EARLY MURPHYS IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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INTRODUCTION

Many years ago I began trying to identify the parents of my Mary “Polly” Murphy who had married Benjamin Billings. I had their marriage date from a family record that my grandmother had acquired.

In the process I collected information on dozens of Murphys, Murfeys, Murpheys in Newport, Rhode Island.

I had thought her father might be Edward Murphy, a blacksmith, because Polly and Benjamin had a son Edward. But in compiling that family, I found documents that identified all his children. No Polly. The other likely candidate was Captain John Murfey, but the link eluded me until I was researching the Billings and found a record of Polly and Benjamin’s marriage in a newspaper I had not checked.

First we published an article on Edward in *Rhode Island Roots*. And eventually, after sorting out three seafaring John Murphy/Murfeys, my ancestor made it into print, again in *Rhode Island Roots*.

This present collection includes, hopefully, all the information I’ve come up with – except for obviously Irish immigrants in the early nineteenth century. However, in order to avoid copying errors and any copyright question, only the “bare-bones” vital data for Edward and Captain John are included here. Information on their descendants not included in the articles, is presented here in full.

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DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD MURPHY OF NEWPORT

1. Edward Murphy was perhaps the brother of John Murphey, who married in Trinity Church in Newport on 1 March 1732 Mary Casside.\[1] Edward “Murfee” married in Trinity Church in Newport on 25 October 1743 Catharine Fitzgerald.\[2]

Edward Murphey “served on the Revenge under Captain Allen at the capture of the St. Joseph in the spring of 1742–3.”[3]

In May 1747 Edward Murfey of Newport, taylor alias mariner, owed Joseph Shute of Charlestown, South Carolina, £86 due on a note.[4]

Probable child of Edward and Catharine (Fitzgerald) Murphey:

i. Edward Murphy, born about 1747.[5]

2. Edward Murphy, probably son of the above, was born about 1747.[6] He died on 11 or 12 January 1809 “in the 62d year of his age,” his funeral from his house at 2 Meeting Street in Newport,[7] and he was buried in the Newport Common Burial Ground.[8] Elizabth, wife of Edward Murphy, died in Newport on 21 February 1788.[9] Possibly Elizabeth’s maiden name was Warkman. A letter from Gladys E. Bolhouse, Curator of Manuscripts at the Newport Historical Society, to a patron, suggests a Warkman connection because

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2 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 10:461.
3 Howard M. Chapin, Rhode Island Privateers in King George’s War, 1739–1748 (Newport, R.I.: Rhode Island Historical Society, 1926), 64.
4 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, C:89.
6 Newport Common Burial Ground Inscriptions, 286.
7 Newport Mercury, Thurs., 14 Jan. 1809, p. 3, “Died.—In this town on Thursday morning last, Mr. Edward Murphy, in the 62d year of his age.—His Funeral will be this Afternoon at 3 o’clock, from his late dwelling-house No. 2, Meeting Street”; also in the American, of 17 Jan. 1890 and Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 14:128, from the Providence Gazette of 21 Jan. 1807, which says in his 62nd year.
9 Newport Mercury, 18 Feb. 1788, p. 3, “Died.]—Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, wife of Mr. Edward Murphy, of this town”; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 12:85, from the Newport Herald; Newport Historical Society card catalog, from the Newport Herald of 21 Feb. 1788.
Edward and Elizabeth named a son John Warkman Murphy. That Edward was buried near Samuel and Martha Warkman supports this theory.

Edward’s life is presented in my article, “Edward Murphy of Newport,” in Rhode Island Roots, 35 (2009):1–8, so his biography is omitted here, but this present account includes more detail on the children than was given there.

Children of Edward and Elizabeth (?Warkman) Murphy:

i. **Martha Margaret Murphy**, born about 1770, although one record says born 22 Dec. 1753 and baptized in the church of the United Brethren 13 Dec. 1829. She died on 28 May 1830 in her 60th year, and was buried beside her father in the Newport Common Burial Ground. She married in Newport 7 June 1796, **Michael Wise**, probably son of Adam and Jean (Hunt) Wise of Newport. Martha Wise, widow, of Newport, made her will on 8 April 1829 giving her sister Elizabeth Murphy all her real and personal estate. It was proved on 6 July 1830. In 1800 in Newport, Michael Wise and a female were both age 26–44. In 1810 Martha and Michael may have been counted with Adam Wise, who had, besides himself and an older female, a male and three females 26–44.

ii. **Elizabeth Murphy**, born about 1771. She died on Mary St. in Newport on 7 or 8 June 1853 aged 82 years and was buried in the Newport Common Burial Ground. However, she also lived on Farewell Street, and probably on Green Lane, for which see deeds from her sister-in-law Barbara P. (Bliss)

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10 Letter from Gladys E. Bolhouse, Curator of Manuscripts at the Newport Historical Society, to a client, dated 27 April 1968, photocopy in possession of the author.
11 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 7:615, her maiden name Murphy, called “Wise, Martha Margaret, widow.”
12 Sterling, Austin, and Champion, Newport Colonial Burial Grounds, 99, says she died 22 May age 60 years, wife of Mr. [Michael] Wise; Newport Mercury, 29 May 1830, p. 3, “Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Martha Wise, widow of Mr. Michael Wise, in the 60th year of her age.” Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 7:619, United Brethren deaths, says she died 28 May 1830 and was buried 30 May, her name Martha Margaret (Murphy) Wiss [sic].
13 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 12:23, from the Newport Mercury; Newport Mercury, 7 June 1796, p. 3, “Married—Mr. Michael Wise to Miss Martha Murphey, eldest Daughter of Mr. Edward Murphy.”
14 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 8:468, the marriage of Adam Wise of Germany and Jean Hunt 2 April 1767 at the Second Congregational Church. However, she was named Rebecca, widow of Adam Wise, when she petitioned for probate on his estate on 2 Dec. 1811 (Newport Probate, 5:49). Rebecca Shearman had married Adam on 24 Nov. 1782 (Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 7:373). Adam died on 6 March 1811 in his 79th year (Rhode Island Republican, Wed., 13 March 1811, p. 3).
17 1810 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 59, p. 46.
18 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 53:834, says 8 June, the cause “decay”; Sterling, Austin, and Champion, Newport Colonial Burial Grounds, 103, says 7 June; Newport Mercury, 11 June 1853, “In this city 7th inst., Miss Elizabeth Murphy, in the 83rd year of her age.”
Murphy, in the section for Elizabeth’s brother Edward. She sold the property on Green Lane on 19 March 1832. In 1830 in Newport, Elizabeth Murphey, living alone, was age 50–59. In 1850 Elizabeth Murphy, age 79, was living with her sister Margaret and her son William Price’s family in Newport. The will of Elizabeth Murphy, late of Newport, singlewoman, dated 30 April 1853, was presented on 13 June 1853. She gave all her estate to her nephew Capt. James Price in trust for the benefit of her sister Margaret Price and then to James after Margaret’s decease.

3. iii. **JOHN WARKMAN MURPHY,** born ca. 1772–73 (age at death). On 25 August 1795, John Murphey, eldest son of Edward, was “voted free,” thus surely born by August 1774. He married **NANCY FINCH.**

iv. **BENJAMIN MURPHY,** son of Edward and Elizabeth, born ca. April 1774; died 5 June 1776 aged 2 years 2 months and was buried in the Newport Common Burial Ground.

v. **SAMUEL MURPHY,** born in Newport on or about 27 October 1775. He died in Charleston, S.Car., shortly before 22 June 1799. On 2 October 1797 John and Samuel Murphey presented their account, $9, for repairing Engine No. ____, and on 4 December they had repaired Engine No. 3.

vi. **MARGARET “PEGGY” MURPHEY,** born ca. 1777 or, more likely 1778, died 26 Nov. 1854 in her 78th year; buried in the Newport Common Burial Ground; married by Michael Eddy of the First Baptist Church in Newport on 7 May 1801 to Capt. **WILLIAM PRICE,** both of Newport. Born ca. 1777, died 12 March 1833 in his 57th year, buried with Margaret.

In 1810 in Newport, William Price had two males under 10, himself 26–44, two females under 10, one 16–25, and one 26–44. In 1820 in Newport,

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20 Newport Deeds, 23:299.
21 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 167, p. 31.
22 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 842, p. 352.
23 Newport Probate, 17:133, 148, 141, 202, 578, 592.
24 The probable middle name Warkman was added by the editor of *Rhode Island Roots* 35 (2009):7.
27 Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate, sworn by Edward Murphy.
28 *Companion,* published at Newport 22 June 1799, p. 3, “Died—At Charleston, (S.C.) Mr. Samuel Murfee, son of Mr. Edward Murfee, of this town, aged about 24 years.”
29 Newport Town Council, 1780–1802, no page numbers.
31 Michael Eddy Marriages in records of the First Baptist Church; *Newport Mercury,* 12 May 1801, p. 3, “In this town, by the Rev. Mr. Eddy, Capt. William Price, to Miss Peggy Murphey;” and *Guardian of Liberty,* Newport, 16 May 1801, p. 3.
33 1810 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 59, p. 43.
William had a male under 10 [James], one 10–15 [John], one 16–18 [William],
two 16–25 [William and another], himself 45 or over, two females 10–15
[Mary and Margaret] and one 26–44.[34] In 1830 in Newport, William had a
male 15–19, two 20–29, himself 50–59, two females 20–29 and one 50–59.[35]
On 6 May 1833, William Price applied for administration on his father’s
estate. The inventory, taken on 11 July 1833, included a pew in the First
Baptist meetinghouse but no land. (Rhode Island probate records generally did
not include land in the inventory.) On 31 Oct. 1835 Margaret, John, Margaret
E., and Mary B. Price certified that they were satisfied with the distribution,
but there is no trace of son James in the probate records.[36]

In 1840 the sons William and John were listed next to each other, William
with a male 20–29 [James?], himself 30–39, and two females 60–69, and John
age 30–39 with a male under 5, a female 30–39 and another 60–69.[37] In 1850
in Newport, Margaret Price, age 73, was living with William 47, mariner,
Ellen 50, Emily 9, James 37, a mariner, and [her sister] Elizabeth Murphy, age
79.[38] Children:

1. William Price, born 26 May 1802; died 3 Dec. 1851; buried with his
parents;[39] married in New York [City?] 13 Jan. 1842 Ellen Perry,
daughter of George Perry of Newport[40] and his wife Abigail. Ellen was
born ca. 25 Jan. 1798 and died on Whittier Ave., Newport, 14 March
1885 aged 87 years 1 month 17 days.[41] In 1856 and 1858 Ellen, widow
of William Price, was living at 23 John St. in Newport.[42] In 1860 in
Newport, Ellen Price, 62, with $1000 in personal estate, was living with
Elizabeth Perry, age 72, who had $3000 in personal estate.[43]

2. Mary B. Price, born say 1804 (under 10 in 1810); died 29 Dec. 1848 aged
36 [sic];[44] buried Newport Common Burial Ground, near her husband’s
parents;[45] married Newport 16 July 1838 Samuel Seabury Mumford,[46]
bp. Trinity Church, Newport, 8 April 1814, son of James and Savilla Mumford. Mary’s brother James Price’s probate provided for Mary’s two children, James P. and William Mumford.

3. John Price, born Newport ca. 2 June 1806; died Fall River, Mass., 26 Feb. 1859 aged 42 years 8 months 24 days, a grocer; buried in Newport; married Newport 13 Sept. 1836 Charlotte Lake, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hopkins) Lake, born Middletown, R.I., 23 April 1806, died 18 June 1846 aged 40, buried Island Cemetery, Newport. In 1856 John Price was at the same address as his brother James, born Newport, but was not listed there in 1858. See John’s brother James below for John’s two children, Emily, wife of Walter Weeden, and William Price, who was under 21 in 1870.


47 Arnold, Vital Record of Newport, 10:517. In 1850 at Newport, Samuel S. Mumford and his second (or third) wife, Mercy F., were both 36. They had Juliana P. age 17, thus born ca. 1833, before Mary’s marriage to Samuel, as well as William A. 9 and James P. 7, who would be Mary’s children (1850 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 842, p. 356).

48 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 3 (Scituate):22, names his father in his second (or third) marriage on 17 June 1849 to Mary [sic] F. Parker of Scituate; Sherrie A. Styx, The Mumford Families in America (Eugene, Ore.: Styx Enterprises, 1992), 82.

49 Newport Probate, 25:294, in an account dated 6 June 1870.

50 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 59:904, “fit,” widower, grocer, born Newport, his parents named; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 129:69, which says he was married and died of intemperance, his birthplace and parents unknown. Alden G. Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery, Newport,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 7:175, lists him with no stone next to his wife Charlotte.

51 Rhode Island Republican, 14 Sept. 1836, p. 3, “Married in this town last evening, by the Rev. Mr. West, Mr. John Price to Miss Charlotte Lake, daughter of Mr. Benj. Lake.”

52 Benjamin Lake married in Middletown, R.I., 17 Sept. 1788 Elizabeth Hopkins (Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Middletown]:13, Charlotte’s birth at 32).

53 Rhode Island Historic Cemeteries Transcription Project, database online; Island Cemetery, Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 7:175, where the stone says she was “consort of John Price” and daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Lake.

54 Boyd, Newport Directory, 1856–57, 54; Boyd, Newport City Directory, 1858, 80.

55 Sterling, Austin, and Champion, Newport Colonial Burial Grounds, 284, wife of Isaac and daughter of Capt. William and Margaret Price. No death date for the child appears, but it couldn’t be in the 1860s as Mary would have been too old at her death to have had an infant. Perhaps she was buried where the child had been buried and the stone erected at that time.

56 Rhode Island Republican, Wed., 16 May 1838, p. 3, “In this town on Monday Evening last, by the Rev. Mr. West, Mr. Isaac Sillsbie, Jun., of New Hampshire, to Miss Margaret E. Price, daughter of the late Capt. Wm Price, of this town.”

In 1850 in Newport, Isaac Silsbee, age 42, born N.H., and Margaret, 32, born R.I., were living in what was apparently a huge boardinghouse. In 1859 they were living in Washington, D.C. Not found in the 1860 census. Silsby, *Silsby-Silsbee*, 2:41–42, includes some biographical detail on Isaac.

5. James Price, born Newport ca. 6 July 1811; died Newport 9 Aug. 1869 aged 58 years 1 months 3 days, a mariner buried in Island Cemetery there; married Newport 14 June 1863 Mary F. Mumford, daughter of Daniel and Mary Fisk, but said to be her first marriage. One suspects that she was the widow (or divorced wife) of James’ brother-in-law Samuel S. Mumford and therefore had been married twice before, once to a Parker and then to Samuel Mumford.

In 1856 and 1858 Capt. James Price was living at 5 Mary St. in Newport. In 1860 in Newport, James was age 45, a mariner with $2000 in real and $2000 in personal estate. With him were Mary A. Lyndon, 50, and Emily E. Price, 18, surely his niece. On 16 Aug. 1869 “Marcy” Price prayed that William Messer administer the estate of her late husband Capt James Price. He posted bond with Henry B. Hazard and Oliver Read on 6 Sept. However, Messer died and “Mary” F. asked that Samuel Engs be appointed. Distribution on 6 June 1870 was to the children of John Price, i.e., Emily Weeden (wife of Walter Weeden) and William Price (his guardian B. Marsh, Jr.), and the children of Mary Price, i.e., James P. and William A. Mumford.

4. vii. Edward Murphey, Jr., “swears he was born in Newport on or about August 20, 1780,” and John Murphy swore to the same date; married Barbara Phillips Bliss.

viii. Abigail “Abby” Murphey, born ca. 1782; died Newport on 26 Sept. 1842 aged 60; married at the Second Congregational Church in Newport on 18 April 1802 George Hall, Jr., probably son of George and Elizabeth (Peckham)
Hall. A George Hall, born 26 Dec. 1788 [sic], died March 1843, the year unclear, was buried in the Island Cemetery in Newport with his wife Abigail, born ca. 1782, died 26 Sept. 1842, aged 60, but if the stone was read correctly, that George would have been only age 14 at that 1802 marriage. Abigail’s husband was more likely the George Hall who died at 52 Broad St., Newport, on 5 March 1862, aged 83 years 2 months 7 days, thus born ca. 30 Dec. 1778, son of George and Elizabeth P. Hall.

In 1810 in Newport, George Hall, Jr., had a male 16–25 [himself? but he would be about 31], one 45 or over, two females under 10, and one 16–25. In 1820 in Newport, George had three males under 10, one 16–18 who was also the one 16–25, and one 26–44, plus three females under 10, two 10–15, one 16–25 and one 26–44. In 1830 in Newport, George had a male 5–9, two 10–14, two 15–19, himself 50–59, a female 5–9, one 10–14, two 20–29 and one 40–49. The name “George Hall” appears frequently in Newport newspapers as a director of the New England Commercial Bank. On 11 Aug. 1838 a George Hall offered for sale “300 sides slaughter sole LEATHER, of the best Catskill tanning.” In fact, a Newport history says “He was engaged in the tanning business in his early life. He had a family of nine children.”

In 1840 in Newport, he was the only male, age 60–69, with a female 10–14, two 20–29, one 30–39 and one 50–59. In 1850 in Newport, George was age 70, with no occupation but $1500 in real estate. Martha was 40, Rachell 37, Nancy 30, Catharine 24, and Henry 27 with Ann Davis 20, born Mass. In 1856 and 1858 George Hall was living at 52 Broad St. in Newport. In 1860 George was 81, a gentleman, with $3000 in real and $42,000 in personal estate. Martha was 50, Rachael W. 46, Nancy 40, and Catharine E. 34. George made his will on 1 July 1859 giving daughters Martha, Rachel W., Nancy and Catherine E. various bank shares and a pew in Trinity Church as well as his house and contents. Daughter Abby H. Beckwith, sons Henry, William, and Peleg, and Peleg for the benefit of son Benjamin, also received various shares. He also named William’s daughters, Eliza Antoinette, Annie,

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71 A George Hall died 2 Nov. 1815 in his 82nd year and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Peleg and Elizabeth Peckham, died 6 April 1792 in her 52nd year (Sterling, Austin, and Champion, Newport Colonial Burial Grounds, 84). George’s will, dated 5 July 1814 and proved 6 Nov. 1815, did name a son George Hall (Newport Probate, 5:262).
72 Beeman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register 7 (1984):174
73 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 62:766, of injury to side and head from a fall, which is crossed out and “casualty” written above, widower, gentleman, born Newport.
74 1810 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 59, p. 44.
75 1820 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 116, p. 152.
76 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 167, p. 23.
77 Newport Mercury, 11 Aug. 1838, p. 3.
78 Henry E. Turner, History of Newport County, Rhode Island, from the Year 1638 to the Year 1887 (New York: L. E. Preston & Co., 1888), 597.
79 1840 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 504, p. 168.
80 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 842, p. 400.
81 Boyd, Newport Directory, 1856–57, 30; Boyd, Newport City Directory, 1858, 57.
82 1860 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1204, p. 223.
and Sarah Watson, and son Peleg's sons, George Watson and William Fearing Hall. Martha and Rachel were to be executrixes, and they presented it in court on 10 March 1862.\[83\]

In 1870, Martha, age 69 [sic], headed the household with Rachel W. 54, Nancy 50, and Catharine E. 40. Each woman had $1100 in real and $7000 in personal estate.\[84\] In 1880 in Newport, Martha was 70, with sisters Rachel 65 and Katherine 55, all and their parents born in R.I.\[85\] Children:
1. Martha Hall, born ca. 8 Jan. 1807; died 102 Broadway, Newport, 10 Oct. 1888 aged 81 years 9 months 2 days.\[86\]

2. Abby M. Hall, b. ca. 14 Oct. 1808; died 42 College St., Providence, 17 Nov. 1895 aged 87 years 1 month 3 days;\[87\] married (1) by Rev. Mr. Wheaton in Newport 25 Sept. 1834 to Isaac B. Cooke of Providence,\[88\] born Providence 25 Nov. 1809,\[89\] died Providence 19 Aug. 1836 aged 27,\[90\] apparently son of Benoni and Amey (Brown) Cooke,\[91\] Abby married (2) Newport 6 Nov. 1838, as his second wife, Truman Beckwith of Providence,\[92\] born Lyme, Conn., 15 Oct. 1783, son of Rev. Amos and Susan (Truman) Beckwith of Lyme, Conn.,\[93\] died 33 College St., Providence 2 May 1878 aged 94 years 6 months 17 days, a merchant.\[94\]

In 1850 in Providence, Truman Beckwith was age 60, a merchant born in Conn. with Abby H. 40, Henry T. 25, and Abby G. 20, all born

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84 1870 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1472, p. 442.
85 1880 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1210, ED 92, p. 151C.
86 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 88:580, apoplexy, single, born Newport, daughter of George and Abigail Hall.
87 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 95:828, apoplexy, born Newport, widow of Truman and daughter of George and Abigail Hall.
88 Newport Mercury, Sat., 29 Nov. 1834, p. 3, “In this town on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Wheaton, Mr. Isaac B. Cook of Providence, to Miss Abby M. Hall, daughter of Mr. George Hall, of this town.” His full middle name, Brown, appears in Family Tree on FamilySearch.org and is probably correct.
89 The date and place from Family Tree is probably correct.
90 Newport Mercury, Sat., 27 Aug. 1836, p. 3, “At Providence on Saturday last, Mr. Isaac B. Cooke, aged 27 years.”
91 Benoni Cook and Isaac Brown were administrators on Isaac’s estate (Providence Probate Docket books, references to 7:12 and 9:297, administration A5702). Benoni Cook married Amey Brown, daughter of late Capt. Isaac Brown, at Providence 8 Nov. 1807 (Providence Marriages, 5:298; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 17:207, from the Providence Phenix.
92 Newport Mercury, Sat., 10 Nov. 1838, p. 3, “In this town, on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Wheaton, Mr. Truman Beckwith of Providence, to Mrs. Abby H. Cooke, daughter of George Hall, Esq. of this town”; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 2 (Providence):16, which names his parents and her father.
93 Revolutionary War pension file of Amos and Susanna Beckwith, W17,299, which includes pages from a Truman family Bible and an affidavit of data from Elder Jason Lee’s book of marriages; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 2 (Providence):212, citing 5:119, which includes Truman’s first wife, their births, and the births of their children.
94 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 78:1248, of old age, merchant, born Lyme, Conn., son of Amos and Susan,
In 1860 there, Truman was 70, a merchant with $121,000 in real and $95,000 in personal estate. Abby H. was 40, Abby G. 38, and Henry T., 40, a merchant. In 1870 there, Truman was 87 [sic], retired merchant with $156,000 in real and $314,000 in personal estate, and Abby H. was 50 [sic]. In 1880 Abbie H. Beckwith, age 69, was living at 230 College St. in Providence. A prominent citizen, Truman “was in the cotton business for fifty-five years, and the larger part of his extensive estate was acquired after he was seventy years of age.” His house was designed by John Greene.

3. Rachel Wilson Hall (named for George’s probable sister, Rachel Willson Hall[100]), born ca. 1 Jan 1811; died 102 Broadway, Newport, 22 April 1899 aged 88 years 3 months 21 days.[101]
4. Peleg W. Hall, born ca. 9 Oct. 1814; died at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, 13 Oct. 1892 aged 78 years 4 days.[102]
5. Male under 10 in 1820; 15–19 or 10–14 in 1830.
6. Male under 10 in 1820; 10–14 in 1830. One of these must be the son William Hall named in his father’s will. The other must have died by 1859.
7. Nancy Hall, born ca. 29 Sept 1816; died 82 Pitman St., Providence, 19 July 1900 aged 83 years 9 months 20 days.[103]
8. Henry Hall, born say 1823 (5–9 in 1830).
9. Catharine E. Hall, born ca. 1826; died 102 Broadway, Newport, 7 March 1897 aged 71.[104]

3. John Warkman Murphy, son of Edward and Elizabeth (___) Murphey, was born in Newport about 1772. He died, probably in Newport, on Tuesday afternoon, 22 July 1828 aged 55 or 56.[105] He married at the Second
Congregational Church in Newport on 3 April 1800 Nancy Finch, daughter of William Finch. She was evidently the Ann Finch, daughter of William and Margaret (Topham) Finch, baptized by Dr. Ezra Styles at the Second Congregational Church on 20 August 1775. Nancy was living in 1840 (see below), but she does not appear in the 1850 census of Newport.

On 25 August 1795, John Murphey, eldest son of Edward, was “voted free.” Assuming this means he was 21 or older, he was born by August 1774.

On 2 October 1797 John and Samuel Murphey presented their account, $9, for repairing Engine No. ___, and on 4 December they had repaired Engine No. 3.

On 23 July 1800, John Murphey of Newport, blacksmith, purchased a house and lot from James M. and Rebecca Davis of Dartmouth, bounding southwest on Edward Murphey and east on a street. W. John Murphy was on a list of voters on 15 April 1801.

On 6 May 1806 John W.’s father, Edward Murphey, gave him a lot of land with a blacksmith shop, bounding on their own land and east on Farewell Street. On 31 January 1807 John W. Murphey was appointed to a committee for Engine Co. No. 4, which was out of repair. His name appears frequently in the same volume for various items in connection with the [fire]engines. Also on 31 January 1807 John Murphey presented an account to the town, $12 for two pairs of steelyard scales for the use of the Red Market House.

On 18 May 1807 John W. Murphey of Newport, blacksmith, purchased land on Warner Street from Ann Topham, widow and administrator of John Topham. On 4 June 1807 John “Murfee,” blacksmith, thus surely this man, also purchased land from the heirs of Samuel Pitman, with reference to the estate of Mary Davenport, widow.

On 7 April 1808 John W. Murphey of Newport, blacksmith, purchased a lot, bounding 50’ on an unnamed street in Newport from Robert and Hannah Brayton.

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106 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 8:471; Newport Mercury, 8 April 1800, p. 3, “In this Town, by the Rev. Mr. Patten, Mr. John Warkman Murphey to Miss Nancy Finch, youngest Daughter of the late Mr. William Finch.

107 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 8:444 (baptism), 464 (parents’ marriage). William Finch died on 19 June 1784 at age 54 and his widow Margaret on 26 May 1802 at age 66 (Sterling, Austin, and Champion, Newport Colonial Burial Grounds, 107).


109 Newport Town Council, 1780–1802, no page numbers.

110 Newport Deeds, 7:316.

111 Newport Town Proceedings, 1779–1816, 412.

112 Newport Deeds, 9:590.

113 Newport Town Council, 1807–1814, no page number.

114 Newport Town Council, 1807–1814, no page number.

115 Newport Deeds, 10:115.

116 Newport Deeds, 10:143.

117 Original deed among “ships papers” in a large black binder at the Newport Historical Society in the 1990s; recorded in Newport Deeds, 10:338.
John W. Murphy prayed for administration on the personal estate of his father Edward Murphey late of Newport, deceased on 5 Jun 1809.\[118\]

On 19 April 1810, John W. Murphey of Newport, blacksmith, and his wife Nancy, sold to [his brother] Edward Murphey of Newport, blacksmith, the land he had purchased from Robert and Hannah Brayton in 1808.\[119\]

It is not certain which John Murphy was listed in which household in 1810:

One John Murphy was 26–44 with a male and two females under 10, a female 10–15, one 16–25, and one 45 or over.\[120\] This could be the Capt. John Murphy who married first Phebe ___ and in January 1810 Ardelissa Southworth, as he would have been about age 34. (See the accompanying chapter on John Murphy, Mariner.)

One John Murphy was 26–44 with three males under 10, one 10–15, a female under 10, one 16–25 and one 26–44.\[121\] Although there are three extra young males, this family fits best.

One John Murphy was 16–25 with a female under 10 and one 16–25.\[122\] This couple is too young. This could be the Capt. John who married Thankful Briggs, as he would have been about age 23. (See the chapter on Captain John Murphy.)

On 8 April 1814 John Murphey of Newport, blacksmith, and Nancy his wife, sold for $150 to Christopher Sweet of Newport, blacksmith, an eleven-foot wide property bounding east on Farewell Street, north and west on the grantor, and south on the grantee. Witnesses were Edward Murphey and Jonathan Almy.\[123\]

On 9 November 1814, John W. Murphey of Newport, blacksmith, and wife Nancy sold to Thomas Chambers of Newport, mariner, land and a dwelling house bounding east on Farewell Street, south on John himself, west partly on Meeting Street and partly on William Oman, a two-foot wide alleyway on Farewell Street to be left open.\[124\] On 12 March 1818 John W. Murphy was listed with pew #19 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and again on 15 March 1824.\[125\]

In 1820 in Newport, W. John Murphey had two males under 10, one 10–15, one 16–18 who was also the one 16–25, himself over 45, a female under 10, two 10–15 and one 26–44.\[126\] A deed from John W. Murphy dated 19 May 1828 is at the Newport Historical Society.\[127\]

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\[118\] Newport Probate, 4:612.
\[119\] Newport Deeds, 11:408.
\[120\] 1810 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 59, p.119.
\[121\] 1810 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 59, p. 123.
\[123\] Newport Deeds, 13:53.
\[124\] Newport Deeds, 14:71.
\[125\] “Meeting of the Corporation of the Methodist Episcopal Church,” among miscellaneous papers at the Newport Historical Society.
\[126\] 1820 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 116, p. 160.
\[127\] Newport Historical Society card catalog, from the original deed in Deed Box, Vault A.
When John died, the *Newport Mercury* wrote, “He was a very skillful and ingenious mechanic, of a kind disposition and honest in his dealings—and as a valuable artisan, his loss is much regretted by his fellow-citizens.”

On 6 October 1828, George C. Shaw was appointed administrator on the estate of John W. Murphy, blacksmith. The inventory included blacksmith tools “in the shop.” Creditors included [his parents] Edward and Elizabeth “Murphey” and [his sister] Martha Wise. His widow was Nancy, who received support for the family. The inventory included a homestead, a blacksmith shop, and a lot in Newtown [a part of Newport] The account included charges for the Supreme Judicial Court. On 20 October 1829 George Shaw sold land bounding north on Warner Street, east on Green Lane, and west on the Society of Friends, to Eleazer Trevett for $63. On 21 November 1829, Shaw, authorized by the Supreme Judicial Court, sold the property on Farewell Street to Joseph Anthony of Portsmouth, blacksmith, for $475. Three days later, on 24 November, widow Nancy quitclaimed on her dower in the same to Anthony, “late the residence of my deceased husband John W. Murphy . . . set off to me by commissioners.”

In 1830 in Newport, Nancy Murphey had two males 15–19 and one 20–29 plus a female 10–14, one 15–19, herself 50–59 and another 80–90.

In 1840 in Newport, Nancy Murphey had a male and a female 20–29, a female 30–39, and herself 50–59.

A two-story gable-roofed house at 35 Washington Street was known as the Nancy Murphy house. It was, however, built before the Revolution and appears on a map by Ezra Stiles.

Children of John Warkman and Nancy (Finch) Murphy:

i. **Samuel 4 Murphy**, born about 1800; son of John W. Murphy, mate of the brig *Polly* of Newport, died in Havana on 26 March 1820 in the 20th year of his age.

ii. **Margaret F. Murphy**, born about 1804; died Falmouth, Mass., 4 or 5 August 1829 aged 25; married in Newport on 10 February 1828 **Edward**

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128 Newport Probate, 8:27, 29, 127, 151, 205, 518.
129 Newport Deeds, 17:331.
130 Newport Deeds, 17:336. This was the property south of that John had sold to Thomas Chambers and also bounded west on Meeting Street.
131 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 167, p. 31.
134 *Newport Mercury*, 29 April 1820, p. 3, “At Havanna on the 26th ult. Mr. Samuel Murphy, son of Mr. John W. Murphy, in the 20th year of his age, mate of the brig Polly of this port”; *Rhode Island Republican* of 3 May 1820, p. 3; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 18:607, from the *Patriot* of 3 May 1820.
**LANDERS**[136] Edward married (2) in Falmouth 5 May 1832 Mary F. Bodfish.[137] In 1840 in Newport, Edward Landers had a male under 5, two 5–9, one 15–19, himself 30–39, a female 20–29, and another 80–90.[138] In 1850 in Newport, Edward Landers was 48, a carriage maker born in R.I., with Mary 38, John 17, and William 15, all born in Mass., and Edward 12, James 10, Thatcher 8, and Albert 5, all born in R.I.[139] Child:

1. *James Samuel Landers*, born Falmouth 5 July 1829,[140] apparently not living with his father in Newport in 1840. He probably died before 1840, as there was a child named James age 10 in 1850.

iii. ?**JAMES MURPHY**, born ca. 1807.[141] In 1820 there was a male 10–15 in John W.’s household, perhaps James. In 1830 in Newport, there was a James Murphy age 30–39 with a female 30–39,[142] but that man was too old to have been born about 1807. In October 1834 there was a letter remaining in the post office in Jamestown, R.I., for James Murphy.[143]

iv. **ELIZABETH CLARK MURPHY**, born Newport ca. 31 Aug. 1810; died 35 Washington St., Newport, 19 Jan. 1892 aged 81 years 4 months 19 days, a tailoress.[144] In 1850 Elizabeth C. Murphy, age 35 [*sic*], was living with John W. Murphy in Newport.[145]

v. **JOHN WARKMAN MURPHY**, Jr., born Newport on or about 28 May 1812,[146] died at 35 Washington Street, Newport, on 8 June 1905 aged 93 years 11 days, single, a pilot.[147] His name is on an Albro monument in the Newport Common Burial Ground.[148] “He never married.”[149]

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Aug. 1829, p. 3, adds to the above, “By this afflictive event, her husband has been deprived of an affectionate companion, and her infant child of the care and affection of a mother.”

[136] Rhode Island Republican, Thursday, 14 Feb. 1828, p. 3, “In this Town on Sunday evening last by Rev. mr. Torrey, mr Edward Landers, to Miss Margaret F. Murphey, daughter of Mr. John W. Murphy, both of this place”; the same data in the Newport Mercury, 16 Feb. 1828, p. 3; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 16:456, from the Providence Journal of 18 Feb. 1828.


[141] John W. Murphy swore that James Murphey was born in Newport on or about 4 June 1807 (Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate in vault A). Although there is a gap in John’s children at the time, this record doesn’t state a relationship.


[144] Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 92:630, pneumonia, her parents named.


[146] Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate sworn to by John W. Murphy.


John W. Murphy was both an owner and master of the sloop *General Washington* of Newport, enrolled and licensed 26 September 1848 and 28 September 1849.[150]

In 1850 in Newport, John W. Murphy, age 37, a pilot with $400 in real estate, had with him [his sister] Elizabeth C. Murphy, age 35, and in a separate household in the same dwelling were Josiah Albro 28, farmer, Nancy 30, Georgianna 4, and George B., age 1.[151] On 16 Oct. 1856 Josiah and Nancy Albro sold for $400 to John W. Murphy a lot and dwelling house on Poplar St., which is in the Easton’s Point area in Newport. It bounded west, north, and east on David Braman, for whom see elsewhere in this study.[152] However, in the 1856–57 and 1858 Newport directories, John W. Murphy, pilot, was living at 52 Washington St.[153] John W. Murphy also purchased on 3 March 1859 property on Bridge St. on Easton’s Point from Henry H. Young, and John sold most of it on 18 May 1872.[154]

In 1860 in Newport, John W. Murphy was 45, a pilot with $1000 in real and $1000 in personal estate. Elizabeth C. was 43, with $300 in real estate. Josiah, 38, pilot, and Nancy Albro, 40, were in a separate household in the same dwelling with their five children.[155]

In 1870, listed right after Josiah Albro’s family, were John W. Murphy, 57, pilot, and Elizabeth, 55.[156]

The 1880 census of Newport lists John W., 67, pilot, and it says Elizabeth C., 69, was his wife.[157] But she was actually his sister.

In 1900 John W. Murphy, age 88, born May 1812, single, was boarding with his nephew Josiah Albro Jr.’s widow Lucy in Newport.[158] When he died his obituary was titled, “Death of Oldest Native of Newport. Captain John W. Murphy was Veteran Pilot and Hoped to Reach Century Mark.”[159]

John W. Murphy made his will on 13 January 1892 giving the income of all his estate to his nephew Josiah Albro Jr. of Newport until his youngest child was age 40, then to divide all property between Josiah Albro Jr., and the heirs of John’s late brother Benjamin Murphey, formerly of Bristol, Rhode Island. Josiah was named executor but when it was proved administration with the will annexed was granted to William P. Sheffield, Jr. on 19 June 1905. However, Joseph W. Albro was also called administrator on other documents.[160]

151 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 842, p. 416.
152 Newport Deeds, 33:488.
156 1870 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1472, p. 402.
157 1880 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1210, ED 90, p. 99D.
158 1900 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1505, ED 218, p. 21B.
160 Newport Probate, 60:714; 61:11, 82, 699.
According to his obituary, “He was a typical sailor, having followed the sea from boyhood. For many years he was engaged in piloting.... He had an excellent memory and could relate many interesting experiences. He was warm-hearted and friendly and was sincerely admired by all who knew him.”[161]

vi. **Benjamin Murphy**, born ca. Aug. 1814; died on Oliver St. in Bristol, R.I., 4 April 1890 aged 75 years 8 months, a ship carpenter,[162] married Betsey Bowen, born Bristol ca. June 1818, died Oliver St., Bristol, 23 Oct. 1890 aged 72 years 4 months, daughter of Paul and Diana (Pearce) Bowen.[163]

In 1850 in Bristol, Benj” Murphy was 34, ship carpenter, with Betsy 32, Paul B. 12, Margaret F. 11, Hannah B. 7, James F. 5, Edward 2, all born in R.I., plus Diana Bowen 64, born in Mass., and Emily Bowen 21, born in R.I.[164] In 1860 in Bristol, Benj” was 45, ship carpenter, with Betsey 41, Paul N. [sic] 23, laborer. Bridget 25, James F. 15, laborer, Edward 12, Roger W. 7, Emma B. 4, all born in R.I., except Bridget, who was born in Ireland, and five boarders.[165] In 1870 in Bristol, Benjamin was 55, a ship carpenter, with Betsey 53, Edward 22, freight master for the railroad, Roger W. 17, and Emma B. 13.[166] The 1879 Bristol directory lists Benjamin, ship carpenter, living on Oliver near Hope.[167] In 1880 in Bristol, Benjamin was 65, a carpenter, with wife Betsey 62, son Roger W. 25, and daughter-in-law Eva 19, all and their parents born in R.I.[168] Children:

1. Paul Bowen Murphy, born, probably Sept. 1837,[169] of Bristol, a teamster, age 22, when married in Johnston, R.I., ca. 10 Dec. 1859 to Bridget Slavin of Bristol age 22, born Ireland, daughter of Dan and Hannah (Cameron) Slavin,[170] died Thames St., Bristol, 13 Sept. 1880 aged 44.[171] In 1870 in Bristol, Paul B. Murphy was 32, engineer on the RR, born in R.I., with Delia B. 33 [sic], and Daniel Slavin 63, both born in Ireland.[172] The 1879 directory of Bristol lists him as a teamster, his house at Thomas, near State.[173] In 1880 in Bristol, “Poull B.” Murphy

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162 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 90:583, of general debility, married, son of John and Nancy Murphy.
164 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Bristol Co., R.I., roll 841, p. 12.
165 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1202, p. 74
166 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1471, p. 36.
168 1880 U.S. Census, Bristol, Bristol Co., R.I., roll 1209, ED 66, p. 28D.
169 1900 census (see below); age 22 at marriage.
170 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 59:618; 60:698, the date given as 10 Dec. 1859 “or thereabouts.”
171 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 80:982, intemperance, married, born Ireland, daughter of Patrick and Bridget “Slavely.”
172 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1471, p. 39.
173 *Bristol and Warren City Directory, 1879–80*, 47.
was 43, a laborer, born in R.I., with wife Bridget 42, born in Ireland.\textsuperscript{174} In the 1900 census, Paul Murphy, age 63, born Sept. 1826 [sic], was boarding with others on a farm in Bristol, said to be single with no occupation.\textsuperscript{175} In 1910 “Paull” Murphy, age 72, widowed, was an inmate of an asylum in Bristol.\textsuperscript{176}

2. Margaret F. Murphy, born ca. 1839; her death not found in R.I. 1853–1900 and no marriage found 1853–78.

3. Hannah Bourn [sic, Bowen?] Murphy, born Bristol ca. 1842; of Bristol, age 27, when married in Providence 28 Dec. 1869 to William Olney Smith of Providence, age 32, bookkeeper, born Foxborough, Mass., son of James A. and Mary A. (Olney) Smith.\textsuperscript{177}

4. James F. Murphy, born Bristol\textsuperscript{178} ca. 1845; was of Bristol, age 19, brakeman on the railroad, when married in Providence 10 Dec. 1862 to Mary A. Taylor of Bristol, age 21, born New York City, daughter of George W. and Mary (____) Taylor.\textsuperscript{179} Their third child, Bessie Bowen Murphy was born in East Providence 10 July 1875.\textsuperscript{180}

5. Edward Murphy, born Bristol Oct. 1847,\textsuperscript{181} was of Bristol, age 29, a brakeman, when married Bristol 18 Oct. 1876 to Sally Paul of Bristol, age 24, born Bristol in May 1852,\textsuperscript{182} daughter of William and Anne E. (Lynn[?]) Paul.\textsuperscript{183} The 1879 Bristol directory lists Edward as brakeman for the PW&BRR, living on Oliver near Hope.\textsuperscript{184} In 1880 in Bristol, Edward was 32, “Buckman [? brakeman?] RR,” with wife Sally 26 and son Benjamin 1.\textsuperscript{185} In 1900 in Bristol, Edward was age 52, a freightman, married 24 years to Sallie, 48, with son Frederick H. [sic], born May 1879.\textsuperscript{186} In 1910 in Bristol, Edward was 63 and Sallie 47 [sic], mother of one child. Fred H. was listed above them on the same page, age 30, a newsboy, married five years to Mary I. or J., age 23, and son Fred H., Jr., age 8 months.\textsuperscript{187} Edward 72, laborer, and Sally 67 were still there in 1920,\textsuperscript{188} and in 1930 there he was 81, widowed.\textsuperscript{189}

\textsuperscript{174} 1880 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1209, ED 67, p. 40C.
\textsuperscript{175} 1900 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1504, ED 186, p. 31A.
\textsuperscript{176} 1910 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1436, ED 2, p. 15A.
\textsuperscript{177} Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 69:836; Mary’s maiden name from Vital Records of Foxborough, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 179, where her name is spelled “Oloney.”
\textsuperscript{178} Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 75:178 (birth of child Bessie).
\textsuperscript{179} Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 62:640, which says it was her second marriage. Either she was divorced or had married another Taylor first; or the record is not correct.
\textsuperscript{180} Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 75:158, very faint on microfilm, third child.
\textsuperscript{181} 1900 census (see below); the place from his marriage record.
\textsuperscript{182} 1900 census (see below).
\textsuperscript{183} Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 76:462, her mother’s maiden name unclear.
\textsuperscript{184} Bristol and Warren City Directory, 1879–80, 47.
\textsuperscript{185} 1880 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1209, ED 66, p. 32D.
\textsuperscript{186} 1900 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1504, ED 186, p. 8B.
\textsuperscript{187} 1910 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1436, ED 3, p. 27B.
\textsuperscript{188} 1920 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1670, ED 4, p. 6A.
\textsuperscript{189} 1930 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 2168, ED 6, p. 6B.
6. Roger Williams Murphy, born Bristol 27 Dec. 1852;[190] was of Bristol, age 24, fireman for the railroad, when married in Bristol 1 May 1878 to Eva Elizabeth Newman of Bristol, age 18, daughter of William C. and Annie (___) Newman, born Bristol[191] ca. 1861. The 1879 Bristol directory lists Roger W. as fireman for the PW&BRR, living on Smith Ave. near High. In 1900 a Roger W. Murphy, no age given, fireman for a cotton mill, was boarding in Bristol.[192]

7. Emma B. Murphy, born Bristol 26 Oct. 1856;[193] was of Bristol, age 20, when married in Bristol 14 March 1876, as his second wife, to Henry C. Goddard of Providence, age 20, druggist, son of William H. and Diana (Mitchell) Goddard, born Wauregan [part of Plainfield], Conn., ca. 1856.[194]

vii. Nancy Murphy, born Newport ca. 8 Dec. 1817; died 7 Cherry St., Newport, 28 July 1906 aged 88 years 7 months 20 days; buried in the “Common Cemetery”;[195] married in Newport 21 August 1844 Josiah Albro,[196] born Middletown, R.I., ca. 11 February 1822, died 48 Elm St., Newport 13 January 1902 aged 79 years 11 months 2 days, son of Daniel and Martha (___) Albro.[197] In 1850 in Newport, Josiah Albro was age 28, a farmer, with Nancy 30, Georgianna 4, and George B. 1. In the same dwelling were John W. and Elizabeth C. Murphy.[198] The 1856 Newport directory lists Josiah Albro, farmer (Malbone farm), his house at 42 Poplar St.[199] In 1860 in Newport, Josiah was 38, Nancy 40, Georgianna 14, George B. 11, Charles S. 9, Josiah Jr. 7, and Ann F. 5, along with John W. and Elizabeth C. Murphy.[200] In 1870 in Newport, Josiah was 48, a pilot, Nancy 52, Georgianna 23, Charles 19, apprentice to boat builder, Josiah 17, boatman, and Ann F. 15.[201] In 1880 Josiah “Albrou” was 58, pilot, Nancy 50, Georgianna 30, Charles H. 28, boat builder, Josiah Jr. 26, sailing master, and Anna F. 24, daughter.[202] In 1900 in Newport, Josiah was 78, born Feb. 1821, married 55 years to Nancy, 82, born Dec. 1817, mother of five, two living. Charles, born Dec. 1856, headed the household with Georgianna, sister, born June 1846.[203] Children:

190 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 53:18, recorded as an unnamed female [sic] child; his full middle name from his marriage record.
192 1900 U.S. Census, Bristol, roll 1504, ED 188, p. 12B.
193 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 56:18, an unnamed female child.
196 Newport Mercury, 31 Aug. 1844, p. 3, “In this town on Wednesday the 21st inst., by the Rev. Mr. Thayer, Mr. Josiah Albro to Miss Nancy Murphey, both of this town”; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:50, says Silas Albro and 20 August.
198 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 842, p. 416.
199 Boyd, Newport Directory, 1856–57, 1; not found in the 1858 directory.
201 1870 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1472, p. 402.
202 1880 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1210, ED 90, p. 99D.
203 1900 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1205, ED 214, p. 19B.
1. **Georgianna Albro**, born 15 June 1846; died 31 Dec. 1936; unmarried in 1900.
2. **George Berkley Albro**, born 6 Nov. 1848; died 52 Washington, Newport, 13 Sept. 1867 aged 18 years 10 months 7 days; bur. in the Common Burial Ground there.
3. **Charles H. Albro**, born Nov. 1850; died Newport or Middletown 7 June 1926; boatbuilder in 1880.
5. **Ann F. or M. Albro**, born 17 May 1855; died Elm St., Newport, 4 Sept. 1892 aged 37 years 3 months 18 days.

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4. **Edward Murphy**, son of Edward and Elizabeth (____) Murphey, was born in Newport about 20 August 1780. He died, probably at his home on Farewell Street in Newport, on 14 November 1817 at age 37. Edward “Murfee” was married by Michael Eddy at the First Baptist Church in Newport on 19 November 1807 to

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206 Rhode Island Historic Cemeteries Transcription Project, database online.
208 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 92:634, typhoid fever, a boatman, married, born Newport, son of Josiah and Nancy M.
209 Sterling, Austin, and Champion, *Newport Colonial Burial Grounds*, 38, which says 1853–1892; Rhode Island Historic Cemeteries Transcription Project, database online.
210 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 81:596, which names Josiah’s parents.
211 1900 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1505, ED 218, p. 21B.
212 Sterling, Austin, and Champion, *Newport Colonial Burial Grounds*, 38; Rhode Island Historic Cemeteries Transcription Project, database online.
213 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 55:72, as an unnamed male child of Josiah Albro, farmer, the mother born in Newport but unnamed.
215 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 58:806.
216 *Newport Mercury*, 15 Nov. 1817, p. 3, “Yesterday morning, Mr. Edward Murphey, in the 38th year of his age,—His funeral will be to-morrow afternoon, immediately after divine service, from his late residence in Farewell Street”; also in the *Rhode Island Republican*, 19 Nov. 1817, p. 3.
“Sarah” Bliss, both of Newport. However, this was actually **Barbara Phillips Bliss**, born 14 March 1786, daughter of Thomas Ward and Sarah Casey (Thurston) Bliss. She was named for her paternal grandmother, Barbara Phillips. She died in Caton, Steuben County, New York, 29 May 1855 aged 69.

Barbara Bliss was listed on 18 August 1784 among daughters to the Elder of the Seventh Day or Sabbatarian Baptist Church. Later, Barbary P. Murphy was listed as a member of the Newport Sabbatarian Church, no date given.

On 7 April 1808, Edward Murphey Jun’ of Newport, blacksmith, purchased from Robert and Hannah Brayton for $60, a lot bounding north on [his brother] John W. Murphey, and west on a highway laid out by Timothy Balch. Edward Murphy Jr. was propounded as a freeman on 16 November 1808, and when he was admitted on 19 April 1809 he was simply called Edward Murphy, his father having died.

In 1810 in Newport, Edward Murphey was 26–44 with a male and a female under 10 and a female 16–25. Edward Murphey was chosen as field driver and “Sunday constable” on 2 June 1812 and again on 1 June 1813 and 7 June 1814.

On 5 January 1818 Barbara Murphey of Newport, widow, prayed for administration on the estate of her late husband, Edward Murphey, late of Newport, blacksmith. The inventory contained household items but few tools. Creditors included Martha Wise, Elizabeth Murphey, John W. Murphey, Sarah Bliss, William Price, Elizabeth Richards, Jonathan Almy, Nathan Barker, Pardon

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217 Michael Eddy Marriages in records of the First Baptist Church.
219 Bliss, *Genealogy of the Bliss Family*, 104.
220 Bliss, *Genealogy of the Bliss Family*, 104; Newport Deeds, 32:30; *Newport Mercury*, 16 June 1855, p. 3, “In Caton, N.Y., 29th ult., Barbara P. Murphy, widow of the late Edward Murphy, formerly of this city, aged 69 years.”
221 Seventh Day or Sabbatarian Baptist Church records, 1708–, at the Newport Historical Society, 144; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 11:299.
222 Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 11:305.
223 Newport Deeds, 10:339.
224 Newport Town Proceedings, 1779–1816, 579, 586.
225 1810 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 59, p. 124.
White, and J. Irish. Barbara P. Murphey petitioned the Supreme Judicial Court. Eventually a third was set off to Barbara. There was a dwelling house in Green Lane in Newport. One probate document says Edward died 5 June 1819, but that cannot be correct.\[227\] At the August 1818 term of the Supreme Judicial Court, Barbara P. Murphy, administrator on the estate of Edward Murphy late of Newport, blacksmith, petitioned for liberty to sell real estate sufficient to pay debts, and it was granted.\[228\] Then on 20 October 1818 Barbara, by authority of the Supreme Judicial Court, sold for $250 to widow Martha Wise and Elizabeth Murphey, singlewoman, both of Newport, who were highest bidders, two lots with dwelling houses, one bounded north by John W. Murphy and west on a street. The other bounded south on Henrietta Ellery, a colored woman, and west on a street, excepting Barbara’s right of dower.\[229\]

In 1820 in Newport, P. Barbery Murphey had two males under 10, one 10–14, a female 10–15, one 26–44 and herself over 45.\[230\]

Not found in the 1830 census (but see the possible son Edward below), on 18 August 1831, for $100, Barbara quitclaimed to Elizabeth Murphy on her right of dower in the lot and dwelling house bounding west on Green Lane. She was deeding rights in certain chambers, the garret, the garden, and a rain water spout.\[231\] Elizabeth Murphy, who had acquired the rest of the rights via her sister Martha Wise’s will, sold the property on Green Lane to Nicholas White of Newport, blacksmith, on 19 March 1832.\[232\] Then on 18 August 1833, Richard, chaisemaker, and Mary Shaw his wife and George D. Shaw and Elizabeth his wife, quitclaimed to Barbara on a room in a dwelling house “with the privilege we have in the cellar and necessary, including the southeast room on the lower floor in the old part of the dwelling house formerly belonging to Capt. Thomas Bliss, late of Newport,” bounding west on Farewell Street and south on “River Lane or Cinnamon Alley so called.”\[233\] Widow Barbara P. Murphy, daughter of Thomas W. Bliss, had purchased sometime in 1831 from Sally T. Stillman of Little Genesee, New York, widow, daughter and heir of Thomas W. Bliss, a third of the lot and the same dwelling house, bounded as before including north on ___ Yates.\[234\] [This was in the block just to the north of Barbara’s brother-in-law John W. Murphy.] Other deeds transferring this property at “4 Farewell St.” to Barbara were from Elnathan and Eliza Wells of Bridgewater, New York, Benjamin T. Bliss of Lyme, Jefferson County, New York, and Ebenezer D. and

\[227\] Newport Probate, 5:424, 427, 449, 463, 509.
\[228\] Rhode Island Supreme Judicial Court records, H:507.
\[229\] Newport Deeds, 14:365.
\[231\] Newport Deeds, 18:310.
\[232\] Newport Deeds, 23:299, recorded 30 March 1841.
\[233\] Newport Deeds, 19:442.
Martha D. Bliss. The latter deed mentioned “heirs of the Turner estate” on the north, which are the same as the Yates mentioned above. In 1840 in Newport, Barbara P. Murphey was living alone, age 50–59.

In 1850, Barbara B. Murphy, age 64, was living in Westerly with the family of Francis Murphy, presumably her son. Finally, Barbara P. Murphy of Caton, New York, widow, quitclaimed on this Farewell Street property to John Stevens of Newport, mason, on 16 January 1854, again with reference to the Yates house. This author’s ancestor, Benjamin Billings, married in 1822 Mary Yates, who must have lived in this Yates house. Benjamin’s mother was Mary “Polly” Murphy, born about 1775. She was the daughter of Captain John Murphy (in the next chapter), but his relationship to Edward Murphy, if any, is so far undetermined.

Children of Edward and Barbara Phillips (Bliss) Murphy:

5.  i. FRANCIS MURPHY, born Newport 3 Oct. 1808; married ELIZABETH ANN BABCOCK.
   ii. ?EDWARD MURPHY, born 1800–1810. In 1830 in Newport, an Edward Murphey was age 20–29 with a female age 30–39. In 1840 in Providence, an Edward Murphy was age 20–29 with a female 20–30 and one 60–69, but that man was probably born in Ireland. In 1850 in the 8th Ward of New York City, Edward Murphy, age 47, a blacksmith born in R.I., had with him Susanna, age 52, born in R.I., which matches the 1830 census. In 1857 an Edward Murphy, smith, was living in the rear of 142 Houston St. in New York City.
   iii. JULIA ANNE MURPHY, born 19 June 1810; died in Caton, Steuben Co., N.Y., 3 June 1885; married in Newport on 30 October 1834 CHRISTOPHER DEWEY.

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235 19:596; 26:64, this latter deed from Ebenezer and Martha undated but acknowledged 26 December 1845 at Allegany Co., N.Y.
239 Newport Deeds, 32:30, acknowledged at Steuben Co. the same day.
240 Phillips, Seth Yeats (or Yates), 61.
241 Thurston, Thurston Genealogies, 524, says they had three children.
243 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 167, p. 31.
244 1840 U.S. Census, Providence, Providence Co., R.I., roll 505, p. 279.
248 Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
249 Landmarks of Steuben County, New York (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason, 1896), 101; Sabbath Recorder, Alfred Center, N.Y., 7 January 1886, p. 2, “In Caton, N.Y., June 3, 1885, of paralysis, Mrs. Julia A., wife of Christopher D. Lewis, aged 75 years. She had been a resident of the town since 1842 in which year the family removed there from Newport, R.I. She was a member of the
LEWIS of North Stonington, Conn., born there 30 June 1805, son of Beriah and Sarah (Saunders) Lewis, "a farmer, residing in Caton, N.Y.,” living there ca. 1896.

In 1840 in Westerly, Christopher D. Lewis had two males under 5, himself 30–39, a female 10–14 and one 20–29. In 1850 in Caton, Christopher D. Lewis was 46, a farmer with $5000 in real estate, born in Conn., with “Julian” 40, Julius Jr. 12, Julia 9, all born R.I., Harriet 5 and Charlotte Gregory 17, both born N.Y., and Amos Lewis 62, born Conn. In 1860 in Caton, Christopher was 56, a farmer, with Julia A. 50, Christopher E. 23, and Harriet 15. In 1870 there, Christopher was 66, farmer, Julia 59, and Harriet 25. Next door were Christopher 32, farmer, and Jane 30, with no children. In 1880 Christopher was 76, a farmer, with wife Julia A. 70, son-in-law William Wolcott, 46, born N.Y., daughter Julia 38, and grandson Clarence Wolcott, 14. Next door were Christopher 42, farmer, with wife Jane 41, and adopted daughter Anna Kellog, 13.

Children:

1. Julius M. Lewis, probably Julius Murphy Lewis, named for his mother’s deceased brother, born Newport 30 Aug. 1835; married 17 March 1858 Mary Cooper, and “is a farmer at Randalia, Iowa.”

2. Christopher E. Lewis, born Newport 28 Feb. 1838; married (1) 16 Jan. 1862 Jane O. Thurber, “and is a farmer at Caton, N.Y.”

Seventh day Baptist Church in Westerly, R.I., and though residing at some distance from any church of her denomination, she was a strict and conscientious observer of the Bible Sabbath to the last,” online at http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html. Search for New York NY Sabbath Recorder 1885-1886 - 0421.pdf.

Rhode Island Republican, 3 Dec. 1834, p. 3, “In this town on the 30th Oct. by the Rev. Mr. Burdick, Mr. Christopher D. Lewis, of North Stonington, Conn., to Miss Julia Anne, Daughter of the late Mr. Edward Murphey of this place”; Newport Historical Society card catalog, from the Herald of the Times of 4 Dec. 1834.

Barbour Collection, citing North Stonington Vital Records, 74. Sarah’s maiden name is from W. B. Gay, Historical Gazetteer of Tioga County, New York, 1785–1888 (Syracuse, N.Y.: W. B. Gay, 1887), 78, which says she was the daughter of Luke and Sarah (Dewey) Saunders. This explains Christopher’s middle name, Dewey.

Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, which says born Conn. and R.I.

Landmarks of Steuben County, New York, 101, which says that Christopher came to Caton with “Father Beriah Lewis in 1825, but did not locate here till 1842.”


1850 U.S. Census, Caton, Steuben Co., N.Y., roll 598, p. 54.


1870 U.S. Census, Caton, roll 1094, p. 583.

1880 U.S. Census, Caton, roll 933, ED 166, p. 42A.

Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, who probably received information on this whole family from Juliana, as it is the only family that includes this generation of children.

Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.

1880 U.S. Census, Center, Fayette Co., Iowa, roll 339, ED 194, p. 31C, J. M.’s parents born Conn. and R.I.

Landmarks of Steuben County, 101.
Jane was born in N.Y. in Feb. 1839,[264] daughter of Alfred “Thurston” [sic, actually Thurber].[265] He made “a specialty of raising sheep” and was “well up in Masonry, being a 32d degree member” as of 1896.[266] In 1900 in Caton, Christopher was age 60, a capitalist, married 37 years to Jane, born N.Y., Sept. 1839, mother of no children, her parents born in N.Y. and Mass.[267] In 1910 Christopher was in Corning, Steuben Co., N.Y., age 73, married to Ruth, age 65[?], a second marriage for both.[268]


v. Julius Murphy, born 23 Sept. 1814,[278] died Hopkinton, R.I., 12 Nov. 1829,[279] said to have lived in Westerly,[280] probably with his brother Francis.

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[263] Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, which calls her Jane Thurber; Landmarks of Steuben County, New York, 101, which calls her Jane Thurston, daughter of Alfred Thurston.
[264] 1900 census (see below).
[265] Landmarks of Steuben County, New York, 101. In the 1860 U.S. Census, Jane Thurber, age 20, was living in the family of Alfred and Mary H. Thurber in Caton, Steuben County, roll 863, p. 248.
[266] Landmarks of Steuben County, New York, 101.
[267] 1900 U.S. Census, Caton, Steuben Co., N.Y., roll 1163, ED 70, p. 6A.
[270] 1880 census (see above).
[272] Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
[273] Landmarks of Steuben County, New York, 13; his month of birth from the 1900 census.
[274] 1900 U.S. Census, Caton, roll 1163, ED 70, p. 13A.
[275] 1910 U.S. Census, Caton, roll 1080, ED 108, p. 4B.
[276] See a discussion below of a lease held by Frederick Augustus Murphy at Newport from 1840 to 1843 (Newport Deeds, 23:113).
[277] Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate, sworn to by Freeman Mayberry. Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, says 8 June 18….
[278] Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
[279] Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
[280] Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
5. **Francis** Murphy, son of Edward and Barbara Phillips (Bliss) Murphy, was born, surely in Newport, on 31 October 1808. He died in Pawcatuck, part of Stonington, Connecticut, on 9 November 1880[281] and was buried in the River Bend Cemetery in Westerly, Rhode Island.[282] He was of Newport when he married in Westerly, Rhode Island, on 28 February 1832, Elizabeth Ann Babcock, daughter of Capt. Peleg Babcock of Westerly[283] and his first wife, Elizabeth Wells.[284] She was born in Connecticut, possibly in Chester, on 31 October 1811.[285] She died in Pawcatuck on 4 July 1883 aged 71[286] or 72 years 9 months 4 days,[287] and was buried in the River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.[288]

On 5 September 1850 Peleg Babcock of Hopkinton made his will naming [his second] wife Anna and among five children, daughter Elizabeth, wife of Francis Murphy.[289]

This is probably the Francis Murphy who was owner and master of the sloop Mariner of Newport, licensed for cod fishing on 17 May 1837 and surrendered 28 July 1837 in New London.[290]

On 22 January 1844 Francis was of Westerly when he purchased from Peleg Babcock four acres in Westerly, partly abutting Babcock.[291] On 11 March 1848 he was admitted to the Sabbatarian Baptist Church in Pawcatuck.[292] Actually this church was in Westerly, probably right across the river from the village of Pawcatuck in Stonington.

[281] Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 11:287, records of the Pawcatuck Sabbatarian Baptist Church; Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 314; not found in Stonington vital records, although Pawcatuck is part of Stonington.

[282] Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, WY008, called “Dr. Francis Murphey.”


[288] Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, spelled “Mrupheh.”


[292] Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 11:287, deceased 9 Nov. 1880; *The First Hundred Years, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church*, 293.
In 1850 in Westerly, Francis Murphy, 41, was a boatbuilder with real estate worth $200. Elizabeth was 37, Ann Maria 14, Julia 13, Harriet 11, William P. 7, Mary E. 5, Peleg B. 1, and Barbara B. [sic] Murphy was 64. He was still of Westerly when he sold the four acres on 16 May 1855, Elizabeth A. Murphy also signing.

In 1860 in Westerly, Francis was 51, a farmer with $4000 in real and $400 in personal estate, with Elizabeth 47, William P. 15, Mary 14, Peleg B. 10, and Oscar 7, all born in Rhode Island except Elizabeth in Connecticut. On 24 June 1861 Francis Murphey of Stonington purchased eleven acres there from the heirs of Martha Bradford. Perhaps it was during the 1860s that he began practicing medicine, unless he had been doing it all along. He evidently followed the “Thomsonian practice.”

In 1870 in Stonington, Francis was 69, his occupation M.D., with $2000 in real and $500 in personal estate. Elizabeth was 59 and Oscar 19. Also there were Fremont West, 15, Benjamin F. Burdick, 35, sailor, and Julia A. Burdick 33.

In 1880 in Stonington, Francis Murphey was 71, a farmer, with wife Elisebeth 68, she and her parents born in Connecticut.

Francis made his will in Stonington on 14 February 1873. He gave his wife Elizabeth A. all his real and personal estate, “recognizing that in the accumulation of my estate my wife furnished the sum of twelve hundred dollars” and “trusting that my wife will deal justly with our children, Ann Maria West, Julia A. Burdick, William P. Murphy, Harriet Noyes, Mary E. Moyle, and Oscar F. Murphy, to whom I have given nothing in my last will and testament.” It was recorded on 18 December 1880, the witnesses having been “sworn” back on 14 February 1873.

Children of Francis and Elizabeth Ann (Babcock) Murphy:

i. **Ann Maria** Murphy, born Newport 2 Oct. 1835; baptized at the Pawcatuck Sabbatarian Baptist Church 11 March 1848 and excommunicated, under the name West, on 27 March 1859; died 184 East Main St., Bridgeport, Conn.,

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296 Stonington Deeds, 28:565.
300 Stonington District Probate, 26:87.
301 Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 314; Bliss, *Genealogy of the Bliss Family*, 104. The birth record of her son Courtland, for which her father was informant, and her own death record say Ann was born at Newport.
302 Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 11:294, her name given under West as “Anne Maria (Marphey)”; *The First Hundred Years, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church*, 293.
14 June 1899 aged 63 years 8 months;[303] buried River Bend Cemetery, Westerly;[304] married (1) Westerly 26 Sept. 1851 COURTLAND WEST,[305] said to be of Bridgeport, Conn. born Westerly ca. 1826, son of Christopher and Mary A. (____) West;[306] probably divorced;[307] married (2), as his third wife, intentions in Stonington 4 March 1879,[308] MATTHEW STILLMAN, born Pawcatuck, R.I. [sic], 24 May 1811, died Plainfield, Union Co., N.J., 19 Feb. 1886, son of William and Martha (Potter) Stillman, buried with his wife. He was received by letter at the Pawcatuck Sabbatarian Baptist Church on 2 Dec. 1866 and dismissed by letter to Plainfield, N.J., on 2 May 1880.[309]

At the son Courtland’s and daughter Jane’s births, their father was a “teamer,” which agrees with the 1850 and 1880 censuses cited above. In 1860 in Groton, Conn., Ann M. West was age 24 with Gertrude 7, Cortland 5, and Jane 1, all born Westerly.[310] So her husband Courtland had apparently left her by then. In 1870 Anna M. West, age 34, dressmaker, and Gertrude 17 were living in Bridgeport with Sophia Savage, who married later that year Ann Marie’s brother William P. Murphy.[311] In 1880 in Plainfield, N.J., Matthew was 69, a machinist, and wife Anna M. was 45, both born in R.I.[312] Children:


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303 Bridgeport Deaths, 1893–1899 (FHL 1,428,472), 349, heart failure and paralysis, right side, widow, born Newport, R.I., daughter of Francis and Ann E. Murphy, both born Newport; Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314; Edgar Stillman, History and Genealogy of George Stillman (Westerly, R.I.: E. A. Stillman, 1903), 9.
304 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, as Ann M. (Murphey).
305 Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314, which says at Westerly, but not recorded there.
306 Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
307 Birth records of children Courtland and Jane.
308 In 1850 listed twice, once as a teamster, age 23, boarding at Westerly, R.I. (roll 847, p. 406), and again in the family of Christopher and Mary A. West in North Stonington, Conn., age 24, a laborer (roll 48, p. 309), both times said to be born in R.I.
309 In 1880 at Alviso, Santa Clara Co., Calif., Courtland West, age 54, a teamster born in R.I., was living with the family of William H. Wright (roll 82, ED 253, p. 302A). Courtland West enlisted on 21 December 1864 as a private in Co. E, 2nd Infantry Regiment of California, and deserted at the Presidio in San Francisco on 22 January 1865 (American Civil War Soldiers, online at Ancestry.com)
310 Stonington Vital Records, Intentions of Marriage (FHL 1,309,875), the marriage record not found there unless the date, 4 March, was the reported marriage date.
311 Stillman, History and Genealogy of George Stillman, xxi, 9, which does not make his birthplace clear; New Jersey Deaths, (FHL 0,589,307) 19:334, which does not name his parents but says he had lived in New Jersey for 6½ years, machinist, age 74 years 8 months, “fatty degen. heart.” The Sabbath Recorder, v. 42, No. 9, p. 5, 4 March 1886, online at http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html. The marriage was not found in Bridgeport vital records.
312 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 11:291.
315 1880 U.S. Census, Plainfield, Union Co., N.J., roll 801, ED 184, p. 461A.
2. Courtland West, born Westerly 27 June 1855,[316]
3. Jane West, born Westerly 22 Dec. 1858.[317]

ii. JULIA ANN MURPHY, born Newport 18 May 1837,[318] died New York City 12 Jan. 1901,[319] buried River Bend Cemetery, Westerly;[320] married by Daniel Coon, Elder, in Westerly 17 Jan. 1858 to BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BURDICK, mariner, born Stonington[321] 7 Aug. 1834, died New York City 10 June 1913, son of Capt. Elnathan and Mary (Sheffield) Burdick;[322] buried with Julia Ann.[323] He was received by letter at the Sabbatarian Baptist Church in Pawcatuck 16 April 1840, the record marked “dec.,” but dismissed 27 Jan. 1872; his wife Julia A (Murphey) was baptized there on 17 March 1855 and dismissed by letter on 16 Dec. 1862.[324] In 1880 at 36 Dominick St. in Manhattan were boarders, “Benj.,” age 46, a sea captain with Julia 43, both and their parents said to have been born in R.I.[325] In 1900 at 365 West 93rd St., Manhattan, B____ Burdick was 65, born in Conn. in Aug. 1824, supt. of F[actory]?, married 42 years to Julia, born R.I. May 1837, mother of no children.[326]


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316 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 55:218, son of Courtland, teamer, and Ann M., the informant F. Murphy, i.e., Ann’s father.
317 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 58:386, unnamed female child of Courtland, teamer, and Ann, both born in Westerly.
318 Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314; Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
320 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, as Julia A. (Murphey).
321 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 58:732; Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314; Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
322 Nellie Willard Johnson, Descendants of Robert Burdick (Syracuse, N.Y., Syracuse Typesetting Co., 1937), 242–43; 1870 census (see above); the place and parents’ names from his marriage record.
323 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, as Capt. Benjamin F.
324 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 11:276; The First Hundred Years, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, 295.
325 1880 U.S. Census, Manhattan, New York Co., N.Y., roll 871, ED 108, p. 91C.
326 1900 U.S. Census, Manhattan, roll 1090, ED 201, p. 2B.
327 Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314, includes her middle initial; Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104. Her full middle name is from the Ancestry World Tree, the source unknown.
329 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 1902, 252; Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314.
330 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, WY008.
331 Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314; Everett Hall Pendleton, Brian Pendleton and His Descendants, 1599–1910 (East Orange, N.J., the author, 1910), 300; Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, calls him “of Jersey City, N.J.”
332 Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, 300.
In 1860 in Groton, Conn., Thomas J. was age 25, a mariner with $200 in personal estate, born Stonington, with Harriet P. 20, born R.I., and Harriet P. 2, born Westerly. Not found in 1870, in 1880 they were at 389 Sixth Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., Thomas J. 47, sea captain, wife Harriet P. 41, and daughter Harriet E. age 22, all born in R.I. In 1900 Harriet P. was living as mother-in-law in her daughter Harriet’s household in Westerly. Children:

1. Harriet Elizabeth Noyes, born Westerly 9 Nov. 1857, died Elm St., Westerly, 13 Sept. 1914 aged 56 years 10 months, buried River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, married Brooklyn 19 April 1882, Charles Henry Pendleton, born Westerly 28 April 1852, son of Enoch Burrows and Mary Ette (Chapman) Pendleton, died 7 May 1942, buried with Harriet. He compiled much Pendleton genealogy. In 1900 in Westerly, Charles H. was age 48, born in April 1852, married seventeen years to Harriet E., mother of three, only two living, Annie M. Pendleton born Jan. 1883, Thomas B. Pendleton, born May 1886.

2. Franklin “Frankie” Noyes, born ca. 1878; died 5 April 1879; buried with his parents.

iv. William F. Murphy, born 27 Nov. 1840, died 2 Jan. 1843, buried in Hopkinton.

v. William Price Murphy, born in Westerly 27 March 1844; died Pawcatuck 10 Oct. 1899 aged 54 years 6 months, a merchant; a mechanic living in Bridgeport when he was married (1) by a Baptist minister, in Bridgeport, Conn., 22 Sept. 1870 to Ann Sophia Savage of Bridgeport, born Mass. ca. Aug. 1848, possibly daughter of Caroline Savage, died Bridgeport 26 July 1871.

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333 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, as Capt. Thomas J.; Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, 300.
334 1860 U.S. Census, Groton, New London Co., Conn., roll 90, p. 681, which gives the town of birth, the middle initials for the two Harriets not entirely clear.
335 1880 U.S. Census, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., roll 855, ED 225, p. 134B.
336 Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, 503.
337 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 1914, 284, acute Bright’s disease, born Westerly, daughter of Thomas and Harriet E. Noyes; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, WY008.
338 Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, 315–16, 502–03.
339 Pendleton, Brian Pendleton, 315–16, 502–03.
341 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, in the First Hopkinton Cemetery; Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314, and Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, supply the day of birth.
342 Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314; Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
343 Stonington Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1880–1901, 456, cerebral hemorrhage, son of Francis and Elizabeth (Babcock) Murphy. Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314, says he died at Westerly.
344 Bridgeport Marriages, 1855–1870 [FHL 1,428,469], 218; Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314, and Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, both call her only Sophia and give the date as 20 Sept.
aged 22 years 11 months.\[346] a machinist of Pawcatuck when married (2) by Lewis A. Platts, clergyman, in Westerly 27 Jan. 1878 to MARY BABCOCK LANE phere, born Westerly 13 March 1845, daughter of Asa and Hannah (Babcock) Lanphere,\[347] died Pawcatuck 14 Feb. 1912 aged 56 years [sic] 11 months.\[348]  

William P. first appears in Bridgeport directories in 1867 where he was a machinist boarding at 293 Broad St.\[349] In 1870 in Bridgeport, Sophia Savage was age 22, born in Mass., with Caroline, 54, born in Conn., and several boarders including Gertrude and Anna M. West (see above).\[350] William P., machinist, house at 265 Kossuth, appears in the 1871–72 Bridgeport Directory but was not there the next year.\[351] In 1880 in Stonington, William P. Murphey was 36, a machinist, with wife Mary B., 33, both born in R.I.\[352] In 1900 Mary B. Murphy, a widow, born March 1845, mother of one (who was living), was living in Stonington with her mother Hannah Lamphere, born R.I. in Jan. 1821.\[353]  

Child:  
1. Harold Julian Murphy, born Stonington 19 Sept. 1886.\[354]  
vi. MARY ELIZABETH MURPHY, born in Westerly 21 Feb. 1846,\[355] baptized at the Pawcatuck Sabbatarian Baptist Church 12 May 1866;\[356] was of Stonington when married (1) by George A. Morse, preacher of the gospel, in Westerly 22 May 1868 to SAMUEL MOYLE, born England 2 April 1847, son of Samuel and Ann (Collins) Moyle,\[357] died Bridgeport 17 Jan. 1881 aged 33 years 9 months,  

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346 Bridgeport Death Records, 1870–1888 (FHL 1,428,471), 16, consumption, born R.I. [sic].  
347 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 78:786; Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314, says they married in Feb., and spells her name Landphere. Her month and year of birth from the 1900 census (see below), although her death record says 13 March 1855. In 1850 at Westerly, Asa Lamphear was 29, a mariner, with Hannah 28, Asa 8 and Mary 5 (1850 U.S. Census, Westerly, Washington Co., R.I., roll 847, p. 396). In 1860 at Stonington, Asa Lampher was 39, fisherman, with Hannah 38, Asa 16, Mary 15, and William F. 1 (1860 U.S. Census, Stonington, New London Co., Conn., roll 89, p. 7).  
348 Stonington Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1907–1918, Deaths, 34, pneumatic fever, born Stonington, daughter of Asa and Hannah (Babcock) Lamphear.  
351 Bridgeport City Directory, 1871–72, 315. Directories after 1872–73 not searched.  
353 1900 U.S. Census, Stonington, New London Co., Conn., roll 150, ED 487, p. 21A.  
355 Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314; Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104; confirmed by the 1900 census (see below).  
356 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 11:287, which says dropped 26 March 1893; the same in The First Hundred Years, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, 298.  
357 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 68:736; Babcock, Babcock Genealogy, 314; Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, which calls him an engineer of Bridgeport, Conn. His day of birth is from his gravestone, and his mother, “Annie Collins Moyle,” wife of Samuel, is buried near him.

In 1867 Samuel Moyle, Jr., machinist, was living with his father on Washington Ave. “near the bridge” in Bridgeport, and in 1869 on the same street near Berkshire Bridge, they were both toolmakers.[363] In 1870 in Bridgeport, Samuel Moyl, age 29, born in N.Y. [sic], a stationary engineer, was listed with Mary 25 and Charles W., 6 months, both born Conn.[364] In 1880 in Bridgeport, still spelled “Moyl,” Samuel was 33, wife Mary 34, and son Samuel 3.[365] An article in the New Haven Register described the accident that took his life. On 17 January 1881, the boiler of the Wheeler & Wilson shop exploded, and when Samuel, the engineer, ran out of a nearby building to see what had happened, a tank of naphtha also exploded. Samuel was badly burned and not expected to live.[366]

In 1900 Robert S. Peterson, age 75 was in Derby with wife Mary E., mother of one child who was living [sic].[367] In 1902 she was said to be living in Trenton, N.J.[368] In 1910 Mary E. Peterson was mother in her son Samuel’s household, mother of three, one living, and she was still there in 1920, age 78, and in 1830, age 84 [sic].[369] Children of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth (Murphy) Moyle:[370]

1. Charles W. Moyle, born ca. Dec. 1869; died July 1870 aged 8 months, buried with his father.

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[359] Hale Collection, Bridgeport, 209, Samuel, Jr., with full birth and death dates.
[361] 1900 census (see below); the day from his gravestone.
[362] Hale Collection, Derby, 214, with his first wife Frances A., born 6 May 1830, died 2 Feb. 1880.
[363] Bridgeport and East Bridgeport Directory, 1867 (Bridgeport, Conn.: E. A. Lewis and J. Cornwall, 1867), 108; Bridgeport Directory and Annual Advertiser, 1869–70 (Bridgeport, Conn.: Standard Association, 1869), 93–94.
[370] Their births are not found in Bridgeport vital records.
[371] Bridgeport Deaths, 1870–1888, 66, typhoid fever, daughter of Samuel and Mary E.
[372] World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, online at Ancestry.com
[373] Social Security Death Index.
lodging in Patterson, N.J., born Conn., his parents born England and R.I.\[375\] In 1910 in New Haven, Conn., Samuel A. Moyle was 33, an insurance manager, married 9 years to Elizabeth E., 35, born N.J., with son William D., age 8, born N.J., and his mother Mary E. Moyle.\[376\]

The Bridgeport Telegram of 3 Feb. 1928 announced that “Right Worshipful Brother Samuel A. Moyle” would give an illustrated lecture on the Masonic Home in Wallingford, Conn., and the George Washington Memorial in Washington, D.C.,\[377\] and in March 1928, called “R. W. Samuel A. Moyle, grand junior deacon of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Masons of Connecticut was to repeat the lecture.\[378\] (Perhaps the first had been snowed out.) In 1930 in Branford, Conn., Samuel A. was 53, an office manager, with wife Elizabeth E. 55, daughter Elizabeth E. 19, and mother Mary E. Peterson 84.\[379\] In 1933 he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Masons.\[380\]

vii. **Peleg Babcock Murphy**, born Westerly 16 Jan. 1849;\[381\] baptized at the Pawcatuck Sabbatarian Baptist Church 21 April 1866;\[382\] died Bridgeport 12 Dec. 1872;\[383\] aged 24, buried there in Mt. Grove Cemetery;\[384\] married New York City 29 Dec. 1868 **Mary “Minnie” B. Grant**\[385\] born New York ca. 1847, almost certainly daughter of James and Catharine (Collister) Grant.\[386\] In 1870 in Bridgeport, Conn., Peleg, age 21, born R.I., was working in a sewing machine factory with Mary, age 23, born N.Y., working in a shirt factory.\[387\] The 1869–70 through 1872–73 Bridgeport directories list him first as a mechanic and then as a driller.\[388\]

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\[374\] An entry on Family Tree at FamilySearch.org says she was born in New Jersey 28 March 1875, daughter of William and Emma (Nichols) Dufford.

\[375\] 1900 U.S. Census, Patterson Ward 4, Passaic Co., N.J., roll 992, ED 131, p. 10A.


\[377\] Bridgeport Telegram, 3 Feb. 1928, p. 7.

\[378\] Bridgeport Telegram, 22 March 1928, p. 15.

\[379\] 1930 U.S. Census, Branford, New Haven Co., Conn., roll 272, ED 120, p. 2B.

\[380\] Bridgeport Post, 19 April 1964, p. B-13, an article about feting past grand masters.


\[382\] Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 11:287, which says deceased 12 Dec. 1872; the same in *The First Hundred Years, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church*, 298.


\[384\] Hale Collection, Bridgeport, 329.

\[385\] Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 314; her middle initial from Bliss, *Genealogy of the Bliss Family*, 104.

\[386\] Peleg is buried next to James Grant who died 14 November 1866 aged 52 and his wife Catharine Collister, who died 12 February 1898 at age 68 (Hale Collection, Bridgeport, 329), and in the 1860 census at Bridgeport, James Grant, age 45, florist, born Scotland, and Catharine, 32, born England, had among children listed a Mary, age 14 (roll 75, p. 340).

\[387\] 1870 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 96, p. 128.

\[388\] *Bridgeport Directory and Annual Advertiser*, 1869–70, 94; *Bridgeport City Directory, 1871–72* (Bridgeport, Conn.: Standard Association, 1871), 315; *Bridgeport City Directory, 1872–73* (Bridgeport, Conn.: Standard Association, 1872), 272.
viii. **Oscar Francis Murphey**, born Westerly 21 June 1851,[389] baptized in the Pawcatuck Sabbatarian Baptist Church 7 July 1866;[390] died 1902; buried River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.[391] married Westerly 20 Feb. 1873 **Elizabeth Ann Chapman**, born Westerly 8 Jan. 1853, daughter of Alfred and Betsey (Gardiner) Chapman,[392] died 1941, buried with Oscar.[393] In 1880 in Westerly, Oscar was 31, a carpenter, born in Conn., with wife Elizabeth 25, born in R.I., and son George 2, born in Conn.[395] In 1900 they were at 159 Mechanic St., Stonington, Oscar F. age 48, a carpenter, married 27 years to Anne E., born Jan. 1853, mother of two children, one living. Son George O. was 22, an apprentice machinist.[396] In 1930 Elizabeth A., age 77, widowed, was living with son George in Stonington. Children:


2. **George Oscar Murphey**, born Stonington 8 May 1878;[400] died in 1960; buried with his parents,[401] married ca. 1903[402] **Lillian Gertrude Pugh**, born 1881, died 1950, buried with George.[403] In 1902 he was living in Pawcatuck[404] In 1910 “George O. Murphey opened a bicycle and motorcycle sales and repair shop in Pawcatuck.” In 1925 he was vice president of the Pawcatuck Board of Trade. In 1931 his business was incorporated as Murphey Chevrolet Co. but retained the “Nash agency until 1932.”[405] The 1930 census lists George O. “Murphy” age 53, owner, in auto sales, with wife Gertrude P. 46, she and her parents b. Penn., son Oscar S., 22, bookkeeper, daughter Dorothy C. 12, and

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389 Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 314, 481, which calls him Oscar Fitzgerald; Bliss, *Genealogy of the Bliss Family*, 104, says just Oscar F. His gravestone says Oscar Francis Murphey, which is far more likely.

390 Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 11:287, dropped 1 April 1888; *The First Hundred Years, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church*, 299.

391 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, as Oscar Francis Murphey; Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 481, says he was at Pawcatuck in 1902.


393 Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 481.

394 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, as Ann Elizabeth (Chapman) Murphey.

395 1880 U.S. Census, Westerly, Washington Co., R.I., roll 1211, ED 163, p. 491B.

396 1900 U.S. Census, Stonington, New London Co., Conn., roll 150, ED 489, p. 16A.

397 Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 481.

398 Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 481; not found in Stonington vital records.

399 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, WY008.

400 Stonington Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1874–79, second child of the mother; Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 481; *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, online at Ancestry.com, where he spelled his name “Murphey.”

401 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, WY008.

402 The 1930 census (see below) says George married at 25 and Gertrude at 18.

403 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, WY008.

404 Babcock, *Babcock Genealogy*, 481.

mother Elizabeth A., age 77.\textsuperscript{[406]} The 1948 Westerly-Pawcatuck directory listed George O. and Gertrude P. Murphey at 159 Mechanic St., George as president and treasurer of Murphey Chevrolet Co. and of George O. Murphey, real estate. Oscar F. [sic], a sales rep. and Bertha N. were living at 159½ Mechanic.

6. Frederick Augustus\textsuperscript{4} Murphy, son of Edward and Barbara Phillips (Bliss) Murphy, was born in Newport, Rhode Island, on 8 January or in June 1813. He died in Sacramento, California, on 26 October 1849.\textsuperscript{[407]} He married Elizabeth Ann Stevens,\textsuperscript{[408]} who was born in Newport on 21 August 1809, daughter of John and Susannah (Brightman) Stevens.\textsuperscript{[409]} She died on 14 September 1892 and was buried in the Island Cemetery in Newport.\textsuperscript{[410]} Her father would be the John Stevens who died in Newport 7 June 1859 aged 74, and a Susanna Stevens, aged 69, died on 9 September 1855.\textsuperscript{[411]} However, John’s estate was insolvent and his probate record shows no relationship with Elizabeth.\textsuperscript{[412]} Her death record, which might name her parents, has not been found. Elizabeth married secondly, as his second wife, at the M.E. Church in Newport on 15 November 1855, Samuel Johnson Marsh of Newport, age 56, a chair finisher. He was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, son of Benjamin and Fanny (Peterson) Marsh,\textsuperscript{[413]} about 5 November 1798, died in Newport on 3 September 1874 aged 75 years 9 months 29 days,\textsuperscript{[414]} and was buried in Island Cemetery in Newport.\textsuperscript{[415]}

In 1840 in Newport, Frederick Murphy had two males under 10, was himself 20–29, with a female under 10 and one 20–29.\textsuperscript{[416]} On 4 March 1840 Frederick Augustus Murphy of Newport leased land on Easton’s Point, on the north side of

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\item \textsuperscript{406} 1930 U.S. Census, Stonington, New London Co., Conn., roll 282, ED 69, p. 19B.
\item \textsuperscript{407} Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, says 26 Oct.; Newport Mercury, 2 Feb. 1850, p. 3, “At Sacramento City, California, in July last, Dr. Frederick A. Murphy, age 36 years 6 months,” but the account described below suggests that if he died at Sacramento, the July date is wrong.
\item \textsuperscript{408} Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104. See marriage record of son Nathan L.
\item \textsuperscript{409} Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 (Newport):116 (birth). John Stevens of Newport, son of John, married Susanna Brightman of Portsmouth, daughter of John, at Newport, 29 April 1807 (ibid., 4 [Newport]:67).
\item \textsuperscript{410} Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, NT001.
\item \textsuperscript{411} Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 59:892 (John), 55:712 (Susanna).
\item \textsuperscript{412} Newport Probate, 19:481, 502, 528–30; 20:109, 128, 157–58, 222.
\item \textsuperscript{413} Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 55:390. Benjamin Marsh married Fanny Peterson at the 1st Congregational Church in Newport 5 May 1793 (Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 8:422); Samuel’s birth was not recorded at New Bedford or Newport. His full middle name is from his gravestone.
\item \textsuperscript{414} Newport Mercury, 2 Jan. 1875, p. 6, on a list of Newport residents age 70 or over who had died during the previous year; Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 74:1032.
\item \textsuperscript{415} Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register 11:317, on a monument with his first wife, Mary Catherine Williams, and son Edward Peterson Marsh and his wife Mary Catherine Hull. However, Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, refers to the Common Burial Ground.
\item \textsuperscript{416} 1840 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 504, p. 158.
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Bridge Street, from Walter W. Simons for $3 per year. Then on 7 April 1843 he sold the lease to Thomas T. Carr for $600. He was a doctor.

Frederick A. Murphy was among those listed in an article titled “The Land of Gold” among “the following persons [who] sailed from this place [Newport] on Thursday last in the ship Audley Clarke for California” on 15 February 1849. There was a long list of passengers, followed by lists of Officers, Directors, and then Ship Officers, William A. Coggeshall listed as both President and a director, but of what is not mentioned. An account in the Newport Mercury of 20 May 1882, describes how, inspired by the discovery of gold, a group of 74 men, headed by William A. Coggeshall, outfitted the old whaling ship and sailed via the Cape Verde Islands and Cape Horn, dropping anchor in San Francisco Bay on 1 September 1849 after a voyage of 198 days.

In 1850 in Newport, Elizabeth Murphy, 41, Walter S. 14, Nathan L. 12, and Susan E. 10, all born in Rhode Island, were living in the household of John Stevens, age 65 and Susanna, age 64.

In 1860 in Newport, Samuel J. Marsh was 60, a chair finisher, with Elizabeth A. 50 and Susan E. Murphy, age 20, clerk, dry goods.

In 1870, Samuel J. Marsh 69, furniture dealer, and Elizabeth, 55, were living with Elizabeth’s daughter, Susan Westcott, age 29, and her husband William H., 34, jewelry dealer, and two children, Lizzie 5 and Abbie 1. A Newport directory for 1871–72 listed Samuel J. Marsh, of S. J. Marsh and son, living at 21 School St., and their business of new and second-hand furniture “over 201 Thomas” St.

Elizabeth, age 69, was living with her daughter Susan in 1880.

Children of Frederick H. and Elizabeth (Stevens) Murphy:

i. WALTER SCOTT5 MURPHY born Newport April 1836; died Newport 17 Aug. 1879 aged 43 years 4 months, a furniture dealer; married East Greenwich, R.I., 24 June 1855 ABBY F. COLVIN, age 16, daughter of Obadiah and Amey E.

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418 Death notice in the Newport Mercury (see above).
419 Newport Mercury, Saturday, 17 February 1849, p. 3. Issue of 11 February 1849, p. 3, says they said “Thursday last.”
421 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 842, p. 421.
422 1860 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1204, p. 207.
424 Rhode Island City Directories, online at Ancestry.com.
425 1880 census (see below).
426 Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, says they had three children.
427 Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, calls him Walter Storr Murphy.
married (2) by Rev. Albert Nash in Bridgeport, Conn., 11 Aug. 1860 to Rosa Anna Horn, born Easton, Conn., in July 1835. In 1862 Walter S., a machinist, was living on William St. in Bridgeport. Walter S. Murphy of Bridgeport, Conn., enlisted in Co. G. in the 17th Regiment, Conn. Infantry on 28 Aug. 1862 and was discharged 10 Dec. 1862 due to disability. In 1867 he was listed as a cabinet maker and furniture repairer at 11 Bank St. in Bridgeport. In 1870 in Bridgeport, Walter was 34, a furniture dealer with $5000 in personal estate. Anna was 35, born in Ireland, and Frederick S. 9, Susan E. 7, and Caroline E. 5, were all born in Conn. The 1871–72 directory listed Walter S. as “grand central dining rooms,” 206 Main, house Main corner of Gilbert. Walter S. Murphy’s widow Rosanna applied for a pension on 9 July 1889. The name Walter S. Murphy appears on the roll of members of the Artillery Company of Newport. The roll began in 1741 but when he joined is not specified. In 1880 at 174 State St., Bridgeport, Anna was 44, divorced, with son Fred 19, a packer, and daughters Susan 17 and Carrie 14, both seamstresses. In 1900 R. A. Murphy was age 64, married 37 years, a nurse, mother of three, all living, daughter Susie A. Lane, a granddaughter, and two lodgers with her. Children of Walter and Rosa:

1. Frederick S. Murphy, born ca. 1861. He may have been in San Antonio, Texas, in 1900, b. May 1866, unmarried, a drygoods salesman.

2. Susan E. Murphy, born probably March 1864; married ca. 1882 Effel M. C. Lane b. Oct. 1883.

3. Caroline E. Murphy, born ca. 1865.

ii. Nathan Low Murphy, born Newport ca. 1837; was of Bridgeport, Conn., age 24, when married by Charles T. Brooks, Unitarian pastor, in Newport 26


390 Bridgeport Marriages, 1855–1870, 67, which says Rosa Anna was born in Easton, both age 25, and of Bridgeport, Walter born at Newport. In 1860 at Bridgeport, Rose Horne, age 24, was a seamstress, living in a boarding house, born in Conn. (1860 U.S. Census, roll 75, p. 426), but she has not been found in Connecticut in 1850. The 1900 census (see below) says July 1835 and that she and her parents were all born in Connecticut.


392 American Civil War Soldiers, online at Ancestry.com.

393 Bridgeport and East Bridgeport Directory (Bridgeport, Conn.: E. A. Lewis & J. Cornwall, 1867), 109.


395 Bridgeport City Directory, 1871–72, 315.

396 Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934, online at Ancestry.com, service in Co. G, 17th Conn.

397 Chapter and By-Laws of the Artillery Company of the City of Newport in the State of Rhode Island (Newport, R.I.: Charles E. Hammett, Jr., 1857), 39.

398 1880 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 95, ED 137, p. 680D.

399 1900 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 131, ED 6, p. 5B.

400 1900 U.S. Census, Ward 1, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas, roll 1611, ED 79, p. 20B, his birth given as May 1866, the year probably in error if this is the right person.

401 1900 census says March 1865. She was age 35, married 18 years, mother of one, a dressmaker.

402 His full middle name from Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104.
Aug. 1861 to **MARY B. HUDSON** of Newport, age 26, born Newport ca. 1835, daughter of Henry J. and Sarah S. (Barker) Hudson.[443] In 1860 in Bridgeport, Nathan L. Murphy, age 22, chairpainter, born R.I., was living with the family of William Stevens, 34, painter, also born R.I., probably a cousin.[444] In 1862 Nathan L. Murphy, chairfinisher, lived on Pequonock near Main in Bridgeport.[445] In 1867 N. L. Murphey & Co. were house and sign painters and paper hangers in the Centre Store, Staples House, in Bridgeport.[446] In 1870 in Bridgeport, Nathan L. was 33, a house painter with $400 in personal estate with Mary D. [sic] 35, both born R.I., and Elizabeth 4, born Conn.[447] The 1872–73 directory listed him as a house and sign painter at 30 Water St., house on William corner of Barnum.[448] On 13 July 1875, Mary B. Murphy of Newport petitioned for a divorce from her husband Nathan L. Murphy, “now without the state and more than 100 miles away....”[449] Child:


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[449] Newport Mercury, 7 August 1875, p. 5.

[450] She was age 4 in 1870 but the 1900 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1505, ED 218, p. 3A, says Oct. 1868.

[451] Rhode Island City Directories, database online at Ancestry.com, 1942 directory. Her cousin Abbie W. (Westcott) Carr was at 42 Kay St. According to an entry on Family Tree at FamilySearch.org, Elizabeth was born at Bridgeport on 7 October 1866, died at Newport on 18 August 1948, and married Alexander on 2 March 1908.

[452] Newport Weekly and Daily News, Friday, 20 August 1948, She “died in the Newport Hospital where she had been a patient for more than two years. She made her home previously with her cousin, Mrs. Leander K Carr of Kay street.... She was a member of the old First Baptist Church.... Following Dr. Sanford’s death in 1934 she went to live with Mrs. Carr.... Her only survivors are a stepdaughter, Mrs. Arthur Bennett of New Bedford, and a number of cousins” (online at Ancestry.com).

[453] 1910 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1437, ED 42, p. 4B.

[454] World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, online at Ancestry.com, has his birth date but not place; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 259:117 (birth), 235:103 (parents’ marriage).

[455] Rhode Island City Directories, database online at Ancestry.com, from the 1934 directory.

1918 when he registered for the draft. In 1930 they were at 12 Bull St., A. Chace age 55, having m. age 26, and Elizabeth H., 63, having married at 41. Thus she must be his second wife.

iii. **Susan Elizabeth Murphy**, born Newport ca. 28 April 1840; died 7 Central St., Newport, 30 Dec. 1907 aged 67 years 8 months 2 days; buried Island Cemetery, Newport; married by L. D. Davis, pastor of the M. E. Church in Newport 24 Sept. 1863 to **William Henry Westcott** of Newport, age 27, jeweller, born Newport 20 May 1836, son of Samuel and Abby Stoddard (Vose) Westcott; died 1 Bull St., Newport, 8 July 1912 aged 76 years 1 month 8 days, buried Island Cemetery. She was the Susan E. Murphy, age 20, clerk, dry goods, living with Samuel J., age 60, and Elizabeth A. Marsh, age 50, in Newport in 1860. In 1880 in Newport, William H. Westcott, City Sergeant, was age [4]2, with wife Susan E. 39, daughters Elizabeth A. 15, Abby V. 11, mother Elizabeth A. Marsh 69, and niece Elizabeth H. Murphy, 12. In 1900 at 7 Central St., Newport, William C.[?] Westcott, City Sergeant, was age 65, married 35 years to Susan E., age 60, mother of three, one living, and niece Elizabeth H. Murphey, born Conn. Oct. 1867, was with them. Children, born Newport:

1. Elizabeth “Lizzie” Stevens Westcott, born 5 Main Ave., 4 Oct. 1864; died 83 Spring St., Newport, 27 July 1886 aged 21 years 9 months 27 days.


3. Abbie Vose Westcott, born 30 Spring St., Newport, 2 June 1869; married 18 Nov. 1891 Leander Keene Carr, born Conn. Nov. 1949; married 18 Nov. 1891 Leander Keene Carr, born Newport.

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457 World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, online at Ancestry.com, where he signed his name spelling his middle name “Chace,” not “Chase.”

458 1930 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 2169, ED 20, p. 5B.

459 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 1907, Newport, 98.

460 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, NT001.

461 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Marriages, 63:62. Bliss, Genealogy of the Bliss Family, 104, calls her “Susan, who m. William Wescott, of N[ewport].” Abby’s maiden name is from William’s death record. William’s birth date is from Edna Jay Lewis, The Westcott Family Tree: Westcott Descendants from Stukely and Juliana (Rutland, Vt.: Sharp Offset, 1999), 111, which says William Henry “Billy” Westcott married Susan Murphy but names only the child Abby. See also Roscoe L. Whitman, History and Genealogy of the Ancestors and Descendants of Stukely Westcott (n.p.: n.p., 1932), 231, which says Susan’s father was a physician at Newport, but does not name any children of William and Susan.

462 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 1912, Newport, 96, chronic interstitial nephritis and arteriosclerosis, widower, city messenger and sergeant, born Newport, son of Samuel and Abbie (Vose) Westcott; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, NT001.

463 1860 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1204, p. 207.

464 1880 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1210, ED 93, p. 182A, his age and their birthplaces illegible.

465 1900 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1505, ED 218, p. 3A.

466 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 64:218, first child of the mother, William H. a jeweller, both he and Susan E. Murphy born Newport.

467 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 86:859, diabetic coma, single, clerk, born Newport, daughter of Wm and Susan.

468 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 66:864, male child of Wm and Susan.
Newport 18 May 1863, son of Samuel J. and Mary A. (Tew) Carr.[472] In 1900 in Newport, Leander K., a newspaper correspondent, was married nine years to Abbie W., mother of no children, and mother Mary N. [A.?] Carr, born Aug. 1826, was mother of two, both living.[473] In 1930 at 39 Everett St., Newport, Leander K. was 65, editor of a paper, with wife Abby W. age 60.[474] He was treasurer and general manager of the Newport Herald Corp.[475] He died between 1936 and 1939.[476]


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470 Lewis, *The Westcott Family Tree*, 111.
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473 1900 U.S. Census, Newport Ward 3, Newport Co., R.I., roll 1505, ED 218, p. 7B.
474 1930 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 2169, ED 22, p. 3A.
476 Rhode Island City Directories, database online at Ancestry.com. He was chairman of the school committee in 1936 but Abbie W. Carr was called widow of Leander K. in 1939.
477 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 77:68, fourth child of the mother, William a janitor at city hall, both parents born Newport.
478 Rhode Island State Vital Records, Deaths, 78:1008, diphtheria, born Newport, son of Wm and Susan.
CAPTAIN JOHN MURFEEY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND,  
AND HIS SON CAPTAIN JOHN MURPHY 
OF COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

Captain John Murfey of Newport, Rhode Island, a frequent sailor to the West Indies, died in Charleston, South Carolina, on 21 February 1791.\[^{479}\] He had been married by Rev. Gardiner Thurston of the Second Baptist Church in Newport on 18 August 1768 to Mary Bassell.\[^{480}\] See Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, “Captain John Murfey of Newport, Rhode Island, Rhode Island Roots 40 (2014):147–52, for a discussion of Mary’s possible family and for John’s career as a ship’s captain and privateer captured by the British during the Revolution, all omitted here to avoid any copyright issue. Vital data is included below.

John’s wife in 1784 was named Mary (see the article cited). But one source claims that Anne, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Storrs) Aspinwall, born in Mansfield, Connecticut, on 26 October 1748, married “a man by the name of Murfey or Murphy ... who settled in Colchester,” and they had son Capt. John, born “in 1775 or 6.”\[^{481}\] However, if the elder Captain John married Anne Aspinwall, it was probably after Mary’s death. Anne would then be stepmother to Captain John’s son John, the man who did settle in Colchester.\[^{482}\]

Children of Captain John and Mary (Bassell) Murfey:


ii. MARY “POLLY” MURPHY, was born about 1774–75, probably in Newport. She died on 9 November 1818 age 44 or in her 44th year and was buried in the Common Burial Ground in Newport.\[^{483}\] She was married by Rev. Gardiner Thurston of the Second Baptist Church in Newport on 23 January 1791 to BENJAMIN6 BILLINGS\[^{484}\] (Samuel Little5, Richard4–3, Ebenezer2, Roger1), son

\[^{479}\]Newport Mercury, 24 March 1791, p. 3, “At Charleston, South-Carolina, on the 21st of February last, Captain John Murfey of this Town.”

\[^{480}\]Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 7:357; no marriage notice in the Newport Mercury 22 August through 5 September 1768.


\[^{482}\]A final resolution to this problem seems unlikely.

\[^{483}\]Newport Mercury, 14 November 1818, p. 3, “At Providence on Monday last, Mrs. Mary Billings, widow of Mr. Benjamin Billings, of this town, aged 44 years”; Rhode Island Republican, 18 Nov. 1818, p. 3, same data beginning “At Providence, on the 9th inst.”; John Eylers Sterling, Barbara J. Austin, and Letty R. Champion, Newport, Rhode Island, Colonial Burial Grounds (Hope, R.I.: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 2009), 123, in her 44th year, almost adjacent to Phebe, wife of Capt. John Murfey [Jr.] and their child.

\[^{484}\]Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 7:357; Newport Herald, 27 Jan. 1791, p. 3.
of Samuel Little and Elizabeth (Vinson) Billings, born, probably in Newport in 1766. He died in Norfolk, Virginia, in November 1810 in his 45th year.

2. iii. JOHN MURFEY, b. Newport ca. 10 June 1776, m. (1) PHEBE ___; m. (2) ARDALISSA SOUTHWORTH.

iv. ?ELIZABETH MURPHY, b. Mass., 17 Dec. 1780, m. ELEAZER READ, JR.

See the separate section on them.

2. JOHN MURFEY or MURPHY was born in Newport about 10 June 1776. Capt. John Murphy died in Colchester, Connecticut, on 3 April 1844 at age 68. His gravestone in the Linwood Cemetery (also called the Colchester Burying Ground) in Colchester, is apparently a modern copy. He is said to have been the son of ___ and Anne (Aspinwall) Murphy. However, two known published sources for this are ambiguous. One says Anne, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Storrs) Aspinwall, was born in Mansfield, Connecticut, on 26 October 1748, married “a man by the name of Murfey or Murphy ... who settled in Colchester” and they had son Capt. John, born “in 1775 or 6.” Certainly Capt. John’s father never lived anywhere near Colchester. The second source says Anne

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486 Ullmann, Billings, 58, 88.

487 Newport Mercury, 1 December 1810, p. 3, “Died, at Norfolk, Mr. Benjamin Billings, of this town, in the 45th year of his age”; the same in the Rhode Island American, 7 Dec. 1810, p. 3, and the Providence Gazette, 8 Dec. 1810, p. 3.

488 “Records of Births of Seamen” (FHL 0,983,748), 13, sworn to by Benjamin Billings; Newport Historical Society card catalog, from the custom house certificate, sworn to by Benjamin Billings. Billings married John’s sister Mary “Polly” Murphy.


490 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 (Newport):110, “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62 (FHL 0,944,994), which is a record of this whole Read family, copied from a family Bible owned by the son Oliver Read in 1860 and “Recorded Newport, March 17, 1871 by Benjamin Marsh, 2d, City Clerk.”

491 “Records of Births of Seamen” (FHL 0,983,748), 13, sworn to by Benjamin Billings; Newport Historical Society card catalog, from the custom house certificate, sworn to by Benjamin Billings. Billings married John’s sister Mary “Polly” Murphy (Ullmann, Roger Billings, 88–89).

492 Barbour Collection, citing Colchester Vital Records, 2:128, which says age 68; Newport Historical Society card catalog, from the Rhode Islander of 10 April 1844; Times, Hartford, Conn., 20 April 1844, p. 3, “In Colchester, on the 3d inst., after a long and distressing illness, which he bore without a murmur or complaint, Capt. John Murphy, aged 68.”

493 Photograph of the gravestone for him and his wife, online at FindaGrave.com, clearly says age 68; Charles R. Hale, “Charles R. Hale Collection [of Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices of Marriages and Deaths],” (1933–34), in the Connecticut State Library, Colchester, 91, read as age 63.

494 Aspinwall, Aspinwall Genealogy, 61.
Aspinwall, born in 1748, married Capt. John, born in 1776, which is also unlikely given the difference in their ages.\[495\] See the discussion above under his father.

John married (1) PHEBE ___. She was born on 28 March 1780 and died on 28 March 1809 at age 29, “after a short illness,” leaving four small children.\[496\] She probably died of the same cause as her daughter Phebe, and was buried in the Newport Common Burying Ground near John’s sister, Mary “Polly” (Murphy) Billings.\[497\]

Capt. John Murphy married (2) in Mansfield, Connecticut, 23 January 1810, ARDALISSA SOUTHWORTH (spelled “Adaliza” and “Artelissa” on the marriage records but “Ardalissa” on her gravestone).\[498\] She was born in Mansfield on 20 January 1788 and was baptized there on 6 April 1788, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Aspinwall) Southworth.\[499\] She was said, probably erroneously, to be John Murphy’s first cousin.\[500\] John’s gravestone includes his wife Ardalissa Southworth, who died 28 June 1875 aged 87 years 5 months \[501\] in Newtown, Long Island, New York.\[502\]

On 28 August 1798 a John Murphey was “engaged,” i.e., made free, able to vote, as an eldest son, in Newport.\[503\] Thus he was born by August 1777. On 11 January 1799 John “Murfey” was listed as mate for the ship Hope of Newport,


\[496\] Rhode Island Republican, 29 March 1809, p. 3, “Yesterday, Mrs. Phebe Murfey, the amiable consort of Capt. John Murfey of this town; who had exactly completed her 29th year . . . . She has left four small children....” Newport Mercury, 1 April 1809, p. 3, adds, “after a short illness, which she supported with pious fortitude and resignation to the will of Divine Providence. In the loss of Mrs. Murfey, society has been deprived of a worthy member, in which were found the affectionate wife, the tender mother, and the benevolent neighbour. She lived truly beloved and died sincerely lamented.”

\[497\] Sterling, Austin, and. Champion, Newport, Rhode Island, Colonial Burial Grounds, 123; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 14:128, from the Providence Gazette, 1 April 1809.

\[498\] Susan W. Dimock, Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths from the Records in the Town and Churches in Mansfield, Connecticut, 1703–1850 (New York: Baker & Taylor, 1898), 422; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 15:243, from the Providence Gazette of 17 February 1810; also in the Newport Mercury, 10 February 1810, both naming her father Samuel Southworth. He is also named in the marriage notice in the Windham Herald, 23 Feb. 1810, p. 3. She spelled her own name “Ardalissa” when she signed the bond in her husband’s probate file.

\[499\] Dimock, Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths . . . Mansfield, 163 (birth), 403 (baptism), her name spelled “Ardelessa.” Samuel Southworth married in Mansfield 23 Nov. 1769, Abigail Aspennwall, daughter of Peter (ibid., 282). Both parents’ names appear in Bowen, Woodstock Families, 2:262. Samuel died in Mansfield 6 November 1824 (ibid., 431) and his widow on 15 April 1838 (ibid., 433); Samuel G. Webber, Genealogy of the Southworths (Southards), Descendants of Constant (Boston: Fort Hill Press, 1905), 219–20.

\[500\] Aspinwall, The Aspinwall Genealogy, 61.

\[501\] Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com.


\[503\] Newport Town Proceedings, 1779–1816, 360.
Robert Robinson master. John was age 22, of light complexion, 5’ 5” tall, born and resident in Newport.[504] This must be the John Murphy born about 1776, not a different John Murphey born in 1783 or 1787.[505]

In 1800 in Newport, one John Murphy was age 26–45 with a female 26–45.[506] Thus he was born 1755–1774, which doesn’t match with either man but may be John and Phebe. In 1800 in Newport, another John Murphy was age 16–26 with a female 16–26 and another over 45.[507] Being younger, this was probably the man born in 1783 or 1787, treated in a separate section.

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On 17 May 1803, John Murfey of Newport purchased a house and buildings on Spring Street from Robert Lawton, Jr., cabinet maker and Sarah his wife.[511] This was apparently the same property for which Robert Lawton, Sen’ of Newport, mariner, sued John Murphy of Newport, mariner, saying he had forcibly entered the property on 10 March 1807. Arbitrement completed on 5 November 1807 said, “we do not find that Robert Lawton has any claim for the land he sued for,” and John was to recover costs.[512] As shown below, John kept this property when he moved to Colchester and rented it out.

On 21 June 1809 the ship Rapid of Newport, two decks, three masts, was registered in Newport, master John Murphy. It was surrendered on 14 February 1815 in Dighton, Massachusetts.[513] In 1809 it was “at Liverpool, ship Rapid, Murfey, of this port,” having not yet been discharged, probably about 16

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[511] Newport Deeds, 8:736.
[512] Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 14:733.
September.\footnote{Newport Mercury, 11 Nov. 1809, p. 3, the captain reporting having left Liverpool 56 days earlier.} “The ship Rapid, Murfey, arrived in Charleston on the 7th inst. [March 1810] in 10 days from this port [Newport].”\footnote{Newport Mercury, 24 March 1810, p. 3.} The ship \textit{Rapid}, Capt. Murfey, arrived in Newport from Liverpool on 3 August 1811, having left Liverpool on 22 June.\footnote{Rhode Island American, 13 August 1811, p. 3; Newport Mercury, 10 Aug. 1811, p. 3; Columbian Phenix, Providence, R.I., 10 August 1811, p. 3, says he arrived 3 August.} He was cleared for Baltimore on 18 October.\footnote{Newport Mercury, 19 October 1811, p. 3.} The \textit{Rapid}, Capt. Murfey, arrived in Newport from Cadiz in July 1812.\footnote{Baltimore Price-Current, 25 July 1812, p. 4; Newport Mercury, 18 July 1812, p. 3.}

This was probably the John Murphy enumerated in 1810 in Newport, age 26–44 with three males under 10, one 10–15, a female under 10, one 16–25 [Ardalissa] and one 25–44,\footnote{1810 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport Co., R.I., roll 59, p. 123.} although this count does not fit his family well. Phebe had died leaving four children, at least two of them daughters, but John and Ardalissa may have taken in a mother with children.

During 1814, John Murfey was on a “committee of public safety” to secure the town of Newport.\footnote{“Defence of Newport,” Connecticut Spectator, 5 Oct. 1814, p. 3.} Capt. John Murfey was on the petit jury as of 5 August 1814.\footnote{Newport Town Council, 1814–1819.}

As of 11 March 1815, John Murphy was master of the ship \textit{Alliance} of Newport. It had two decks and three masts.\footnote{Works Progress Administration, \textit{Ship Registers & Enrollments of Newport, R.I., 1790–1939}, v. 1, #55. As of 9 January 1819, the ship had a different master.} The Marine Register in the \textit{Baltimore Price-Current} of 27 April 1816 reported that the \textit{Alliance}, Captain Murfey, departed from New York for the Northwest Coast and India.\footnote{Baltimore Price-Current, 27 April 1816, p. 4.}

On 14 January 1818 two petit jurors were selected “in the room of Capt. John Murfey and Capt. Charles Devens who are bound to sea.” Then on 22 April 1818 Capt. John Murfey was named a grand juror.\footnote{Newport Town Council, 1814–1819.} Apparently he had returned, as on 6 March 1818 John Murfey of Newport, mariner, purchased a lot bounding south on Barney St. and east on another unnamed street for $100 from John Avery Collins of Newport. On 31 July 1819 John Murfey of Colchester, Connecticut, “mariner alias yeoman” and his wife Ardaliza sold the property back to Collins for the same price.\footnote{Newport Deeds, 13:346, 480.}

On 12 April 1819 John Murfey of Newport purchased two acres with a dwelling house and barn on the west side of the town street in Colchester from John Sparrow for $1750. About six weeks later John was of Colchester when he bought another 1½ acres on the New London and Hartford turnpike road in Colchester on 1 June 1819 from Jerusha and Elisha Johnson.\footnote{Colchester Deeds, 18:360; 19:396.} This was, then,
the John Murfey who owned a house at 59 Spring Street in Newport. He advertised it “For Sale, or to Let” on 2 April 1819 saying “Possession will be given the first of May.”[527] Over the years he purchased other lands there in Colchester and held mortgages from several.

In 1820 in Colchester, John Murfey had three males under 10 [George, William, and John], one 10–15, one 16–25 [farm hands?], himself 26–45, a female under 10 [Eliza Ann], one 10–15 [Maria], two 16–25 [Rebecca and another], and one 16–44 [Ardalissa]. Two were “in commerce.”[528] On 20 March 1827 John and Ardaliza Murfey of Colchester sold their lot and dwelling house on Spring Street in Newport to Benjamin H. Ailman, and on 26 March 1828 John appointed Charles Gyles, Esq., of Newport his attorney “especially to discharge a mortgage deed given by Benj. H. Ailman.”[529]

In 1830 in Colchester, John Murfey had a male under 5 [Henry], two males 5–9 [Samuel and ?], one 10–14 [Gardner], one 20–29 [George or William], and himself (50–59). Also there was a female under 5 [Mary], one 5–9 [Frances], one 10–14 [unidentified], one 15–19 [Eliza Ann], two 20–29 [Maria and Rebecca], and Ardalissa was 40–49.[530] Considering that his inventory held substantial bank stock (see below), this was probably the John Murfey who was elected a director of the New England Commercial Bank in 1818 and 1837[531] and other years.

As of 31 August 1836, John Murphy was one of the owners of the ship Margaret of Newport, two decks, three masts. But when it was registered again on 28 August 1841, he was not listed as an owner.[532]

On 6 May 1837, William Vernon advertised that the house in Church Street in Newport, late occupied by Capt. John Murfey, opposite the Moravian Church, was to let.[533] While Church Street intersects with Spring Street, this is probably not the property owned by Murfey from 1803 to 1827, as the bounds described in both purchase and sale say only east on Spring Street and refer to named individuals on the other three sides.

In 1840 in Colchester, John “Murphry” had two males 10–14 [Henry age 12 and probably Samuel, age 15] one 15–19 [Gardner age 19], himself 60–69, two females 15–20 [Frances age 17 and?] and one 40–49 [Ardalissa].[534] “Ardelia” Murfey was admitted to the First Congregational Church in Colchester in 1847 but another record calls her Ardelina and gives the date 5 May 1848. She was listed as a church member in 1851.[535]

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527 Newport Mercury, 17 April 1819, p. 1.
529 Newport Deeds, 16:470; 17:74.
530 1830 U.S. Census, Colchester, New London Co., Conn., roll 10, p. 239.
531 Newport Mercury, 14 March 1818, p. 3; 11 Feb. 1837, p. 4.
532 Works Progress Administration, Ship Registers & Enrollments of Newport, R.I., 1790–1939, 1:1239.
535 Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records, from Colchester First Church records, 2:37, 256; 3:247.
John Murfey made his will in Colchester on 1 March 1844. His wife Ardelissa was to have the use and benefit of his bank stock ($12,200 on the inventory) as well as the $1400 note he held against son Gardner. His furniture and plate was to be “at her dispose” and after her death her assets should be divided among the children. He also had two notes from son William, $211 and $1000. He directed that his farm and all other lands should be sold. Daughter Eliza Ann Clark was to receive $500, daughter Maria Aspinwall $660, daughter Frances and sons Samuel and Henry each $1000, but Samuel’s “collegiate education” was to be covered separately. Son George S. and wife Ardelissa were to execute the will. They posted bond on 22 April 1844. Besides the bank stock and notes, the inventory included the farm worth $6000, $394.50 in cash, many notes or accounts due him by others and pages of farm and household goods. Accounts included two expenses of $80 for Samuel’s education.[536]

George S. Murfey of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, and Ardelissa, still of Colchester, sold all of John’s lands in four tracts on 2 April 1845 to Ezra Chappell of New London for $5250.[537]

In 1850 in Newport, Ardelissa Murphy, age 62, and Francis [sic] C. Murphy, 27, female, both born in Connecticut, were living in Newport in the household of Permissa Gyles, 62, and her family.[538]

Children of John and Phebe (___) Murphy:

i. Unidentified child living at Phebe’s death. A Charles Murfey purchased a 52-acre farm in Colchester on 3 April 1822.[539] If he was son of John, he was probably born before 1801. However, a Charles Murphy [not Murfey], was age 40–49 in 1830 in Colchester, with a female 30–39 and five children.[540] This was probably the Charles Murphy in Norwich in 1850, age 60, with Nancy H., 53, both born in Conn., and eight younger Murphys.[541] Since Phebe (___), wife of John, was born about 1780, she cannot be the mother of this Charles. This was probably the man born in 1790 who died in 1865 and was buried in the Yantic Cemetery in Norwich.[542]


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[536] Colchester District Probate, File #2192. This file is missing from the microfilm for Colchester District and was viewed in the original in the Connecticut State Library.
[543] Newport Mercury, 18 March 1837, p. 3, “In this town on Wednesday afternoon last, Miss Rebecca R. Murfey, daughter of Capt. John Murfey, aged 36 years,” followed by a lengthy poem by “M.,” perhaps her sister Maria; Newport Historical Society card catalog, from the Herald of the Times of 16 March 1837.
[544] Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, NT001, spelled “Murfey,” the date read as 26 March 1837.
may be the Rebecca Murfey admitted to the church in Colchester, probably in
the 1820s.\textsuperscript{545}

iii. \textbf{Phebe Murfey}, daughter of Captain John and Phebe Murphy was born about 6
March 1803. She died on 24 October 1809 at age 6 years 7 months 18 days and
was buried in the Newport Common Burial Ground.\textsuperscript{546}

iv. \textbf{Maria Murfey}, named in John’s will, was by his first wife, born probably in
Newport about 1806;\textsuperscript{547} d. 552 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio,
18 Dec. 1886 aged 80, bur. Lake View Cemetery there;\textsuperscript{548} of Colchester when
married by Rev. Lyman Strong in Colchester on 9 May 1831 to \textbf{Lewis
Aspinwall} of Albany, N.Y., as his second wife,\textsuperscript{549} son of Abel and Sybil
(Lewis) Aspinwall, born in 1792, died in New York City 11 June 1852, and
buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.\textsuperscript{550}

In 1827–1830 Lewis was in Beaver [St.?], Albany Co.\textsuperscript{551} Maria’s death is
not found in the Green-wood cemetery database. A Maria Aspinwall, age 45
\textit{sic}, born in R.I., was living in New York Ward 16 in 1860, with John M.
Aspinwall 23, born in N.Y., and many others, probably a boarding house.\textsuperscript{552} It
seems odd that Maria has not been found in New York State censuses or in the
1870 and 1880 censuses. She may have been in Cleveland, Ohio.

On 13 June 1887, the will of Maria Aspinwall late of Newtown, Queens
Co., N.Y., dated 25 July 1881, was presented in Queens Co., N.Y.,
administration granted to Clarkson C. Schuyler. She gave her two-story
cottage in Newtown to Angelica G. Schuyler of West Troy, Albany Co., along
with furnishings, etc. After Angelica’s death it was to go to her daughter Mary
A. Schuyler, but if she did not survive it was to go to Clarkson C. and Frank,
sons of Angelica. Clarkson was to be executor. The petition for probate said
that Maria had no husband or descendants, only two half-sisters, Fannie A.
Murfey and Eliza Clark, both living at 552 Euclid Ave. in Cleveland, Ohio.\textsuperscript{553}

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\textsuperscript{545} Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records, from 1st Church records, 2:14, no
date given.
\textsuperscript{546} Sterling, Austin, and Champion, \textit{Newport Colonial Burial Grounds}, 123.
\textsuperscript{547} Webber, \textit{Southworth}, 255, says a Mary, daughter of Ardalissa, was born in Newport and
died young, perhaps confused with the Mary who was born in 1829. “Maria” is a different name.
The date 1806 is calculated from her age at death.
\textsuperscript{548} Cuyahoga County Death Records, Deaths 1884–1889, Deaths 1887–1890 [FHL
1,977,373], 697, pneumonia, born in Rhode Island; photograph of the gravestone online at
FindaGrave.com.
\textsuperscript{549} Barbour Collection, citing Colchester Vital Records, 2:231; Fred Q. Bowman, \textit{10,000 Vital
9, from the \textit{Albany Argus}, 16 May 1831.
Friday, June 11th, Lewis Aspinwall, aged 60 years, formerly of Albany, after a short illness”;
Green-Wood Cemetery, http://www.green-wood.com/, buried 13 June 1852, Section 72, Lot 5982;
photograph of a monument, saying only “Aspinwall,” online at FindaGrave.com.
\textsuperscript{551} U.K. and U.S. Directories, online at Ancestry.com, in bell foundry metal work.
\textsuperscript{553} Queens County Probate, Letters Testamentary, 5:124; Wills of Real Estate, 38:445; Maria
Aspinwall File.
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Children of Capt. John and Ardelissa (Southworth) Murfey:


In 1850 in New York Ward 15, George S. Murphey was 38, merchant, born in R.I., with Cordelia [sic] 33, born N.J., George W. 12, John H. 10, Cornelia 8, and William 6, all born in N.Y.[560] In the 1860 census her name is given as “Cornelia.”[561] In 1870 they were in Fishkill, Dutchess Co., N.Y., George 58, gentleman, born in R.I., and Cornelia 53, born in N.Y.[562] In 1880 in Westfield, Union Co., N.J., George was 62 [sic], a merchant, with wife Cornelia 61, “general debility,” and son William H., 33, salesman.[563]


In 1850 in Racine, Wisc., William A. Murphey was 35, a forwarding [___], $5000 in real estate, Ellen E. 30, born N.Y., James 6, born Ohio, and [William’s brother] Samuel S. 23, born Conn.[567] In 1860 in Racine, William A. was 47, no occupation given but $2000 in real and $1000 in personal estate with Ellen 42, born N.Y., and James C. 16, student, born Mich.[568] The 1870 census of Chicago has William Murphy, 56, retired coal merchant, Ellen 55,
both born in N.Y., and James Murphy 26, huckster, born Wisc. [sic]. In
1880 in Chicago, Wm. A. Murfey was 67, born R.I., Ellen E. 69, born N.Y.,
father and mother of James C. Murfey, 36, travelling salesman, born in Mich.,
Annie L. 20, born in Ireland, and Pauline, born in Ill. in Oct. 1879. Child:
1. James C. Murphy, born, probably Mich., ca. 1844; married Cook Co., Ill.,
9 Jan. 1879, Annie L. Connell.

viii. ELIZA ANN MURFEE, born Newport 14 Jan. 1814; died Cleveland, Cuyahoga
Co., Ohio, 15 March 1894; buried Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland; of
Colchester when married by Rev. Lyman Strong in Colchester on 1 Oct. 1834 to
JAMES F. CLARK of Cleveland, Ohio; died 21 Jan. 1884; buried Lake View
Cemetery. In 1880 in Cleveland, James F. was 71, born in N.Y., wife
Eliza A. 65, born R.I., daughter Emma Tyler 30, born in N.Y., and son-in-law
Washington A. Tyler, 40, manufacturer of wire, born in Conn.

ix. JOHN MURFEE, born Newport ca. 8 Sept. 1818; died 21 Aug. 1824 age 5 years
11 months 13 days; buried with his parents.

x. GARDNER BOWEN MURFEE, son of John, born Colchester, Connecticut, 3 Nov.
1820; died Thetford, Orange Co., Vt., 20 Dec. 1875 aged 55 years 1 month
17 days, a merchant; buried Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio; married Cleveland 16 June 1847, JULIANNA LATHAM, born Thetford,

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569 1870 U.S. Census, 3rd Ward, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., roll 199, p. 466.
570 1880 U.S. Census, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., roll 186, ED 27, p. 193C.
571 Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Cook County, vol. D, license #38951.
572 Webber, Southworth, 255.
573 Webber, Southworth, 255, says in Colchester; Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio, 16 March
1894, p. 6, “On Thursday, March 15, at her residence no. 552 Euclid Avenue, Eliza A. Clark,
widow of the late James F. Clark.”
574 Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com.
575 Barbour Collection, citing Colchester Vital Records, 2:271; Newport Mercury, 11 October
1834, p. 3, “At Colchester, (Conn.) on the 1st inst., Mr. James F. Clarke, of Cleveland (Ohio.) to
Miss Eliza A. Murfey, daughter of Capt. John Murfey, formerly of this town.”
576 Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio, 22 January 1884, p. 1, “James F. Clark ... was in his
seventy-ninth year. He came to this city in 1837 from Cooperstown, New York, and engaged in
the hardware business, having a store on Superior Street. He became President of the Ohio and
Pennsylvania Coal Company in 1867.... [more detail],” online at GenealogyBank.com.
577 Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com.
578 1880 U.S. Census, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, roll 1005, ED 13, p. 339A.
579 Webber, Southworth, 255, which says he died young.
580 Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, with his sister Mary.
581 Barbour Collection, citing Colchester Vital Records, 2:128; Webber, Southworth, 255,
says he was born in Newport.
582 Webber, Southworth, 255; Vermont, Vital Records, 1760–1954, image online at
FamilySearch.org, consumption, born Connecticut, his father John A. Murfey; Cleveland Leader,
Cleveland, Ohio, 21 December 1875, p. 5, “In Thetford, Vt., Monday, December 20th, Gardner B.
Murfey. “His remains will be brought to this city for interment.”
583 Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com.
584 “Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Marriage Records and Indexes, 1810–1973, image online at

xii. **SAMUEL SOUTHWORTH MURFEE**, son of John, born Colchester 8 Jan. 1825, died at his residence, 1614 Washington St., San Francisco, Calif., 16 May 1887, married San Francisco MARY PARISH, who was born in Penn., in Feb. 1844, daughter of Dr. Parrish of San Francisco, died Alameda, Alameda Co., Calif., 9 May 1916 aged 74.

Samuel went to Yale College and Law School and was U.S. Consul in the Sandwich Islands. In 1850 Samuel S. Murphey, age 23, was living with his brother William in Racine, Wisc. He went to San Francisco in 1853. In 1870 in San Francisco, Saml “Murpey” was age 40, b. Conn., an attorney at law with $10,000 in personal estate. Mary was 25, born Penn., Fanny 4, and Janette 2, both born Calif. In 1880 in San Francisco, Samuel Murfey was 42, a notary public, Mary 30, she and her parents born Penn., and daughter Frances W. 14, born Calif. Samuel’s obituary called him “the well-known Notary and Commissioner of Deeds.” In 1900 “Murfey, Mary Parrish,” born 1826.

585 Vermont State Vital Records, as “Julianna,” daughter of William Harris and Azubah (Jenks) Latham, from Thetford Vital Records, B:22, which also has her parents’ marriage on 18 October 1807 in Lyme, N.H. Webber, Southworth, 255, says simply “Julia Latham.”

586 Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com; Cleveland Leader, Cleveland, Ohio, 11 January 1913, p. 5, “Funeral services for Mrs. Gardner D. Murfey, ninety-two years old, who died at the home of her son Charles L. Murfey, Wednesday morning, were held at Wade Memorial Chapel Friday afternoon.... Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.”


588 Webber, Southworth, 255; Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio, 16 December 1899, p. 6, “On Thursday, Dec. 14th, at the residence of W. S. Tyler, 399 Euclid Ave., Frances C. Murfey, sister of the late Mrs. James F. Clarke. Burial private.”

589 Barbour Collection, citing Colchester Vital Records, 2:128; Record of the Class of 1846 in Yale College, A.D. 1871 (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1871), 50, says born 1826.


591 Webber, Southworth, 255, two daughters who died.

592 1900 and other censuses (see below).


594 California, Death Index, 1905–1939, online at Ancestry.com.

595 Record of the Class of 1846, 50; Webber, Southworth, 255, says only Yale College and a lawyer.

596 1850 U.S. Census, Racine, Racine Co., Wisc., roll 1004, p. 30, no occupation given.


599 1880 U.S. Census, San Francisco, roll 78, ED 198, p. 39A.

600 Evening Bulletin, San Francisco, 18 May 1887, p. 3.

601 1900 U.S. Census, San Francisco, roll 105, ED 222, p. 6A.
in Penn., was living alone in Alameda, Calif., a widow, mother of three, none living.\textsuperscript{602} Children:

1. \textit{Frances “Fanny” W. Murfey}, b. ca. 1866; d. before the 1900 census.
2. \textit{Jeanette Cecilia Murfey}, born ca. 4 Aug. 1868; died Alameda 30 Dec. 1873 age 5 years 4 months 26 days.\textsuperscript{603}
3. \textit{Mary Adelicia Murfey}, born ca. 6 Jan. 1871; died Alameda 8 Jan. 1874 age 3 years 4 days.\textsuperscript{604}

xiii. \textbf{Henry Murfey}, born Colchester 19 July 1827;\textsuperscript{605} probably died New York City in Feb. 1870 aged 48, a merchant, born in Conn.\textsuperscript{606} Henry Murfey, physician, lived at 1162 Broadway in 1869.\textsuperscript{607} He lived and died in New York City; married “late in life, a widow.”\textsuperscript{608}

xiv. \textbf{Mary Murfey}, born Colchester 7 Sept. 1829; died there 12 March 1831;\textsuperscript{609} age 1 year 6 months 5 days; buried with her parents.\textsuperscript{610}

\textsuperscript{602} 1910 U.S. Census, Alameda 6th Ward, Alameda Co., Calif., roll 69, ED 13, p. 16B.
\textsuperscript{603} \textit{Evening Bulletin}, San Francisco, 31 Dec. 1873, p. 3, “In Alameda, December 30, Jeanette Cecilia, second daughter of Samuel S. and Mary Parrish Murfey, aged 5 years 4 months and 26 days.”
\textsuperscript{604} \textit{Evening Bulletin}, San Francisco, 10 Jan. 1874, p. 3, “In Alameda Jan. 8, Mary Adelicia, third daughter of Samuel S. and Mary Parrish Murfey, aged 3 years and 4 days.”
\textsuperscript{605} Barbour Collection, citing Colchester Vital Records, 2:128.
\textsuperscript{606} \textit{U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850–1885}, online at Ancestry.com, cancer, married.
\textsuperscript{607} \textit{New York City Directory, 1869}, online at Ancestry.com.
\textsuperscript{608} Webber, \textit{Southworth}, 255.
\textsuperscript{609} Barbour Collection, citing Colchester Vital Records, 2:128.
\textsuperscript{610} Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com.
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JOHN MURPHY, MARINER, OF NEWPORT

There were at least three sea-faring men named John Murphy in eighteenth-century Newport, Rhode Island. An article treating early men named John, including a father and son, who were ships’ captains, was published in *Rhode Island Roots* in 2014.[611] This family appears in the previous section, with information on descendants not treated in the published article. The third John was simply a mariner, probably a mate who was wealthy enough to buy land.

1. This latter John Murphy was born perhaps about 1787.[612] However, two other sources say a John “Murphey” was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, on or about 1 or 6 October 1783.[613] Thus this John may have been a son of Smith Murphy of Westerly.[614] John died, probably at his home “in Cherry Street on the Point” in Newport on 20 or 23 November 1817 in his 31st year,[615] and he was buried in the Newport Common Burial Ground with his wife Thankful.[616] John “Murfee” was married by Rev. Michael Eddy of the First Baptist Church in Newport on 4 September 1806 to Thankful Briggs, both of Newport.[617] She was born in East Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island, on 29 August 1788, daughter of Amos and Thankful (Brown) Briggs.[618] Thankful Murphy, wife of John, died on 30 April 1838 in her 50th year and was buried with her husband.[619]

In 1800 in Newport, a John Murphy was age 16–25 with a female 16–25 and another 45 or over.[620] But the John of this section did not marry until 1806, so

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612 Joseph Stevens swore that John Murphey was born in 1787 (Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate). John’s age at death also suggests 1787.
613 Sworn by John Wilkey, who said 6 October, and by Amos Briggs who said 1 October (Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate), the latter also on FHL 893,748. Amos was probably John’s father-in-law.
614 Revolutionary War Pension, Smith Murphy, File S21896, Smith born in Westerly 8 January 1755. See the separate section on him below.
615 *Rhode Island Republican*, 26 November 1817, p. 3, “In this town, on Sunday morning last [i.e., 23 November], Mr. John Murphy, aged 30. His funeral will proceed from his late dwelling-house in Cherry Street on the Point, this afternoon, at 2 o’clock.”
617 First Baptist Church Records, Michael Eddy Marriages, original records at the Newport Historical Society.
619 Sterling, Austin, and Champion, *Newport Colonial Burial Grounds*, 24, says age 50 and names her parents, who are buried nearby; *Newport Mercury*, 12 May 1838, p. 3, “In this town on 30th ult, suddenly, Mrs. Thankful Murphy, widow of Mr. John Murphy, aged 52 [sic] years”; *Rhode Island Republican*, 16 May 1838, p. 3, has the same information.
620 1800 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 46, p. 260.
the household head in 1800 must have been the younger Captain John. The John Murphy of this section would probably have been living with his unidentified mother or in another family. If he were born in 1787, he would have been only thirteen years old. It seems unlikely that the man in 1800 was his family.

In 1810 at Newport, one of three John Murphys was 16–25 with a male and a female under 10 and a female 16–25. This matches John and Thankful’s family.

We cannot be certain that the following court cases did not involve the younger Captain John Murphy. In November 1812 John Murfy and John Dennis of Newport, mariners, took Gilbert Updike of North Kingston to court over a note dated 15 October 1811 for $325. Updike defaulted and Dennis ordered it to be paid to Murphy. In the same term John Murphy was plaintiff in three more cases, all of which he won. Then in the May 1813 term Benjamin W. Case of Newport, physician, demanded payment of a note for $44.42 from John Murphy.

On 8 March 1814, Constant Taber of Newport, Esq., and his wife Frances, sold for $500 to John Murfey, “now residing in Newport, mariner” land and a dwelling house on Easton’s Point. In May 1816 Constant Taber of Newport, Esq., was plaintiff versus John Murphy of Newport, mariner, for an action of trespass involving a house and lot in the second division of an allotment on Easton Point, bounding southerly on Cherry Street. And in November 1817 the case was still in court.

John Murphy paid for a coffin for Sarah Ann Briggs on 26 May 1816. The name Briggs suggests this John was the husband of Thankful (Briggs) Murphy.

In November 1814, John Murfey of Newport, mariner, sued John Williams of Newport, “a man of cloth,” for $25 in 1815 John of Newport, mariner, took Freeman M. Hoxsie to court for $40, and in November 1817 he recovered judgment against Freeman’s widow Rhoda.

In May term 1817 John Murfey of Newport, mariner, recovered judgment against Daniel Chace of Portsmouth, yeoman, for a note for $587.

A list of pew holders in the Second Congregational Church includes John Murfey in 1811–18 but not in 1819 or later. Perhaps this was the John who

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623 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 16:271.
624 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 16:352.
625 Newport Deeds, 13:46.
626 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 17:50, 222.
627 “Coffins by Job Townsend” (FHL 0,983,748), 24. Thankful did have a sister Sarah, born 3 September 1782 (Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1 [East Greenwich]:103), but no grave or newspaper notice of her death has been found.
628 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 16:508.
629 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 16:612; 17:243.
630 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 17:146.
died in 1817. Neither Captain John seems to have been associated with that church.

On 1 December 1817 Thankful “Murfey” of Newport, widow, prayed administration on the estate of her late husband, John Murfey, late of Newport, mariner. No other Murphys were listed in the estate.[632]

In 1820 at Newport, Thankfull “Murphey” was 26–44 with a female under 10 and one 16–25.[633] Job Townsend made a coffin for “Thankful Murphys grandchild” on 9 April 1828.[634]

In 1830 at Newport, Thankful Murphey was listed with a male 5–10, a female under 5, two females 20–29 and herself 40–49.[635] This probably included her daughter Mary Ann and her daughter Hannah.

Children of John and Thankful (Briggs) Murphy:

2. i. MARY ANN MURPHY, born Newport ca. 16 June 1808 (calculated); married WILLIAM MORAN [sic, Mauran].
   ii. ?Son, born ca. 1810? (a male under 10 in 1810, but not there in 1820).
3. iii. LOUISA C. MURPHY, born Newport ca. 31 March 1815 (calculated); married CHARLES H. SOUTHWICK.[636]

2. MARY ANN MURPHY was born in Newport about 16 June 1808. She died on Larner Street in Newport, on 23 January 1877 aged 68 years 7 months 7 days.[637] Mary Ann was married by Michael Eddy of the First Baptist Church in Newport on 15 June 1825 to WILLIAM MORAN [sic, Mauran?], both of Newport.[638] Although no record of a second marriage for Mary Ann appears, she evidently did have a relationship with an Alexander Brownell, unless she adopted the child Hannah. Hannah was possibly a daughter of Michael and Bridget Brownell,[639] but more likely of “Alexander” Brownell and Mary Ann Murphy.[640]

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631 Society Record, Second Congregational Church, 1733–1834, Newport Historical Society, 173, 175, 177, 180, 184, 185, 187, 189.
632 Newport Probate, 5:408, 421, 442, 447.
634 “Births and Deaths from Newport and Portsmouth, Rhode Island,” typescript (NSDAR, 1959), 34.
635 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 167, p. 31.
636 Rhode Island Republican, Thursday, 18 November 1824, p. 3, “On Sunday evening last ... Mr. Charles Southwick to Miss Louisa Murphy, both of this town.”
638 First Baptist Church Records, Michael Eddy Marriages; no newspaper notice found.
639 Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 64:658, marriage of Hannah and William F. Southwick, Hannah said to be daughter of Michael and Bridget Brownell. Her middle name is from her second marriage record.
640 The latter are named on her second marriage record. In 1850 she was probably the “Hannah Theodore” in Mary Ann (Murphy) Mauran’s household and in 1860 the Hannah Brownell, age 11, still with Mary Ann (see her).
In 1840 at Newport, Mary Ann “Morand” had a male 15–19, a female 10–14 and herself 30–39 in her household.\(^{641}\) In 1850 at Newport, Mary Ann Mauran was age 42 with [her niece] Mary L. Southwick 12 and Hannah Theodore [sic] \(^1\).\(^{642}\) In 1860 Mary A. Mauran, age 52, headed a household that included Mary L. Carlile 22, Emma L. Carlile 11 months, and Hannah Brownell age 11, all born R.I.\(^{643}\) In 1865 in Newport, Mary A. Moran 57, was living with [her son-in-law] William C. [sic] Southwick age 20, a butcher, with Hannah 16, and Mary A. 5 months.\(^{644}\) In 1870 Mary Mauran, age 62, was living with the family of Francis Albro, age 56, all born in Rhode Island.\(^{645}\) In 1875, Mary A. Moran, age 67, was listed as mother-in-law in the household of Enos G. [sic] and Hannah M. Peckham in Middletown, Newport County.\(^{646}\)

Child of Alexander Brownell and Mary Ann Murphy:

i. **HANNAH MARY BROWNELL**, b. Jan. 1850;\(^{647}\) m. (1) her first cousin, **WILLIAM F. SOUTHWICK** (see him below, 3.vii); m. (2) **ENOS PEABODY PECKHAM**.

3. **LOUISA C. MURPHY**, born Newport ca. 31 March 1815; died at 2 Greene Lane in Newport 11 June 1858 aged 43 years 2 months 11 days, a widow and a nurse, buried in Newport;\(^{648}\) married 14 November 1824, **CHARLES H. SOUTHWICK**.\(^{649}\) He was the son of Solomon and Sally (Herswell) Southwick, said to have died in 1833 in his 29th year and been buried in the Common Burial Ground in Newport,\(^{650}\) but the year of his death seems uncertain given the children below. Perhaps the stone actually says 1838. On the other hand, the later children are more likely Louisa’s by an unknown male. However, they named Charles as their father on vital records.

In 1830 in Newport, Charles H. Southwick and a female were 20–29 with a male under 5.\(^{651}\) Apparently one of their sons must have been living elsewhere, or he was not counted.

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\(^{641}\) 1840 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 504, p. 159.

\(^{642}\) 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 842, p. 403.

\(^{643}\) 1860 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1204, p. 218.

\(^{644}\) 1865 Rhode Island State Census, Newport, p. 97, online at AmericanAncestors.org.

\(^{645}\) 1870 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1472, p. 435.

\(^{646}\) 1875 Rhode Island State Census, Middletown, Newport County, p. 25, online at AmericanAncestors.org.

\(^{647}\) 1850 census (see above); 1900 census (see below).

\(^{648}\) Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 58:810, dropsy, daughter of John and Thankful Murphy.

\(^{649}\) Rhode Island Republican, Thursday, 18 November 1824, p. 3, “On Sunday evening last ... Mr. Charles Southwick to Miss Louisa Murphy, both of this town.”


\(^{651}\) 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 167, p. 42.
On 6 July 1840, Joseph Southwick was appointed guardian of Henry and Thomas Southwick, both under 14, children of Charles Southwick deceased. Solomon Southwick had petitioned, and the court ordered notice be given to Louisa Southwick, mother of said minors. She did not appear in court, and Joseph was appointed, giving bond with Solomon Southwick and Edward T. Williams. Thomas and Henry had an interest in a lot of land and house on the Long Wharf in Newport.[652] On 22 August 1839, Joseph Southwick, as guardian of Henry and Thomas Southwick, along with several others sold a lot on the north side of Long Wharf with buildings (Joseph acknowledged the deed as guardian on 17 Sept. 1840), and on 30 May 1840 the same parties sold land and a dwelling house on Long Wharf, both deeds to Joseph Southwick, Jr.[653] An account of Solomon Southwick’s probate (widow Sally declined administration), dated 19 August 1862, shows a payment to Thomas F. and Henry W. Southwick, “heirs at law.”[654]

In 1840 at Newport, Louisa Southwick, had a male under 5, one 5–9, one 20–29, three females under 5, and two 30–39.[655] In 1850 at Newport, Louisa Southwick was age 40 [sic], with Sarah E. 10, William 5, all born R.I., and Mary Grant, 22, born England.[656] Given her age, the family composition, the supposed death date of Charles in 1833, and the fact that only Henry and Thomas appear to be the heirs of Solomon Southwick, one might think this was a different Louisa Southwick. However, the informant for the death record of Thomas Fobes Southwick was his “sister” Sarah E. Carlisle, and Sarah’s own death record named her father as Charles Southwick. And the marriage record of the child William F. names his parents as Charles H. and Louisa C. Southwick.

Children of Charles H. and Louisa C. (Murphy) Southwick:

i. **Thomas Fobes Southwick**, born ca. 18 Dec. 1822 [sic, calculated] or ca. 1826 (under 14 in 1840) or later (his age varies wildly in censuses noted below); died Providence, R.I., 24 Feb. 1907 aged 74 years 2 months 6 days, a widower, buried Cranston, R.I.[657] m. North Providence 26 March 1851, Mrs. **Emma C. (Himes) Pierce**, b. Wickford, R.I., ca. 1811, daughter of George Himes.[658]

In 1860 in Attleborough, Mass., Thomas F. was 26 [sic], jeweler, Emma C. 29 [sic], with six others including three Pierces, probably Emma’s children.[659] In 1865 they were in North Attleborough, Thomas 33, jeweler,
Emma 55, and several others including two Pierces. In 1870 they were in Attleborough, Thomas 38, a fish peddler, Emma 58, and three others. In 1880 in Attleborough, “Thos. F.” was 59, working in a jewelry factory. In 1894 he was listed as a jeweler in North Attleborough, Mass.

ii. Possibly “Thankful Murphy’s grandchild” for whom Job Townsend made a coffin on 9 April 1828.

iii. HENRY WILLIAM SOUTHWICK, born Newport ca. Jan. 1829; died 24 Farewell St., Newport 24 April 1860 aged 31 years 3 months; listed with Solomon and Sally Southwick at Newport in 1850, age 20, laborer, deaf and dumb. In 1856 Henry W. Southwick, cooper, was living at 24 Farewell St. in Newport.

Children of Louisa C. (Murphy) Southwick, the father unknown.

iv. CHARLES H. SOUTHWICK, born ca. 1836; died Newport 15 Sept. 1871 age 36, a blacksmith, buried Newport Common Burial Ground, the stone erected by Co. F., 1st R.I. Regiment; married ca. 1861 REBECCA A. [?BLAIR], b. Nova Scotia Nov. 1844, d. 1924, bur. Lakeview Cemetery, Bridgeport, Conn.

In 1850 Charles H., age 14, was listed at Newport in the family of Solomon and Sally Southwick. He was probably the Charles Southwick, age 25, a blacksmith, born in R.I., listed in a boarding house in Bridgeport, Conn., in the 1860 census. Charles enlisted Company F on 17 April 1861 and was mustered out on 1 Aug. 1861. This man was still boarding in Bridgeport in 1870, age 32 [sic], a blacksmith, with Rebecca 26, b. Canada.

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660 1865 Massachusetts State Census, North Attleborough, Bristol County, household 80.
661 1870 U.S. Census, Attleborough, roll 603, p. 21A. The spelling of the town name was not changed to Attleboro until it became a city in 1914.
662 1880 U.S. Census, Attleborough, roll 523, ED 76, p. 369A.
664 “Births and Deaths from Newport and Portsmouth, Rhode Island,” typescript (NSDAR, 1959, 34.
666 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 842, p. 407.
668 The informant on the death record of Thomas Fobes Southwick was his “sister,” Sarah E. Carlisle. Her death record names her father as Charles Southwick.
669 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 71:1030, phthisis, married, age 36, no parents named, no middle initial given; Newport Mercury, 23 September 1871, p. 3, “In this city, 17th inst., Mr. Charles H. Southwick, in the 35th year of his age.”
670 Sterling, Austin, and Champion, Newport Colonial Burial Grounds, 15, says aged 34.
671 Civil War pension index (see below). Her maiden name is from an entry on Family Tree at FamilySearch.org.
672 1900 census (see below).
674 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 842, p. 407.
working in a sewing machine factory, and Mary J. 7. In 1880 Rebecca, b. Nova Scotia, was in Bridgeport, age 34, no occupation, with Mary J. 16, clerk in a store. Charles’ widow, Rebecca A. Southwick, filed for a Civil War pension on 6 Aug. 1890. In 1900 she was still in Bridgeport, age 55, running a boarding house. She had come to the U.S. in 1852.

Child of Charles and Rebecca A. (Blair?) Southwick:

1. Mary J. Southwick, b. Conn., probably Bridgeport, Feb. 1862; d. 1930, bur. Lakeview Cemetery in Bridgeport; m. ca. 1883 John W. Ferrett, b. R.I. May 1858; d. 1915, bur. Lakeview Cemetery. In 1900 in Bridgeport, John W. was 42, a marine engineer, m. 17 years to Mary J., mother of three children, Charles A. b. Aug. 1886, Robert M. b. March 1888, and John W., b. April 1889.


They evidently separated temporarily, as in 1860 Mary L. “Carlile,” age 22 and Emma L. Carlile, 11 months, were living with Mary’s aunt Mary “Mauran.” In 1865 in Newport, Charles H. Carlile was 26, a gardener, with Mary L. 27, Emma L. 6, Margaret H. 5 days old, Matilda 15, and Jane Peckham 18.

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677 1870 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, roll 96, p. 104B.
678 1880 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, roll 95, ED 113, p. 582D.
680 1900 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, roll 132, ED 49, p. 8A.
681 1900 census (see below).
682 Hale Collection, Bridgeport, 744.
683 1900 census (see below).
684 1900 census (see below).
685 Hale Collection, Bridgeport, 744.
686 1900 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, roll 132, ED 49, p. 8B.
687 1900 census (see below); see above under Louisa’s sister Mary Ann in the 1850 census; age 20 at marriage in 1858.
688 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 1912, p. 49, manic depression, insanity, carcinoma of the liver, her parents not named. This is the same as the Newport Common Burial Ground, Rhode Island Historical Cemetery Commission, online at Ancestry.com.
689 Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 58:490, naming Mary’s parents as Charles H. and Louisa C. The name is sometimes spelled Carlile, but it is “Carlisle.” on their gravestone.
690 1889 Newport directory, Rhode Island City Directories, database online at Ancestry.com; Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 88:581, cirrhosis of the liver and heart disease, a paper hanger.
691 Rhode Island Historical Cemetery Commission, online at Ancestry.com.
693 1865 Rhode Island State Census, Newport, p. 96, online at AmericanAncestors.org.
Not found in 1870, in 1875 in Newport, Charles Carlisle was 35, a butcher, with Mary 36, Emma 16, Margey 10, and Matilda 3.\textsuperscript{694}

Not found in 1880, in 1881 Charles H. Carlisle was a painter, living on Sherman’s Wharf in Newport and in 1888 at 28 Hall.\textsuperscript{695} In 1900 Mary Carlisle, b. March 1838, was in the State Hospital for the Insane in Cranston,\textsuperscript{696} and she was still there in 1910, age 72, mother of three children, all living.\textsuperscript{697}

Children of Charles H. and Mary L. (Southwick) Carlisle:
1. Emma L. Carlisle, b. Newport 9 July 1859;\textsuperscript{698} d. 13 March 1944;\textsuperscript{699} m. Coventry, R.I., 31 July 1778, James Frederick Fielding;\textsuperscript{700} b. Woonsocket, R.I., then part of the town of Cumberland, 31 Aug. 1855,\textsuperscript{701} son of Joshua and Jane (Ashworth) Fielding.\textsuperscript{702} d. Newport 16 Nov. 1940 aged 84, bur. from Trinity Church in Island Cemetery, Newport.\textsuperscript{703} In 1880 in Newport, James Fielding was 23, Emma 21, and daughter Hattie S. 1.\textsuperscript{704} In 1922, James F. Fielding, painter, and wife Emma L. were living at 9 Dean St. in Newport.\textsuperscript{705} On 9 July 1934, “Mrs. James Fielding celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday at her home on Dean Avenue” in Newport.\textsuperscript{706}


\textsuperscript{694} 1875 Rhode Island State Census, Newport, p. 4, online at AmericanAncestors.org.
\textsuperscript{695} Rhode Island City Directories, database online at Ancestry.com.
\textsuperscript{696} 1900 U.S. Census, Cranston, Providence County, Rhode Island, roll 1510, ED 245, p. 8A.
\textsuperscript{697} 1910 U.S. Census, Cranston, roll 1438, ED 87, p. 21A.
\textsuperscript{698} Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 59-90, Charles a blacksmith.
\textsuperscript{700} Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 78:518.
\textsuperscript{701} Rhode Island State Vital Records, Births, 55:292, his parents both born in Ireland; the place from his obituary and children’s births. In 1860 in Blackstone, Massachusetts, Joshua Fielding was 45 and wife Jane 49, both b. England, with five children including James age 10, b. R.I. (1860 U.S. Census, Blackstone, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 529, p. 324.) However, in 1850 Joshua Fielding in Blackstone was 34, born in England, spinner, living with no wife in a boarding house.
\textsuperscript{702} Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 78:518, his age, 23 [sic], birthplace and parents given. The name looks like Fieldsend but must be Fielding. There is no record of his birth in Blackstone. His mother’s maiden name is from his death record. According to the 1860 census, cited above, his parents must have married in England.
\textsuperscript{703} Rhode Island Deaths and Burials, 1802–1950, online at FamilySearch, citing FHL 1,955,372; obituary, Newport Weekly and Daily News, 22 November 1940, p. 3, online at Ancestry.com, naming three children and several grandchildren.
\textsuperscript{704} 1880 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1210, ED 94, p. 188D.
\textsuperscript{705} U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, online at Ancestry.com
\textsuperscript{706} Newport Weekly and Daily News, 13 July 1834, p. 5, online at Ancestry.com. This mentions her husband, names three children, and mentions grandchildren.
\textsuperscript{707} Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 65:68, Charles a butcher.


vi. Sarah Elizabeth Southwick, born Newport ca. 10 April 1840; d. Cranston 30 June 1911 aged 71 years 2 months 20 days, bur. Oakland Cemetery in Cranston; married by Rev. Henry Jackson of the Central Baptist Church, Newport, 1 Nov. 1854 to Robert Carlisle, Jr., of Newport, teamster, son of Robert and Elizabeth Ann (Weeden) Carlisle, born there in April 1835, died Cranston 30 Aug. 1918 aged 83, bur. Oakland Cemetery. In 1865 they were in Middletown, Newport Co., Robert 30, a laborer, with Sarah E. 25, William H. 9, Thomas F. 7, and Sarah E. 2. In 1870 in North Providence, Robert was 35, working in a lumber yard, with Sarah E. 30, William H. 14, Thomas F. 12, Sarah E. 7, and Minnie M. 6 months old.

vi. Sarah Elizabeth Southwick, born Newport ca. 10 April 1840; d. Cranston 30 June 1911 aged 71 years 2 months 20 days, bur. Oakland Cemetery in Cranston; married by Rev. Henry Jackson of the Central Baptist Church, Newport, 1 Nov. 1854 to Robert Carlisle, Jr., of Newport, teamster, son of Robert and Elizabeth Ann (Weeden) Carlisle, born there in April 1835, died Cranston 30 Aug. 1918 aged 83, bur. Oakland Cemetery. In 1865 they were in Middletown, Newport Co., Robert 30, a laborer, with Sarah E. 25, William H. 9, Thomas F. 7, and Sarah E. 2. In 1870 in North Providence, Robert was 35, working in a lumber yard, with Sarah E. 30, William H. 14, Thomas F. 12, Sarah E. 7, and Minnie M. 6 months old.
1875, back in Newport, Robert was 40, a surveyor, with Sarah E. 35, William H. 19, Thomas F. 17, Sarah E. 12, and Mary A. 5.\[725\]

In 1880 at Providence, Robert Carlisle was 45, a lumber surveyor, with Sarah E. 40, son Thomas F. 22, and daughters Sarah E. 17 and Minnie M., 11.\[726\] In 1900 there, Robert was 65, born April 1835, a gardener, married 45 years to Sarah E., born April 1840, mother of five, four living.\[727\] In 1910 they were in Cranston, R.I., Robert 75, living on “own income,” married 54 years to Sarah age 70, mother of five, two living.\[728\]

Children of Robert and Sarah Elizabeth (Southwick) Carlisle:


2. Thomas F. Carlisle, b. Newport 19 Feb. 1858;\[731\] d. 3 Dec. 1928 aged 70;\[732\] m. Providence 16 April 1883, Ida Estella Butts, of Danielson, Conn., b. Killingly, Conn., April 1859, daughter of Horace and Delia (___) Butts, age 27.\[733\] In 1900 in Providence, Thomas was 43, “jeweler (gold plater),” m. 17 years to Ida E. 41, mother of two, Lucy E. b. Feb. 1885 and Harold W. b. Dec. 1886.\[734\] In 1830 Ida E., widow, was living in Providence, age 70, with her daughter Lucy E., 45.\[735\]

3 Sarah Elizabeth Carlisle, b. Middletown 17 April 1863;\[736\] m. Providence 3 Nov. 1880, Leander Joseph Shaw of Providence, jeweler, age 23, son of Leander and Mary (___) Shaw, b. Providence\[737\] ca. 1867. In 1910 in Cranston, Leander J. Shaw was 53, superintendent in a jewelry company, with Sarah E. 47, mother of one, who was living, and her parents.\[738\]

4. Minnie M. or Mary A. Carlisle, b. North Providence 7 Dec. 1869.\[739\]

5. Robert Merrill Carlisle, b. Providence 16 July 1878;\[740\] d. 788 Eddy St., Providence 26 March 1879, age 8 months 10 days.\[741\]

vii. William F. Southwick, born Newport ca. 1844; d. Newport 8 July 1871 in his 27th year;\[742\] married by Rev. Edward A. Lyon of the Thames St. M.E. Church, 

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\[725\] 1875 Rhode Island State Census, Newport, p. 128, online at AmericanAncestors.org.

\[726\] 1880 U.S. Census, Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, roll 1213, ED 51, p. 345A.

\[727\] 1900 U.S. Census, Providence, roll 1507, ED 57, p. 17A.

\[728\] 1910 U.S. Census, Cranston, Providence County, Rhode Island, roll 1438, ED 78, p. 12A.

\[729\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 56:62, an unnamed male child; his full middle name from his death record.

\[730\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, Cranston, 1901, p. 31, general paralysis of the insane.

\[731\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 58:86, called the second child.

\[732\] Rhode Island, Deaths, 1630–1930, online at Ancestry.com, no town given.

\[733\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 83:482, naming parents and birthplace; her birthdate from the 1900 census (see below). Danielson is a borough in Killingly.

\[734\] 1900 U.S. Census, Providence, roll 1507, ED 54, p. 18B.

\[735\] 1930 U.S. Census, Providence, roll 2178, ED 52, p. 23A.

\[736\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 63:53, third child.

\[737\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 80:920, naming parents.

\[738\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 69:186, called the fourth child.

\[739\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 78:458, called the fifth child.

\[740\] Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 79:1230, pneumonia.
Newport, 29 May 1864 to Hannah Mary Brownell, his first cousin (see 2.i above), born Newport Jan. 1850, died Newport 22 Sept. 1904 age 55. [743] Hannah married (2) Newport 3 July 1873, Enos Peabody Peckham of Middletown, age 22, born Newport, 10 November 1850, son of Richard H. and Nancy Hoar (Peabody) Peckham, a blacksmith; [744] d. probably 4 Jan. 1921. [745]

In 1860, William Southwick, age 15, was in Newport living in the family of Gideon and Julia Anthony. [746] In 1865 in Newport, William C. [sic] Southwick was 20, a butcher, with Hannah 16, Mary A. 5 months, and [his mother-in-law] Mary A. Moran 57. [747] In 1870 in Newport, Wm F. was 25, a butcher, with Hannah, 21, Mary A. 5, Willie 3, and Louisa 1. [748]

In 1875, Enos G. [sic] Peckham was in Middletown, age 24, farmer, with Hannah M. 25, housekeeper, Richard H. 1, and mother-in-law Mary A. Moran, 67. [749] In 1880 in Middletown, Enos P. was 29, a farm laborer, listed just below his parents. Hannah M. was 30, Richard H. 6, and Alfred A. 2. [750] They were still there in 1900, Enos b. Nov. 1850, a blacksmith, Hannah M. 50, born Jan. 1850, mother of eight children, four living. With them were Alfred A. 22, “Malville” B. 18, both teamsters, Ethel M. 11, daughter-in-law Lena A. 27, b. Aug. 1872, and grandson Oswell C. 1, b. April 1899. [751]

Enos’ will was contested but resolved in court in October 1922. [752]

Children of William F. and Hannah Mary (Brownell) Southwick, born in Newport:

1. Mary Ann Southwick, b. 8 Jan. 1865; [753] d. Newport 26 or 28 Nov. 1872 aged 7 years 6 months [sic]. [754]

2. Willie F. Southwick, b. ca. 1862; d. 26 or 28 Nov. 1872. [755]

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742 Newport Mercury, 15 July 1871, p. 3, “In this city, 8th inst., William F. Southwick, in the 27th year of his age”; not recorded in Rhode Island Vital Records.
743 Rhode Island Vital Records, Newport, Deaths, 1904, p. 78.
745 Endicott Family Tree online at Ancestry.com
746 1860 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 1204, p. 221.
747 1865 Rhode Island State Census, Newport, p. 97, online at AmericanAncestors.org.
748 1870 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1472, p. 435A. Listed next to the Francis Albro household where Hannah’s mother Mary (Southwick) Mauran was living.
749 1875 Rhode Island State Census, Middletown, p. 25, online at AmericanAncestors.org.
750 1880 U.S. Census, Middletown, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 1210, ED 86, p. 21D.
751 1900 U.S. Census, Middletown, roll 1505, ED 219, p. 1B. Evidently the two stillborn children were not counted.
752 Newport Mercury, 14 October 1922, online at Ancestry.com.
753 Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 65:66, first child, her mother’s maiden name Brownell.
754 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 72:1080, 28 November, scarlatina maligna; Newport Mercury, 30 November 1872, p. 3, on 26 Nov. 1872, “Mary Ann, aged 7 years; and Willie F., aged 5 years, children of the late William and Mrs. Hannah Southwick” died.
755 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 72:1808, 28 November, scarlatina maligna, Newport Mercury, 30 November 1872, p. 3, on 26 Nov. 1872, “Mary Ann, aged 7 years; and Willie F., aged 5 years, children of the late William and Mrs. Hannah Southwick” died.
3. Sarah Louise Southwick, b. 25 May 1869.[756] Children of Enos Peabody and Hannah Mary (Brownell) (Southwick) Peckham:

4. Richard Henry Peckham, b. Newport 1 May 1874;[757] d. Middletown 24 Sept. 1948, aged 75, bur. Braman Cemetery in Newport;[758] m. Newport 21 July 1896 Catherine "Katie" J. Robinson,[759] b. Ireland in June 1877 [sic].[760] d. Newport 13 Jan. 1926, aged 51.[761] In 1900 in Ward 3 of Newport, Richard was 26, expressman, m. four years to Katie J. 23, mother of two, Alfred E. [sic] 2, b. Nov. 1897, and Catherine M. 1, b. May 1899.[762] In 1910 Richard M. [sic] was 36, building wrecker, married 13 years to Katharine 34, mother of eight, six living, with Arthur E. [sic] 12, Katharine M. 10, Richard H. 9, Francis 6, Harold 5, and Theodore 3.[763] When he registered for the draft in 1918, Richard Henry was a farmer on Aquidneck Ave., in Middletown, his closest relative named Catherine Peckham. He was also named as father on the draft registration of Richard Henry Peckham Jr. at the same address, b. 14 July 1900.[764] In 1920 on Aquidneck Ave. in Middletown, Richard H. was 45, a general laborer, with Catherine P. 44, Frank 16, Harold R. 14, Theodore R. 12.[765] In 1930, a Richard “S.” Peckham was at 321 Aquidneck Ave. in Middletown, age 56, widowed, in building wrecking.[766] In 1940 he was still on Aquidneck Ave. in Middletown, age 69, no occupation, with housekeeper Melvina S. Wood 50.[767]

5. Unnamed female child, b. Newport 9 Oct 1876;[768] must have d. before the 1880 census.

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757 Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 74:76, called first child.
758 Newport Weekly and Daily News, 1 October 1948, p. 3, naming his parents and five children, Mrs. Felix Brown and Harold Peckham of Middletown, Richard Peckham of Edgewater, New Jersey, and Frank and Theodore Peckham of Newport; also two brothers, Alfred E. Peckham of Little Compton and Melville Peckham of Newport, and a sister Mrs. Ethel M. Elwood of Jacksonville, Florida.
759 Rhode Island Marriages, 1724–1916, online at FamilySearch.org.
760 1900 census (see below). A family tree at Ancestry.com says Catherine J. Robinson was born 29 January 1875 in “Ballymore, Cork, Westmeath, Ireland.” See this tree for more detail on the children.
761 Newport Mercury, 16 January 1926, p. 4.
762 1900 U.S. Census, Ward 3, Newport, roll 1505, ED 218, p. 17B.
763 1910 U.S. Census, Ward 2, Newport, roll 1437, ED 41, p. 10B. T. T. Peckham, a “wrecker,” was born in Middletown on 1 April 1907 and died “this morning,” aged 64, leaving his wife Abbie Murphy Peckham, his brother Harold Peckham, and sister Catherine Brown, both of Middletown (Newport Mercury and Weekly News, 23 July 1971, p. 3).
766 1930 U.S. Census, Middletown, roll 2169, ED 7, p. 15B.
767 1940 U.S. Census, Middletown, roll 3760, ED 3-13, p. 25B.
768 Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 76:86, called second child.
6. Alfred A. Peckham, b. Newport 20 Dec. 1877.\footnote{769} He must be the brother Frederick A. Peckham named in his brother Melville’s obituary. He m. ca. 1899 Lena Clarke, b. R.I. Aug. 1872,\footnote{770} daughter of Oswell Clarke, who d. 28 Sept. 1935, when her cottage at Fogland Point “on the Tiverton shore of Seacoonet River” was swept away.\footnote{771} In 1900 they had a son Oswell C. Peckham, b. April 1899.\footnote{772}

7. Unnamed male child, b. Middletown 23 Nov. 1879; stillborn.\footnote{773}

8. Unnamed female child, b. Middletown 12 Oct. 1880; stillborn.\footnote{774}

9. Melville Bull Peckham, b. Middletown 6 Jan. 1882;\footnote{775} d. Newport 18 April 1951 aged 68;\footnote{776} m. (1) Lena Clarke Hull,\footnote{777} b. Jamestown, R.I., 18 April 1883,\footnote{778} d. 12 April 1946 aged 63, daughter of James D. and Charlotte Hull;\footnote{779} divorced.\footnote{780} Melville m. (2) before 1918 Margaret Anna Bardsley or Burgess, probably the daughter of William A. and Esther G. Burgess.\footnote{782} In 1910 he was living in a boarding house in Newport, married once for four years but no wife listed with him.\footnote{783} He was living at 24 Perry St. in Newport, driver for the Newport Ice Co., when he registered for the draft in 1918.\footnote{784} In 1920 Melville B. was 38, expressman, with wife Margaret 27 and daughter Margaret E. age 1 year 4 months.\footnote{785} In 1942 they were living on Keeher Ave. in Newport.\footnote{786}


\footnote{769} Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 77:86, called second child.
\footnote{770} 1900 census (see above); her birth not found in Rhode Island Vital Records.
\footnote{771} *Newport Messenger and Weekly News*, Friday, 30 September 1935, p. 3, called wife of Frederick Peckham.
\footnote{772} 1900 census (see above).
\footnote{773} Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 79:70; Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 79:1002, first accident to mother.
\footnote{774} Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 80:70, called fifth child; Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 80:1034, premature birth.
\footnote{775} Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 82:66, called sixth child.
\footnote{777} 1910 census (see above); 1920 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1670, ED 51, p. 11B; obituary of their son Melville B. Peckham (*Newport Messenger and Weekly News*, 7 April 1972, p. 2).
\footnote{778} Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 83:39.
\footnote{779} Obituary of Mrs. Lena Peckham, *Newport Messenger and Weekly News*, Friday 26 April 1946, p. 3.
\footnote{780} 1920 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1670, ED 51, p. 11B.
\footnote{781} *U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, online at Ancestry.com
\footnote{782} Obituary of Esther G. Burgess, *Newport Messenger and Weekly News*, 14 March 1941, p. 3, which names their daughter Mrs. Melville B. Peckham. However, Melville’s 1951 obituary calls her Margaret A. Bardsley Peckham. This says she died several years previously.
\footnote{783} 1910 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1437, ED 44, p. 12A.
\footnote{784} *U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*.
\footnote{785} 1920 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1670, ED 50, p. 3B, his mother born in England [sic].
\footnote{786} *U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942*.
\footnote{787} Rhode Island Vital Records, Births, 89:52, called twelfth child [sic].
ELIZABETH “BETSEY” (MURPHY) READ

ELIZABETH “BETSEY” MURPHY was born, probably in Massachusetts,[788] on 17 December 1780.[789] She died in Newport on 8 June 1867[790] or 10 June 1867 in her 87th year,[791] and was buried in the Island Cemetery in Newport.[792] She was probably, but not certainly, the daughter of Captain John Murphy. Three links: the name Penelope for a child (a Penelope Murphy witnessed a 1784 deed of John Murphy of Newport and Mary his wife),[793] that Elizabeth said in 1860 that she was born in Massachusetts (Capt. John was living in Freetown in 1781), and Elizabeth’s son John M. Read may have been named John Murphy Read.

Elizabeth Murphy married in Newport on 1 September 1795, ELEAZER READ, JR.[794] He was born in Newport on 20 August 1774,[795] son of Eleazer and Mary (Atwood) Read.[796] He “died at sea” on 20 February 1817 aged 43,[797] called Eleazer, Jr., in the newspaper notice of his death.[798] He was buried with Elizabeth and near his parents.[799]

On 26 October 1799 Eleazer Read 3d of Newport, housewright, purchased a lot and dwelling house there from Elizabeth Heffernan for $300.[800]

789 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 (Newport):110, “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62 (FHL 0,944,994), which is a record of this whole Read family, copied from a family Bible owned by the son Oliver Read in 1860 and “Recorded Newport, March 17, 1871 by Benjamin Marsh, 2d, City Clerk.”
790 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62.
791 Providence Evening Press, 13 June 1867, p. 3, “READ – in Newport, 10th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Read, in the 87th year of her age”; the same in the Newport Mercury, 15 June 1867, p. 3, “in this city....”
792 Alden G. Beaman, Inscriptions from Island Cemetery, Newport,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 8 (1986):230, widow of Eleazer, born 1780, but most of the stone underground; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, online at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rigenweb/cemetery/cemetery298.html.
793 Bristol County, Massachusetts, Deeds, 62:383.
794 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62; Michael Eddy Marriages, First Baptist Church, Newport, original record at the Newport Historical Society, says “Betsey Murfee” and 11 September.
797 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62.
798 Rhode Island Republican, 12 March 1817, p. 3, “On the 20th ult. on his passage from Georgetown to New-York, Mr. Eleazer Reed Jr. of this town, a worthy and respectable citizen.”
799 Beaman, Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 8 (1986):230; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project Index.
800 Newport Deeds, 7:119. Eleazer’s father and grandfather, both Eleazers, were living.
In 1800 at Newport there were two men named Eleazer “Reed.” One was 45 or over, and the younger man, who was 26–44, had only a female under 10, one 26–44, and one 45 or over,[801] which fits this family fairly well. The oldest female in the second household could have been Elizabeth’s mother, or it could have been another relative or a servant. On 10 October 1803 Eleazer Read, miller, and Elizabeth [sic] his wife, with John Read, mariner and Tryphena his wife, and William Read, laborer, and Rebecca his wife, all of Newport, sold for $900 to Anthony Willbour of Newport, yeoman, six and three-eighths acres, “estate that our father Eleazer Read, dec[eased] purchased of John Wanton and Mary his wife and by him devised to us by his will.”[802] Since Eleazer Jr.’s father lived until 1826, the deed refers to the estate of his grandfather, who died on 9 April 1803 in his 75th year.[803]

In 1810 at Newport, Eleazer Read, Jun’, had three males under 10, himself 26–44, a female under 10, one 10–15, and one 26–44.[804] On 24 August 1811 Eleazer Read, Jr., housewright, purchased from Dorothy Carter of Newport, widow, for $20, an adjacent strip of land measuring 4’ x 24’.[805] However, Eleazer also apparently kept a store:[806]

He also “carried on a mercantile business in South Carolina.”[807]

On 1 September 1817 Elizabeth Read petitioned to administer her late husband Eleazer Read, Jr.’s estate, which was granted on 3 September. Besides $1600 cash on hand and other items, his inventory included fifty barrels of pitch, tar, and

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801 1800 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport Co., R.I., roll 46, p. 251 (the elder Eleazer), 262 (the younger Eleazer).
803 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:61; *Newport Mercury*, 26 April 1803, p. 3, “At Exeter [R.I.], Mr. Eleazer Read, formerly of this town, in the 75th year of his age.” Oddly, in his family record Oliver Read refers to this man as his grandfather, not his great-grandfather and omits a generation. Perhaps the term “great-grandfather” was not familiar at the time, and “grandfather” covered all male grandparents.
804 1810 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 59, p. 45.
805 Newport Deeds, 12:190.
806 *Newport Mercury*, 17 August 1816, p. 4.
807 *Representative Men and Old Families*, 1:619.
turpentine and eight kegs of paint. On 25 June 1818 Elizabeth, widow, was made guardian of Elizabeth M. and Oliver, who were of age to choose a guardian, and of Samuel, Henry, Catharine, Eleazer, Mary, and Phebe Ann, who were too young to choose.

Elizabeth Read was listed at Newport in 1820 with three males, one under 10, one 10–15, one 16–18, and two 16–25. There were also two females under 10, one 10–15, one 16–25, and herself 26–44, which fits the family perfectly. Eleazer’s father’s will, dated 22 July 1826 and proved at Newport 1 January 1827, named his wife Mary and sons including Eleazer, Jr., deceased. Grandchildren, children of Eleazer, Jr., included Oliver, Samuel M., Henry, and Eleazer James Read, Elizabeth Boon, and Catherine, Phebe Ann, and Mary Read.

In 1830 at Newport, Elizabeth had a male 15–19 and females 10–14, 15–19, 20–29, and herself 50–59. On 26 August 1839 for $650, James Boone and Elizabeth M. Boone his wife, and Oliver Read of Newport; Samuel M. Read of Warren, Rhode Island; William F. Smith and Catherine his wife; Eleazer J. Read, Mary M. Read, and Phebe Ann Read, singlewomen, all of Newport, sold to John Stevens of Newport, merchant, a lot and dwellinghouse on Charles Street, “an estate which was conveyed to our father Eleazer Read junior dec.,” by deeds from Elisabeth Heffernan and Dorothy Carter. Elizabeth Read, widow of Eleazer Read, Jr., quitclaimed along with Sylvina B., wife of Samuel M., and Mary Ann, wife of Eleazer J., each for $1.

In 1840 there were two women named Elizabeth Read listed at Newport. This Elizabeth must be the one who had two males 15–19, one 30–39, two females 20–29 and herself 50–59, as she would not be turning 60 until December. The males were probably her widowed son Oliver and two of his children.

In 1850 at Newport, Elizabeth Read was age 69, born in Rhode Island, with only Phebe Ann Read, age 33, living with her, both born in Rhode Island but owning no real estate.

In 1860 at Newport, Elizabeth was 78, born in Massachusetts and owning $2000 in real estate, with Phebe A. 43, still unmarried.

Children of Eleazer and Elizabeth (Murphy) Read:

i. **Oliver Read**, born 18 May 1797; died 20 Sept. 1798; buried in the Island Cemetery.

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808 Newport Probate, 5:390, 417.
809 Newport Probate, 5:444.
812 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 169, p. 38.
813 Newport Deeds, 23:229.
814 1840 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 504, p. 164. The other Elizabeth Read was age 40–50.
817 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62.
ii. **Elizabeth M. Read**, born 28 Aug. 1798; died on Martin St. in Newport 4 Aug. 1877 aged 78 years 11 months 6 days, buried Island Cemetery with her husband and next to her brother Oliver; married ca. 21 Oct. 1820, Capt. **James Boone**, born ca. 27 Sept. 1793 (calculated), died 20 Feb. 1843 aged 49 years 4 months 24 days, buried Island Cemetery. 

James Boone was elected colonel of the Artillery Co. in Newport on 28 April 1828. 

Elizabeth’s grandmother Mary Read’s will, dated 5 March 1852, proved 4 April 1853, names, without relationships, Eleazer J. Read and Eliza M. Boone, widow of the late James Boone of Newport. In 1850 at Newport, Eliza M. Boone, 52, headed a family of four children, John 20, tailor, Sarah 17, Oliver R. 13, and George T. 11. Counted as a separate household in the same dwelling was Mary Read, age 76, surely Eliza’s grandmother.

iii. **Penelope Read**, born 10 March 1800; died 1 Oct. 1800; buried Island Cemetery.


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818 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project.

819 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62.

820 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 77:1012, icturna gravis or gravior, widow, born Newport, called “Eliza M.,” daughter of “Elizer” and Elizabeth Read.

821 Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 8 (1986):230; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project.

822 Newport Mercury, 21 Oct. 1820, p. 3, “By the Rev. Mr. Webb, Capt. James Boon to Miss Elizabeth M. Read, daughter of the late Mr. Eleazer Read Jun of this town.”

823 Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 8 (1986):230; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project, called “Col.”; his birth not found in Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island.

824 Rhode Island Republican, 1 May 1828, p. 2.

825 Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 13 (1990):54, from Newport Probate 17:84.


827 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62.

828 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project.

829 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62–63, from “Record of the family of Oliver Read, son of Eleazer, Jr.,” which does not have the middle initial “H.”; Bayles, History of Newport County, 603; his middle initial from the Newport Mercury notice of his second marriage.

830 Bayles, History of Newport County, 604; Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 83:608e, the cause unknown, son of Eleazer and Elizabeth, married, a broker, born Newport.

831 Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 8 (1986):230; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project.

832 Bayles, History of Newport County, 604; “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:63; Rhode Island Republican, Wed., 4 Dec. 1822, p. 3, “In this town, on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Elton, Mr. Oliver Read, to Miss Clarrissa Gardner, both of this town.”

833 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:63;

834 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:63;

A nice biography of Oliver includes the information that he lived at Georgetown, S.Car., for twenty-one years “first as clerk and later as proprietor of a profitable business enterprise,” then returned to Newport and “became early identified with the whaling business.” He also dealt in real estate. He belonged to the Second Baptist Church at Newport.[842]

In 1850 at Newport, Oliver was age 49, a “tax gatherer” with $2000 in real estate. Catherine H. was 39, Henry 23, boat builder, Edwin O. 21, clerk, Clarisa R. Boone 13, all born in R.I., and Oliver C. Read, 8 months, born in N.Y.[843] In 1860 at Newport, Oliver was 58, a merchant with $10,220 in real and $6000 in personal estate. Catharine H. was 47, and Oliver C., born in N.Y., was age 10.[844] In 1870 only Oliver, age 67, and Catharine H. 56 were in the household with two servants, Oliver a broker with $9500 in real and $20,000 in personal estate.[845] In 1880 at Newport, Oliver was 78, a broker, with wife “Katherine” 66.[846]

Oliver’s will, dated 8 March 1879 and proved on 9 July 1883, gave his wife Catherine H. their house on the corner of Bull St. and Central Court in the Second Ward in Newport. Son Henry was living in Los Angeles, grandson Oliver C. Read in Buffalo, son William G. in New York City, and Edwin O. was in Brooklyn. He also named his sister Catherine, widow of William F. Smith and nephew Oliver R. Boone of Providence, R.I.[847] Children[848] born Newport:

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835 Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 8 (1986):230; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project.
836 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:63, copy in Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 (Newport):57, which says 1 Dec. 1842, obviously an error, and does not name her father, but the original in C:63 says 6 July 1840.
837 Bayles, History of Newport County, 604; Newport Mercury, Sat., 11 July 1840, p. 3, “On Monday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Dumont, Mr. Oliver H. Read to Miss Catherine, daughter of Mr. Edward Hammett, all of this town.” Her mother’s name is from her death record.
838 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:63.
839 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 8:405. “Amy” could have been misread as “Anna.”
840 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 1901, 70, senile asthenia, widow, born Newport, daughter of Edward and Amy L. Hammett.
841 Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 8 (1986):230; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project.
842 Bayles, History of Newport County, 603–04.
843 1850 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport Co., R.I., roll 842, p. 336. Oliver C. was the son of Oliver’s son William Gardiner Read, his mother having recently died (“Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:64).
846 1880 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1210, ED 92, p. 153D.
847 Newport Probate, 36:304, 351.


4. **Edwin Oliver Read**, born 25 April 1829,[860] m. Brooklyn, N.Y., 16 Oct. 1862, *Fanny Stow*.[861] He was a clerk in 1850; living in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1879. In 1900, Edwin O. Read was 71, a broker, living in the Murray Hill Hotel in Brooklyn, widowed.[862]


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848 Named in Bayles, *History of Newport County*, 604.
849 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:63.
851 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:64.
852 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:64, married by Rev. Doct. Tyng. This record includes four children of William G.
853 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:64.
854 1910 U.S. Census, Manhattan Ward 19, New York County, New York, roll 1043, ED 1178, p. 4A.
856 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:65.
857 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project says 28 April.
858 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:65.
860 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:65.
861 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:65, which includes three children.
862 1900 U.S. Census, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, roll 1113, ED 747, p. 10A.
863 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62.
Bennett, b. ca. 1806, d. Mystic, Conn., 6 Feb. 1860 aged 54, buried in Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic, part of Stonington, Conn.

Samuel and his family were probably living in Warren, R.I., in 1840, enumerated as Samuel “Reed”; the only older males were ages 20–29 and 70–79. In 1850 they were in Stonington, Conn., Samuel M. age 40, sailor, “Salina” 44, Chas 17, and Sabina 10. In the same building were Frederic T. Mercer, 27, dentist, b. Conn., Sarah, 24, b. R.I., Fred 1, and Abby Sherman 12, b. Conn.

Children of Samuel M. and Sylvina (Bennett) Read:
1. Sarah Catherine Read, b. R.I. ca. 1826; m. Stonington 27 March 1848, Frederick Tabor or Tudor Mercer, b. Conn. 27 March 1822, son of Peter Schenk and Rebecca (Starr) Mercer.
3. Emma F. Read, b. ca. 1833.

vi. HENRY READ, born 15 March 1805; “lost at sea between 1855 & 1861.”

vii. JOHN M. READ, born 8 March 1807; died 18 March 1807; buried Island Cemetery.

865 “Sons and Daughters of Newport,” NEHG Register 125 (1971):178, where Harriet A. Higgins of Stonington, Connecticut, daughter of Cornelius and Silvina (Barlow) Bennett attended the reunion; ibid. 125:237, where C.W.B. Bennett of Providence, jeweler, son of the same, attended; Oliver B. Brown, Vital Records of Falmouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850 (Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1976), 136 (Cornelius Bennet filed intentions to marry “Silvia” Barlow 11 September 1788); Caroline Lewis Kardell, and Russell A. Lovell, Jr., Vital Records of Sandwich, Massachusetts, to 1885 (Boston: NEHGS, 1996), 524 (marriage of Cornelius and “Silvina” 21 September 1788).

866 Newport Mercury, 17 March 1860, p. 3, “In Mystic, Conn., Feb. 6, Mrs. Sylvina B. Read, daughter of the late Cornelius Bennett, of this city.”


868 1840 U.S. Census, Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island, roll 504, p. 11, where one male was aged 70–79, which matches Cornelius age, but Samuel was counted as only 20–29. There were four females 20–49, a male and a female under five, and a male and a female 5–9. Although Cornelius’s wife Silvina died in 1838, he had remarried on 2 December 1838, Miss Huldah Barlow of Providence (Rhode-Island Republican, 12 December 1838, p. 3).

869 1850 U.S. Census, Stonington, New London County, Connecticut, roll 48, p. 275B.

870 Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Stonington Vital Records, 5:190, which provides her middle name and gives Frederick’s as “Tabor.”


872 Hale Collection, Stonington, 282, which says he was age 21. That does not agree with the 1850 census. The photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, does say age 21.

873 Entry on Family Tree at FamilySearch.org.

874 Hale Collection, Stonington, 282.

875 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:62.

876 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:63.

877 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project says 8 March.
viii. **Catherine Read**, born 1 Feb. 1809, died 22 Elm St., Newport, 25 Aug. 1897 age 88 years 6 months 15 days; buried Island Cemetery;[878] married Newport 23 April 1831, **William F. [Finch?] Smith,**[881] born R.I. ca. 31 March 1805 (calculated), died 21 Elm St., Newport, 8 Sept. 1872 age 67 years 5 months 17 days, son of Benedict and Mary (Finch) Smith,[882] buried Island Cemetery.[883] In 1850 at Newport, William F. Smith, age 44, was a boat builder with $700 in real estate. Catharine R. was 41, William H. 18, a sailor, James B. 16, Mary E. 13, George B. 10, Emily F. 8, and Edwin R. 6.[884]

ix. **Eleazer James Read**, born 30 May 1811,[885] died Newport 25 Aug. 1864 age 54 years 2 months 25 days [sic]; buried Island Cemetery;[887] married Newport Dec. 1835,[888] **Mary Ann Tilley Cook,** born ca. April 1813 (age at death), daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Tilley) Cook,[889] died in Newport 20 June 1878 aged 65 years 2 months,[890] buried Island Cemetery.[891] He was “a contracting painter” in Newport.[892] In 1850 there, “Eleazar” J. Read was 39, no occupation listed, with Mary Ann 35 and Howard [sic] 11.[893] On 22 Sept. 1864 Mary A. Read, widow of Eleazer J., waived her right to administer on his estate, and on 24 Oct. her son Harwood E. Read was...
appointed. An account shows that Harwood received two-thirds of the estate,[894] so he must have been the only living child. Children:

1. **Harwood Edwards Read**, born ca. 1839; died 44 Clark St., Newport, 4 Nov. 1912 aged 74 years 3 months 7 days, buried in Island Cemetery;[895] married (1) at the Second Baptist Church in Newport 12 Dec. 1864, **Amanda M. Crosby** of Newport, age 26, born Newport, daughter of John H. and Virtue C. (Hubbard) Crosby,[896] died 46 Clark St., Newport, 5 Nov. 1888 age 50 years 11 months,[897] buried Island Cemetery.[898] Harwood m. (2) Central Baptist Church, Newport, 1 Oct. 1890, **Sarah Weeden Lee**, daughter of Peter J. and Margaret (Wallace) Lee of Newport.[899] In 1880 at Newport, Harwood E. Read was 41, city marshall, with wife Amanda M. 41, daughters Georgiana L. 18 and Bessy M. 11, and son Harwood Eleazer age 2.[900] See **Representative Men and Old Families of Rhode Island** for an extensive biography.

2. Son “who lived only eight months,”[901] perhaps named Charles.[902]

x. **MARY M. READ**, born 28 April 1812; died Newport 24 Sept. 1849,[903] buried Island Cemetery;[904] married by Rev. John Dowling at Providence 24 Oct. 1842 to Capt. **JOSHUA C. BIGLEY;[905]** divorced.[906] Mary M. Bigley of Newport made her will on 27 Aug. 1849 and it was proved on 16 Sept. 1850. She named her mother Elizabeth Read, sister Phebe Ann Read, and brother Oliver Read. Witnesses were Benjamin Marsh and Eleazer J. and Henry Read.[907]

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894 Newport Probate, 22:508, 528, 578, 583; 23:510.
895 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, Newport, 1912, p. 99; Pawtucket Times, Pawtucket, R.I., 5 November 1912, p. 9, “Newport. 5 Nov. Harwood F. [sic] Read, at different times city marshal, chief of police and police commissioner of Newport, died last night after a long illness, aged 74.... He leaves a wife and two children.”
896 Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 64:666 (Harwood’s marriage), Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 19:475 (Amanda’s parents’ marriage 22 June 1826, both of Troy, Mass.)
898 Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 7 (1984):267, which names her parents and husband.
899 Representative Men and Old Families, 1:619; Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 90:345.
900 1880 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport Co., R.I., roll 1210, ED 93, p. 181C.
901 Representative Men and Old Families, 1:619.
902 Entry on WorldConnect at Rootsweb.com.
903 “Record of the family of Oliver Read,” Newport Vital Records, C:63; Newport Vital Records, Deaths, single, having been divorced, seamstress, bronchitis or consumption. Newport Mercury, Saturday, 29 September 1849, p. 3, “In this town, on Monday morning last, Mary M., daughter of the late Eleazer Read, Jr., in the 38th year of her age.”
904 Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project.
905 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 2 (Providence):155; Newport Mercury, Sat. 29 Oct. 1842, p. 3, “In Providence on Monday last, by the Rev. Mr. Dowling, Capt. Joshua C. Bigley, to Miss Mary M., third daughter of the late Mr. Eleazer Read, Jr. both of this town.”
906 Newport Marriages and Deaths, 1850 to 1879 (FHL 0,944,996), 1, death record of Mary M. Bigley, “single having been divorced,” seamstress, born Newport, daughter of Eleazer Read Jr. and Elizabeth.
xi. **PHEBE ANN READ**, born 28 July 1815; died Central St., Newport 27 Feb. 1897 age 81 years 7 months; buried Island Cemetery; married by Rev. Charles Howard of the 2nd Baptist Church at Newport 11 Nov. 1867 to **GEORGE BORDEN HAZARD**, son of Thomas G. and Patience (___) Hazard, born Newport ca. Dec. 1812, died 13 Central St., Newport 21 or 24 May 1887 age 74 years 5 months, buried Island Cemetery. In 1870 in the 5th Ward at Newport, Geo. Borden Hazard, age 57, was a retired farmer, with $12,000 in real and $16,000 in personal estate. Phebe A. was 54 and Elizabeth 20. In 1880 there, George B. was 66 and wife Phebe A. was 64.

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908 "Record of the family of Oliver Read," Newport Vital Records, C:63.
909 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 97:684, cerebral hemorrhage, said to be married, born Newport, daughter of Eleazer and Elizabeth Read.
910 Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*, 7:335; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project.
911 Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 67:482, which says Phebe was born in Barrington.
912 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 87:550, says died 24 May, gastric catarrh, born Newport, son of Thomas and Patience, married; Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project says died 21 May; Beaman, “Inscriptions from Island Cemetery,” *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*, 7:335.
913 1870 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport Co., R.I., roll 1472, p. 545.
914 1880 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 1210, ED 95, p. 221B.
MARTIN MURPHY

MARTIN MURPHY said he was born in Newport on 11 January 1755. He died, probably in Brookfield, Madison County, New York, on 4 June 1839. He was married by F. Perry, Justice, at South Kingstown, Rhode Island, on 7 or 28 January 1778 to MARY STEADMAN, born 19 August 1759, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Perry) Steadman. She died in 1840. Martin and Mary were buried in the North Brookfield Cemetery.

Since Martin and Mary named their first son Ebenezer, and since Mary was from the other side of Narragansett Bay, in South Kingstown, one suspects that Martin was the son of Ebenezer Murphy of Newport who married, the date unclear, Mercy Reynolds of North Kingstown, Rhode Island. See the chapter titled “Unplaced Eighteenth-Century Murphys.”

On 25 November 1765, the Town of Newport gave a certificate of residence for Martin Murfey, a lad between nine and ten years of age to the town of Dartmouth saying they would receive him back again if they would allow him to live in the town. He may have been an orphan or at least fatherless, as Ebenezer Murphy of Newport died in Newport on 11 January 1762.

Martin was living at South Kingstown in April 1775 when he enlisted for nine months in Capt. Christopher Garden’s company, Col. Varnum’s regiment, in the Rhode Island Troops. They marched to Providence, Roxbury, and Cambridge, taking part in the battle of Bunker Hill. He was discharged in mid-January 1776.

915 Martin’s own deposition in his Revolutionary War Pension, File W17189, saying he had a family Bible.
916 His wife Mary’s declaration in Martin’s Revolutionary War Pension, File W17189; Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818–1864, image online at Fold3.com.
917 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 5 (South Kingstown):23, which says daughter of Thomas, married 7 January 1778; certificate from the Town Clerk of South Kingston in Martin’s Revolutionary War Pension, File W17189, says 28 January 1778. The Arnold copy is not always correct.
919 Photograph of Martin’s gravestone online at FindaGrave.com and Mary’s name and data in an unsourced annotation.
920 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:50.
921 Newport, Miscellaneous Records, 1:161.
922 “Bill of Mortality for Newport, R.I., for the years 1760 to 1764” by the Rev. Ezra Stiles, copied from the original by William Henry Ford, typescript, Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence (1908), copy at NEHGS, 17.
In June 1776 he was drafted at South Kingstown under Capt. Samuel Potter and served at Tiverton. In September 1776 he enlisted for one year, serving at Point Judith, South Ferry, and Col. Joshua Gardiner’s farm. In April 1778 he volunteered at South Kingstown, in 1779 served as sergeant on the Rhode Island coast under Capt. Potter, and in 1780, 1781, and 1782 under Capt. Samuel Tefft, always honorably discharged.\footnote{Martin’s own deposition in his Revolutionary War Pension file, W17189. Various other documents in the file support his claims.}

In 1790 in South Kingstown, Martin Murphy was a male over 16 with three males under 16 and four females.\footnote{1790 U.S. Census, South Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island, roll 10, p. 102. Ten names below is an Edward Murphy, a male 16 or over with a male under 16 and two females.} About 1793 Martin moved from South Kingston to Granville, then in Hampshire County, Massachusetts.\footnote{Martin’s own deposition in his Revolutionary War Pension file, W17189.} On 17 June 1793 he purchased 50 acres in the west part of Granville but sold it on 18 November 1793.\footnote{Hampshire County Deeds [in Hampden County], 32:554, 569.} Then on 4 December 1797 he was called “tanner” when he bought 25 acres from his brother-in-law Thomas Stedman Jr.\footnote{Hampshire County Deeds [in Hampden County], 36:385.} He mortgaged that on 20 August 1798,\footnote{Hampshire County Deeds [in Hampden County], executions, C:206, 208, not available on microfilm.} but must have lost it in an execution, also in 1798.\footnote{Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, 20:47, 111, online at AmericanAncestors.org.} Thus he was not listed as an owner or tenant in the 1798 Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax. Perhaps they lived with his wife’s parents, as Thomas and Mary (Perry) Stedman also lived in Granville. Thomas was listed in the 1798 Direct Tax there as a landowner,\footnote{1800 U.S. Census, Granville West Society, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 15, p. 619. Nearby were Samuel Steadman and John Manchester, father of Martin’s son Ebenezer’s wife.} and he was in the 1800 census there when besides himself and a female 45 or over and a male and a female 26–44, there were two females 16–25 and three females under 10.\footnote{Letter from the Archdiocese of Boston, 31 October 1986, listed in the “Cathedral Index.” Roman Catholic priests travelled widely and may have baptized her almost anywhere in New England.} On 28 October 1798, Mary Murphy, daughter of Martin and Mary Murphy was baptized, the location unknown.\footnote{1800 U.S. Census, Granville West Society, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 15, p. 616, next to Joseph Stedman.} That this was a Catholic baptism, suggests that this Murphy family may not have been related to the various Protestant Murphys of Newport.

In 1800 in the Granville West Society, Martin had a male and three females under 10, one male 10–15, two females 16–19, and himself and a female 26–45.\footnote{Martin’s own deposition in his Revolutionary War Pension file, W17189.} After living in Granville for twelve years, in 1805 he removed to Brookfield, Madison County, New York.\footnote{Martin’s own deposition in his Revolutionary War Pension file, W17189.} However, there are no deeds for
Martin in that county. Martin has not been found in the 1810 census at Brookfield, in Madison County, or at Granville. Nor have any vital records been found for him in Granville, although at least two probable children married there.

In 1820 at Brookfield, Martin was 45 or over, with a female under 10, one 16–25 and one 45 or over.\(^5\)

In 1830 at Brookfield, Martin was age 70–79 with a female 10–14, and one 70–79.\(^6\)

On 22 July 1839 in Madison County, Mary Murphy of Brookfield, age 81, deposed, signing by mark, saying she was the widow of Martin Murphy to whom she was married by J. Perry, J.P., at South Kingstown on 28 January 1788 [sic], saying her name was Mary Stedman and that Martin had died on 4 June 1839. She was the daughter of Thomas Stedman.\(^7\) Mary was living at Brookfield with her grandson “LeRay” Murphy who also deposed.\(^8\) She was listed as a pensioner in Brookfield in the 1840 census, aged 82, in the household of Benjamin Palmer.\(^9\)

Mary has not been found in the 1850 census. Since she was born in 1759, her last child would have been born by about 1802.

Children of Martin and Mary (Steadman) Murphy:\(^{10}\)

i. **Ebenezer Murphy**, b. probably late 1778; married, intentions at Granville, Mass., 23 Nov. 1807, **Lois Manchester**\(^{11}\) his second cousin,\(^{12}\) b., probably in Granville ca. 1782, daughter of John and Phebe (Stedman)

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\(^6\) 1830 U.S. Census, Brookfield, roll 93, p. 203.
\(^7\) Mary’s deposition in Martin’s Revolutionary War Pension file, W17189. The file includes a certificate of marriage from the town clerk of South Kingston, dated 15 July 1839, which names her father.
\(^8\) Revolutionary War Pension file, W17189.
\(^10\) The annotation on FindaGrave.com for Mary’s burial says they had four children. But census records suggest there were more, unless there were other children living in the same household.
\(^11\) *Vital Records of Granville, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1914), 140.
\(^12\) Lois’s mother, Phebe Stedman, born 5 October 1760 was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Hill or Hull) Stedman (“Notes,” *Register* 108 [1954]:315–15). Samuel in turn was the brother of Ebenezer’s grandfather, Thomas Stedman. Interestingly, Thomas’s children, including Mary, born 19 August 1759, are listed in “Diary Records of the Steedman Family,” following the “Notes” just cited for Phebe’s birth (*Register* 108:317). Both Thomas and Samuel were named in the will of their father, Thomas Stedman of South Kingstown, dated 22 April 1762, proved 13 April 1772 (abstract in *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*, 14:95, from South Kingstown Wills, 6:22–25).
Manchester,\textsuperscript{943} d. Tolland, Mass., 1 or 2 Aug. 1864 aged 82,\textsuperscript{944} bur. New Colebrook Cemetery, Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., beside her parents.\textsuperscript{945}

In 1820 Ebenezer “Murphey” was living in Smyrna, Chenango Co., N.Y., with two males and two females under 10, a male 10–15, himself and a female 26–44, farming.\textsuperscript{946} He apparently owned no land there.\textsuperscript{947} He was not found in 1830 or 1840, but in 1840 “Lois” Murphy was in Colebrook, age 50–59, with a male 15–19.\textsuperscript{948} In 1850 “Louisa” Murphy, age 67, b. Mass., was living in Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass., with Burton Murphy age 26, laborer, owning no land, Maria 29, both b. N.Y., Elizabeth 5, and Edgar 2, both b. Mass.\textsuperscript{949}

1. ?Palmer Herrick Murphy, b. N.Y., ca. 25 June 1809;\textsuperscript{950} d. Mount Haley Township, Midland Co., Michigan, 26 Sept. 1889 aged 80 years 3 months 1 day;\textsuperscript{951} m. (1) ca. 1830 Soloma Nichols, d. Pa. 25 Jan. 1845.\textsuperscript{952} Palmer m. (2) Eldred, McKean Co., Pa., 1848, Mary Anne Swink, b. perhaps Olean, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., ca. 1827;\textsuperscript{953} m. (3) Midland, Midland Co., 14 Oct. 1872, Elenor Staks Clark, d. perhaps 1877 aged 44;\textsuperscript{954} m. (4) Midland City, 25 Jan. 1878, Sophronia J. Baker,\textsuperscript{955} d. before Palmer.\textsuperscript{956}

In 1850 Palmer was in Eldred, McLean Co., Pa., age 40, farmer, with Mary\textsuperscript{957}


\textsuperscript{944} Manchester, “Manchester,” \textit{Register} 102:23 (died 1 August); Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, card index of Tolland Vital Records (2 August, erysipelas; her parents not named), image online at Ancestry.com.

\textsuperscript{945} Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, her name spelled “Louis,” the date 1 August; Charles R. Hale Collection of Newspaper Deaths and Cemetery Inscriptions, Connecticut State Library, Colebrook, 66–67, transcribed as “Louise.”

\textsuperscript{946} 1820 U.S. Census, Smyrna, Chenango County, New York, roll 66, p 329.

\textsuperscript{947} Neither Ebenezer nor Lois appears in the grantor index of Chenango County Deeds. Nor is there any probate record for him there.

\textsuperscript{948} 1840 U.S. Census, Colebrook, Litchfield County, Connecticut, roll 25, p. 180.

\textsuperscript{949} 1850 U.S. Census, Tyringham, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 306, p. 119B.

\textsuperscript{950} Calculated from his age at death.

\textsuperscript{951} \textit{Michigan Deaths, 1867–1897}, online at FamilySearch.org, from FHL 2,363,636; Midland County Probate, Palmer H. Murphy file, petition of his daughter Alvira A. Rounds, online at Ancestry.com.

\textsuperscript{952} Roseltha Murphy, daughter of Palmer and Soloma (Nichols) Murphy, was born in Chenango County 10 June 1841 and married George W. Frost in Adrian, Michigan, 14 May 1856 (\textit{Midland County, Mich., Portraits and Biographical Sketches} [Chicago: n.p., 1884], 312). This work says Palmer and Soloma were “natives respectively of Connecticut and Massachusetts.”

\textsuperscript{953} Public tree at Ancestry.com.

\textsuperscript{954} https://www.myheritage.com/names/elener_staks, viewed 18 September 2016.

\textsuperscript{955} \textit{Michigan Marriages, 1868–1925}, online at FamilySearch.org, from FHL 2,342,463, Palmer age 64 and Sophronia 54.

\textsuperscript{956} Midland County Probate, Palmer H. Murphy file, petition of his daughter Alvira A. Rounds of Lake Pleasant, Erie County, Pennsylvania, saying he had no widow surviving him.

\textsuperscript{957} 1850 U.S. Census, Eldred, McLean County, Pennsylvania, roll 795, p. 38A.
In 1860 in Eldred, Palmer H. was 49, farmer, Mary A. 33, Adelbert 13, William 11, Mary L. 10, Lorenzo B. 8, Sarah A. 6, and Ida V. 2.[958]

In 1870 there, Palmer H. was 60, Mary A. 43, Sarah A. 16, Ida V. 12, Fredely H. 9, Adelbert L. 22, and Lorenzo 17.[959]

In 1880 Palmer was in Mt. Haley, age 70, a farmer, b. N.Y., his parents b. Mass., with wife Saphrona J. 57, b. N.Y., her parents b. N.H. and Vt., and son Frederick 19, b. Pa.[960]


In 1850 Clark Hotchkiss was living in Hartland, Conn., age 25, b. Conn., farmer, with Martha 34, b. N.Y., and four children, Sedwick [sic] 17, laborer, Orpha 14, John 12, and Charles 5, all b. Conn., presumably by Clark’s first marriage.[966] In 1860 they were in New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., Mass., Clark 36, farm laborer, b. Conn., Martha E. 46, b. N.Y., George W. 7, and Emma L. 1, both b. Conn.[967]

In 1865 in Otis, Berkshire Co., Mass., Clark “Hodgkiss” was 45, b. Conn., Martha 47, b. N.Y., George W. 13, and Emma L. 6, both b. Conn.[968] In 1870 in Otis, Berkshire Co., Clark was 46, farmer, b. Conn., Martha 52 [sic], b. N.Y., George 18, working on the farm, b. Mass. [sic], Emma L. 10, b. Conn., and Lydia Collins 33, b. Mass.[969] In 1880 in Otis, Clark was 56 and Martha 64.[970]

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959 1870 U.S. Census, Eldred, roll 1372, p. 684B.
960 1880 U.S. Census, Mt. Haley, Midland County, Michigan, roll 595, ED 219, p. 190.
961 Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 505:213, adds her middle initial “E.” and age 89, the digit for months illegible, probably 3, born Smyrna, New York, her residence New Hartford, Connecticut, died Tolland, Massachusetts, buried Colebrook, her parents Martin [sic] and Lois (Manchester) Murphy; her birthdate from her gravestone.
962 Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com; Hale Collection, Colebrook, 58.
963 Birth of daughter Mary E. who died 18 February 1850 aged 5 months 3 days (Hale Collection, Colebrook, 58).
964 Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, the unsourced annotation accompanying the photograph, says her parents were Martin [sic] and Lois (Manchester) Murphy, surely taken from her death record. The stone names both her husbands.
965 Photograph and unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, full birth and death dates on the stone; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 427:583, names his father (but not his mother), his birthplace, and cemetery; Hale Collection, Colebrook, 58. In 1790 Jonas Hotchkiss was enumerated in Woodbridge (1790 U.S. Census, Woodbridge, New Haven County, Connecticut, roll 1, p. 78).
967 1860 U.S. Census, New Marlborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 488, p. 598.
968 1865 Massachusetts State Census, Otis, Berkshire County, family 53.
969 1870 U.S. Census, Otis, Berkshire County, roll 602, p. 491A.
970 1880 U.S. Census, Otis, roll 520, ED 35, p. 548A.
3. *John Murphy*, b. N.Y.\(^{971}\) 10 March 1819, d. 19 July 1892, bur. Colebrook Cemetery;\(^{972}\) m. *Augusta Baxter*, b. 20 Oct. 1823, d. 10 Dec. 1868, bur. Colebrook Cemetery.\(^{973}\) In 1850 in Tolland, Mass., John was 31, laborer, b. N.Y., Augusta 26, and Ellen 3, both b. Conn.\(^{974}\) In 1855 in Tolland, John was 36, b. N.Y., laborer, with Augusta 31 and Julia E. 7, both b. Conn.\(^{975}\) In 1860 in Colebrook, John was 41, b. N.Y., Augusta 36, and Julia C. 13, both b. Conn.\(^{976}\) In 1870 John was in Colebrook, age 51, a tanner, b. N.Y., with Rollin and Ellen J. Baldwin, ages 22 and 23, b. Mass. and Conn.\(^{977}\) The fact that John is buried in the same cemetery as Ebenezer and Lois and that he lived for awhile in Tolland, Mass., supports the idea that he belongs in this family.

4. *Burton M. Murphy*, b. Smyrna\(^{978}\) ca. 1822, died Egremont, Berkshire Co., Mass., 28 Jan. 1893 aged 71,\(^{979}\) bur. Riverside Cemetery, Egremont;\(^{980}\) m. *Anne Maria Trimper*,\(^{981}\) b. Claverack, N.Y., or Kinderhook, N.Y.,\(^{982}\) ca. 23 Feb. 1818, d. Egremont 30 Sept. 1886 aged 68 years 7 months 7 days, daughter of David and Elizabeth (___) Tremper, bur. Egremont with Burton.\(^{983}\)

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\(^{971}\) Census, see below.

\(^{972}\) Photograph of the monument online at FindaGrave.com, which has full birth and death dates for John, his wife Augusta Baxter, and daughter Clara A.; Hale Collection, Colebrook, 69, which erroneously transcribes the daughter’s name as “Clark A., son” while the photograph of the monument clearly says Clara A. and “daughter.”

\(^{973}\) Ibid.

\(^{974}\) 1850 U.S. Census, Tolland, Hampden County, Massachusetts, roll 318, p. 268A.

\(^{975}\) 1855 Massachusetts State Census, Tolland, household 116.

\(^{976}\) 1860 U.S. Census, Colebrook, Litchfield, County, Connecticut, roll 82, p. 853.

\(^{977}\) 1870 U.S. Census, Colebrook, roll 105, p. 67B.

\(^{978}\) Death record of son Edgar M. Murphy (Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 355:37); death record of daughter Adelaide (Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Egremont Vital Records, Deaths, 1925, p. 16, image online at Ancestry.com); birth record of son Samuel (see below).

\(^{979}\) Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Egremont Vital Records, 15, image online at Ancestry.com. This says both parents, Ebenezer and Lois, were born in New York.

\(^{980}\) Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, not very legible, the date from the annotation.


\(^{982}\) Death record of son Edgar M. Murphy. The death record of daughter Adelaide J. (Murphy) Doty, says her mother was born in Spencertown, N.Y. (Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Egremont Vital Records, deaths 1925, p. 16, image online at Ancestry.com). Spencertown is in Austerlitz, Columbia County, New York. Claverack is also in Columbia County. In 1820 there was a David Tremper in Claverack with three females under 10 (1820 U.S. Census, Claverack, Columbia County, New York, roll 70, p 66).

\(^{983}\) Birth record of son Samuel (see below). Kinderhook is also in Columbia County.


\(^{985}\) Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com.
In 1850 they were in Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Burton age 26, laborer, Maria 29, Elizabeth 5, Edgar 2, and Louisa 6. In 1855 in New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., Burton was 31, farmer, with Maria 34, Adeline 10, Edgar 7, Adelbert 3, and Betsey Hall age 60. A son Samuel M. Murphy was born in New Marlborough 8 Nov. 1857 and d. there 8 March 1858 aged 4 months.

In 1860 in Lee, Berkshire Co., Burton Murphy was 36, a farmer with $800 in personal estate, with Ann M. 39, both b. N.Y., Adelaide 14, Edgar M. 12, and Adelbert 7, all b. Mass. They were in Tyringham in 1870, Burton 48, farmer, Ann 52, and Adelbert 18. In 1880 in Egremont, “Burten” was 57, Ann M. 60, son-in-law James S. Youngs 35, daughter Adeline 35, and their daughter Bertha 6.

ii. ?MARY “POLLY” MURPHY, born probably 6 Sept. 1780, d. 31 May 1855 age 74, bur. York Cemetery, Mallet Creek, Medina Co., Ohio. She married at Granville on 13 December 1802, SILAS JUDSON of Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N.Y., b. Conn. ca. 1781. He may be the Silas Judson who d. 27 March 1867 in his 88th year, bur. Hartland Cemetery, Hartland, Niagara Co., N.Y.

In 1840 in York, Medina Co., Ohio, Silas Judson was 60–69 with a male 15–19 and a female 50–59. In 1850 they were living at Laramie, Tippecanoe Co., Ind., Silas age 69, farmer, b. Conn., and Mary 68, b. R.I., with Mary 26, b. N.Y., and Mary 6 and Harriet 3 b. Ohio. Silas Judson was probably the man who was age 78 in the household of Silas F. Judson, age 43, in Lafayette, Medina Co., Ohio in 1860. In 1880, S. F. Judson was in Benzonia, Benzie Co., Mich., but his father was not with him.

986 1850 U.S. Census, Tyringham, Berkshire County, roll 306, p. 119B.
987 1855 Massachusetts, State Census, New Marlborough, Berkshire County, household 252.
989 Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 120:41, lung fever, parents named.
990 1870 U.S. Census, Lee, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 487, p. 619.
991 1880 U.S. Census, Tyringham, Berkshire County, roll 602, p. 749B.
992 1880 U.S. Census, Egremont, Berkshire County, roll 520, ED 25, p. 436B, Burton said to have been born in Connecticut, and his parents in Connecticut and New Hampshire [sic].
993 Letter from her third great-granddaughter Elizabeth J. Hlavaty, 30 April 1994 says 6 September 1781, but given her age at death, it was probably 1780, which would avoid a conflict with the birth date of the next child. Mary would fit as one of the four females in the 1790 census.
994 Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, “Polly,” wife of Silas Judson.
995 Vital Records of Granville, 140.
996 Calculated from his age and place of birth in censuses (see below).
997 Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com.
998 1840 U.S. Census, York, Medina County, Ohio, roll 412, p. 260.
999 1850 U.S. Census, Laramie, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, roll 175, p. 184A. Letter from Elizabeth J. Hlavaty, 17 May 1994. She refers to Marjorie Schunke’s notebooks on Steadman genealogy at the Peace Dale Library, which is in South Kingstown. Letter from Elizabeth J. Hlavaty, 11 February 1995, says the notebooks were totally unorganized and not available for research.
1000 1860 U.S. Census, Lafayette, Medina County, Ohio, roll 1007, p. 155.
1001 1880 U.S. Census, Benzonia, Benzie County, Michigan, roll 572, ED 53, p. 30D.

They lived first in Brookfield, Madison Co., N.Y., then from 1808 to 1838 in Alfred, Allegany Co., N.Y., and then in Canton. “In February 1808, Luke Greene, a soldier in the War of 1812 ... settled on Sugar Hill” in Alfred. He served in 1814 in Greenbush, Rensselaer Co., which was a training site for the U.S. Army of the North.

In 1830 in Alfred, Luke Green and a female were aged 40–49 with two males 10–14, one male 15–19, another male 20–29, a female under 44, and one 5–9. On the same page was Luke Jr. a male 20–29 with a female 15–19 and two males under 5.

In 1840 Luke Jr., was still in Alfred, age 30–39, with a female 20–29, six children, and two females 15–19, but Luke Sr. has not been located.

In 1850 in Alfred, Nancy was 66, b. R.I., living with Philip S. Green 31, wagon maker, Olive 31, Mary L. 3, and Arthur B. 1, all b. N.Y. In 1851 and 1871, Nancy was living in Alfred. While both Philip and Luke [Jr.] were in Alfred for the 1855 state census, Nancy does not appear there. Nor has she been located in 1860, but in 1865 [very faint on microfilm] and 1870 she was again listed in Philip’s family in Alfred, age 87, but b. Mass.

iv. Elizabeth Murphy, born R.I. 26 May 1785; married, probably before the 1810 census (see below),
ISAIAH GAVITT, JR.\[1017\] b. 4 Oct. 1786, son of Isaiah and ___ (Hiscox) Gavitt,[1018] d. Covington, Ky., 15 April 1839.[1019]

In 1790 at Westerly, Washington Co., R.I., Isaiah Gavitt [Sr.] was a male over 16 with one male under 16 and six females, bracketed with Capt. David Thayer, a sole male over 16.\[1020\] In 1800 in Petersburg, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., Isaiah Gavitt was age 45 or over with two males under 10 and one 10–15 plus two females under 10, one 10–15, one 16–25, and one 26–44.\[1021\]

In 1810 there were two Isaiah Gavits in Berlin, Rensselaer Co. The one, called Isaiah, Jr., was 26–44 with a male under 10 and a female 16–25.\[1022\] Isaiah “Govett” was in Almond, Allegany Co., N.Y., in 1830, a male and a female 40–49 with eight younger persons including a male 20–29,\[1023\] who would be the male under 10 in 1810. Children are listed in the Register article cited here. Their birthplaces listed there suggest that they were in Berlin in 1809 and 1811, in Almond by 1814, in Freeport, Pa., in 1818, Pembroke, Genesee Co., N.Y., in 1824, and back at Almond by 1829.\[1024\]

In 1850, Elizabeth “Gavitt,” age 65, b. R.I., was living in Alfred, Allegany Co., N.Y., with her daughter Nancy L. and husband Orson Wentworth, farmer.\[1025\] Elizabeth’s sister Nancy (Murphy) Greene was also living there.

v. MARTIN JERRY or P. MURPHY,\[1026\] who would be the third male under 16 in Martin’s family in the 1790 census; d. before 1825;\[1027\] married LUCY FRINK, born Stonington, Conn., 1793,\[1028\] daughter of Asa and Theda (York) (Brown) Frink,\[1029\] died 26 April 1840 age 47, buried Brookfield Rural Cemetery where her gravestone says she was “relict of Martin P. Murphy.”\[1030\]

“Martin went from state to state building distilleries and selling them when in successful operation. When he died there were no cemeteries west of the Ohio River, so his body was taken across the river into Virginia for burial.

\[1021\] 1800 U.S. Census, Petersburg, Rensselaer County, New York, roll 226, p. 72. On this same page there was a Luke Green, and Elizabeth’s sister Nancy married there in 1804, a Luke Green.
\[1022\] 1810 U.S. Census, Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York, roll 35, p. 504. The other Isaiah, on p. 506, was 45 or over with a female 45 or over and three younger persons.
\[1023\] 1830 U.S. Census, Almond, Allegany County, New York, roll 84, p. 17. Almond was formed from Alfred in 1821, the place where Elizabeth’s sister Nancy was living.
\[1026\] That Mary (Steadman) Murphy was living with her grandson “LeRay” in 1839, confirms that Martin is her son.
\[1029\] Johnson, Burdick, 1:23.
\[1030\] Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com; Johnson, Burdick, 1:23.
Tragedy followed. His daughter Martha died two days later, and his youngest son, aged 1½, was scalded to death a week later. They were buried beside their father. Lucy returned to Brookfield after these deaths.\footnote{Humphreys, Frink Family, 99.}

Children of Martin P. and Lucy (Frink) Murphy.\footnote{Listed with some detail in Humphreys, Frink Family, 99.}

1. **Le Roy Murphy**,\footnote{His will is signed as Le Roy Murphy, at least according to the record copy; his gravestone says Laroy, all in capital letters.} born ca. 5 March 1815; died 19 Aug. 1875 aged 60 years 5 months 14 days, bur. Brookfield;\footnote{Humphreys, Frink Family, 99 (date [19 Aug] and place, his name spelled “Leroy”); photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #21069183, “Laroy” with his age at death but Clara with only years of birth and death.} married **Clara Clarke**, born 1816, died Syracuse, N.Y., 24 May 1898, bur. Brookfield Cemetery.\footnote{Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, the gravestone for both, the place of Clara's death from the unsourced annotation.} Leroy would be the grandson with whom widow Mary Murphy was living when she deposed for her pension.

In 1850 at Plainfield, Otsego Co., Leroy Murphy was age 35, a harness maker with $600 in real estate, Clara age 33, Jerome 11, James P. 9, Ann 7, and Emily 5.\footnote{1850 U.S. Census, Plainfield, Otsego Co., N.Y., roll 580, p. 63A.} The 1855 state census of Brookfield lists Leroy 40, painter, in town for 28 years, wife Clara 38, and children Jerome M. 16, carpenter, James P. 14, Ann 12, Emily 9, and Thomas C. 1.\footnote{1855 New York State Census, Brookfield, Madison Co., 1st Election District, family 100.}

In 1860 in Brookfield, Leroy was 45, a carriage “trimer,” Clara 43, Ann 27, Emma 15, and Thomas 6, all born in Madison Co.\footnote{1860 U.S. Census, Brookfield, roll 781, p. 1028.} In 1865 there, Leroy was 50, harnessmaker, Clara 48, and Ann C. 22.\footnote{1865 New York State Census, Brookfield, 2nd Election District, p. 5.}

In 1870 in Brookfield, Leroy was 55, farm laborer, and Clara 54, with real estate worth $1500 and personal estate of $500.\footnote{1870 U.S. Census, Brookfield, roll 967, p. 19B.} In 1875 Leroy was 60, retired carriage maker, and Clara 58, both born in Madison Co.\footnote{1875 New York State Census, Brookfield, 2nd Election District, family 188.}

On 28 May 1875, at age 60, Leroy made his will, giving everything to his wife Clara. On 19 April 1882, widow Clara, as executrix named in Leroy’s will, listed as heirs, James P. Murphy of Brookfield, Ann C. Bonfoy of Brookfield, Emma R. Buddick of DeRuyter, Madison Co., Clara L. Paine of Auburn, Cayuga Co., and “Flagentia” Murphy also of Auburn.\footnote{Madison County Probate, Wills, X:169–70.} The last two may be grandchildren.

2. **M. Lewis Murphy**, born 30 July 1817, died Leonardsville,\footnote{Humphreys, Frink Family, 99 (birth date and death in Leonardsville 6 July 1882).} part of Brookfield, 5 July 1882; buried Brookfield Cemetery;\footnote{Unsourced annotation including birth and death dates online at FindaGrave.com.} married **Julia**
Ann Clark, born 15 Sept. 1822, died 2 June 1880, buried with her husband.\footnote{Unsourced annotation including birth and death dates online at FindaGrave.com including “wife of M. Lewis Murphy.”}

In 1850 at Brookfield, Lewis Murphy was age 30, a harnessmaker with $400 in real estate, Julia A. 28, and two children, all born in N.Y.\footnote{1850 U.S. Census, Brookfield, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 527, p. 34.} In 1855 in Brookfield, M. L. Murphy was 33, a farmer, Julia A. 33, both born in Madison Co., with son C. M. 14 and daughter J. E., 12, both born in Otsego Co., the children in town for ten years but M. L. for 30 years and J. E. for 28.\footnote{1855 New York State Census, Brookfield, Madison Co., 2nd Election District, family 6.} In 1860 there, Lewis was 42, a harnessmaker, Julia Ann 37, Charlie 19, and DeEt 17.\footnote{1860 U.S. Census, Brookfield, roll 781, p. 1027.} In 1870 Lewis was 54, harnessmaker (ret.) Julia A. 47, Charles W. 29, harnessmaker, Frances 28, and Elizabeth D. 1.\footnote{1870 U.S. Census, Brookfield, roll 967, p. 20A.} But in 1875 the family was headed by Leroy \[sic\] Murphy, age 58, born Allegany Co., with wife Julia A. 52, born Madison Co., son Charles 34, born Otsego Co., daughter-in-law Frances 34, also born Otsego Co., granddaughter E. DeEtte 6 and grandson Elbert 3, both born in Madison Co.\footnote{1875 New York State Census, Brookfield, 1st Election District, Family 77.} While “Leroy” is written fairly clearly, Leroy’s family is recorded separately, so the name was just written in error. In 1880 M. Lewis was again head of the family, age 63, harnessmaker, with Julia A. 57, Charles W. 39, Frank A. \[sic\] 38, Elizabeth D. 10, and Elbert C. 8.\footnote{1880 U.S. Census, Brookfield, roll 859, ED 45, p. 8D.}

3. Emeline Murphy, born Va. ca. 1821;\footnote{Census records (see below).} died Hubbardsville, a part of Hamilton, Madison Co., N.Y., 20 May 1893;\footnote{Letter from Elizabeth J. Hlavaty, 4 August 1995.} married 8 May 1838, Pardon Tillinghast Clarke,\footnote{Calculated from his age in the census (see below). According to the 1855 census he had lived in Hamilton his whole life so was presumably born there.} born Hamilton ca. 1818.\footnote{1855 New York State Census, Hamilton, Madison Co., N.Y., Election District 3, family 74.} In 1850 in Brookfield, “Partan T.” Clarke was age 32, cooper, with $300 in real estate, born in N.Y. Emeline was 29, born in Virginia \[sic, very clearly written\], and three children, all born in N.Y.\footnote{1850 U.S. Census, Brookfield, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 527, p. 34.} According to the 1855 New York state census for Hamilton, Pardon was 36, born in Madison Co., a cooper, 36 years in town, so born in Hamilton. “Emaline A.,” 34, born in Virginia, had been 30 years in town.\footnote{1855 New York State Census, Brookfield, 1st Election District, Family 77.} In 1860 there were three men named Pardon Clark in Hamilton. The man with wife Emeline was age 42, born in N.Y. Emeline was 39, born in Va., four children, and Sarah Clark, 76, born in R.I.\footnote{1860 U.S. Census, Hamilton, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 859, ED 45, p. 8D.} In 1870 in Hamilton,
Pardon T. was 51, b. N.Y., Emeline A. 49, born Va., with two children. In 1880 in Hamilton, P. T. Clark was 63, a cooper b. N.Y., his parents b. R.I. “Emeline” A. was 61, she and her parents b. N.Y. [sic].

4. Lucy Louisa Murphy, born probably Ohio ca. 1823; died Russia, Herkimer Co., New York, 6 Sept. 1900, married (1) perhaps 13 March 1843, Joseph Plumb, born Va. 6 Feb. 1823; d. 6 June 1862 aged 44, bur. Brookfield Rural Cemetery, Brookfield, Madison Co., N.Y. Lucy probably married (2) 22 June 1866 Abner Moon, born Balston or Galway, Saratoga Co., N.Y., 1 Dec. 1799, died Russia 11 April 1886 aged 86, bur. Gravesville Cemetery in Russia.

In 1855 Joseph Plumb was in Brookfield, age 37, carpenter, b. Chenango Co., with wife Louisa 34, b. Ohio, son Joseph L. 5, sister Electa Van Hoosen 42, b. Chenango Co., and nephew John Van Hoosen, 9, b. Delaware Co.. In 1865, Lucy L. Plumb, age 42, b. Ohio, and Joseph Lamar Plumb 15, b. Madison Co., were in West Monroe, Oswego Co., N.Y., not far from the family of John Murphy, age 44, b. Otsego Co., cooper, his wife Minerva J. 37, b. Oneida Co., and their five children, but their relationship, if any, is unknown.

In 1880 Abner Moon was listed in Russia, aged 80, with wife Lucy L. 57, b. Ohio, her parents b. Conn., and Ida C. Moon 12. Lucy was with him in 1870, age 47 with a younger Lucy Moon, age 27. Abner’s first wife Emily was with him in 1850 and 1860 but not in 1865. She died 7 Feb. 1862, bur. Gravesville Cemetery.

5. Martha Murphy, d. two days after her father, bur. Virginia.

6. Jerry Murphy, d. Ohio a week after his father, scalded, bur. Virginia.

In his will dated 15 March 1821, Joseph Wightman of Brookfield named his wife Amey and named his son Randall as his executor. In 1850 at Brookfield, Randal Wightman was age 60, a farmer with $2240 in real estate, born in R.I., with Celestia age 50, born in Mass., and six children ages 5 to 21, all born in N.Y. In 1855 at Brookfield, Randall was 65, born in R.I., a farmer who had been in town for 45 years. His wife Celestia, age 55, born in Mass., had been in Brookfield for only 43 years. With them were five children, all born in Madison Co.

Randall was still listed in Brookfield in the 1875 state census, age 85, living with his son Henry. In 1880 in Brookfield, Randall was age 90, retired farmer, he and his parents b. R.I., with his son Vanness [in 1855 was called Henry Van Ess] 34, daughter-in-law Laura 38, Angie 13, Lynn 11, all b. N.Y.

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1077 Whitman, *George Wightman*, 188.
1078 Whitman, *George Wightman*, 188.
1079 Whitman, *George Wightman*, 188.
1080 Named in Joseph Wightman’s will; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 1 (East Greenwich):91 (parents’ marriage; Randall’s birth not recorded there); Whitman, *George Wightman*, 126, 188.
1081 Whitman, *George Wightman*, 188.
1082 Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, said to be husband of Clarissa [sic], daughter of Martin Murphy.
1083 Madison County Probate, Wills FX:21–23, proved 23 March 1829
1085 1855 New York State Census, Brookfield, 3rd Election District, family 201.
1086 1875 New York State Census, Brookfield, 3rd Election District, family 19.
1087 1880 U.S. Census, Brookfield, roll 859, ED 47, p. 26C.
SMITH MURPHEY OF WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

Although Smith Murphy himself seems to have had no connection with Newport, John Murphy, mariner of Newport, treated in a different section here, was born in Westerly and is possibly Smith’s son.

A record of 1 April 1844 says Smith Murphey, late of Westerly, Rhode Island, pensioner, died 30 January 1843 leaving daughters Betsey Murphey and Polly Murphy. He made his mark on his declaration in his pension file, saying he was born at Westerly on 8 January 1755 although the 1840 census (see below), says he was age 88, thus born 1751–52 and lived there most of his life except from 1790 to 1799 at Groton, Connecticut, and for a year at Ram Island in New York.

Smith served many times in several different companies, all along the Rhode Island shore, and he was in the fight in Sullivan’s Expedition, the Americans’ attempt to retake Newport in August 1778. Although there was a fight in which Smith apparently participated, without the support the French had promised, and expecting Howe’s fleet to arrive in Newport, the Americans successfully retreated back to the mainland. At one point during the Revolution, Smith Murphy was “gunner” on the Lucretia, out of Westerly. “The Lucretia captured the Huffa and brought her into Stonington, Connecticut.

In 1790 at Westerly, Smith Murphey had, besides himself, three males under 16 and three females.

In 1800 at Westerly, Smith “Mirfee” had a male 10–15, himself 26–44, four females under 10, and one 26–44. It is also told that a Mrs. Sims, who lived in the south part of Westerly, a “humorous dame ... was distinguished for shrewdness, wit, and love of practical jokes. When Smith Murphy stole her hot mince-pies and concealed them under his coat, she lovingly embraced him till his bosom swelled with blisters as well as other emotions.”

In 1810 at Westerly, Smith Murphy had two males 16–25, two 26–44, himself 45 or over, three females 10–15, two 16–25, and one 45 or over.

In 1820 at Westerly, Smith Murphy had a male under 10, himself 45 or over, a female under 10, one 16–25, two 26–44 and one over 45.

1089 Revolutionary War Pension, Smith Murphy, File S21896.
1090 Revolutionary War Pension, Smith Murphy, File S21896.
1094 Denison, Westerly and Its Witnesses, 166.
1095 1810 U.S. Census, Westerly, roll 59, p. 94.
In 1830 at Westerly, Smith Murphy had a male under 5, himself 70–79, a female 30–39 and one 70–79. On 7 October 1834 he made his declaration for a pension, saying he was age 79.

In 1840 at Westerly, Smith Murphy was listed as age 88, a Revolutionary War pensioner, with a male and a female under 5, a male 10–15, a female 20–29 and another 80–89. If the latter were age 80 in 1840, she would not have had children after say 1804. Thus the younger persons in the censuses described above could not be Smith’s children.

An Eliza Murphy married __ Ingham. On 2 July 1871, she was a member of the Congregational Church of Pawcatuck, part of Westerly, on profession. This may be the Elizabeth Ingham at Westerly in 1870, age 29, with Joseph, age 30, dresser tender, both born in England, and Sarah M. 3 and Alice A. 1. If she was really born in England, she was not a descendant of Smith Murphy.

Children of Smith and ___ Murphy:

i. ?Son, under 16 in 1790.

ii. ?Son, under 16 in 1790. A John “Murphey” was born perhaps about 1787 but also may have been born in Westerly, Rhode Island, on or about 1 or 6 October 1783. See the separate section on John Murphy, mariner.

iii. ?Son, under 16 in 1790; the male 10–15 in 1800?

iv. Betsey Murphy, born ca. 1777; d. Westerly 16 Sept. 1873 aged 96. She was not included there in the 1800 census, but was probably 16–25 in 1810 and 26–44 in 1820. In 1850 at Westerly she was age 65, living with Sally P. Murphy age 34, Lucy 16, and John F.[?] 10. Not found in 1860, but in 1870 in Westerly, Betty Murphy, age 90, was head of a household with George C. Buck, 22, Ellen Buck 22, George E. Buck, 1, and Hannah E. Hazard, 20.

v. Polly Murphy, Was she one of the females under 10 in 1790? or under 10 in 1800? 16–24 in 1810? 26–44 in 1820? 30–39 in 1830?

vi. ? Lydia Murphy, perhaps counted in 1790 and as a female under 10 in 1800, 10–15 in 1810, age 70 in 1860. In 1860 at Westerly Lydia Murphy was age 70,

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1098 Revolutionary War Pension, File S21896.
1100 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 11:358.
1102 Joseph Stevens swore that John Murphey was born in 1787 (Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate). John’s age at death also suggests 1787.
1103 Sworn by John Wilkey, who said 6 October, and by Amos Briggs who said 1 October (Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate), the latter also on FHL 893,748. Amos Briggs was probably John’s father-in-law. See the section on John Murphy, mariner.
1104 Calculated from her age at death.
1105 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 73:1220, old age, her father Smith Murphy, no mother named.
1106 1870 U.S. Census, Westerly, roll 1473, p. 389B.
living with Sarah Palmer, 46, and John F. Murphy, 20, mariner, all born in R.I.\textsuperscript{1107}


**Sarah Murphy**, born ca. 1814 or 1816;\textsuperscript{1108} under 10 in 1820, was probably the daughter of one of Smith Murphy’s sons. She apparently married between 1840 and 1850 ___ Palmer.

Children of Sally Murphy:

1. ?Lucy Murphy, b. ca. 1836 (age 16 in 1850).
2. John F. Murphy, b. Westerly ca. 1840; of Westerly, seaman, aged 22, son of Sarah Murphy, when m. Westerly 7 June 1862, Harriet M. Champlin of Westerly, age 19, b. Westerly, daughter of William and Martha Champlin.\textsuperscript{1109} A John F. Murphy was a farmer in Groton, Conn., in 1880, age 40, he and his parents born in R.I., with Hattie D. 32, b. Conn., Ida 16, b. R.I., Warren D. 10, and W. Perry 8, both b. Conn.\textsuperscript{1110}

\textsuperscript{1107} 1860 U.S. Census, Westerly, roll 1211, p. 447.
\textsuperscript{1108} Sarah “Sally” P. Murphy, was age 34 in 1850 (see under Betsey) and 46 in 1860 (see Sarah Palmer above under Lydia).
\textsuperscript{1109} Rhode Island Vital Records, Marriages, 62:694.
\textsuperscript{1110} 1880 U.S. Census, Groton, New London County, Connecticut, roll 108, ED 103, p. 416A.
Amey Murphy, possibly a widow, was married by Rev. Gardiner Thurston in the Second Baptist Church in Newport on 16 October 1766 to Daniel Dennison or, more likely, Dunham, as his third wife. He was born in Newport on 2 or 3 August 1712 and died in Great Barrington, Massachusetts in January 1796 in his 84th year, son of Daniel and Sarah (Thexford) Dunham. [This was not the Daniel Dunham who was buried in the South Part Cemetery in the Allis District in Conway, Massachusetts, having died on 27 June 1797 at age 84 of cancer. That man bought and sold Conway land in the 1780s.

Daniel Dunham had married (1) Ann Wyles and (2) at Trinity Church in Newport on 1 January 1737, Abigail Hart. There were at least five children in the latter marriage: Daniel, born in June 1738, John Duckworth born 15 July 1740, Robert born 16 July 1742, Abigail baptized 26 August 1744, and Patience baptized 9 November 1746. However, a Dunham genealogy lists fifteen children including Benajah who later lived in Great Barrington. On 9 June 1796, Benajah was granted administration on Daniel’s estate in Berkshire County. However Daniel had a rather extensive inventory appraised in Plainfield, Windham County, Connecticut, exhibited by Benajah on 6 November 1799. The inventory included no female clothing, so Amy had probably died.

1111 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:50 (Amey Murphy and Daniel Dennison); ibid., 7:343, 357, in marriages by Gardiner Thurston (Murphey, Amey and Daniel Dunion).
1113 Alden G. Beaman, “A Line Descent from Joseph Dunham of Plymouth,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register 12 (1989):266; Beaman, “The Family of Daniel Dunham,” Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 9:330; not found in Vital Records of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: NEHGS, 1904); Newport Mercury, 3 May 1796, p. 3, “Died at Great Barrington (Massachusetts) in January last, in the 84th Year of his Age, Col. Daniel Dunham, formerly a very respectable Citizen of this Town.” See also Isaac Watson Dunham, Dunham Genealogy (Norwich, Conn.: Bulletin Print, 1907), 206, which is the source of Sarah’s maiden name, Thexford.
1114 Vital Records of Conway, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: NEHGS, 1943), 228.
1115 Hampshire County Deeds [at Hampden County], 14:96; 18:29; 23:408, 28:242.
1117 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, Trinity Church Records, 10:446.
1118 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 (Newport):94.
1119 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, First Congregational Church, Newport, 8:403.
1120 Dunham, Dunham Genealogy, 206–07.
1121 Berkshire County Probate, 8:628; 10:138.
Daniel Dunham and Daniel, Jr., were both in Newport in 1790, Daniel with a male under 16 and a female, and Daniel Jr., two males 16 or over, one under 16, and two females. However, a Daniel Dunham was enumerated in Plainfield, Connecticut, in 1790 (two males 16 or over and one female), so the Daniels in Newport may be son and grandson.

Catharine Murphy married at Trinity Church in Newport on 5 December 1748, Timothy Shaw. Nothing further has been found for this couple.

In May 1747, Ebenezer Murfey of Newport, hatter, owed Jonathan Nichols, Esq., of Newport £27. On 20 October 1752 Ebenezer “Murfey” witnessed the will of Henry Hooper of Newport, doctor. Ebenezer Murphy of Newport was married in Newport on 13 ___ ___ by Rev. John Callender to Mercy Reynolds of North Kingstown. She was the daughter of Francis Reynolds of West Greenwich who named her as Mary or Mercy Murfey in his will dated 23 December 1767. Marcy Murfey, as a church member, signed the call of Gardiner Thurston to the Second Baptist Church in Newport, but no date appears. Thurston was ordained pastor of that church on 29 April 1759. "Bill of Mortality for Newport, R.I., for the years 1760 to 1764" by the Rev. Ezra Stiles, copied from the original by William Henry Ford, typescript, Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence (1908), copy at NEHGS, 17. A Mrs. or W° Murphy was paid a similar amount in 1783.

1122 1790 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 10, p. 299.
1123 1790 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 10, p. 313.
1124 1790 U.S. Census, Plainfield, Windham County, Connecticut, roll 1, p. 354.
1125 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 10:461.
1126 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, C:86.
1128 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:50.
1129 Rhode Island Genealogical Register 2 (1978):128 and 7 (1974):251, 296–97, citing West Greenwich Wills, 2:67–72, 171. In both places it names a second daughter, also named Mary married to a Cory and gave the same citation, but one of the Marys may have been Mercy.
1130 Second Baptist Church records at the Newport Historical Society, 25.
1131 George Champlin Mason, Annals of Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island (Newport, R.I.: the author, 1890), 118.
1132 “Bill of Mortality for Newport, R.I., for the years 1760 to 1764” by the Rev. Ezra Stiles, copied from the original by William Henry Ford, typescript, Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence (1908), copy at NEHGS, 17.
1133 Second Baptist Church records at the Newport Historical Society, 11.
1134 Newport Account Book B, Treasurer 1761–1796, 51–53, 58, 61, 66–70, 81, the purpose either not specified or illegible.
1135 Newport Account Book B, Treasurer 1761–1796, 104.
In 1774 in Newport, Marcy Murphy had a male over 16, with a male under 16, two females over and one under 16.[1136]

See the separate chapter for Martin Murphy who was probably the son of Ebenezer and Marcy/Mercy (Reynolds) Murphy. And see the note for the death of Reynold Murphy below.

Elizabeth Murphy was baptized at Trinity Church on 7 January 1745.[1137] She may be the Elizabeth Murfey of Newport, spinster, who owed Thomas Chadwick of Newport, fisherman £71 due by book. Elizabeth recovered costs of suit, but the plaintiff was to appeal to the next Superior Court of Judicature in November 1752.[1138]

Elizabeth Murphy was married by Rev. Gardiner Thurston of the Second Baptist Church in Newport on 26 January 1769 to David Braman.[1139] Apparently Elizabeth died fairly soon, as on 28 May 1776 David Braman of Middleborough, Massachusetts, was married by Ebenezer Hinds, a Baptist minister, to Eunice Howland.[1140] “Mr. David Braman, Sen., aged 75, for many years an exemplary member of the First Baptist Church in that town,” died in Newport on 6 December 1820.[1141] Thus he was born about 1745. Mrs. Eunice Braman, widow of Mr. David Braman, aged 77 years” died in Newport on 22 September 1824.[1142] No gravestones for any of them appear in the Rhode Island Historic Cemeteries Transcription Index although a Philadelphia Braman, daughter of David and Eunice died on 10 March 1803 in her 14th year and was buried in the Common Burial Ground in Newport.[1143]

Child of David and Elizabeth (Murphy) Braman:

i. Elizabeth Braman, born Newport ca. 5 May 1772; died at 6 Thames St., Ward 2, Newport, on 20 August 1860 age 88 years 3 months 15 days.[1144] On 17 Aug.

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1136 “Census of the Colony of Rhode Island 1774,” [FHL 0,947,359], 12.
1137 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 10:517.
1138 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, D:142.
1139 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 7:334, under Braman says “David,” but at 357, under Murphy, it says “Daniel.” No Daniel appears in records, but there are many references to David.
1141 Rhode Island American, 15 December 1820, p. 3; Rhode Island Republican, Wednesday, 13 December 1820, p. 3, “On Wed. last.”
1142 Newport Mercury, Saturday, 25 September 1824, “on Wed. afternoon.”
1143 John Eylers Sterling, Barbara J. Austin, and Letty R. Champion, Newport, Rhode Island, Colonial Burial Grounds (Hope, R.I.: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 2009), 318. Listed on page 12, a different section of the cemetery, are members of David and Eunice’s son David’s family.
1144 Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 60:951, daughter of David and Elizabeth Braman.
1835 Elizabeth Braman of Newport, single woman, sold property to [her half-
brother] Gardner Braman. In 1850 in Newport, Betsey Braman, age 80, was
listed between Gardner Braman, age 65, cutler, and his family, and David
Braman age 72, shoemaker, and his household. Gardner and David were
sons of David and Eunice Braman.

Mr. Henry Murphy had “choice St. Kitts rum to be sold cheap for cash at Mr.
Henry Sowls on the Parade” in an ad on 7 September 1762.

James “Morphey” was baptized at Trinity Church on 4 February 1736.

James Murphy married at the Second Congregational Church, Newport, 29
June 1746, Martha Pitman. A Martha Pitman was born in Newport on 9
October 1725, daughter of Joseph and Mercy (Walkman) Pitman. But a
Martha Pitman was married by Rev. William Vinal of the First Congregational
Church in Newport on 30 July 1755 to John Cary or Corey. Another Martha,
daughter of Moses and Martha (Clark) Pitman, was baptized at the Second
Congregational Church in Newport on 30 July 1732. Since her father Moses
was a deacon, presumably of the Second Congregational Church, and since
James and Martha married there, James’ wife was probably Moses’s daughter.
However, Moses’s widow Martha’s will dated 18 November 1765, proved 5
January 1767, does not mention a daughter Martha. Perhaps Martha had died
childless.

In November 1746 James Murfey of Newport, ropemaker, owed Henry
Sowle of Newport, taylor, £160 due by book. However, the plaintiff discontinued
the suit.

Jane “Murfee” was baptized at the Newport Sabbatarian Church on “12d 2m
[April] 1718.” As Baptists did not practice infant baptism, Jane was at least in

1147 David Braman, son of David and Eunice, died in Newport 16 August 1858, thus was born
ca. 1779, and Gardner Braman, son of David and Eunice, died in Newport 19 May 1856 age 73,
thus born ca. 1783 (Rhode Island Vital Records, Deaths, 58:810; 56:736).
1148 Newport Mercury, Newport, 7 September 1762, p. 4.
1149 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 10:515.
1150 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:50; 8:471.
1151 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:109 (birth), 55 (parents’ marriage,
10 December 1717, the wife named Mary, often confused in handwriting with Mercy).
1152 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:15, 55; 8:415, 424 (church record)
1153 Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 8:450; Martha (Clark) Pitman’s maiden name from
her father Richard Clark’s will (abstracted in Rhode Island Genealogical Register 10 [1987]:76).
1154 Alden Gamaliel Beaman, “Births 1590–1830 from Newport Common Burial Ground
1156 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, C:29.
her teens. She may be the Jean Murphy who married in Trinity Church in Newport on 2 February 1726 John East.[1158] They may be the parents of William East who was baptized in Trinity Church on 21 April 1727.[1159]

**John “Murfey”** married at Trinity Church in Newport on 1 March 1732 Mary Casside.[1160]

On 29 May 1733 John Murphy of Newport, glover, lost his appeal against a verdict brought in a “Justices Court” by Charles Jarrat or Farrat of Newport, wheelwright.[1161] In November 1733 and May 1734 John Murphy of Newport, glover, was first plaintiff and then defendant in cases against Mercy Lark or Sark of Newport, widow. He defaulted and owed £20.[1162] In May 1736 Daniel Updike of Newport sued John Murfey of Newport, glover, for £5 due by book. Murphy defaulted.[1163]

At the May Court in 1739 John Murfey of Newport, labourer, owed Thomas Cranston £12 and defaulted.[1164]

A “Roll of the Members of the Artillery Company of the City of Newport Commencing 1741” includes the name of John Murfey, but when he joined is not specified.[1165]

A John Murfey married in Boston 5 June 1746, Ann Long.[1166]

**John McMurfey** married in Boston 10 December 1741, Susanna Young.[1167] In May 1744 John MacMurfey, late of Boston, shipwright, owed Samuel Emmes of Boston, blacksmith, £90, due by judgment of court.[1168] In May 1745 he was called John MacMurfey of Newport, shipwright, now owing £70 in rent to Handley Chipman of Newport, joiner.[1169] At the same court John Murfey of Newport, shipwright, owed Henry West of Newport, butcher, £12.[1170] On 13 April 1762, Susanna McMurphey married Thomas Hase in Boston.[1171]

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1157 Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 11:305, on a list of members.
1159 Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 10:497, the parents not named.
1161 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, A:188.
1162 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, A:236, 249.
1163 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, A:385.
1164 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, A:630.
1165 Charter and ByLaws of the Artillery Company of the City of Newport in the State of Rhode Island (Newport, 1857), 31.
1166 [Twenty-Eighth] Report ... Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751, 282.
1167 [Twenty-Eighth] Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751 (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1898), 270.
1168 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, B:577.
1169 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, B:692.
1170 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, B:694.
Jonathan P. Murphy was baptized at the First Sabbatarian Church in Newport on “12d 2m [April] 1718.”[1172] (Compare with Jane above). Although the lists are in different volumes, Arnold explains in vol. 11 that the two lists are for the same church but differ slightly. Jonathan is on the vol. 7 list and Jane, who was baptized a couple of years later, in vol 11; neither list has both. They may have been siblings or husband and wife. Or possibly one list said “Jon[athan]” instead of Jane.

Mrs. Martha Murphy died in Newport 17 January 1784.[1173]

The town of Newport gave a certificate of residence to the town of Voluntown, Connecticut, for Mary Murfey on 2 March, probably 1742, saying they would take her back again if necessary.[1174]

Mary Murphy married in Newport 8 August 1756 William Cowdrey.[1175] However, one record gives her name as Mary Marshall.[1176] He was the son of Isaac and Susan (Townsend) Cowdrey of Boston, Massachusetts, and Newport, baptized at the Brattle Street Church in Boston in December 1734.[1177] Isaac Cowdrey was in Newport in 1731 but had come from Boston. His origin was not known as of 1911.[1178]

The town of Newport gave a certificate of residence to the town of Providence for Mary Murfey on 6 December 1756, saying they would take her back again if necessary.[1179] See another Mary Murphy above.

A Mary Murphy, adult, was baptized at Trinity Church in Newport on 13 January 1758.[1180]

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[1175] Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:50. This marriage appears among “Unplaced Family” at the very end of Mary Bryant Alverson Mehling, Cowdry-Cowdery-Cowdray Genealogy: William Cowdery of Lynn, Massachusetts, 1630, and His Descendants (n.p.: Frank Allaben Genealogy Co., 1911), 411.
[1176] Listed under Marshall in Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 4 [Newport]:47.
"Morgan Morsee alias Murphy" also listed as "Morgan Musky (Murphy)," served on the Revenge under Capt. Allen in 1743. He was "at the capture of the St. Joseph in the spring of 1742–3."\(^{1181}\) Perhaps the same as Mortiugh Murphy below.

On 11 May 1750 Mortiugh Murphy "now residing in Newport ... late belonging to two privateers the sloop Knowles and the Brigantine Rake ... being sick and weak in body" made his will, giving all his estate to "my much esteemed landlord William Warner of Newport ... for his extraordinary cost." It was presented on 6 August 1750, witnesses John How, William Willson, and Mary Sweet.\(^{1182}\) See Morgan Morsee alias Murphy above.

A child of "Cook Patrick Murphy" served on the Duke of Marlborough under Capt. Morris in 1744.\(^{1183}\)

In November 1749 Patrick Murfey of Newport, butcher, owed Rowland Robinson of South Kingstown, yeoman, £23 due by book.\(^{1184}\) Perhaps this was the same Patrick Murfey of Summersworth, New Hampshire, mariner, who in May 1764 was plaintiff against Archibald Campbell of East Greenwich, Kent County, shopkeeper for "not performing the promise and assumption...." Patrick was to recover £307 old tenor or £13–3–1 lawfull money.\(^{1185}\)

Patrick Murphy was an inhabitant according to a "Report of the Provost" dated 25 November 1793.\(^{1186}\)

Reynold Murphy died in Newport 29 June 1762, age 12, by lightning.\(^{1187}\)

In May 1747 Robert Murfey of Newport, mariner, had apparently received a bounty that had been granted by the colony to encourage sailors to enlist on board the sloop Tarter to proceed on an expedition against Canada, but he had then deserted. John Gardner, Esq., of Newport, General Treasurer of the Colony of Rhode Island was suing him for £100. Murphy defaulted.\(^{1188}\)

\(^{1181}\) Howard M. Chapin, *Rhode Island Privateers in King George's War, 1739–1748* (Newport, R.I.: Rhode Island Historical Society, 1926), 54, 59.


\(^{1183}\) Chapin, *Rhode Island Privateers in King George's War, 1739–1748*, 124.

\(^{1184}\) Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, C:441.

\(^{1185}\) Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, G:218.

\(^{1186}\) Among miscellaneous papers at the Newport Historical Society.

\(^{1187}\) "Bill of Mortality for Newport, R.I., for the years 1760 to 1764," 20.

\(^{1188}\) Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, C:64.
In November 1765 Thomas Murfey of Newport, rigger, sued Jonathan Lock of South Kingstown, mariner alias husbandman, for £15 due by book. Lock defaulted.[1189]

Wº Murphy died in Newport 6 November 1763, probably age 70, recorded in Second Congregational Church records.[1190] So this cannot be the same as another Widow Murphy in Second Congregational Church records in the 1770s.

Widow Murphy was on a list of families in the Second Congregational Church in Newport dated about January 1771 [called a “Half Family”, she was visited in 1772, 1773, and 1774, and in October 1775 she was said to have “left us,”[1191] which means that she had left Newport due to the British bombardment, not that she had died.

On 30 November 1763 William Murphy of Newport made his mark on his apprenticeship bond to Joseph Price of Newport, cooper, for three years and six months.[1192]

In March 1771 a child of Mr. Murphy died.[1193]

__ Murphy was “above parade” on a “List of Names of Some of the Inhabitants left in the Town of Newport when it was taken 8 December 1776.”[1194]

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[1190] “Bill of Mortality for Newport, R.I., for the years 1760 to 1764,” 35.
[1193] Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 8:435, Dr. Ezra Style’s Record.
UNPLACED EARLY NINETEENTH-CENTURY MURPHYS,
IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

Amey "Murfey," prayed administration on the estate of her husband "James" Murfey on 11 May 1815, but later documents call him Francis Murfey, mariner. Most of their furniture was carried away by the great storm on 23 September last [1814].[1195] "Francis Murphy of Newport, died on board the McDonough during her cruise." The "private armed brig McDonough ... arrived at Bristol, R.I. on Saturday afternoon [18 March 1815], from a cruize [sic] of 74 days and 5 days from Savannah..."[1196]

In November 1817 Thomas Clarke of Newport, mariner, who was under 21, was sued "by his mother Amy Murphy of Newport . . . his natural guardian" for money due by book, $25, and $25 work for his labor as mariner on board the brig Enterprise alias The General McGregor. Amy recovered judgment.[1197]

An Amy Champlin, daughter of Jeffrey and Ann (Card) Champlin, born 15 July 1786, had married Benjamin Clark of Charlestown.[1198]

Donald Murphey was in Newport in 1840, a male with a female 20–29, a male under 5, and a female 10–14.[1199] He is not found in the 1850 census of Rhode Island.

Edwin T. Murphy was married by Rev. Mr. Kent in Providence on 17 February 1828 to Mary Ann Town.[1200] He died in Providence shortly before 2 February 1835.[1201] Thus his widow was surely not the other Mary Ann Murphy listed here.

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1195 Newport Probate, 5:228, 234, 265.
1196 Providence Patriot, Providence, R.I., Saturday, 25 March 1815, pp. 2–3, which has much detail on the voyage.
1197 Newport County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 17:227.
1199 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 504, p. 201.
1200 Providence Patriot, Wednesday, 20 February 1828, p. 2, “In this town , on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Kent, Mr. Edwin Murphy to Miss Mary Ann Town”; Arnold, Vital Record of Rhode Island, 16:456, from the Providence Journal; 17:506 from one of three newspapers, and 20:201 from the Rhode Island American..
1201 Connecticut Courant, Hartford, Conn., 2 February 1835, p. 3, “At Providence, R.I., Mr. Edwin T. Murphy, aged 28, formerly of this city.”
Elizabeth Murphy, b. 1770–80, was in Newport in 1830, aged 50–60.[1202]

Frederick Murphey was in Newport in 1840, a male and a female 20–29 with a male and a female under 5.[1203] He is not found in the 1850 census of Rhode Island.

Henry Murphy was born in Lancashire, England, on 16 February 1830 and died 10 March 1901, buried in the Newport Common Burial Ground.[1204] He married Barbara ___ who was also born in Lancashire on 29 March 1829 and died 27 November 1912, buried in the Newport Common Burial Ground.[1205] This couple has not been identified in any Rhode Island census record.

James Murphey was born in Newport on or about 4 June 1807.[1206]

In 1830 in Newport a James Murphey was age 30–40 with a female 30–40.[1207]

In 1810 in Newport, Mary Murphy was living alone, aged 45 or over.[1208]

Mary Ann Murphy of Newport was married by Michael Eddy of the First Baptist Church in Newport on 26 May 1831 to John W. Smith of Bradford, Massachusetts.[1209]

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1202 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island, roll 167, p. 31.
1203 1840 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 504, p. 158.
1206 Newport Historical Society card catalog, from a custom house certificate sworn by John W. Murphey.
1207 1830 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 167, p. 31.
1208 1810 U.S. Census, Newport, roll 59, p. 44.
1209 Michael Eddy Marriages. Bradford was annexed to Haverhill in 1897.
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