandchild James Hart; grandchild William Hart when 21; Mr. James Astwood; brother John Stukely; Mr. John Horne minister; cousin Mary Stukely; sisters Sara Stukely and Anne Butler; son-in-law William Hart of Lynn executor; supervisor friend Mr. James Astwood; witnesses Bridgett Revett and Robert Barnard senior.

³⁹ *King's Lynn St. Nicholas PRs*.

Sarah was called Sarah Stukeley in her father's will (which also named her husband John Stukeley and son Robert Stukeley, under 21). Sarah was called Sarah Stukeley her mother's will (with children Robert, Sarah, and Michael Stukeley). She was called Sarah Stukely in the 1651 will of her brother John Revett; her husband John Stukely was an executor. She was called sister Sarah Stukely (with "brother" John Stukely and "cousin" Mary Stukely) in the 1653 will of her sister Elizabeth (Revett) Young. She was called "cousin Sarah Stokely" in the 1661 will of her aunt Mary (Gibson) Tidswell (see above). Their sons Michael Stukely and William Stukely were called nephews in the 1666 will of her brother Thomas Revett. The will of "John Stukely of Kings Lynne in the Countye of Norfolke merchant" was dated 16 Oct. 1657 and proved 22 May 1658.^[40] The will of "Sarah Stukeley of King's-Lynne in the Countie of Norfolke widdowe" was dated 26 July 1671 and proves 12 Feb. 1671/2.^[41]

5. *Mary Revett*, bp. 30 Dec. 1610; nothing further known.

6. *Abigail Revett*, bp. 15 Oct. 1612; bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 21 Sept. 1622.

7. *Anne Revett*, bp. 14 Aug 1614; bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 24 March 1685/6; m. *Anthony Butler* (bur. there 13 April 1668).^[42]

Anne was called Anne Revett in her father's will (under 21) and in her mother's will. She was called Anne Butler in the 1651 will of her brother John Revett (which also named "brother" Anthony Butler). She was called Anne Butler in the 1653 will of her sister Elizabeth (Revett) Young. Anthony Butler was called "cousin" in the 1661 will of Mary (Gibson) Tidswell, of which he was executor; it also named his wife Anne (see above). The will of "Anthony Butler Woollen draper of Kings Lynne in Norfolke" was dated 26 March 1668 and proved 19 June 1668.^[43]

8. *Timothy Revett*, bp. 28 Sept. 1615; nothing further known.

9. *Cecily Revett*, bp. 19 Oct. 1616; nothing further known.

10. *Michael Revett*, bp. 30 Aug. 1618; bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 5 Dec. 1657; m. West Winch, Norfolk, 7 Aug. 1645, *Bridgett Leake*.^[44]

As "Michell Revet, merchant," he was made a freeman of King's Lynn (by purchase) 1646/7.^[45] He was named in his mother's will

⁴⁰ PCC 353 Wootton (PROB 11/278 folios 310–311): son Michael Stukely when 21; son William Stukely when 22; daughter Mary Lane; servant Joane Gay; wife Sara Stukely executrix; son-in-law John Lane; witnesses Robert Barnard senior, William Straton, and Henry Hullyor.

⁴¹ PCC 21 Eure (PROB 11/338 folios 159–160): son William Stukeley; son-in-law John Lane and his children; daughter Mary Lane; friend Mr. Francis Kendrick and his wife; son Michael Stukeley executor; witnesses Hen. Hoogan and Geo. Osborne.

⁴² *King's Lynn St. Nicholas PRs*.

⁴³ PCC 75 Hone (PROB 11/327 folio 140): wife Anne; eldest son John; younger son Michael (infirm); friend Mr. John Horne; wife Anne executrix; friend Mr. Richard Clampe supervisor; witnesses Thomas Fenning, Richard Clampe, and Alice Hart.

⁴⁴ West Winch, Norfolk, parish registers (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): "Michael Rivett and Bridgett Leake". This Michael Revett was often called "junior" in the registers of St. Margaret, King's Lynn, to distinguish him from his older cousin [3.vi] Michael Revett.

⁴⁵ *Freemen of Lynn*, 160.

and was an executor of the 1651 will of his brother John Revett. Either this Bridget or her sister-in-law Bridget (Thurston) Revett was a witness to the 1653 will of their sister-in-law Elizabeth (Revett) Young. Michael Revett was called “cousin” in the 1661 will of his aunt Mary (Gibson) Tidswell (see above), which referred to him as deceased and also mentioned his children William Revett and Elizabeth Revett (both under 21).

11. *John Revett*, bp. 30 Oct. 1620; d. unm. by Jan. 1651/2 (from the probate clause of his will; see below). John Revett was named in his mother’s will. The will of “John Revett Clerke to Maior [*i.e.*, Major] Swallow in the Commissarie Genenerall Whalleyes Regement being sick in body” was dated 26 July 1651 and proved 28 May 1655.^[46]
12. *Robert Revett*, bp. 19 May 1622. He was named in his mother’s will and his brother John Revett’s 1651 will.
- vii. SARAH REVETT, bp. 24 March 1576/7; m. St. Margaret, King’s Lynn, 15 Dec. 1587, JOHN KING. She and her husband John “Kynne” were named in the 1606 will of her father.
- viii. MARTHA REVETT, bp. 15 Oct. 1578; app. d. young (not named in her father’s will).
- ix. TIMOTHY REVETT (again), bp. 24 Jan. 1579/80; d. 1 April 1638; bur. in Wells Cathedral in Wells, Somersetshire; m. KATHERINE JAMES (d. 11 March 1647/8 and bur. in Wells Cathedral).^[47] Timothy Revett, D.D., was Archdeacon of Bath and Canon of Wells at his death.^[48]

Timothy was called “Mr of Arte and fellowe of Sayncte Peters Colledge in Cambridge” in the 1606 will of his father. The will of “Timothie Revett

⁴⁶ PCC 141 Aylett (PROB 11/245 folio 274): brothers Michael (Mihell) Revett and Robert Revett, merchants; aunt Mary Tidswell; brother Anthony Butler; brother Thomas Revett; sisters Elizabeth Young, Sarah Stukely, and Anne Butler; my man James Atcheson; Mr. Thomas Lufkin; executors brother Michael Revett, brother-in-law John Stukely, and Mr. Thomas Lufkin; Major Swallow; witnesses Thomas Louckin, Griffen Lewis (by mark), and James Attcheson (by mark).

According to the probate clause, this will was proved by executors Michael Revett and John Stukely, taking over administration of the estate (which had previously been granted to the testator’s sister Sarah Stukely *als* Revett on January 1651/2 under the belief that he had died intestate). This will was also summarized in *Davy’s Suffolk Families: Revett*, folio 310r.

⁴⁷ Arthur J. Jewers, *Wells Cathedral: Its Monumental Inscriptions and Heraldry...* (London, 1892) [hereafter Jewers, *Wells Cathedral*], 131: “Heare are intombed Timothy Revett Doc’r of Divinity and Katherine his wife, the former died the first of April 1638 The latter the 11th of March 1647.” On pp. 131–2 this family is discussed: “This Timothy was a younger son of Michael Revett of Lynne, co. Norfolk. He married Katherine, daughter of Francis James, D.C.L., of Barrow Court, one of the Masters in Chancery, a Judge of the Court of Audience and Archbishop’s Court, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells...[discussion of the wills of Katherine’s extended family and the wills of this Timothy Revett and his son Timothy Revett, who was also buried in the Cathedral (on 9 March 1679/80)].”

⁴⁸ *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, 3:463: “Rivet, Timothy. Adm[itted] scholar at Peterhouse, Apr. 5, 1595. S. of Michael, of Lynn, Norfolk. Matric[ulated] c. 1595; B.A. (?from St Catharine’s) 1597–8; M.A. from Peterhouse, 1601; B.D. 1608; D.D. 1614. Fellow of Peterhouse, 1599–1618. Ord[ained] deacon (Lincoln) Dec. 22, 1605. Minister of Little St Mary’s, Cambridge, 1609–12. V[icar] of North Petherton, Somerset, 1613–5. Archdeacon of Bath, 1613–38. Canon of Wells, 1613–38. R[ector] of Compton Martin, Somerset, 1615–38. V[icar] of Chedder, 1627–38. Married Katherine, dau. of Francis James, of Wells, Somerset. Died Apr. 1, 1638. Will, P.C.C.”

D[o]c[t]or in Divinity Archdeacon of Bath and Canon Resident of the Cathedrall Church of Wells having beene of late infirme and wasted in my bodie” was dated 17 March 1637/8 and proved 30 June 1638, naming (among others) sons Arthur and Timothy Revett, and their “grandfather James”; wife Katherine was executrix.^[49]

Children of Timothy and Katherine (James) Revett:

1. *Arthur Revett*, d. betw. 25 June and 20 Aug. 1647 (from the dates of his will). The nuncupative will of “Arthur Revett gent late of Wells deceased” was dated and proved as above. In it he left his personal estate to his mother, who was to be executrix; his brother Timothy was to receive £6 per year and the reversions of two properties; witnesses were Thomas Coward and Abraham Forrester.^[50]
 2. *Timothy Revett*, bur. in Wells Cathedral 9 March 1679/80.^[51] The will of “Timothy Revett of the Citie of Welles, in the Countie of Somerset, gent” was dated 23 Dec. 1679 (with a codicil dated 16 Feb. 1679/80) and proved 20 May 1680.^[52]
- x. MARY REVETT, bp. 28 July 1581; bur. St. Margaret, King’s Lynn, 1 June 1675; m. abt. 1606/7 FRANCIS COBB (bur. St. Margaret 22 Aug. 1638).^[53]
- Mary was called Mary Revett in her father’s 1606 will. Mary and Francis Cobb were named in the 1624 will of her brother John Revett. The will of “Francis Cobb of South Lynne in the County of Norfolk gent” was dated 8 Aug. 1638 and proved 3 Dec. 1638.^[54] The will of “Mary Cobbe of Kings Lynne in the County of Norff widd” was dated 14 Jan. 1670/1 and proved 5 July 1675.^[55]

⁴⁹ PCC 76 Lee (PROB 11/177 folios 196–197). This will and that of his son Timothy are discussed in Jewers, *Wells Cathedral*, 131–2; all of the relatives named in them were connected through the James family. On the following pages (through 140), register entries and wills for those other relatives are summarized. This will was also summarized in *Davy’s Suffolk Families: Revett*, folio 309r.

⁵⁰ PCC 173 Fines (PROB 11/201 folio 263). This will was also summarized in *Davy’s Suffolk Families: Revett*, folio 310r.

⁵¹ Jewers, *Wells Cathedral*, 131: “M^r Timothy Revett, bur.”

⁵² PCC 64 Bath (PROB 11/363 folios 37–38). See above.

⁵³ *King’s Lynn St. Margaret PRs*. They had the following children bp. and bur. in St. Margaret: *Mary Cobb* (bp. 1 May 1607; bur. 6 March 1607/8) and *Revett Cobb* (bp. 11 Feb. 1608/9; bur. 4 May 1631).

⁵⁴ PCC 174 Lee (PROB 11/178 folios 462–463): wife Mary; nephew Edmond Cobb, son of William Cobb; Edmond’s younger son Francis Cobb; William Cobb, eldest son of Edmond; Martin Cobb, son of my brother William Cobb; Francis Cobb and William Cobb, other sons of said brother William; the daughters of my brother William Cobb; my brother Mr. Martin Cobb now dwelling in Snettisham and my sister his wife and their children; brother-in-law James Revett; his wife Avis; their children Thomas Revett and Cecily Revett; Dorothy the wife of Mr. Thomas Oxley, Margaret the wife of Mr. Henry Farrer, and Sarah Kyme my wife’s kinswoman; kinsmen Robert Shouldham and James Foster; Alice the wife of Thomas Petty; wife’s kinswoman Alice Younge, goddaughter Sara Osborne, and Anne Davye the daughter of Thomas Davy; servant Elizabeth Jones; Mr. Arrowsmith; Edmond Cobb and Francis Cobb, gent., two of the sons of said brother Martin Cobb; executors wife Mary Cobb and nephew Edmond Cobb (son of brother William Cobb, deceased); witnesses John Harrison, Leonard Bowes, and R. Drury.

⁵⁵ Archdeaconry of Norwich registered wills, 1674–1675:285–288 (FSL DGS 8477121 images 405–407): William Miller son of John Miller by Sarah his late wife deceased “late one of the daughters of my brother James Revett likewise deceased”; his brothers Robert Miller, John Miller, and

- xi. JAMES REVETT, bp. 2 Dec. 1582; bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 5 Feb. 1650/1; m. Norwich, Norfolk, 10 March 1613/14, AVIS ASKEW (bur. St. Nicholas 18 June 1649).^[56] According to his burial record, James Revett was the sword-bearer for King's Lynn.

"James Revett, merchant" was made a freeman of King's Lynn (by gratuity) 1618/19.^[57] James Revett was named in his father's will. James Revett and his wife "Avice" were named in the 1624 will of his brother John Revett. James Revett was named in the 1633 will of his brother Thomas Revett. James Revett, his wife Avis, and their children Thomas and Cecily were named in the 1638 will of Francis Cobb. James Revett was a witness to the 1638 will of his sister-in-law Alice (Gibson) Revett. He was also named in the 1649 will of [1.ii] John Revett, in which he was called a cousin. The 1671 will of Mary (Revett) Cobb mentioned James Revett (deceased) and his children Sarah Miller (deceased), Timothy Revett (deceased), and Thomas Revett (executor).

Children of James and Avis (Askew) Revett (1–11 bp. St. Margaret, King's Lynn):

1. *Cecily Revett*, bp. 29 June 1615; bur. St. Margaret 5 Jan. 1670/1. Administration of her estate was granted to her brother Thomas Revett on 12 June 1676 (at the same time as that of her sister Ann).^[58]
2. *Thomas Revett*, bp. 23 Oct. 1616; apparently d. young.
3. *Michael Revett*, bp. 31 Oct. 1617; bur. St. Margaret 18 Aug. 1619.
4. *Thomas Revett* (again), bp. 20 Nov. 1618; bur. St. Nicholas 19 April 1678. On 24 April 1678, administration of his estate was granted to his kinsman Timothy Revett of Little Walsingham, Norfolk (along with that of [2.x] Mary [Revett] Cobb of King's Lynn, which Thomas had held).^[59]
5. *John Revett*, bp. 29 June 1620; bur. St. Margaret 12 Nov. 1620.
6. *Ann Revett*, bp. 12 Aug. 1621; d. by 12 June 1676 when administration of her estate was granted to her brother Thomas Revett

Revett Miller when 21; Margaret Revett, widow of Timothy Revett late of Snettisham, Norfolk, clerk, deceased, another child of said deceased brother James Revett; Timothy Revett, son of said Timothy Revett, deceased; Avis Revett, a daughter of said deceased nephew Timothy Revett, when 21; her sister Margaret Revett when 21; Thomas Revett, another son of said brother James Revett; nephew Henry Ferrour of King's Lynn; his wife Susanna; their daughter Susanna; niece Sarah Stukely of King's Lynn, widow; niece Anne Butler of King's Lynn, widow; nephew Henry Ferrour and his father Henry Ferrour of Wisbeck in the Isle of Ely, esq.; nephew Thomas Revett executor; nephew Henry Ferrour of King's Lynn supervisor; witnesses Edward Appleyard and George Hardy.

⁵⁶ Registers of St. John Timberhill with All Saints and St. Michael at Thorn, Norwich (images on FindMyPast.co.uk): James Revytt & Avice Askewe [by license]. She was perhaps the "Avis Asku ye daughter of William Asku & Catherin his wife" bp. 28 July 1587 in Toft Monks, Norfolk (Registers of Toft Monks; images on FindMyPast.co.uk).

⁵⁷ *Freemen of Lynn*, 141.

⁵⁸ Archdeaconry of Norwich admons., 1668–1681:154 (FSL DGS 4033992 image 828): two entries on 12 June 1676: Anna Revet *als* Peck late of Lynn Regis and Cicilia Revet late of Lynn Regis, in both cases granted to *frater germanus* Thomas Revet.

⁵⁹ Archdeaconry of Norwich admons., 1668–1681:180 (FSL DGS 4033992 image 855).

(see above under her sister Cecily); m. (perhaps 2nd) _____ (prob. Edward) Peck.^[60]

7. *James Revett*, bp. 28 March 1623; bur. St. Nicholas 15 Dec. 1628.
8. *Samuel Revett*, bp. 28 April 1624; bur. St. Margaret 28 Feb. 1625/6.
9. (son) *Revett*, bur. St. Margaret 14 Dec. 1624.
10. *Sarah Revett*, bp. 24 April 1626; d. bef. 14 Jan. 1670/1 (when she was referred to as deceased in the will of her aunt Mary (Revett) Cobb, which also named her husband John Miller and children William Miller, Robert Miller, John Miller, and Revett Miller); m. *John Miller*.^[61]
11. *Owen Revett*, bp. 4 July 1627.
12. *Elizabeth Revett*, bp. St. Nicholas 15 Jan. 1629/30.
13. *James Revett* (again), bp. St. Nicholas 5 June 1631; bur. there 14 Aug. 1631.
14. *Timothy Revett*, d. bef. 14 Jan. 1670/1 (when, as Timothy Revett of Snettisham, Norfolk, clerk, he was referred to as deceased in the will of his aunt Mary [Revett] Cobb, along with wife Margaret and children Timothy Revett, Avis Revett, and Margaret Revett); m. *Margaret* _____.

3. **JOHN^A REVETT** (*Michael^B*), baptized in St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 15 February 1568/9; buried there 21 February 1623/4; married St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 3 January 1593/4, **FAITH BROWNE**. She was baptized in St. Margaret, 12 November 1570, daughter of James and Margaret (_____) Browne,^[62] and was buried there 13 August 1629 (also recorded at St. Nicholas).

⁶⁰ An "An Rivett" m. Thomas Furnis 2 Apr. 1648 in St. Margaret; he was bur. there 7 March 1648/9 (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*). Rivett Peck, son of Edward, was bp. there 20 Sept. 1650 (as well as a daughter Bathsheba Peck, bp. 20 Feb. 1651/2).

⁶¹ "Rivet son of John Miller" was bp. 28 May 1663 in St. Nicholas, King's Lynn (*King's Lynn St. Nicholas PRs*).

⁶² James Browne had the following children bp. in St. Margaret: *William* (bp. 16 Aug. 1559), *James* (bp. 23 Aug. 1561), *Mary* (bp. 14 Sept. 1563), *John* (bp. 14 Jan. 1564/5), *Thomas* (bp. 2 March 1566/7; bur. 6 Feb. 1571/2 in St. Nicholas, King's Lynn), *Nathaniel* (bp. 14 Aug. 1569; bur. 18 Sept. 1575 in St. Nicholas), *Faith* (as above), *Grace* (bp. 12 Nov. 1570, apparently a twin of Faith), *Susan* (bp. 14 Feb. 1573/4), and *Nathaniel* (again) (bp. 22 Apr. 1576). This last child was born posthumously, as James Browne, mercer, had been bur. in St. Nicholas on 26 Oct. 1575 (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs* and *King's Lynn St. Nicholas PRs*).

James "Broun," apprentice of Francis Welby, merchant, was made a freeman of King's Lynn (by apprenticeship) 1556/7 (*Freemen of Lynn*, 101). His apprentice Francis Duke, merchant, was made freeman there (by purchase) 1575/6; William "Broune," merchant, son of James, was made freeman (by birth) 1582/3; and John "Browen, second son of James Browen," was made freeman (by purchase) 1585/6 (112, 117, 119).

James Browne was a witness to the nuncupative will of John Whittington, clerk, of King's Lynn, dated 8 and proved 15 May 1563 (Consistory Court of Norwich registered wills, 72:27; FSL DGS 8076317 image 34). The short will of James Browne was dated 21 Oct. 1575 and proved 28 Nov. 1575 by his widow Margaret (PCC 43 Pyckering; PROB 11/57 folio 336): "In Lynne...I James Browne"; to Margerie Whittington £4 on the day of her marriage; to my apprentice Francis Dewke 40s. at the end of his term of years; to Mawde my maid 13s. 4d.; to Edward Davie and his wife 10s.; to my brother Thomas Seolesbye 10s.; residue to wife Margaret, she to pay to my children £30 each when they reach 21; wife Margaret executrix; friend John Stretall supervisor; witnesses William Habes, Thomas Barwick, Davie More, and Francis Dewke.

“John Revett, second son and app[rentice] of Michael Revett, merchant” was made a freeman of King’s Lynn (by apprenticeship) 1592/3.^[63] John Revett was an executor of his father’s will (which also named his wife Faith). The will of “John Revett of Kinges Lynne in the County of Norff Merchant” was dated 13 February 1623/4 and proved 15 March 1623/4:^[64]

to Mr. William Leedes, Mr. Richard Emmott, Mr. Carston, Mr. Price, and Mr. Whiting 10s. apiece; to daughter Cicelie £100 in 3 months; to son Michael Revett and daughters Anne Revet, Grace Revet, and Jane Revet £100 apiece when 21; to wife Faith for her life (then to son Michael) the site “of the late dissolved house or Monasterie sometimes called the Fryers preachers or the black fryres in Kinges Lynne” and all my properties and my 3 acres next to them on the north part; wife Faith to be executrix, she to have the lease of my house that I dwell in on the east side of the street called the Checker in King’s Lynn, and all household items; to Isaack Pursell the son of my late friend Isaack Pursell deceased, £30 when 21; supervisors brothers Thomas Revet and Michael Revett; to said Thomas Revett £10, my new gown, “and a cast of old groates”; to said Michael my great new gold ring; to Jane the wife of said brother Thomas, 20s.; to sister Manistie 20s.; to Alice the wife of said brother Michael 20s. and my ring “with a Turkie stone in the same”; to brother James 20s.; to his wife Avice 20s.; to sister Mary the wife of Francis Cobbe 20s.; my loving friend Robert Hinson, parson of West Lynn, to preach a sermon for me at my burial, he to have 40s.; to uncle John Revet 20s.; witnesses Edmund Clarke, William Stoakes, and Robert Makins grocer.

The will of “Fayth Revett of Kings Lynne in the county of Norff widdow” was dated 7 July 1629 and proved 17 September 1629:^[65]

to daughter Grace £10 in 1 year; to daughter Jane £10 when 21 and a bed and bedding from the garden chamber, plus the legacy due to her from her father’s will when it comes due, she to have £5 per year until 21 or married for her maintenance; to said Jane furniture (described); residue to son Michael Revett and the lease of the messuage in the Checker Street in King’s Lynn which was bequeathed to me by my late husband; son Michael Revett to be executor; witnesses Alice Revett and Thomas Revett the elder.

James Browne was probably the man of that name who was executor of the will of his brother George Browne, single man, of King’s Lynn, dated 6 Oct. 1558 and proved 15 Nov. 1558 (Archdeaconry of Norwich registered wills, 14:607; FSL DGS 8472731 image 689): to be buried in chapel yard of St. Nicholas in King’s Lynn; “all sutche goodes & venturz as was Loden in the Swallowe of Hulle by my brother Leonard Browne For my behoulfe beinge brother Leonard [sic] as was p[ro]myssed to the value of [£4]” to brother James Browne of King’s Lynn “marchantman”; to brother-in-law John Inglysse my child’s portion remaining in his hands (£5); the residue of my child’s portion in the hand of my brother Leonard Browne to be equally divided between said brothers Leonard and James; residue to brother James, he to be executor; witnesses John Whittington rector, John Donyngton, and Stephen Willson.

⁶³ *Freemen of Lynn*, 124. His apprentice George Clementes was made freeman 1612/13 (138).

⁶⁴ PCC 24 Byrde (PROB 11/143 folio 189). This will was also summarized in *Davy’s Suffolk Families: Revett*, folio 308r.

⁶⁵ Archdeaconry of Norwich registered wills, 42:481 (FSL DGS 8077028 image 486).

Children of John^A and Faith (Browne) Revett (baptized St. Margaret, King's Lynn):

- i. FAITH REVETT, bp. 3 Nov. 1594; bur. St. Margaret 1 March 1614/15.
- ii. CECILY REVETT, bp. 6 March 1596/7; bur. St. Margaret 1 Feb. 1626/7;^[66] m. Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, 28 Aug. 1626, EDWARD NODDALL.^[67] They had received a license to marry on 11 Aug. 1626: "Edw[ard] Noddall, of Boston, gouldsmith, [age] 34, & Cicilea Revett, of Skirbecke, sp[inste]r, [age] 25. Appl[ication] By W[illia]m Calverley, of Boston, yeom[an]. [Skirbecke.]"^[68] Most likely Cecily was living with Samuel and Ann (Revett) Whiting in Skirbeck at the time of her marriage.
- iii. ALICE REVETT, bp. 5 Aug. 1599; bur. St. Margaret 21 Sept. 1601.
- iv. RHODA REVETT, bp. 10 Feb. 1601/2; bur. St. Margaret 9 Sept. 1603.
- v. ANNE REVETT, bp. 25 Oct. 1604 (as Agnes Revett); d. prob. Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, in 1628 or 1629;^[69] m. Runcton Holme, Lincolnshire, 20 Dec. 1624, Rev. SAMUEL¹ WHITING. Samuel Whiting m. (2) Boston, Lincolnshire, 6 Aug. 1629, Elizabeth St. John.^[70] He and his second wife d. in Lynn, Mass., on 11 Dec. 1679 and 3 March 1676/7 respectively.^[71]

Ann Revett was named in her father's 1624 will as under 21. Samuel Whiting was also named in that will (as "Mr. Whiting"), among the local ministers to whom bequests were made.

Children of Samuel¹ and Anne (Revett) Whiting:

1. *John Whiting*, bp. St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 14 Oct. 1625;^[72] bur. Skirbeck 22 July 1634.^[73]
2. *Dorothy² Whiting*, bp. Skirbeck 14 May 1627;^[74] d. Roxbury, Mass., 31 July 1694; m. there 4 June 1650 *Thomas² Weld* (son of Rev. Thomas¹ Weld).^[75]
3. (son) *Whiting*, probably b. and d. between 1628 and 1629 in Skirbeck.
- vi. MICHAEL REVETT, bp. 25 May 1607; d. 6 and bur. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 8 April 1667; m. (1) St. Margaret, King's Lynn, 29 Nov. 1629, MARY WALLIS (bur. St. Nicholas 9 Oct. 1639; dau. of John Wallis, mayor of

⁶⁶ *King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*: Cissely Nodale the wife of Edward Nodale.

⁶⁷ Bishop's Transcripts for Skirbeck, Lincolnshire (FSL 504758 item 1) [hereafter *Skirbeck BTs*]: "Edward Noddle & Sesley Revit were married the 28th of August 1626." Rev. Samuel Whiting (as "Sa. Whiting") signed the BT in 1626.

⁶⁸ A. Gibbons, ed., *Lincoln Marriage Licenses: An Abstract of the Allegation Books Preserved in the Registry of the Bishop of Lincoln 1598–1628* (London, 1888), 130.

⁶⁹ The extant Skirbeck parish registers begin in 1661; the years 1628 and 1629 are not among the extant Bishop's Transcripts.

⁷⁰ *Boston St. Botolph PRs*: Samuel Whiteing gent & Elizabeth SainJohns.

⁷¹ For further details and their descendants, see the works cited in the introduction above.

⁷² *King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*: John Whyting the so: of Samuel Whyting Clarcke.

⁷³ *Skirbeck BTs* for 1634: John ye sonne of Mr. Samuel Whiteing.

⁷⁴ *Skirbeck BTs* for 1627: Dorothy Whiteing daughter to mr. Samuel Whiteing.

⁷⁵ For this family, see Fitzpatrick, "Whiting Family," 219, and Charles Frederick Robinson, *Weld Collections* (Ann Arbor, 1938), 53ff.

King's Lynn);^[76] m. (2) Wiggenhall, Norfolk, 2 June 1645, ELIZABETH MAXEY (dau. of Nathaniel Maxey, also mayor of King's Lynn).^[77]

The graves of this Michael Revett and several of his children were marked in the chapel of St. Nicholas: "On another Marble Stone is this, with the Arms of *Revet*, as before [e.g., Argent three Bars, and in Chief as many Treverts Sable], *Here lieth interred the Body of Master Michael Revet, Gent. who departed this Life the 6th of April, in the Year of our Lord 1667. Aged 60 years.* He hath deliver'd my Soul in Peace, Ps. LV. 18. *Here lieth interred the Body of Mrs Elizabeth Revet, Daughter of the abovesaid Mr Michael Revet; who departed this Life on the 15th Day of April, 1683, being 33 Years of Age. Here lieth interred the Body of Nathaniel Revet, the Son of the abovesaid Mr Michael Revet; who departed this Life the 12th Day of May, Anno Domini 1707. Aged 60 Years.*"^[78]

As "Michael Revett, jun., eldest son of John R[evett], merchant, deceased," he was made a freeman of King's Lynn (by birth) 1631/2.^[79] Michael Revett was named in his father's will as under 21. He was the executor of his mother's will. The will of "Michaell Revett of Kinges Lynn in the County of Norff Merchant" was dated 16 March 1666/7 and proved 10 May 1667.^[80]

Children of Michael and Mary (Wallis) Revett:^[81]

1. *John Revett*, bp. St. Margaret 24 Nov. 1630. He was called eldest son in his father's will (which also named his "supposed son" Francis Revett). He was perhaps the "John Revett, taylor" who was made a freeman of King's Lynn (by purchase) 1671/2.^[82]
2. *Matthias Revett*, bp. St. Margaret 6 March 1632/3; bur. St. Nicholas 11 Feb. 1641/2.
3. *Margaret Revett*, bp. St. Nicholas 22 Dec. 1634; bur. there 11 Jan. 1635/6.
4. *Mary Revett*, bp. St. Nicholas 8 April 1638; bur. there 4 April 1655.
5. *Thomas Revett*, bp. and bur. St. Nicholas 9 and 15 Oct. 1639.

⁷⁶ She was bp. 20 Sept. 1610 in St. Margaret: "Marye Walleyes D of John by his wife Margret Nelson" (with marginal note "John Walleis mayor this yere") (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*).

⁷⁷ "Elizabethe Maxe the dau of Nathanell" was baptized 6 Sept. 1614 in St. Margaret (*King's Lynn St. Margaret PRs*). The will of her father "Nathan:ll Maxey of the Burrough of Kings Lynne... Alderman" named (among others) "my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Michell Revet senr." (PCC 15 Brent [PROB 11/225 folio 131], dated 7 Nov. 1652 and proved 19 Aug. 1653). The date and location of the marriage come from the FindMyPast.co.uk database, "England Marriages 1538–1973" (the parties "Michael Rivet" and "Elizabetha Maxxy"). The registers of St. Mary the Virgin, Wiggenhall, have been filmed by the FSL but not yet digitized (FSL 1546349). Nathaniel Maxey was mayor of Lynn 1648–9 (Mackerell, *History of King's Lynn*, 278).

⁷⁸ Mackerell, *History of King's Lynn*, 139–140.

⁷⁹ *Freemen of Lynn*, 151.

⁸⁰ Archdeaconry of Norwich registered wills, 56:253–254 (FSL DGS 8077031 images 263–264): eldest son John Revett; Francis Revett "supposed sonne of my said sonne John" when 21; daughter Elizabeth Revett (not yet 24); younger son Nathaniel Revett executor; signed "Michael Rivett"; witnesses Hen. Ferroure and Joseph Cock.

⁸¹ This Michael Revett was called "junior" in the King's Lynn parish registers through 1636 to distinguish him from his uncle of the same name, and called "senior" in the late 1640s and early 1650s to distinguish him from his younger cousin of the same name.

⁸² *Freemen of Lynn*, 181.

Children of Michael and Elizabeth (Maxey) Revett:

6. (child) *Revett*, stillborn; bur. St. Nicholas 7 Feb. 1645/6.
7. *Nathaniel Revett*, bp. St. Margaret 30 April 1647; d. 12 and bur. St. Nicholas 14 May 1707 (see above).

Nathaniel Revett was called the younger son in his father's 1667 will, of which he was executor. "Nathaniel Rivet, son of Michael R[ivet], yeoman," was made a freeman of King's Lynn (by birth) 1678/9.^[83]

8. (child) *Revett*, stillborn; bur. St. Margaret 14 April 1648.
9. *Elizabeth Revett*, b. about 1649; d. 15 and bur. St. Nicholas 17 April 1682 or 1683 (see above). She was named in her father's will.
10. *Mary Revett*, bp. St. Margaret 18 Aug. 1651; app. d. young (not named in her father's will).

- vii. GRACE REVETT, bp. 8 Oct. 1609; bur. Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, 2 June 1634;^[84] m. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 29 April 1628, WILLIAM TAYLOR of Boston, Lincolnshire.^[85]

Grace Revett was named in her father's will as under 21. She was also named in her mother's 1629 will, though without surname.

- viii. JANE REVETT, bp. 13 Sept. 1615; m. St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, 6 Sept. 1635, JOHN ATKIN.

They were perhaps the John and Jane Atkin living in Boston, Lincolnshire, in the years following this marriage. Recorded in the registers of St. Botolph, Boston, were the baptisms of "John the sonne of John & Jane Attkin" 15 July 1636 (bur. there 17 July 1636), and "Elizabeth the daughter of John & Jane Atkin" 15 July 1637 (bur. there 29 Sept. 1637). "Jane the wife of John Atkin" was bur. there 1 March 1637/8.^[86]

Jane Revett was in her father's 1624 will and her mother's 1629 will as being unmarried and under 21.

Robert Battle, FASG (register@americanancestors.org), is editor of the Register.

⁸³ *Freemen of Lynn*, 189.

⁸⁴ *Skirbeck BTs* for 1634: Grace ye wife of Wm Taylor. This burial was also recorded on the same day in the registers of St. Botolph (*Boston St. Botolph PRs*): "Grace the wife of Willm Taler buried at Scirbeck."

⁸⁵ A different William Taylor married Sarah Smith 18 Sept. 1625 in Boston and was having children there as late as 27 Sept. 1640, when "Jonathan the sonne [and] Sarah the daughter of Willyam Tayler & Sarah his wife" were baptized there (*Boston St. Botolph PRs*). There were a number of baptisms with a father named William Taylor in Boston while both couples were there, but without the mothers' names given it is not possible to determine which children belong to which couple: *Susanna* (10 Oct. 1629), *Debora* (23 Dec. 1630), *Anne* (15 Jan. 1631/2), *Hannah* (17 March 1632/3), and *Faith* (29 Dec. 1633).

⁸⁶ *Boston St. Botolph PRs*.

Jacob and Henry Sellingham, Hessian Immigrants, of Boston, Ashburnham, and Ashby, Massachusetts

George W. Varney

(concluded from 180 [2026]:130)

3. **JACOB³ SELLINGHAM** (*Henry², Jacob¹*) was born in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, 22 December 1761.^[149] He died probably in Woodstock, New Hampshire, 24 June 1851.^[150] Jacob married, first, in Plymouth, New Hampshire, on 14 September 1781, **HANNAH TORREY**.^[151] She was born in Meredith, New Hampshire, on 2 April 1759, the daughter of Samuel and Marcey (____) Torrey.^[152] Hannah died probably in Peeling, New Hampshire, after 12 December 1830 when she and Jacob sold land there, and before 8 August 1835 when Jacob and his wife Jane sold land there.^[153] Jacob married, second, by 8 August 1835, **JANE** _____.^[154] She died probably in Peeling after 1 October 1835, when she and Jacob sold land there,^[155] and before 25 August 1840, when Jacob married, third, in Thornton, New Hampshire, **JANE** (____)

¹⁴⁹ Ashburnham VRs, 70; Ashburnham Town Records, B2:256 (image 138).

¹⁵⁰ Revolutionary War pension payment ledgers, 1818–1872, vol. 1, Revolutionary War pensioners under Act of 1832, 1849–64, p. 33 (FSL DGS 7196952 image 42): Jacob Sullenheim, “Died 24 June 1851.”

¹⁵¹ *History of Plymouth*, 2:626; “Marriages Registered in Plymouth” (in Pease Public Library) vol. 1, no. 846 (Jacob “Suttenham” and Hannah Torrey). The N.H. Index to Marriages has the marriage of Jacob “Sullenham” and Hannah “Torrey” on 14 Sept. 1787 [sic] (FSL DGS 4243231 image 478).

¹⁵² Frederic C. Torrey, *The Torrey Families and Their Children in America*, 2 vols. (Lakehurst, N.J., 1929) [hereafter *Torrey Families*], 2:8. Belknap Co., N.H. deeds, 1:234–235 (FSL DGS 8595763 image 130): Samuel Torrey to Jonathan Porter (1774), “Marcey my wife” relinquished her dower. New Hampshire Birth Records, Early to 1900, Hannah Torrey (1759) (FSL DGS 4244316 image 2595). “Meredith, New Hampshire, Records of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, 1768–1915,” Hannah Torrey, daughter of Samuel Torrey, “aged 10 years April 2 1769” [Daniel Torrey, “aged 17 years October 18th 1769” also listed as one of Samuel’s children] (FSL DGS 5511262 images 7–8).

Hannah (Torrey) Sellingham’s identification as the daughter of Samuel Torrey is supported by the residence of Daniel Torrey in Thornton, N.H., on 10 July 1775. On that date, Daniel, yeoman, aged 22, enlisted in Revolutionary War service at the same time as Henry² Sellingham (*N.H. State Papers* 17, 14). The birthdates of Samuel Torrey’s children, Daniel, born 18 Oct. 1752, and Hannah, born 2 April 1759, correspond well with the ages of the Thornton residents (*Torrey Families*, 2:8, 15, 16). Jacob and Hannah Sellingham named two of their sons Samuel and Daniel, likely to honor Hannah’s father and brother.

¹⁵³ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 121:347–348 (FSL DGS 8298352 images 456–457), 141:476 (8298361 image 536).

¹⁵⁴ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 141:476 (FSL DGS 8298361 image 536).

¹⁵⁵ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 136:264 (FSL DGS 8298359 image 141).

Foss.^[156] She was born in New Hampshire about 1773 (aged 77 in 1850),^[157] and was living in Woodstock on 18 August 1851, when she requested an administrator for Jacob's estate.^[158]

On 12 April 1778, Jacob Sellingham, aged 16, enlisted in Revolutionary War service, his father Henry also enlisting for a second time.^[159] A document dated 18 May 1778 lists Jacob and Henry as "belonging to Thornton" and "engaged in the Service of Massachusetts state."^[160] A muster roll of Capt. Daniel Livermore's company in Col. Alexander Scammell's regiment, dated June 1778, lists Jacob and Henry as privates with a term of two years.^[161] A call roll of Capt. Daniel Livermore's company, 3rd New Hampshire Regiment, dated 8 September 1778, lists both Jacob and Henry as having to serve a [remaining] term of 1 year, 7 months, and 4 days.^[162] One payroll indicates that Jacob and Henry were paid £27 each when they left service on 12 April 1780.^[163] Four decades later, on 9 April 1819, Jacob deposed that he enlisted in April or May 1778 in Capt. Daniel Livermore's company, Col. Henry Dearborn's regiment in the New Hampshire line, took part in the Battle of Newtown (detailed in the text above for his father Henry Sellingham), and was discharged in April 1780.^[164]

Unlike three of his younger sisters (Anna, Elisabeth, and Sarah) and his younger brother (Henry), Jacob spent most of his adult life in Thornton and the adjacent town of Peeling. A gazetteer of Grafton County, New Hampshire, states that Jacob came to Thornton about 1783.^[165] As noted above, Jacob was said to be "of Thornton" in 1778.^[166] He was living there on 10 March 1785, when the town voted to review the hire of Jacob and Henry Sellingham.^[167] On 1 December 1785, Jacob and Henry were paid £3 12s. each.^[168] In 1790, Jacob was enumerated in Thornton: five males under 16 (William, Jacob, Jr., John, Henry, and Samuel); one male over 16 (Jacob); and one female (Hannah).^[169] With his father Henry and brother-in-law Abijah Learned, Jacob was in

¹⁵⁶ *New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette* (Concord, N.H.), 31 Aug. 1840, p. 3, col. 4: [MARRIAGES] "In Thornton, Aug. 25th, by Geo. W. Durgin Esq., Mr. Jacob Sellingham, a Revolutionary pensioner, to widow Jane Foss."

¹⁵⁷ 1850 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 268 (Jane "Cunningham" in Jacob "Cunningham" household).

¹⁵⁸ Grafton Co., N.H. probate files, Jacob Sellingham (1851) (FSL DGS 100396480 images 909–914).

¹⁵⁹ *N.H. Rev. War Records*, Muster rolls and petitions, 1778–1787, image 247 of 764.

¹⁶⁰ *N.H. State Papers* 15, 460.

¹⁶¹ *Rev. War Rolls*, New Hampshire, 03d Regiment, 1776–1780 (Folders 25–26), 3d Regiment, 1776–1780 (Folders 27–33), image 588 of 625.

¹⁶² *Rev. War Rolls*, New Hampshire, 03d Regiment, 1776–1780 (Folders 34–38) – Bartlett's Regiment of Militia, 1780 (Folder 48), image 207 of 554.

¹⁶³ *Rev. War Rolls*, New Hampshire, 03d Regiment, 1776–1780 (Folders 34–38) – Bartlett's Regiment of Militia, 1780 (Folder 48), image 236 of 554.

¹⁶⁴ Revolutionary War Pension File S16545, Jacob Sullingham, Sullenhein (*Rev. War Pension Files*, Stutson – Sullings, images 988–1014 of 1022) [hereafter *Jacob Sullingham Pension*], image 994.

¹⁶⁵ Hamilton Child, *Gazetteer of Grafton County, N. H., 1709–1886*, 2 parts (Syracuse, N.Y., 1886) [hereafter *Gazetteer of Grafton County*], 1:629: Jacob "Lellingham" [sic].

¹⁶⁶ *N.H. State Papers* 15, 460.

¹⁶⁷ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:14 (image 15).

¹⁶⁸ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:15 (image 15).

¹⁶⁹ 1790 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 79.

northern New Hampshire on 30 May 1792, when he petitioned for two representatives for the district there.^[170] Evidently, Jacob's stay there was brief, as no other record of Jacob in northern New Hampshire has been located. Jacob was taxed in Thornton in both 1792 and 1793.^[171]

Jacob³ Sellingham was granted, purchased, and sold land in Thornton and Peeling over a period of five decades. In the 1810s and 1820s, several of these transactions involved his sons. In the 1830s and 1840s, the transactions document not only his life, but also the lives of his three wives. Jacob was called a yeoman or husbandman in the deeds:

- 1 July 1794 – the town of Peeling granted to Jacob Lot 9, 1st Range, containing 100 acres.^[172]
- 1 Nov. 1800 – Jacob Blanchard of Thornton sold to Jacob 100 acres there, for \$100. Bordering easterly by Lot 50 “the land where sd Sullenham now lives.” Jacob, husbandman, was of Thornton.^[173]
- 16 Nov. 1801 – Jacob sold to Ezekiel Elliott of Thornton 10 acres in Peeling in Lot 9, 2nd Range there “which is within Lot 49” in Thornton, for \$30. Jacob, yeoman, was of Thornton.^[174]
- 28 Nov. 1803 – Ansel Hatch of Thornton sold to Jacob 12 acres in Lot 68 there, for \$80. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[175]
- 6 Feb. 1804 – the town of Peeling granted to Jacob Lot 10, 13th Range there, for “damages he sustained in the Lot the Proprietors heretofore granted to him for settling which was partly Cut off by the settlement of the line of Said town of Peeling.”^[176]
- 15 May 1807 – Mary Cheney of Peeling, executrix of the estate of Elias Cheney, sold to Jacob 20 acres there, for \$200. Part of Lot 49 lying partly in Peeling and partly in Thornton. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[177]
- 5 June 1808 – Joseph S. Gilman of Exeter, N.H. sold to Jacob part of Home Lot 50 in Thornton, for \$400. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[178]
- 15 Dec. 1812 – Benjamin Hobart of Peeling sold to Jacob Lot 20, 7th Range there, for \$600. Jacob, yeoman, was of Peeling; his sons William and Henry witnessed the deed.^[179]
- 1 Feb. 1813 – Jacob sold to his son Jacob Jr. of Thornton the south half of Home Lot 50 and the whole of “the Flatt on the Main Road excepting 5 acres on the south part of land” and also “the land convey[ed] me by Ansel

¹⁷⁰ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 21–30, Box 29:1791–1792, May 1792, images 34–36 of 46.

¹⁷¹ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:127, 141 (images 77, 84).

¹⁷² Town Records of Woodstock, N.H., 1763–1882 (transcription) (FSL DGS 8649606) [hereafter *Woodstock Town Records*], 1:11–12.

¹⁷³ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 31:324 (FSL DGS 8128826 image 597).

¹⁷⁴ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 35:330 (FSL DGS 8298325 image 442).

¹⁷⁵ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 49:606 (FSL DGS 8298329 image 314).

¹⁷⁶ *Woodstock Town Records*, 1:57–59.

¹⁷⁷ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 49:607 (FSL DGS 8298329 image 314).

¹⁷⁸ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 49:605 (FSL DGS 8298329, image 313).

¹⁷⁹ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 62:120 (FSL DGS 8128830 image 69).

Hatch” containing 15 acres there, for \$200. Jacob, yeoman, was of Peeling; son Henry witnessed the deed.^[180] See transactions dated 28 Nov. 1803 and 5 June 1808.

- 19 March 1816 – Jacob sold to J. M. V. Barron of Peeling “Voted” Lot 10, 13th Range in Peeling, for \$17. J. M. V. was called John V. Barron later in the deed. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[181] See transaction dated 6 Feb. 1804.
- 21 Aug. 1819 – son Daniel of Thornton sold Jacob 55 acres in [Lot] 41, 2nd Division in Thornton, for \$300. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling; son Jacob Jr. witnessed the deed.^[182]
- [day and month not recorded] 1821 – Davis Demeritt of Peeling sold Jacob Lot 9, 4th Range there, in the original right of Henry Buzzell, for \$650. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[183]
- 21 June 1821 – Jacob sold to Erastus E. Hatch of Thornton, 55 acres in [Lot] 41, 2nd Division there, for \$300. Hannah, wife of Jacob, relinquished her dower by mark. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[184] See transaction dated 21 Aug. 1819.
- 12 March 1830 – Jacob sold to Lewey Newton of Thornton, 5 acres there, part of Lot 50 and part of Lot 68, for \$50. “It being the same I reserved when I deeded to my Son Jacob.” Hannah, wife of Jacob, relinquished her dower by mark. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling; James K. Hatch (husband of daughter Catherine Sellingham) witnessed the deed.^[185] See transaction dated 1 Feb. 1813.
- 24 Dec. 1832 – Jacob sold to his son Walter of Peeling 90 acres partly in Thornton and partly in Peeling, part of Home Lots 49 and 50, and an additional 40 acres in Thornton, for \$1000. Jacob, yeoman, was of Peeling; his wife Hannah was not named in the deed.^[186]
- 20 Jan. 1835 – son Walter of Peeling sold Jacob the land in the above transaction, for \$500. Mehitabel, wife of Walter, relinquished her dower. Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[187]
- 8 Aug. 1835 – Jacob sold to Ansel Hatch of Thornton 40 acres there, for \$200. Jane Sellingham, relationship not recorded, signed the deed by mark. “The same that J. K. Hatch formerly resided,” Jacob, yeoman, was of Peeling.^[188]
- 1 Oct. 1835 – Jacob sold to Thomas Wyatt of Thornton 50 acres there for \$100. Jane Sellingham, again relationship not recorded, signed the deed

¹⁸⁰ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 86:13 (FSL DGS 8298335 image 13).

¹⁸¹ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 70:242 (FSL DGS 8128833 image 357).

¹⁸² Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 79:232–233 (FSL DGS 8203931 images 601–602).

¹⁸³ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 86:12 (FSL DGS 8298335 image 12).

¹⁸⁴ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 85:301 (FSL DGS 8128835 image 407).

¹⁸⁵ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 121:347–348 (FSL DGS 8298352 images 456–457). *History of Littleton*, 3:251.

¹⁸⁶ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 126:41 (FSL DGS 8203933 image 28).

¹⁸⁷ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 132:536–537 (FSL DGS 8298357 image 278).

¹⁸⁸ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 141:476 (FSL DGS 8298361 image 536).

by mark. "All the land I now own there excepting and reserving one acre." Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[189]

- 21 Dec. 1839 – Jacob sold to the town of Peeling 40 acres, partly in Peeling and partly in Thornton, for \$400. Jane was not named in the deed. "The farm I now live on." Jacob, husbandman, was of Peeling.^[190]
- 16 Sept. 1844 – Jacob sold to David F. Sargent of Thornton a farm lying in Woodstock and Thornton, for \$500. Jane, wife of Jacob, relinquished her dower by mark. "It being the farm I now live on." Jacob was of Woodstock.^[191] David was the husband of Hannah T. Sellingham, granddaughter of Jacob.^[192]
- 26 Nov. 1845 – David Sargent mortgaged the above land to Jacob, for \$500. Hannah Sargent, relationship not recorded, signed the deed. Jacob, husbandman, was of Woodstock.^[193]
- 21 Jan. 1847 – David Sargent of Woodstock sold to Jacob the above mortgaged land, for \$50. Jacob was of Thornton.^[194]

Jane (____) (Foss) Sellingham also purchased and sold land separately from her husband. On 24 May 1849, Joseph Sanborn of Thornton sold to Jane of Thornton land there for \$130.^[195] A year and a half later, on 8 January 1851, Jane of Woodstock, "spinstress," sold that land back to Joseph Sanborn for \$100.^[196]

Jacob Sellingham participated in both town and county affairs. On 16 September 1799, the town of Thornton paid Jacob \$8 for two canoes.^[197] On 3 March 1800, Thornton voted to establish a school district from "Mr Fishers to Jacob Sullenhams."^[198] In 1800, Jacob was enumerated in Thornton: three males under 10 (Daniel, Benaiah and Henry); two males, 10–15 (John and Samuel); two males, 16–25 (William and Jacob, Jr.); one male, 26–44 (Jacob); one female under 10 (Catherine); and two females, 26–44 (Hannah and an unidentified female).^[199] On 16 November 1803, Jacob and his sons William, John, and Samuel petitioned that military duty for residents of Peeling be assigned to the 14th Regiment of Militia commanded by Capt. Moses Baker.^[200] On 8 March 1808, Jacob was appointed surveyor for the first district in Peeling.^[201] On 29

¹⁸⁹ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 136:263 (FSL DGS 8298359 image 140).

¹⁹⁰ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 156:471 (FSL DGS 8298366 image 246).

¹⁹¹ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 187:106 (FSL DGS 8298379 image 336).

¹⁹² N.H. Death Records, 1654–1947, Hannah T. Sargent (1894) (FSL DGS 4244241 image 1676): father Jacob Sillingham. Edwin Everett Sargent, *Sargent Record: William Sargent of Ipswich, Newbury, Hampton, Salisbury and Amesbury, New England, U.S., with his descendants and their intermarriages, and other Sargent Branches* (St. Johnsbury, Vt.), 137.

¹⁹³ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 187:107 (FSL DGS 8298379 image 337).

¹⁹⁴ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 192:75–76 (FSL DGS 8298381 images 44–45).

¹⁹⁵ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 202:383 (FSL DGS 8291340 image 210).

¹⁹⁶ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 209:285 (FSL DGS 8299302 image 739).

¹⁹⁷ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:345 (image 183).

¹⁹⁸ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:350 (image 186).

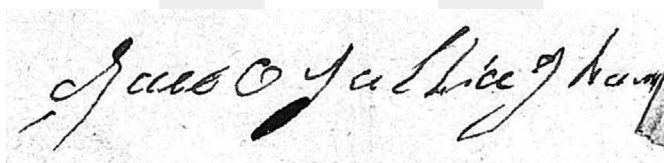
¹⁹⁹ 1800 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 429.

²⁰⁰ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 36:1797–1800. November 1803, image 9 of 35.

²⁰¹ *Woodstock Town Records*, 1:219 (original).

January 1810, Jacob was licensed to keep a tavern at his house in Peeling until the next February 1st.^[202] In 1810, he was enumerated in Peeling: two males under 10 (Thomas and Walter), one male, 10–15 (Benaiah); three males, 16–25 (Daniel, Samuel, and Henry); one male, above 45 (Jacob); two females under 10 (Hannah and an unidentified female); one female, 16–25 (Catherine); and two females, 26–44 (Hannah and an unidentified female). Jacob, Jr. was also living in Peeling;^[203] son William was living in Thornton.^[204] On 25 September 1815, Jacob was appointed to a Thornton committee to determine where to build a bridge over the Pemigewasset River.^[205]

On 13 November 1815, Jacob Sellingham of Peeling petitioned for the appointment of a guardian for Hannah Sellingham. Jacob stated that he was the brother of Hannah, who was “distracted & incapable of taking care of her self.” On the same day, Edward Evans, Grafton County judge of probate, appointed Benjamin Barron as Hannah’s guardian; Benjamin Barron and Jacob Sellingham, both of Peeling, presented a \$1000 bond. Four months later, on 15 March 1816, Benjamin and Jacob again presented a \$1000 bond. Jacob’s signature on this document is shown below:^[206]



On 28 May 1816, Jacob petitioned to have John Varnum Barron appointed as Justice of the Peace in Peeling.^[207] Although Jacob³’s son Jacob⁴ initially was called “Junior” in Thornton town records, by 1816 the younger man was called Jacob Sellingham, without the suffix, and his father was called Captain Jacob Sellingham.^[208] In Grafton County deeds, Jacob³ was called *husbandman* or *yeoman*; Jacob⁴ initially was called “Junior” but later was called *gentleman* or *esquire*, without the suffix.^[209]

The 1820 U.S. census for Grafton County is missing, which explains Jacob’s absence in that enumeration. On 10 March 1820, Thornton gave Capt. Jacob Sellingham a tax abatement of \$1.42 for the year 1817 “having paid in Peeling.”^[210] In June 1820, Jacob and his sons Jacob, Jr., Samuel, and Benaiah B. Sellingham, and son-in-law James K. Hatch, petitioned that Thomas Walker be

²⁰² *Woodstock Town Records*, 1:166 (original).

²⁰³ 1810 U.S. Census, Peeling, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 463.

²⁰⁴ 1810 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 472.

²⁰⁵ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:615 (image 314).

²⁰⁶ *New Hampshire, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1643–1982* ([Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)), Grafton, Probate Estate Files, Page-Young, images 187–193 of 560.

²⁰⁷ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 41–50, Box 44:1816–Dec 1816, May 27–31, 1816, image 5 of 33.

²⁰⁸ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:222–223, 224–225 (images 125–126). As he was called a private in this Revolutionary War service, he likely derived this title from later years in a town militia.

²⁰⁹ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 79:232–233 (FSL DGS 8203931 images 601–602), 110:18 (8298347 image 15).

²¹⁰ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:572 (image 293).

appointed Justice of the Peace in Thornton.^[211] On 18 March 1823, Thornton voted to refer Capt. Jacob Sellingham's request to pay his school tax to the Town of Peeling to the Thornton School District where he lived.^[212] On 16 February 1824, Thornton allowed Capt. Jacob Sellingham \$1.31 for his school tax, having paid in Peeling.^[213] On 8 March 1825, Thornton voted to reduce the taxes of Capt. Jacob Sellingham by \$.03 on the dollar.^[214] On 14 May 1829, Thornton town meeting items included an inquiry to see if the farms of Mr. Caleb Mills and Capt. Jacob Sellingham would be moved from District No. 7 to the North District.^[215]

In 1830, the enumeration of "Thomas" Sellingham in Peeling was likely an error for Jacob³ Sellingham, who otherwise has not been found in the 1830 U.S. census. This enumeration contained one male, 60–69 (Jacob); one male, 90–99 (Henry); one female, 70–79 (Hannah); and one female, 80–89 (Katharine). Sons Thomas P. and Daniel were also living there;^[216] sons Jacob Jr. and Walter were living in Thornton.^[217] Although Jacob was taxed in Thornton in the surrounding years of 1829–1831,^[218] he was not included in the 1830 U.S. Census there. As shown above, Jacob's property lay partly in Thornton and partly in Peeling, explaining his enumeration, albeit mislabeled, in Peeling. In 1840, Jacob, pensioner, 79, was enumerated in Woodstock (formerly Peeling): one male, 70–79 (Jacob), and one female, 60–69 (presumably his wife Jane Foss). Sons Daniel, Samuel and Walter also were living there;^[219] son Jacob Jr. was living in Thornton.^[220] In 1850, Jacob "Cunningham" [*sic*], pensioner, 88, and Jane, 77, were living in Thornton. Son Jacob, Jr. also was living there;^[221] sons Daniel and Samuel were living in Woodstock.^[222] On 30 January 1850, Jacob Sellingham, "the eldest," was deposed in a dispute about the border between Woodstock and Warren.^[223]

On 14 April 1818, Jacob Sellingham of Thornton deposed that his father Henry served in Capt. Daniel Livermore's company, Col. Henry Dearborn's regiment, Gen. [Enoch] Poor's brigade. Jacob recalled that he and Henry joined the Army on 29 June 1778 and that they served the same term.^[224] One month later, on 28 May 1818, Jacob of Peeling attested to the Revolutionary War service of Edward Taylor of Campton, New Hampshire.^[225]

²¹¹ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 41–50, Box 47:1819–1820, June 1820 (A); images 18–19 of 31.

²¹² *Thornton Town Records*, 2:41 (image 365).

²¹³ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:594 (image 304).

²¹⁴ *Thornton Town Records*, 2:57 (image 373).

²¹⁵ *Thornton Town Records*, 2:89 (image 389).

²¹⁶ 1830 U.S. Census, Peeling, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 12.

²¹⁷ 1830 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., pp. 27–28.

²¹⁸ *Thornton Town Records*, 2:394–395, 425–425, 444–445 (images 542, 557, 567).

²¹⁹ 1840 U.S. Census, Woodstock, Grafton Co., N.H., pp. 29, 30.

²²⁰ 1840 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 30.

²²¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., pp. 268, 271 (Jacob Snellingham [*sic*] in B.N.B. Snellingham household). A Jacob "Cunningham" has not been located in either Revolutionary War rolls or pension files for New Hampshire.

²²² 1850 U.S. Census, Woodstock, Grafton County, New Hampshire, roll 431, p. 225 [B].

²²³ Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 205:398–399 (FSL DGS 8298385 image 510).

²²⁴ *Henry Sellingham Pension*, image 874.

²²⁵ Revolutionary War pension file S43195, Edward Taylor (*Rev. War Pension Files*, Taylor, Daniel – Taylor, Elijah, image 660 of 969).

On 9 April 1819, Jacob Sellingham of Peeling, aged 58, applied for his own Revolutionary War pension. He declared that he enlisted in April or May 1778 in Capt. Livermore's company, Col. Dearborn's regiment in the New Hampshire line and that he was discharged in April 1780 in West Point, New York.^[226] On 22 February 1819, his father Henry Sellingham of Peeling deposed that he was in service with Jacob from 28 June 1778 until April 1780.^[227] On 22 February 1819, the above Edward Taylor of Campton attested to Jacob's Revolutionary War service.^[228] On 3 April 1819, John Palmer and Thomas Pinkham, Selectmen of Peeling, stated that Jacob was a "hard laboring man and has a large familey to suppoart and is far advanced in years and is in indigent circumstances."^[229] Jacob received a payment totaling \$78.93—\$30.93 in arrears to 4 September 1819, and \$48 semi-annual allowance to 4 March 1820.^[230]

More than a decade later, on 3 August 1832, Jacob of Peeling, aged 73 [*sic*], deposed that he was receiving a Revolutionary War pension of \$8 per month commencing on 9 April 1819, but was stricken from the pension roll due to the amount of his property.^[231] Jacob's sale of pieces of his property in 1821 and 1830 may have led to the restoration of his pension. On 2 October 1832, Jacob received \$160—\$120 in arrears to 4 September 1832, and \$40 semi-annual allowance to 4 March 1833.^[232] He appears on a List of Pensioners for 1835: Jacob "Sullenkeim" [*sic*] Private; annual allowance of \$80; sum received of \$240; service on the New Hampshire continental line; placed on the roll 2 October 1832; pension commenced 4 March 1831; aged 73 (*sic*).^[233] An additional pension roll lists Jacob as receiving \$40 half yearly allowance from September 1835 through September 1848.^[234]

On 18 August 1851, Jane Sellingham, widow of Jacob Sellingham of Woodstock "lately deceased intestate," declined administration of the estate and requested John Horner of Thornton be appointed administrator. On 19 August 1851, John Horner, T. H. Quincy, and Jeremiah Blodgett presented a \$100 bond. Inventory and distribution documents are not included in the probate file.^[235]

Although census records seem to indicate that Jacob and Hannah (Torrey) Sellingham had a large family, only four of their children are documented as such. The births of their sons William and Jacob Jr. were recorded in Thornton town records; the newspaper report of their son John's drowning named Jacob as his father; and the death record of their son Henry named Jacob and Hannah as his parents. The others are included here due to their residences in

²²⁶ *Jacob Sullingham Pension*, image 994.

²²⁷ *Jacob Sullingham Pension*, image 995.

²²⁸ *Jacob Sullingham Pension*, image 1011.

²²⁹ *Jacob Sullingham Pension*, image 997.

²³⁰ *Jacob Sullingham Pension*, image 1002.

²³¹ *Jacob Sullingham Pension*, images 1004–1005.

²³² *Jacob Sullingham Pension*, image 990.

²³³ U.S., *The Pension Roll of 1835* ([Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)), Vol. 1, 6 New Hampshire, image 94 of 130.

²³⁴ U.S., *Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801–1815, 1818–1872* ([Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)), T718:1818 – 1872, 06: Revolutionary War, 1831–1848, image 47 of 130; Jacob Sullenheim.

²³⁵ Grafton Co., N.H. probate files, Jacob Sellingham (1851) (FSL DGS 100396480 images 909–914).

Thornton and Peeling where Jacob and Hannah were the only Sellingshams of an appropriate age to have been their parents. A gazetteer of Grafton County names nine children (William, Jacob, Henry, Daniel, Walter, Pinkham, Samuel, Catharine and Hannah),^[236] but does not name John, Benaiah, Thomas (likely the same child as Pinkham), or the unidentified daughter included here.

Children of Jacob³ and Hannah (Torrey) Sellingham (born prob. Thornton or Peeling, N.H.):

- i. WILLIAM⁴ SELLINGHAM/SULHAM, b. 4 April 1782;^[237] d. Hyde Park, Vt., 15 May 1841;^[238] m. Peeling 18 Sept. 1800 BETSEY BRYANT,^[239] b. N.H. abt. 1774, daughter of James Bryant;^[240] d. Hyde Park 9 March 1852.^[241]
- ii. JACOB SELLINGHAM, JR., b. 22 June 1784;^[242] d. 18 March 1877 (aged 92y 8m 26d), bur. Woodstock Cemetery, Woodstock, N.H.;^[243] m. Peeling 29 Jan. 1807 MARY K. EDGERLY,^[244] b. Lee, N.H., abt. 19 April 1789, daughter of James and Temperance (Knight) Edgerly,^[245] d. Thornton 12 July 1879 (aged 90y 2m 23d), bur. Woodstock Cemetery.^[246]
- iii. JOHN SELLINGHAM, b. abt. 1786; drowned, Peeling, 29 April 1808 (aged 22).^[247]

²³⁶ *Gazetteer of Grafton County*, 1:629.

²³⁷ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:94 (image 56).

²³⁸ *North Star* (Danville, Vt.), 21 May 1841, p. 3, col. 5. "In Hyde Park, 15th inst., Wm. Sulham, late of Peacham, aged 61 [sic]. He died in the triumphs of faith." Repeated in *New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette* (Concord, N.H.), 28 May 1841, p. 3, col. 4.

²³⁹ N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947, William Selingham and Betsey Bryant (1800) (FSL DGS 4243230 image 4948): both of Peeling, Rev. Noah "Woster" of Thornton officiated. *Woodstock Town Records*, 1:278: William Selingham and Betsey Bryant.

²⁴⁰ Revolutionary War Pension File W22170, John Bryant, Briant (*Rev. War Pension Files*, Bryant, John – Bryant, Stephen, images 126–179 of 712), deposition of Betsey Sulham (1849), images 134–135. Betsey deposed that she and John Bryant were the children of James Bryant of Middleton, N.H.

²⁴¹ *North Star* (Danville, Vt.), 20 March 1852, p. 3, col. 4. "In Hyde Park, March 9th, Mrs. Betsey Sulham, widow of Mr. William Sulham, aged 78 years----formerly of this town. Her remains were removed to Danville for interment."

²⁴² *Thornton Town Records*, 1:94 (image 56).

²⁴³ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 64217069.

²⁴⁴ *Thornton Town Records*, 1:520 (image 271): both of Peeling, Rev. Noah Worcester officiated.

²⁴⁵ *New Hampshire, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1643–1982* (Ancestry.com), Grafton County, Probate Estate Files, Shattuck-Woodward, Allen-Gould, 1818–1819, James Edgerly (1819), images 830–871 of 935 (image 838, Mary Selingham heir), (image 833, Jacob Selingham Junr, administrator). N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947, James Edgerly and Temperance Knight (1788) (FSL DGS 4243148 image 814). Dorothy Roach Edgerly and Raymond Henry Edgerly, *An Edgerly Family Index, An Update of Edwin Lorriane Edgerly's Manuscript of the Edgerly Family* (Oceanside, Calif., 2005) [hereafter *Edgerly Family Index*], 23.

²⁴⁶ N.H. Death Records, 1654–1947, Mary H. Selingham (1879) (FSL DGS 4244239 image 4722); FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 64217234.

²⁴⁷ *Concord Gazette* (Concord, N.H.), 17 May 1808, p. 3, col. 3. "[Drowned] In Peeling, 29th ult. Mr. John Sellingham, son of Mr. Jacob Sellingham, Æt. 22."

- iv. SAMUEL SELLINGHAM, b. abt. 1788; liv. Woodstock, N.H., in 1870 (aged 82);^[248] m. by 1815 (birth of eldest child),^[249] POLLY _____; b. N.H. abt. 1791; liv. Woodstock, in 1870 (aged 79).^[250]
- v. HENRY SELLINGHAM, b. abt. 1790 (age 70 in 1860);^[251] d. Whiting, Vt., 11 Sept. 1866;^[252] m. 4 Jan. 1816, CALLEY DEXTER POND, b. Sudbury, Vt., 19 May 1798, daughter of Paul and Calley (Dexter) Pond,^[253] d. of chronic bronchitis, Whiting, 21 Oct. 1872 (aged 76).^[254]
- vi. CATHERINE SELLINGHAM, b. abt. 1792 (aged 58 in 1850);^[255] liv. Lisbon, N.H., in 1860;^[256] m. by 30 April 1817 (birth of eldest child), JAMES KELLEY HATCH, b. Thornton, 2 Oct. 1791, son of Joseph and Ruth (Kelley) Hatch; d. Littleton, N.H., 20 Aug. 1855.^[257]
- vii. DANIEL SELLINGHAM, b. abt. 1794 (aged 86 in 1880);^[258] d. Woodstock 15 May 1882;^[259] m. Thornton, 16 Nov. 1816, MATILDA CLEMENT,^[260] b. Weare, N.H., abt. 1798, prob. daughter of Henry and Mary (Treadwell) Clement;^[261] d. of dropsy, Woodstock, 2 Jan. 1879 (aged 81).^[262]
- viii. BENAIHAH B. SELLINGHAM/SULHAM, b. abt. Dec. 1797; d. of paralysis, Hardwick, Vt., 11 July 1880 (aged 82y 7m);^[263] m. Peeling, 8 March 1821, OLLIE EDGERLY,^[264] b. Northwood, N.H., abt. 2 April 1804, daughter of

²⁴⁸ 1870 U.S. Census, Woodstock, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 726B.

²⁴⁹ Gravestone of "William S. son of Samuel & Polly Selingham" in Woodstock Cemetery ([FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 64318495).

²⁵⁰ 1870 U.S. Census, Woodstock, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 726B.

²⁵¹ 1860 U.S. Census, Whiting, Addison Co., Vt., p. 614 (between 613 and 615).

²⁵² Vt. Vital Records, 1760–1954, death, Henry Sellingham (1866) (FSL DGS 4705265 image 3126).

²⁵³ Edward Doubleday Harris, *A Genealogical Record of Daniel Pond, and His Descendants* (Boston, 1872), 66.

²⁵⁴ Vt. Vital Records, 1760–1954, death, "Calla" Sellingham (1872) (FSL DGS 4358387 image 551).

²⁵⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, Littleton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 124B.

²⁵⁶ 1860 U.S. Census, Lisbon, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 384 (between 383 and 385). Catherine Hatch in George W. Cobleigh household.

²⁵⁷ *History of Littleton*, 3:251; *Genealogy & History of the Hatch Family, Descendants of Thomas & Grace Hatch of Dorchester, Yarmouth & Barnstable, Massachusetts* (Ogden, Utah, 1925), 264. Both call Catherine daughter of Jacob Sellingham.

²⁵⁸ 1880 U.S. Census, Woodstock, Grafton Co., N.H., e.d. 103, p. 438D.

²⁵⁹ *Fall River Daily Evening News* (Fall River, Mass.), 23 May 1882, p. 2, col. 4: "Captain Daniel Sellingham, a veteran of 1812, died Monday, at Woodstock, N. H., aged 90 years [*sic*]." It is unlikely that a death occurring on Monday, 22 May 1882 would have been reported the following day; thus the death likely occurred on the previous Monday, 15 May 1884.

²⁶⁰ War of 1812 Pension File S.O. 14,771 and S.C. 17,619 (Daniel Selingham), pp. 1–18 (p. 6, marriage, Thornton, 16 Nov. 1816), online at [Fold3.com](#). *Thornton Town Records*, 1:526 (image 274): both of Thornton, Enoch Colby, J.P., officiated.

²⁶¹ 1800 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 712/428, Henry Clement household, one female under 10. 1810 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 419/470, Henry Clement household, one female 10 to under 15. *Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988* ([Ancestry.com](#)), Ipswich, Births, Marriages and Deaths and Marriage Intentions, image 197 of 282: Henry Clement of Weare, N.H., and Mary Treadwell of Ipswich (1796) (p. 252).

²⁶² N.H. Death Records, 1654–1947, Matilda Selingham (1879) (FSL DGS 4244239 image 4707).

²⁶³ Vt. Vital Records, 1760–1954, death, Beniah B. Sulham (1880) (FSL DGS 4358393 image 4196).

²⁶⁴ N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947, "Benias" B. Selingham and Olley Edgerly (1821) (FSL DGS 4243230 image 4890): both of Peeling, William Thornton of Peeling [*sic*], J. P., officiated. *Thornton Town Records*, 2:227 (image 458): both of Peeling, William Thornton, J.P., officiated.

- James and Temperance (Knight) Edgerly;^[265] d. of pneumonia, Hardwick, 19 March 1885 (aged 81y 11m 17d).^[266]
- ix. HANNAH T[ORREY?] SELLINGHAM, b. abt. 1799; liv. Thornton, in 1870 (aged 71);^[267] m. Peeling, 24 Aug. 1817, JOHN BARNARD PAIGE,^[268] b. Weare, N.H., 5 March 1798, son of Samuel and Jerusha (Barnard) Paige,^[269] d. of consumption, Lawrence, Mass., 30 April 1854^[270] (aged 55y 2m [sic]). John bur. in Pine Grove Cemetery, Thornton.^[271]
- x. THOMAS P[INKHAM?] SELLINGHAM/SULHAM, b. abt. 26 May 1801; d. of cancer, Greensboro, Vt., 14 June 1887 (aged 86y 19d);^[272] m. Holderness, N.H., 23 Dec. 1824, LAURA HANES,^[273] b. Mass., abt. 1805, liv. Greensboro, in 1880 (aged 75).^[274]
- xi. WALTER W. SELLINGHAM/SULLINGHAM, b. abt. 1803; d. 13 Oct. 1843 (aged 40), bur. Woodstock Cemetery;^[275] m. Thornton, 12 Feb. 1824, MEHITABLE B. FIFIELD,^[276] b. Durham, N.H., abt. April 1806, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Pinkham) Fifield;^[277] d. of paralysis, Amesbury, Mass., 13 Sept. 1893 (aged 87y 5m).^[278] She m (2) Woodstock, 30 April 1846, Gideon Tuxbury.^[279]
- xii. [Daughter] SELLINGHAM, b. say 1805 (one of two females under 10y in 1810).^[280]

²⁶⁵ *New Hampshire, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1643–1982* (Ancestry.com), Grafton County, Probate Estate Files, Shattuck-Woodward, Allen-Gould, 1818–1819, James Edgerly (1819), images 830–871 of 935 (image 871, Olly Edgerly, guardian appointment). *Edgerly Family Index*, 23.

²⁶⁶ Vt. Vital Records, 1760–1954, Olive (Edgerley) Selham (1885) (FSL DGS 4358387 image 447).

²⁶⁷ 1870 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 689B.

²⁶⁸ N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947, John Page and Hannah T. Selingham (1817) (FSL DGS 4243211 image 1483): John of Thornton, Hannah of Peeling; John V. Barron of Peeling, J. P., officiated. *Woodstock Town Records*, 1:280: John Page and Hannah T. Selingham.

²⁶⁹ William Little, *The History of Weare, New Hampshire, 1735–1888* (Lowell, Mass., 1888), 957. *History of Plymouth*, 2:507, calls Hannah daughter of Jacob Selingham, mistakenly calls John son of David and Mary (Bailey) Page. N.H. Birth Records, Early to 1900, John Paige (1798) (FSL DGS 4244273 image 4214).

²⁷⁰ Mass. Deaths, 1841–1915, 1921–1924, 84:136 (FSL DGS 4219406 image 158).

²⁷¹ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 49025305 (mistakenly states John d. Manomet, Mass.).

²⁷² Vt. Vital Records, 1760–1954, Thos. P. Sulham (1887) (FSL DGS 4358393 image 4322).

²⁷³ N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947 (FSL DGS 4243230 image 4900): Thomas P. Sillingham and Laura Hanes; Samuel Hackett officiated. Holderness town records, 1816–1837, 2:508 (FSL DGS 5511066 image 268): Thomas P. Sillingham and Laura Hanes.

²⁷⁴ 1880 U.S. Census, Greensboro, Orleans Co., Vt., e.d. 157, p. 400A: Laura Sulham in Andrew J. Moores household.

²⁷⁵ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 64318546.

²⁷⁶ N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947 (FSL DGS 4243230 image 4886): Walter W. Selingham of Peeling and Mehitable B. Fifield of Thornton; Andrew Rankin, Minister of the Gospel, officiated. *Thornton Town Records*, 2:205 (image 447): same.

²⁷⁷ Peter Fifield Wells, “The Family of Benjamin⁵ and Mehitable⁵ (Bean) Fifield,” *New Hampshire Genealogical Record* 20, No. 3 (July 2003), 110.

²⁷⁸ Mass. Deaths, 1841–1915, 1921–1924, 436:372 (FSL DGS 4225004 image 336): Mehitable Tuxbury.

²⁷⁹ N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947 (FSL DGS 4243220 image 1809): Gidion Tuxbury of South Hampton, N.H., and Mehitable Selingham of Woodstock; Jesse Boyden, Methodist Clergyman, officiated. *Woodstock Town Records*, 1:284: Gidion Tuxbury and Mehitable Selingham.

²⁸⁰ 1810 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 463.

4. **ANNA³ SELLINGHAM** (*Henry², Jacob¹*) was born in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, 24 February 1763 (but see below),^[281] and died in Beaver, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, 23 February 1848.^[282] Anna married in Northumberland, New Hampshire, 25 December 1783, **ABIJAH LEARNED**.^[283] He was born in Union, Connecticut, 2 February 1760, the son of Abijah and Anne (Wales) Learned,^[284] and was baptized there 17 February 1760.^[285] Abijah died probably in Salem (later Conneaut) or Monroe, Ashtabula County, Ohio, 10 January 1844.^[286]

On 4 November 1845, Anna deposed that she was “83 Years the 15th Day of last September,”^[287] suggesting that she was born on 15 September 1762. This date is five months earlier than her recorded birthdate (24 February 1763), only nine months after her brother Jacob’s recorded birthdate (22 December 1761), and the same day and month as her sister Elisabeth’s recorded birthdate (15 September 1765).^[288] In a family record written by her husband Abijah Learned, he recorded her birthdate as 15 September 1764; this confirms the day and month of her birth, but is exactly one year before her sister Elisabeth’s birthdate.^[289] The day and month of Anna and Elisabeth’s births may have been confused in Ashburnham records: Anna’s correct birthdate may be 15 September 1763; and Elisabeth’s correct birthdate may be 24 February 1765.

On 24 September 1832, five decades after the events, Abijah Learned was deposed about his Revolutionary War service. In June or July 1775, Abijah, aged 15, a resident of Northumberland, enlisted as a private in Capt. Jeremiah Eames’s company for a six-month term, during which he helped build a Fort in Northumberland and occasionally went out on a scouting party. On 9 May 1776, Abijah enlisted again in the same company for an additional six months, during which he built a Fort in Stratford, New Hampshire, and was engaged “in scouting.”^[290] A Revolutionary War payroll includes Abijah Learned, private, entered service 13 July 1776; 3 months length of service; paid £7.10 (£6 wages, and £1.10 bounty).^[291] In Northumberland, on 12 October 1776, Abijah and his brothers Abel and David Learned^[292] acknowledged the receipt of payment

²⁸¹ *Ashburnham VRs*, 70. *Ashburnham Town Records*, B2:256 (image 138).

²⁸² Revolutionary War Pension File W8016, Abijah Larned (*Rev. War Pension Files*, Larken – Larner, images 612–646 of 759) [hereafter *Abijah Larned Pension*], declarations, Sylvanus Learned and Sarah Huston (1848), images 628–629.

²⁸³ *Abijah Larned Pension*, declaration, Anna Learned (1845), image 623.

²⁸⁴ *Barbour Collection*, Union, 97: birth, Abijah Larned (1760), marriage, Abijah Larned and Anne Wales (1753). William Law Learned, *The Learned Family* (*Learned, Larned, Learnard, Larnard and Larned*) *Being Descendants of William Learned Who Was of Charlestown, Mass., in 1632* (Albany, N.Y., 1898) [hereafter *Learned Family*], 45–47.

²⁸⁵ *Connecticut, U.S., Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920* (Ancestry.com), Union, image 12 of 21.

²⁸⁶ *Abijah Larned Pension*, declaration, Anna Learned (1845), image 623.

²⁸⁷ *Abijah Larned Pension*, declaration, Anna Learned (1845), image 623.

²⁸⁸ *Ashburnham VRs*, 70. *Ashburnham Town Records*, B2:256 (image 138).

²⁸⁹ *Abijah Larned Pension*, Learned Family Record, image 616.

²⁹⁰ *Abijah Larned Pension*, declaration, Abijah Larned (1832), images 620–621.

²⁹¹ *Rev. War Rolls*, New Hampshire, Eames Company of Rangers, 1776 (Folder 75) - Langdon’s Company of Horse Vol, 1777–1778 (Folder 108), images 42–43 of 529.

²⁹² *Learned Family*, 45–47.

for their time of service.^[293] In May 1777, Abijah enlisted at Haverhill in Col. Crane's Massachusetts regiment under Lt. Florence Crowley for a term of three years. Two weeks later he marched to Peekskill, New York; another two weeks later he marched to West Point, New York, and remained there for the winter. In May or June [1778], he marched to Morristown, New Jersey, and remained there until November. He then marched to Croton's Point Bridge in Westchester County, New York, and remained there for the winter. In April or May [1779], he returned to West Point where he served out his three-year term.^[294]

In 1790, Abijah Learned was enumerated 25 miles north of Northumberland in Colburne (i.e., Cockburn, later Columbia), New Hampshire: one male under 16 (Henry); one male over 16 (Abijah); and three females (Anna, Irene, and Susannah).^[295] On 30 May 1792, Abijah Learned, father-in-law Henry Sellingham, and brother-in-law Jacob Sellingham signed a petition regarding the districting in northern New Hampshire.^[296] On 5 September 1793, Abijah Learned of Colebrook, yeoman, sold to Ebenezer Brainard of Colebrook (the future father-in-law of Henry Sellingham, Jr.), 100 acres in Lot 15 there, adjoining the south line of "Stewart" (i.e., Stuart) and the Connecticut River, for £100. The deed was signed by Anna Learned.^[297] On 27 November 1794, Abijah Learned and father-in-law Henry Sellingham petitioned for two representatives for their district.^[298] On 9 May 1796, Abijah Learned, father-in-law Henry Sellingham, and brother-in-law Henry Sellingham, Jr., petitioned that their district be divided into two or more districts.^[299] In 1798, Abijah, and his brothers Sylvanus and Abel Learned^[300] were taxed just south of Colebrook in Cockburn.^[301]

On 27 February 1800, Abijah was of "Stewartstown," when he, a husbandman, sold to his brother Abel Learned of Cockburn, all his right to 300 acres in Wales Gore between Stratford and Cockburn, New Hampshire, on the Connecticut River, for \$300.^[302] He was enumerated in Stewartstown in 1800: two males under 10 (Sylvanus and an unidentified male); one male, 10–15 (Henry); one male, 26–44 (Abijah); three females under 10 (Theodoty, Sarah, and Dorinda); one female, 10–15 (Irena or Susannah); and one female, 26–44 (Anna).^[303] On 24 February 1801, Abijah was appointed hog constable in Stewartstown;^[304] on 23 February 1802, he was appointed tithin[g] man.^[305] On 14 September 1804, Abijah Learned, his father-in-law Henry Sellingham,

²⁹³ *New Hampshire Revolutionary War Records, 1675–1835* (Ancestry.com), Muster rolls and petitions, 1710–1778, image 868 of 1065.

²⁹⁴ *Abijah Larned Pension*, declaration, Abijah Larned (1832), images 620–621.

²⁹⁵ 1790 U.S. Census, Colburne, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 17.

²⁹⁶ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 21–30, Box 29:1791–1792, May 1792, images 34–36 of 46.

²⁹⁷ Coos Co., N.H. deeds, Grafton Co. records, 5:291–292 (FSL DGS 8649637 images 363–364).

²⁹⁸ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 32:June 1794–June 1795, July–November 1794, image 21 of 24.

²⁹⁹ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 34:1796, May 1–19, 1796, images 14–15 of 29.

³⁰⁰ *Learned Family*, 45–47.

³⁰¹ *History of Coos County*, 723, as Abiger Larned.

³⁰² Coos Co., N.H. deeds, Grafton Co. records, 4:89–90 (FSL DGS 8649637 images 52–53).

³⁰³ 1800 U.S. Census, Stewartstown, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 127.

³⁰⁴ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:10 (image 403).

³⁰⁵ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:13 (image 404).

and his brothers-in-law Henry Sellingham Jr. and David Locke petitioned for establishing a school in Wales Location, New Hampshire.^[306] On 29 March 1806, Abijah, Henry Sellingham, Henry Sellingham Jr., and David Locke were appointed petit jurors for the July term.^[307] In May 1807, the same four joined other Stewartstown men in a petition to build a road from the Connecticut River to the District of Maine.^[308] On 8 October 1808, Abijah, his son Henry Learned, his father-in-law Henry Sellingham, and his brothers-in-law Henry Sellingham Jr., David Locke, and Elijah Benton petitioned for the appointment of Stephen Lane as Justice of the Peace in Stewartstown.^[309] In 1810, Abijah was enumerated in Stewartstown: one male, 16–25 (Sylvanus); one male 26–44 (Henry); one male above 45 (Abijah); two females under 10 (Dorinda and Anna); one female, 10–15 (Sarah); one female, 16–25 (Theodoty); one female, 26–44 (Irena or Susannah); and one female above 45 (Anna).^[310]

Abijah Learned was taxed in Stewartstown from 1800 to 1811:

- 1800 – 1 poll, 2 cows, 3 cows of three years, 2 cows of two years, \$3.42 tax, \$.72 state tax.^[311]
- 1801 – 1 poll, 3 cows, \$2.66 tax, \$1.76 state tax, \$.15 county tax, \$.37 town tax, \$.53 town tax to pay for county tax for 1800.^[312]
- 1802 – 1 poll, 3 cows, \$2.66 tax, \$1.76 state tax, \$.16 county tax, \$.53 highway tax, \$1.14 school tax.^[313]
- 1803 – 1 poll, 2 cows, 1 horse, \$1.98 tax, \$.12 county tax, \$.50 highway tax, \$.79 school tax.^[314]
- 1804 – 1 poll, 1 horse of five winters, 2 cows of five winters, \$2.40 tax, \$.38 state tax, \$.12 county tax, \$.84 highway tax, \$.84 school tax.^[315]
- 1805 – 1 poll, 1 horse of five winters, 1 cow of five winters, 1 neat stock of two winters, \$2.20 tax, \$.09 county tax, \$.72 school tax, \$.72 highway tax, \$.09 second county tax.^[316]
- 1806 – 2 “poles,” 1 horse, 1 horse of two winters, 1 cow of five winters, 1 neat stock of three winters, \$4.43 tax, \$.66 state, \$.58 county tax, \$1.65 highway tax, \$1.42 school tax, \$1.42 school house tax.^[317]
- 1807 – 1 “poles,” 1 horse, 50 acres undivided land, \$2.30 tax, \$1.04 highway tax, \$.69 school tax, \$.88 school house tax, \$.19 town tax, \$.31 county tax.^[318]

³⁰⁶ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 37:1804, July–October 1804, images 26–27 of 34.

³⁰⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:23 (image 409).

³⁰⁸ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 38:1806–1807, May 1–26, 1807, No Date #1–6, images 7–8 of 58.

³⁰⁹ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 39:1806–1809, August, September, October 1808, image 11 of 35.

³¹⁰ 1810 U.S. Census, Stewartstown, Coos Co., N.H., p. 16.

³¹¹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:152–153 (image 476).

³¹² *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:155–156 (images 477–478).

³¹³ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:158–159 (image 479).

³¹⁴ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:160–161 (image 480).

³¹⁵ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:162–163 (image 481).

³¹⁶ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:164–165 (image 482).

³¹⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:166–167 (image 483).

³¹⁸ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:168–169 (image 484).

- 1808 – 1 “poles,” 1 horse, 3 cows, 2 neat stock of three years, 1 neat stock of two years, 100 acres unimproved land, \$3.35 tax, \$1.88 highway tax, \$1.27 school tax, \$.64 school house tax, \$.32 town tax, \$.39 county tax.^[319]
- 1809 – 1 “poles,” 1 horse, 1 cow, 3 neat cattle of three years, \$2.50 tax, \$1.37 highway tax, \$.69 school tax, \$.19 town tax, \$.57 county tax.^[320]
- 1810 – 1 “poles,” 1 horse of four years, 2 cows, 2 neat cattle of two years, \$2.80 tax, \$1.48 highway tax, \$.99 school tax, \$.84 town tax, \$.24 county tax.^[321]
- 1811 – 1 “poles,” 2 horses, 2 “cows,” 1 neat stock of two years, \$3.15 tax, \$1.61 highway tax, \$1.61 school tax, \$.27 town tax, \$.63 county tax, \$.31 state tax.^[322]

After leaving Stewartstown, Abijah lived in Lower Canada (later Canada East, and now Province of Quebec), where he had family ties. His brother Ebenezer Learned^[323] was living in Eaton, Buckinghamshire County, Lower Canada as early as 29 March 1800, when he sold land in Wales Gore.^[324] On 17 May 1817, six years after Abijah was last taxed in Stewartstown, the marriage of his daughter Sarah Learned of Eaton and William Huston of Brompton, Buckinghamshire County, Lower Canada, “with the consent of her father Abijah Learned,” was recorded by the Presbyterian Church in Eaton.^[325] Six months later, on 3 November 1817, the same church recorded the marriage of his daughter Theodotia Learned and William Tod/Tul, both of Ireland, Buckinghamshire County, Lower Canada, 60 miles north of Eaton, “with the consent of her father Abijah Learned of Eaton.”^[326] Abijah’s son Sylvanus Learned was enumerated in Ireland in 1825.^[327] His enumeration, however, does not contain persons of an appropriate age to be Abijah and Anna. Included in Abijah’s Revolutionary War pension file is the deposition of Jacob Schoff of Northumberland, aged 88, who, on 3 January 1846, deposed that he was acquainted with Abijah in Northumberland and Colebrook “untill he removed out of the C[o]untry.”^[328]

By the early to mid-1820s, Abijah and Anna likely were living 600 miles to the southwest in Ashtabula County, Ohio, where three of their daughters married in 1823 and 1825.^[329] Abijah and Anna were likely the male, 70–79, and female, 60–69, living with son-in-law William Huston in Salem, Ashtabula

³¹⁹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:170–171 (image 485).

³²⁰ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:172–173 (image 486).

³²¹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:178–169 (image 489).

³²² *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:124–125 (image 462).

³²³ *Learned Family*, 45–47.

³²⁴ Coos Co., N.H. deeds, Grafton Co. records, 4:90 (FSL DGS 8649637 image 53).

³²⁵ *Quebec, Canada, Vital and Church Records [Drouin Collection, 1621–1968]* ([Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)) [hereafter *Drouin Collection*], Eaton Presbyterian Church, 1817:5 (image of 7 of 19).

³²⁶ *Drouin Collection*, Eaton Presbyterian Church, 1817:9 (image 11 of 19). William’s surname is difficult to read. Gwen Rawlings Barry, *A History of Megantic County: Downhomers of Quebec’s Eastern Townships* (Lower Sackville, N.S., 1999) [hereafter *Barry, History of Megantic County*], 17, calls him William Tul.

³²⁷ 1825 Canada Census, Ireland, Buckinghamshire Co., Lower Canada, p. 553: Sylvenus Larned.

³²⁸ *Abijah Larned Pension*, image 644. This Jacob Schoff was the son of Jacob Schoff, one of seven “German emigrants,” who purchased land in Ashburnham in 1758.

³²⁹ Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–2016, Ashtabula, Marriage Records, 1812–1822 (FSL DGS 4922505 [hereafter *Ashtabula Marriages 1812–1822*], A:184, Joseph Bates and Dorinda Larned

County, Ohio, in 1830. Sons-in-law Jarius and Morrill Bonney also were living there.^[330] Abijah was living in Salem on 24 September 1832 when he, aged 72, applied for a Revolutionary War pension.^[331] He received a pension payment amounting to \$200: \$160 in arrears to 4 April 1833, and \$40 semi-annual allowance to 4 September 1833.^[332] In 1840, Abijah, pensioner, 80, and Anna were living 150 miles south in Beaver, Crawford County, Pennsylvania with son Sylvanus Learned: one male, 80–89 (Abijah), and one female, 80–89 (*sic*, Anna).^[333]

On 4 November 1845, Anna Learned, aged 83, was living in Monroe, Ashtabula County, Ohio, when she applied for a Revolutionary War widow's pension. Anna deposed that she and Abijah were married in Northumberland on 25 December 1783, and that her husband died on 10 January 1844.^[334] Her son Sylvanus Learned and her daughter Sarah Huston attested to Anna's deposition.^[335] Anna, widow of Abijah, appears on a pension roll as receiving \$50 half yearly allowance: commencing 10 January 1844; received until September 1847; and died 23 February 1848.^[336] Four months after Anna's death, on 8 June 1848, son Sylvanus and daughter Sarah deposed that they were the only surviving children of Abijah and Anna Learned and sought payment of unpaid monies due their father.^[337]

Included in Abijah Learned's Revolutionary War pension file is a family record, written by Abijah, that includes the dates of birth and marriage for Abijah and Anna, and the dates of birth for their five elder children (Henry, Irena, Susannah, Theodoty and Sylvanus).^[338] Sarah is identified as Abijah's daughter in her marriage record.^[339] *The Learned Family* includes two additional daughters, named Dorinda and Anna,^[340] who were likely the two females under 10 years included in Abijah's 1810 census enumeration.^[341] Both of these women married in 1825 in Ashtabula County, Ohio, where their elder sister Susannah Learned had married two years earlier (see above). As shown above, on 8 June 1848 son Sylvanus and daughter Sarah deposed that they were Abijah and Anna's only surviving children. The gravestone of Dorinda (Learned) Bates, however, recorded her date of death as 20 September 1849. If correct, the gravestone indicates that Dorinda was living fifteen months later than Sylvanus and Sarah's deposition would indicate.^[342] The 600-mile

(1825), Alexander Brown and Anna Larned (1826 [*sic*]); A:133, Morrill Boney and Susanna Learned (1823) (images 72, 98).

³³⁰ 1830 U.S. Census, Salem, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, p. 86.

³³¹ *Abijah Larned Pension*, images 620–621.

³³² *Abijah Larned Pension*, image 646.

³³³ 1840 U.S. Census, Beaver, Crawford Co., Pa., p. 280: Abijah Learned in Silvenas Learned household.

³³⁴ *Abijah Larned Pension*, image 623.

³³⁵ *Abijah Larned Pension*, images 623–624.

³³⁶ U.S., *Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801–1815, 1818–1872* (Ancestry.com), T718:1818–1872, 18: Widow Pensions, 1835–1850, image 38 of 342.

³³⁷ *Abijah Larned Pension*, images 628–629.

³³⁸ *Abijah Larned Pension*, image 616.

³³⁹ *Drouin Collection*, Eaton Presbyterian Church, 1817:5 (image 7 of 19).

³⁴⁰ *Learned Family*, 84–85.

³⁴¹ 1810 U.S. Census, Stewartstown, Coos Co., N.H., p. 16.

³⁴² Photograph of gravestone online at findagrave.com, memorial no. 87184915.

distance between Mercer County, Illinois and Ashtabula County, Ohio, may explain why Sylvanus and Sarah were unaware that their sister Dorinda was still living.

Children of Abijah and Anna³ (Sellingham) Learned.^[343]

- i. HENRY LEARNED, b. Maidstone, Vt., 10 Sept. 1784; d. poss. of consumption, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2 Feb. 1814, as a prisoner of war.^[344] *The Learned Family* states that Henry enlisted in the War of 1812; he may be the Henry Learned who enlisted in the United States Army, 1 April 1812, for a term of 5 years.^[345] The name of Henry Learned appears on a Halifax monument for men who died in the War of 1812.^[346]
- ii. IRENA LEARNED, b. Northumberland, N.H., 13 May 1786; d. prob. Salem, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, 20 June 1827;^[347] m. 13 Jan. 1814 JARIUS ABIJAH BONNEY,^[348] b. Cornwall, Conn., 14 Oct. 1792, son of Jarvis [*sic*] and Anne (Brown) Bonney,^[349] d. Hubbard, Marion Co., Ore., 16 April 1856.^[350]
- iii. SUSANNAH LEARNED, b. Colebrook, N.H., 22 July 1788; d. prob. Salem, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, 1826;^[351] m. Ashtabula Co., Ohio, 29 Jan. 1823,^[352] MORRELL BONNEY, b. Jan. 1787, son of Jarvis and Anne (Brown) Bonney,^[353] liv. Salem in 1830.^[354]
- iv. THEODOTY/THEODOTIA LEARNED, b. Colebrook, 5 March 1791; m. prob. Eaton, Buckingham Co., Lower Canada [hereafter L.C.], 3 Nov. 1817, WILLIAM TOD/TUL.^[355]
- v. SYLVANUS LEARNED, b. Colebrook, 16 April 1793; d. 30 May 1853, bur. Kelloggsville Cemetery, Monroe, Ashtabula Co., Ohio;^[356] m. (1) by 8 Aug. 1818 (birth of eldest child) MARGARET HICKS;^[357] m. (2) Ashtabula

³⁴³ *Abijah Larned Pension*, image 616. *Drouin Collection*, Eaton Presbyterian Church, 1817:5 (image 7 of 19). *Learned Family*, 84–85, includes Dorinda and Anna.

³⁴⁴ *Canada, Registers of Prisoners of War, 1803–1815* (Ancestry.com), Registers of Prisoners of War, Halifax, Americans (1812–1815), p. 154–155, death no. 3895, image 155 of 243.

³⁴⁵ *Learned Family*, 84. U.S., *Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798–1914* (Ancestry.com), 1798 May 17 –1815, L–M, p. 254, image 252 of 578.

³⁴⁶ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 131177853.

³⁴⁷ Pauline Cluff Foutz, *The Kee, Birchard, Harrington, Bonney, Dexter, Richard, Witt, and Lee Families* (Walla Walla, Wash., 1964) [hereafter Foutz, *Kee etc.*], 15. *Learned Family*, 85 as d. 1828.

³⁴⁸ Foutz, *Kee etc.*, 15. *Learned Family*, 85.

³⁴⁹ Chas. L. Bonney, *Bonney Family*, 2nd ed. (Chicago, 1898) [hereafter *Bonney Family*], 81, 91.

³⁵⁰ Foutz, *Kee etc.*, 15. FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 61543209.

³⁵¹ *Learned Family*, 85.

³⁵² *Ashtabula Marriages 1812–1822*, A:133, Morrill Boney and Susanna Learned (1823) (image 72).

³⁵³ *Bonney Family*, 81, 91.

³⁵⁴ 1830 U.S. Census, Salem, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, p. 93.

³⁵⁵ *Drouin Collection*, Eaton Presbyterian Church, 1817:9 (image 11 of 19), William's name difficult to read. Barry, *History of Megantic County*, 17, calls him William Tul. *Learned Family*, 85 as Theodoty m. _____ Johnson, and d. 1823.

³⁵⁶ Ashtabula Co., Ohio, Cemetery Inscriptions (FSL DGS 7896738) [hereafter *Ashtabula Co. Cemetery Inscriptions*], 145: Sylvanus Learned (image 284); FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 280576335.

³⁵⁷ Heman Ely, *Records of the Descendants of Nathaniel Ely, The Emigrant, who settled first in Newtown, now Cambridge, Mass., was one of the first settlers of Hartford, also of Norwalk, Conn., and a resident of Springfield, Mass., from 1659 until his death in 1675* (Cleveland, Ohio, 1878),

- Co., Ohio, 29 Aug. 1834,^[358] LOIS ANN BLOOD, b. Ohio, 28 Feb. 1817; d. 15 Oct. 1884, bur. Kelloggsville Cemetery.^[359]
- vi. SARAH LEARNED, b. prob. Colebrook, 8 Nov. 1795;^[360] liv. Monroe, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, in 1870;^[361] m. prob. Eaton, Buckingham Co., L.C., 17 May 1817,^[362] WILLIAM HUSTON, b. N.Y. abt. 1796; liv. Monroe, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, in 1860 (aged 64).^[363]
- vii. (prob.) [son] LEARNED, b. say 1797 (one of two males under 10y in 1800).^[364]
- viii. DORINDA LEARNED, b. prob. Stewartstown abt. 31 Aug. 1801; d. 20 Sept. 1849 (aged 48y 20d), bur. in McPherren Cemetery, Mercer Co., Ill.,^[365] m. Ashtabula Co., Ohio, 1 Dec. 1825,^[366] JOSEPH BATES, b. N.Y. abt. 2 Jan. 1797, prob. son of James and Rebecca (____) Bates;^[367] d. 26 Oct. 1877 (aged 80y 9m 24d), bur. Steamboat Rock Cemetery, Steamboat Rock, Hardin Co., Iowa.^[368]
- ix. ANNA LEARNED, b. prob. Stewartstown, say 1803 (one of two females under 10y in 1810);^[369] d. prob. Salem, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, abt. 1829,^[370] m. Ashtabula Co., 1 Dec. 1826 [*sic*, likely 1 Dec. 1825],^[371] ALEXANDER BROWN, b. Plymouth, N.H., 15 Oct. 1802, son of Josiah and Susan (Spooner) Brown;^[372] d. of congestion [of the] lungs, Conneaut, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, 8 Feb. 1872 (aged 69y 3m 26d [*sic*]).^[373]

209: David Silvanus (*sic*), son of Silvanus (*sic*) and Margaret (Hicks) Learned, b. Eaton, Lower Canada, 8 Aug. 1818.

³⁵⁸ Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–2016, Ashtabula, Marriage Records, 1832–1842, B:76 (FSL DGS 4922505 image 239): S. “Leonard” and L. A. Blood.

³⁵⁹ *Ashtabula Co. Cemetery Inscriptions*, 145: Lois A. Learned (image 284); [FindaGrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com), memorial no. 281067115.

³⁶⁰ *Abijah Larned Pension*, images 623–624: “Aged Fifty Years the 8th day of November next.”

³⁶¹ 1870 U.S. Census, Monroe, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, p. 266B, Sarah Huston in David W. Huston household.

³⁶² *Drouin Collection*, Eaton Presbyterian Church, 1817:5 (image 7 of 19).

³⁶³ 1860 U.S. Census, Monroe, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, p. 264B, William Huston in David W. Heston household.

³⁶⁴ 1800 U.S. Census, Stuartstown, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 127.

³⁶⁵ [FindaGrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com), memorial no. 87184915; Arah Dean Finch, “Cemetery Records of Mercer County, Illinois” (FSL DGS 7896444) [hereafter Finch, *Cemetery Records of Mercer County*], 3:38 (image 213).

³⁶⁶ *Ashtabula Marriages 1812–1822*, A:184, Joseph Bates and Dorinda Larned (1825) (image 98). *Learned Family*, 85, as Dorinda m. James Bates.

³⁶⁷ [FindaGrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com), memorial no. 87185232. Finch, *Cemetery Records of Mercer County*, 3:38 (image 213). Other than Dorinda, Rebecca is the only Bates buried in McPherren Cemetery in the same time period.

³⁶⁸ [FindaGrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com), memorial no. 118250706.

³⁶⁹ 1810 U.S. Census, Stewartstown, Coos Co., N.H., p. 16.

³⁷⁰ *Learned Family*, 85.

³⁷¹ *Ashtabula Marriages 1812–1822*, A:184 (image 98): Alexander Brown and Anna Larned, m. 1 Dec. 1826, but recorded 2 June 1826.

³⁷² *Family Data Collection - Individual Records* ([Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)): Alexander Brown m. 12 Dec. 1825 (*sic*) Anna Leonard (*sic*).

³⁷³ Ohio, County Death Records, 1840–2001, Ashtabula, Death Records, 1867–1908, Records of Deaths, p. 40–41, death no. 868, Alexander D. Brown (1872) (FSL DGS 4016979 image 75).

5. **ELISABETH³ SELLINGHAM** (*Henry², Jacob¹*) was born in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, 15 September 1765;^[374] and died probably in Stewartstown, New Hampshire, 18 December 1808.^[375] She married 2 June 1787 **DAVID LOCKE**, born in New Hampshire about 1767, son of Elisha and Tryphena (Moulton) Locke.^[376] He died in Maidstone, Vermont, 19 February 1834, aged 67.^[377] David married second in Stewartstown, 6 November 1809,^[378] **RACHEL BRAINARD**. She was born in Rumney, New Hampshire, 25 July 1782, the daughter of Barzillai and Hannah (Blodgett) Brainard,^[379] and died of cholera in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, in July 1849, aged 65 (*sic*).^[380] Elisabeth was buried likely in Piper Hill Cemetery, Stewartstown, where her sons John and Amos Locke were buried;^[381] David was buried in Taylor Cemetery, Maidstone;^[382] and Rachel was buried in Wesleyan Cemetery, Cincinnati.^[383]

While *A History and Genealogy of Captain John Locke* identifies David Locke's first wife as "Elizabeth Lellingham," *The Genealogy of the Brainerd-Brainard family in America* identifies her as "Hannah Sellingham."^[384] The erroneous family name "Lellingham" is surely due to the confusion of the cursive L and S.. The *Gazetteer of Grafton County* also contains the confusion between these two surnames: it identifies Elisabeth's brother Jacob Sellingham as Jacob "Lellingham."^[385] Son Joel W. Locke's death record names his mother as "Elizabeth Locke," born in Germany, confirming her given name while reflecting her married family name and her Sellingham ancestry.^[386] Elisabeth's husband David Locke's connection with the Henry Sellingham family is evident in U.S. Census enumerations, Stewartstown assessments (see Person 2 above), as well as town records and petitions detailed below.

In 1790, David Locke likely was the man of that name living in Haverhill, New Hampshire: one male under 16 (John); one male, above 16 (David); and two females (Elisabeth and an unidentified female).^[387] By 11 May 1795, he had joined his father-in-law Henry Sellingham in Stuart, where David signed

³⁷⁴ Ashburnham VRs, 70. Ashburnham Town Records, B2:256 (image 138). See discussion of birthdate (Anna Sellingham, Person 4 above).

³⁷⁵ Arthur Horton Locke, *A History and Genealogy of Captain John Locke (1627–1696) of Portsmouth and Rye, N.H., and His Descendants, also of Nathaniel Locke of Portsmouth, and a Short Account of the History of the Lockes in England* (Concord, N.H., 1916) [hereafter *Locke Family*], 51, 63. Lucy Abigail Brainard, *The Genealogy of the Brainerd-Brainard family in America, 1649–1908*, 2 vols. (Hartford, Conn., 1908) [hereafter *Brainard Family*], 1:71.

³⁷⁶ *Locke Family*, 51.

³⁷⁷ Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, death, David Lock (1834) (FSL DGS 4667355 image 3255). Cemetery card, North End Cemetery, Maidstone.

³⁷⁸ *Locke Family*, 63 (for full date); *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:148 (image 474), Nov. 1809 (day not recorded).

³⁷⁹ *Brainard Family*, 1:53, 71.

³⁸⁰ 1850 U.S. Census, Ward 8, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, mortality schedule, p. 111.

³⁸¹ FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 155787878, 155787859.

³⁸² FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 97708488.

³⁸³ "Wesleyan Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio": Rachel Lock, 68, interred 23 July 1849 (freepages.rootsweb.com/~greenlawn/genealogy/wesleyan/WesleyanData/I.txt). *Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S., Wesleyan Cemetery Burial Index, 1842–1994* (Ancestry.com): Rachel Lock, 68, bur. 23 July 1849.

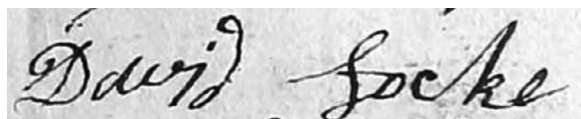
³⁸⁴ *Locke Family*, 63; *Brainard Family*, 1:71.

³⁸⁵ *Gazetteer of Grafton County*, 1:629.

³⁸⁶ New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, Joel W. Locke (1875) (FSL DGS 4243615 image 637).

³⁸⁷ 1790 U.S. Census, Haverhill, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 38.

a petition for a tax for the making and repair of roads and bridges.^[388] On 21 March 1797, William Cargill of Northumberland, New Hampshire, sold to David Locke of “Stuartstown” one half of Lot 2 there, “now occupied by David Locke...for divers good causes and consideration.”^[389] On 23 November 1799, David Locke, his father-in-law Henry Sellingham, his brother-in-law Elijah Benton, and nine additional inhabitants petitioned the New Hampshire State Legislature to incorporate the town of Stuart, New Hampshire as Stuartstown. David’s signature on this document is shown below.^[390]



History of Coos County, New Hampshire, includes David Locke as a settler on Lot No. 2, Stewartstown prior to 1800.^[391] He was enumerated there in 1800: three males under 10 (Amos, David and James); two males, 10–15 (John and William); one male, 26–44 (David); one female under 10 (Betsey); and one female, 26–44 (Elisabeth).^[392]

David Locke held numerous positions in Stewartstown: on 24 February 1801, David was appointed “tiding” [i.e., tithing] man;^[393] on 6 February 1802, he was appointed fence viewer;^[394] on 27 February 1804, he was appointed surveyor of highways;^[395] on 12 March 1805, he was appointed constable and collector;^[396] and on 11 March 1806, he again was appointed constable and collector, and took the oath of office.^[397] On 29 March 1806, David Locke, his father-in-law Henry Sellingham, and his brothers-in-law Henry Sellingham, Jr. and Abijah Learned were appointed petit jurors for the July term.^[398] On 8 March 1808, David was appointed fence viewer;^[399] on 13 March 1809, he was appointed to a committee reviewing lots;^[400] on 13 March 1810, he was appointed the third selectman;^[401] and on 22 August 1810, he was appointed Grand Juror.^[402]

David Locke signed other petitions after the 1795 one. On 14 September 1804, David joined Henry Sellingham, Henry Sellingham, Jr., and Abijah Learned in a petition to establish a school in Wales Location, New

³⁸⁸ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 32: June 1794 – June 1795, May 1795, images 3–4 of 38.

³⁸⁹ Coos Co., N.H. deeds, Grafton Co. records, 5:253 (FSL DGS 8649637 image 344).

³⁹⁰ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 35: 1797–1800, August–November 1799, image 23–24 of 35.

³⁹¹ *History of Coos County*, 664.

³⁹² 1800 U.S. Census, Stuartstown, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 127.

³⁹³ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:10 (image 402).

³⁹⁴ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:13 (image 404).

³⁹⁵ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:18 (image 407).

³⁹⁶ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:20 (image 408).

³⁹⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:22 (image 409).

³⁹⁸ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:23 (image 409).

³⁹⁹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:26 (image 411).

⁴⁰⁰ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:36 (image 416).

⁴⁰¹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:42 (image 419).

⁴⁰² *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:45 (image 420).

Hampshire.^[403] In May 1807, David, Henry Sellingham, Henry Sellingham, Jr., and Abijah Learned petitioned to build a road from the Connecticut River to the District of Maine.^[404] On 8 October 1808, David, Henry Sellingham, Henry Sellingham, Jr., Abijah Learned, and Elijah Benton petitioned for the appointment of Stephen Lane as Justice of the Peace in Stewartstown.^[405]

When Elisabeth (Sellingham) Locke died on 18 December 1808; eight of her ten children survived her. Eleven months later, on 6 November 1809, the above Stephen Lane, now Justice of the Peace, officiated at the marriage of widower David Locke and Rachel Brainard.^[406] In 1810, David was enumerated in Stewartstown: three males under 10 (Amos, Joel and Elisha); four males, 16–25 (John, William, David and James); one male above 45 (David); one female, 10–15 (Betsey); and one female, 26–44 (Rachel).^[407]

David Locke was taxed in Stewartstown from 1800 to 1811, and in 1817 and 1818.

- 1800 – 1 poll, 1 cow, 3 cows of three years, 2 cows of one year, 2 1/2 acres improved, 4 acres pasture, 44 1/2 acres unimproved land, \$3.36 tax, \$.70 state tax.^[408]
- 1801 – 1 poll, 2 cows, 2 cows of two years, 3 acres improved, 4 acres pasture, 44 acres unimproved land, \$3.66 tax, \$.19 county tax, \$.51 town tax, \$.73 town tax to pay for county tax for 1800.^[409]
- 1802 – 1 poll, 2 cows, 2 horses of one year, 2 acres tillage, 3 acres mowing, 6 acres pasture, 39 acres unimproved land, \$3.94 sum total, \$.24 county tax, \$.80 highway tax, \$1.80 school tax.^[410]
- 1803 – 1 poll, 1 cow, 2 horses of two years, 5 acres mowing and tillage, 4 acres pasture, 41 acres unimproved land, \$3.26 sum total, \$.20 county tax, \$.82 highway tax, \$1.30 school tax.^[411]
- 1804 – 1 poll, 1 oxen of five winters, 5 acres arable and mowing, 4 acres pasture, 41 acres unimproved land, \$2.90 sum total, \$.47 state tax, \$.15 county tax, \$1.10 highway tax, \$1.10 school tax.^[412]
- 1805 – \$80 building value, 1 poll, 1 cow of five winters, 2 neat stock of four winters, 7 acres arable and mowing, 6 acres pasture, 37 acres unimproved land, \$4.87 sum total, \$.19 county tax, \$1.57 school tax, \$1.57 highway tax, \$.20 second county tax.^[413]

⁴⁰³ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 37: 1804, July – October 1804, images 26–27 of 34.

⁴⁰⁴ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 38: 1805–1807, May 1–26, 1807, No Date #1–6, images 7–8 of 58.

⁴⁰⁵ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 39: 1808–1809, August, September, October 1808, image 11 of 35.

⁴⁰⁶ *Locke Family*, 63 (for full date); *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:148 (image 474), Nov. 1809 (day not recorded).

⁴⁰⁷ 1810 U.S. Census, Stewartstown, Coos Co., N.H., p. 16.

⁴⁰⁸ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:152–153 (image 476).

⁴⁰⁹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:155–156 (image 477).

⁴¹⁰ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:158–159 (image 479).

⁴¹¹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:160–161 (image 480).

⁴¹² *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:162–163 (image 481).

⁴¹³ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:164–165 (image 482).

- 1806 – \$80 building value, 1 “poles,” 2 oxen of five winters, 1 cow of five winters, 7 acres arable and mowing, 6 acres pasture, 37 acres unimproved land, \$5.19 sum total, \$.78 state tax, \$.68 county tax, \$2.30 highway tax, \$1.66 school tax, \$1.66 school house tax.^[414]
- 1807 – \$80 building value, 1 “poles,” 2 oxen of five years, 1 cow of five years, 8 acres arable and mowing, 6 acres pasture, 36 acres undivided land, \$4.83 sum total, \$2.18 highway tax, \$1.45 school tax, \$1.84 school house tax, \$.39 town tax, \$.59 county tax.^[415]
- 1808 – \$80 building value, 1 “poles,” 2 oxen, 1 cow, 1 neat stock of two years, 8 acres arable, 6 acres pasturing, 36 acres unimproved lands, \$4.73 sum total, \$2.65 highway tax, \$2.00 school tax, \$1.00 school house tax, \$.50 town tax, \$.52 county tax.^[416]
- 1809 – \$80 building value, 1 “poles,” 1 horse, 1 cow, 3 neat cattle of three years, 8 acres arable and mowing, 8 acres pasturing, 36 acres unimproved lands, \$4.98 sum total, \$2.72 highway tax, \$1.36 school tax, \$.33 town tax, \$.99 county tax.^[417]
- 1810 – \$100 building value, 1 “poles,” 2 cows, 2 neat cattle of two years, 8 acres arable and mowing land, 6 acres pasturing, 36 acres unimproved lands, \$4.38 sum total, \$2.65 highway tax, \$1.77 school tax, \$1.33 town tax, \$.37 county tax.^[418]
- 1811 – 1 “poles,” 2 oxen, 2 “cows,” \$1.50 sum total, \$1.29 highway tax, \$1.29 school tax, \$.21 town tax, \$.55 county tax, \$.27 state tax.^[419]
- 1817 – 1 “poles,” 1 cow, \$1.50 grand list, \$1.23 highway tax, \$.42 town tax, \$.42 school tax, \$.18 state tax, \$.36 county tax.^[420]
- 1818 – 1 “poles,” 1 cow, \$1.50 grand list, \$.73 highway tax, \$.31 town tax, \$.73 school tax, \$.21 state tax, \$.39 county tax.^[421]

David's brother-in-law Elijah Benton was taxed on the Locke Farm (presumably the David Locke farm) in Stewartstown in 1815 and 1817.^[422]

David's whereabouts between 1812 and 1816 are uncertain. By 1819, he was living 14 miles to the south in Columbia, New Hampshire where he was taxed through 1823.^[423] In 1820, David was enumerated in Columbia: two males, 10–15 (Joel and Elisha); one male, 16–18 (Joel); one male, 16–25 (James); one male above 45 (David); one female under 10 (Lucinda [daughter of David and Rachel]); one female, 26–44 (Rachel); and four persons engaged in

⁴¹⁴ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:166–167 (image 483).

⁴¹⁵ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:168–169 (image 484).

⁴¹⁶ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:170–161 (image 485).

⁴¹⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:172–173 (image 486).

⁴¹⁸ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:178–169 (image 489).

⁴¹⁹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:124–125 (image 462).

⁴²⁰ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:96–97 (image 448).

⁴²¹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:104–105 (image 452).

⁴²² *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:80–81, 96–97 (images 440, 448).

⁴²³ *Columbia Town Records, 1797–1829* (transcription) (FSL DGS 5510584) [hereafter *Columbia Town Records*], 1:174–175, 188–189, 210–211, 216–217, 236–237 (images 96, 103, 114, 117 and 128).

agriculture.^[424] On 11 March 1823, the Town of Columbia appointed David highway surveyor for the Gore District.^[425] On 24 February 1826, Columbia voted to assist David Locke in raising money for a lawsuit against Samuel G. Bishop.^[426] On 11 March 1828, Columbia voted to form a committee of three to investigate the unspecified claim of Charles Sperry and David Locke against the town.^[427]

He was probably the David Lock taxed 17 miles to the south in Stratford, New Hampshire from 1824 through 1827.^[428] In 1830, David Locke was living on the west side of the Connecticut River in Maidstone, Vermont: one male, 5–9 (Brainard); one male, 10–15 (John Frank); one male, 50–59 (David); one female, 5–9 (Mary); one female, 15–19 (Lucinda); and one female, 30–39 (Rachel). All of the children are from David's marriage with Rachel Brainard.^[429] Later that year, David placed the following notice regarding his son in *The Vermont Patriot and State Gazette*:

I HEREBY relinquish to my son John F. Lock, all my right to, and interest in his services and declare him free to act and trade for himself. – I shall pay no debts of his contracting or claim any of his earnings after this date. DAVID LOCK. Maidstone, Sept. 21, 1830.^[430]

On 28 August 1833, Joseph Merrill, Justice of the Peace, authorized the seizure of the goods, chattles [*sic*], and estate of David Lock of Maidstone for non-payment of two notes to Greenleaf Webb of Guildhall, Vermont, dated 14 January 1832 (\$24.70) and 13 October 1832 (\$3.81).^[431] Six months after the seizure authorization, David Locke died in Maidstone.^[432]

Children of David and Elisabeth³ (Sellingham) Locke (b. prob. Haverhill or Stewartstown, N.H.):^[433]

- i. JOHN LOCKE, b. 4 Feb. 1788; d. Stewartstown, N.H., 1 July 1815;^[434] bur. in Piper Hill Cemetery, Stewartstown.^[435]
- ii. WILLIAM LOCKE, b. 10 Dec. 1790; d. poss. of chronic gastritis, Washington, Warren Co., Ohio, 28 Dec. 1867 (aged 78y 10m 6d [*sic*]);^[436] poss. m. Warren Co., Ohio, 17 Oct. 1831, RHODA STITES,^[437] b. Ohio abt. 12 Aug.

⁴²⁴ 1820 U.S. Census, Columbia, Coos Co., N.H., pp. 496–497. *Locke Family*, 63–64.

⁴²⁵ *Columbia Town Records*, 1:225 (image 121).

⁴²⁶ *Columbia Town Records*, 1:285 (image 152).

⁴²⁷ *Columbia Town Records*, 1:343 (image 183).

⁴²⁸ Stratford, N.H. town records, 1773–1834 (transcriptions), 1:764–765, 782–783, 828–829, 837, 868–869, 874 (FSL DGS 8128735).

⁴²⁹ 1830 U.S. Census, Maidstone, Essex Co., Vt., p. 17. *Locke Family*, 64 for children's names.

⁴³⁰ *The Vermont Patriot and State Gazette* (Montpelier, Vt.), 18 Oct. 1830, p. 3, col. 5.

⁴³¹ Maidstone, Vt. town records, 1827–1892, 2:46 (FSL DGS 8663988 image 32).

⁴³² Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, death, David Lock (1834) (FSL DGS 4667355 image 3255). Cemetery card, North End Cemetery, Maidstone.

⁴³³ *Locke Family*, 63–64.

⁴³⁴ *Locke Family*, 63.

⁴³⁵ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 155787878.

⁴³⁶ Warren Co., Ohio, Death Records, 1867–1908 (FSL DGS 4016599) [hereafter *Warren Co. Deaths*], 1:6 (image 42): born N.H., parents not recorded.

⁴³⁷ Warren Co., Ohio, Marriage Returns, 1821–1835 (FSL DGS 4017492 image 1278). Hezekiah Stites, M. G., officiated.

- 1798, daughter of Elijah and Rhoda (Brown) Stites;^[438] d. Washington, 16 March 1872 (aged 73y 7m 4d).^[439]
- iii. DAVID LOCKE, b. 19 Feb. 1792; d. Batavia, Genesee Co., N.Y., 6 or 14 Feb. 1878;^[440] m. (1) Batavia 1816 MARY "POLLY" ESTABROOK, b. Lebanon, N.H., abt. 1795, daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Slapp) Estabrook;^[441] d. Batavia, 27 Aug. 1839 (aged 44);^[442] m. (2) Batavia, 2 April 1840, SARAH J. LABAREE,^[443] b. Mass. abt. 1810 (aged 40 in 1850);^[444] d. Batavia, 29 Sept. 1894.^[445] Mary, and likely David, bur. Batavia Cemetery.^[446]
- iv. JAMES LOCKE, b. 11 June 1794; d. Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind., 28 March 1881;^[447] m. Hamilton Co., Ohio, 9 Dec. 1823, HANNAH STEBBINS,^[448] b. Ohio, abt. 1796 (aged 64 in 1860);^[449] bur. Indianapolis, 1 Jan. 1884.^[450]
- v. HANNAH LOCKE, b. 4 March 1796; d. Stewartstown, 17 Feb. 1797.^[451]
- vi. BETSEY LOCKE, b. 15 March 1798; liv. Morris Twp., Knox Co., Ohio, in 1850;^[452] m. 4 Oct. 1819, ELISHA ANDREWS TIRRILL,^[453] b. Canterbury, N.H., 31 Aug. 1796,^[454] son of William and Hannah (Fellows) Tirrill,^[455] d. prob. Fredericktown, Knox Co., Ohio, 2 Jan. 1875; bur. in Forest Cemetery there.^[456]
- vii. AMOS LOCKE, b. 8 Aug. 1800; d. Stewartstown, 31 Aug. 1816;^[457] bur. in Piper Hill Cemetery, Stewartstown.^[458]

⁴³⁸ Eldon Allen Hutchinson, *Elder Daniel Clark: pioneer Baptist preacher: the first minister of the gospel to be ordained in the Northwest Territory* (Miami Baptist Association of Ohio, 1900), n17: "Elijah Stites and his wife, Rhoda Brown Stites...were the parents of fourteen children, the oldest of which was Elder Hezekiah Stites." Hezekiah officiated at the marriage of William Locke and Rhoda Stites in Warren Co., Ohio. 1830 U.S. Census, Lockport, Warren Co., Ohio, p. 247: Elijah Stites, Elijah Stites Jr., and Hezekiah Stites.

⁴³⁹ *Warren Co. Deaths*, 1:50 (image 67).

⁴⁴⁰ War of 1812 Pension File, David Locke (S.O. 3515, W.O. 30623, W.C. 19067 [Sarah D. Locke]) (images on [Fold3.com](#)) [hereafter *Locke 1812 Pension*], p. 48 (d. 6 Feb. 1878), p. 78 (b. Haverhill, N.H.). [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 104119727 (no photo) (d. 14 Feb. 1878).

⁴⁴¹ William Booth Estabrook, *Genealogy of the Estabrook Family, including the Esterbrook and Easterbrooks in the United States* (Ithaca, N.Y., 1891), 46–48, 80, as m. Mr. Locke in Batavia, N.Y. *Locke Family*, 136.

⁴⁴² [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 20833939.

⁴⁴³ *Locke 1812 Pension*, pp. 48, 78, 83 (2nd marriage date). *Locke Family*, 136.

⁴⁴⁴ 1850 U.S. Census, Batavia, Genesee Co., N.Y., p. 249B.

⁴⁴⁵ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 67914666.

⁴⁴⁶ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 20833939 (Mary; for David see above).

⁴⁴⁷ *Locke 1812 Pension*, p. 28 (death), p. 32 (first enlistment, Stewartstown, N.H., 1812), pp. 22–23, 30, 32 (second enlistment, Canaan, Vt., 11 May 1813).

⁴⁴⁸ *Locke 1812 Pension*, p. 15 (marriage, Hamilton Co., Ohio, 9 Dec. 1823).

⁴⁴⁹ 1860 U.S. Census, Millcreek Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio. p. 12.

⁴⁵⁰ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 45961500 (no photo).

⁴⁵¹ *Locke Family*, 63.

⁴⁵² 1850 U.S. Census, Morris Twp., Knox Co., Ohio, p. 40.

⁴⁵³ Robert Wilson Tirrell, *The Tirrell, Tirrill, Terrill, Tyrrell Book: Descendants of William Therrell* (Baltimore, 1967) [hereafter *Tirrell Family*], 99. *Locke Family*, 63, as m. ____ Yirrill.

⁴⁵⁴ New Hampshire Birth Records, Early to 1900, Elisha Andrews "Turriel" (1796) (FSL DGS 4244316 image 2634).

⁴⁵⁵ *Tirrell Family*, 99.

⁴⁵⁶ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 70801463.

⁴⁵⁷ *Locke Family*, 63.

⁴⁵⁸ [FindaGrave.com](#), memorial no. 155787859.

viii. JEREMIAH LOCKE, b. 31 Aug. 1802; d. Stewartstown, 15 Oct. 1807.^[459]

ix. JOEL W. LOCKE, b. 6 Jan. 1804; d. of dropsy, Columbia, N.H., 29 March 1875 (aged 71);^[460] m. Colebrook, 13 Nov. 1828, MARY CHANDLER, b. Conn., 22 Nov. 1806, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Hawkins) Chandler;^[461] d. of general debility, Columbia, 13 Aug. 1877 (aged 70).^[462] Joel and Mary bur. in Reed Cemetery, Colebrook.^[463]

x. ELISHA LOCKE, b. 19 Sept. 1806.

6. **HENRY³ SELLINGHAM JR.** (*Henry², Jacob¹*) was born probably in New Hampshire,^[464] say 1771. He died probably in Stewartstown, New Hampshire, before 9 March 1812, when his widow received a tax abatement there.^[465] Henry married by 3 February 1803 **ANNA BRAINARD**.^[466] She was born in Rumney, New Hampshire, 10 March 1785, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Estabrook) Brainard.^[467] Anna was living in Ottumwa Township, Coffee County, Kansas in 1870, aged 85.^[468] She is listed as receiving a pension payment in June 1871.^[469] Anna married second in Colebrook, New Hampshire, 15 August 1815,^[470] BREWER DODGE, born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, on 4 December 1749,^[471] son of Reuben and Ruth (Perkins) Dodge,^[472] died of consumption and old age in Colebrook, 29 December 1826.^[473]

Although Anna is called “Miss” Anna Sellingham in the transcription of the Dodge-Sellingham marriage record,^[474] her daughter Amelia Ann

⁴⁵⁹ *Locke Family*, 63.

⁴⁶⁰ New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, Joel W. Locke (1875) (FHL DGS 4243615 image 637).

⁴⁶¹ George Chandler, *The Chandler Family, The Descendants of William and Annis Chandler Who Settled in Roxbury, Mass., 1637* (Worcester, Mass., 1883), 373. *Locke Family*, 136, as Mary b. Conn., 22 Nov. 1807, and m. 13 Nov. 1829.

⁴⁶² New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, Mary Chandler Locke (1877) (FSL DGS 4243615 image 718).

⁴⁶³ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 162512624.

⁴⁶⁴ 1880 U.S. Census, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., e.d. 220, p. 336C: daughter Katherine/Catherine (Sellingham) (Samp[h]ier) Raymond, father and mother b. N.H.

⁴⁶⁵ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:128 (image 464).

⁴⁶⁶ *History of Plymouth*, 2:626, as Amy Brainard.

⁴⁶⁷ *Brainard Family*, 1:53. New Hampshire Birth Records, Early to 1900, Anna Brainerd (1785) (FSL DGS 4243705 image 5019).

⁴⁶⁸ 1870 U.S. Census, Ottumwa Twp., Coffee Co., Kansas, p. 308.

⁴⁶⁹ U.S., *Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801–1815, 1818–1872* (Ancestry.com), T718: 1818 – 1872, 23, Widow Pensions, 1858–1872, image 278 of 395: Anna Dodge.

⁴⁷⁰ Revolutionary War Pension File W7028, Brewer Dodge (*Rev. War Pension Files*, Dodge, Abner – Dodge, John, images 189–259 of 758) [hereafter *Brewer Dodge Pension*], image 209 (deposition of Jonas Rolfe in 1855), images 204–205 (declaration of Anna Dodge in 1854; Anna deposed that she married Brewer on 27 Aug. 1815).

⁴⁷¹ Lunenburg, Mass. town records, 1720–1877, (Births 2):49 (FSL DGS 7011128 image 168).

⁴⁷² Almira Larkin White, *Genealogy of the Descendants of John White of Wenham and Lancaster, Massachusetts: 1638–1900* (Haverhill, Mass., 1900), 266–267; Joseph Thompson Dodge, *Genealogy of the Dodge Family of Essex County, Mass. 1629–1894*, 2 vols. (Madison, Wis., 1898), 2:506.

⁴⁷³ *Brewer Dodge Pension*, images 204–205. For more about Brewer and Anna (Brainard) (Sellingham) Dodge and their descendants, see George W. Varney, “Brewer⁶ Dodge of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Lower Canada” *Register* 179 (2025):277–292, 376–394.

⁴⁷⁴ *Brewer Dodge Pension*, deposition, Jonas Rolfe (1855), image 209.

(Dodge) (Fletcher) Southard remembered her mother's birth name as Anna Brainard.^[475] The birth year of Anna Dodge is calculated as about 1785;^[476] therefore, Anna would have been about 30 years old when she married Brewer Dodge in 1815. At a time when the average age for a woman to marry was 18 to 20 years, Anna appears to have married at least a decade later than expected. However, if Anna married first, before 3 February 1803 (the birth of eldest child),^[477] Henry Sellingham Jr., her age at first marriage, her recorded name of Anna Sellingham in the record of her marriage with Brewer Dodge, and her daughter Amelia's recollection of Anna's birth surname as Brainard would be reconciled.

The *History of Coos County, New Hampshire* names Henry Sellingham Jr.'s wife as Amy (without a surname); *History of Plymouth, New Hampshire* names Henry Jr.'s wife as Amy Brainard.^[478] Amy is surely a misreading of "Anny" as recorded in her children's births in Stewartstown records. Her identification as Anna, born in Rumney, on 10 March 1785, the daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Estabrook) Brainard, is supported by her children's names: Henry Jr. and Anna's first two children (Katherine and Jacob) were named likely to honor Henry's mother and elder brother; their next two children (Elizabeth and Susannah) were named likely to honor Anna's mother and elder sister.^[479] Henry Sellingham Jr. had ties to Ebenezer Brainard: on 5 September 1793, Henry's uncle and aunt Abijah and Anna (Sellingham) Learned sold to Ebenezer Brainard 100 acres in Lot 15, Colebrook, New Hampshire;^[480] and in 1800, the enumeration of Henry's brother-in-law Elijah Benton (husband of [2.vii] Sarah Sellingham) immediately precedes Ebenezer Brainard's.^[481] In 1810, Ebenezer Brainard was living still in Colebrook,^[482] where five years later widow Anna Sellingham married Brewer Dodge.

On 9 May 1796, in a petition to divide their district into two or more districts, two men signed as Henry Sellingham. Unless one of these was a duplicate entry, these two men were surely Henry² Sellingham and his son Henry³ Sellingham Jr.^[483] The *History of Coos County* includes Henry Sellingham as a settler in Stewartstown, Lot no. 1, prior to 1800, evidently referring to Henry Jr., for the text includes his wife "Amy" and the births of five children there from 1803 to 1810.^[484] On 16 February 1802, Henry Jr. was voted hog reeve in Stewartstown.^[485] On 14 September 1804, Henry Sellingham Jr., his father Henry, and his brothers-in-law Abijah Learned and David Locke petitioned for establishing a school in Wales Location, Grafton County, New

⁴⁷⁵ "Real Daughters" *The American Monthly Magazine*, National Society D.A.R., 32 (1908):558–560 [hereafter "Real Daughters"].

⁴⁷⁶ 1860 U.S. Census, Bonus, Boone Co., Ill., p. 526: Anna Dodge (age 75). 1870 U.S. Census, Ottumwa Twp., Coffey Co., Ks., p. 308: Ann Dodge (age 85).

⁴⁷⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:145 (image 472).

⁴⁷⁸ *History of Coos County*, 664; *History of Plymouth*, 2:626.

⁴⁷⁹ *Brainard Family*, 1:53.

⁴⁸⁰ Coos Co., N.H. deeds, Grafton Co. records, 5:291–292 (FSL DGS 8649637 images 363–364).

⁴⁸¹ 1800 U.S. Census, Colebrook, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 383.

⁴⁸² 1810 U.S. Census, Colebrook, Coos Co., N.H., p. 16: "Ebenezer Barnard."

⁴⁸³ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 34:1796, May 1–19, 1796, image 14–15 of 29.

⁴⁸⁴ *History of Coos County*, 664.

⁴⁸⁵ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:145 (image 404).

Hampshire.^[486] On 20 March 1806, the same four were voted petit jurors.^[487] In May 1807, the same four joined other Stewartstown men in a petition to build a road from the Connecticut River to the District of Maine.^[488] On 8 October 1808, Henry Sellingham Jr., father Henry, brothers-in-law Abijah Learned, David Locke, and Elijah Benton, and nephew Henry Learned petitioned for the appointment of Stephen Lane as Justice of the Peace in Stewartstown.^[489]

In 1810, Henry Sellingham Jr.'s Stewartstown household contained one male under 10 (Jacob); one male, 26 to 44 (Henry, Jr.); four females under 10 (Katherine, Elizabeth, Susannah and Polley); and one female, 16 to 25 (Anna).^[490]

Henry Sellingham Jr. was taxed in Stewartstown from 1800 to 1811. The 1811 assessment is Henry's last appearance in Stewartstown records. His widow Anna was taxed there in 1812.

- 1800 – 1 poll, 1 oxen and horses, \$2.17 total tax, \$.46 state tax.^[491]
- 1801 – 1 poll, 1 oxen and horses, \$2.25 total tax, \$.12½ county tax, \$.31 town tax, \$.45 town tax to pay for county tax in 1800.^[492]
- 1802 – 1 poll, 1 horse, 2 acres mowing land, \$2.66 tax, \$.016 county tax, \$.53 highway tax, \$1.13 school tax.^[493]
- 1803 – 1 poll, 1 horse, 1 horse of one year, 42 acres mowing and tillage, 2 acres pasture, \$3.28 sum total, \$.20 county tax, \$.82 highway tax, \$1.31 school tax.^[494]
- 1804 – 1 poll, 1 horse, 1 cow of three winters, 5 acres mowing and tillage, 2 acres pasture, \$3.20 sum total, \$.51 state tax, \$.16 county tax, \$1.16 highway tax, \$1.16 school tax.^[495]
- 1805 – 1 poll, 1 neat stock of four winters, 2 neat stock of two winters, 11 acre arable and mowing, 4 acres pasture, \$3.95 sum total, \$.16 county tax, \$.97 school tax, \$.97 highway tax, \$.17 second county tax.^[496]
- 1806 – 1 “poles,” 1 cow of five winters, 10 acres arable and mowing, 4 acres pasture, \$3.96 sum total, \$.60 state tax, \$.50 county tax, \$1.55 highway tax, \$1.17 school tax, \$1.17 school house tax.^[497]
- 1807 – 1 “poles,” 1 cow of five years, 1 cow of three years, 2 cows of two years, 10 acres arable and mowing, 4 acres pasture, 36 acres undivided land, \$4.26 1/2 sum total, \$1.92 highway tax, \$1.28 school tax, \$1.63 school house tax, \$.34 town tax, \$.51 county tax.^[498]

⁴⁸⁶ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 37:1804, July–October 1804, images 26–27 of 34.

⁴⁸⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:23 (image 409).

⁴⁸⁸ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 31–40, Box 38:1805–1807, May 1–26, 1807, No Date #1–6, images 7–8 of 58.

⁴⁸⁹ *N.H. Petitions*, Box 39:1808–1809, August, September, October 1808, image 11 of 35.

⁴⁹⁰ 1810 U.S. Census, Stewartstown, Coos Co., N.H., p. 14.

⁴⁹¹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:152–153 (image 476).

⁴⁹² *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:155–156 (images 477–478).

⁴⁹³ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:158–159 (image 479).

⁴⁹⁴ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:160–161 (image 480).

⁴⁹⁵ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:162–163 (image 481).

⁴⁹⁶ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:164–165 (image 482).

⁴⁹⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:166–167 (image 483).

⁴⁹⁸ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:168–169 (image 484).

- 1808 – 1 “poles,” 1 cow, 2 neat stock of two years, 10 acres arable, 4 acres pasture, 36 acres unimproved land, \$3.86 sum total, \$2.16 highway tax, \$1.74 school tax, \$.87 school house tax, \$44. town tax, \$.49 county tax.^[499]
- 1809 – 1 “poles,” 1 horse, 2 cows, 1 cow of three years, 1 cow of two years, 6 acres arable and mowing, 4 acres pasture, 40 acres unimproved land, \$3.95 sum total, \$2.16 highway tax, \$1.80 school tax, \$.29 town tax, \$.87 county tax.^[500]
- 1810 – 1 “poles,” 1 horse, 2 cows, 3 cows of two years, 6 acres arable and mowing, 4 acres pasture, 40 acres unimproved land, \$4.15 sum total, \$2.18 highway tax, \$1.40 school tax, \$1.09 town tax, \$.35 county tax.^[501]
- 1811 – 1 “poles,” 1 cow, 3 neat stock of three years, 6 acres mowing and tillage, 4 acres pasture, 70 acres unimproved land, \$3.55 sum total, \$1.81 highway tax, \$1.81 school tax, \$.31 town tax, \$.78 county tax, \$.49 state tax.^[502]
- 1812 – 4 acres mowing and tillage, 4 acres pasture, 72 acres unimproved land, \$1.36 sum total, \$.91 highway tax, \$.46 school tax, \$.19 town tax, \$.16 state tax, \$.22 county tax.^[503]

Following the death of Henry Sellingham Jr., his widow Anna and their daughters appear in Stewartstown records for the next several years. On 9 March 1812, Stewartstown “gave in the widow Sellingshams tax to the amount of \$2.12.”^[504] Although Anna (Brainard) Sellingham had remarried in August 1815, her daughters were supported by Stewartstown and lived in separate households there. The *History of Coos County* states that in 1817, Stewartstown voted to “sett up” Betsey, Susannah and Katherine Sellingham “to the lowest bidder,” and to sell the Henry Sellingham farm to pay for “keeping” Polly Sellingham for one year.^[505] Payments for boarding these daughters were recorded in Stewartstown records: on 9 March 1818, “E. Dyre,” likely Elisha Dyer, was paid \$20.00 for “keeping” Polly Sellingham, Josiah A. Young \$12.00 for “Caty” Sellingham, G[ilman] Fulsom \$13.29 for S[usannah] Sellingham, and Reuben Sawyer \$5.00 for Betsey Sellin[h]am.^[506] On 8 March 1819, Elisha Dyer was paid \$3.00 for “keeping” S[usannah] Sellingham for one year.^[507] On the same day, Elisha Dyer was paid \$3.00 for “bording” Susan[nah] Sellingham.^[508] Whether Elisha’s second payment was a duplicate entry or payment for an additional year is uncertain.

⁴⁹⁹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:170–171 (image 485).

⁵⁰⁰ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:172–173 (image 486).

⁵⁰¹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:178–179 (image 489).

⁵⁰² *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:124–125 (image 462).

⁵⁰³ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:132 (image 466).

⁵⁰⁴ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:128 (image 464).

⁵⁰⁵ *History of Coos County*, 666.

⁵⁰⁶ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:101–102 (images 450–451).

⁵⁰⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:112 (image 456).

⁵⁰⁸ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:114 (image 457).

In late 1828, two years after the death of Brewer Dodge, his widow Anna and her three Dodge children moved to Ohio.^[509] On 18 August 1854, Anna Dodge, aged 69, was living in Boone County, Illinois, where she was deposed for a widow's pension based upon the Revolutionary War Service of her late husband Brewer Dodge.^[510] She was living with her son John Dodge in Bonus, Boone County, Illinois in 1860,^[511] and in Ottumwa Township, Coffee County, Kansas in 1870.^[512] Anna is listed as receiving a pension payment in June 1871.^[513] She was not included in John Dodge's Ottumwa household in 1875.^[514]

Children of Henry³ and Anna (Brainard) Sellingham Jr. (b. Stewartstown, N.H.):^[515]

- i. KATHERINE/CATHERINE⁴ SELLINGHAM, b. 3 Feb. 1803; d. of Brights Disease, Lynn, Mass., 7 Sept. 1881 (aged 78y 10m [sic]);^[516] m. (1) _____ SAMP[H]IER; m. (2) Lynn, 19 Jan. 1868, JAMES OTIS RAYMOND,^[517] b. Augusta, Me., abt. 1826 (aged 42 at marriage), son of John and Nancy (_____) Raymond; d. of chronic phthisis, Danvers, Mass., 20 June 1894 (aged 64 [sic]).^[518] Catherine was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn.^[519]

On 9 March 1818, Stewartstown paid Josiah A. Young for "keeping" "Caty" Sellingham.^[520] Neither a record of Catherine's first marriage nor a potential Samp[h]ier husband has been found. She was probably the Mrs. Catherine Sampier, boarding house, living on Wall St., Lowell, Mass., in 1847,^[521] and living on Lawrence St. there in 1855.^[522] She was certainly the Catherine Sampier, nurse, living at 112 Commercial St., Lynn, Mass. in 1858^[523] and 1860.^[524] Catherine Sampier, 57, with \$200 in personal estate, was enumerated in the 6th Ward there in 1860.^[525] In 1863, Catherine Sampier, nurse, was living at "foot of Vine" [St.],

⁵⁰⁹ "Real Daughters."

⁵¹⁰ *Brewer Dodge Pension*, images 204–205.

⁵¹¹ 1860 U.S. Census, Bonus, Boone Co., Ill., p. 526.

⁵¹² 1870 U.S. Census, Ottumwa Twp., Coffey Co., Ks., p. 308.

⁵¹³ *U.S., Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801–1815, 1818–1872 (Ancestry.com)*, T718: 1818–1872, 23, Widow Pensions, 1858–1872, image 278 of 395.

⁵¹⁴ 1875 Kansas Census, Ottumwa Twp., Coffey Co., p. 1.

⁵¹⁵ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:145 (image 472).

⁵¹⁶ Mass. Deaths, 1841–1915, 1921–1924, 328:244 (FSL DGS 4221435 image 268): born N.H., parents not recorded, both born N.H.

⁵¹⁷ Mass. Marriages, 1841–1915, 208:216 (FSL DGS 4279270 image 596): James of Lynn, 42, carpenter, b. Augusta, Me., parents John and Nancy, first marriage; Catherine of Lynn, 60, b. Stewartstown, N.H., parents Henry and Anna [surname not recorded], second marriage; Nathan R. Wright of Lynn officiated.

⁵¹⁸ Mass. Deaths, 1841–1915, 1921–1924, 445:394 (FSL DGS 961512 image 346).

⁵¹⁹ *FindaGrave.com*, memorial no. 28913725 (no photo).

⁵²⁰ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:101 (image 450).

⁵²¹ Lowell, Mass., City Directory, 1847, p. 188: Catherine Sampier.

⁵²² Lowell, Mass., City Directory, 1855, p. 166: Catharine Sampiere.

⁵²³ Lynn, Mass., City Directory, 1858, p. 181: Catherine Sampier.

⁵²⁴ Lynn, Mass., City Directory, 1860, p. 182: Catharine Sampier.

⁵²⁵ 1860 U.S. Census, Ward 6, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., p. 934.

Lynn.^[526] In 1865, Catherine Sampier, 62, W[idow], was living in Lynn^[527] at 283 Boston St.^[528] In 1867, Catherine Sampier was living at there at 273 Boston St..^[529] Catherine married her second husband in Lynn in 1868. She and husband James Raymond have not been found in the 1870 U.S. census. In 1880, Catherine Raymond, 77, wife, housekeeping, b. N.H., father and mother b. N.H., was living on Boston St., Lynn with her husband James.^[530]

- ii. JACOB SELLINGHAM, b. 1 Oct. 1804; d. of pneumonia, Plymouth, N.H., 15 March 1878 (aged 73y 3m [sic]);^[531] m. Northumberland, N.H., 10 Jan. 1832, MAHALA STEVENS,^[532] b. Loudon, N.H., 15 Aug. 1807, daughter of David and Huldah (Tibbetts) Stevens,^[533] d. of old age, Plymouth, 26 July 1893 (aged 86).^[534] Jacob and Mahala were buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.^[535]

Jacob was taxed in Columbia, N.H., in 1828 and 1829,^[536] and was living there in 1832 when he married Mahala. Jacob had family ties to Columbia: uncle David Locke (husband of Elisabeth³ Sellingham) and brother-in-law Eleazer Titus (husband of Susannah Sellingham, Child iv below) also lived there.^[537] Both Jacob Sellingham, with a household of three, and brother-in-law and first cousin Jacob Benton (husband of Elizabeth⁴ Sellingham, Child iii below) were enumerated in Columbia in 1840.^[538] By 1850, Jacob, 46, carpenter, Mahala and three children were living 90 miles south of Columbia in Plymouth,^[539] where he remained for the rest of his life. In 1860, Jacob, 55, carpenter, Mahala and two children were living in Plymouth.^[540] In 1870, Jacob, 65, carpenter, Mahala and two children were living in Plymouth.^[541] On 14 May 1879, fourteen months after Jacob's death, Mahala Sellingham, her daughter Mary J. French, both of Plymouth, and an additional daughter H. Ann Staniels and her husband Charles C. Staniels of Milford, N.H., sold to

⁵²⁶ Lynn, Mass., City Directory, 1863, p. 160: Catharine Sampier.

⁵²⁷ 1865 Massachusetts Census, Ward 6, Lynn, Essex Co., no page, dwelling 627, family 1.

⁵²⁸ Lynn, Mass., City Directory, 1865, p. 138: Catherine Sampier.

⁵²⁹ Lynn, Mass., City Directory, 1867, p. 163: Catharine Sampier.

⁵³⁰ 1880 U.S. Census, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., e.d. 220, p. 336C.

⁵³¹ New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, Jacob Sellingham (1878) (FSL DGS 4244239 image 4712): parents not recorded. *History of Plymouth*, 2:626, names Jacob's parents as Henry Sellingham and Amy Brainard.

⁵³² New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947, Jacob Sellingham and Mahala Stevens (1832) (FSL DGS 4243230 image 4898): Jacob of Columbia, Mahala of Northumberland; Halman Drew, Minister of the Gospel, officiated. Northumberland, NH. town records, 1771–1831 (transcription), 1:352 (FSL DGS 5510982 image 187): same info.

⁵³³ *History of Plymouth*, 2:626.

⁵³⁴ New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, Mahala Sellingham (1893) (FSL DGS 4244239 image 4709).

⁵³⁵ FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 158737758, 158737757.

⁵³⁶ *Columbia Town Records*, 1:348, 380 (images 186, 202).

⁵³⁷ *Columbia Town Records*, 1:174–175, 285, 343 (images 96, 152 of 217, 183). 1830 U.S. Census, Columbia, Coos Co., N.H., p. 286: Eleazer Titus.

⁵³⁸ 1840 U.S. Census, Columbia, Coos Co., N.H., p. 248.

⁵³⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, Plymouth, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 183: Sullingham.

⁵⁴⁰ 1860 U.S. Census, Plymouth, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 5: Sullingham.

⁵⁴¹ 1870 U.S. Census, Plymouth, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 659: Sellingham.

Lucinda Sargent of Plymouth “the homestead place of the late Jacob Sellingham deceased, containing two acres,” for \$200.^[542] In 1880, the widowed Mahala, 72, was living in Plymouth with her daughter Mary French.^[543]

- iii. ELIZABETH “BETSY” SELLINGHAM, b. 23 Nov. 1806; d. prob. Thornton, N.H., 3 Feb. 1849 (aged 42);^[544] m. by 1834 (birth of eldest likely child);^[545] JACOB BENTON, her first cousin, b. abt. 24 March 1800, Stewartstown or Colebrook, N.H., son of Elijah and [2.vii] Sarah (Sellingham) Benton; d. of consumption, Thornton, 5 July 1883 (aged 83y 3m 11d).^[546] Jacob m. (2) by 1850^[547] Elvira Hackett.^[548] Elizabeth “Betsy” was buried in Woodstock Cemetery, Woodstock, N.H.^[549] Jacob and wife Elvira were buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Thornton.^[550]

On 9 March 1818, Stewartstown paid Reuben Sawyer for “keeping” Betsey Sell[ing]ham.^[551] Elizabeth “Betsy,” husband Jacob Benton, and their children have been included in a previous article.^[552]

- iv. SUSANNAH “SUSAN” SELLINGHAM, b. 18 June 1808; d. prob. Colebrook or Columbia, N.H., between 1843 (birth of youngest child) and 1850 (1850 U.S. Census);^[553] m. by 2 April 1830 (birth of oldest child), ELEAZER TITUS,^[554] b. Landaff, N.H., 29 Jan. 1793, son of Eleazer and Martha (Cleaveland) Titus;^[555] d. Columbia, N.H., 16 Dec. 1870 (aged 78).^[556]

On 9 March 1818, Stewartstown paid G[ilman] Fulsom for “keeping” S[usannah] Sellingham;^[557] on 8 March 1819, Elisha Dyer was paid for “keeping” S[usannah] Sellingham for one year;^[558] on the same day, Elisha Dyer again was paid for “bording” Susan[nah] Sellingham (possibly a duplicate entry).^[559] In 1830, Eleazer Titus was living in Columbia with

⁵⁴² Grafton Co., N.H. deeds, 354:400 (FSL DGS 8299342 image 673).

⁵⁴³ 1880 U.S. Census, Plymouth, Grafton Co., N.H., e.d. 98, p. 383D.

⁵⁴⁴ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 64331030.

⁵⁴⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 270B, Henry W. Benton 16, farmer, b. N.H., in the Daniel Boynton household, two households from that of probable father Jacob Benton.

⁵⁴⁶ New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, Jacob Benton (1883) (FSL DGS 4243485 image 842). Note: gravestone recorded age as 83y 3m 9d.

⁵⁴⁷ 1850 U.S. Census, Thornton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 270B.

⁵⁴⁸ New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, “Alvira” Benton (1906) (FHL DGS 4243441 image 279).

⁵⁴⁹ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 64331030.

⁵⁵⁰ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 49416537, 49417082.

⁵⁵¹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:102 (image 451).

⁵⁵² Varney, “Elijah Benton,” 27–36.

⁵⁵³ 1850 U.S. Census, Columbia, Coos Co., N.H., p. 75B: Ann Titus (age 7y).

⁵⁵⁴ *A Biographical History of Central Kansas*, 2 vols. (New York, 1902), 1:697–699: biography of Henry Titus: names parents as Eleazer Titus and Susan Sellingham and names their seven children. FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 109720557: Elvira Titus Spencer (2 Apr 1830–3 Jun 1910).

⁵⁵⁵ Leo J. Titus Jr., *Titus: A North American Family History* (Baltimore, 2004), 65, 114; Edmund Janes Cleveland, *The Genealogy of the Cleveland and Cleaveland Families* (Hartford, 1899), 3:2282.

⁵⁵⁶ New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, Eleazer Titus (1870) (FSL DGS 4244243 image 3782).

⁵⁵⁷ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:101 (image 450).

⁵⁵⁸ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:112 (image 456).

⁵⁵⁹ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:114 (image 457).

a household of three.^[560] In 1840, Eleazer was living in the neighboring town of Colebrook with a household of seven.^[561] Susannah died before 1850, when Eleazer, 57, carpenter, and five of his children were living in Columbia.^[562] In 1860, Eleazer, 70 (*sic*), was living still in Columbia.^[563] In 1870, Eleazer, 77, retired carpenter, was living 17 miles southwest of Columbia in Brunswick, Vt. with his daughter Ann Johnson.^[564]

- v. MARY A. "POLLEY" SELLINGHAM, b. 30 March 1810; d. prob. Hanover, N.H., 28 Dec. 1843 (aged 33);^[565] m. by 8 July 1828 (birth of eldest child), DANIEL B. HEATH,^[566] b. abt. 1796, d. prob. Hanover, 19 May 1852 (aged 56). Mary and Daniel were buried in Etna Cemetery, Hanover.^[567]

Mary was living in Stewartstown, on 9 March 1818, when E. Dyre was paid for "keeping" Polley Sellingham.^[568] She was probably the female, 10 to 15, living in her stepfather Brewer Dodge's household in 1820;^[569] and the daughter Mary, aged 9, included in Brewer Dodge's household in July 1820.^[570] Daniel B. Heath is listed as a settler in Stewartstown in 1821;^[571] was enumerated there in 1830 with a household of six;^[572] and in 1840 with a household of eleven.^[573] Within the next few years, Daniel and Mary likely moved 125 miles south to Hanover, where she likely died in 1843 and he likely died in 1852. Daniel B. Heath has not been located in the 1850 U.S. census.

(concluded)

George W. Varney (gwvarney2@aol.com) is a retired microbiologist and author of articles published in New England genealogical journals.

⁵⁶⁰ 1830 U.S. Census, Columbia, Coos Co., N.H., p. 286.

⁵⁶¹ 1840 U.S. Census, Colebrook, Coos Co., N.H., p. 239.

⁵⁶² 1850 U.S. Census, Columbia, Coos Co., N.H., p. 75B.

⁵⁶³ 1860 U.S. Census, Columbia, Coos Co., N.H., p. 873.

⁵⁶⁴ 1870 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Essex Co., Vt., p. 30.

⁵⁶⁵ FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 161610812.

⁵⁶⁶ New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, Andrew J. Heath (1901) (FSL DGS 4242149 image 434): b. Stewartstown, N.H., 8 July 1828, parents Daniel B. Heath, born Enfield, N.H., and Mary "Sulingham," born Colebrook, N.H.

⁵⁶⁷ FindaGrave.com, memorial nos. 161610805, 161610812.

⁵⁶⁸ *Stewartstown Town Records*, 1:101 (image 450).

⁵⁶⁹ 1820 U.S. Census, Colebrook, Coos Co., N.H., pp. 502–503.

⁵⁷⁰ *Brewer Dodge Pension*, images 196–197.

⁵⁷¹ *History of Coos County*, 666.

⁵⁷² 1830 U.S. Census, Stewartstown, Coos Co., N.H., p. 321.

⁵⁷³ 1840 U.S. Census, Stewartstown, Coos Co., N.H., p. 235.

New England Articles in Genealogical Journals in 2024

Robert Battle

This annual feature in the *Register* indexes certain genealogical journals nineteen months after the close of the publication year. Not all articles in each journal are included. Some articles are not relevant to New England, some are too general, and others are insufficiently documented.

Listed below are fifteen journals indexed (with abbreviations). Next is an index to surnames, places, and some subjects occurring in the titles of articles (or commentary) in these journals in 2024. The index is to the bibliography by author that follows; “a&c” is used to indicate any additions and corrections to articles since 2000 (only the original author is cited).

AA	<i>American Ancestors</i>
CA	<i>Connecticut Ancestry</i>
CN	<i>The Connecticut Nutmegger</i>
MASSOG	<i>MASSOG: A Genealogical Magazine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts</i>
MD	<i>Mayflower Descendant</i>
MG	<i>The Maine Genealogist</i>
NGSQ	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>
NHGR	<i>New Hampshire Genealogical Record</i>
NYGBR	<i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i>
<i>Register</i>	<i>The New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i>
RIR	<i>Rhode Island Roots</i>
TAG	<i>The American Genealogist</i>
TEG	<i>The Essex Genealogist</i>
TG	<i>The Genealogist</i>
VG	<i>Vermont Genealogy</i>

INDEX

Akers: see Dwyer	Bemis: see Childs
Alden: see Childs	Benton: see Varney
Allen: see Dwyer	Blackman: see Wolff
Anslow: see Martin	Boreman: see Keegan
Ashley: see Ashley	Borodell: see Miscia
Atwell: see Irwin	Bosworth: see Nathan
Austin: see Hart	Boyd: see Arthaud
Barker: see Abbott	Boynton: see Murray
Barron: see Battle	Briscoe: see Spencer & Dearborn & Dearborn
Beal: see Sinclair	Brooks: see Cross
Beard: see Battle	

- Browne: [see Fitzpatrick](#)
Burnside: [see Eaton](#)
Burton: [see Draper](#)
Carter: [see Keegan](#)
Chapman: [see Nathan](#)
Chase: [see Dwyer](#)
Clark: [see Childs](#); [Nathan](#)
Cole: [see Gillis](#)
Cornish: [see Bissey](#)
Curtis: [see Utermohlen](#)
Cutler: [see West](#)
Denison: [see Miscia](#)
Doane: [see Morrison & Scott](#)
Dunbar: [see Bamberg & Desrosiers](#)
Ely: [see O'Sullivan](#)
Ferris: [see Miscia](#)
Finney: [see Carbonetti](#)
Fones: [see Boumenot](#)
Fuller: [see Hahn](#)
Galusha: [see Dunn](#)
Gardner: [see Maston](#)
Gibbard: [see Mindrum](#)
Griffin: [see Nathan](#)
Grinnell: [see LeBel](#)
Hardy: [see Lowry](#)
Harris: [see O'Sullivan](#)
Haskins: [see Arthaud](#)
Holmes: [see Dwyer](#)
Humfrey: [see Heffernan](#)
Hunt: [see Lowry](#)
Fuller: [see Utermohlen](#)
Hart: [see Battle](#)
Hawkes: [see Battle](#)
Heard: [see Mansfield](#)
Howard: [see Childs](#)
Hussey: [see Nathan](#)
Hutchinson: [see Battle](#)
Inskeep: [see Nathan](#)
Jones: [see Childs](#); [Nathan](#)
Joyner: [see Hankins](#)
Kent: [see Dwyer](#)
King: [see Beatty](#)
Knowlton: [see Arthaud](#)
Livermore: [see Childs](#)
Luce: [see Jackson](#)
Magoon: [see Magoon](#)
Manchester: [see Dunn](#)
Marvin: [see Battle](#)
McNeal: [see Hubbard](#)
Meade: [see West](#)
Mitchell: [see Miscia](#)
Moody: [see Clark](#)
Mulvey: [see Wells](#)
Muzzey: [see Harris](#)
Neuhaus/Newhouse: [see Clark](#)
Olmstead: [see Bissey](#)
Osborne: [see Horwath & Angell](#)
Palgrave: [see Battle](#)
Parks: [see Streeter](#)
Platt: [see Battle](#)
Putnam: [see Nathan](#)
Quarles: [see Battle](#)
Reed: [see Owen & Rockwell](#)
Rice: [see Bamberg](#)
Rickard: [see Horton](#)
Ripley: [see Eaton & Watson](#)
Rockwell: [see Rockwell](#)
Rodman: [see McClure](#)
Rotch: [see McClure](#)
Sewell: [see Heedon & Davis & Clarke & Graves](#)
Shatswell: [see Nathan](#)
Shea: [see Mucia](#)
Shepard: [see Julian & Louk](#); [Miscia](#)
Sherman: [see Harris & Eaton](#)
Smith: [see Battle](#); [Draper](#)
Sornberger: [see Hankins](#)
Spencer: [see Hansen](#)
Staples: [see Lamson](#)
States: [see Burdick](#)
Stilwell: [see Hobbs & Garrison](#)
Stowell: [see Beatty](#)
Taylor: [see Dwyer](#); [Childs](#)
Tidd: [see Harris](#)
Tiffany: [see McCoy](#)
Townsend: [see Horton](#)
Trask: [see Draper](#)
Twitchell: [see West](#)
Walker: [see Walker & Adams](#)
Watson: [see Maston](#)
Webb: [see Cross](#)
Whiton: [see Utermohlen](#)
Wilson: [see Utermohlen](#)
Winslow: [see Webber](#)
Wood: [see Battle](#)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Abbott, Patricia A. "The Children of Stephen Barker of Andover and Methuen and Mary Abbott," TEG 44:1 (February 2024): 32–36.
- Anderson, Robert Charles. "1623," AA 25:3 (Fall 2024): 40–45.
- Arthaud, John Bradley. "Margaret (Haskins) (Boyd) Knowlton, 1780–1834, Identified," TEG 44:2 (May 2024): 103–104.
- Ashley, Chase W. "The Origin and Parentage of Joseph Ashley of Rochester, Massachusetts," MD 72:2 (Summer 2024): 141–168.
- Bamberg, Cherry Fletcher. "Isaac and Sarah Ann (Conner) Rice and Their Children," RIR 50:1 (March 2024): 29–44.
- Bamberg, Cherry Fletcher and Marian Desrosiers. "George Dunbar of Newport, Rhode Island and his Family," RIR 50:4 (December 2024): 170–188.
- Battle, Robert. "Ancestors of Widow Martha¹ (Wood) Beard and Mary¹ (Wood) Platt, Both of Milford, Connecticut," *Register* 178:2 (Spring 2024): 150–168, 178:3 (Summer 2024): 272–292; a&c 178:4 (Fall 2024): 372.
- Battle, Robert. "The English Ancestry of Ellis¹ Barron of Watertown, Massachusetts," TG 38:1 (Spring 2024): 96–139, 38:2 (Fall 2024): 244–274.
- Battle, Robert. "The Identity of Anne, Wife of Dr. Richard¹ Palgrave of Charlestown, Massachusetts," *Register* 178:1 (Winter 2024): 52–72.
- Battle, Robert. "The Identity of Mary, Wife of Reynold¹ Marvin of Connecticut," *Register* 178:2 (Spring 2024): 189–192.
- Battle, Robert. "The Identity of the First Husband of Anne¹ (____) Hutchinson (First Wife of Adam¹ Hawkes of Charlestown and Lynn, Massachusetts), Father of Francis² Hutchinson, Samuel² Hutchinson, Edward² Hutchinson, and Elizabeth² (Hutchinson) Hart of Massachusetts, and Thomas² Hutchinson of Massachusetts and New York," *Register* 178:4 (Fall 2024): 307–318.
- Battle, Robert. "Who Was Ursula Woodgate? Identifying the Wife of Francis Quarles and Mother of Joanna (Quarles) Smith of Boston, Massachusetts, and Lyme, Connecticut," a&c *Register* 178:4 (Fall 2024): 371.
- Beatty, John D. "The Origins and Maine Descendants of John King and Mary (Stowell) of Boston," MG 46:2 (May 2024): 73–90, 46:3 (August 2024): 112–120.
- Bissey, Jeff D. "Origins of Joyce Cornish of Great Leighs and Fairstead, Essex, Wife of James Olmstead of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut," *Register* 178:3 (Summer 2024): 215–221.
- Boumenot, Diane MacLean. "Parents for William Fones of North Kingstown," RIR 50:3 (September 2024): 140–151.
- Burdick, Mary G. "Peter States, Stoneware Potter of Rhode Island and Connecticut," RIR 50:3 (September 2024): 114–130.
- Carbonetti, Stephanie. "Who Was the Father of James Finney of Indiana?" NGSQ 112:1 (March 2024): 45–60.
- Childs, Gregory S. "The Howards of Livermore, Canton, and Leeds, Maine," MG 46:1 (February 2024): 27–36.

- Childs, Gregory S. "The Parents of Jacob Bemis of Livermore, Maine," *MG* 46:2 (May 2024): 51–63.
- Childs, Gregory S. "A Peculiar Case: Sarah (Taylor) (Clark) (Jones) Livermore of Maine and New Hampshire," *MG* 46:1 (February 2024): 37.
- Childs, Gregory S. "The Smart Old Man: Alexander⁶ Alden of Jay and Milo, Maine, and His Seven Children," *MD* 72:1 (Winter 2024): 45–62.
- Clark, Kenneth Alton. "The Chain Migration of the Neuhaus/Newhouse Family of Maine," *MG* 46:1 (February 2024): 23–26.
- Clark, Kenneth Alton. "For Country and Family: The Death of Corporal James W. Moody of Weston, Maine," *MG* 46:3 (August 2024): 121–126.
- Cross, Denise E. "The Maiden Name of Sally, Wife of Jonas Brooks of Rutland County, Vermont, and Franklin County, New York," *NYGBR* 155:2 (April 2024): 106–118.
- Draper, Michael G. "The Identity and Ancestry of Rachel (Smith) Burton of Manchester, Vermont, a Descendant of a Smith Family of Greenwich and Stamford, and Wife of Elijah Burton," *CA* 66:4 (May 2024): 120–126.
- Draper, Michael G. "Some Clarification on the Wives and Children of John² Trask (Osmond¹) of Salem and Beverly," *TEG* 44:1 (February 2024): 37–41.
- Dunn, Michael Sean. "Descendants of Betsey Manchester and Jacob Galusha Jr.: Continuation of a Richard Warren Line," *MD* 72:1 (Winter 2024): 68–104.
- Dwyer, Michael F. "A Lost Couple: Jonathan and Rachel (____) Holmes, of Plymouth, Massachusetts," *MD* 72:2 (Summer 2024): 169–177.
- Dwyer, Michael F. "Mariners and Traders: Three Entangled Nathaniel Kents of Plymouth County, Massachusetts, and Maine," *MG* 46:3 (August 2024): 99–111.
- Dwyer, Michael F. "Three Husbands of Elizabeth (Chase) (Taylor) (Akers) Allen, Poet of Strong, Maine," *MG* 46:1 (February 2024): 11–22.
- Eaton, Priscilla. "Thomas Burnside of Northumberland, New Hampshire," *Register* 178:4 (Fall 2024): 319–331.
- Eaton, Priscilla and Ian Watson. "Peter and Nancy (Ford) Ripley, Early Settlers of Fairport, New York," *NYGBR* 155:2 (April 2024): 119–156.
- Fitzpatrick, Marilyn. "Jacob Browne of Billerica, Massachusetts, Possible Son of William Browne of Boston," *MASSOG* 48:2 (2023–2024): 59–70.
- Garcia, Irene. "Northern Liberty: How Four Enslaved Women Found a Haven in New Bedford, Massachusetts," *AA* 25:3 (Fall 2024): 34–39.
- Gillis, Lindsay Ham. "Identifying the Husband of Elizabeth Cole, Daughter of Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole of North Yarmouth, Maine," *MG* 46:4 (November 2024): 179–184.
- Hahn, Erica. "Was Matthew Fuller the Son of Mrs. Edward Fuller ... Or Was He from a Different Family?" *MD* 72:2 (Summer 2024): 109–133.
- Hankins, Patty. "Parents for Nancy (Joyner) Sornberger of Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa and Egremont, Berkshire County, Massachusetts," *MASSOG* 48:2 (2023–2024): 53–58.

- Hansen, Virginia D. "George H. Spencer of Hinckley, England, and Lake Village/Lakeport in Belknap County, New Hampshire," *NHGR* 36:2 (Spring 2024): 117–144.
- Harris, Gale Ion. "Mary Muzzey, Second Wife of Joseph³ Tidd of Lexington, Massachusetts," *Register* 178:1 (Winter 2024): 87–89.
- Harris, Valerie and Priscilla Eaton. "Untangling the Shermans of Early Essex County, New York," *TG* 38:1 (Spring 2024): 32–58.
- Hart, Frederick C., Jr. "A Proposed Second Wife for Daniel Austin of Rhode Island and Dutchess County, New York," *RIR* 50:3 (September 2024): 131–139.
- Hedeen, Susan, Larry Davis, John Clarke, and Eben W. Graves. "Timothy Sewell of Boston, Lynn, and Mendon, Massachusetts, and His Children," *Register* 178:3 (Summer 2024): 260–271.
- Heffernan, James Arthur. "An Update to the Later Life and Children of John Humfrey (1597–1651), Deputy Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony," *Register* 178:1 (Winter 2024): 73–86.
- Hobbs, Patricia Lee and Barbara J. Garrison. "DNA Merges Families of Stephen Stilwell of Dutchess County, New York; Cornwall, Upper Canada; and Coshocton County, Ohio," *NGSQ* 112:1 (March 2024): 5–30.
- Horton, Edward Charles. "Descendants of Giles¹ Rickard of Plymouth Colony," *MD* 72:1 (Winter 2024): 30–44.
- Horton, Edward Charles. "Susannah Townsend of Berkley, Massachusetts, and the Descendants of George Townsend of Charlestown and Taunton, Massachusetts," *Register* 178:2 (Spring 2024): 115–149.
- Horwath, Kay Auxier and Trevor Angell. "New Findings for the English Family of Thomas¹ Osborne of New Haven, Connecticut, and East Hampton, Long Island," *Register* 178:3 (Summer 2024): 222–240.
- Hubbard, Edward G. "James McNeal of Leeds and Fayette, Maine: His Children and Their Families," *MG* 46:4 (November 2024): 147–161.
- Irwin, Jenny Rizzo. "Generations of Familial Ties Identify Parents for Nathaniel Atwell of New York," *NGSQ* 112:2 (June 2024): 121–134.
- Jackson, B. Darrell. "The Parents of Henry Luce (1810–1858) of Monticello, Maine," *MG* 46:1 (February 2024): 3–10.
- Julian, Amanda Wright and Paul Arthur Louk. "The Children and Grandchildren of Jonathan and Miriam (Strong) Shepard," *NYGBR* 155:1 (January 2024): 49–74.
- Keegan, Kelly M. "New Information on the Ancestry of Felix Carter of Claydon, Oxfordshire, Grandfather of Thomas¹ Boreman of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and Samuel¹ Boreman of Ipswich and Wethersfield, Connecticut," *Register* 178:4 (Fall 2024): 332–358.
- Lamson, Karl F. "The Moses Staples Family of Biddeford, Maine," *MG* 46:4 (November 2024): 162–166.
- LeBel, Stephen. "Sarah, Wife of James Grinnell of Union, Maine: Where Was She Born?" *MG* 46:2 (May 2024): 91–96.
- Lowry, David F. "Who Were the Parents of Lydia P.⁵ (Hunt) Hardy of Kingston, New Hampshire?" *Register* 178:2 (Spring 2024): 193–205.

- Magoon, Scott Allen. "Beyond Dunbar, Scotland: Henry Magoon's New Beginnings in New England," *NHGR* 36:2 (Spring 2024): 81–116.
- Mansfield, T. R. "The Family of Jacob Heard of Dover, Somersworth, and Tuftonboro, New Hampshire: Indirect Evidence Supports Family Genealogy Recorded in Lineage Society Applications," *NHGR* 36:1 (Winter 2024): 49–78.
- Martin, George. "The Family of Gladys Amelia Anslow, of Northampton, Massachusetts, Famous for Her Work on the Cyclotron (Atom Smasher)," *MASSOG* 48:2 (2023–2024): 41–51.
- Maston, Alison Watson. "The Family of Thomas Franklin Watson of North Kingstown and Exeter, Rhode Island," *RIR* 50:4 (December 2024): 189–200.
- Maston, Alison Watson. "Identifying the Family of Mary J. Garner Rodman," *RIR* 50:1 (March 2024): 3–14.
- McClure, Rhonda R. "The Rotches and the Rodmans: A Tale of New Bedford Quakerism," *Register* 178:1 (Winter 2024): 95–105.
- McCoy, Carol Prescott. "Discovering Cyrus Tiffany (1762–1818), Person of Color, of Taunton, Massachusetts: From Slavery to War Hero," *MASSOG* 48:1 (2023–2024): 3–18.
- Mindrum, Thomas L. "The English Origin of William Gibbard of Bearley, Warwickshire, England, and his Life in New Haven," *a&c CA* 66:4 (May 2024): 126.
- Miscia, Travis Dodge. "'Nowe Lately Gone Into New England': The Essex Origins of Jeffery and Mary (____) Ferris," *a&c Register* 178:4 (Fall 2024): 370–371.
- Miscia, Travis Dodge. "The Cumbrian Origins and Puritan Connections of Ann (Borodell) Denison and Margaret (Borodell) (Shepard) Mitchell," *Register* 178:3 (Summer 2024): 241–259; *a&c* 178:4 (Fall 2024): 370.
- Morrison, Steven W. and Maureen (Perry) Scott. "The English Ancestry of Deacon John Doane of Plymouth and Eastham, Massachusetts," *TG* 38:2 (Fall 2024): 143–171.
- Mucia, Bonnie Wade. "Samuel Beal Shea of the 19th Maine at the Battle of Gettysburg," *MG* 46:2 (May 2024): 64–72.
- Murray, Laurie A. "The Puzzling Pension File of Oliver Boynton of Palermo, Maine, and Iowa," *MG* 46:3 (August 2024): 127–141.
- Nathan, Jared James. "Aaron⁶ Putnam of Danvers, Massachusetts, and Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1790," *CA* 66:4 (May 2024): 127–130.
- Nathan, Jared James. "The Parentage of Ann¹ Inskeep, Wife of John³ Hussey of New Castle, Delaware," *TG* 38:2 (Fall 2024): 240–243.
- Nathan, Jared James. "Setting the Publication Record Straight: the Ancestry of Sarah³ Jones, Wife of John³ Chapman of Saybrook; an Updated Summary of her Parents Samuel and Mary (Lay) Jones; the Descendants of Sarah's Son Sgt. Dan⁴ Chapman of Saybrook, Middlesex Co., New Haven, New Haven Co., and Newtown, Fairfield Co., Connecticut, and the Town of Catharine, Tioga Co., New York, a Revolutionary War Soldier; and Other Miscellaneous Corrections for these Families," *CA* 66:3 (February 2024): 81–92.
- Nathan, Jared James. "Susanna¹ Bosworth, Wife of Theophilus¹ Shatswell of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and a Line of Their Descendants; Dorcas¹

- Bosworth, Wife of Edward¹ Clark of Haverhill, and Their Descendants; Haniel¹ Bosworth of Ipswich, Massachusetts, Husband of Abigail² Scott, and Their Descendants; the Origins of Ebenezer Griffin of New London, Connecticut, Husband of Mary³ (Hubble) Harris,” *MASSOG* 48:2 (2023–2024): 79–94.
- O’Sullivan, Bryna. “The First Wife of Jesse H. Harris of Boston, Massachusetts,” *MASSOG* 48:1 (2023–2024): 20–23.
- O’Sullivan, Bryna. “John H. Ely of Lyme, Connecticut: A Master in the Coasting Trade,” *CN* 56:2 (Spring 2024): 98–103.
- Owen, Brent M. and Kenneth W. Rockwell. “William Reed Junior, New Canaan Revolutionary War Loyalist: What Became of Him?” *CA* 67:2 (November 2024): 37–52.
- Rockwell, Kenneth W. “Enos Rockwell of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and Southeast, New York,” *CA* 66:3 (February 2024): 93–98.
- Sinclair, Doug. “Expanding the Family of Joshua Beal Sr. of Abington and Cummington, Massachusetts,” *MASSOG* 48:1 (2023–2024): 24–36.
- Spencer, Austin W., Maureen Markt Dearborn, and David Curtis Dearborn. “William¹ Briscoe of Boston, Massachusetts, His English Origin, and the Brisko and Wilson Families of Cumberland,” *Register* 178:1 (Winter 2024): 5–51.
- Streeter, Perry. “The New England Origin of Simeon Parks of Victor, Ontario County, New York, and His Siblings,” *NYGBR* 155:3 (July 2024): 195–235.
- Utermohlen, William. “Elizabeth Fuller of Salem and Woburn, Massachusetts; Rehoboth, Rhode Island; and Ashford, Connecticut—Probable Wife of Benjamin Wilson,” *Register* 178:2 (Spring 2024): 169–188.
- Utermohlen, William J. “Francis Curtis of Plymouth, 1671, and Three Generations of His Family,” *MD* 72:1 (Winter 2024): 5–21.
- Utermohlen, William J. “Joseph Whiton of Hingham and Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and Ashford, Connecticut,” *MD* 72:1 (Winter 2024): 30–44.
- Varney, George W. “Elijah Benton, Revolutionary War Soldier and Pensioner, of Stewartstown, New Hampshire,” *NHGR* 36:1 (Winter 2024): 3–42, 36:2 (Spring 2024): 145–168, 36:3 (Fall 2024): 217–244.
- Walker, Eugene Allen and Neva P. Adams. “Solomon⁶ Walker of Langdon, New Hampshire; Delmar, Tioga County, Pennsylvania; and Nicholas County, (West) Virginia,” *Register* 178:4 (Fall 2024): 359–365.
- Webber, David Jay. “Kenelm² Winslow in Virginia and New York: Filling in the Gaps in the Chronology of His Life,” *MD* 72:2 (Summer 2024): 134–140.
- Wells, Charles L. “The John Mulvey Family of Rhode Island and Massachusetts,” *RIR* 50:2 (June 2024): 58–85.
- West, Randy A. “A Fresh Look at Immigrant Joseph¹ Twitchell of Dorchester, Massachusetts,” *Register* 178:2 (Spring 2024): 206–210.
- West, Randy A. “The English Origin of Robert¹ Cutler of Charlestown, Massachusetts,” *Register* 178:4 (Fall 2024): 366–372.
- West, Randy A. “The Whereabouts of Gabriel¹ Meade of Dorchester, Massachusetts, Prior to Emigration,” *Register* 178:1 (Winter 2024): 90–94.
- Wolff, Kathryn Downs. “Joseph Blackman of Newtown in 1790,” *CA* 66:4 (May 2024): 117–119.

Pedigree chart titled Huntington Pedigree Showing Barrett Connections, pages 236-237

The first generation is Simon Huntington and his wife Anne. Simon's will was proved in Battisford in 1564. Simon and Anne had five children: Gilbert Huntington, whose will was proved in Battisford in 1566, Robert Huntington, whose will was proved in Battisford in 1598, Henry Huntington, whose will was proved in Battisford in 1621, Barnard Huntington, who was born about 1548, and Edmund Huntington. Henry Huntington was married twice, first to an unknown wife by whom he had a son Robert Huntington, whose will was proved in Battisford in 1658, and second to Jane Long, by whom he had three children: Henry Huntington, whose will was proved in Battisford in 1624, Anne Huntington, and Mary Huntington, who married Robert Levold and had two children by 1624. The elder Henry Huntington's brother Robert Huntington married twice, first to an unknown wife, and second to Margaret. This Robert Huntington had seven children: Mary Huntington, Anne Huntington, Margaret Huntington, Ellen Huntington, Alice Huntington, Robert Huntington, and Simon Huntington. This Robert Huntington, son of Robert, had a will proved in Hitcham in 1633 or 1634. His wife's name was Martha Ridnall. They had two sons: Robert Huntington, a merchant and military officer, who engaged with Peter and William Barrett in a salt works venture at Gorleston in 1640, and Richard Huntington, member of parliament, a merchant of Great Yarmouth, who was a defendant with Peter Barrett in 1663, was called Peter Barrett's loving friend in 1675, and shipped textiles for Thomas Barrett in the 1670s. Simon Huntington, the uncle of this Robert and Richard Huntington, married Margaret Barrett in Norwich in 1623. He sailed to New England in 1633. Margaret Barrett was a daughter of Christopher Barrett, whose will was proved in Norwich in 1649; he was mayor of Norwich in 1634. In addition to Margaret, Christopher Barrett had three sons: Peter Barrett, a merchant in Great Yarmouth, whose will was proved in 1675, Thomas Barrett (whose son Thomas Barrett was a Norwich textile merchant), and William Barrett, who was also a merchant of Great Yarmouth.

Quarterly News



Please note these recent developments. For more news, and more detail, read *American Ancestors* magazine and consult AmericanAncestors.org, your portal to all that American Ancestors has to offer.

New American Ancestors Publications

In Search of *Mayflower* Pilgrim William White of Wisbech

By Sue Allan

In this compelling biography of William White, Allan reveals who William's father was and identifies the school William attended as a boy. She also proves that the school was once Wisbech's ancient Holy Trinity Guild Hall. In her signature style, she takes us deep into the history of Ely and the wild landscape of the Fenlands to the heart of William White's life as a young orphan in the streets of Wisbech.

Portable Genealogist: Researching Your Mariner Ancestors

By Susan Donnelly

This latest quick-reference guide focuses on maritime ancestry before the age of steam, when sail-powered vessels and labor-intensive seamanship defined life at sea.

The Latest from Newbury Street Press

The Ancestors of John Weed Franklin and Elizabeth Lloyd Gibson, Book I: Ancestry of Elizabeth Lloyd Gibson

By Hallie Kirchner

The stories of the Gibson, Stuart, Lloyd, and Blackford families reveal major and minor players in historical events spanning more than 250 years of American history. Three of the four first-generation ancestors treated in this work initially arrived in Pennsylvania before moving south to Virginia and Maryland. The fourth was a Scotsman who immigrated to the United States via Rotterdam, Holland, and settled immediately in Richmond, Virginia. Family members were merchants, doctors, lawyers, and teachers. A strong religious tradition became apparent, especially in the Gibson and Lloyd families, which both counted among their numbers several Episcopal bishops.

Ancestors of John S. Rando Jr.

By Members of the American Ancestors Research Services Team and American Ancestors Senior Genealogist Rhonda R. McClure

John Rando Jr.'s ancestors came from Italy and Scotland. His family's later successes in the United States provide a uniquely compelling glimpse into key points in America's formation: its European beginnings on New England soil; its fight for independence and the issues of loyalty that accompanied it; its economic dissolution from Great Britain; and the constant hunger of its people for growth and expansion.

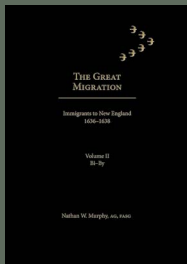
The Hawkins and Lawshe Families of North Carolina and Mississippi

By Eileen Curley Pironti

The immigrant ancestors of the Hawkins and Lawshe lines arrived in America in the early 1700s. The English merchants and seamen of the Hawkins family and the Prussian van Laaschet family were united through the marriage of Capt. Lewis Madison Lawshe and Cherokee Hawkins, daughter of Senator Benjamin Hawkins, at Fort Hawkins, Georgia, in 1819. The Hawkins family papers are held at UNC Chapel Hill.

To Purchase, visit TheBookstore@americanancestors.org or call 1-888-296-3447.

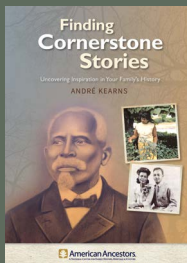
Two Important New Titles from American Ancestors!



The Great Migration Immigrants to New England, 1636–1638 Volume II, Bi-By

By Nathan W. Murphy, AG, FASG

Contains sketches for 130 new immigrants who arrived during the Great Migration to New England.



Finding Cornerstone Stories Uncovering Inspiration in Your Family's History

By André Kearns

This outstanding book shows readers how to research their African ancestors through inspiring tales from the family tree of the author. Presented as illustrated essays, the book provides inspiration on every page as the author shares personal stories and offers practical guidance for readers to research their own family's history.