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Briefing Our Readers

(The data on this page will answer the most common questions posed by readers, saving you and us letter-writing time we'd rather devote to genealogy. That's why this page is repeated each issue)

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CIVIL WAR ENDS--Thousands of Union soldiers passed in review down Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue. Sylvanus Bachelder describes what it was like to be there. "How the blood pricked in my veins," he wrote in letters which form the basis of our story beginning on next page.
Until 1984, I knew nothing of my family history beyond the grandfather who was born and died on a farm near Alamo, a crossroad northwest of Kalamazoo, Michigan. A remote Bachelder relative inquired about my lineage and I, in turn, inquired of a cousin who resides at the family farm. He suggested I come over and look at some old documents there. I did so in April of 1985. I found 71 letters and some old land records dating from 1836 to 1908. Many were letters from Sylvanus Bachelder, who settled near Lansing in 1836, and his brother (my grandfather), James Madison Bachelder, who settled at Alamo in 1853. Those letters had never been seen outside the family. I loaned them to the State Archives, which had them microfilmed (The Bachelder Family Collection, MS 85-54). This article relies heavily on excerpts from that collection.

Several histories have thoroughly described the exodus of western New Yorkers to mid-Michigan in the early 1800's. Among them were three sons and a daughter of Thomas and Sally Bachelder of Perry, Wyoming County, N.Y. The New York stop-over was itself a transition from generations of Bachelders in New Hampshire. The original immigrant was the Rev. Stephen Bachiler (the spelling changed regularly), who arrived in Massachusetts in 1632 with a band of pilgrims. He roved from one settlement to the next, always at odds with political and religious authority, before retreating to England, where he reportedly died in 1660 in his hundredth year.

Five successive Nathaniel Bachelders propagated the Hampton, N.H. area.* Ephraim Bachelder, son of the fifth Nathaniel, began the migration. He co-founded the town of East Baldwin, Maine, being elected its first moderator in 1802. His tenth and last child, Thomas (born 1784) -- with wife Sally and father-in-law James Edgerly -- moved from Danville, Vermont, to Perry, New York in 1811. They were among the first band of settlers there. Edgerly built the first frame house in the new village.

Thomas Bachelder also fathered ten children. His son Rufus may have been the first to test the wilds of mid-Michigan. In an 1863 letter to James, Sylvanus writes that his family is working eighty acres "the same that Rufus once worked." By 1853, Rufus was working as a railroad clerk in Cincinnati. (Rufus, James and Sylvanus were brothers.)

Or perhaps it was daughter Mary who made the first trek. She married Horace Havens of Perry, who bought 40 acres in Aleidon Township near Lansing in 1838. He followed his brother-in-law, Egbert Pattison, who built the township's first log house in 1836. Mary was not robust and in 1846 her daughter Frances was living with Sylvanus. Mary died in 1850 at age 39 and is buried in the Okemos Pioneer Cemetery. Horace evidently moved on, as no one else in her family is buried there.

Sylvanus married Mary Cemantha (Manty) Hawley in Perry and took her and baby daughter Eliza to Woodhull Township, Shiawassee County, in 1836. He farmed, hunted, was school inspector, and taught "20 scholars". By 1848, he had moved to 129 acres on the east side of Rose Lake, Bath Township, in Clinton County. He was elected township clerk (1848-1851) and supervisor (1852-1855).

James Bachelder was a cooper by trade. His first wife, Adaline, died in 1847. Sylvanus urged him to come to Clinton County, but a visit there apparently made James ill and he feared the area was unhealthy. Sylvanus was still urging in 1853 that "there is no part of Michigan any more healthy than where I live...I shall expect you here the first of October". But the blandishments of former Perry friend Peter True proved more persuasive. Peter was living at Cooper, near Alamo, and pleaded with James and his second wife, Lydia Alden French, to join him there. Late in 1853 James bought a farm near Alamo and in 1863 moved "across lots" to build the homestead on West D Avenue which is now a Centennial Farm. (Story continued on next page.)

* Editor's Note: The earliest of these 5 Nathaniels remained in England.
SYLVANUS BACHELDER, MICHIGAN PATRIOT, PIONEER AND PUBLIC SERVANT - (Continued)

Maybe there was some health hazard at Rose Lake. Sylvanus writes in 1859: "A year ago last November we lost a fine little boy four months old named Willie. I have now to inform you that our little Benny of four weeks old has left us also." Both are buried in the Rose Lake Cemetery. Peter True told James Bachelder how to get to Alamo: "You wished me to give you some information relative to the Rout (sic) from Perry here. Well, of course you know the way to Buffalo where we fought and bled together for our country and country's good." This is an apparent reference to service in the Patriots' War of 1838-1839, the abortive war of Canadian independence. This may be where James acquired the title of Captain which is used in addresses and salutations.

Though not greatly distant from each other, there was a period of coolness between Sylvanus and James. In 1860, Sylvanus writes:

"Dear Sir...we don't know if you are in Michigan or somewhere else...sickness prevails to some extent...about two weeks ago a tornado passed a little south of our place...t blew the roof from the Union School...Now I will tell you something of the great Republican Mass Meeting which was held at Lansing last Thursday...Lansing was full. The greatest gathering ever held in this part of the state...William H. Seward was the speaker...the boys from the Agricultural (sic) College all dressed in their suits of 'denims'...if you are a good Republican you will rejoice...if you are a Douglasite I hope you will see the error of your ways and repent in time to vote for LINCOLN."

Politics and patriotism were much a part of Sylvanus Bachelder. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was an early union side enlistee. On Nov. 30, 1861, at the relatively advanced age of 41, he signed up as sergeant in Company D, 14th Regiment, Michigan Infantry Volunteers. It mustered at Ypsilanti on February 13, 1862 under Colonel Robert Sinclair of Grand Rapids. It was ordered to the Western Army and marched from St. Louis to Pittsburg Landing, arriving there shortly after the nearby battle of Shiloh in Tennessee. Assigned to Pope's Army of the Mississippi, the regiment was part of the siege of Corinth, Mississippi. On May 9, they engaged the enemy at Farmington and Company B received a commendation. Bruce Catton noted:

"Like a great many of his soldiers, Grant had been unwell. Whether, as the men believed, the water supply around Shiloh was contaminated, or whether the standard diet of fried pork and hardtack was having its natural affect, there was a great deal of camp diarrhea...commonly mentioned derisively as the 'Tennessee quickstep'."

Whatever it was, Sylvanus got it. Pension records show he was admitted on July 30 to Number 2 General Hospital, Evansville, Indiana, suffering from "debilitis" and was transferred August 9 to Number 5 Convalescent Hospital at Evansville with "chronic Rheumatism". November 22 he was again transferred, to Evansville's Number 1 General Hospital, afflicted with "chronic diarrhea". From there, he writes to James in April, 1863 that "I am still here and shall stay here until I get able to go to my regiment or get my discharge. I don't think I shall ever be fit for field service again...the food is good and wholesome but I have thought that I would like more of a variety..."

Some things about hospital life never change. Perhaps to his surprise, Sylvanus was returned to his regiment on May 2, 1863. It was now part of the First Brigade, Second Division, 14th Corps, in Rosecrans' army, which remained its assignment later under General William T. Sherman. The regiment was at Brentwood, Tennessee, now under the command of Major George Grummond of Detroit. Sylvanus had missed engagements at LaVergne, Nashville, Brentwood and Stone River. One of his first observations was that they were to be issued new Enfield rifles. Sylvanus' thoughts on his situation are well summarized in his August 17 letter:

"I ought to be at home but there is no use in thinking of such a thing, every man we have got is needed at this time and I must forego the pleasures of home and submit with as good grace as possible...I am doing what I can to help my country in this her hour of trial. This will pay me for all the suffering I may endure while engaged in her service."

1 Catton, Bruce, Grant Moves South (Boston: Little, Brown & Co.), 1960, p. 218.
SYLVANUS BACHELDER, MICHIGAN PATRIOT, PIONEER AND PUBLIC SERVANT - (Continued)

Sylvanus Bachelder reports on September 9 on a march from Franklin to Columbia, Tennessee. At this time, the 14th was converted to mounted infantry.

"...a good many of the boys gave out...We had orders to take every horse we could find...got over thirty horses and every horse had to carry two men. You would have laughed to see as I tell you we made anything else but a military appearance...Our company have now got horses and cavalry equipments. Then with our Springfield rifles we shall give rascally guerillas Hail Columbia...It would make your hair stand on end to see us ride over these stony roads. You had better believe the dust and stones fly."

On November 12, Sylvanus writes that they went on a guerilla hunt and stumbled on a rebel dance in the woods, "a regular breakdown" he calls it. Robertson says they captured 12 rebel officers. Sylvanus relates:

"We took fifteen, among them were one major, one captain, and one lieutenant...We have drawn Colts Navy Revolvers...and in a few days we shall draw what is called the Henry Rifle, a sixteen shooter...General Granger told our Colonel he could have anything he wanted."

He describes Company D's November 4 raid on Lawrenceburg as follows:

"...rode into town which we found deserted...took ten prisoners making our number twenty-five. We remained in town about an hour burning the jail and making our mark...About two miles further on, our company being a little in the advance were fired on by about one hundred rebels who were secreted in a thicket...Such a shower of lead I tell you Jim there was music there above, below and all around us and strange to say not a man was hit..."

In January of 1864, Sylvanus reports the Army of the Cumberland was re-enlisting, almost to a man. "We are going to whip the rebellion and then we are going to attend to a certain class in the north called Copperheads." Sylvanus explains his re-enlistment this way:

"In the first place our term of service would not expire till the Seventh of next January...That would leave us nearly a year longer to stay...Our new term of service commences from the date of re-enlistment, thereby gaining one year...We get four hundred and two dollars bounty (plus) one hundred dollars old bounty...besides our monthly pay which is increased (to) nineteen instead of seventeen dollars per month...We are to have a furlough of thirty days."

A letter in February reports the capture of "the noted guerilla chief Colonel Cooper." After its furlough in April, the regiment returned to Columbia to find they had been dismounted and restored to infantry status. Robertson reports this was an unpopular decision. There was wholesale dissatisfaction, some desertion, and demands to be remounted or released from re-enlistment. Nevertheless, still on foot, the regiment joined Sherman at Dallas, Georgia, and moved on to the battle of Kenesaw Mountain. Sylvanus describes the action:

"Their skirmishers opened a heavy fire...Our boys immediately treed and a brisk fire was kept up...we were ordered to fall back...We were reinforced by the Tenth Mich. and made a dash at the rebel lines. We drove them about half a mile (until) relieved...Sunday June 19...the rebels evacuated...to their main works...about four p.m. we took our position at the foot of Kenesaw Mountain...and erected breastworks...June 20th the rebels commenced shelling...our batteries opened...if you ever heard a whizzing of shot and shell it was then...June 23 (we) went on the skirmish line (and were) ordered to advance into a thick piece of woods at the foot of the mountain. Our boys (drove) the panic stricken rebels out of their rifle pits up the mountain and into their fortifications...Night coming...we withdrew. Our company had three wounded but none killed...Monday morning at precisely nine o'clock the 2nd and 3rd brigades...charged the rebel works...They drove the rebel skirmishers out of their rifle pits, took them prisoners, advanced to the main works, here they were compelled to halt...having lost in killed and wounded over five hundred men in less than an hour..."
That the roar of cannon and rifle was deafening is unmistakable. In Sylvanus' pension file is a deposition from fellow sergeant James C. Wilson stating: "I think it was the 2nd Illinois Battery shelling the rebel works...directly over our ranks which caused considerable constant roaring in the head...I have heard him a number of times complain of getting deaf..."

During July, the regiment was engaged at Chatahoochie River and the siege of Atlanta. On August 11, Sylvanus writes about their attack on rebel lines. They took the rifle pits, but not the main works.

"Just at night we were relieved by the 16th Illinois. In our company we lost one killed and five wounded, myself among the number. About twenty minutes before, I got a very nice rebel cartridge box full of ammunition and being desirous of keeping it I hung it on my left shoulder. A rifle Ball struck this going through and inflicting a slight flesh wound."

Robertson's history says the regiment lost eight dead and 27 wounded and that Lt. Joseph Kirk died the next day. They attacked again Sept. 1 upon an artillery battery at Jonesboro. Sylvanus wrote:

"We leaped on there (sic) works amidst a shower of grape and canister and musket balls...Our orders were to take the battery and we done it...The result of our victory was eight canon (sic), one brigadier general & staff, two stands of colors and five hundred prisoners..."

According to Robertson, the colors were those of the 1st Arkansas, and he quotes from an 1865 letter from General Davis to Secretary of War Stanton: "This regiment was one of the best of the corps...where the enemy was met, invariably signalized its courage and discipline. In the assault...at Jonesboro, which resulted in the fall of Atlanta, the colors of this regiment were among the first carried over the works." On Sept. 24, resting at Whitehall near Atlanta, Sylvanus wrote prophetically, but with a faulty sense of direction, that "I presume when we get after them again we shall not stop till we get to the Gulf of Mexico..." Sherman was instead plotting his unprecedented march to Savannah. Sylvanus then indulges in some political dialogue, evidencing his shift of feelings about Lincoln:

"If elected he (McClellan) will ask the south to come back into the union and acknowledge the supremacy of the constitution...Now I ask what more can any man ask than what is contained in McClellan's letter of acceptance...Don't tell me that Lincoln is an honest man and only prosecuting this war to restore the constitution...Nothing will satisfy his MAW but the freedom of the everlasting niggar and I believe he would sacrifice the nation to accomplish the object...if I live to cast a vote it will not be for Abe the Union Splitter..."

Sylvanus Bachelder's regiment moved from Chattanooga to Athens, Georgia, then to Florence, Alabama, and next to Cartersville, Georgia, where Sylvanus writes Nov. 12:

"We came to this place...by the foot and walker line...in time to hold our election which gave a majority of 56 for McClellan.* There is a big move afoot...cannot tell what shape it will assume...seventy-five or a hundred trains of cars pass here every twenty-four hours...Cassville a nice little village...was burned to the ground by order of General Sherman...such will be the fate of Atlanta...see if I am half right...I saw Egbert Havens (their nephew) at Kingston. He belongs to the 21st Michigan..."

In December the 14th was with Sherman surrounding Savannah and Sylvanus was boasting that "Grant and his New Englanders will never do anything till this army shows them how". On Jan. 19, 1865, he reports from Savannah that "our boys seem anxious to have a clip at that hot bed of treason South Carolina...One stone will not be left on another to tell where that Modern Sodom stood..." He also reports a review of their army by Secretary of War Stanton and Secretary of the Navy Gideon Wells. Says Sylvanus: "...Abe has sent them to see what Crazy Bill Sherman was about. I hope they will not try to dictate to Sherman what he must do."

* Robertson does not show that the 14th's vote was counted. He says three Michigan regiments favored McClellan but that all reporting Michigan regiments favored Lincoln, 9402 votes to 2959.
SYLVANUS BACHELDER, MICHIGAN PATRIOT, PIONEER AND PUBLIC SERVANT - (Continued)

Sylvanus heard stories circulating that Sherman’s men had lacked food on their long march. This was his reaction:

“At almost every meal our tables were loaded with fresh pork, chickens, turkeys, honey, sweet potatoes...molasses were so plenty that we would roll the barrel into the road, knock in one of the heads and let the boys help themselves...drafted men and conscripts aint worth a hill of beans. After we get them they are more bother than they are worth.”

On January 20, Sylvanus “started for someplace known only to Crazy Bill Sherman...instead of snow, they have rain, rain and mud, mud, mud.” Where they went was through South Carolina, ten days at Sisters Ferry to repair railroads, losing 22 men foraging near Fayetteville, crossing the Cape Fear River on March 12. The retreating Confederates made a stand at Averysboro (Sylvanus calls it Black River) on March 15. The Michigan 14th and New York 17th regiments breached the first enemy line, then held against stiff opposition overnight; the 14th lost 20 men. There were skirmishes until another engagement on March 19 at Bentonville. This is Sylvanus’ description:

“We immediately took position on the extreme right of our line...and threw up temporary breastworks from pine logs, rails, anything we could get...the rebels charged...drove in our skirmishers and advanced in a solid (sic) line...we kept up a continued stream of fire for an hour when those of the rebs who were not killed or wounded commencing falling back to their main works...we leaped over our works and after them and succeeded in killing, wounding and capturing nearly every man...when we got part way back to our works (we got) a volley from behind our own works...a large force was sent around our right to flank us...We charged back...drove the Johnnyies into the works of the Tenth Michigan...We took two stands of colors and about two hundred prisoners...all through the night could be heard the poor fellows calling for help and water.”

Robertson says the 14th’s first charge took the colors of the 40th North Carolina, captured a general, 32 officers and 200 men, killed 72, and captured 600 guns; in re-taking their own works, they bagged a colonel, 10 officers, 125 men and the colors of the 54th Virginia. The next day, about noon, Sylvanus wrote:

“Our regiment and the 16th Illinois immediately advanced to charge their works but...found the Johnnyies gone...After going nearly a mile we ran into their rear guard where we captured a number of prisoners...they opened on us with a battery and musketry...We jumped over their works, got their horses by the reins and demanded the surrender of the battery...a whole brigade of rebel infantry came up...we were compelled to fall back.”

By Robertson’s account, the 14th was skirmishing a mile ahead of the main force. After over-running the battery and encountering the confederate brigade, they sustained a 40 minute exchange of fire and held their position all day, although outnumbered 5 to 1. The 14th’s casualties were 2 dead, 23 wounded and 4 captured.

While enduring his hardest fighting of the war, Sylvanus received bad news from James which engendered these thoughts:

“...painful news of brother Luther’s death and of our nephew Egbert Havens. Situated as I am where death is seen hourly and daily...I have become accustomed to it...But to hear of the death of a loved brother and nephew without showing some tender feelings must indeed be a savage...under the Paternal Roof good and wholesome instructions, good music and advice, was instilled...But they have long slept in peace and we as a family became separated...But Brother and Sister we are traveling to that Bourn whence no traveler returns. Oh let us...be able to say in all sincerity we are prepared to go.”

On April 20, the Michigan 14th moved back west of the Cape Fear River to prevent any move by Johnson’s army to head into South Carolina. Sylvanus added a postscript to a letter from Holly Springs on April 22: “Well I can now say the War is Ended, and I hope in a few months to be at home.”
SYLVANUS BACHELDER, MICHIGAN PATRIOT, PIONEER AND PUBLIC SERVANT - (Continued)

A proud and relaxed Sylvanus Bachelder writes a glowing letter about the victory celebration in Washington (see page 4 picture):

"Here we are at the Capitol of the United States after a march of over two thousand miles...Here are assembled the combined armies of Grant and Sherman numbering some three hundred thousand men...to receive the homage of a grateful People...Our corps (the 14th) being the last to be reviewed, we were detained on the road...About noon we fell in...finally wheeled into Pennsylvania Avenue...On this street the stand was erected for...the President, General Grant, Sherman, Meade, August, Sheridan, and a host of others...How the blood pricked in my veins...General Sherman and Lady presented us with a Beautiful wreath of flowers for our flag...one we brought from Mich. with us and has been shot and torn...evidence that they have seen hard service...At Georgetown we crossed the river over a pontoon bridge and marched back to our camp...I now hold a 1st Lieutenant's commission and am in command of Company D, the Color Company...we have had no pay since the 31st day of last August."

The euphoria was short-lived. His new status delayed the new lieutenant's discharge from service. On June 30, he writes:

"I am so lonesome and discontented that I hardly know what to do...Some thirty regiments are to be mustered out of the service immediately. This includes the 'sixty-three' men, veterans as well as non-veterans. This will not reach our case as we re-enlisted in January Sixty-four...I sent an application today for leave of absence for twenty days and it came back disapproved...I am the only officer with the company and existing orders are such that there must be one officer present...my suit of clothes cost me a hundred dollars in Washington..."

Such was the price of success, but the misery did not last long. On July 14, Sylvanus wrote: "We are coming home...We are working night and day to get our muster and rolls completed." The Michigan 14th Veteran Volunteer Infantry Regiment was mustered out at Louisville on July 18, 1865 and sent by train to Jackson, Michigan, arriving July 21. They received their pay and were discharged July 29.

The comforts of home must have been a great relief to the 45-year-old returning Lieutenant Bachelder. But we have already noted the discontent which always bubbled just below the surface in this flinty character. By October he reports to James:

"On getting home I found my farm matters all upside down. In fact, there had been no one to look after it...my farm had not been improved a particle since I had been from home. Your humble servant pulled off his coat the second day after getting home, shouldered his scythe and commenced operations in the hay field...Tell me what the prospect is in your vicinity for buying a small farm say for about fifteen hundred dollars."

In early 1870, Sylvanus visited James at Alamo and inspected (Lt. Bachelder 'inspected' everything) available farm property, but "could not agree about the land we talked about. There was a difference of $250 between us...I made up my mind to go to Kansas...I shall start tomorrow morning on a tour of inspection through Kansas...Almost everyone hereabouts is afflicted with the Kansas fever." The inspection was not a success and the fever abated. On March 30, 1870, Sylvanus reports: "I have been to Kansas and am prepared to tell you all about the elephant which I saw in that land...I like the country and I don't like it...the greatest and only objection is the lack of timber (yet) I should have bought there if I could have got any one to have went with me." Next, Sylvanus tried to convince James to move to Bath: "I have bought the farm I told you about, paying $45 per acre...The lot...adjoining this one can be had for $2500...get on the cars and come out and see us...Buy your tickets at Jackson for Bath Station which will be $1.40. His older brother was of no mind to abandon Alamo and move to Bath. In fact, just two years later James died at age 63 and the final letter from Sylvanus was sent to his nephews after the funeral:

"Now Boys let me say a few words to you of a serious nature. Your father, the best friend and protector you ever had or will ever have on earth, is gone...Never engage in anything till you first ask...is it right? Coun sel with your mother..."
Sylvanus' 1870 farm purchase did not last long. He soon purchased a home at the corner of Main and High streets in the village of Bath. In 1870, he was again elected Township Supervisor. In 1875 he was Drain Commissioner. In 1887 he was again supervisor. He was Justice between 1877 and 1887 and was listed as Postmaster in 1882. He was active in the Grand Army of the Republic and the International Order of Odd Fellows.

His long-suffering wife, Cemantha, died in 1887 at age 60. The same year Sylvanus wed Martha Smith Rose, a Bath widow. He divorced her in 1890 on grounds of desertion. In 1891, he married Lavina Chapin, the widow of Spencer Crouch and Thomas Woodman. In 1882, according to pension records, Sylvanus claimed invalid disability stemming from rheumatism and heart disease contracted at Corinth in 1862, and shell shock endured at Kenesaw Mountain.

Sylvanus and Cemantha had six children before the Civil War and two after. Five lived to adulthood, including Eliza (Mrs. Otho- niel T. Graham), Emma (Mrs. Emmet A. Clise), Henry, Charles and George. Of these, only Eliza, Charles and George are listed as survivors on his pension records.

After a final illness of a few days Sylvanus Bachelder died on his 78th birthday, Nov. 5, 1898. The cause of death was listed as rheumatic heart condition. His funeral was at Bath's Methodist Episcopal Church and interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

From the record it is easy to classify him as a pioneer, patriot and public servant. Reading his own words across four tumultuous decades offers a more personal assessment. Sylvanus Bachelder was a very independent, headstrong cuss. He acted out his dreams and convictions, even as those shifted in his mind and the sands of time. He was always questing, never satisfied. His new western identity disdained the New Englanders of the Civil War, though he descended from generations of New England deacons and farmers. Dare one think that he recalls the original American ancestor, the pioneering pilgrim, the self-confident, non-conformist, Rev. Stephen Bachiler?

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**READER'S LINE OF DESCENT**

1. Rev. Stephen Bachiler, the immigrant
2. Nathaniel Bachiler & Hester Mercer
3. Nathaniel Batcheller & Deborah Smith
4. Nathaniel Batchelder & Elizabeth Foss
5. Nathaniel Batchelder & Sarah Robie
6. Nathaniel Batchelder & Margaret Tilton
7. Ephraim Bachelder (1749-1815) & Apphia Lowell
8. Thomas Bachelder (1784-1847) & Sally Edgerly (1783-1851)
10. Millard French Bachelder (1858-1908) & Estella Ellen Prosser (1860-1940)
11. Dallas Dorr Bachelder (1899-1959) & Alma Caroline Schneider (b. 1898)
12. GLEN LEROY BACHELDER, b. 1935

*Brother of Sylvanus Bachelder, who is featured in the foregoing article.

- Data on members of the first six generations has appeared in back issues of The Epistle.

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Multiple Descent: Glen also descends from Rev. Stephen Bachiler through his daughter, Theodate (1596-1649), who married Christopher Hussey. Their great-granddaughter, Sarah Robie (b. 1689), married Glen's ancestor, Nathaniel Batchelder (b. 1690). A third line is via Rev. Stephen Bachiler's daughter, Ann, who married John Sanborn. Their great-great-granddaughter, Margaret Tilton (b. 1720), married Glen's ancestor, Nathaniel Batchelder (b. 1719).

For additional information, contact Glen L. Bachelder, 500 Woodingham Dr., Apt. 16, East Lansing, MI 48823. He has checked family Bible and cemetery records and has more extensive data on the children of Thomas Bachelder (1784-1847) and other family members. He has also researched Bachelder records in the Perry, New York area and contacted Sylvanus Bachelder descendants now living in Michigan.
Reader Mary Jane Morrell of 224 Church St., Wayland, MI 49348, sends two items from back issues of the Plainwell Enterprise. Coincidentally, one of them pertains to that branch of the Bachelder family highlighted on the preceding pages of this issue.

THE PLAINWELL ENTERPRISE - Wednesday, October 29, 1908

Millard F. Bachelder

Millard French Bachelder, a well known and respected citizen of Alamo (Kalamazoo County, Michigan) died of a complication of liver and heart trouble at his home Oct. 22 (1908) aged 50 years. The deceased had been ailing for several weeks, sticking to his post in the local creamery, however, until forced by illness to give it up.

Mr. Bachelder was fourth in a family of five children. His early years were spent at the old homestead, one mile north of Alamo Center, where he attended the district school. At the age of 22 he was married to Estella Prosser, the daughter of a neighbor, and went to live at the old place where the family has since resided. From the union seven children, James, Jay, Ellen, Belhen, Dallas, Marion and Imo were born. All but the two latter survive him.

The deceased's maturer years were taken up mostly with the duties of a farmer. However, for the last twelve years of his life he very ably acted as secretary and butter maker of the Alamo Creamery. As a citizen, he served his township as clerk for two years. He was a member of the M. E. Church for many years.

Of the original family, John, Lyda, William, Millard and Thomas, only the latter survives.

An unusually large assemblage of friends and relatives attended the services Saturday afternoon among whom were Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bachelder and daughter Nyda, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bliss, Lee, Ray and Guy and Ada Bliss and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Travis, all of Plainwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Snow of Climax (MI), Mrs. Clark Sanford of Kalamazoo, and William and Norman Sanford, Mrs. Will Bachelder and daughter Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Zard Bachelder, all of Alamo.

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THE PLAINWELL INDEPENDENT - February 15, 1883
(Reprinted in "25 Years Ago" column of the Plainwell Enterprise)

"Frank Batchelor of San Francisco writes the Independent, 'The weather is quite cold for this region so that strawberries blossoms are struggling hard for an existance these frosty mornings. This has been the coldest winter known here for many years.'"

September 27, 1883

Born to Frank Batchelor of San Francisco, Sept. 14, a daughter.
#2015 - MAINE BATCHELDERS IN FEDERAL SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR I

Reader Pat Pickard of Bangor, Maine, sends the following list of persons from Maine who were in federal service during World War I.

From Bangor:  
- Donald F. Bachelder  
- Willis B. Bachelder

From Eustis/Stratton:  
- Chas. Batchelder

From Exeter:  
- George F. Batchelder

From Farmington:  
- Elias T. Bachelder  
- Lee C. Bachelder

From Gardiner:  
- Eugene E. Batchelder

From Harpswell:  
- Lawrence K. Batchelder

From Kennebunk:  
- Sidney R. Batchelder

From Lang Plantation:  
- Romas R. Batchelder

From Oakfield:  
- Willie Batchelder

From Portland:  
- Charles H. Batchelder  
- Elmer N. Batchelder  
- Harry S. Bachelor  
- Perley L. Batchelder

From Rangeley:  
- Seth R. Batchelder

From Saco:  
- Alice L. Batchelder

From Sanford:  
- Lloyd Batchelder

From Sebago:  
- Percy L. Bachelor  
- Walter F. Bachelor

From Warren:  
- Howard T. Batchelder

From Westbrook:  
- Percival A. Bachelor  
- Walter M. Batchelder

From Winthrop:  
- Willard K. Batchelder

Pat sent additional references to these men, many concerning their military service. Most of them pertained to Percival Batchelder.

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#2016 - SEeks DATA ON FAMILY OF NATHANIEL & DEBORAH (SMITH) BATCHELDER

Sandie Kluth of 7283 DeFrame Ct., Arvada, CO 80005, descends from the Nathaniel Batchelder who married Deborah Smith in 1656 in New Hampshire. Deborah was a daughter of John and Deborah Smith and granddaughter of John Smith. Sandie would like any information she can find on this family. Having four different Smith family lines complicates her ancestral research.

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#2017 - Wants IDENTITY OF W. J. BATCHELDER, AUTHOR OF BOOK ABOUT BRITISH SCHOOL LIFE

The work is titled A Born School Captain: A Tale of St. Polycarp's and the author is W. J. Batchelder. We're referring to a book probably published in the 1800's by Blackie and Son Limited, with offices in London, Glasgow and Bombay.

Reader Patricia Pickard, RFD #3, Box 104, Bangor, ME 04401, would like some information about this work's author, W. J. Batchelder, who appears to have been a British author. Where was he born, who were his parents and other ancestors, and can anyone identify his children and grandchildren?

Pat would appreciate any insight, data tidbits or miscellany pertaining to W. J. and his branch of the Batchelder family.
Hazen Batchelder's ancestors came from England in 1630 and spread rapidly throughout New England. He was born at Loudon in 1794 and settled in Northfield on the banks of the Merrimack River, on a part of the Austin estate. He married, May 20, 1817, Susan Austin. He was a good carpenter and farmer. They had five daughters and two sons. He took long journeys on foot. Even after 90 years of age he could not stop to ride and it was said he could take long tramps after a hard day's work just to "stretch his legs."

Susan Batchelder, born March 6, 1820, married (published) Oct. 9, 1855, Ira Blaisdell of Salisbury Beach. He was a house builder and farmer on the main road near the Pond schoolhouse, where he died leaving three children. She married, second, Cyrus Glines.

Lasura Batchelder, died in early womanhood.

Abiah Batchelder, married John W. Piper May 12, 1851.

Julia Batchelder married Ebenezer Philbrook and resided on Oak Hill and later at Franklin Falls where he died leaving two sons, Albee and Walter Philbrook. She now resides at Watertown, Mass. Mr. Philbrook's first wife was a daughter of Kinsley Batchelder.

Malinda Batchelder married April 25, 1848, Andrew Allison of Boston, Mass., where she died.

John Batchelder, born 1830; married Almira Worsley of Swanzey. He removed to Keene in 1862, where he was employed by the Humphrey Manufacturing Company, builders of water wheels, until 1897. He died while on a visit to Colorado June 10, 1898. They have one daughter, Mrs. Mary P. W. Carlton.

Melissa Batchelder married Elias Sargent of Vergennes, Vt., and resided at Fitchburg, Mass., where he is now an engineer on the Fitchburg & Wilmington R.R. She died at Nashua enroute for home. They had one son, who is also an engineer on the same railroad.

Editor's Note:

According to F. C. Pierce's 1898 Batchelder Genealogy, Hazen Batchelder was a son of William and Abiah (Ingalls) Batchelder. He had brothers James, John, William and Ingalls Batchelder.

This source gives Hazen's birth date as April 16, 1793. It also adds to the above list of his children a son, Ingalls, born in 1828.

Pierce gives the lineage of Hazen's father, William Batchelder as Jethro 7, Jethro 6, Nathaniel 5, Nathaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, Nathaniel 2, Rev. Stephen 1. However, in the section of his book where Hazen is listed as an adult, Pierce gives the lineage of Hazen 5 as William 4, Jethro 3, Nathaniel 2, Nathaniel 1, Nathaniel 0, Nathaniel -1, Nathaniel -2, Rev. Stephen -1. Your editor has, in years past, seen much conflicting data on the Jethro Batchelder families of Loudon, N.H., and advises researchers of that branch of the family to carefully document their lineage with as many primary sources as possible.
Dear Rosemary,

As you know, Stuart Batchelder and I have been comparing notes on our mutual ancestors following the publication of my line of descent and family group sheets in the November, 1984 issue of The Epistle. We were both troubled by some inconsistencies in our sixth generation ancestors, John Batchelder and Apphia Philbrick, given in Pierce's Batchelder Genealogy.

In answer to a query I submitted to the NEGHS NEXUS about Apphia Philbrick, I received an answer from Carl W. Brage of Portsmouth, NH. In doing some work for one of his genealogy clients, Mr. Brage came across a collection of 288 pages of corrections to Pierce which were being prepared for publication by Charles E. Batchelder. Unfortunately, Charles died before completing the work and his widow placed the collection in the New Hampshire Historical Society collections.

It seems that I am not descended from John Batchelder, son of Stephen and Mary Dearborn, but from his brother, Stephen, who married Jane Lamprey. This seems to clear up the problem of Apphia Philbrick being a ten-year-old bride and mother quite nicely. I am enclosing a copy of my corrected line of descent to replace that which appeared on page 6 of Epistle Volume XI, No.1.

Mary Russell
3383 Wellesly Avenue, San Diego, CA 92122

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[Parents of reader Mary (Gilpatric) Russell]
EDWARD CATHROP CARPENTER OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE
PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS CIVIL WAR BATTLES AND WAS
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AT PORT HUDSON.

(Story begins on next page)
Edward Lathrop Carpenter, seventh son and ninth child of Nicholas and Hannah (Libby) Carpenter, was born into an era in which the destination of many was determined by outside influences.

His father's decision to live in America meant the sons came of age when the industrial revolution was flexing its muscles. That, in turn, meant young men raised on the farm were offered the attractive alternative of working in factories, the incentives including more money and upward mobility.

Edward was also born into the decade which included the bulk of America's Civil War soldiers. This was a governmental/political/economic/societal arena in which the single individual could not solely decide his own fate.

The ancestry of Edward L. Carpenter is hazy. Other Carpenter families lived in Manchester, N.H., where Edward spent most of his adult life, but there is every indication that they were not closely related to him.

Edward's father, Nicholas Carpenter, was born Jan. 30, 1794 in Marseilles, France. Nothing is known of his parents, but it is probable that his father was English or of English stock. The surname has always been spelled in its present form, as far as is known, which would indicate that it is not of French origin.

At an early age Nicholas Carpenter was placed with a brother in the bakery of a man-of-war to learn the baking trade. The brother was drowned and Nicholas left the ship upon its arrival in the harbor of Quebec, making his way at once into the rural district on the southern border of the Province of Quebec.

He was employed by farmers in Stanstead, Quebec, and later in Derby, Vermont, and continued in that occupation all of his active life. For a period of twenty-two years he had charge of the large farms of the Hon. Pontus Baxter of Derby, who was a member of Congress at the time of his death.

Nicholas Carpenter purchased land and became a large land owner in Troy and Westmore, Vermont. He lived at Westmore in 1878 near the close of his 84th year. He was an extensive raiser of all kinds of farm stock. The maple trees which he set out are a monument to his forethought and kindness of heart.

Nicholas married Hannah Libby, daughter of Joshua and Hannah (Grant) Libby. Hannah, who was of English descent, died at the age of 91 years. She was a member of the Advent Church, which her husband supported.

Mr. Carpenter was a Whig and one of the first to give support to the Republican party. He served as highway commissioner and a member of the school board, and did all in his power to advance the welfare of the community in which he lived.

Nicholas and Hannah (Libby) Carpenter had nine sons and nine daughters, including two pair of twins, one of which died unnamed. Their children—leaving out the ones who died in infancy—were:

1. Joshua Carpenter, the eldest, was a resident of Hatley, Quebec, Canada, where he died.
2. Isaac Carpenter lived at Derby, Vermont, and died in Boston from an operation for cancer.
4. Julia Carpenter became the widow of Peter Rash and lived in Barton, Vermont.
5. Charles Carpenter, who lived at Fairhaven, Mass.
7. James Carpenter (twin), who died at Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
8. Louis Carpenter (twin), who lived at Concord, Vermont.
9. Edward L. Carpenter, the subject of our story.
11. Lucy Carpenter, who died unmarried.

(Story continued on next page)
WHEN COTTON BECAME KING

EARLY FACTORY LIFE IN AMERICA

Lowell's Factory and the Power Loom. In 1815, just after the War of 1812 came to an end, Francis C. Lowell started a mill at Waltham, Massachusetts, in which the whole process of making cloth was carried on by water power.

The women and girls who worked at home on the spinning-wheels and hand looms could not compete with the factory and the power looms, of course. One kind of cotton cloth dropped in price from forty-two cents a yard to seven and a half cents between 1815 and 1830, so that more and more people began to buy factory-made goods.

Most people, however, because they lived far away from towns and villages and because the visits of the peddlers were few and far between, continued to make their goods at home. As time went on, however, people in the country made fewer and fewer things at home and bought more and more things at the stores. The machinery in the factories was improved by new inventions year after year. Horse power gave way to water power, and water power gave way to steam. Factory-made goods got cheaper as time went on, and at last the spinning-wheel and the hand loom and other pieces of household machinery went into the attic and the museum to stay, as they had done in England.

How the Factory Towns Grew. As soon as a factory was established, houses had to be built near it for the workmen to live in. Then grocery stores and a post office and a church would be necessary, and a school for the children. Young people from the country round about began to leave the farms and go to the factory towns to work. Frequently whole families would go. The father and the children would all work in the mills, while the mother kept house and prepared the meals. Thus grew up such cities as Manchester in New Hampshire; Lowell, Lynn, and Fall River in Massachusetts; Pawtucket in Rhode Island; Meriden in Connecticut; and Paterson and Newark in New Jersey. The history of such a city as Lowell, Massachusetts, shows how the manufacturing cities began and grew. Some men who had been in business with Francis C. Lowell when he started his mill in Waltham bought land around a waterfall on the Merrimack River and founded a settlement which they named Lowell. They started a mill, sold water power and mill sites to other people, and soon Lowell was a fast-growing city. In 1820 it had a few hundred people, in 1840 it had twenty thousand, and in 1920 it had one hundred and thirteen thousand. Other factory towns grew in the same way.
EARLY FACTORY LIFE - Continued

Good and Bad Sides of Early Factories and Factory Towns.
It is easy to see some of the advantages which the early factories gave to our ancestors. Clothing, tools, glass, paper, and household articles became cheaper, and people could have more and more of them.

On the other hand, the factories gave rise to many difficulties, some of which still trouble us:

The early factories were badly ventilated, poorly lighted, and dangerous to health. Whirling machinery was unguarded, so that workmen frequently had fingers or arms cut off.

A majority of the employees were women and children, even children from four to ten years of age being frequently put to work in the mills.

The hours of work were from twelve to fourteen each day. Much of this was by candle or whale-oil lamp and was harmful to the eyes of the workers. Such long hours in badly lighted and poorly ventilated factories were especially dangerous for the women and children.

The houses in which the factory workers lived were generally as harmful as the factories themselves. Moreover, since the causes of many diseases were not understood, epidemics used to sweep through the crowded towns. Great numbers of people died merely because no one knew how to prevent diseases or to stop their spreading. Smallpox was the most dreaded of these.

Growth and Spread of the Factory System. We sometimes get the impression that the factory system sprang into existence in a year or so. This is not the case. It took years of experimenting and invention to make such machines as Hargreaves and Cartwright built. It took many years also to get factories started in America. Some failed; some succeeded.
From 1790 to 1860 was seventy years, a fairly long lifetime. The factory system was growing all that time and spreading out all over the country. Nevertheless, the greater number of families lived on the farms and in small settlements even so late as 1860. In 1860 most people in the West and South might never have seen a factory, although they certainly would have used plenty of factory-made goods; most people in the states from Pennsylvania to Maine would have seen factories, because they were more common in that section.

EDWARD LATHROP CARPENTER (Continued)

Edward Carpenter participated in almost continuous fighting for several months and was severely wounded at the battle of Port Hudson. He was discharged at Brattleboro, Vermont in the spring of 1863 and was ill during the succeeding summer as a result of his previous malarial surroundings in Louisiana.

In the spring of 1864, Edward went to Manchester, New Hampshire, and secured a situation with the Stark Corporation, where he was in charge of their weaving room for fifteen years.

Desiring to engage in farming, he then went to Westmore and purchased land, which he tilled four years. However, because of his wife's ill health he sold out and returned to Manchester. He again entered the mills, continuing to work there until the fall of 1903.

He then settled upon land which he had purchased in 1887, in the town of Manchester, and engaged in farming. In January, 1905, his house was burned and he immediately rebuilt a handsome and pleasant country home.

Mr. Carpenter was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of Mechanics Lodge No. 13, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Manchester. He was a Universalist in religious faith; his wife was a member of the First Congregational Church of Manchester, where he regularly attended worship.

A Republican, Edward served as selectman of Ward 1 while a resident of the city.

He was married July 1, 1865 to Laura E. Ashland. She was born in Champlain, New York, a daughter of Francis and Adeline (Baker) Ashland, natives of New York. Francis Baker was a son of Francis Baker, born in Albany, New York. They reportedly descended from Huguenot ancestors who settled in Connecticut.

Our source erroneously calls him a Baker.

(Story continued on next page.)
Irving Lloyd Carpenter, the only child of Edward L. and Laura E. (Ashland) Carpenter, was born April 6, 1866 in Manchester, New Hampshire. His primary education was supplied by the public schools of his native city and he was graduated from the medical department of Harvard University in 1890.

Dr. Carpenter began his practice in Sioux City, Iowa, where he remained two years. Yielding to the persuasions of his parents, he returned to Manchester and continued in active practice there for many years, building up a lucrative and successful line of work. He had a large family practice in medicine and surgery.

It was said of Irving Carpenter that his friends were limited in number only by the extent of his acquaintances. Of genial nature and cordial manner, his presence in a sick room reportedly was worth as much to the patient, in many instances, as were his remedies.

His memberships were limited to the Manchester Medical Association, the New Hampshire Medical Society and the American Medical Association, but his heart found room for many worthy movements. He was busy with the care of his patients and had little time for social diversions and political or other strifes, but he supported his principles by sustaining the Republican party in national contests.

Dr. Carpenter was married Jan. 15, 1893 to Mrs. Ann Winnifred Thayer, daughter of Robert and Anna (Bixby) Patterson. Mrs. Carpenter was born Sept. 21, 1866 on Boylston St.—between Washington and Tremont streets—in Boston.

Our source for this material on the family of Edward Lathrop Carpenter is E. S. Stearns' 1908 Genealogical & Family History of the State of New Hampshire (Vol. II).

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"THE MARCHING COLUMN WENT ON AND ON, CARRYING THE BATTLE FLAGS WITH THE TERRIBLE NAMES OF MANY BATTLES, THE NAMES THAT MEANT SO MANY DEATHS CARRIED BY THE MEN WHO HAD LIVED; AND FINALLY IT WAS ALL OVER, THE ENORMOUS ARMIES HAD GONE OFFSTAGE FOREVER..." - Bruce Catton
A plea for help from certified genealogist John C. LaPlana, 313 Cooper Lane, Dewitt, NY 13214, has ended up on top of the heap cluttering your editor's desk. He writes:

"...I am about to publish a short piece on the Carpenter line. Got into it as an aside when I was doing some work on Gideon Owen of Madison County, NY. We needed to identify his wife and I did what I feel is a bang-up job of it. She is, in fact, a Carpenter and I have proven it to my satisfaction and then convinced Donna Valley Russell as well.

"I am quite positive that this gal is a daughter of Isaac who appears in the March, 1974 (Vol 3, No.4) issue of The Carpenter Family News-Journal! Said Isaac was born in 1744, the son of Timothy and Elizabeth (Anderson) Carpenter. Just need a little more and I am ready to say it was this Timothy. Do you know anything more about siblings of Josiah, who is the only one to be followed in the item presented?

"I wish to get this into print as soon as possible...Look forward to hearing from you."

EDITOR'S REPLY:

My information is from Admiral Charles L. Carpenter's 1976 book, which I published for him. It is titled The Descendants of Timothy Carpenter of Pittstown, Rensselaer Co., New York. For an update on his material, you may contact him at 411 N. Middletown Rd., F-203, Lima, PA 09037. He has not been in the best of health recently so I do not know how actively he is pursuing his research. He had his 84th birthday in July. Also see Epistle Item #2021 in this issue, which I hunted up for your benefit.

According to Admiral Carpenter's data the Isaac Carpenter born in 1744 to Timothy and Elizabeth (Anderson) Carpenter married Jane Purdy and probably followed his brother Josiah to Chautauqua Co., NY, about 1816, purchasing an original tract in Harmony Township in February of that year. He lists as Isaac's children a daughter, Phebe, and sons Anderson, Israel and Abraham, but indicates there were probably other children. Additional data on Isaac's brothers and sisters (James, Silas, Phebe, Josiah, Mahab, Jeremiah and Hannah) is given in the Admiral's work. Following is summary of his material on Elizabeth Anderson:

Elizabeth was a granddaughter of Isaac and Prudence (Woodward) Anderson of Rye, NY, and most likely the daughter of Isaac Jr. One source says descent is from a Gaal Anderson of Sco^and. Some old records give her birth as 1714, but later data gives her birth as 1718/19; she died in 1802. Elizabeth is mentioned in Timothy's will, executed in 1787 at Pittstown, NY, and probated in 1806 at Troy, NY. At the time he compiled this material the Admiral knew little about Timothy Carpenter, but thought he was born ca. 1715 in Westchester Co., NY. An update appears on page 22 of this Epistle issue.

When you are ready to burst into print, please consider submitting your manuscript to us. Meanwhile, I hope my response is helpful.
TIMOTHY CARPENTER DESCENDANTS - PROGENITOR ADDENDA (Page 1a)

The New York Historical Society published in 1902 abstracts of New York State unrecorded wills to 1790. Subsequently, they published corrections to the 1902 listings. Among the corrections was one changing the abstract of a GILES CARPENTER to that of a SILAS CARPENTER. Said SILAS was of the Providence (R.I.) branch of Carpenters in America, who were derived from a Richard Carpenter of Amesbury, England.

SILAS' descent, as shown in the Memorial to the Providence Branch, is as follows:

1. WILLIAM CARPENTER, who married ELIZABETH PEAKE ARNOLD
2. JOSEPH CARPENTER, who married HANNAH CARPENTER of the Rehoboth (Mass.) branch of the Carpenters in America
13. WILLIAM CARPENTER, who married first HANNAH HAVILAND
23. SILAS CARPENTER, who married JEAN THORNYCRAFT. She is referred to as "JANE" in his will and also in her father's will

23. SILAS CARPENTER_ _ _ _ _ of WILLIAM (13) / HANNAH HAVILAND
b. ca. 1692 at Oyster B.v., Muskêta Cove, L.I., N.Y.
d. between January 3, 1728, the date his will was executed at Northcastle, Westchester Co., N.Y., and February 1, 1729, the date the will was proved
i. probably at Northcastle
m. JEAN THORNYCRAFT, daughter of WILLIAM THORNYCRAFT
c. 5 as mentioned in the will--all probably born at Duck Pond, L.I., N.Y.

362. HANNAH
363. PHEBE
364. WILLIAM
365. TIMOTHY, most probably our elusive TIMOTHY
366. SILAS JR.

Numbers for the siblings are not from the Providence Branch Memorial but from later carry down data.


It is the opinion of the compiler that TIMOTHY, son of SILAS, is most probably our elusive TIMOTHY of this compilation and henceforth will be considered as a descendant of the Providence Branch of CARPENTERS on the male side and of the Rehoboth Branch of CARPENTERS on the female side.

Editor's Note: The above is printed verbatim. The references not given in their entirety include letters and notes of the compiler's father, Charles Carpenter, as well as other personal research and findings of the compiler. Questions should be addressed to Admiral Carpenter at 411 N. Middletown Rd., F-203, Lima, PA 09037.
(See related material on page 21 of this issue.)
#2022 - MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CARPENTERS LIVING IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

The following data was forwarded by reader Suzanne Rice of Oconomowoc, Wisc., who was thoughtful enough to check several of her books for data on all three of the families covered in The Epistle. Thanks, Suzanne!

Source: Central Pennsylvania Marriages, 1700-1896, by Charles Fisher

David Carpenter of Lycoming Co. and Mary Ware, 2 Aug. 1832
David Carpenter of Lycoming Co. and Mary Mitchelltree, 11 Feb. 1836
Jesse B. Carpenter of Lycoming Co. and Phoebe Carpenter, 4 May 1847
John Carpenter of Lycoming Co. and Mary Cambell, 4 March 1806
John J. Carpenter of Lycoming Co. and Mary Marshall, 22 Dec. 1846
A. H. Carpenter of Beavertown and Sarah E. Feese of Beavertown, 29 July 1866
Elizabeth Carpenter (daughter of John) and Andrew Marshall of Lycoming Co., 4 March 1823
Sophia Carpenter (daughter of John) and Jonas Newcomer of Lycoming Co., 15 Jan. 1839
Priscilla Carpenter (daughter of John) and John Pepperman of Lycoming Co., 24 Jan. 1828
Maria Carpenter (daughter of John) and Joseph L. Rank of Lycoming Co., 15 Jan. 1839.
Susan Carpenter (daughter of John) and Levi Tate of Lycoming Co., 9 July 1838.

#2023 - READER SEeks DATA ON MINNESOTA CARPENTER ANCESTORS FROM NEW YORK

Darlene Carpenter Semler of R. 1, Box 81, Colton, WA 99113, needs information on the following Carpenters who lived in New York and Minnesota:

Seek info on family of Henry Edwards who in 1932 lived in Mankato, MN. He had brothers Olney, Fred and George Edwards, and a sister, Alice Edwards. Henry married LETTIE CARPENTER of Fairbault Co., MN. Who were Lettie's parents?

Seek info on EZRA CARPENTER who died in 1895 at Vernon Center, MN; he married Aesad L. Fairbanks. Their children were:

1. ALMANZO CARPENTER, born 26 May 1849 at Leon, Cattaraugus Co., NY; died ?; married 17 April 1867 at Vernon Center, MN, Mary Frances Farley; she wed, second, George Edwards.
2. EUNICE EMMA CARPENTER, born in March of 1853; died 14 March 1915 at Fergus Falls, MN; married Olney Edwards.
3. FRANK CARPENTER, born in April, 1860 at Leon, NY; need marriage and death data for him.

#2024 - DATA NEEDED ON FAMILY OF HIRAM CARPENTER OF OWSEGO, NEW YORK

The following inquiry is submitted by Barbee Hodgkins, Box 490, Pomeroy, WA 99347:

Need mother of Augustine Mitchell Carpenter, son of Hiram Carpenter of Oswego, NY. Augustine married Mary E. Miller in March of 1878. Also need parents of Hiram Carpenter.
The Carpenter - McIntier Bible Records

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Died

Simon Carpender Mar. 16, 1794, in 78th year of his age
Sarah Carpender Jan. 16, 1792, in 74th year of her age


Editor's Notes: According to Amos B. Carpenter's 1898 Genealogical History of the Rehoboth Branch of the Carpenter Family in America, Jerusha Carpenter, born Jan. 30, 1761, daughter of Simeon Carpenter, married Elijah McIntire of Sturbridge, Mass., June 10, 1800. Elijah was a farmer and they lived at Charlton, Mass. Jerusha's sisters and brothers were Mollie (or Mary), Abilena, Anna, Huldah, Sarah, Olive, Hannah, Asenath, Simon and Oliver. Being one of nine sisters may account for Jerusha's age at marriage.

Jerusha's father, Simeon (1716-1794), came from an even larger family—he was one of 14 children of Noah Carpenter of Attleboro, Mass. His siblings were: Noah, Marian, Sarah, Stephen, Asa, Mary, Margaret, Simon (died young), Isaiah, Martha, Elisha, Amy and Priscilla Carpenter.

Simon Carpenter was a clothier at Pomfret, CT. A. B. Carpenter also lists his wives as Sarah Sawyer and Phebe Gould, the latter of whom he reportedly wed as his second wife in 1751. This verification of the wives makes it difficult to identify the "Sarah Carpender" listed in the Bible record (with Simon) as having died in 1792 in her 74th year. Amos B. Carpenter refers to him as both Simon and Simeon.

#2026 - CARPENTERS SERVED AS ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEMBERS IN EARLY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Two Carpenter family members who have served as presidential electors are listed in Charles Lanman's 1864 Dictionary of The United States Congress, "compiled as a manual of reference for the legislator and statesman". Lanman was former librarian of the U.S. House of Representatives and his book was issued by the Government Printing Office. The Carpenter family members mentioned are:

MATTHEW CARPENTER, a New York member of the Electoral College for the sixth presidential election in 1809. James Madison was elected president and George Clinton vice president. Madison received 13 of New York's 19 votes.

DAN CARPENTER was an elector from Vermont in the 1825 tenth presidential election. John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William Crawford and Henry Clay were candidates. The Electoral College not giving any the requisite majority of 132 votes, the choice devolved upon the House of Representatives, which elected Adams. The Vermont electors had all voted for Adams. John Calhoun was elected vice president.
#2027 - MAINE CARPENTERS WHO SERVED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DURING WORLD WAR I

The "Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Maine for the Period of the World War, 1917-1919," published by authority of the State Legislature in 1929 at Augusta, Maine, gives the following Carpenter data:

List of Persons Credited to Maine in Federal Service During World War I

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* Served in Army with the rank of first lieutenant
** Listed as a casualty Sept. 26, 1918

#2028 - WHO WERE NEW YORK PARENTS OF HANNAH (CARPENTER) HORTON (DUTCHESS-PUTNAM CO.)?

Paul H. Munson, P.O. Box 462, Goodyear, AZ 85338, is looking for the parentage and other data for his ancestor, Hannah (Carpenter) Horton. Here is what he has:

Hannah Carpenter was born 2 Jan. 1777 somewhere in New York state and died 4 June 1850. She married Elijah Horton (1779-1854), son of Joseph Horton. Hannah and her husband lived at Hortontown and Philipstown (Putnam Co.), NY. Both are buried in the Community Cemetery at Hortontown (E. Fishkill), Dutchess Co., NY. Also buried there is "Ann sister Hannah Horton; b. 1762 d. 19 Oct. 1847."

The children of Elijah and Hannah (Carpenter) Horton were Berry, Mary, Sally, Alsada, Lucinda and Alson Horton.

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Editor's Note: The following information may help you narrow your search for the father of Hannah Carpenter, born in 1777; at least there are possibilities. One suggestion would be to look for Revolutionary War pension papers for the two men listed below to see if they name children; you might also check DAR lineage records.

John Carpenter is listed on the 1777 tax list in Fredericksburg Precinct of Philip Philips Patent (Putnam County, NY).
Joseph Carpenter is listed as assessor of Philipse Patent in 1777.

Source for above data is William Pelletreau's 1886 History of Putnam County, New York (reprinted in 1975).
We feature more data on Rice family members who served in the Civil War. Although lists of capsule service records neither make exciting reading nor provide a quantity of genealogical data, often they are a source of discoveries yet to come. If you identify an ancestor on such a list and can then locate through the National Archives his discharge or pension papers, you may uncover such data as date and place of birth, information on his occupation and identification of other family members, including next of kin. Pension applications of widows of soldiers who died during the Civil War also contain valuable family data. In some cases they have been known to contain information on three generations. In order to locate such records as discharge and pension papers it is usually necessary to know when or where the soldier was mustered in and either the unit he served in or the name of at least one of his commanding officers. That, then, is the value of such lists as the one which begins on the next page.
We highlight in this issue a list of Rice Civil War officers prepared for us by reader William A. Stickney, P. O. Box 67, Wilmington, MA 01887. Bill extracted this data from New York in the War of the Rebellion, a five-volume set, plus index, compiled by Frederick Phisterer and published in 1912.

These valiant Rice family soldiers included a Navy surgeon, an infantry captain, a black cavalry sergeant, a lieutenant taken prisoner at Chancellorsville, Roll of Honor soldiers and a brigadier general killed at Spotsylvania. Many were wounded in action, some died far from home and a few lived through much hardship to return to their families in New York.

ADAM CLARK RICE - On Roll of Honor of New York officers who died in service; 1st Lt. Rice died Sept. 20, 1863 of disease; served in 121st Regiment of Infantry (Otsego & Herkimer); enrolled July 22, 1862 at Fairfield to serve three years; mustered in as Sergeant, Co. C, Aug. 23, 1862; promoted 1st Sgt., Nov. 25, 1862; mustered in as 2nd Lt., Co. K, Jan. 23, 1863; promoted 1st Lt., Co. D, March 13, 1863; mustered in as 1st Lt., Co. F, Apr. 10, 1863.

ADDISON G. RICE - Represented 2nd district of Cattaraugus, 1862 State Assembly; received authority Aug. 19, 1862 to recruit 154th Regiment of Infantry and was appointed Colonel. He appears to have resigned and was succeeded by Col. Patrick H. Jones; not commissioned.

ALBERT R. RICE - Listed among officers in the Volunteer Navy as appointed from, or born in, New York State; appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon Jan. 27, 1864; discharged Sept. 20, 1865.

ALFRED RICE - Enrolled July 29, 1862 at Hannibal in 110th Regiment of Infantry to serve three years; age 47; mustered in as Assistant Surgeon Aug. 25, 1862, and as Surgeon Jan. 16, 1864; mustered out with regiment Aug. 28, 1865 at Albany, NY.


Note: This source gives commissioning dates, which are usually several weeks later than promotion dates.

BURRAGES RICE - Listed on Roll of Honor; enrolled when age 35 at Bath to serve three years and mustered in as a conditional Second Lt. Aug. 16, 1864; as Captain, Co. C, 189th Regiment, Infantry, Sept. 15, 1864. Killed in action Jan. 11, 1865 near Petersburg, VA; prior service as Pvt., 1st Vermont Infantry.

CALVIN A. RICE - Enrolled Sept. 26, 1861, age 25, at Gansevoort for three years; mustered in as Captain, Co. G, 77th Regiment, Infantry, Nov. 10, 1861; dismissed Oct. 4, 1862; subsequently honorably discharged, dated Jan. 8, 1863, pursuant to special act of Congress; also served in 144th Infantry.

CHARLES D. RICE - Enrolled at age 19, May 17, 1861 at Angelica for two years in 27th Regiment of Infantry; mustered in as 2nd Lt., Co. I, May 21, 1861; resigned Aug. 1, 1861.

CHARLES E. RICE - Enrolled Sept. 23, 1861, Boston, Mass. for 3 years; mustered in as 2nd Lt., Co. G, 1st Mass. Cavalry, Oct. 1, 1861; promoted 1st Lt., Nov. 25, 1861; discharged Apr. 30, 1862; again mustered in Jan. 13, 1863 as 1st Lt., Co. D, 2nd Mass. Cavalry; promoted Capt. Feb. 10, 1863; transferred to Co. I & B (no dates); discharged Oct. 22, 1864, tender of resignation; mustered in as Captain, Co. A, 26th Regt., Cavalry, Dec. 29, 1864 for 1 year; promoted Major June 17, 1865; discharge date June 30, 1865.

EDWARD J. RICE - Enrolled Nov. 4, 1861 at Dickenson for 3 years; mustered in as 2nd Lt., Co. G, Nov. 22, 1861; discharged for disability Jan. 13, 1863, Morehead, NC; served in 98th Regt. of Infantry, described as the Malone and Lyons Regt.
CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS FROM NEW YORK - CONTINUED


HORATIO N. RICE - Enrolled at age 18 Sept. 20, 1861, Cayuga, NY, to serve as porter guard in 10th Regiment of Cavalry; mustered in as Pvt., Co. A, Sept. 27, 1861; promoted Corporal Dec. 1, 1862; re-enlisted as veteran Dec. 28, 1863; promoted Sgt., March 20, 1864; wounded in action June 11, 1864, Trevilian Station, VA; discharged Nov. 22, 1864 to accept 2nd Lieutenancy in 28th Regt., U. S. Colored Troops; commissioned 1st Lt., Apr. 22, 1865.

JAMES C. RICE - Listed on Roll of Honor of NY Officers who died while in U. S. service. He enrolled May 10, 1861, New York City, age 30, for 3 years; mustered in as 1st Lt., Co. B, May 28, 1861; transferred to Co. G, July, 1861, & Co. H (no date); discharged Sept. 12, 1861 for promotion to Lt. Col., 44th Infantry (known as Ellsworth Avengers); became Colonel July 4, 1862; discharged Aug. 16, 1863 for promotion to Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers; killed in action May 10, 1864 at Spotsylvania, VA.

JEROME BONAPARTE RICE - Enrolled Aug. 8, 1862, White Creek, NY, to serve 3 years in 123rd (Washington Co.) Regt., Infantry; mustered in at age 21 years Aug. 9, 1862 as 1st Sgt., Co. G; became 2nd Lt., Feb. 17, 1863; wounded and captured, Chancellorville, VA, May, 1863; paroled, exchanged and joined his regiment in September, 1863; mustered out June 27, 1865, Albany, NY.

JOHN B. RICE - Enrolled May 28, 1861 at age 34 in New York City to serve 3 years; mustered in as 2nd Lt., Co. A, 99th Regiment of Infantry, June 14, 1861; discharged Oct. 11, 1861; not commissioned.

JOHN WILSON RICE - He enrolled at the age of 23 at Lyons, NY, Aug. 26, 1862, in the Ninth Regt. of Heavy Artillery (known as the Second Auburn Regiment, or the Cayuga & Wayne Co. Regt.); mustered in as Pvt. in 138th Infantry (subsequently 9th Artillery), Aug. 30, 1862; promoted regimental Commissary-Sergeant; mustered in as 1st Lt., Co. A, Apr. 15, 1864; mustered out with company July 6, 1865, Washington, DC.

JUDSON E. RICE - Listed on Honor Roll of Officers who died while in U. S. service; enrolled at age 20 Sept. 13, 1861 at Sodus for 3 years; mustered in as Pvt., Co. C, 8th New York Cavalry, Oct. 2, 1861; promoted Sergeant (no date); discharged for disability Feb. 15, 1863 at Belle Plain, VA; appointed in U. S. Colored Troops (no date); reported as Captain, 1st U. S. Colored Infantry; killed in action Oct. 27, 1864, Fair Oaks, VA.

LOUIS B. RICE - Enrolled at Sodus at age 28 for 3 years and mustered in as Pvt., Co. B, 138th New York Infantry (subsequently 9th NY Artillery), Aug. 8, 1862; discharged for promotion to 2nd Lt., 1st U. S. Colored Infantry, July 8, 1863; promoted 1st Lt. (not dated); resigned Nov. 28, 1864.

NATHAN P. RICE - Listed on Roll of Honor as Brevet, U.S. Volunteers. Nathan enrolled at Alexandria, Va. to serve for two years and was mustered in as Surgeon Aug. 19, 1861. He was mustered out with his regiment May 28, 1863 at Albany, N.Y., having served with the 18th Regiment of Infantry (also known as the New York State Rifles). His name is also listed as among General Staff Officers of the United States Volunteers who were appointed from the State of New York. Nathan was appointed Assistant Surgeon, with the rank of First Lieutenant, Aug. 7, 1863, and named Surgeon with the rank of Major Sept. 2, 1863. He was mustered out July 27, 1865, and attained the rank of Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Volunteers, by brevet, dating from Aug. 15, 1865.
PHILIP RICE - Listed on Roll of Honor of New York officers who died while in the U.S. service. He enrolled May 7, 1861 at Corinth, when age 35, to serve two years; mustered in as Sgt., Co. G, 30th Regiment of Infantry, June 1, 1861. He became 2nd Lt. April 5, 1862 and was killed in action Aug. 29, 1862 at Groveton, Va.

PITKIN B. RICE - Enrolled at age 31 on April 23, 1861 at Brooklyn, N.Y., to serve 3 months; mustered in as Surgeon May 11, 1861, and mustered out with the 28th Regiment Aug. 5, 1861 at Brooklyn. He was mustered in as Surgeon of the 132nd Regiment of Infantry on July 7, 1862, and was mustered out with this Regiment on June 29, 1865 at Salisbury, N.C.

ROBERT A. RICE - He enrolled May 7, 1861, at age 30, in Cambridge as a first sergeant to serve for two years in the 22nd Regiment of Infantry. He was mustered in as Second Lieutenant of Co. D, June 6, 1861. Robert was discharged for disability on Dec. 14, 1861.

SAMUEL B. RICE - Enrolled at age 24 on April 27, 1861, in New York City, for three years in the 62nd Regiment of Infantry (known as Anderson's Zouaves, or the Advanced Zoos); mustered in as the First Sergeant of Co. K on July 3, 1861; Samuel was promoted to Quartermaster-Sergeant on July 9, 1861; he was then mustered in as the Second Lieutenant of Co. G on Oct. 1, 1861, and transferred to Co. A in December.

(List Continued on the following page.)
RICE FAMILY CIVIL WAR OFFICERS FROM NEW YORK STATE

(Continued)

SOLOMON RICE - Enrolled at age 35 on Sept. 24, 1861 at Delhi, N.Y., to serve 3 years; mustered in as 1st Lt., Oct. 30, 1861; discharged Jan. 2, 1862. He served with the Eighth Independent Battery, Light Artillery, also known as the 56th Regiment, Second Artillery Co. (Tenth Legion Battery/Delaware Battery.)

VICTOR M. RICE - Member of the New York State Assembly from the second district of Erie.


WESTLEY T. RICE - Enrolled at age 30, Sept. 6, 1862, Ogdensburg, for 3 years; mustered in as Assistant Sergeant Sept. 29, 1862; discharged July 25, 1864. He served in the 142nd Regiment of Infantry.

WILBER F. RICE - Enrolled at age 20 on Sept. 1, 1864 at Palmyra, N.Y. for 1 year; mustered in as a Private with Co. A, 111th Regiment of Infantry, Sept. 5, 1864; promoted to Sergeant Oct. 28, 1864; mustered out with his company June 4, 1865 near Alexandria, Va.; he was commissioned, not mustered, as a Second Lieutenant on May 16, 1865, with his new rank dating from Dec. 23, 1864.

WILLIAM F. RICE - Mustered in at age 23 as a First Lieutenant of Co. A, 26th Regiment of Cavalry on Dec. 30, 1864; he became a Captain on March 27, 1865; was mustered out with his company on June 30, 1865, at the close of the war.

WILLIAM H. RICE - He was 41 years old when he enrolled on Oct. 25, 1861 at Fort Ontario to serve for three years with the 81st Regiment of Infantry (also known as the Second Oswego Regiment, or the Mohawk Rangers). William was mustered in as Surgeon on Dec. 20, 1861 and mustered out Dec. 21, 1864.

The New York Governor, in remarks to the 1865 State Legislature, had this to say of the freedom entrusted to us by our ancestors: This Government our fathers intended to establish and transmit as a legacy to posterity. Irrespective of the divisions into states, we are called upon to maintain and perpetuate the trust. Eighty years of enterprise, prosperity and progress have not lessened our obligations, nor checked our devotion to the great cause of civil liberty. It is not a mistake to assume that, whatever exigency may follow, whether domestic or foreign, the great body of the people will go forward to meet and overcome it with the same firm and irresistible energy which characterized our ancestors...

The following communique was received in September from Margaret M. Pence of 489 Reit-er Dr., Ontario, OR 97914:

I would appreciate any help from your files and/or fellow Epistle readers in locating any information regarding my great-great-grandparents, Hiram C. and Hannah (Powers) Rice. Who were their parents and siblings? Where were they born, when were they married, where did they live, die, etc.?

I have not been able to find any trace of this family in the two 1850 Michigan census films I have checked, thinking that would be a resource as my great-grandfather, William Clark Rice—according to his obituary and death certificate—was born 13 Aug. 1846 at Scotts Station near Kalamazoo, Michigan. The only Hiram Rice listed in the index of the 1850 Michigan census was not my ancestor. There was no Hiram Rice living in Kalamazoo County in 1850.

I have some dates, handed down through extended family members, that were taken from a family Bible somewhere along the line, and the names and birthdates of their children. I would like to correspond with any descendants of their children.

Hiram C. Rice, born 30 Dec. 1803, died 2 Feb. 1852 (no indication of where). Hannah (Powers) Rice was born 27 Aug. 1807 in New York State. Their children:

- Mary A. born 1 Apr. 1826
- Daniel P. born 29 Mar. 1828
- Joseph J. born 16 Sept. 1830
- Hiram born 27 Feb. 1832
- Jerry J. born 5 Aug. 1834
- Helen born 6 Dec. 1837
- Myron M. born 4 Nov. 1839
- Francis M. born 1 Aug. 1841
- Edwin C. born 21 Sept. 1843
- Dwight born February 1845
- William Clark born 13 Aug. 1846
- Hiram C. born in April 1850
- Fred (?), who may have been a grandson

A note of interest: My great-grandfather, William Clark Rice, a Civil War veteran, died 7 Sept., 1937 at the age of 91 in Traverse City, Michigan, four days after being struck by lightning while standing in the doorway of his home in Rapid City, Michigan!

Again, any help I receive in tracing my Rice ancestors will be greatly appreciated.

Margaret M. Pence

(Editor's reply is on the next page)
Editor's Reply:

Thanks, Margaret, for getting in touch and for outlining your problem for us. I've checked the indexed portion of the Rice family files here and find a dozen or so Hiram Rices, but none of them are the one you seek. It would be natural to look for him among the large New England branch of the family descended from Deacon Edmund Rice since the migration pattern from New York to Michigan is common to members of that branch of the family. However, there are other New England branches who also wended their way westward via Michigan, including the descendants of the early Maine, Rhode Island and Connecticut Rice families, whose records are not nearly so complete as those of the Edmund Rice branch. Ordinarily, descendants of the Southern Rice branches of the family are not found in Michigan in the mid 1800's, but there are always exceptions. Keeping every possibility in mind, I looked into the family of the Hiram Rice born in 1778 in Caswell County, North Carolina. No luck. He moved to Robertson County, Tennessee, where his son, Hiram, was born 12 March 1805.

I also found a Rice family in Jefferson County, New York, which includes a Hiram Rice, born ca. 1801 in New Hampshire, but his wife is named Sylvia. This Hiram is probably a son of Asa Rice, who was born in 1777 in New Hampshire and was living with Hiram when the 1850 census was taken. I spent a lot of time poking into records of both the St. Lawrence & Jefferson Co., NY Rices because they also include a Clark Rice and "Clark" is used as a middle name in your branch of the Rice family. Clark Rice, born 27 April 1785, is buried at Elmwood Cemetery near Adams, Jefferson Co. His wife was named Abiah; she was born in 1792 and, according to one source, died in 1899, which might be questionable since that makes her age 107 years old at death. It is possible that more information on these Rices might be available from Evelyn (Rice) Roberts, P.O. Box 873, Ellensburg, WA 98926. She came across data on them while working on her New York ancestors who settled in Wisconsin; I don't believe she ever tied the family of Clark, Asa and Hiram to her Rice ancestors.

I did stumble across one reference to your Rices. The December, 1974 issue (Vol.4, No.2) of The Kalamazoo Valley Family Newsletter lists in Camden Township, Michigan, an R. M. Rice who was supervisor in 1890 and Justice of the Peace in 1895. An H. C. Rice is constable in 1895 and Hiram D. Rice (the initial could be a typo) is given as constable in 1896. This, I assume, is Hiram "Jr." Other issues of that newsletter may be a good source for you to check. This particular issue--the only one I have data from--also lists in Moscow Township a Fred D. Rice as school inspector in 1898 and a Fred B. Rice as a 1931 Board of Review member.

There are a couple of avenues you may wish to pursue. I have Michigan ancestry and have had good luck with old county histories and those old biographical encyclopedias so popular in the late 1800's-early 1900s. My directory shows a Kalamazoo County history, but I don't have its title. However, the Portrait & Biographical Record of Kalamazoo, Allegan & Van Buren Counties, which contains 1,149 pages, was published in 1892. If any of Hiram's children settled in that area they may be included; if so, there's a good chance material on them will tell where the family lived before coming to Michigan. I also suggest you look at Rice wills (probate records) for Kalamazoo County in the mid 1800's. It would help to know what other Rices were in the area and what the relationships are; particularly helpful would be a will which names your Hiram Rice as an heir. You might also try to locate your great-grandfather, William Clark Rice, in the 1880 census to see what he gave as the state of birth for his father; if you can't find him (or even if you do and want to double check), you might look at 1880 census records for those Rices living in Camden Township, Michigan. I assume the other Hiram Rice you found in Michigan is the one who belongs to Abner and Keziah (Buck) Rice, who lived in Lebanon, Madison Co., NY, and had children Samuel, Mary, Daniel, Ezra, Hiram, James, Owen, Benjamin and Ann. Several of these children settled in Mackinac County, Michigan. This family is being researched by Alice E. McCoy, 4419 108th St. S.E., Everett, WA 98204. You might contact her to see if she came across any records of your Hiram Rice while researching hers. Hopefully, some of our readers will come to your assistance. Keep in touch!
New reader Mrs. Frances Thomas, 1904 Detroit Ave., Nederland, TX 77627, submits following inquiry:

Daingerfield Rice, my great-great-grandfather, was born in Virginia in 1775. One reference describes him as "a native of East Tennessee, and his will was probated in Lafayette Co., Missouri, in 1827. His first wife was Margaret Looney of Hawkins Co., Tennessee. I would like to learn the name of his second wife, Nancy (?), who was born in 1786, either in Tennessee or South Carolina. Her will also was probated in Lafayette Co., Missouri. Perhaps some reader knows and would share this information with me.

Frances' lineage is:

3. Caleb Rice of Massachusetts, b. 19 May 1666; d. 5 Jan. 1738/39; married Mary Ward in 1696.
4. Josiah Rice of Massachusetts, b. 30 Dec. 1700; d. 1792; married Thankful Rice in 1726.
5. Joseph Rice of Massachusetts, b. 2 Aug. 1727; d. 1792; married Eunice Harrington in 1749.
6. Josiah Rice of Massachusetts and Virginia, b. 19 Sept. 1751, d. 2 Feb. 1834; m. Hannah Marble in 1774.
7. Daingerfield Rice of Virginia, Tennessee & Missouri, b. 2 March 1775, d. 15 June 1827; m. 1) Margaret Looney and 2) Nancy (?)?

Editor's Notes:

According to reader Mrs. James Hollandsworth of Route 1, Box 147, Whitesboro, 76273, the second wife of Dangerfield Rice was Nancy Brown. Since you've just ordered a set of Epistle back issues, you can find out the most the quickest by turning to Item #1571 in Vol. IX, No.2 (January, 1983 edition). Of course, when you see the material you may wish you hadn't gotten in touch to ask Nancy's name. The reason is that the parentage of Dangerfield Rice is open to question. Apparently the will of John Rice of Hawkins County, Tennessee, dated in 1811, names this Dangerfield Rice as his son. This genealogical controversy is discussed in Item #1571 so won't repeat all the pros and cons here.

Another Dangerfield Rice descendant is Mrs. Margaret (Ingrum) Watts, R#2, Mexico, 65265. She descends from Dangerfield Rice's daughter, Prudence (1801-1888), who married John Ingrum. Their oldest son, Elverto Aiken Ingrum, married Hannah Powel daughter of Absalom & Elizabeth (Rice) Powell; Elizabeth was the daughter of James Rebecca (Miller) Rice. Margaret Watts lists John Rice as father of Dangerfield.
#2031 - MAINE ANCESTOR MARRIED WILLIAM KING RICE AND ENDED UP IN OREGON

A note from Mrs. Verda E. Cornutt, 600 S. E. 26th Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97123, includes some information on her Rice ancestry. She writes:

One of my Maine ancestors, Mary (Polly) Pettingell, married William King Rice. He died on the way to Iowa. She remarried—to Beckwith Cook—and they came on to Oregon in the 1850's. The DAR placed a "Real Daughter" plaque on her grave, which is at Buena Vista, Oregon.

Editor's Note:

William King Rice was born at Conway, Mass. in 1792 and died 29 Dec. 1839 near Ottawa, Ill. Mary, his wife, was born in 1790 at Yarmouth, Maine, daughter of Benjamin & Mercy (Briggs) Pettingell. Their children were Horace, Hamilton, Nancy, Mary, Cyrenius, Lucinda and Ruth Rice.

William was a son of Cyrus Rice Jr., born in 1759 at Barre, Mass. Cyrus married Abigail Rice of Conway, giving his descendants double Rice ancestry. Their children, in addition to William, were Sophia, Philana, Roswell, Jeremiah, Beulah, Fidelia and Cynthia. Cyrus was a son of Cyrus & Elizabeth (Eaton) Rice of Worcester, Mass., who moved to Barre before becoming the first settlers of Conway, where their daughter Beulah was, in 1763, the first child born in that town. The elder Cyrus was son of Josiah & Sarah Rice, grandson of Ephraim & Hannah (Livermore) Rice, and great-grandson of Thomas Rice, a son of Edmund Rice, the immigrant from England who settled at Sudbury, Mass.

#2032 - CORRESPONDENT HAS DOUBLE LINES OF DESCENT FROM EDMUND¹ RICE OF MASSACHUSETTS

We're constantly hearing from more and more Rice descendants. Among the latest to get in touch is Jean MacGregor, 4987 Gardena Ave., San Diego, CA 92110. She descends from Dea. Edmund Rice two ways:

1) From Edward Rice (son of Edmund, the immigrant) through his son, Benjamin, and his daughter, Elizabeth Rice, who married Ephraim Howe June 8, 1723.

2) From Joseph Rice (son of Edmund¹) through his son, Caleb, and his daughter, Mary Rice, who married Abraham Beaman March 16, 1725.

Jean would appreciate hearing from anyone who shares her Rice ancestry; it's always helpful to compare notes with others.

#2033 - READER RESPONDS TO QUERY ON RUTH PARKER, THE WIFE OF EDMUND² RICE OF MASS.

In response to Epistle Item #2009--Mrs. Spencer Duty's query on the parents of Ruth Parker, wife of Edmund³ Rice (1663-1726)--we've had this reply from reader Herbert W. Sumner Jr., 12-27 Jerome Pl, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410:

I have descent from them (Edmund & Ruth) via their son Silas, who was captured in the French and Indian raid on Marlboro in 1704. He was carried to Caughnawaga and married an Indian. Their granddaughter married my Thomas Williams and had 13 children...The closest I can come regarding an answer may be found on page 353, Vol. III of James Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, where a Ruth Parker was daughter of Joseph Parker and Mary. She seems to be the only Ruth Parker in the appropriate time frame.
#2034 - Data Sought on Hannah Rice, Wife of Col. Thomas Gaddis of Pennsylvania & Ohio

Tanis Diedrichs of 2804 Walnut St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613, seeks information on the parents of both Hannah Rice and her husband, Col. Thomas Gaddis (1744-1834) of Pennsylvania who came to Clinton County, Ohio about 1814 to start a newspaper known as the True American at Wilmington, Ohio. Her descent is through their daughter, Priscilla, born 13 May 1779, who married Uriah Glover Jr. They were parents of her great-great-grandfather, John B. Glover Jr., born in 1810 in Shelby County, Ky.

Editor's Notes:

A notarized copy of a memorandum by Rice Gaddis (1789-1853) states his grandfather was John Rice, born 12 Oct. 1720, who married Hannah (?) and lived at Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. Rice Gaddis was the son of their daughter, Hannah Rice, born 14 Nov. 1747 at Winchester, where she wed Thomas Gaddis in 1764. Thomas and Hannah (Rice) Gaddis lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, from 1764 until 1814, when they went to Wilmington, Ohio. Col. Thomas Gaddis was a Revolutionary War veteran.

I obtained this information at least 12 years ago from Mrs. R. C. White, 2717 C. R. 280, Vickery, OH 43464. She descends from Thomas and Hannah (Rice) Gaddis through their daughter, Hannah, born 20 May 1776 at Union Township, Pa., who married Moses Hopwood and died in Fayette County, Pa., in 1837.

#2035 - Help Needed on Researching Family of Erma (Rice) Kurtz of Michigan

Lucille O. Elrite of 11632 Bittersweet NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433, is researching the family of Donna Bell (Kurtz) Brown, born sometime before her father, Johann Wm. Kurtz, was killed in 1924 by a falling tree. They lived in Michigan and Donna's mother was Erma Rice. Can anyone help?

#2036 - Ebenezer Rice Entry Found Among Bible Records of the Burnham Family

An Ebenezer Rice, born Oct. 2, 1793, is among persons whose births are listed in "Polly Burnham's Book, Family Record". Entries from the book were published in the March, 1968 issue of the D.A.R. Magazine. Most of them pertain to members of the Burnham family.

#2037 - Thomas Rice Among Massachusetts Members of Electoral College in 1797 Election

Thomas Rice is listed among Massachusetts members of the Electoral College for the third United States Presidential Election in 1797. John Adams was elected president; he received the entire vote of the Massachusetts delegation. Thomas Jefferson was elected vice president. (From Dictionary of the United States Congress, compiled by Charles Lanman, former House of Representatives librarian, and issued by the Government Printing Office in 1864.)
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Dear Friends:

Our New Year was ushered in with one snow storm followed by yet another. The snow is driftin', the wind's a blowin' and whitecaps ride the incoming tide, but your editor is snugly tucked into her office, surrounded by books, genealogical clutter and the crackling of fireplace logs.

Readers often write to thank me for useful Epistle information containing nuggets of hard-to-find family data. I like this implication that tracing ancestors is like embarking on a treasure hunt and will continually strive to offer such valuable "nuggets" on the Batchelder, Carpenter and Rice families.

In "mapping out" this issue's genealogical "mining territory", I decided to include more short items than usual, giving space to a wide variety of data submitted by readers. I can't provide something special for everyone, but I do know some of you will find answers in this edition.

I'll be leaving for Florida as soon as this issue is written to spend time with my parents in Pompano Beach. When local folks--some already weary of winter weather--hear where I'm going, some are a bit envious. This is not, however, a "fun-in-the-sun" trip. Dad has been hospitalized twice since mid-December and the prognosis is not promising.

My late New Year's wish for a happy, healthy 1987 for all of you includes the hope that your genealogical treasure hunt will yield both valuable discoveries and "golden" experiences.

Warmest wishes!

[Signature]

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Briefing Our Readers

(The data on this page will answer the most common questions posed by readers, saving you and us letter-writing time we'd rather devote to genealogy. That's why this page is repeated each issue.)

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Readers are urged to share their genealogical data—and problems—in print. Particularly welcome are family genealogies, lineage summaries and ancestral charts prepared by readers, as well as family Bible records, census listings, old letters, town records and copies of wills, deeds and obituaries from past centuries. Material must pertain primarily to descendants of Rice, Batchelder or Carpenter families. We cover all known U.S. branches of these families. You are also encouraged to outline problems encountered in tracing ancestors who bore these surnames. Your problems will be printed, but the job of assisting you will fall primarily to other readers, rather than to your editor.

A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

We would like to have a mutual understanding with readers about our relationship with you and how we may best serve your interests.

First, nobody works full time on THE EPISTLE since we also publish two other genealogical magazines. We put out these magazines because, like you, we got bitten by the genealogy bug. We think we can give the most help to the most people by collecting genealogical data on your families and sharing it in print. Doing these magazines takes all the hours we can spare each day.

The message? We can't become involved in researching—or corresponding about—your ancestral problems on an individual basis and, at the same time, put out magazines. If we could do both, honestly we would! Since we can not conduct research for you, we will try to put your problems in print for hundreds of readers to see.

The understanding? If you will be content to let us help you in print (not by private correspondence), we promise to devote our energy and time to making THE EPISTLE serve your needs.

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APPLAUSE ROSE TO AN Ovation in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The thunderous approval was for Ernest Batchelder and his wife, Alice Coleman Batchelder, as they stood during a break in the civic orchestra concert to receive Pasadena's highest honor. This was the Arthur Noble Medal, given each year for promoting the beauty or general welfare of the city.

The year was 1937, and the Batchelders had given much to their community. Alice was managing the prestigious Coleman Chamber Music Concerts and Ernest was president of the Pasadena Playhouse Association. In addition, he was a noted maker of decorative tile and teacher of design. The years to come would see even more of their contributions to music and the arts.

Alice Coleman, arriving from Nebraska with her family when she was thirteen, was the first of the pair to come to Pasadena. In an autobiographical sketch, she recalled the Pasadena of 1886 as having "... wide-open spaces, fields of wild flowers, orange groves, dust-laden roads, coyotes in the Arroyo Seco, and over all, the blue mountain range." The city was small, but Alice's parents managed to provide an encouraging environment for her interest in music.

Music opportunities in early Pasadena were limited, but Alice participated in school musical events and was intensely interested in the building of the first pipe organ in town. She recalled that "during the building of the instrument I was a daily visitor... finding in the myriad pipes a mystery and allure that challenged me to further acquaintance." She met the challenge and served as organist for two Pasadena churches, and then began her "great adventure of leaving home for study in Boston, then the goal of every ambitious music student." She studied with B. J. Lang, was accompanist for the Saint Cecilia Chorus, and substitute organist in old King's Chapel. All this activity filled ten years. And then, though Lang stated that she was prepared to appear as a soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Alice Coleman returned to Pasadena.

Looking back, it seems strange. She was about thirty, in the prime of life, and seemingly on the threshold of a great career as a concert pianist. Her personality, however, was apparently not suited to that strenuous occupation. As Alice herself explained, "Youthful aspirations for achievement in the larger music world of the East were gradually replaced by a desire to be identified with the musical growth of my childhood home. I returned... to take my place in the community as a pianist, teacher and organist."

In the East, Alice had gained maturity and experience to guide her in beginning her beloved chamber music concerts. She also met her future husband, Ernest Allen Batchelder.

Ernest, born in 1875, came from New Hampshire stock and was an up-and-coming young teacher of design. He graduated from the Normal Art School of Massachusetts, did postgraduate work at Harvard Summer School and later was an instructor there. When Alice returned home to Pasadena, Ernest followed her and took the only available position, that of an in-
structor of grammar school drawing
and manual art at Throop Poly-
technic Institute.

As a teacher at Throop Poly-
technic Institute (later Caltech), Er-
nest was part of the manual arts
movement that sought to restore the
dignity of hand labor to education.
He was also becoming a leading
voice of the Craftsman period. His
first book was published, Principles
of Design, a collection of essays
from The Inland Printer magazine.

Ernest went on to expound just as
clearly what he perceived as the
philosophy of the age. Much of it
seems uncomfortably current in its
reaction against mass production
and mediocre machine-made goods.
In The Craftsman magazine, from
which the era took its name, he
noted, "The dignity of labor is of the
mind and heart, not of the hand
alone. When a man is robbed of the
last vestige of human interest in the
work that necessity compels him to
do for a living, it is time to scan the
credentials of our commercial
standards."

Along with writing and teaching,
Ernest traveled widely in Europe.
These trips abroad heightened his
interest in the Gothic, which ap-
peared later in his tile designs and
surfaced then in his writing. In an-
other Craftsman essay he wrote,
"When we have . . . pried with
quiet wonder into all the nooks and
corners of a big cathedral . . . there
is the same persistent painstaking
character, the same kind of soul
stuff that comes from earnest
thought and honest effort."

That soul stuff made an indelible
impression on his students. Ernest
taught at the Handicraft Guild in
Minneapolis for many summers,
and in 1910 had as a pupil the young
Iowa artist, Grant Wood. Wood's
interest in the Flemish artists, cou-
pied with his early instruction from
Ernest, led to his best known work,
American Gothic.

When Ernest returned to Pas-
adena that fall, he did not go back to
Throop, which was beginning its
metamorphosis into Caltech, but in-
stead bought property along the Ar-
royo in Pasadena, built a bungalow,
and started a tile factory in the yard.
It was small at first and primitive.
He could fire fewer than fifty tiles in
his small kiln, and chickens ambled
over the tile drying in the sun. The
hen scratches added veracity to his
business motto: "No two tiles the
same."

By 1912 he had outgrown his
backyard. Partners had added
money to his creative inventiveness
and he moved the factory to a site
on what is now Arroyo Parkway.
Perhaps he felt that he was a solid
businessman and was done with
wandering the world, because a
year later he and Alice Coleman
were married.

For Alice, the years after return-
ning home and before her marriage
were used to lay the foundations of
what was to become the Coleman
Chamber Music Association.
Chamber music was largely un-
known in Southern California, and
she decided to bring it to the public.
It took long sessions at the tele-
phone, overcoming objections of
friends who said it couldn't be
done, but on January 25, 1904, in the
Elks Hall, "Miss Coleman's Cham-
ber Concert" featured Los Angeles'
Krauss String Quartet, with Alice
Coleman at the piano, playing the
Schumann Piano Quintet.

Unlike most artists, Alice was
blessed with great executive ability,
and by 1923 had a clearer vision of the concerts she wished to present. The early years had always included some chamber works, but actually a variety had been performed. Now she planned to concentrate solely on chamber music and instead of a single group, presented several of the foremost groups from Los Angeles.

The purely chamber music series was a success. After playing in many homes and halls, the concerts moved to the Pasadena Playhouse, where they remained for thirty-seven years. It was a fortuitous arrangement, because in 1931 Ernest became president of the Playhouse Association.

As Alice was refining her vision of chamber music in Southern California (and, incidentally, bearing a son), Ernest was refining his tile designs and enlarging his factory. From the location on Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena it moved to Los Angeles and sent forth a phenomenal output.

Now with display rooms across the country, Ernest sold terra cotta, decorative and paving tile, fountains, corbels and garden urns. His tile appears in some houses designed by Greene and Greene, and almost always in houses designed by Alfred Heineman. Union Station in Chicago, Saint Catherine's Church in Saint Paul, and the lobby of the Plaza Hotel in San Antonio are just a few of the buildings that contained his tile.

Probably his best-loved pieces are the picture tiles for fireplaces that grace innumerable homes.

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Ernest Tile

Batchelder Tile is found throughout Southern California and some of it is easily accessible. The Craftsman house near the Arroyo, with Ernest's tile and memories of Alice's music, is a cultural monument of the city of Pasadena. The best known major site is Finney's Cafeteria, 217 West Sixth Street, in Los Angeles, where the entire interior is done in delightful Dutch scenes. The Global Marine Building, at 811 West Seventh Street, also in Los Angeles, displays Ernest's work on the exterior of the entrance and in the foyer. There is a wealth of tile in the lobby of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, 2525 Firestone Boulevard in South Gate, though it provides only the setting for the focal points, huge tile murals by Gladding McBean & Company. In Northern California, the Oakland Museum, at 1000 Oak Street in Oakland, usually has some Batchelder tile from the permanent collection on display.

Small installations crop up almost everywhere. In Santa Monica, the gates at Palisades Park have huge tiles at the tops. There are drinking fountains on the northeast and southeast corners of Holly and Marengo in Pasadena, and the Amtrak depot at 222 South Raymond Avenue, also in Pasadena, boasts a rim of tile in Mayan design at wainscot height in the waiting room.

-A.S.
They are just the sort of thing to enchant a child—saguaro cactus and horseback riders against the sky, or perhaps more characteristic of Ernest's bent, a long, winding road leading up to a fantastic Gothic castle. Unfortunately, the castles crumbled in 1932 when the Depression forced the heavily indebted factory to be sold.

Ernest immersed himself in civic life, notably the Pasadena Playhouse. As president of the Playhouse Association, he was involved in the entire range of policy making. It was the first American stage to present all of Shakespeare's plays, and in 1937 was named the State Theater of California.

That same year, both Ernest and Alice were awarded Pasadena's Noble Medal, and a year later Ernest went back to working with his beloved clay and started a kiln near Eaton Wash in Pasadena where he made fragile and highly colored slip cast art pottery until 1951.

The Coleman concerts had become a fixture in Pasadena and celebrated their fortieth anniversary in 1944 with a repeat of the first concert played at the Elks Hall. Alice had yet another innovation up her sleeve, however. Because of her interest in supporting young artists, she suggested that the association hold annual auditions. They were, indeed, competitions, but were judged against a standard of performance instead of merely ensembles competing against one another.

In 1948, Alice Coleman Batchelder died. The Coleman Chamber Music Association continued, however, and in 1952 its first commissioned work was performed. In 1954 it began the Assembly Room Concerts, bringing chamber music to children of local schools. Ernest remained president of the Playhouse Association until 1951, and was on the Pasadena Library Board until just a few months before his death in 1957.

Ernest and Alice Coleman Batchelder left a remarkable legacy.

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Ernest Batchelder:

LINE OF DESCENT

The pedigree of Ernest Batchelder stretches back to Joseph Batcheller, who is believed to have been born in Canterbury, England. A tailor by occupation, he left England in 1636 with his wife, Elizabeth, one child, some servants and at least two of his brothers. Joseph first settled his family at Salem, Mass., then later moved to nearby Wenham.

John Batcheller, who comes next in this line of descent, was baptized at Salem's First Church in 1638. He married Mary Dennis in 1661 and, following her 1665 death, wed Sarah Goodale in 1666. John served on the jury that tried the famous Salem witchcraft cases. He died in 1698.

David Batchelor, son of John, was born at Wenham in 1673 and in 1709 married Susanna Whipple of Ipswich. He was a prominent member of the Wenham church and held many town offices, including that of town clerk. David died in 1766.

Amos Batchelder (1727-1809), son of David, spent his life in Wenham. A farmer, he settled upon the family homestead following his 1752 marriage to Lydia Kimball. Amos served at least three enlistments in the Revolutionary War. His will lists his daughters Elizabeth and Lydia and his sons. Amos, Edmond, David, Israel, Isaac and Joseph. Lydia was the wife of Amos Dodge; Elizabeth married her cousin, John Bacheller of Amherst, N.H.

The line continues through Amos Batchelder (1761-1843), who left his native Wenham to become one of the early pioneers of Franconestown, N.H. He had served in the Revolutionary War from Wenham and married Huldah Kimball in 1786. Their children were Amos, Kimball, Levi, Roxanna, Huldah, Israel, Perkins and Moses Batchelder.

Levi Batchelder was born in 1798 and died there in 1875. He married, first, in 1825, Pamela Balch (1793-1833); his second wife was Asenath Fisher. A wheelwright and farmer, Levi succeeded to his father's estate. He is only known to have had two children, sons Elbridge and George.

Elbridge Kimball Batchelder was born in 1826 at Franconestown, where he married in 1849 Cornelia Ann Vose. Their children were Charles, Arthur and John.

Charles Levi Batchelder was born in 1851 at Franconestown. A contractor, he later lived at West Medford, Mass. He and his first wife, the former Mary Alice Sleeper (1852-1879), are the parents of Ernest A. Batchelder, who is featured in this issue.
An ancient chair, handed down among descendants of Rev. Stephen Bachiler for generations, was purchased by Mr. Eddy Nicholson of Hampton Falls, N.H. for $528,000 at an Oct. 25 auction held by Sotheby's in New York City. The price includes commissions and other fees.

The chair, alleged by some over the years to have belonged to the Rev. Stephen Bachiler, founder of Hampton, N.H., had long been on loan to the New Hampshire Historical Society. Recently, its owners--heirs of Charles H. Batchelder--decided to withdraw the chair and sell it at auction. The Tuck Museum and First Congregational Church in Hampton were hopeful the chair might somehow be returned to Hampton in time for the community's 350th anniversary in 1988. Neither group, however, felt it would be feasible to raise enough funds to purchase the chair. At that time, the sale price was estimated at approximately $60,000.

Mr. Nicholson, former head of Congoleum, is an antique collector. It is believed that his collection is primarily of a private nature. Thus, the chair's return to the Hampton area does not necessarily make it accessible to Batchelder family members or residents of Hampton.

Although the chair sold for more than anticipated, it now appears it was not as old as previously rumored. This is not, however, the first time the chair's age and ownership have been questioned.

Mrs. Laura MacLean, historian for Hampton's First Congregational Church, says the chair appears to have been made after Rev. Stephen Bachiler returned to England and most likely was first owned by his grandson, Nathaniel Batchelder of Hampton. This news has lessened interest in the chair by current members of the church founded by Rev. Stephen Bachiler. What is now the oldest Congregational Society in New Hampshire was organized by Rev. Bachiler on Oct. 14, 1638.

Our source for information on the disposition of the Batchelder family chair is Mrs. MacLean and a Boston Globe clipping.
Introduction

One task often facing family researchers is the verification of the alleged Revolutionary War service of our ancestors. Those compilers of old family genealogies written in the 1800's were sometimes overly-anxious to ascribe Revolutionary War duty to ancestors who lived in that time frame. Such service can be verified in a variety of ways, most often through records in the custody of the National Archives. However, some data is usually a prerequisite to locating the actual service records. In addition to a soldier's name and place of residence, it is often helpful to know at least one fact which relates to his actual war service—i.e., when or where he enlisted, his rank, his company or regiment. This is why we are happy to share such information as that given below. We hope it becomes a "stepping stone" for some readers.

The Battle of Bennington: General Burgoyne's trip south from Canada at the head of his English army had begun with a painfully slow, struggling march through the northern forests, capped by victory at Ticonderoga. So far he had met with little resistance from the Americans, but now his troubles commenced. An American army under General Schuyler began to block his way, chopping down trees, placing them across roads and destroying bridges. These acts did not seriously slow up the English soldiers, but they did hold back supply wagons and suddenly Burgoyne and his men found themselves without sufficient food. Not far away was the town of Bennington. Burgoyne sent a thousand soldiers there to get food and other supplies. Instead of food, the soldiers found an American army under Colonel John Stark. Stark and his men fought so well that they defeated and captured most of Burgoyne's troops. Less than a hundred managed to escape and rejoin Burgoyne.

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SOURCE: Roll of New Hampshire Soldiers at the Battle of Bennington, Aug. 16, 1777, compiled by George C. Gilmore and printed, 1891, by John B. Clarke, both of Manchester, N.H.

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# Wounded; # All these enlistments are in 1777

In an appendix to the above work George Gilmore lists New Hampshire men who lost their lives between 1775 and 1782 while fighting for the right of self government. Included are:
- Pvt. Josiah Batchelder of Deerfield, killed July 3, 1777.
- Sgt. Nathaniel Batchelder of Deerfield, died March 24, 1778.
- Pvt. Stephen Batchelder of Deerfield, died Nov. 2, 1777.
Another set of Maine cemetery records has been compiled and forwarded by Dianne Bouford, 11 Western Ave. Pl., Augusta, ME 04330. For her line of descent from the Rev. Stephen Bachiler, and another set of gravestone inscriptions Dianne submitted, see Epistle Item #1984 (Vol.12, No.6, September, 1986).

MAINE CEMETERY RECORDS

White's Corner Cemetery, Montville, Maine:

*Edwin S. Bachelder
  died
  Mar. 1, 1911
  AE. 86 yrs. 11 mo.

Martha J.
  wife of E. S. Bachelder
  died Mar. 18, 1879
  AE. 50 yrs. 11 m's.

Pine Tree (or) MacFarland Hill Cemetery, Hancock, Maine:

*Adoniram J.
  son of Rev. T. & C. T. Batchelder
  died March 1, 1871
  AE. 21 yrs. 7 mos.

*Harriet Jane K., daughter of
  Rev. Theophilus & Charlotte T. Batchelder
  died March 21, 1865
  Aged 18 years.

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*Rev. Theophilus
  Mar. 16, 1811
  Nov. 6, 1885

Charlotte T.
  Sept. 13, 1804
  Oct. 4, 1886

Brooklin Cemetery, Brooklin, Maine:

*Catherine wife of
  Capt. J. P. B. Batcheler
  died Apr. 5, 1889
  AE. 71 yrs, 5 m's, 20 d's

James, son of J. P. B. Batcheler
  died Aug. 15, 1854
  AE. 16 yrs, 9 m's. 23 d's

Nancy E. dau. of
  J.P.B. & Catherine Batcheler
  Died Dec. 29, 1860
  AE. 13 yrs, 6 m, 20 d's

Arthur H. Batcheler, 1856-1930

Horace J. Batcheler
  1851-1908
  Ella A., His Wife
  1858-1923

Both together: *Keziah P.
  wife of
  Increase F. Batcheler
  Died Dec. 26, 1887
  AE. 74 yrs.

*Increase F. Batcheler
  died
  Nov. 16, 1894
  AE. 81 yrs, 7 m's
Edinburg Cemetery, Edinburg, Maine:

*Jeremiah T. Batchelder
  died Oct. 20, 1892
  AE. 80 yrs, 1 m, 20 d's

*John L. Batchelder
  1867-1934
  Laura P. Hanscom
  1878-1918
  Their infant children
  Batchelder
  1873 Herbert J. 1938
  1889 His wife, Laura S.
  Their dau. Zelma E. 1907

*John Batchelder died Dec. 14, 1877, AE. 76 yrs, 11 mos.

The following obituary is from the Dec. 30, 1985 edition of the Bangor (Me.) Daily News:

Laura Batchelder, 96, died Dec. 28, 1985 in Lincoln. She was born in Stillwater, April 26, 1889, the daughter of Peter and Mary (Pinkham) Sibley. She was active in the grange in years past. She is survived by five daughters, Madeline Smart of Medford, Lila Chaples of Bristol, Conn., Martha Dow of Argyle, Lena Prescott of Unity and Velma McGraves of Brunswick; three sisters, Esther Bean of Bangor and Gladys Grant and Erma Goss, both of Orrington; 29 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Clay, Stevens & Clay Funeral Home, Lincoln, with the Rev. Theodore Wallace officiating. Spring burial will be in Edinburg Cemetery.

West Enfield Cemetery, West Enfield, Maine:

*Cyrus E.
  son of Jeremiah & Dorcas Batchelder
  died Sept. 27, 1859
  AE. 5 yrs, 4 m's, 9 d's

*Harrie E. A.
  son of Jeremiah & Dorcas Batchelder
  died May 4, 1865
  AE. 4 yrs, 1 m, 11 d's

*Henry Batchelor
  Set with stone at left: *Mary J.
  died Dec. 2, 1861
  AE. 56 yrs, 11 m's

*Roxy Ann
  died June 18, 1835 AE. 22 mos.

Edward an infant
  died May 1, 1847

George H.
  died June 6, 1855 AE. 11 yrs.

Children of David B. Jr. & Mary Bryant

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Dianne has photographs of all the above gravestones marked with an asterisk(*) and will gladly share them with readers for $1.00 each to cover reprinting and postage. She notes that a couple of the stones are quite hard to read and the photographs don't improve that condition. "But you can make out much of the inscription on every stone," Dianne writes. She reports the gravestones of Jeremiah Batchelder and of Martha, wife of Edwin Batchelder, were quite stained.
# 2040 - Batchelor Entries from Grantham, N.H. Town Records

The following entries were copied from the town records of Grantham, NH in October of 1986 by reader Mrs. Patricia Pickard of Bangor, ME:

Elijah and Elisha Batchelor, sons of Amos and Susanna Batchelor, born 17 February 1798.
Susanna Batchelor, daughter of Amos and Susanna Batchelor, born 15 May 1801.
Sophia Batchelor, daughter of Amos and Susanna Batchelor, born 5 January 1805.

Children of William Clifford and his wife:
William Jason Clifford, born 25 November 1816.
Sarah Bachelor Clifford, born 17 April 1820.
Nathaniel C. Clifford, born 25 March 1823.
Eunice Susannah Clifford, born 11 July 1824.

H. B. Batchelder, 19, born in Plaistow, NH and resident of Grantham, married Fidelia Roby, 21, born in Springfield, NH and resident of Grafton, NH; married by B. P. Spaulding. (No date given by Pat Pickard.)

Benjamin Bachelor and Miss Mehitable Clifford, both of Lebanon, NH, were married 1 Jan. 1815 by James Smith, Esq.
William Clifford and Salley Batcheldor, both of New Grantham, NH, were married 23 Feb. 1815 by James Smith, Esq.
Daniel Bachelor and Miss Julia Newell, both of Grantham, were married at Grantham 1 Jan. 1823 by Uzziel Hayward, Esq.
George C. Davis of Springfield and Miss Mary Bachelor of Grantham were married 6 April 1842 in Grantham by Jesse Boyden, Minister of the Gospel.

# 2041 - Reader Discovers Bachelor Baptism in San Francisco Catholic Parish

The following is from Mrs. Mary Russell, 3383, Wellesly Ave., San Diego, CA 92122. She writes: "I just returned from a short trip to northern California. While I was there, I went over to the Chancery Archives for the Catholic Church in Colma. I happened to spot a baptismal record for a Bachelor, so I copied it...I hope it is new information for someone...The Sarah Frances Bachelor was written in English in the margin, so that should help with the translation of her name."

Baptisms for St. Brigid Parish, San Francisco, California, 1868
Sarah Frances Jane Bachelor
"Bachelor: AD 1868 die 31 Oct baptizari Sarah Franciscam Johannam natum die 7 Juli ejusdem anni ex Henrico Bachelor et Rosa Doherty conjug(is?)ibus Lupus Parochio Maria Elizabeth Bachelor suscepit."

# 2042 - Correspondent Seeking Copy of Batchelder Family Genealogy

Norma Flude, 96 E. Garden Ave., Palatine, IL 60067, writes asking where she can get "a Stephen Bachelder Genealogy". We assume she is looking for a copy of Frederick C. Pierce's 1898 work on both big New England branches of the family. Our answer: 1) For a used copy of the original work, long out of print, try Goodspeed's, 18 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108, and expect to pay at least $100.00; 2) For a more moderately priced reprint, contact Parker River Researchers, P.O. Box 86, Newburyport, MA 01950. Please send a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope).
# 2043 - OBITUARY: CHARLES D. BATELDER, 91, OF AUGUSTA, MAINE

This obituary is from the July 5, 1986 edition of The Kennebec Journal, published at Augusta, Maine:

Charles D. Batchelder, 91, of Mount Vernon Road, Augusta (Maine), formerly of West Gardiner and Lewiston (Maine), died July 4, 1986 at the Togus Veteran's Center.

He was born in Boston (Mass.) Nov. 13, 1894, the son of Albert and Irma (Dutton) Batchelder. He was pre-deceased in 1967 by his wife, Esther (Cottingham) Batchelder.

He was an Army veteran of World War I, a member of the Fitzgerald American Legion Post, Augusta, the Odd Fellows, the Pine Tree Showman's Association and the New England Showman's Club of Boston. He was owner of Capitol City Sales, Augusta, and for 60 years he had a fried clam concession at fairs throughout New England.

He is survived by four sons, Philip S. Batchelder of Readfield (Maine), Frank J. Batchelder of Philadelphia (Pa.), and John R. Batchelder and Chester E. Batchelder, both of Augusta. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were at Staples Funeral Home, Gardiner, Maine.

# 2044 - OBITUARY: BERNICE (BACHELDER) SMALL, 86, OF EAST MONMOUTH, MAINE

The following obituary is from the May 13, 1986 edition of The Kennebec Journal, Augusta, Maine:

Mrs. Bernice Mildred (Bachelder) Small, 86, of Annabessacook Wagon Road, East Monmouth (Maine), died May 11, 1986, at Kennebec Valley Medical Center's Augusta Division.

She was born Aug. 18, 1899 in Hallowell (Maine), the daughter of Roscoe and Margaret (Bean) Bachelder.

She was the widow of Herbert F. Small, who died in 1938. A son, Herbert F. Small Jr., died in 1981.

She is survived by a son, Phillip Small of East Monmouth; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Levesque of Beaverton, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Knowlton & Hewins Funeral Home in Hallowell, Maine.

Have you filed your family data with THE EPISTLE? Whether your "Batchelder" ancestors are "lost" or "found", we'd like to know about them and share your material with cousins both close and distant. Make 1987 the year you file your family in our archives!
We feature in this issue material on Dr. Algernon Sidney Carpenter (1814-1885), member of a noted medical family. A biography of his brother, Civil War surgeon George H. Carpenter of Athens, Ohio, appeared in the September, 1982 edition of THE EPISTLE.
ALGERNON SIDNEY CARPENTER, M.D.

Algernon Sidney Carpenter, M.D., after a long professional life, most of which was passed in Keene, died March 4, 1885. He was son of Dr. E. and Judith (Greene) Carpenter, and was born in Alstead, N.H., October 16, 1814.

He was descended from a somewhat noted medical family, his father having been an able and successful physician; several uncles and other relatives were celebrated for their professional skill.

After an academic course, he read medicine with his father and then entered the medical college at Middlebury, Vermont, graduating about 1837. He practiced his profession a short time in Gardner and Northfield, Mass., and then settled in Keene.

In 1859, November 30th, he married Jane F., daughter of the Hon. Henry and Calista (Pond) Coolidge. They had two daughters, Mary Algerniene and Caroline Sidney.

Apart from his professional duties, Dr. Carpenter felt a deep interest in all that pertained to the welfare of Keene, and was a prominent factor in social circles. He possessed rare conversational powers, expressing his thoughts with well-balanced and discerning intellect and ready wit. Few surpassed him in repartee and his satire was keen and cutting.

He took a great interest in, and gave much of his time to, Free-Masonry. In 1855, the Social Friends Lodge of that order having been for some time dormant, he caused its revival and at that time was the only Free Mason in town who knew the work. He was Master of the Lodge in 1856, 1857 and 1859. He was a charter member and first Master of the Lodge of the Temple. He was a member of Cheshire Royal Arch Chapter, St. John's Council of Royal and Select Masters, and of Hugh de Payens Commandery of Knights Templar.

In politics Dr. Carpenter was a constitutional democrat; he held to the doctrines of Thomas Jefferson, and wished to preserve the integrity of those principles which he considered the guiding stars of the republic, and believed in and earnestly advocated the success of the Democratic party as the only way to consummate the perpetuity of our national existence.

But it is not as a citizen or politician that Dr. Carpenter demands our chief attention, but as the kind-hearted, successful physician. In his profession he occupied a foremost rank. He was a scholarly man, of quick perceptions, who made the case of his patients his own, and his success was due to his firmness, self-reliance, excellent judgment and discretion. He gained the confidence, esteem and regard of his patients, and they believed in him thoroughly and completely. Continued on next page.
DR. ALGERNON SIDNEY CARPENTER
OF KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(Continued)

In those grave and desperate cases where life and death were struggling for the mastery, he was watchful and vigilant, skillful to meet any emergency or change, with the best remedial agencies. Although habitually cautious, he did not shrink from the responsibilities of his calling, and used the most heroic treatment if he deemed the case demanded it. Quackery, in all its forms, he most heartily despised.

Like most men of positive nature, strong will and generous impulses, he made many devoted friends and some bitter enemies. He was, for years, a landmark in this city, kind and charitable to the poor, genial and pleasant in his home and society, courteous in his intercourse with his medical brethren, and in many ways was one of the strong representative professional men of Cheshire County.

The Doctor's Pedigree

ANCESTRY OF ALGERNON S. CARPENTER

Algernon's father, Eber Carpenter (1778-1841), wed Judith Greene (1780-1841) of Atkinson, NH, Feb. 22, 1803. Eber was for many years a doctor at Alstead, NH. Their other children were Harvey, Asa, Eber, James, Alpheus, Pamela, George and Charles Carpenter. Four sons were doctors.

Eber's father, James Carpenter (1741-1813), was born in Coventry, CT & settled at Sharon, VT. He wed in 1761 Irene Ladd (1744-1817). A Revolutionary War soldier, he later served in the Vermont Legislature and was a grantee of the town of Chittenden, VT. His 17 children include James, Jason, Eunice, Alpheus, Achsah, Alanson, Lucy, Pamela, Harvey, Caroline, Stephen & Henry Carpenter.

James was a son of Ebenezer Carpenter (1709-1777) & Eunice Thompson (1722-1777), wed in 1739; both died of spotted fever and were buried in one grave at Hartford, VT. Children named in his will are Asa, James, William, Bridget, Josiah, Catherine, Eunice, Phebe, Ebenezer, Amos & Betsey.

Ebenezer Carpenter was a son of Benjamin Carpenter (1663-1738) of Rehoboth, Mass. & Hannah Strong. A farmer, he moved to Northampton, Mass., then Coventry, CT. Other children: Prudence, Freedom, Amos, Jedediah, Hannah, Eliphalet, Noah, Elizabeth, Rebecca & Benjamin Carpenter. Benjamin was son of William Carpenter & grandson of the immigrant, William Carpenter of Rehoboth.

EDITOR'S NOTES

There are several references to Dr. Algernon S. Carpenter in S. G. Griffin's 1904 History of the Town of Keene, published by Sentinel Printing Company of Keene. Most of them concern his activities in organizing and heading various Masonic endeavors. A brief biographical sketch summarizes the data given in the longer biography above. Griffin, however, gives Algernon's marriage to Jane Coolidge as taking place in 1850, which seems the most likely date. Says Griffin: "In his profession he was skillful, kind, considerate and successful; in his home and society he was genial, courteous and large-hearted. He was a man of strong will and positive nature, hating sham and hypocrisy." According to this source, Dr. Carpenter was a leading physician of Keene for 48 years. His office was in the Briggs building below the old Unitarian Church. Most of those years there were at least two other well-established doctors in Keene.

Griffin also has additional data on the family of Dr. Carpenter's wife, Jane. Henry Coolidge, her father, came from Massachusetts to Keene as a young man to clerk in Abijah Foster's store. He married Calista, daughter of Abiathar Pond of Keene. Henry and a brother-in-law bought out Foster in 1809 and changed the firm's name to Pond & Coolidge. Henry later was the last landlord of the old Ralston tavern, became a land surveyor, served as a magistrate and, in 1837, was a state senator. At the time of his death in 1843 at age 56 he had been for many years clerk of the court.
Keene, New Hampshire
in the 1800's

These Keene landmarks from the 1800's would have been familiar to Dr. Algernon Sidney Carpenter (1814-1885). Member of a noted medical family, Dr. Carpenter came to Keene as a young man and practiced medicine here more than 40 years. An active participant in community civic and social events, Dr. Carpenter was also a prime force in the local Masonic order. Today Keene wears a different face and these historic landmarks mostly remain as memories only.
Shortly after receiving her first Epistle issue, Kristina Carpenter of 2121 Gageville Rd., R. D. 2, Ashtabula, OH 44004, wrote in November to fill us in on her husband's branch of the Carpenter family. Here is her data.

1. **NATHANIEL CARPENTER** (1777-1863), son of Ezekiel and Anna Carpenter of Connecticut, was one of five or six brothers. He came from Woodstock, CT about 1800 and settled in New Woodstock, NY (Cazenovia, Madison Co.). He married in CT Lucy Gage (1780-1860), daughter of Elisha & Olive (Underwood) Gage, who were pioneer settlers of New Woodstock, NY. Nathaniel and Lucy are buried in an old cemetery at Delphi Falls, NY. Their children:
   (1) Elisha, who married Louisa Duguid.
   (2) Luther, who wed Acta Olcott (see below).
   (3) Gilbert, who married Mary ?.
   (4) Major (1822-1905), wed Abigail Babcock in 1844.
   (6) Emmeline, who married #1 ? Pitts & #2 ? Sperry.
   (7) Hannah, who married Andrew Dockstader.

Descendants of Elisha & Louisa Carpenter seem to have moved from the Syracuse (Onondaga Co.) NY area west to Duluth, MN, Coselton, ND, Fargo, ND and Gordon, WI. These addresses were the last known by the original compiler of this history in 1928. Descendants of Gilbert and Mary Carpenter (surnames include Gimble & Ferris) resided in Spokane, WA in 1928. Major & Abigail Carpenter had about seven children whose families seem to have remained in the Syracuse area.

2. **LUTHER CARPENTER** (1804-1840/49), who in 1832 married Acta Olcott (1803-1901). She was a daughter of Noadiah & Eleanor (Lily) Olcott of Pompey, NY. Their children are:
   (1) Mary (1833-1847).
   (2) Darwin Edgar, who married Charlotte Wallace (see below).

3. **DARWIN EDGAR CARPENTER** (1834-1912) married June 19, 1860 at the Cuddeback Hotel in Syracuse, NY, Charlotte Wallace, the daughter of Benjamin & Lucinda (Sheldon) Wallace. Their children were:
   (1) Edgar DeForest Carpenter, who wed Mary Electa Fargo (see below).
   (2) LeNora Frances, born 1864; married Charles Wilsey in 1887.
   (3) Marcia Aurilla, born 1869; married Peter F. Piper in 1891.
   Both LeNora and Marcia had children and grandchildren (surname Wheat) who may be residing in the Buffalo, NY area.

4. **EDGAR DEFOREST CARPENTER** (1862-1941) married 16 Oct. 1894 Mary Electa Fargo (1874-1959), daughter of Andrew J. & Louisa A. (Steenbergh) Fargo. Edgar and Mary are buried in Eastlake Cemetery, North Kingsville, OH. Their children are:
   (1) Andrew Fargo Carpenter, who married Gladys Bigam (see below).
   (2) Edgar Darwin Carpenter, born and died in 1897.
   (3) Frederick DeForest Carpenter (1898-1962).

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5. ANDREW FARGO CARPENTER (1895-1960) and Gladys Bigam were married May 20, 1927. She was a daughter of John H. & Mary Althea (Bryner) Bigam of Mill Run, PA. Their children are:

1. Shirley Irene Carpenter, born in 1928; she married Burl Meredith in 1947. They have five children and four grandchildren.
2. Marion Arlene Carpenter, who married Glenn Nichols in 1952. They have two children and one grandchild.
3. Marcia Eileen Carpenter, born in 1932; she married Angelo Silvaggio. They have four children and three grandchildren.
4. Bruce Andrew Carpenter, born 1937; he married Joyce Hadley and has two children.
5. John David Carpenter, born in 1944; married Kristina Maenpa.

Kristina writes: "We seem to be at a dead end with the original Nathaniel Carpenter's parents, Ezekiel and Anna, or any of the five brothers (two of whom might be Willard and Nehemiah). We know that Ezekiel and Anna did live in Woodstock, CT, and probably migrated with family and friends to New Woodstock, NY. If any other readers have a connection to this Carpenter line, please write, as we have more information, dates, etc., and are willing to share our research."

# 2046 - NEEDS PARENTS OF JOHN CARPENTER OF NEW YORK WHO MOVED TO WEST VIRGINIA

The following inquiry is submitted by Eugene Carpenter of 1975 Louisa Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003. He writes: "Thomas W. Carpenter was my great-grandfather and I have the complete history from his birth to present date."

I am still trying to get more information on my great-great-grandfather, who came from New York State to Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, which was Virginia then. His name was John S. Carpenter. He was born June 13, 1786 and died July 24, 1861. His wife's name was Anne (maiden name unknown) and could possibly have been married before.

John S. Carpenter had the following children:

1. Mercy, born June 11, 1825; died Dec. 25, 1914
2. Mathew Carpenter, born May 6, 1836; died Aug. 19, 1875
3. Thomas W. Carpenter, born June 23, 1840; died April 2, 1903
4. James Carpenter, died May 8, 1891
5. David Owen Carpenter, died in 1914.
6. Hanson Carpenter
7. Rebecca Carpenter, died June 2, 1891

Can anyone provide parents for John S. Carpenter, or furnish other pertinent data?

# 2047 - DATA SOUGHT ON FAMILY OF JAMES HILLIS WHO WED REBECCA CARPENTER IN PA.

The following material from Patricia M. Gould, Box 51, Fenton, MI 48430, is in response to Epistle Item #1764 in the September, 1984 issue (Vol.X, No.6).

"Asa P. Carpenter had a daughter, Aletheia, the second of 11 children, who is a great-grandmother to my husband, Curtis B. Gould. Aletheia married Wm. Spees and they had six boys. The boys were named for famous people. Wm. Spees died when his son, Charles Fremont Spees, was five years old. Later Aletheia married a man named Rogers.

"Curtis' mother, Thelma (Spees) Gould of Flint, MI, remembers her "grandma Rogers", also her Aunt Erepta. At times Erepta thought it helpful to wrap in a wet sheet as she retired at night. Aletheia and Wm. Spees are buried in the Big Prairie Cemetery near Croton, MI.

"Charles Fremont's oldest brother was Asa Spees. He has one living child, a daughter, Myrtle (Spees) Shattuck, now of Grand Rapids, MI. Myrtle's enclosed letter mentions the Grows. At some time John Grow dropped the last name of Carpenter. His family is aware of it. I note two Grows in the Grand Rapids, MI, telephone directory.

"Backtracking, Thelma is guessing that Wm. Spees was from the Newaygo County, Michigan, area.

"The following is from the Carpenter Family Bible. I'm adding birth dates for the listed children of Asa P. (born Sept. 2, 1802) and Margaret (Ulman) Carpenter (born April 27, 1798).

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Here are other notes from information given in the family Bible:

Henry was wounded at Mine Run Nov. 27, 1862 and died in Alexandria, Va., Jan. 11, 1864, age 33 years, 7 months, 11 days.


Charles Carroll Carpenter drowned in the Muskegon River June 12, 1858, aged 19 years, 11 months and 7 days.

Mary Jane Carpenter died May 10, 1845.

Asa P. Carpenter P.W.P. (Past Worthy Patron) was on June 11, 1850 made a member of the Sons of Temperance by the Grand Division of Canada West.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

ASA P. CARPENTER (1802-1884) was born at Waterford, Vt., a son of Asa and Erepta (Grow) Carpenter. The elder Asa (1770-1826) was born in Ashford, Ct., son of Jonah Carpenter. The complete ancestry is given in Amos B. Carpenter's History of the Rehoboth Branch of the Carpenter Family in America, in which Asa P. Carpenter is No. 2978.
QUESTION: HOW IS CHARITY (ALLEN) CARPENTER KIN TO VERMONT’S FAMED ETHAN ALLEN?

We received the following communique in November from Lucile Bent of 690 Mariposa Ave, #305, Oakland, CA 94610:

Dear Editor:

I do enjoy the magazine. Someday, I will find some more needed information. It has certainly been informative in the past.

I am having problems authenticating the Carpenter wives and would appreciate help from other readers.

(1) Abial/Abiol Carpenter (1708-ca.1788) married (intentions filed 3 Feb. 1753) Charity Allen (1729-1774). A. B. Carpenter's Carpenter Family gives at least four references that Ethan Allen is:
   a. sister of Charity (pages 82 and 461)
   b. uncle to Allen, her son (page 149)
   c. uncle to Abraham, her son (page 144)

There are several records showing her parents were Jeremiah Allen and Rachel Millard. Records also show Ethan Allen had no sisters by that name. Can anyone document the relationship?

(2) Nathan Carpenter (1757-1814), son of Abial and Charity, married, first, Irene Reid of Willington, CT. Who were her parents?

(3) Nathan Carpenter (1757-1814) married, second, Naomi Cornell of Delaware (Licking County), Ohio. Who were her parents?

(4) James Carpenter (1795-1862), son of Nathan Carpenter and Irene Reid, married, second, Hilpa Case. Who were her parents? She was from Delaware, Ohio.

Thank you for any help you can give me.

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HISTORY OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT CHURCH MENTIONS CARPENTER FAMILY MEMBERS

SOURCE: History of Bennington, Vermont, and Its First Church, by Rev. Isaac Jennings, 1869:

Page 33: Mrs. Betsey (Austin) Carpenter united with the church 6 August 1820; descended from John Austin, who settled in Bennington sometime subsequent to the American Revolution. She died suddenly 23 August 1862.

Pg. 266: Joshua Carpenter was a private in Captain Elijah Dewey's Company from Bennington, which served in Colonel Moses Robinson's Regiment of militia; his name was on the payroll at Mount Independence in 1776.

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JOHN COE CARPENTER & SALLY MEAD WED IN 1800 AT ALBANY, NEW YORK CHURCH

The 11 January 1800 marriage (with banns) of John Coe Carpenter and Sally Mead is given in records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, N.Y. (See the Holland Society Year Books for 1926 & 1927).
We had an interesting report on her genealogical activities several months ago from reader Mrs. Harry W. Platz, 6511 - 44th Ave. S.W., Seattle, WA 98136. She has been an Epistle reader for many years and says: "Both my father's and mother's ancestors came to this New World very early so I do have a lot of ancestors to keep track of. I live in a sea of papers. My sister's son sent me two large boxes she had, so that has added to my sea although a great deal is duplicate of what I have."

Mrs. Platz, a member of the National Society of New England Women, was chosen national chairman of that organization's Maude Brown Pendleton Student Loan Fund. It is for Pacific University and honors Tabitha Moffatt Brown. Tabitha was her great-great-grandmother. Mrs. Platz is updating the Brown Family History compiled in 1929 by Ella (Brown) Spooner. This branch descends from Rev. Clark Brown and Tabitha Moffatt Brown, who had three children. He was born in Stonington, Conn., a descendant of Chad Brown, and died in Maryland in 1817. She was born in Brimfield, Mass., the daughter of Dr. Joseph Moffatt. Tabitha Brown went west in 1846 at age 66. Her son had settled in Oregon and her only daughter decided to go, too. Tabitha did not wish to stay in Missouri without her daughter and decided to go along. Her experiences were many... mostly terrible. She decided to start a school for orphans in Forest Grove, Oregon, and that is now Pacific University.

The early generations in her Carpenter line are as follows:

1. William Carpenter of Providence, Rhode Island and William Carpenter of Rehoboth, Massachusetts.
3. William Carpenter, born in Pawtuxet, RI, ca. 1666, and died ca. 1735, and his wife, Elizabeth.
4. Timothy Carpenter, born April 1, 1698 in Musketa Cove, NY, and died in North Castle, NY, March 26, 1779. He married in New York ca. 1719, Phoebe Coles, born March 16, 1700.
5. Benjamin Carpenter, born North Castle, NY, July 15, 1737, and died ca. 1797; married Mary Searles.

One of the thornier genealogical problems Mrs. Platz has tried to unravel is the ancestry of the Dayton family. David (husband of Mary Francisco) was the son of Frederick Dayton, who was born in 1757 and married Sally Shearwood/Sherwood. Frederick served in the Revolutionary War. His parents were David and Dorothy (Clapp) Dayton. She knows nothing more about Frederick's wife or parents and would appreciate any data which might assist in tracing their ancestry. Several brothers and sisters of Frederick reportedly were Loyalists who went to Nova Scotia. Can anybody help?

*Editor's Note: Mrs. Platz is a sister of Mrs. L. W. (Sadie) Armin of Sioux Falls, SD, who contributed to many early issues of The Epistle. Sadie died on Mother's Day of 1985 at age 94.
# 2053 - OBITUARY: Carpenter Descendant Mrs. Ardelle (Hayes) St. Laurent, 89

Mrs. Ardelle Ellen St. Laurent, a native of Jeffersonville, Vt. and a resident of Mobile, Ala. since 1972, died Jan. 9, 1986 at age 89. She was born March 8, 1896, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hayes and a direct descendant of pioneer William Carpenter of Rehoboth, Mass.

The widow of William J. St. Laurent and the mother of 10 children, she was survived by one son, Arlan C. St. Laurent, and four daughters, Mrs. Hope E. Blanchard and Mrs. Dora P. Erno, both of Londonderry, N.H., Mrs. Yvonne A. Carlson of Monroeville, Ala., and Mrs. Martha A. Maynard of Williston, Vt. Also surviving are two sisters, Leona M. Wetlin of West Yarmouth, Va., and Ruth C. Garrett of San Antonio, Texas; 38 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

# 2054 - OBITUARY: Chester E. Carpenter, 61, of Hammond, Maine

Chester E. Carpenter, 61, died Oct. 27, 1986 at his Hammond, Maine residence after a short illness. He was born in Hammond Nov. 25, 1925, the son of Fred and Frances (Duff) Carpenter.

He served with the U. S. Army during World War II and was employed by the Maine Department of Transportation for 18 years. He joined the I.O.O.F in 1969 and was very active in the Odd Fellows Bowling League.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Tarr) Carpenter; three step-daughters, Ms. Brenda Ellis of Milford, Maine, Ms. Deborah Dolliver of Bucksport, Maine, and Mrs. Karen Madore of Hammond; two stepsons, Larry Dorr of Kenduskeag, Maine, and Wayne Dorr of Alton, Maine; one brother, Merle Carpenter of Hammond; two sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Barton of Slingerlands, N.Y. and Mrs. Ruth Bartlett of Wells, Maine; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of the Dunn Funeral Home, Houlton, Maine, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

# 2055 - OBITUARY: Lena (Carpenter) Thompson, 96, of Houlton, Maine

Lena M. (Carpenter) Thompson, 96, died Nov. 4, 1986 at her Houlton, Maine home. She was born Oct. 22, 1890 in Hodgdon, Maine, the daughter of Alonzo and Sarah (Hayes) Carpenter.

She attended the First Baptist Church of Houlton.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Helen Thompson of Houlton, and by three daughters, Mrs. George (Jean) Brown, Mrs. Mellen (Pauline) Putnam, both of Houlton, and Mrs. George (Dorice) Kerekes of Kokomo, Ind. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were at the Dunn Funeral Home in Houlton, with interment in the Evergreen Cemetery there.

We appreciate all of you who clip family obituaries from newspapers and forward them for the files here.
25-YEAR SEARCH FOR RICE ANCESTRY

TRANQUIL FIELD NEAR PARIS, KENTUCKY, IS SITE OF 1788 INDIAN MASSACRE
SURVIVED BY SUSANNAH (SHANKS) RICE, 14, WHO SAW MOTHER SCALPED

A quarter century of careful research has resulted in some colorful Kentucky family history, but not supplied missing ancestral links for reader Cynthia (Rice) Hogan of 4624 Tacoma Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Last summer, Cynthia again returned to her ancestral home. The trip stirred anew her interest in both Susannah Shanks and her husband, William S. Rice (ca. 1765-1824), born in Virginia, married in Bourbon Co., Ky., and Fleming Co., Ky. settlers. His ancestry is unknown.

PHOTOGRAPHS AT RIGHT WERE TAKEN LAST SUMMER BY CYNTHIA (RICE) HOGAN AT SITE NEAR PARIS, KY, OF A 1788 INDIAN MASSACRE WHICH CLAIMED THE LIFE OF ONE ANCESTOR AND SPARED ANOTHER. TOP PICTURE SHOWS PROBABLE SITE OF THEIR CABIN. BURIAL GROUND IS BELIEVED NEAR CLUMP OF CEDARS SHOWN IN BOTTOM PHOTOGRAPH.
(See drawings on page 29.)
READER'S WORK CRITIQUES EARLIER ACCOUNT OF SHANKS FAMILY MASSACRE

Introduction
The following material, titled "A Research Critique on Thurman B. Rice's The Shanks Family Massacre", was written in 1971 by reader Cynthia (Rice) Hogan as part of her course requirements in the education department of the St. Francis College Graduate School. Thurman Rice's article appeared in the April, 1951 edition of The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society and is recommended for readers who wish a more detailed account of the Shanks family massacre. Other material on Cynthia's branch of the Rice family follows her article.

- By CYNTHIA (RICE) HOGAN

ABSTRACT

On the evening of March 22, 1788, a band of Shawnee Indians brutally massacred Catherine Shanks, a widow, and four of her children. The cabin was then set on fire and the Indians made their escape to the Ohio River, pursued by a posse of neighbors aroused by the fire. Christian Shanks, the husband of Catherine, had been killed the previous year, also by Shawness. It is known that Daniel Gillespie, the husband of Betsey Shanks, the oldest daughter, was also killed by Indians in 1787, but whether these two men were killed together or not, no one is certain.

There were four survivors of the tragedy. Each escaped unknown to the others. Thurman Rice's great-grandmother, a girl of about fourteen, hid under the wagon that had brought the family over the Cumberland Gap from Virginia, and witnessed her mother being scalped only a few feet away. In a state of shock, she ran to the nearby woods and hid. Michael Shanks, around twenty-one years old, escaped to the home of a close neighbor. Betsey (Shanks) Gillespie and her baby escaped, too, due to the heroic fight a younger brother initiated to draw attention to himself and divert the Indians from the young mother and her child.

Rice's great-grandmother, Susannah, was found in the same woods several days later and taken to the house of Robert Clark, where she resided until her marriage to William Rice. She used the name of Clark on her marriage bond. Michael removed to nearby Paris, Kentucky, where he later joined the militia. The author states that the fate of Betsey and her baby is not known.

CRITIQUE

In Rice's narrative, he stated that Susannah--in telling her story--always stressed the fact that she was the only survivor, which made his research more difficult. In doing further investigation on the Shanks family, the writer discovered that Michael, after his days in the Bourbon County militia, had dropped out of sight. As no cemetery inscriptions, wills, nor other vital data were found, the possibility existed that he had left the area. Information in the 1880 census related a daughter of Susannah (Shanks) Rice had stated that both her parents were born in Virginia. Perhaps Michael had become disenchanted with Kentucky and gone back to Virginia. In the 1830 census of Berkeley, West Virginia (then Virginia) were two men named Christian Shanks and one named Michael, aged 70/80. This was the only area in the state of Virginia or West Virginia where more than one or two Shanks families were found. Since Michael was close to age twenty-one at the time of the massacre, he would have been over seventy when the 1830 census was taken. In other words, the dates and family names match nicely.*

1 Statement by Mary Holland Rice in a personal interview, September 6, 1938.
3 Ibid.
4 Census of 1880, Fleming County, Kentucky, p. 10.
5 Census of 1830, Berkeley County, Virginia, p. 39.
* According to your Epistle editor's calculations he would have been under 70 then.
Further searching in Bourbon County revealed that Betsey had married William Jones and had five children by him, and that the baby was named after his deceased father, Daniel Gillespie.

Daniel Gillaspy died intestate and the right of said land descended to his mother Elizabeth Jones, wife of said William Jones, and to her five children by the said William Jones as heirs at law of the said Daniel.

A later land transaction stated that a patent of one thousand acres came from Virginia to Daniel Gillespie, which probably was awarded for services in the Revolutionary War. The amount of acreage implies that Daniel, Sr., was an officer as privates received one hundred acres.

Susannah married William Rice one year after the massacre and they lived on his family plantation near Sherburne in Fleming County, Kentucky, some forty miles from the tragedy. She died in her seventies, never knowing that a brother and sister had survived.

Susannah and William had eleven children. The writer's descent is from Henry, her third son. Thurman Rice's descent is from William, Jr., their second son.

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Following is Cynthia (Rice) Hogan's data on the families of William S. Rice and his son, Henry, through whom she descends.

I. William S. Rice, born Virginia, ca. 1765; married in 1789 in Bourbon Co., Ky., Susannah Shanks, born Va., ca. 1774, daughter of Christian & Catherine Shanks. William and his wife settled at Olive Branch, Fleming Co., Ky. William Rice had a sister, Sarah, born April 27, 1770 and died March 25, 1842 in Fleming Co., Ky.; she married Jacob Lawson. William Rice's 1824 will was witnessed by a Henry Rice; his son Henry was then only about age 7, so this Henry may be a brother. The earlier Rice family members from Virginia found in Fleming Co. include a John and Jane Rice. Could they be William's parents? The children of William Rice and his wife, Susannah, were:

1. James B. Rice, born 1793; married Margaret Moss.
2. Elizabeth Rice, born ca. 1794; married Wm. Allender in 1825; she must have died young as he married three more times.
3. Nancy Rice, born ca. 1790; married Samuel Tribby in 1819.
4. Sally Rice, born ca. 1800; married Wm. Tribby in 1822.
5. Jane (Jenny) Rice, born ca. 1797; she didn't marry and died after 1880.
8. Lucy Rice--no information.
9. Wm. J. Rice, born 22 Jan. 1808; married Rhoda Johnson (see data on next page).
10. Henry A. Rice (see data on next page).
II. Henry A. Rice, born ca. 1817; married, 3 Oct. 1833, Margaret Mers, daughter of Samuel and Christina (Plank) Mers; he died in March of 1859. Their children, all born in Fleming Co., Ky., were:

   a. Thomas Rice, born ca. 1858; had a son, Paul; died in Indianapolis, Ind.
   c. Roberta Rice, born ca. 1861; wed Chas. Shriver; died at New Madison, Ohio.
   d. Lou Ida Rice, born Jan. 14, 1864; married a Mr. Arnold; she died Feb. 22, 1938 at Akron, Ohio.
   e. Robert Rice, born ca. 1870; lived at Norwood, Ohio.
   f. Dulcina (Dulla) Rice, born ca. 1874; married Bert Eddins; died in 1962 at Eldorado in Darke Co., Ohio.
   g. Jesse Boone Rice, born Jan. 13, 1873; married in 1900, Ollie Noggle; died June 30, 1946, New Madison, Ohio.
   h. Lillian Rice, born ca. 1876; married in 1900 William Oswalt; died at New Madison, Ohio.

2. Jane Rice, born ca. 1837; married John Littrell.
3. Sarah Rice, born ca. 1846; married Michael Plank.
4. Christiana Rice, who was born about 1847 and who married William Plank.
5. Permelia Rice, born ca. 1855; married Valentine Ley.
6. Wesley Rice, born ca. 1852; married Tena ___.

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The following summary of the family of William J. Rice is from Thurman B. Rice's 1951 article, "The Shanks Family Massacre".

II. William J. Rice (1808-1877) and his wife, Rhoda Johnson, had these children:

1. William Wallace Rice (1846-1877), married Sarah Porter and had a daughter, Maggie, who wed Charles Porter.
3. John Rice (1850-1918), who wed 1) Margaret Porter & 2) Mary King. 
Children: James, Willie & Fred.

4. Cynthia Rice (1852-1906) married James Hull and had children Addie, 
Warren, Pearl & Clay.


6. Martha E. Rice (1855-1934) wed William Peck; had a daughter, Lottie.

7. Robert T. Rice (1857-1923) married Ruth Porter; they are the parents 
of Thurman B. Rice, who compiled this material.

8. Wiley B. Rice, born 1859; he married Anna Peck and had no children.


10. Mattie Rice, who wed Cal Harmon and had no children.


13. Anabel Rice, who married James Smoot Moxley. They had no children.

14. Sarah E. Rice (1864-1924) wed Nathan Williams. Their children are 
James, Ethel, Emma and Rhoda.

15. Dora B. Rice (1866-1927) wed Thomas Smart; had Hazel, Anna & Thomas.

16. Charles Fleming Rice (1869-1931) married Maggie Blood and had 
children Harry, Elmer and Lucile.

WHO WERE ANCESTORS OF THE BOURBON AND FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY, RICES?

We come to the question of the ancestry of this William Rice, born ca. 1765 in 
Virginia. Cynthia would like to know more about the John and Jane Rice who were 
early Fleming Co. residents. Reader L. C. Rice Jr., 967 Collins Lane, Frankfort, KY 
40601, descends from John Rice & Janet Cockrell, married 1797, Loudoun Co., Va., 
through son, Clark Rice, buried in Clark Co., Ky. This John is of a younger 
generation than our William, but L. C. Rice has an interest in Bourbon Co. Rices. He 
believes his John may be a son of Benjamin Rice, Revolutionary War soldier from 
Loudoun Co., Va. but L. C. Rice has a second Rice line via ancestor William 
Zachary of Culpepper Co., Va., who settled in Bourbon Co., Ky. before moving on to 
Pulaski Co., Ky. William Zachary wed Ann (or Nancy) Rice, believed a daughter of 
Benajah Rice of Virginia who had a Bourbon Co. land grant. Benajah is thought to be 
son of a William Rice & wife, Sarah. (This William Rice's will was witnessed by 
William Zachary.) William Rige, in turn, is thought to be son of William and 
Elizabeth Rice & grandson of Thomas Rice of Virginia & his wife, Marcy. It might 
be helpful to contact L. C. Rice to compare info and get dates on these two William 
Rices, plus lists of their children.

In 1977 (see Epistle Item #825) Mrs. Jeanne Orr Rice Clark, 5811 Brittany Valley 
Rd., Louisville, KY 40222, was looking for "the John Rice of Bourbon Co., Kentucky, 
father of William Rice". Her John Rice was born in the 1770s; his son William wed 
Amelia Pendleton and had children John, Cynthia, Edmund, Catherine, William (who wed 
Miss Knott in 1846 & Sarah Glenn in 1850), Nancy, Clayborn, Amelia & Lou.

Cynthia notes that about 1805 Charles Rice Jr., along with Campbell, Fleming & Holman 
Rice, moved on adjoining Fleming Co. land and that her grandfather, Henry B. Rice, 
said they were related. Your editor believes they descend from Charles Rice & Mary 
(also given as Molly & Sarah) Toney who were wed in 1774 in Albemarle Co., Va. Their 
son, Campbell Rice (1778-1846), a Methodist minister, was born in Powhatan Co., Va., 
wed Elizabeth Bailey, and is buried in Carter Co., Ky. I believe Fleming and Holman 
are also sons of Charles, but cannot now find time to check my record on this family.

Noting your elder William Rice named his oldest son James B. Rice and had a grandson 
William Wallace Rice, I'm wondering if there is kinship to Revolutionary War soldier 
James Brown Rice (1764-1851) who wed Susan Wallace. A reader reports James was son of 
James Michael, or Michael, Rice who wed in Culpepper Co., Va., Mary Brown, to whom he 
had only two children, James & Elizabeth. James Michael Rice went to Kentucky after 
his wife's death. The children, raised by their Brown grandparents, lost track of 
him. James lived in Kentucky several years after the war, but returned to Virginia.
Tales of the "Shanks Massacre" inspired minds and guided pens of many artists and writers. Some of their work was more imagined than real, more fictional than authentic. Even though the quality is poor, we share "second generation" reprints of some old drawings depicting the massacre.

Middle Right: "ATTACK ON THE CABIN" from Story of the Wild West, W. F. ("Buffalo Bill") Cody, 1902; publisher, C. C. Thompson, Chicago.
Reader Larry G. Williams, who is pastor of the United Methodist Church in Rossville, GA, submits the following inquiry:

I can locate no material on my ancestors beyond my great-grandfather, Ervin Foster Rice, who was born in North Carolina or South Carolina on Dec. 6, 1827, and died March 23, 1907, probably in Jackson County, Alabama. He lived the largest portion of his life in Calhoun County, Alabama, and served in the Civil War in Company K of the Alabama 25th Infantry Division. He was injured in the Battle of Manassas Gap, Virginia, and received a pension. His first marriage was to Louisa Jane King, Dec. 28, 1851, in a ceremony performed by Squire Williams of Oxford, Alabama. Their 10 children are:

1. Henry Morgan Rice (my grandfather), born June 14, 1861 and died in October of 1953; he married twice and had 12 children.
3. Joseph M. Rice
4. Julius Ervin Rice
5. Sarah E. Rice
6. Penelope Jane Rice
7. Margaret Ann Louisa Rice
8. James Harris Rice
9. Mary H. Rice
10. Ida F. Rice

Can anyone supply data or leads? Contact me at 1117 Monanaw Ave., Rossville, GA 30741

Editor's Reply:

This seems hard to believe, but there must be two Ervin Foster Rices born in the early 1800's and, unfortunately, the one I have data on is not yours.

I find in the files here Ervin Foster Rice, born 17 Nov. 1838 at Barre, Mass., son of Forrester Rice, who died in 1878 at Sterling, Mass., and his wife, the former Mary Ann Foster, whom he married in 1837 at Barre. I have complete ancestry back to the early 1600's for this Ervin Foster Rice.

I have located Ervin Foster Rice in the 1880 federal census? If you know where he was living then (Calhoun County?), it should be easy to locate this record. The data in it might show his parents (then elderly) living in the same household. Ervin would have been asked by the census-taker not only where he was born, but also the state in which each of his parents were born.

Have you requested from the National Archives a copy of Ervin's Civil War pension application? This also may give more detailed information on his parentage and place of birth. Have you checked early Calhoun County Rice family wills to see if any of them name Ervin F. Rice as an heir (son, brother, nephew, etc.)?

Stay in touch and do let us know any new data you uncover.
The following entries from Parish Register No. 1, St. James Episcopal Church, Bozeman, Montana, were abstracted by reader Alene L. Vogel, P.O. Box 1151, Bozeman, MT 59715:


4 Dec. 1891 - Baptism: At house of the mother, Bozeman; Jennie Christine (Rice) Murphy, adult. Parents: H. G. Rice; Sponsor: Mrs. H. G. Rice. (Are they Mr. & Mrs. William Henry Rice?)


5 Apr. 1896 - Easter. Confirmed: Myrtle Dee Rice; another 1896 entry (undated) reports Myrtle D. Rice moved to Absarokee, Montana.

17 Nov. 1903 - Death: Jane (England) Rice, age 59; died 15 Nov. of cancer; buried in Bozeman Cemetery, Frank B. Lewis officiating.

31 Jan. 1905 - Death: Mrs. Helen Rice, age 54, of Logan (Gallatin Co.), Montana, died 29 Jan. of paralysis; born Wisconsin; buried in Deer Lodge.

27 May 1918 - Death: Anna Louise (Bartehueis) Rice, 26, born Livingston, Montana; died 26 Nov. of cancer; buried in Washington, D.C.

# 2058 - WHO ARE ANCESTORS OF LOUISA (RICE) FRANCISCO OF SHELBY CO., ILLINOIS?

If you can answer the following plea for help, contact: R. D., c/o Eleanor Arens, 10162 Stone Arch Dr., Grass Valley, CA 95949:

I'm desperate for info on Louisa G. Rice, who became the second wife of Daniel Francisco, ca. 1855, probably at Findley, Shelby Co., IL. Suspect Rice family had been friends of Francisco family earlier in Tennessee/Alabama, where Daniel is stated to have been born 3 May 1803. His first wife was Charity Virden, who had several children that married into the families of Waller, Terry, Brightman, Workman, Carter, Dazey, Skidmore, Hook, Quigley, Morgan, Haun, Cross and Miller.
Ten years has passed since my last letter. Everyone is well except for Ann who is still not well. I have not heard anything from you since then.

Best regards,

[Signature]

[Date]
5. William Rice, whose land abutted both that of his father and also that of Joseph Rice, Sr. (will, 1766, Prince Edward Co., VA). Joseph may be a brother of Matthew. William lived in Fairfax Co., VA, went to Muhlenberg Co., KY, about 1810, and later settled in MO.

6. James Rice, whose wife, Mary*, possibly was a sister of Lavinia & Frances Crenshaw (Grainger). James moved to Kentucky with Nathan and later to White Co., IL.

7. Benjamin Rice was living in Bute Co., NC, when deeded land in 1775; wife named Mary*.

8. Sarah Rice, who was an adult in 1775.

9. Ann Rice, who was a minor child in 1775; she chose William Rice as her guardian; married Thompson Burks in 1782.

10. Mary Rice, who was a ward of her mother, Ann in 1776; she married in 1781.

11. Edith Rice, a ward of her mother.

12. Zachariah Rice, a ward of his mother after his father's death; he married Elizabeth Lewis of Prince Edward Co., VA.

13. Drusilla Rice, ward of her mother; married Richard Vaughan in 1793.

14. Thomas Rice, ward of his mother; his wife was Nancy. Thomas deeded property with Zachariah in Prince Edward Co., VA in 1811.

Garland Black received some of this information in letters from Christine Rogers Rice of 400 Emerald Lane, Carbondale, IL 62901.

* Mary Crenshaw married either James Rice, or his brother Benjamin.

# 2060 - SEEKS DATA ON ANDREW RICE FAMILY OF BRACKEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The following inquiry has been received from Joyce Davidson of 2690 Lakeview Dr. S., Conyers, GA 30207.

Seeking any information on Laura B. (Rice) McClanahan (1873-1940) and her parents, Andrew Rice and Millie (Reeves) Rice, all from the Bracken Co., KY, area.

Editor's Note:

The following data may help you make a connection to the ancestry of your Andrew Rice. Perhaps a search of D.A.R. lineage papers will give the linkage you seek. You might also request a copy of the James Rice pension application file from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. There is also a possibility that his will--if it can be located in Cincinnati, Ohio--may name his children and grandchildren.

Several years ago reader Parthena (Yarbrough) Jones of Arlington, VA, who is now, I believe, deceased, submitted this Revolutionary War Service record:

S 40332 (pension application no.) Dec. 4, 1820
James Rice, age 65, resident of Bracken Co., Ky., enlisted for two years in 1775 at King William Courthouse, Va.; Co. of Capt. Holt Richardson of Regiment commanded by Col. Spotwood in the line of State of Virginia until the 17th of October, 1777; was discharged by Colonel McClanahan at the "25 miles stone" on the Philadelphia Road, state of Pennsylvania; was in Battles of Brandywine and Germantown, 7th Virginia Regiment. (Moved from Kentucky to Ohio (Cincinnati); had a son, Philip.)
# 2061 - CHARLES RICE FAMILY NOTED IN HISTORY OF HANCOCK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The following Rice family is outlined in William Willis Hayward's 1889 History of Hancock, New Hampshire, published by Vox Populi Press, S. W. Huse & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Robert Rice, son of Charles and Lucinda (Wyman) Rice, was born Dec. 8, 1808; he came with his parents to Hancock when a small boy; Robert married March 31, 1847, Harriet, daughter of Isaac Hunt; resided many years at place marked "R. Rice"; present residence marked "N. Holt".

Emery Rice (Charles), married Abigail Tucker; resided in Hancock for several years at place (name not given on map) on road leading from J. M. Johnson's to O. W. Spalding's; died April 22, 1870, aged 60. Children:

1. Sylvia Abigail Rice, born in Weston Vt., Sept. 19, 1836; married, first, June 27, 1865 (1856?), Charles F. Gibson, son of John A. and Mary Ann (Knowlton) Gibson of Rindge, N.H., who was born Jan. 10, 1839; married, second, Albert Cram. She had a daughter, Abby Eva, born July 7, 1857; married and lives in Boston.

2. Moses Rice, resided with his uncle, Robert Rice.

Mrs. Lucinda (Wyman) Rice Sinclair resided several years in Hancock at the place marked "I. Wyman".

# 2062 - NEED FAMILY FOR MATILDA (RICE) KLINGE OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

This query is submitted by Mrs. Jo Anne Monroe of 30987 Faircliff St., Hayward, CA 94544.

Seek info on Matilda Rice who married George Christopher (Henry?) Klinge, 30 Aug. 1857, Wabash, Wabash Co., IN. They had six children: Levi Thomas Klinge (b. 1860), Mahlon Albert Klinge (b. 1868), Rosalie, Lola, Inez and Katherine Klinge. Cannot locate Matilda's family, but believe her father was a Levi Rice married to Mary Ann ?.

# 2063 - DIRECTORY OF HEBRON ACADEMY LISTS CARRIE (RICE) FLAVIN OF SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

A 1900 directory of students at Hebron Academy in Hebron, Maine (near Bangor) lists as a member of the Class of 1891 a Carrie A. (Rice) Flavin of South Paris, Maine. Can any reader identify her parents/ancestry?

# 2064 - DO ANY READERS HAVE RICE FAMILY ENTRIES FROM 1850 CENSUS OF KENTUCKY?

Has any reader extracted Rice family entries from the 1850 federal census of Kentucky? If so, could you share this data with your Epistle editor? Many of our readers are researching Kentucky Rice ancestry. It is not an easy task as members of several unrelated branches of the Rice family settled in Kentucky in the early 1800's.
# 2065 - DATA SOUGHT ON CHELSEA, MASS. RICES & CONNECTION TO CAROLINE HOLBROOK

The following request for help comes from Richard T. Holway of 17 Albert Meadow Lane, Bar Harbor, ME 04709:

Can anyone provide information on the parents of Edith, Mabel and Evelyn Rice, teenagers in Chelsea, MA between 1883 and 1886. An Edith Rich diary for these years lists (several times) the three Rice girls as attending Girls Prayer Meeting in Chelsea. Family tradition has it that Angeline M. (Cole) Rich, born Wellfleet, MA, 1830, and cousin Caroline (Holbrook) ?, born ca. 1830, Wellfleet, agreed to give their daughters the same names. Angeline's daughters were Edith, Mabel and Evelyn Rich. Angeline's aunt Eunice (mother of Caroline) is mentioned several times. Did Caroline Holbrook marry a Rice? Could it have been a brother of Austin Curtis Rice (1827-1902)? It could not have been Austin, as his wife, Margaret (Margery) Boyden, did not die until 1921. There was an Austin (surname not given) from Chelsea mentioned in the Edith Rich diary. He was married in 1883 at Chelsea to Eunice Keddy and moved to Newton, Mass.

Editor's Reply:

We published a fairly extensive article on the ancestry and descendants of Austin Curtis Rice (1827-1902) in the March, 1974 edition of our former quarterly newsletter for the Rice family. The material was furnished by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Logan of 721 Briarwood Dr., Denison, TX 75020. In looking over that article, I see only one possibility...a remote one that would depend upon Caroline Holbrook having first married a Mr. Haley. Austin Curtis Rice had a brother, Elbridge Merrick Rice (1834-1906) of Worcester, Mass., who married, first, a Caroline B. Haley about 1862 and divorced her in 1870. He later had two other wives. A Civil War veteran, Elbridge was unable to earn a living as a result of malaria poisoning, chills, fever and heart and lung trouble (none of which seemed to affect his desire to marry). There was another brother, Charles Augustus Goodrich Rice, born in 1830. He died in Andersonville Prison during the Civil War and Mrs. Logan does not know if he ever married. If you want the ancestry of these Rices and other data, write requesting a copy of The Rice Family News-Journal, Vol. 2, No.4 (March, 1974), enclosing $5 to cover our costs.

# 2066 - OBITUARY: MRS. ISABELLE (BRAGG) RICE, 93, OF VENICE, FL & BANGOR, ME

Mrs. Isabelle E. (Bragg) Rice, 93, wife of the late Edward H. Rice, died Nov. 4, 1986 in Venice, FL. She was born in Bangor, ME, Dec. 16, 1892, the daughter of William A. and Isabelle (Macaloon) Bragg, and was a resident of Bangor until moving to Venice in 1957. Surviving are one son, Thomas C. Rice of Venice; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Sarah) Palmer of Waltham, MA, and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Arrangements were by Crowe Funeral Home. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Bangor, following services at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

# 2067 - OBITUARY: LEROY RICE CALER, 85, OF BANGOR, MAINE

Leroy Rice Caler, 85, died at a Bangor, ME, nursing home Oct. 31, 1986. He was born at Centerville, ME, Aug. 10, 1901, the son of Lester and Elizabeth (Rice) Caler. He worked for the Bangor Daily News Agency and ran the Third Street Market in Bangor many years. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Caler of Bangor; four sons, Keith and Leo Caler, both of Bangor, Carl Caler of Lebanon, CT, and Leroy Caler of Chillicothe, OH; three daughters, Zella Reynolds and Velma West, both of Bangor, and Mildred Bibro of Portland, ME; a brother, Horace Caler of Kingfield, ME; a sister-in-law, Flora Caler of Addison, ME; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Services were at Campbell Funeral Home, Cherryfield, ME, with burial in Ingersoll Cemetery, Centerville, ME.
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HELP US GROW
TELL OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ABOUT THE EPISTLE
Dear Friends,

This issue has been written under some adverse circumstances and has a few minor "glitches" and slip-ups...nothing major, but a few explanations are perhaps in order.

This issue grew from a sheaf of papers I hurriedly tucked into my brief case when I hopped a plane out of Maine the day before a series of snow storms that has since dumped record inches on the Machias area. I have spent the last month in Pompano Beach, Florida, where my father has been seriously ill. Thankfully, we have weathered the current crisis and are about to bring him home from the hospital to 24-hour-a-day private health care while we monitor his condition.

Most of the "glitches" have to do with working on rented computer equipment I'm not familiar with...i.e., different brands, both hardware and software. I learned a lot, but still there are some uncalled for blank spaces, wrongly hyphenated words, etc. I spotted a typographical error on one page while indexing, but when I went back to correct it I couldn't find it. Sorry! Despite twice daily hospital visits and other distractions, I enjoyed working on this issue. I have a special debt of gratitude to John LaPiana, who saved me some work time by not only authoring the article which begins on page 15, but also by sending it to me in Florida fresh off his computer and ready for the printing press.

I'll soon be headed back to Maine, where I'm told the snow is higher than the window sills and the dog pen fence is completely buried. It's okay. I love snow.

Warmest wishes!

Rosemary
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Briefing Our Readers

(The data on this page will answer the most common questions posed by readers, saving you and us letter-writing time we'd rather devote to genealogy. That's why this page is repeated each issue.)

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Sharing Some Family Miscellany

We feature in this issue some miscellaneous bits 'n pieces of family data which resulted from a quick raid of the files when your editor packed her briefcase to head for Florida. Such a random approach is sure to provide diversity!

We'll read about I. H. Batchelder—in his 80's and working every day—who heads the Bemidji (MN) Woolen Mills, a firm founded by his father. We will share some of his remarks about wool...he says it's good for arthritis. His store has been described as "one big snuggle". Next we pick up the trail of some New England Bachelors who were among the earliest settlers of Steuben Co., Indiana.

Then we return east for some more data on Breed Batchelder, a New Hampshire Tory we first came across several years ago. We've found additional references to him in old histories of Keene and Sullivan, New Hampshire. We wind up our story pages with some information on Batchelder brothers Abraham and John, early retail grocers in Concord, NH. Then our "odds 'n ends" theme continues into a correspondence section full of varied fare.
I. H. BATCHELDER, 83, STILL WORKS AT FAMILY BUSINESS IN BEMIDJI, MINN.

"I am sending an article about my father, who is 83 and really does work every day, when he isn’t traveling. It was his love of history and his family stories that got me started in genealogy," writes Mrs. Joy Albers, P. O. Box 1462, Bemidji, MN 56601. Joy’s aunt, Clara (Batchelder) Gould, visited last fall in Reading, Mass., ancestral home of their branch of the Batchelder family. She wrote Joy that there is a "Batchelder Road" and that "the name Batchelder opens lots of doors in Reading." Other data on this part of the family has appeared in previous Epistle issues. The following article was in the Sept. 27, 1986 edition of the Grand Forks Herald:

- By CHUCK HAGA

BEMIDJI (MN) - I. H. Batchelder came into his store the other day, took up a post at the sales counter next to one of his sons, and shuffled through some sales slips. "Where do they all come from?", he said, smiling. Well, he knows. "Lots from Grand Forks," he began, maybe in deference to me, as we later sat in his office. "Iowa is good, and Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri... "Grand Rapids," son Ronald interjected. "We're talking states," his father said. Plus Grand Forks, of course. The interviewer is from Grand Forks; pay attention. Besides, with all the weekend tourists and campers and summer lakefront residents over here, so many of them from Grand Forks, maybe it does seem to be a state by itself. And a good many of those people make at least an annual stop at the Bemidji Woolen Mills for a pair of wool socks, a lumberjack shirt, wool pants, a sweater.

I. H. went on: "We get people in here from every state in the Union - plus Alaska and Hawaii," he said. If you're from one of those two, don't be offended. He's been speaking that line for a long time, long before the admission of states Nos. 49 and 50. I.H. knows that people in Juneau pay federal income tax. "Our customers come from South America, too, and Japan," he said. "Norwegians, Swedes, Germans - you'd be surprised."

I. P. Batchelder (I. H.'s father) founded the Bemidji Woolen Mills in 1921. I. H. is company chairman. His son, I. J., is president. Ronald is vice president, and several fourth-generation Batchelders work in sales and manufacturing. Don't those initials get confusing? "No," I. H. said. "Everybody call us Batch anyway, all of us."

At 83, he still puts in a few hours every day, almost, if he's not out of town. He has confidence in the younger family members, but "they get kind of wild in their ideas sometimes" and maybe its good to have someone with his perspective around. "I've been through good times and bad."

His paternal grandparents were Norwegian immigrants who settled near Pingree, ND, northwest of Jamestown. On his father's side, the family goes back to New England, then to England and - in the distant past - to France. They were Huguenots, French protestants, a people who were persecuted throughout the 16th and 17th centuries. Many emigrated or were expelled by the Catholic kings of France. "The name was Batchelder - or something like that," I. H. said. He prefers to think of that side of him being English.

His grandfather tried farming in central Minnesota, then a hardware store in Sauk Centre, then a lumber mill in Pequot Lakes. I. P. Batchelder was in the lumber business when he came to Bemidji looking for timber, sniffed the air and sensed change coming. He bought a building, hired a man who knew wool and opened the mills. "He kept himself badly in debt all the time," I. H. said. "I remember thinking in high school that I'd stay around and work in the mills long enough to help dad get out of debt, and then I'd get out of here." But it took longer than he figured to get the business clear - "Dad didn't live to see it" - and in the meantime "the work got interesting and I stayed." The mills sold cloth to J. C. Penney and other stores throughout the region, but the retailers turned to cheaper, usually foreign, sources after World War II. Several other area woolen mills closed. The Bemidji plant began to shift its emphasis to retail sales.

"I started pulling a few things out for display, and people asked if they could buy them," I. H. said. "I said, 'Well, sure' and it grew from there."

The store gets its wool from Pendleton and Woolrich and workers here turn the cloth into blankets, jackets and other finished products. Business is good. "The quality is tops," I. H. explains, "and the price is reasonable. And people today are very much into natural fibers, both wool and cotton."

He likes to talk about wool: "Wool's a natural for warmth and comfort. Even before weaving, people rubbed fleece together to make it stick, then crushed it. If you look at the fiber under a microscope, it's like a burr. Rub it and it sticks. It's good for arthritis, too. Wool socks, a wool blanket. Keeps that part of the body warmer."
Moving Westward in Steps

THESE NEW ENGLAND BACHELORS CAME TO INDIANA BY WAY OF OHIO

Introduction

Biographies of brothers Ira T. and Fremont Bachelor are from Vol. 2 of the History of Northeast Indiana, published in 1920 by Lewis Publishing Co. of Chicago and New York. The section on Steuben Co. was compiled by Orville Stevens. This material was contributed by reader Mary J. Morrell, 224 Church St., Wayland, MI. Additional notes on the ancestral line were added by your editor.

Ira T. Bachelor. One of the oldest and most substantial American communities in Steuben County is in Millgrove Township, where a preponderance of the early settlers were New England people, particularly from Vermont. Members of the Bachelor family have been identified with that section over eighty years, and one of the best known is Ira T. Bachelor.

Mr. Bachelor was born in Jackson Township of Steuben County, August 14, 1853. His grandparents were Ira and Hannah (Green) Bachelor. They had two children, Amos and Lucy. Ira Bachelor died in Ohio, and after his death his widow became Mrs. Elijah Owen. By that marriage there were three children: Henry, Ira and Hannah. Elijah Owen brought his family to Steuben County in 1836, making the trip from Ohio with ox team and wagon, and they were among the first settlers of Millgrove Township.

Amos Bachelor was eleven years old when brought to Indiana. He was born in Lake County, Ohio, in April, 1825. He married Susan Burroughs, who was born in New York State December 10, 1828, a daughter of Rev. Truman Burroughs. Her father was a pioneer Baptist minister who carried the gospel through several counties in Indiana and Michigan.

Amos Bachelor began his career as a farmer in Jackson Township, and in 1857 came to Millgrove Township. In May, 1869, he left the farm and lived at Waterloo until March, 1874, in order to give his children the advantage of high school. With that exception, he spent all his active career on the farm in Millgrove Township. In the fall of 1899 he retired from farming and moved to Angola, where he died January 29, 1905. His widow passed away in June, 1911. Amos Bachelor was one of the highly successful farmers of Steuben County, and at one time owned over 500 acres of productive land. He and his wife had four children: Ellen, who is the wife of James Campbell and lives at Waterloo; Ira, Fremont and Elmer.

Ira Bachelor in his individual career has manifested many of the good business qualities of his father. He acquired a good education, partly in the district schools of Jamestown Township, also in the high school at Waterloo, and for three terms he taught school. He has many talents and gifts in music. He began his farming career in Millgrove Township, where he has lived for over thirty years. He owns a farm of 185 acres, and all its substantial buildings were put on the land by him with the exception of one house. Mr. Bachelor married in 1873 Miss Etta Patterson, daughter of William Patterson. They have three children: Clyde, Ira, wife of Fred Terry, and Paul.

Fremont Bachelor. For many years the name Bachelor has been significant of good farming methods, large farms, well managed, and a high degree of enterprise and public spirit in all matters of community interest. This is one of the oldest families of Steuben Co. Fremont Bachelor, of Millgrove Twp., is a son of the late Amos Bachelor, who in his time was one of the largest land owners in the county. Fremont was born in Pleasant Twp., March 19, 1856, and as a boy attended district schools in Millgrove and Jamestown Townships, and finished his education with a high school course in Waterloo. As a young man he began farming on the old homestead. In 1887 he married Miss Harriet Ebbert, a daughter of Isaac and Lorena Ebbert. Mr. Bachelor then took his wife to a farm at Inverness and lived there 13 years. In the fall of 1899, he returned to the old farm. He has lived there 20 years and now owns 250 acres. Much of the substantial equipment of the farm is due to his work and investment. He has remodeled the house and constructed a large barn and silo. Mr. and Mrs. Bachelor have one daughter, wife of Fred Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have one son, Don Fremont Collins.

Editor's Notes: Your editor, a member of the same general branch of the Bachelor family, believes the elder Ira is son of Bazil Bachelor (Lemuel, Samuel, John—). Bazil was born in 1793 at Claremont, NH and wed in Onondaga Co., NY, Nancy Jefferson of Vermont. He later lived in Ashtabula Co., OH & Wells Co., IN.
Breed Batchelder, N.H. Tory

Introduction

Information on Breed Batcheller seems to slip into your editor's files in dribs and drabs. Some "pinches" of data on him have appeared in past Epistle issues. Maybe, a decade from now, I (or my genealogical heir) can put together a worthy article that ties the pieces together and does justice to Breed Batcheller.

This information from Rev. Josiah Lafayette Seward's History of the Town of Sullivan, N. H., 1777-1917 (Vol.II) recently piqued your editor's curiosity.

JOHN1 BATCHELLER was said to be of Beverly, Mass.* He afterwards removed to Brookfield, Mass. His wife was Elizabeth.

BREED2 BATCHELLER, son of John1, was born in Wenham, Mass., according to one historical document, which probably corrects the generally received opinion that he was born in Beverly, Mass. He was born about 1740, saw service in the old French War, so called, was the first settler of Packersfield (Nelson), but in that part of the town which is now Roxbury. He was a tory, refused to sign the "association test", fled to escape arrest, entered the British service in the Revolution, was in the battle of Bennington, under Baum, was wounded in the shoulder, was taken to Nova Scotia, became dissipated, and finally was drowned in 1785 by falling from a boat in the harbor of Annapolis, N.S. He married, March 11, 1762, Ruth Davis, born in Rutland, Mass., May 27, 1746, O.S.; died in Keene, June 26, 1840; daughter of Capt. Peter and Rebecca (Hopcrisson) Davis. Their daughter, Betsey, born in Packersfield Aug. 24, 1767, was the first child born in the part of town now Roxbury. The story of Breed Batcheller is one of much interest, but it properly belongs to Roxbury and cannot be detailed here.

THOMAS PACKER3 BATCHELLER, son of Breed, was the first male child born at Packersfield, June 8, 1770; he died at Keene June 24, 1828. He married Nov. 17, 1805 in Keene Anna Baker, born in Keene April 30, 1772, daughter of the Hon. Thomas and Sarah Baker. We do not find a record of her death. They came to Sullivan the spring after their marriage and lived between two or three years in the old John Dimick Jr. house at 242. They came from Surry to that house and moved from there to Keene. Mr. Batcheller was a real estate speculator. When the second meetinghouse was built, at 77, he bought several pews. Not paying, he was sued by the town, and finally surrendered them. Mrs. Batcheller joined the church in 1808. While in Sullivan, they had one child, George Frederick, baptized in Sullivan Jan. 5, 1809.

Pursuing leads in the above account, your editor turned to S. G. Griffin's 1904 History of the Town of Keene. That source reveals that Breed, a surveyor, in 1765 was among three men chosen to make an allowance out of the Keene common lands to those who had roads laid through their 30-acre lots. In 1766, Breed was major of the 6th Regiment of N.H. Militia, the unit covering the southwest corner of the province. However, by the time of the Lexington alarm, in addition to Breed Batcheller, there were in this part of New Hampshire 13 other Tories. Most of them were men of property and influence. On June 17, 1777, the legislature, upon the report of a committee previously appointed to investigate a complaint against Breed Batcheller of Packersfield and Robert Gilmore of Keene, voted that "said Batcheller and Gilmore be committed to close Prison in some Gaol in this state." They were arrested and jailed. Later the legislature passed an act confiscating property of prominent Tories, among them Breed Batcheller. These were settled the same as estates of deceased persons. This source also gives the 1763 marriage of Ruth Davis, age 17, of Rutland to "Breed Batcheller, Keene, gentleman." They lived near the east line of town, in what is now Roxbury, and "she used to take a bag of grain on a horse and go to Rutland, 50 miles to mill, doubtless including a visit to her home." This source says Ruth was buried in a graveyard near Joseph Chase's.

* We believe this is John1 Batcheller (John32, Joseph1) born Wenham, MA, ca. 1712; died 1765; wed Elizabeth _?_ and lived at Brookfield, MA.

First principal of Keene Academy, above, was Dartmouth graduate Breed Batcheller, grandson of noted Tory of that name. In 1839, he wed his assistant, Miss Leverett.
Your editor recently came across a fairly detailed lineage for two Bachelder brothers who were among the early retail grocers in Concord, New Hampshire. It was printed in the 1908 Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire, edited by Ezra S. Stearns and issued by the Lewis Publishing Company of New York and Chicago. The biographical data below and lineage data on the facing page are both from this source.

**ABRAHAM BYRON BACHELDER**, seventh child and youngest son of Samuel and Eliza (True) Bachelder, was born in Loudon, N.H., November 22, 1849, and had the usual experience of a farmer boy until he was 14 years old, when his father died, and after that he had many of the cares that fall to older persons.

At age 16 he came to Concord and went into the employ of N. S. Batchelder & Company as a clerk. In 1873, John T. and A. B. Bachelder bought out the interest of N. S. Batchelder and continued the business of the old firm as Batchelder & Co. This relation lasted for almost a third of a century, or until the death of John T. Bachelder July 6, 1904, since which time the business has been continued by A. B. Bachelder, but still under the name of Batchelder & Co.

In Concord, September 27, 1876, Mr. Bachelder married Harriet E. Davis of Concord, daughter of C. W. and Helen (Boynton) Davis, born September 19, 1855 in Concord. Mr. Bachelder votes the Republican ticket and attends the Unitarian Church. He is too busy to hold office or keep up membership in societies and clubs, but is a genial companion and successful business man.

**JOHN T. BACHELDER** went to Boston when he was a young man and entered the employ of Hallet & Davis, piano manufacturers, for some time.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in the First Regiment, Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, as a private. John served until the close of the war and was mustered out as a first lieutenant.

He returned to New Hampshire and was in the employ of C. C. Webster, grocer at Concord, for less than a year. On December 8, 1866, he entered into partnership with N.S. Batchelder, an old friend and distant relative of his father, who was conducting a retail grocery store, and continued in this business till he died.

John Bachelder was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and attended the Old South Church, but was not a church member.

He was a very thorough business man and had many friends.

John never married, but made his home with his brother, Abraham Bachelder, who was also his business partner for many years. A very cordial relationship always existed between these two brothers.

(See ancestral data on next page.)

**Information on Siblings**

Here are some notes on the brothers and sisters of John and Abraham:

4. Alvah H. Bachelder married Lucrea Holt and moved to Oakland, Calif.
5. Justin S. Bachelder, Civil War soldier, was killed May 3, 1863.
6. Albert L. Bachelder served in the Civil War and contracted a disease from which he died in 1871.
The Lineage Summary

(I) Rev. Stephen Bachiler, a leading non-conformist, who settled in the town of Hampton, New Hampshire, was born in England in 1561, matriculated at St. John's College in 1581, and in 1580, at the age of twenty-six, was presented by Lord de la Warr to the living of Wherwell (Horrell), a pretty village in Hampshire, on the river Test. In 1605 Mr. Bachiler was "deprived" of his benefice, presumably for Calvinistic opinions, and by order of the commission appointed by James I to investigate religious opinions. Soon after leaving Wherwell, Mr. Bachiler settled in Newton Stacey, the nearest hamlet on the east, where the records show he purchased land and sold it from 1622 to 1631. He sailed in the "William and Francis," March 9, 1632, landing at Boston, June 5, of that year. Mr. Bachiler succeeded to Lynn, Massachusetts, then called Saugus, where his daughter Theodate, wife of Christopher Hussey, resided. Here he commenced the exercise of his administration on Sunday, June 8, 1633, without installation, having formed a church of those who desired to join the six or seven persons he brought with him, who are said to have been members of the church with him in England. He remained in Lynn until February, 1636, when he removed to Ipswich. He then removed to Yarmouth, six miles beyond Sandwich. His next removal was to Newbury, where, on the 6th of July, 1638, the town made him a grant of land.

(II) I. Nathaniel, born 1590; married Hester Mercer. Southampton; their children were: Stephen, Anna, Francis, Nathaniel and Benjamin.

(III) Nathaniel (2), son of Nathaniel (1) and Hester (Mercer) Bachiler, was born in 1630. He married December 10, 1656, Deborah, daughter of John Smith, of Martha's Vineyard. She was born March 8, 1655. He married, (second), October 31, 1676, Mrs. Mary (Carter) Wyman, daughter of Rev. Thomas Carter, and widow of John Wyman, of Woburn. She was born June 24, 1648, and died in 1688; she was cousin of his first wife. He married, (third), October 23, 1689, Elizabeth B. Knill, widow of John. She survived him. He was always a resident of Hampton, and held many offices of trust and honor in town and church. He was for some time constable, and nine years was selectman. He died suddenly January 2, 1710. His children were: Deborah, born October 12, 1657; Nathaniel, December 24, 1660; Ruth, May 9, 1662; Esther, December 26, 1664; Abigail, December 28, 1667; Jane, January 8, 1670; Stephen, July 31, 1672. (Died in infancy.) Benjamin, born September 19, 1673; Stephen, March 8, 1675; Mercy, December 11, 1677; Mary, born January 10, 1651; Jonathan, 1681; Thomas, 1683; Joseph, August 9, 1687. Mary, October 17, 1688; died in infancy (Stephen and Benjamin and descendants receive mention in this article).

(IV) Deacon Nathaniel (3), eldest son of Nathaniel and Deborah (Smith) Batchelder, was born at Hampton, New Hampshire, December 24, 1650, and died in 1745. He married about 1683, Elizabeth Foss, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, born 1666, died 1746. He was one of the assessors of Hampton Falls in 1719-20, and selectman in 1722. He was one of the original proprietors of Chester, New Hampshire. His children were: Deborah; Nathaniel; John; Josiah; Jethro; Elizabeth; Nathan; Phinehas, and Ebenezer.

(V) Jethro, fifth child and fourth son of Deacon Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Foss) Batchelder, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, January 2, 1698, and died in May, 1754, aged twenty-five years. He resided in Hampton Falls and Exeter. The administration of his estate was granted to his widow, June 3, 1754. He died intestate. He married, May 15, 1721, Dorothy Sanborn, who was born October 27, 1668, daughter of Deacon Benjamin and Sarah Sanborn. After his death she married, October 13, 1739, Abraham Moulton. She died September 11, 1757, aged fifty-nine years. The children of Jethro and Dorothy were: Abigail, and Jethro, whose sketch follows.

(VI) Jethro (2), the younger of the two sons of Jethro (1) and Dorothy (Sanborn) Batchelder, was born in 1723. He resided in London, with his brother Abraham built the mills in London. His widow Abigail married (second), Daniel Lane. She was a member of the first church in Raymond, 1791, and was the largest woman in town. She died August 28, 1818. The children of Jethro and Abigail were: Jethro, David, Lible, William, Abani, Nathaniel, Daniel, and Abel.

(VII) Lible, third son and child of Jethro and Abigail Batchelder, was born and reared in London, where he married Love Blaisdell. Their children were: Abigail, Peter, Polly, Susan, Manley, Betsey, Sally, and Harriet.

(VIII) Susan, fifth child and fourth daughter of Lible and Love (Blaisdell) Batchelder, born in Loudon, March 8, 1750, married, November 12, 1812, Isaac Virgin, and resided in Concord.
MRS. J. Malcolm Loring of 19622 N. E. Wasco St., Portland, OR 97230, has been trying--long, hard and patiently—for many years to uncover the ancestry of Lovisa Batchelder (1809-1869) of Maine who married Charles Bradford. Several of her queries have appeared in The Epistle (i.e., see Items #684 & 1722)*. She wrote last November with this good news: "Here at long last is the information about Lovisa Batchelder. Steven D. Bailey saw my query in Downeast Ancestry (Vol. 9, No. 1, June, 1985)* and wrote in September sending me so much information. I was so thrilled as I never expected to find it. I'm sure you will be pleased to find new Batchelder information. It should help others."

Here is Mrs. Loring's Batchelder ancestry:

2. Nathaniel Bachiler/Batchelder (1590-1645), an English merchant, and his wife, the former Hester Mercer.
4. Benjamin Batchelder (1673-1718) of Hampton, N.H., and his wife, the former Susanna Page.
5. Theophilus Batchelder, born 1715, who lived at Hampton and Kennington, N. H. He married Maria Blake, daughter of Moses.
6. Hezekiah (Hackiah) Batchelder, born ca. 1746, lived in Georgetown and Thomaston, Maine, and died at Lincolnville, Maine. He married Abigail (Mathews) Ross.
7. Daniel Batchelder (1777-1862) of Lincolnville, Belmont and Thorndike, Maine. He married 1) Lois Williams (mother of Lovisa); 2) Deborah Young of Corinna, Maine, and 3) Martha Dunton, who died in 1890 at age 90.

The other children of Daniel Batchelder were:
By his first wife, Lois Williams:
- David Batchelder, born 16 Nov. 1805; married Louise Reed of Bangor, Maine; no surviving children.
- Daniel Batchelder, born 1816; married Lydia Porter and had children Emma, Wesley, Caroline, William and Robert Batchelder.
- Lucie W. Batchelder, born ca. 1821; wed 1) Moses McParand & 2) Charles A. Bradford (her sister's husband)

By his second wife, Deborah Young:
- Emerson Batchelder, born ca. 1825; never married.

By his third wife, Martha Dunton:
- Eliza Ann Batchelder, born in 1838; became second wife of Elijah Bradford, brother of Charles.
- William Batchelder, born ca. 1840; died at age 6 mos.

Sources for the above material include Descendants of Coll Mathews & Catherine Campbell, by Bernice Otley Newbory, 1944, and F. C. Pierce's Batchelder Genealogy. Steve also gave Mrs. Loring data on allied families.

* Downeast Ancestry, which specializes in Maine families, is co-owned by your Epistle editor and has the same address.
# 2069 - NOTES ON A BATECHLDER FAMILY IN NORTHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The following data is from the History of Northfield, New Hampshire, by Lucy R. H. Cross:

Sarah Leavitt Batchelder came to Northfield in 1905 from Manchester. She was the wife of Jeremiah Batchelder of Loudon, N.H., who died there Sept. 13, 1888. They had six children. Mrs. Batchelder resides with her son on Bay St.

Children

Lizzie N. Batchelder, born at Loudon, 1871; married May 7, 1893 at Loudon Ridge, Ellery Jeffs, born 1869. He is a carpenter. They reside in Lynn, Massachusetts, and have one child.

William Batchelder came to Northfield in 1901 from Loudon. He married in 1900 Georgie Wright of Gilmanton and resides on Gale Ave. They have two children, Victor, born in 1901, and Helen, born in 1902. They are about to erect a home on Bay St. He is employed by the Tilton Optical Co.

Jay Clifford Batchelder was born at Loudon June 5, 1878. He graduated from Gilmanton Academy in the class of 1901. He remained on the farm two years, removing in 1903 to Northfield. He has purchased the residence lately erected by A. H. Hough on Bay St. He is employed at the Tilton Optical Works. He is a member of Friendship Grange and of Harmony Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Tilton.

(Your editor has a projected Batchelder lineage for Jeremiah's family, but until it is proven does not wish to place it in print. If anyone is interested in this branch of the family, please get in touch and I'll share information.)

# 2070 - DATA ON TWO FAMILY MEMBERS FOUND IN IOWA CEMETERY RECORDS

Reader Mary Russell of 3383 Wellesly Ave., San Diego, CA 92122, extracted these family references from cemetery records printed in Hawkeye Heritage, a publication of the Iowa Genealogical Society.

Vol. 21, No. 1, 1986: Ex-service Burial Records, Cherokee County, Iowa

Batcheller, M. F., 1925, Lot 46, Block 1, Oak Hill, Civil War

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Vol. 20, No. 2, 1985: From Index to Bloomfield Cemetery, Winneshiek County, Iowa

Batchelder, Isabel (no dates given)

Sarah, Olive, George, Daniel, Benjamin, Schuyler C., children of G. W. and Cintha, died 1860-1870, R5E (Row 5 east of driveway)

Editor's Note: The 1925 date of death would indicate that he was, at the time of his death, a fairly aged Civil War veteran.

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# 2071 - MRS. BACHELDER RECOMMENDS BELL'S SARSAPARILLA FOR SCIATICA

100 YEARS AGO:

The following item is from the Nov. 4, 1887 edition of the Bangor (Maine) Weekly Courier. Our thanks to reader Pat Pickard for bringing it to your editor's attention!

A Wonderful Remedy

I am pleased to commend Bell's Sarsaparilla. I commenced taking it in April past for Sciatica. Standing on my feet would produce the most severe pains, and I could scarcely keep up. I have found great benefit from it. I know it has given me strength and relief from pain to do my work, which I could not have done without it.

- Mrs. S. F. Bachelder

61 Forest Avenue
Bangor

50 cts. per bottle.

# 2072 - GRANVILLE N. BACHELDER MENTIONED IN RECORDS OF ST. GEORGE, MAINE

The St. George, Maine, "Annual Report" prepared by the municipal officers for the year ending February 7, 1917 tells much about the community and its residents. For example, the town clerk's report lists each of the births, marriages and deaths which took place in St. George during the past year, providing a wealth of material for genealogical researchers.

This report contains several references to Granville Bachelder. We find, among the selectmen's appointments, that he was named as one of the town's two dog killers and was appointed one of its three constables. He also served as the moderator for the annual town meeting and held the post of tax collector.

Don't forget to add "town reports" to your list of sources for searching Maine ancestors.

# 2073 - MARRIAGE RECORD OF JOHN BACHELDER & ANN WILEY OF FRYEBURG, MAINE

John Alley Robbins Jr. of 49 S. Front St., Richmond, ME 04357, sends the following marriage data from Film #0010916 of the town records of Fryeburg (Oxford County), Maine.

Nov. 1, 1846 - Intentions of Marriage:
Mr. John Bachelder and Miss Ann B. Wiley, both of Fryeburg; first published. (Certificate was granted Nov. 14, 1846.)

Nov. 24, 1846 - Marriage of Mr. John Bachelder and Miss Ann B. Wiley, both of Fryeburg, by James Hobbs Jr., Justice of the Peace.

Jay Robbins advises that he did not undertake a complete review of the above film for references to the "Batchelder" surname. This particular film covers Fryeburg, Maine town records from 1788 to 1817.
The following information is from ancestry charts submitted by Robert A. Goodding of 15611 Edenvale, Friendswood, TX 77546:

**Line of Descent**

1. Rev. Stephen Bachiler, the immigrant from England and founder in 1638 of Hampton, N.H.

Mr. Goodding's descent is through the son, John Langston Furber (1805-1890), who was born in Northwood, N.H., and died at Detroit Lakes, Minn. He married in 1835 at Wolfeboro, N.H., Sarah Fogg.

**Editor's Note:** Additional details on the early generations in the above lineage can be found on page 9 of this issue.

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**# 2075 - ANOTHER REFERENCE TO THE STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA, BACHELOR FAMILY**

Volume I of the History of Northeast Indiana contains another brief reference to an additional member of the Bachelor family featured on page 6 of this Epistle issue. Under a list of recorded farm names in Steuben County appears the following record:

"Shore Acres" - in 1917 by Elmer E. Bachelor, Sect. 6, Twp. 37, Range 13, 1015 acres.

The Ira and Fremont Bachelor whose biographies are given on page 9 had a brother named Elmer. Since Ira and Fremont were born in the 1850's, it is possible that the Elmer mentioned above is their nephew rather than their brother.
GUEST AUTHOR John C. LaPiana, a certified genealogical record searcher, has prepared for this issue an article on the Isaac Carpenter family of Pompey in Onondaga County, New York. Carpenter's Pond, shown on the above map in the lower center, is where this Carpenter family lived on lot #83.
A previous publication, "Identity of Nancy, wife of Gideon Owen" by this author, (NYG&BR, in press) properly placed Isaac Carpenter of Pompey, Onondaga County, N.Y. in the family to which he belongs. During the research for that report it was noted that his children had been improperly and incompletely reported in Descendants of Timothy Carpenter by Charles L. Carpenter (1976). A search of the published literature failed to reveal any complete list. This project was then undertaken to identify the children of Isaac of Pompey, and where possible, carry the lines forward and further identify Isaac's ancestors. Isaac of Pompey was the son of Timothy and Elizabeth (Anderson) Carpenter. In addition to the information in that report, we now have a copy of the will of Timothy Carpenter (Rensselaer County Wills, Book 2, page 298), dated 09 Dec 1787 and probated 15 Feb 1806.)

The search then turned to the identification of Timothy's parents. No clues were contained in the published Carpenter genealogies. North Castle/New Castle Historical Records provided the first solid clues. Herein early ear marks are recorded and among them:

15 Nov 1738: William Carpenter, son of Silas, his ear mark is a swallow fork on each ear.
02 Jan 1741: Timothy Carpenter, son of Silas, ear mark in the end of each ear and a half penny the underside of the off ear.

Abstracts of unrecorded wills (New York Historical Society for 1902, p. 85 ) contain the following:
"In the name of God, Amen. January 3, 1729/8. I, Giles Carpenter of North Castle, in Westchester County, blacksmith. I leave to my wife, Jane, 1/3 of all movables. All houses and lands to be sold. I leave to my daughters, Hannah and Phebe, L 1 each when of age. The rest to be put at interest until my three sons, William, Timothy and Giles, are of age and then divided among them. I make William Craft and William Carpenter, Jr. both of Long Island, and my wife Hannah executors.
Witnesses, Adam Ireland, Job Wright, Nathaniel Carpenter. Proved February 11, 1729."

This record fell into place when corrections in the abstract were located (New York Historical Society for 1908, p. 374, ) emending the previous publication to read:
"In the name of God, Amen. January 3, 1728/9. I Silas Carpenter, of North Castle, in Westchester County, blacksmith, leave to my wife Jane 1/3 of all movables. All houses and lands to be sold. I leave to my daughters Hannah and Phebe, L 1 each when of age. The rest to be put at interest until my three sons, William, Timothy and Silas are of age and then divided among them. I make William Craft and William Carpenter, Jr., both of Long Island, and my wife Hannah Jane Carpenter, executors.
Witnesses: Adam Ireland, Job Wright, Nathaniel Carpenter. Proved February 11, 1728/9."

There was no other Timothy Carpenter in eastern New York state at this time, so this proves that this Silas is the father of Timothy and thus the grandfather of Isaac of Pompey.

Using this identification and the published genealogies Carpenter Family in America by Daniel Hoagland, (1901) and Genealogical History of Rehoboth Branch of Carpenter Family by Amos Carpenter (1898), one can then trace Silas back thru William^3 and Hannah (Haviland); Joseph^2 and Hannah (Carpenter) to William^1 and Elizabeth (Peake) Arnold in the Providence branch of the family. Joseph^2's wife is of the Rehoboth branch and also well documented. In the Providence branch, Timothy becomes the fifth generation, Isaac
the sixth. Thus, the children to Isaac, next to be reported, will become the seventh
generation.

Census records are too sketchy and scarce to be of much help in developing the list of
children. In 1790, Isaac was living at Pittstown, then Albany County (now Rensselaer
County), N.Y. In 1800, he was at Pompey, Onondaga County, N.Y. However, neither
enumeration is early enough to have included all the children. Since Isaac died in 1809
(Onondaga County, N.Y. Surrogate records), he was not included in the 1810 census.

Onondaga County (N.Y.) Will Book A (p. 112) contains the will of Isaac Carpenter of
Pompey. He mentions daughters Nancy Carpenter and Phebe Carpenter, and sons Anderson
and Roger, who received one dollar in addition to what they already received. A daughter,
Elizabeth, was given ten dollars, in addition to what she already received. His widow, Jeane
Carpenter, received one-third of real and personal property. The "three youngest sons", Isaac
Carpenter, Jr., Israel Carpenter and Abraham Carpenter, received equal portions of
the remaining real and personal estate. Nancy had married Gideon Owen and Phebe,
Ezekiel Griswold. Their marriages were well before the 23 September 1807 date of the
will.

From the will, we can conclude that Isaac of Pompey had at least eight children. C. L.
Carpenter's genealogy includes (p. 82) numbering for eight children, but lists only Phebe,
Anderson, Israel and Abraham. Carpenter reports that an unidentified "old record indicates
daughter Phebe was 10 to 15 years older than Israel (second son), that Anderson was the
eldest son, and Abraham the youngest son."

In the 1850 Federal census (Skaneateles, Onondaga County, N.Y. #1699, ) we find Phebe, a
widow aged 75 years. In the 1855 New York State census (Skaneateles, Onondaga County,
N.Y. 145/172) she appears again, age 81 years. Therefore, it seems fair to conclude Phebe
Carpenter Griswold was born 1774/5.

The 1810 Federal census (Sullivan, Madison County, N.Y.) shows Nancy Carpenter Owen
age 26 to 45. Her husband, Gideon Owen, was born in 1765 (Salisbury, CT VRs) and died in
1834 (Descendants of John Owen by William H. Owen, 1940, p. 116). Nancy survived her
husband and a son, William, who died in 1836 (Madison County, N.Y. Surrogate Court, file
#778), for she is named in both their probate petitions as an heir. Nancy and Gideon were
married 11 Mar 1785 at Pittstown, Rensselaer County, N.Y. (Owen, ibid). Nancy was born
about 1767 and therefore is older than Phebe.

The 1800 Federal census (Marcellus, Onondaga County, N.Y., p. 161) shows Roger
Carpenter, age 16-26; both Isaac, Jr. and Anderson Carpenter (Pompey, Onondaga County,
N.Y., p. 142) are age 26-45. Roger is known to have died 16 Feb 1836, age 64 years, and is
buried in Lewis Cemetery, Minetto, Oswego County, N.Y. Therefore, he was born in 1772,
making Isaac, Jr. and Anderson both older. These data seem to contradict the will, wherein
both Anderson and Roger appear to be older than the other three (3) sons.

Israel is no problem, for it is known he was born 10 Apr 1785 (gravestone, Harmony, N.Y.)
and confirmed by the 1855 New York State census, (Harmony, Cattaraugus County, N.Y.
#126), where he appears age 70 years. Abraham was born in 1789, according to the IGI, and
appears in the same household in the 1855 census with his brother Israel, age 66 years.

Isaac, Jr., Elizabeth, and Abraham are more of a problem when we try to establish
birthdates. Examination of the Court House copy of the 1810 Federal census revealed that
children were living at Pompey, Onondaga County, N.Y. with the widowed Jane Carpenter.
She is listed there, age 45+, with a male 16-26 (probably Abraham) and a girl 16-26
(probably Jenny, Abraham's wife). Isaac, Jr. is in the same location, in his own household,
age 26-45, with a wife 16-26 and two female children under 10.
Nearly all of these relationships can be further supported through land records. On 08 July 1791, Isaac Carpenter purchased 500 acres on Lot #83, Town of Pompey (Pompey Reunion, p. 231). On 13 July 1791, he purchased 600 acres on Lot #2, Town of Marcellus (Onondaga County Land Records, Cayuga County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 329).

As noted in the previous report, Phebe, Nancy and Roger all got portions of these lands prior to the death of their father. Israel also had land in Marcellus, deeded to him by his father, on Lot #2. The deed index notes the deed was recorded in 1810, but we cannot locate the record. Israel and Hannah, his wife, apparently remained in Marcellus only a short time for in 1811 a deed is recorded (Onondaga County Deed Book L, p. 306) showing them selling their land to Ezekiel Griswold, a brother-in-law, at the time they removed to Harmony, Chautauqua County, N.Y.

Some additional data was located from Onondaga County land records that serve to further support the relationships and add background information. Abraham Carpenter sold the 85 acres on Lot #83 he formerly occupied in Pompey by deed dated 01 Aug 1816 (Deed Book S, p. 298). At this time, he was noted as being "of Willink, Niagara County, (now Erie County) New York". This is land once owned by his father, Isaac Carpenter. On 24 Oct 1816 (Deed Book W, p. 193) Abraham and Jenny, his wife, "formerly of Pompey, N.Y. and now of Willink, Niagara County" sell more land on Lot #83, adjacent to land formerly owned by both Jerry (Jeremiah) and Isaac Carpenter.

Isaac Carpenter had sold 102 acres 2 quarters and 20 rods on Lots #82 and 83 in Pompey by deed (Deed Book Z, p. 361) on 09 Apr 1816. He and his wife, Rebecca, acknowledged the deed 14 Feb 1817 in Niagara County. This is land he got by quit claim (Deed Book T, p. 303) from his brothers, Israel and Abraham on 03 Jul 1810.

Somewhat earlier, 15 Feb 1813 (Deed Book K, p. 375) Anderson Carpenter sold property on Lot #83, Pompey, when "of Sodus, Ontario County" (now Wayne County); his wife's name was Elizabeth.

An important find was (Deed Book T, p. 303) a deed dated 20 Jun 1817, in which Joshua Owen and his wife, Elizabeth, sell land on Lots #68 and 83 in Pompey to Isaac Carpenter. Another sale was made (Deed Book CC, p. 267) on 01 Jan 1823, when Joshua was said to be "of Constantia, New York". Elizabeth Carpenter, according to her father's will, had received something (probably land) prior to his death; it is possible that Elizabeth, wife of Joshua Owen, is our Elizabeth Carpenter. Joshua Owen, age 26-45 and a wife age 16-26 (therefore b. 1774-1874) are found in the 1800 Federal census, Pompey, Onondaga County, N.Y., three dwellings removed from Jeremiah, Isaac and Anderson Carpenter residences.

Now Constantia is in Oswego County and that is where we found Joshua Owen (p.61) in the 1820 Federal census. Searching the cemetery records of Toad Harbor Cemetery, West Monroe, Oswego County, we located Joshua, d. 29 Aug 1829, age 68-10-11 and Elizabeth, his wife, who died 20 Oct 1850, age 71-2-9 (therefore born 11 Sep 1779). In the same cemetery were Abraham Owen, d. 05 Oct 1830, age 49-11-10 and his wife, Jane, who died 14 Apr 1855, age 54-10-7. The 1830 Federal census was searched but Elizabeth Owen was not located. Abraham and Jane (both 49 years of age) with their children, Edward, Emeline and Lorinda, were located at West Monroe, Oswego County (p.365, 191/196).

The Descendants of John Owen by Ralph D. Owen (1941) states that Joshua Owen, a cousin of Gideon Owen, born 15 Oct 1760, Salisbury, CT and died 29 Oct 1829, West Monroe, Oswego County, NY, married Elizabeth (? ) (p.114). A son, Abraham, is also listed, as the census and cemetery records suggested. He may have been named for his mother's brother.

The evidence suggests that Elizabeth, wife of Joshua Owen, is our Elizabeth Carpenter.
Based on this study and examination of the records mentioned, the following listing of the children of Isaac Carpenter of Pompey is the best that can be developed at this date, unless/until further data is discovered.

1. Nancy Carpenter, b. prob. Pittstown, Rensselaer County, N.Y., abt. 1767, m. 11 Mar 1785, Pittstown, N.Y., Gideon Owen who was b. 23 Jun 1765, Salisbury, CT (VRs) and d. 17 Mar 1834, Madison Co., N.Y. Nancy d. after 1836 (son William's estate); their children:
   i. William, b. 1786 (Madison Co. History), d. 17 Apr 1836, Madison County, N.Y., unmarried, (Probate)
   ii. Martin, b. 1787 (Madison Co. History); To Bay City, Pierce Co., WI
   iii. Polly, b. 1791 (gravestone), d. 02 Nov 1865, Madison County, N.Y. m(1) William J. Owen (2) William Peebles
   iv. Sally, b. 1796 (gravestone), d. 17 Mar 1873, m. Martin Phillips
   v. Isaac, b. abt. 1798 (Madison Co. History); To Bay City, Pierce Co., WI
   vi. Synthia, b. 22 Mar 1801 (gravestone), d. 28 Jun 1884, m. Philip Roach

2. Anderson Carpenter, b. prob. Pittstown, Rensselaer County, N.Y., abt. 1770; m. bef. 1800, Elizabeth (Betsey) Foster; graves not located. Children:
   i. Timothy 27 Mar 1800
   ii. Elihu 17 Jul 1802, IGI
   iii. Silas 17 Oct 1804
   iv. Huldah 21 Sep 1806
   v. Isaac C. 17 Oct 1808
   vi. Elizabeth abt. 1810
   vii. Adah 27 Aug 1813
   viii. Mary Ann 27 Aug 1813

3. Roger Carpenter, b. prob. Pittstown, Rensselaer County, N.Y., abt. 1772 (gravestone); m. Prudence , who was b. 1782 (gs) and d. 25 Apr 1834, Minetto, Oswego County, N.Y.; Roger d. 16 Feb 1836, Minetto, Oswego, County, N.Y. (gravestone). Their children:
   i. Alanson, b.(?) ,m. Mary Pember who was b. 01 Mar 1805 and d. 04 Sep 1865 (gravestone)
   ii. Leonard b. 1810/11 (census)
   iii. Luman b. 1812/3 (census)

4. Phebe Carpenter, b. prob. Pittstown, Rensselaer County, N.Y., 1774/5; m. before 1800 (Census), Ezekiel Griswold who was b. 1770 (gravestone) and d. 22 Nov 1839, Skaneateles, Onondaga County, N.Y.; Phebe d. after 1855 (State Census). Only child known:
   i. Aneneth, b. 09 Feb 1796 (Bible record); m. Cyrus Glass, b. 23 Feb 1796 and d. 24 Jan 1863; She d. 04 Mar 1864

5. Israel Carpenter, b. Pittstown, Rensselaer County, N.Y., 10 Apr 1785; m. 09 Feb 1806, Pittstown, N.Y., Hannah Carpenter who was b. 27 Oct 1784, Pittstown, N.Y., and d. 04 Oct 1871, Harmony, Chautauqua County, N.Y. Israel d. 26 Sep 1871, Harmony, Chautauqua County, N.Y. Their children:
   i. Tryphenia, b. 09 Dec 1806, Pompey; m. Alexander Stewart, d. 14 Mar 1844.
   ii. Jane, b. 18 May 1808, Marcellus; m (1) (? ) Beddoe, m (2) John P. Teal, d. 24 Jul 1884.
iii. Almira A., b. 07 Jun 1810, Marcellus; m. Peter Purdy, d. 02 Oct 1862.
iv. Harriet, b. 22 Mar 1812, Harmony, first white child born here; d. 1898, unmarried.
v. Clarissa, b. 09 Mar 1814, Harmony; m. William S. McWilliams, d. 1895.
vi. Morrison, b. 26 Apr 1816, Harmony; m. Sarah Wright, d. 18 Oct 1852, in California.
vii. Reuben J., b. 15 Jul 1818, Harmony; m. Mary Caroline Smith, d. 1896.
viii. Harmony J., b. 26 Jul 1820
ix. Sallyette, b. 24 Oct 1822, Harmony; m(1) Thomas Hamilton; m(2) Samuel Green.
x. Phebe, b. 16 Aug 1824, Harmony; m. Henry LaQuay, d. 09 Oct 1855.
xii. Julia Maria, b. 11 Nov 1826, Harmony; m. John Sweet, d. 26 Dec 1912.
xii. Martha Orilla, b. 28 Jun 1828, Harmony; d. 13 Mar 1837, Harmony

6. Isaac Carpenter, Jr, appears only in the 1810 Federal census at Pompey, as noted above; of Niagara County, N.Y., 1817. Married Rebecca (?).

7. Elizabeth Carpenter, b. abt. 1784-94 (1810 Federal census). Possibly the wife of Joshua Owen, as discussed above.

8. Abraham Carpenter, b. Pittstown, Rensselaer County, N.Y., 1789 (1810 Census, IGI); of Sodus, N.Y. 1813; married Elizabeth (?) and died after 1855 (N.Y. State Census).
A wealth of material on Carpenter family members who once lived in Delaware County, New York, has been submitted by Mary P. Iseminger of 6520 S. Hudson, Hudson, IA 50643, who is still looking for data on her ancestors who lived in that region.

First, Mary has this inquiry about her ancestors:

Seek ancestry, other info on John Carpenter, born ca. 1788, Vermont. John died Sept. 26, 1844 at Tompkins, NY, and was buried at Cannonsville. He was re-buried July 2, 1963 in Plains Cemetery near Polly (Carpenter) Maxwell by order of Mrs. Carl Edwin Davis.

John married Dolly Blakesly ca. 1805; she was born ca. 1782 in Massachusetts. Their children: Artemus (Isaac?), Polly (m. Silas G. Maxwell), Chester (who, with wife, Olive, lived near Omaha, NE), Lucy (m. Lyman B. Palmer), Daniel (who may have lived in the Omaha area), Bersheba (m. Samuel Guyer and went to Grand Junction, Iowa), James, and Sarah/Sally (m. McDonough Tillotson and settled in Kansas).

Several family members who had been buried in Cannonsville were reburied at Plains Cemetery July 2, 1963 in accordance with the instructions of Mrs. Davis. This is a nice plot located in a corner of the cemetery with several trees around it; the Carpenter graves are near the fence and the Maxwell graves adjoin, with a large monument in the center and smaller stones along the edge of the plot. Here are inscriptions:

John L. Carpenter, son of Chester L. and Olive M. Carpenter, died March 28, 1844, 14 days.
Also an infant died March 4, 1843, age 6 days (both on one stone)
In memory of John Carpenter, died September 26, 1844, age 66 years.
The following names are from the large monument:
Silas G. Maxwell, died Oct. 11, 1877, age 67 years, 11 months.
Polly P. Maxwell, died Oct. 11, 1880, age 66 years, 1 month.
James A. Maxwell, died May 28, 1878, 30 years, 7/2 months, 6 days.
George W. Maxwell, died January 22, 1876, age 36 years and 15 days.
Lorenzo L. Maxwell died February 3, 1872, age 27 years, 9 months, 29 days.

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The following deaths are taken from Gertrude Barber's work titled Deaths in the Delaware Gazette, 1819-1895. Mary Iseminger received it as part of research done for her by a Mrs. Hegeman in Delaware Co., N.Y.

Vol. 1 (11/18/1819-7/31/1844)
Pg. 22: 11/05/1834 - Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., 17th Ult., Caleb Carpenter, 30 years.
Pg. 40: 06/03/1840 - Meredith, Sunday last, Joel, son of John & Susan Carpenter, 16 yr.
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Vol. 2 (08/07/1844-06/17/1868)

Pg. 01: 10/09/1844 - Tompkins, Sept. 26, John Carpenter, 65 y.
* 25: 12/17/1851 - Meredith, 11th inst., David Carpenter, 64 y.
* 35: 06/14/1854 - Meredith, 2 inst., Mrs. Rachel Carpenter, 60 y.
* 90: 03/14/1866 - Delhi, 12th inst., Mrs. Jane Carpenter, 103 yrs.
* 37: 01/24/1855 - Tompkins, 12th inst., Mrs. Lucy A. Palmer, 43y.

The 1840 census of pensioners living in Windham County, Vermont, includes a
John Carpenter, age 84, living with Jotham Warren.

DAR Application No. 672332 gives this data:

John Carpenter, Jr. married 1) Cynthia Brown in 1781
2) Azubah Perham in 1825
Children
1. Rebecca, born Feb. 7, 1783; married James Harris.
3. Salley, born Nov. 1, 1785; married Calvin Alexander.
4. Elijah W., born Sept. 7, 1788; married Sophia Field.
5. Cynthia, born June 1, 1791; married Blake Briggs.

The 1855 (state) census for the town of Tompkins in Delaware County, New
York, gives the following family:

Carpenter, Jonathan B. age 35, born Delaware Co., farmer
* Phebe " Delaware Co., wife
  * Rachel " 15
  * George " 13
  * Sarah G. " 10
  * Mary " 7
  * David " 4
  * Phebe " 1

The following epitaphs are from the plot on the Carpenter farm at Meredith,
N.Y. It was located down the road below the homestead on the opposite side
from the house. This cemetery is no longer in existence. This record, copied
in 1927, was in the possession of Mrs. Charles Gates, 285 Champlain St.,
Rochester, N.Y., in 1963. At that time, Mrs. Clifford N. Hayner of Rochester
copied it for Irondequoit Chepter, DAR.

Carpenter, David, died Dec. 11, 1851, age 64 years, 4 mo., 2 days.
Carpenter, Rachel, died June, 1854, age 57 years; wife of David Carpenter.
"Rest in Peace: Mother"
Garrett, Mary E. (Carpenter), wife of Samuel A. Garrett; died Oct. 30, 1857,
age 32 years.
Carpenter, Miner M., son, died Aug. 28, 1849, age 17 years.
Carpenter, Josephine, died May 25, 1836, age 10 days.
Carpenter, Malissa, died Aug. 27, 1839.
Carpenter, Foster W., son, died Nov. 23, 1838, age 5 yrs., 12 days.

This entry is found on page 308 of the Delaware County History, in a section
dealing with the town of Tompkins:
"John Carpenter came soon after 1800 and settled near the
mouth of Dryden Brook, about five miles above Cannons-
ville. He married a Blakesley and kept a tavern for many
years."
The following are from Gertrude Barber's compilation, Marriages from the Delaware Gazette (Delhi, N.Y):

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Pg. 61: 09/12/1838 - In this town 5th inst. by Rev. E. K. Maxwell, John L. Carpenter of Meredith to Juliette Amelia Smith of Delhi.

Pg. 62: 09/26/1838 - In this village Sunday, by A. M. Paine, Jonathan B. Carpenter of Meredith to Phebe Ann Hart of Prattsville, N.Y.

Pg. 72: 05/27/1840 - Meredith, 20th inst., by Elder Westcott, John Strong to Susan, daughter of John Carpenter, all of Meredith.

Pg. 80: 01/12/1842 - Tompkins, Oct. 24, [1841], by Rev. A. C. Fields, Samuel Guyer to Bersheba A. Carpenter, all of Tompkins.

(Dates following page numbers are those of the newspaper edition, not of the marriage.)

Vol. 2 (8/28/1844-7/8/1868)

Pg. 16: 06/30/1847 - N.Y., 1st inst., by Rev. A. S. Lakin, David P. Carpenter of Meredith to Mary VanWart of Haverstraw.

Pg. 38: A reference to Edward Carpenter of Delhi...

Pg. 39: A reference to William B. Carpenter of Meredith...


Pg. 95: A reference to Joel C. Carpenter of Delhi...

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The following family record of Caleb J. Carpenter was copied from his account book by Mrs. Charles G. Gates, who in 1963 had the original in her possession.

David Carpenter, b. 1787
Rachel Carpenter b. Feb. 1, 1794
William Nelson Carpenter b. Aug. 29, 1812
Judith K. Carpenter b. Sept. 1, 1813
Jonathan Brownell Carpenter b. Aug. 27, 1815
Sarah Ann Carpenter b. Dec. 3, 1817
David Pierce Carpenter b. May 8, 1820
Caleb Joshua Carpenter b. Mar. 25, 1822
Mary Elizabeth Carpenter b. Mar. 5, 1824
Rachel Matilda Carpenter b. June 3, 1826
Washington Benjamin Carpenter b. Oct. 27, 1828
Miner M. Carpenter b. Aug. 31, 1831
Foster Williams Carpenter b. Dec. 11, 1833
Eugene Elisha Carpenter b. May 4, 1848
Jennie Catherine Carpenter b. Feb. 9, 1854
Frank E. Bell b. July 29, 1870
Nelson C. Bell b. July 27, 1872

Editor's Notes: The reference to re-burials has to do with those cemeteries which were flooded when the Cannonsville Reservoir was built to provide water for New York City. All bodies and markers from those cemeteries were moved to sites selected by known relatives. Those whose relatives could not be located (or who did not choose to take action) were moved to a cemetery at Pepacton that is maintained by the City of New York. Other re-interments pertaining to the Carpenter family include:
- Sarah (Carpenter) Kelsey, daughter of Jonathan B. Carpenter, along with Stephen Kelsey and Agnes Owens Kelsey, were moved from Cannonsville Cemetery to a cemetery in Deposit, N.Y.
- Sarah (Carpenter) Guyer and Nathan Guyer were moved from Cannonsville to Hole Eddy Cemetery in Hole Eddy, N.Y.

The Delaware County community of Carpenter's Eddy, a small hamlet on the Delaware River between Cannonsville and Rock Rift, was named in honor of an old time log raftsman whose surname was Carpenter. Later, when the Grants outnumbered the Carpenters, this area became known as Granton.
Mrs. Joan Carpenter Covington of 1050 Brinton Ave., Banning, CA 92220, has hit what some of us genealogical researchers term a "temporary" dead end. Here's her query:

I need to correspond with descendants or acquaintances of the late Rev. Donald Clyde Carpenter, who died in Flint, Michigan; his wife died in 1986 and is buried with him in Mount Carroll, Illinois.

I also need to hear from any relatives of Horace Greeley Carpenter and wife, Laura Isabel Lamb; Emory Lamb and wife, Isabel India Spencer; and, John Harris Carpenter and wife, Hannah Kenyon, all of Illinois and New York.

Editor's Reply:

I corresponded with Rev. Carpenter several years ago when he was president of a genealogical society in Michigan. He contributed an article on his family to The Carpenter Family News-Journal. Because I'm now in Florida, I don't have access to it, but recall that it went into detail about the generation of his family that moved from New York to the Mount Carroll, Illinois area, telling about sons who served in the Civil War, etc. At that point, he was "hung-up" on the ancestry of the Carpenter who came west from New York. If you have not seen this article, let me know and I'll try to locate it for you when I return to Maine.

The following item appeared under the "Divorces Granted" section of the Nov. 4, 1887 edition of the Bangor, Maine Weekly Courier:

Mary J. Carpenter vs. Wm. A. Carpenter, libel for divorce. Divorce decreed nisi for gross and confirmed habits of intoxication. Custody of minor child decreed to the mother.

The following entries were copied by reader Patricia Pickard in October of 1986 from the town records of Grantham, N.H.:

Marriages

Timothy C. Carpenter, and Miss Olive Dunbar, both of Grantham, N.H., were married 8 August 1817 by Uzziel Hayward, Esq.

Miss Lorinda R. Carpenter and Nathan Holbrook, both of Grantham, were married 20 Feb., 1845 by William M. Moran, Minister of the Gospel.

A compilation titled Complete Roster of the Eighth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, prepared by the New Hampshire Adjutant General, lists among the Civil War soldiers serving in that regiment the following:

Carpenter, John H., Co. D; born Waterborough, Me.; age 43; resides Exeter; enlisted Nov. 7, 1861; mustered in Dec. 20, 1861 as a private. He died of disease Nov. 9, 1862, New Orleans, Louisiana.
The settlement of 1685 shared, within a few years, the fate of that of 1675. "From 1685 to 1700" but little is known of the proceedings of the inhabitants. It is not probable, however, that the town was divided in population or importance. The constant state of alarm and feeling of insecurity, through fear of Indian attack, was the great drawback to the success of the undertaking; and when near the close of the seventeenth century, outbursts began to be perpetrated in the vicinity by the savages, the place was once more deserted by all save one, the sacrifice of whose life was the last scene in the sad drama.

The foregoing references and extracts are interesting in showing the early efforts to found a church in the wilderness, or, at least, the disposition to establish one, and provide for the ministry. There is, however, nothing to show that divine service was held, or that the inhabitants ever enjoyed the opportunity of Christian worship under the direction of a "minister of God's word" in Worcester, during these first two brief and unhappy attempts to settle the place.

A HISTORY OF THE OLD SOUTH.

The preservation of the Congregational form of worship was the paramount consideration with the early settlers of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay; and the General Court, in granting land for the formation of new townships, generally attached to the official act sufficient provisos to secure the maintenance of a proper ministry, and the observance of the Christian faith. The other prime conditions were, settlement of the tract granted, and the establishment and support of schools. These three requirements subscribed to and fulfilled, the Massachusetts freemen were discharged of the major part of their duty.

In 1688, a committee appointed to explore the section comprising the present township of Westfield, after performing the service, in their report to the General Court, submitted among others, the following recommendations: That a town be formed there; that its affairs be placed under the direction of a prudent and able committee, and also—

"That due care be taken by the said committee that a good minister of God's word be placed there, as soon as may be; that such people as may there be planted may not live like lambs in a large place."

And among the articles and rules adopted in 1699 for government of the proposed settlement, it was agreed—

"That the most convenient place nearest the middle of the town & adjacent to the minister's lot, be appointed the committee for placing the meeting house for the worship of God upon it and that a convenient lot of fifty acres for the depot of the first minister be laid out as near as may be to the said place for a meeting house."

It was not until the year 1673 that the efforts of the Proprietors were successful in effecting a settlement, and in April, 1675, the work of surveying and apportioning the land was begun. At this time there was granted and laid out for the "first learned, pious and orthodox Minister and to his heirs forever, a lot containing about forty acres, more or less."

This lot as then located, was on Mill Brook, in the vicinity of the present Lincoln Square. Most of the settlers who took up their abode in the town at that time established themselves in the north and east corner, above or beyond Millstone hill.

King Phillip's war now intervened, and the few pioneers hastily departed, leaving their rude dwellings to be destroyed by the savages. So great was the alarm that for several years the efforts of the committee were of no avail in inducing the settlers to return, and it was only after admonition by the General Court that the grant would be forfeited unless re-settled. In 1682, by agreement, the plantation was re-divided into four hundred and eighty lots, and of these, four were granted to the ministry and four to the first minister. It was also provided "That care be taken to procure a minister with all convenient speed, and that in the interim care be taken that the Lords Day be sanctified by the inhabitants meeting together thereon to worship God as they shall choose."

The settlement of 1685 was changed within a few years from the town of Worcester to the "First Meeting-House", rudely constructed from logs, was erected in 1717, a few rods southeasterly from the present common, which was used for divine worship, but this statement appears to be simply a matter of tradition. There is nothing of record that indicates that this "First Meeting-House" was ever built; but by reference to the Town Books we find that in 1721, after the completion of the first meeting-house proper, Mr. Rice was allowed twelve shillings for repairing his house for the public worship of God previous to this date. As James Rice's house-lot was at or near the junction of Franklin and Green streets, it is quite probable that his dwelling was the "true structure of logs," which in
Worcester, Mass. & Its Rice Heritage

At left is a reproduction of the first page of an 1887 news supplement highlighting the history of Worcester, Mass., and its Old South Meeting House. Of interest to us is the section that begins "In 1713 Jonas Rice...returned and began the permanent settlement of Worcester. Within a year or two he was joined by his brother, Gershom Rice, and others..." We'll be sharing material on both Worcester and these Rices, accentuated with old artwork and ads from the 24-page supplement published 100 years ago!
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, AND ITS RICE HERITAGE

Exploration of what became Worcester began as early as 1668 and rules for governing the proposed settlement were adopted in 1669. The work of surveying and apportioning land began in 1675. Soon the first settlers arrived. King Phillip's War intervened and the few pioneers hastily departed, leaving their rude dwellings to be destroyed by the Indians. Finally, when the General Court threatened to forfeit the grant unless the area was re-settled, a reluctant return took place. In 1682, the plantation was re-divided into 480 lots. We think Jonas Rice first came to Worcester about this time. Fear of Indian attack increased and once more the place was deserted.

Andrew G. Ward's 1858 Genealogical History of the Rice Family says of Jonas: "He was living at Worcester in the time of its second settlement, which was broken up and abandoned soon after the commencement of Queen Anne's War, so-called, which began in 1702."

Returning to the 100-year-old account shown on page 24 of this Epistle Issue, we read: "In 1713 Jonas Rice, a former resident, returned and began the permanent settlement of Worcester. Within a year or two he was joined by his brother, Gershom Rice, and others, and they were followed by such numbers that in 1717 the town contained 200 persons, with 60 dwellings. The inhabitants early took measures to form a church, and assembled regularly on the Sabbath for worship, but it was not until 1719 that a church was organized and a minister called. Previous to this time meetings were held in private houses,

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Gershom Rice being the first to open his doors for that purpose... By reference to the Town Books we find that in 1724, after the completion of the first meeting-house proper, Mr. James Rice was allowed twelve shillings for repairing his house for the public worship of God previous to this date. As James Rice's house lot was at or near the junction of Franklin and Green streets, it is quite probable his dwelling was the "rude structure of logs" vivid in the minds of aged inhabitants, who transmitted to later generations the story of their early trials and experiences."

This source also tells us "Nathaniel Moore was the third settler of the town, arriving here in 1715 or 1716. He married Grace Rice, sister of Jonas and Gershom Rice. Mr. Moore also held the offices of selectman and town treasurer for several years. He died Nov. 25, 1761, aged 84." Moore was among the first two deacons chosen by the fledgling Worcester church. He and Jonas Rice were among a favored group allotted special pews in the church, an action which upset other town inhabitants assigned to regular seats. This discontent was somewhat allayed at the 1724 town meeting when it was voted to finish the galleries of the church.

This history of the church only contains one other reference to a Rice family member. In 1743, a steeple was built and a bell ordered. On May 16, 1744, "three shillings and nine pence" were granted Elikem Rice for a rope for the bell.
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Wooster, Massachusetts and Its Rice Heritage
(Continued)

Who, then, are these Rice pioneers at Worcester? Our chief source for data on them is A. H. Rice’s 1858 book.

Jonas Rice was born March 6, 1672-3, a son of Thomas Rice and grandson of the immigrant, Dea. Edmund Rice, who came from England in 1638 to settle at Sudbury, Mass. In addition to Jonas, Thomas and wife Mary had children Grace. Thomas, Mary, Peter, Nathaniel, Sarah, Ephraim, Gershom, James, Frances, Grace & Elisha.

Jonas married Feb. 10, 1701-2, Mary Stone, sister of his brother James’ wife. Ward says: “He returned to Worcester Oct. 21, 1713, where he remained with his family alone in the forest and in solitude...Upon the return of Jonas Rice commenced the permanent settlement of Worcester; hence he has been called the ‘first settler’ of that town. He was truly ‘the father of the town’, a title disputed by none, but bestowed by all. He officiated in many of the town offices and in some of them to the close of life. He was appointed, in 1753, one of the justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Worcester, in which office he died on the 22nd of September in that year, aged 80 years, 6 months and 14 days—not 84 years, as said in the Boston Gazette.”

Town Hall as it appeared in 1840.
Jonas and his wife had at least five children:
- 1) Silence, born 1703 and wed John Bond.
- 2) Adonijah, born in 1705 and died young.
- 3) Jonas, born 1707 and wed Jane Hall; they had children Moses, Jonas, Jane, Mary, Silence and Thomas.
- 4) Absalom, born 1709 and married Elizabeth Flagg; their children were Azubah, Jonathan, Lydia, Elizabeth, Mary, Abigail, Lois and Absalom.

Gershom Rice, who arrived at Worcester in 1715, was born May 9, 1667, a brother of Jonas. He married Elizabeth Haynes and lived at Groton, Ct. before becoming Worcester's second settler. His was the first orchard planted there. Children:
- 1) Gershom, born ca. 1696, wed Esther Haynes. Their children were Elizabeth, Darius, Reziah, Comfort, Gershom and Peter.
- 2) Elizabeth born 1698; died, probably unmarried, by 1744.
- 3) Abishai, born 1701; wed Frances Rice, a first cousin. Children: Lucy, Nathan, Phineas, James, Asa, Grace, Micah, Sarah, Abishai and Peter Rice.
- 4) Sarah, born in 1703; married John Duncan of Worcester.
- 6) Ruth, who married a Mr. Adams and moved to N.H., where he was killed.

James Rice, brother of Jonas and Gershom, was born in 1669 and married Sarah Stone. He came to Worcester about 1716. Their children were:
- 1) Jotham, born 1696. He wed Mary Earl and had children Violata, Daniel, Ralph, Martha, Mary, Jotham, James, Mercy, Prudence, Benjamin, Elizabeth and three others whose names are not known.
- 2) Zebadiah, born 1698. He and wife, Elizabeth, had children Mary, Elizabeth, Samuel, James, Lydia, Phineas, Jonathan and Hannah.
- 4) Frances, born 1702-3, who married a cousin, Abishai Rice.
- 6) James (1707-1730)
- 7) Jasoniah, born in 1709. He and wife, Lydia, had children Reuben, Anna, Lydia, Beulah, Barzilai, Abigail, Elibola and Martha.
- 8) Grace, born in 1712 and died, 1729-30.
- 9) Barzilai (1714-1741). He and wife, Abigail, had a son, Elijah.
-10) Beulah, born in 1716.

Elisha Rice, a fourth brother, married Elizabeth Wheeler and had come to Worcester by 1719. His children were Eliakim, Elisha, Elizabeth, Julia, Silas, Elijah and Zebulon.

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF WORCESTER FROM PROVIDENCE HILL IN 1844
These notes on the family of Judson Rice are contributed by June Wardell Mason, P. O. Box 532, Norwich, NY 13815. Judson Rice was born in 1798 at Southeast, then in Dutchess County and now in Putnam County, N.Y. He lived in New York City, then later moved to Norwalk, Ct. June's carefully-researched notes are a good example of the many sources to check when looking for ancestral data.

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The will of Edward Rice of Southeast, Putnam County, N.Y., was dated 6 Nov. 1826 (Putnam Co. Surrogate's Office, Carmel, N.Y., Old Estates A:510, file 399). In the will Edward names no wife, sons Lewis, Judson and Alfred, and daughter Clarissa (unmarried).

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The following data is from gravestone inscriptions in Milltown Cemetery near Brewster in the township of Southeast, N.Y.:  

Rice, Lucy, wife of Capt. Edward Rice, who died March 23, 1826 (55-11-7)  
Rice, Henry, son of Capt. Edward and Lucy Rice, who died March 29, 1826 (22-1-29)  
Rice, Edward, died Nov. 6, 1826 (61-7-4)  
Rice, Alfred, died Sept. 7, 1874, age 74 years. 
Rice, Amy (on same stone with Alfred) born March 26, 1806; no death date on stone. 
Rice, Lewis, died July 11, 1849, age 53 years, 3 months and 6 days. 

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The following is from Hale's Headstones at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford, and from stones seen at Union Cemetery, Norwalk, Ct. 

Rice, Judson, b. 30 Sept. 1798; d. 22 Nov. 1885  
Rice, Jane, wife of Judson, b. 21 Nov. 1803; d. 3 Oct. 1879  
Rice, William E., b. 17 Oct. 1833; d. 25 Apr. 1896  
Rice, Hattie M., wife of William, b. 11 (or 14?) July 1838; d. 11 Aug. 1879  
Rice, Maria Louise, daughter of William and Hattie, b. 9 July 1860; d. 15 Dec. 1863. 

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These inscriptions are from gravestones in Riverside Cemetery, South Norwalk, Ct: 

Vail, David S., 1829-1899 (note, on next page, date on his death certificate)  
Vail, Hannah Rice, wife of David S., 1831-1909  
Haulenbeck, Rev. Garrit, b. 19 Jan. 1825; d. 21 Nov. 1904  
Haulenbeck, Catherine, wife of Garrit, b. 29 Sept. 1822; d. 26 Nov. 1914
Abstracts from death certificates:

State of New York

Vail, Hannah, died Brooklyn, N.Y., 1 Nov. 1909, age 78; born U.S., widow; father, Judson Rice; mother, Jane Sheriger.
Haulenbeck, Catherine, died Peekskill, Cortlandt Township, N.Y., 26 Nov. 1914, age 89-1-28; born New York City; widow; father, Judson Rice; mother, Jane Demerest

State of Connecticut

Rice, Jane, died Norwalk, 2 Oct. 1879, age 75; born New York City; wife of Judson Rice; parents not given.
Rice, Judson, died Norwalk, 22 Nov. 1885, age 87-1-22; born Southeast, N.Y.; widower; father's name not given; mother's name, Lucy Rice.
Rice, William E., died Bridgeport, 25 April 1896, age 62; born New York State; widower; parents' names not given.
Vail, David Smith, died Norwalk, 12 Feb. 1900, age 72-6-25; born Plainfield, N.J.; married; father, Smith Vail.

Abstracts from Obituaries:

The Norwalk Gazette

7 Oct. 1879 - In Norwalk, Oct. 3, Jane Rice, age 75-10-12
1 Dec. 1885 - Judson Rice died at Rev. G. Haulenbeck's residence last week Sunday at age 87
27 April 1896 - William E. Rice died at Bridgeport Hospital Saturday last. After his wife died, he had lived for a while with his sister, Mrs. Garrett Haulenbeck, in Norwalk.

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27 Nov. 1914 - Mrs. Catherine Haulenbeck, widow of Rev. Garrett Haulenbeck, died at Peekskill, N.Y., age 90. Funeral to be at Norwalk Methodist Episcopal Church.

This data is from Royden W. Vosburgh's 1920 manuscript titled Reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich in the City of New York (Ms. NY-28 at NYG&B'S)

Marriages
1822, 25 August, Judson Rice to Jane Demarest
1828, 3 July, William Lefferts to Clarissa Rice
1844, 16 June, Charles Lowry to Mary Rice
1853, 2 Nov., Peter Demarest to Jane A. Rice

Baptisms
Children of William Lefferts and Clarissa Rice:
Lucinda, born 5 Feb. 1830, bapt. 11 July 1834
Lydia Ann, 19 Apr. 1834, 11 July 1834
Edward, 9 Dec. 1835, 8 July 1836
Lydia, 17 Dec. 1837, 6 July 1838
Sarah Maria, 16 Jan. 1839, 15 Apr. 1841
Cordelia, 26 Apr. 1842, 6 Oct. 1843
These marriages are from manuscript NY-14 at the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, titled Bedford Street Methodist Episcopal Church in New York City:

31 July 1840 - James S. Laurence to Phebe Ann Rice; minister, P. Rice; no witnesses named.
3 June 1844 - John Rice of New York to Elizabeth G. Fuller of New York; minister, L. C. Cheney; witnesses, "a large circle of friends—corner of Smith and Hamersly Sts."
10 June 1846 - Garret Haulenbeck of New York to Catherine Rice of New York; minister, John Seys; witnesses, Pet Haulenbeck and Lucinda Rice.
29 Nov. 1854 - David S. Vail of New York to Hannah Rice of New York; minister, W. C. Smith; witness, Mr. Auten.

Note: Unidentified Rices are Mary and Jane A. (of Greenwich marriages) and Phebe Ann and John Rice (Bedford St.).

The will of Judson Rice, recorded at Norwalk, CT (Probate 23:544, petition dated 18 Jan. 1886), names heirs and gives distribution of the estate. Listed are:

- Mary Ann (deceased); to her heirs:
  Emma J. Boardman, wife of Charles E., Marshalltown, Iowa
  Samuel J. Dean of Rockwell City, Iowa
- Catherine Haulenbeck, wife of Garret
- Lucinda Beatty (deceased); to her heirs:
  Mary Ann Bird, wife of Matthew of Norwalk, CT
  John W. Beatty of Norwalk
  Robert D. Beatty of Norwalk
- Hannah Vail, wife of David Vail (no residence given)
- William Rice, eldest son
- Alfred Rice, second son
- George Rice, youngest son

The following information is from Vol. I of The Demarest Family, compiled under auspices of the Demarest Family Assn., Hackensack, N.J., Voorhis D. Demarest, president; published 1964.

Page VI-6, #6-58:
David P. Demarest married in 1811 Jannetje Bogart. He died in New York City 2 July 1821. She may have married (2) 25 Aug, 1822, Greenwich Reformed Church, NYC, Judson Rice.

Page VI-7, #6-158:
Albert Demarest married in 1791 to Jannetje Banta and had daughter Jane (#7-308) born 21 Oct. 1802 and baptised 15 Nov. 1802 at New York City Collegiate Church.

Page VII-32, #7-308:

June Wardell Mason would welcome any additional material on this branch of the Rice family, especially data on the ancestry of both Judson Rice and his wife, Jane.
ITEM # 2082 - ELLA RICE OF BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA, CELEBRATES HER 95th BIRTHDAY

The following is from the October 29, 1986 edition of The Pioneer, a newspaper published at Bemidji, Minnesota. It was forwarded to us by reader Joy Albers, who is not a Rice descendant (for data on Joy’s family, see page 5 of this Epistle issue).

Ella Rice to Celebrate 95th Birthday

Many people have weathered the rigors of Minnesota, but few longer and better than Ella (Mrs. Charles) Rice, who celebrates her 95th birthday Saturday.

She is still active and renewed her driver’s license last month. She is well-known throughout Bemidji and especially in the local bingo parlors.

Ella was born November 1, 1891 at Council Bluffs, Iowa. She came to northern Minnesota with her parents in a covered wagon just before the turn of the century, and they settled near Leonard.

She moved to Bemidji in 1910, married, and raised a family of four daughters and one son. Ella Rice has lived in Bemidji ever since.

# 2083 - READER DESCENDS FROM REBECKA (RICE) PERRY, NEW CASTLE CO., DELAWARE

Maurice S. Martin of 26125 Barkstone Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274, is working on the family of Rebecka Rice who married Alexander Perry. Here is his information.

Rebecka Rice was born Nov. 21, 1767 in New Castle Co., Delaware, and died there Nov. 12, 1802. She married, Jan. 17, 1798, Alexander Perry (1764-1840). Their children were Thomas, Margaret and John Perry. Alexander died in Washington Co., Pa. Rebeckah is believed to be daughter of George Rice (d. 1782) & Sarah Griffith. Descent is from an Evan Rice who died in 1742. Anybody have more data?
WHO ARE PARENTS OF SAMUEL RICE OF OHIO AND MISSOURI?

The following data and inquiry are from James Kennicott Dunham, 3730 Magnolia Blvd. W., Seattle, WA 98199.

Seek ancestry of Samuel Rice, born 21 Dec. 1829, Carol Co., Ohio, and died 3 March 1911. He married, 1 Jan. 1850 in Pike Co., Ohio, at the residence of the bride's father, Margaret Sampson (1831-1915), daughter of William Sampson, a Methodist minister. They moved from Pike Co. to Adair Co., Missouri in the mid 1850's; later they lived in Knox Co., Mo.

The children of Samuel and Margaret Rice were George, Charles, David, John, Sarah, William, Rebecca, Addie, Thomas, Edward, Effie, Harriet and Nettie.

James' descent is through the daughter, Nettie (1876-1963), who married Charles Dunham in Missouri in 1897 and died at Wendell, Idaho.

FILM RECORDS RICES BURIED AT SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA, CEMETERY

Reader Helen G. Parker of 7704 S. 120th St., Seattle, WA 98178, copied the following data from a film of the Salt Lake City Genealogical Library:

Madronia Cemetery, Saratoga, Santa Clara Co., Calif.

Rice Brewer page 215-16
Edward, son of Wm and Eliza Rice, 1863-1884
Ida B., daughter of Wm and Eliza J. Rice, 1863-1880
James G., son of Wm and Eliza J. Rice, 1853-1856
Katy Rice, 97 years, 8 months, 1791-1888
Mabel, daughter of James and Martha Rice, b. July, 1875 and died Dec., 1875
Samuel F., son of Wm and Eliza J. Rice, 1858-1878
Emma Ella Brewer, 1873-1882
William S. Brewer, born in Sutton, Mass., 1827-1887

Editor's Note:

This film also contains on what Helen notes as "page 235, small page 16", exact death dates and age at death for the persons listed above; in some cases, these dates do not match the ones on page 215.

Interested persons may further examine these records by going to the local genealogical library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and ordering this film for a small fee. Church membership is not a requirement for using the genealogical research services of LDS film libraries. This source provides a variety of census, church, town and other genealogical records.
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HE GAVE ME MANY THINGS,
INCLUDING HALF OF MY ANCESTRY
AND MY
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AND RICE FAMILY
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Briefing Our Readers

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IN MEMORIAM

NORMAN CARPENTER BACHELOR
1915 - 1987

This issue is dedicated to the memory of my father, who died April 18, 1987 in a Florida hospital following a lengthy illness.

NORMAN C. BACHELOR was born Dec. 14, 1915 at Petoskey, Michigan, a son of Claude and Myra (Carpenter) Bachelor.

His Bachelor ancestry stretches back to John Bachelor, who came from Canterbury, England, to settle at Salem, Mass., in 1636. Our Bachelor ancestors left Massachusetts after the Revolutionary War. An intervening generation tried life in New Hampshire and Vermont before moving to Tompkins Co., N.Y. (See pages 6-7).

His Carpenter ancestry has not been traced beyond his mother's great-grandparents, who lived first in Dutchess Co., then in Onondaga Co., N.Y.

The Rice ancestry is via the family of his paternal grandmother, Mary Moseley, wife of Theodore Bachelor. (See pages 6-7). Mary's double Rice lineage includes descent from Edmund Rice (ca. 1594-1663), a founder of Sudbury, Mass., and from Jacob Rice, whose will was proved in 1794 in Sussex Co., N.J.

His ancestors include numerous early settlers in New England, among them "Mayflower" passengers George Soule, Edward Doty and John & Priscilla (Mullins) Alden. Another ancestor, Dr. Comfort Starr, was one of New England's first surgeons.

He is survived by his wife, the former Beatrice Molter, and by two brothers, Waldon Leland Bachelor of Sun City, Fla., and Donald Moseley Bachelor of West Nanticoke, Pa. I am his only child.

My father was neither a genealogist nor historian. His energies centered around several successful business enterprises and his varied efforts upon behalf of the Elks Lodge; the work of that fraternal organization was always close to his heart.

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Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow
Find us farther than today.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act, -- act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

(Please See Related Story on the next two pages of this issue)
Theodore Bachelor Family Leaves N.Y. for Michigan

The migration path of members of your editor's own branch of the Bachelor family is a fairly typical one. John Bachelor, founder of this American branch of the family, was raised at Canterbury, England and still in his twenties when he crossed the Atlantic in 1636 with his brothers Joseph, Henry and Joshua to settle at Salem, Mass. Three generations of John's descendants were born and reared at either Salem or nearby Beverly. It was in the next generation that your editor's ancestor, Abel Bachelor, a Revolutionary War veteran, moved to Claremont, New Hampshire, then Milton, Vermont before settling in Locke Township of Cayuga Co., N.Y., where he lived when the 1810 census was taken. Ten years later his sons are listed in the census for adjoining Groton Township in what became Tompkins Co., N.Y.

Abel's son Miles, through whom your editor descends, had been born in Vermont on June 2, 1789. He had many Bachelor cousins living in central New York and, as did many in his generation, stayed put in the state where he had been reared. In the families of his Bachelor cousins, it was the next generation which was lured westward by tales of good farmland at a reasonable price. Miles' own sons were among the few who stayed behind in New York, as did the sons of his brother Jeremiah, and many of their descendants still reside in Tompkins Co. Nathan Bachelor, a son of Miles, probably would have lived out his final years in the tiny Tompkins Co. community of Ludlowville, where his wife, Emily, died in 1877, had it not been for the desire of his only son, Theodore (1853-1920), to move on to Michigan. Nathan's daughters, Olive and Lodusky, were already married, so he decided to accompany Theodore and his wife, Mary Moseley, to Michigan. Mary's father, Edmund Moseley, had been a victim of the fatal illnesses so prevalent in the Civil War camps and left his young widow with four children to raise. Some of Mary's Moseley uncles had already gone to Michigan and their reports of opportunities there no doubt influenced Mary and Theodore in their decision. Theodore's health was too delicate for him to undertake farming and there were not many other choices available to him in his native Tompkins Co. So, in the fall of 1879, Theodore, his wife, his father and two young sons, Clarence and Claude, undertook the long overland journey to Petoskey in Emmet Co., Michigan. Settlers had begun pouring into that area in the 1840's and by 1879 Petoskey was a growing community. A Feb. 13, 1881 letter from Mary to her mother back home in New York recounts various details of getting settled in Michigan. "Theo don't have the asthma; has not had it since I have been here. Claude begins to creep on the floor, he has four teeth and one most through. Clarence grows fast; he talks all the time. He gets up on a chair and gets a string on his feet and drives his horses and says he has started for New York State... Theo went out on the bay fishing and caught two trout. One weighed six pound and a quarter. How is that for fish?..."
Mary's Letter Home Tells of Initial Hardships

(Story continued from previous page)

Continuing her account of life in Michigan, Mary wrote to her mother in New York that they had purchased a stove, along with kettles, baking dishes and other utensils, for $22. The letter also includes evidence of some hardships during their first few months in Michigan. "I don't know what we would have done if they (Nathan & Theodore) had not chopped wood. They have cut pretty near a hundred cords, but they don't make but about 40 cents on a cord. My Christmas present was a couch. I think it is as nice a one as I ever saw. They paid for it with wood. My health is some better than it was last summer. I think it will be better when it gets warm weather. The children both keep well. Clarence is a good deal tougher than he was last winter."

Upon their arrival in Petoskey, a town still recognized as a haven for asthma and hay fever sufferers, the Bachelor men took any work they could locate in order to support the family. Nathan built a stone wall which still stands across the street from the Bachelor home. Eventually, Theodore opened a small shop and the family built a large home in which four generations of the family lived.

The children of Theodore and Mary Bachelor were: Clarence (1877-1972), Claude (1880-1963), Burt (1887-1927), a son Roy, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Edith, born in 1893, who married Joseph Kretch and now resides in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Your editor is the granddaughter of Claude Bachelor and his wife, Myra Carpenter. Claude was for many years a commercial fisherman on Lake Michigan. He and Myra had three sons, Donald Moseley Bachelor, Norman Carpenter Bachelor and Waldon Leland Bachelor. Your editor's parents are Norman and Beatrice (Molter) Bachelor. There were members of the Bachelor family living in Petoskey until the 1960's. Now descendants of Theodore Bachelor live in various states, including California, Washington, Illinois, Florida and Pennsylvania. Several of his grandchildren still live in Michigan, most of them in the Detroit area.

Children of Theodore and Mary Bachelor--Shown below are the children of Theodore and Mary (Moseley) Bachelor. At left is Edith (Bachelor) Kretch as a young woman. At right are Claude, left, Bert, in the middle, and Clarence.

This article is re-printed from the July, 1973 edition of the former quarterly Batchelor Family News-Journal.
More and more of the genealogists who correspond with your editor are churning ancestral charts out of their computers. They utilize a variety of formats to organize family data in both survey and detailed reports. Of course, one advantage of computerized genealogical data is the ease with which material on new ancestors can be inserted without re-typing whole pages to fit them into their proper niche.

The following Batchelder line of descent has been extracted by your editor from a computerized tabulation which lists nearly 300 ancestors of Horace Jones Woodward, born 24 April 1836 at Swiftwater, Grafton Co., NH, and died 25 April 1916 at Coldwater, MI. This ancestral summary was submitted by Charles (Chuck) L. Woodward, P.O. Box 538, Coldwater, MI 49036. He is among readers of The Second Boat, a genealogical publication co-edited by your Epistle editor; it specializes in Colonial American genealogy, with special emphasis on families which came to America before 1650, and their descendants down to and including the Revolutionary War era.

Chuck wrote: "Here is a pedigree chart on my great-grandfather, Horace Jones Woodward, who came from New Hampshire to Coldwater in 1856. The family followed the very usual geographical track--England to Massachusetts to New Hampshire and then westward. I have not found a published genealogical study of my branch of the Woodward family..."

Following is Chuck's descent from William Batchelder:


2. Rachel Batchelder, born ca. 1636, probably at Charlestown, MA; died 5 Feb. 1673, probably at Charlestown. She married about 1652 at Charlestown, Philip Atwood. He was born ca. 1620 in England and died 1 Feb. 1700 at Haverhill, MA.

3. Abigail Atwood, born in Dec., 1662, Malden, MA; died 15 Dec. 1714, Haverhill, MA. She wed 12 Nov. 1686 at Charlestown, MA, Andrew Mitchell. He was born in 1656 at Charlestown and died 25 Nov. 1736 at Haverhill.


5. Abigail Mitchell, born 22 May 1720, Haverhill, MA; died 4 Jan. 1753 at Haverhill. Abigail married, 30 Nov. 1737 at Haverhill, MA, John Corliss, who was born at Haverhill 12 Sept. 1715 and died there 15 Nov. 1753.

6. Mahitable Corliss, born 1 Aug. 1741 at Haverhill, MA, and died 28 Oct. 1783 at Bath, NH. She married, 30 May 1759 at Salem, NH, Jeremiah Hutchins. He was born 15 Jan. 1737 at Haverhill, MA, and died at Bath, NH, 11 Nov. 1816.

(Line of descent continued on next page.)
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7. Mitchell Hutchins, born 13 April 1777 at Haverhill, MA, and died 4 Oct. 1829 at Bath, NH. A maiden name is sought for his wife, Nancy, who was born about 1785 and died 24 Feb. 1852 at Bath, NH.

8. Caroline Hutchins, born 20 July 1807 at Bath, NH, and died 9 Jan. 1892 at Seattle, WA. Caroline married, 8 June 1829 at Bath, NH, Myron S. Woodward. He was born 24 July 1803 at Haverhill, NH and died 8 Oct. 1884 at Swiftwater, NH.

9. HORACE JONES WOODWARD (1836-1916), the great-grandfather of compiler Chuck L. Woodward.

The Woodward line is: Horace⁷ (Myron⁶, Jacob⁵, James⁴, Jacob³, Ezekiel², Ezekiel¹).

Editor's Note: I notice, Chuck, that you give as the wife of Ezekiel² Woodward (1666-1743) Hanna Perkins (1673-1719). You may wish to compare notes with Katharine Dickson Brown, 2101 S. Pine St., Englewood, FL 33533. In her 1984 book, Stockman-Gallison Ancestral Lines, Katharine reports this Ezekiel Woodward married Rachel⁷ Elwell (John⁶, Robert⁵) 29 June 1722 at Gloucester, MA. Rachel was then the widow of Joseph Haskell (1673-1718), whom she had wed 19 March 1694/5. Ezekiel also married Mary (Haskell) Davis, the widow of Jacob⁶ Davis (Jacob⁵, John⁴). Mary Haskell was a daughter of William and Mary (Walker) Haskell. This Jacob⁶ Davis had an uncle, James⁵ Davis, who married, second, 6 Dec. 1666, an Elizabeth Batchelder who died 1 Jan. 1697. The inter-relationships of these families become even more complicated as you delve into them. Ezekiel Woodward's wife, Rachel (Elwell) Haskell, was the widow of Joseph Haskell, whose sister, Mary (Haskell) Davis, also married Ezekiel Woodward. Katharine says on page 77 of her book that Ezekiel Woodward married Mary Davis after the death of Rachel (here she also refers to him as Ezekiel Sr.). However, on page 116 she reports that Mary (Haskell) Davis married Ezekiel Woodward 15 April 1719 as his second wife. (Remember, he supposedly wed Rachel in 1722). Katharine's references include Charles Levi Woodbury's Genealogical Sketches of the Woodbury Family, published in 1904 at Manchester, NH by the John B. Clarke Co.

Scattered references to the family of William¹ Batchelder of Charlestown, Mass., have appeared in back issues of The Epistle and I have over the years heard from a few other descendants of Philip and Rachel (Batchelder) Atwood.

Depicted above is Charlestown, Massachusetts, in the early 1700's. Incorporated in 1635, it is the oldest town in Middlesex County. Its earliest settlers are a key to genealogical research for many families. One good published source is Thomas Bellows Wyman's Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown.
ITEM #2087 - BATCHELDER RESIDENTS OF BANGOR, MAINE, IN 1851

These family members are listed in the 1851 edition of the Bangor City Directory and State Register, edited by Augustus C. Smith and published by David Bugbee of Bangor.

Listed Under Bangor:

Batchelder, Isaac C., millman, City Mills
Batchelder, Jonathan, gentleman, Penobscot Exchange
Batchelder, Benj., millman, City Mills
Batchelder, Nathan, millman, Kenduskeag Avenue

Listed Separately Under North Bangor (or, City Mills)

Batchelder, Isaac C., millman, School St.
Batchelder, Benjamin, laborer, Oldtown Road

ITEM #2088 - CAN YOU PLACE THIS ROGER BATCHELDER ON ANY FAMILY TREE?

Can anybody furnish family data for the Roger Batchelder listed below on the title page of a book published several years ago? If so, would you please contact your Epistle editor?

SECRET S

ADAPTED FROM THE NORMA TALMADGE PICTURE
BY ROGER BATCHELDER

Founded on the Sam H. Harris play "SECRETS" by Rudolf Besier and May Edginton

ILLUSTRATED WITH SCENES FROM THE PHOTOPLAY
A FIRST NATIONAL PICTURE

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New Epistle reader Harold Hanson of 6884 Langford Drive, Edina, Minnesota, writes that he enjoyed his first issue. Although he has looked up his ancestors in Frederick C. Pierce's 1898 genealogy, Harold wrote your editor asking me to publish a query seeking additional material on the following:

Stephen Batchelder (Bachiler)
Nathaniel Batchelder
Nathaniel Batchelder (son of above)
Benjamin Batchelder
Theophilus Batchelder
Deacon Timothy Batchelder of Phippsburg, ME

Harold said: "On 30 July 1796, Maria Batchelder, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Hinkley) Batchelder, married Samuel Titcomb of North Yarmouth, Maine. I would like to know what might be available about Deacon Timothy, his father, Theophilus, and his grandfather, Benjamin Batchelder."

Editor's Reply: You're in luck, Harold. We dealt in some detail with this branch of the Batchelder family in the April, 1975 edition of our former quarterly newsletter, The Batchelder Family News-Journal. The data--plus pictures--was furnished by a Timothy Batchelder descendant. If you would forward to the Epistle office $5 to cover our costs, we'll send you this issue. Just ask for Volume 5, Number 3 of the "old Batchelder Journal". Miscellaneous data on some of the earlier generations of your Batchelder ancestry has appeared in numerous back issues and, of course, we've published--over the years--numerous articles relating to the Rev. Stephen Bachiler.

ITEM #2090 - OBITUARY: MADELINE M. (BATCHELDER) SMART, 75, OF PASSADUMKEAG, MAINE

Madeline M. Smart, 75, of Howland and Passadumkeag, Maine, died Feb. 14, 1987 at a hospital in Lincoln, Maine. She was the wife of the late Charles M. Smart.

She was born in Edinburg, Maine, Oct. 4, 1911, the daughter of Herbert and Laura (Sibley) Batchelder. She was pre-deceased by a sister, Mrs. Dora Lyons of Meriden, Ct., and by two brothers, Lawrence Batchelder of Meriden, Ct., and Henry Batchelder of Wallingford, Ct.

Mrs. Smart is survived by four sons, Manson Smart of Passadumkeag, Herbert Smart of Howland, Joseph Walter Smart of Schoharie, N.Y., and Elwood Douglas Smart of Middleburgh, N.Y.; by three daughters, Joan Neal of Howland, Geraldine Clukey of Passadumkeag, and Shirley Dunn of Greenbush, Maine; and, by four sisters, Velma McGraves of Brunswick, Maine, Martha Dow of Argyle, Maine, Lena Prescott of Unity, Maine, and Lila Chaples of Bristol, Ct. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Clay, Stevens & Clay Funeral Home in Lincoln, Maine, with the Rev. Clayton Crocker officiating. Interment was in Gould's Ridge Cemetery, Passadumkeag, Maine.

ITEM #2091 - SEEKS DATA ON JOHN & MERIAM (BATCHELDER) TREFEATHEREN, WED 1812, MAINE

Joanne Trefeatheren, RR1, Box 606, Stockton Springs, ME 04981, seeks info on John Trefeatheren and his wife, Meriam Batchelder, who were married March 5, 1812 in Belfast, Maine. They lived in Goosepond Settlement (Swanville, ME) from ca. 1812-1830.
ITEM #2092 - SEARCHING FOR FAMILY OF EARLY HEPSIBAH "BATCHelor" OF MASSACHUSETTS

It's rarely that your editor can't come up with data on a "Batchelor" family member from Massachusetts born in the 1600's. Well, it just happened. Mrs. Pat Aiken Stalbuth, P.O. Box 100, Elmer, NJ 08318, writes:

I received a letter from Edgar Batchelor and he suggested that I write to you. Do you have any record of a Hepsibah Batchelor who may have married Joseph Lison* of Groton, Mass. Joseph was born January 8, 1667, Groton, Mass., and died in 1735. Joseph had a will dated August 20, 1735...married Hepsibah, possibly Batchelor or Lawrence. Probably not Lawrence because his second wife was Elizabeth Lawrence. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Well, Pat, this is another one of those cases I always describe as being in the right church, but not able to find the correct pew. Here goes! If your Hepsibah was a Batchelor, then she most likely was a granddaughter of the William "Batchelor" mentioned in Item #2086 of this issue (see page 8). As far as I know, William's only son, Joseph Bachelder (1644-1688) of Charlestown, Mass. Data on his children is sketchy and all I have listed are a son, William, and daughters Rachel, Anna and Susanna. There is no Hepsibah.

What makes me think this is the right family is that Susanna Bachelder (born ca. 1642), daughter of William and sister of Joseph, married John Lawrence Nov. 2, 1664. John had moved to Groton, Mass. in 1662. By his first wife, Elizabeth, John had 12 children born at Watertown, Mass., where he had settled in 1636. John and Susanna (Batchelor) Lawrence had a daughter, Abigail, born in 1666, and a daughter, Susanna, born in 1667. John died in 1667 and his wife, Susanna, in 1668. It is possible that your Hepsibah is a daughter of John Lawrence via his first wife. Your Joseph's two wives may have been sisters. I'm not quite sure where you should go from here. Perhaps a published Lawrence family genealogy listing all of John's children and grandchildren might shed the light you seek. You might also try to get wills for John Lawrence and Joseph Bachelder to see if your ancestors are listed among their heirs.

* In Pat's handwritten letter this surname has one letter crossed out; we are not certain whether or not we have given the correct spelling here.

ITEM #2093 - OBITUARY: DENNIS E. BATCHELDER, 65, OF EXETER, MAINE

Dennis E. Batchelder, 65, died February 6, 1987, at a Bangor, Maine, hospital after a long illness. He was born in Exeter, Maine, Jan. 16, 1922, son of Fred and Jessie (Strout) Batchelder.

He attended Exeter schools and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the Fourth Armored Division, where he received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He had been a lifelong resident of Exeter, but recently purchased a winter home in Lakeland, Fla. In his early years he worked as spinner in the Moosehead Woolen Mill in Corinna, Maine, until it burned. He then owned and operated a saw mill and school bus service in Exeter for several years. He also became a barber, purchasing his own shop in East Corinth in 1960 and retiring in 1975 due to ill health. He was a member of the Corinna American Legion Post.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine (French) Batchelder of Exeter; one son, Malcolm Batchelder of Corinna; a daughter, Mrs. Yves (Dennise) Poulin of East Corinth; two sisters, Mrs. Harvard (Marguerite) Tate and Mrs. Elwell (Lillian) Hicks Sr., both of East Corinth. Also surviving are four step-sons and one step-granddaughter. A brother, Clifford M. Batchelder, died previously.

Services were at Thompson Funeral Home, East Corinth, with Rev. Guy Downing, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating.
ITEM #2094 - CAN ANYONE LOCATE THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH BACHELDER AND OLIVE LADD?

The following inquiry has been received from Sandie Kluth of 7283 Deframe Ct., Arvada, CO 80005:

I am trying to locate the family of Joseph Bachelder and Olive Ladd. I know nothing of where they died or who their children were, other than Julia Bachelder, who married Stephen Tilton. I am descended from these two.

Thanks, Sandie, for getting in touch. However, before I can do much searching of records here on your behalf, I'll need to have a bit more to go on. I realize you may not have specific dates or places. Yet, you certainly must have enough information to narrow the search. For example: What century did they live in? Do you know any state they lived in?

ITEM #2095:

WHICH BACHELDER HAD A BUSINESS IN THIS BUILDING?

This "new" office building was pictured in an 1887 Worcester, Massachusetts, newspaper supplement commemorating that town's Old South Meeting House.

A sign above the second floor windows reads: Webb & Batchelder, with the word "Granite" spelled on the windows. Can anyone identify this Batchelder, his ancestry, or members of his immediate family?

It was described as the "largest business block in the county, 7 stories high; including tower, ten stories high". The description continues: "From the upper story, reached by the elegant passenger elevator, one can obtain a beautiful view of the city."

Also located in the building was H. W. Denny & Co., furniture dealers, who advertised the largest stock and lowest prices. Their ad says: "To obtain a fine view of the city, call at Denny & Co.'s offices, and a pilot will escort you by the elegant passenger elevator to the upper story."
We present in this issue additional data on Carpenter family members who lived at an early date in Onondaga County, New York. Part I, in the March, 1987 edition, focused upon the family of Isaac Carpenter, highlighting the research of Gohn C. LaPiana, a professional genealogist. We outline in this issue additional Carpenter families of the region, beginning with an overview, in chart form, on the next page.

DE WITT'S STATE MAP OF NEW YORK - Shown below is a section (first sheet) of De Witt's old 1794 map showing the only established roads through central New York. It was in 1794 that Onondaga Co. was carved from the western part of Herkimer County. It included the entire Military Tract, which now embraces the counties of Seneca, Cayuga, Cortland and Onondaga, plus parts of Tompkins and Oswego Counties.
EARLY CARPENTER FAMILY RESIDENTS OF ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Ancestral Summary

WILLIAM 1 CARPENTER OF PROVIDENCE, R.I.
m: Elizabeth (Peake) Arnold

JOSEPH CARPENTER === married === HANNAH CARPENTER

WILLIAM CARPENTER
m. Hannah Haviland

SILAS CARPENTER

TIMOTHY CARPENTER
m. Elizabeth Anderson

ISAAC CARPENTER
OF POMPEY, N.Y.
(His family was featured in the March, 1987 issue)

DESCENDANTS OF EZEKIEL CARPENTER
OF CONNECTICUT
ANCESTRY UNKNOWN

EZEKIEL CARPENTER
and wife, Anna,
of Connecticut

NATHANIEL CARPENTER
m. Lucy Gage

ELISHA CARPENTER
m. Louisa Duguid

HENRY CARPENTER
m. Hannah Hunt

These Carpenters lived at Pompey in Onondaga Co., New York. They were also the subject of an inquiry by reader Mrs. Kristina Carpenter of Ash- tabula, Ohio (see Item #2045, Vol. 13, No. 2, January, 1987)

There is additional data on page 18 of this issue.

WILLIAM 1 CARPENTER OF REHOBOTH, MASSACHUSETTS

JOSEPH CARPENTER
m. Margaret Sutton

BENJAMIN CARPENTER
m. Renew Weeks

NOAH CARPENTER
m. Sarah Johnson

JOHN CARPENTER
m. Sarah Thurston

STEPHEN CARPENTER
m. Dorothy Whittaker

JOHN CARPENTER
m. Ruth Horton

STEPHEN CARPENTER
m. Amy Field

JOHN CARPENTER
m. Sarah Adams

NATHANIEL CARPENTER
m. Elizabeth Green

CALVIN G. CARPENTER
m. 1) Laura Haskins
m. Nancy Monroe
m. 2) Nancy Monro

THE ORGANIZATION OF ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Quoting from Joshua Clark "The territory of New Netherlands, (now New York), west of Fort Orange, (Albany) was called by the Dutch in 1638, "Terra Incognita," or unknown land. This appears to be the first distinctive name given to western New York. In 1683, after the English had succeeded to the government of the Dutch territories in America, and the English Duke of York had assumed the reins of government, the colony of New York was divided by the Duke of York's Legislature, into twelve counties."

In 1768, 1770, 1794 many changes, divisions and redivisions occurred. At this time Whitestown (near Utica), an important center on the edge of the wilderness contained less than 200 white persons.

In 1791 at a town meeting in Whitestown, Ebenezer Butler was chosen as collector, and True Worthy Cook was chosen as one of the Overseers of Highways. These two men are to figure prominently a short time later in the formation of Pompey.

In 1794 the county of Onondaga was erected from the western part of Herkimer, and included all the Military tract, which now embraces all counties of Seneca, Cayuga, Cortland and Onondaga, and part of Tompkins and Oswego county. At the time Onondaga was organized, it was divided into eleven towns: Homer, Pompey, Manlius, Lysander, Marcellus, Ulysses, Milton, Scipio, Ovid, Aurelius, and Romulus. At the time of the new organization in 1801, after Cayuga was set off, Onondaga was divided into nine towns as follows: Solon, Homer, Fabius, Onondaga, Pompey, Manlius, Lysander, Camillus, and Marcellus. Within these bounds were living about 112,329 inhabitants.

Onondaga county was finally reduced to its present territorial limits in 1816.

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The John Carpenter Family: Fourteen Children Born in New York

Introduction
The following summary is a condensation only of material published in 1982 by Dale C. Kellogg under the title of "John Carpenter (1775-1859) of Onondaga County, New York, and Huron County, Ohio: His Ancestry and Family", and as a supplement to the 1974 Palmer-Burlingham Genealogy. Persons either wishing to obtain, share, or furnish additional data on this branch of the Carpenter family are urged to contact Mr. Kellogg at 221 Lexington Ave., Elyria, OH 44035.

JOHN CARPENTER, son of John and Ruth (Horton) Carpenter, was born possibly in Dutchess Co., NY—6 Jan. 1775, according to a Bible record. He died in 1859 in Fairfield Twp., Huron Co., OH; his gravestone said it was on 25 May and an obituary says 26 May.

John first married a woman of unknown given name who bore the Avery surname; she died ca. 1812. John's second wife was Sarah Adams, whom he wed 2 June 1813 in Marcellus, NY. Sarah was a daughter of Silas Adams and his wife, Hannah, and also the widow of Spencer Berry. She was born 1 Jan. 1789 in Connecticut, and died 23 Feb. 1876 in Fairfield Twp., where she and John are buried in Day Cemetery on Ridge Road, as are her parents, Silas and Hannah (?) Adams.

John has been located in the 1800 census of Milton, Saratoga Co., NY, and in the 1810 and 1820 census of Onondaga Twp., Onondaga Co., NY, where he lived when he served in the War of 1812 (for 11 days in 1813 and 11 days the summer of 1814). He is probably one of two John Carpenters listed in the 1830 census of Spafford, Onondaga Co., NY. He then moved to Huron Co., OH, where he purchased, 25 Nov. 1833, 95 acres in Fairfield Twp. In 1850, the census-taker listed him as "Charles". He wrote his will 6 March 1853 and died in 1859.

The Ancestry of John Carpenter

JOHN CARPENTER, 1728/9-1804

JOHN CARPENTER, 1691-

RUTH HORTON, 1701-

JUDITH CHASE, c1703/4-1746/7

DAVID HORTON, 1677-1745/6

HANNAH MILLER, 1653-1718

THOMAS HORTON, 1663-1744

SARAH THURSTON, 1646-1682/3

BENJAMIN CARPENTER, 1657-1727

MARGARET MILLER, 1660-1703

RENEW WEEKS, 1660-1703

ELIZABETH CHASE, c1660-1711

THOMAS GUERNSEY, 1677-1745/6

JUDITH CHASE, c1703/4-1746/7

THOMAS CHASE, 1663-1744

HANNAH GARNZEY, 1663-1703

THOMAS HORTON, 1677-1745/6

SARAH POSS. DAU. OF NATHANIEL HARMON

JOHN SUTTON of Rehoboth, MA

JOSEPH CARPENTER of Rehoboth, MA

WILLIAM CARPENTER of Rehoboth, MA

WILLIAM WEEKS of Dorchester, MA

GEORGE WEEKS of Dorchester, MA

JANE CLAP of Dorchester, MA

MARGARET SUTTON—JOHN SUTTON of Rehoboth, MA

MARGARET THURSTON—JOHN THURSTON of Medfield, MA

ELEANOR—JOHN GUERNSEY of Milford, CT

ELIZABETH GARNZEY—JOHN GUERNSEY of Milford, CT

NATHANIEL HARMON—THOMAS HORTON of Rehoboth, MA

ANNE WHEELER—JOHN WHEELER of Newbury, MA

REBECCA POLLANSBEE of Newbury, MA

ANNA WHEELER—JOHN WHEELER of Newbury, MA

THOMAS POLLANSBEE—REBECCA POLLANSBEE of Newbury, MA
Descendants by His First Wife:

   1. Clarinda (1817-1892), m. John Hopkins & lived at Ripley Twp., OH.
   2. Eliza Ann, b. 1819, Onondaga Co., NY; no further record.
   5. Cordelia (1826-1906), m. James Kelsey, 1845, Huron Co., OH; later in MI.
   6. Eunice (1830-1870), m. O. A. Dudley of Berrien Co., MI.
   7. Lucretia (1832-1856), who wed David Ford.
   8. Stephen (1834-1895) of Ripley Twp., OH; m. 1853, Sally Ellis (1839-1923).
   9. Hannah M. (1836-1918), m. 1853, Rodman Ellis of Ripley Twp., OH.
   10. William, b. 1838 & d. by 1876, leaving children Carrie & Ella.
   11. Corenzo, b. OH ca. 1840; d. before 1850.
   12. Mary R. (1843-1904), m. William C. Bell of Ripley Twp., Huron Co., OH.
   13. Loretta (Uretta), b. ca. 1844; m. 1863, Huron Co., OH, Chancy Belleville.

2. ELIAS CARPENTER, b. 1797, served in War of 1812; m. Betsey Amidon and moved to Minnesota. (See page 19 of this issue.)

3. JOHN CARPENTER, b. Onondaga Co., NY, 17 May 1803; d. (Faribault Co.?) MN, 11 Apr. 1888; m. 1824, Sally Amidon (1802-1878). The dau. of Rev. Ezra & Elizabeth (Bailey) Amidon, she was sister of his brother Elias' wife. Children:
   1. Ruth (1824-1860), m. Orrin Carpenter, her father's half-brother.
   2. Iantha, b. NY ca. 1826; m. ? Darling of Wisconsin; no further record.
   3. Avaray, b. NY ca. 1828; d. at age 2 years.
   4. Sarah, b. NY ca. 1831; m. Franklin & lived in Dodge Co., MN.
   5. Thomas J., b. 1833; m. 1859, Almira Wilcox; moved to Verona, MN, 1868.
   6. James M., b. ca. 1835/6; m. Sarah Wilcox; a Civil War soldier, he d. at Chattanooga, TN.
   7. Martin, b. NY, 1839; m. 1861, Sylvia Macomber; moved to Verona, MN, 1867.
   10. Reuben W. Carpenter, b. NY ca. 1808; d. 1881, Fairfield Twp., OH; m. Aldula & lived in Huron Co., OH. Children:
      1. Delia A. (1828-1842)
      2. Rosella, b. ca. 1844, OH; m. Vincent Snyder & lived in Fairfield Twp., OH
      3. Frank J. (1851-1856).
   11. A daughter, b. ca. 1810/11, probably in Onondaga Co., NY.
   16. Ruth Carpenter, b. ca. 1824, m. A. Olmstead and probably moved from OH to Rock Co., WI. Children: John, Ira, Fanny, Helen, Clarissa, Frank & James Olmstead.
   17. Orrin Carpenter, b. NY ca. 1827; d. Hillsdale Co., MI, 1884; m. 1) Ruth Carpenter & 2) Hannah Higley. Children:
      1. Mary E., who wed a Mr. Martin and had a daughter, Mable Martin.
      2. Frank R., who had a son, Floyd Carpenter.

Descendants by His Second Wife:

10. Rosetta Carpenter (ca.1818-1877), m. Earl Burlingham; lived Fairfield Twp., OH.
11. Rosina Carpenter (ca.1822-1858), m. Alexander Harris in Huron Co., OH. Children: Thomas, Orlando, Charles & Sarah Harris.
13. Ruth Carpenter, b. ca. 1824, m. A. Olmstead and probably moved from OH to Rock Co., WI. Children: John, Ira, Fanny, Helen, Clarissa, Frank & James Olmstead.
14. Orrin Carpenter, b. NY ca. 1827; d. Hillsdale Co., MI, 1884; m. 1) Ruth Carpenter & 2) Hannah Higley. Children:
   1. Mary E., who wed a Mr. Martin and had a daughter, Mable Martin.
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THE ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, CARPENTERS

MORE BRANCHES ON AN EVER-WIDENING FAMILY TREE!

Introduction: The following biographies are from Dwight H. Bruce's two-volume set, Onondaga's Centennial: Gleanings of a Century, published in 1896 by the Boston History Co. They concern separate branches of the family and are followed by your editor's notes.

Fred C. Carpenter

Fred C. Carpenter of Elbridge, NY, was born in Elbridge in 1868, son of Charles L. of Marcellus, who married Cynthia, daughter of Dr. Titus Merriman, one of the early residents of Elbridge. Charles L. came to this town and conducted the Munro House from 1867 to 1874, and was engaged in the livery business till his death in 1887. There were seven children in the family, four of whom died in infancy. A son, Merriman B., lives in Elbridge and a daughter, Mrs. Harry B. Bond, in Jordan. When Fred became of age, being discontented in the livery business, he took what property was his, and started a boot and shoe business in the store of E. W. Emmons, and three years later bought out Mr. Emmons. He married Carrie, daughter of C. A. Van Vechten of this town, descendant of a Knickerbocker Dutch family.

Note: Fred may belong to the same branch of the family as John Carpenter, below, but it is more likely that he descends either from the William Carpenter (1761-1821) who came to Onondaga in 1816, or the Moses Carpenter who settled at Elbridge ca. 1794. Your editor has more data on each.

John Munro Carpenter

John Munro Carpenter of Syracuse, NY, son of Calvin G. Carpenter, Baptist clergyman, was born in the town of Romulus, NY, Aug. 18, 1842, and moved with his parents to Phelps, Ontario Co., early in 1843, where he was reared on a farm. His mother was a daughter of Dea. John Munro, a member of an early and prominent family of Elbridge. Mr. Carpenter was married March 11, 1868 to Emma A., youngest daughter of George Draper, and in April, 1871, they came to Syracuse, where they have since resided. He was engaged in the insurance business here until 1879, when he opened his present real estate office, one of the oldest in the city. In all his enterprises Mr. Carpenter has met with pronounced success, and in various ways has contributed not a little towards the growth and development of the city of his residence. His children are Grace L. (Mrs. Jesse T. Eddy), Stephen D. (a member of the U.S. navy), and Florence E.

Note: The ancestry of John's father, Rev. Calvin G. Carpenter, is given on page 15 of this issue. It also appears that unrelated Carpenters married into the Munro/Monroe family of Elbridge, NY, at an early date.

Henry S. Carpenter

Henry S. Carpenter, Pompey, NY, was born in Pompey, March 20, 1839, a son of Elisha and Louisa A. (Dugid) Carpenter, and a grandson of Nathaniel. Elisha came to Pompey at the age of eight years, and there lived and died. He was a painter, and one of the leading farmers of Pompey, serving as assessor and collector. Our subject was reared on the farm, educated in the common schools, and has devoted his time to farming, having 143 acres of land, which he purchased in 1875, and keeping a dairy of 25 cows. At present he resides in Manlius village. In 1869 he married Hannah, daughter of William Hunt of Pompey, and they have had three children: Delmar H., who is now working his father's farm; Lena M. and Louie. Mr. Carpenter has been trustee of schools for about 14 years, and both himself and his wife are members of the Grange. He is a breeder of standard bred horses, Hambletonians, Morgans and Normans.

Major Carpenter

Major Carpenter of Pompey, NY, was born in West Monroe, Oswego Co., NY, Dec. 7, 1822, a son of Nathaniel and Lucy (Gage) Carpenter, who with five other brothers settled in Cazenovia, Madison Co., in 1803. He passed to spirit life in 1863, aged 86 years, and his wife passed to spirit life in 1860, aged 72 years. The grandparents on the mother's side were Elisha and Olive (Underwood) Gage. His great-grandmother Underwood died on the 4th of July, 1776. She had ten children, all of whom had large families; her blood descendants number about 8,000 at this date. The subject of this sketch came with his parents to Pompey, NY, in 1826. In 1844 he married Abigail Babcock, daughter of John W. and Amanda (Canfield) Babcock; he passed to spirit life in 1875, aged 75 years, and she passed to spirit life in 1872, aged 88 years. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have been life-long workers for the Grange. They have had seven children, three of whom have passed from the mortal, the other four are as follows: Jerome H., born May 28, 1848; he married Deetta Brown; Gilbert, born Aug. 20, 1852, married Josephine Lytle; Fannie, born Oct. 21, 1868, married Frank B. Taylor; Austin B., born July 31, 1861, married Anna Fitzgerald. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have been life-long workers for temperance, having never used liquor or tobacco in any form. He was formerly a Republican, is now a Prohibitionist, in favor of Woman's Rights, or equal rights for all; is opposed to murder for murder, or capital punishment. He was a Universalist formerly but now believes in spirit communion...Is a worker for all reforms, but by the great principle of evolution...progress by survival of the fittest.

Note: For additional discussion of this family see Item #2097 in this Epistle issue.
ITEM #2096 - READER ASKS: WHO WAS THIS JOHN CARPENTER OF ONONDAGO HOLLOW, NEW YORK? READ ON: INFORMATION ABOUT HIS ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS HAS JUST ARRIVED

Earlier this year we heard from Mrs. Darlene B. (Carpenter) Semler, Route 1, Box 81, Colton, WA 99113. She wrote:

I need information on John Carpenter, born 1770-1780. His wife, name unknown, was born ca. 1780-1790. They were parents of 15 children. Their oldest son, Elias, served for his father in the War of 1812. He entered service at Onondaga Hollow, New York, and was discharged at Smith's Mills, some 90-100 miles from Onondaga Hollow. Elias Carpenter and his family, John Jr. and family, and John Carpenter Sr. were all living in Onondaga Co., NY, in 1830.

Editor's Reply: Arrival of your inquiry was most timely! You'll find the ancestry of Elias, plus additional family data, on pages 15-18 of this issue. I suggest you contact Dale Kellogg, who has more info to share. He says Elias left Onondaga County in 1825 for Conewango Twp., Cattaraugus Co., NY, where he settled on Lot 64. He later moved to Minnesota, probably about 1867 when brother John made the westward trek. Dale also has records of two bounty land grants received by Elias. Happy hunting!

ITEM #2097 - WE'RE STILL TRYING TO SORT OUT THOSE CAZENOVIA, NY, CARPENTER FAMILIES

Data on Onondaga County, NY, Carpenters which appears on page 18 was forwarded by Kristina Carpenter, 2121 Gageville Rd., RD#2, Ashtabula, OH 44004. Her husband's Carpenter ancestry was outlined in Item #2045 of the January, 1987 Epistle (Vol.13, No.2). She seeks the ancestry of Ezekiel and Anna Carpenter of Connecticut, whose son Nathaniel (1777-1863) settled at Cazenovia, Madison Co., NY, ca. 1800. Some of his children lived in Onondaga Co., NY. In wrestling with connectors (or lack of) for the Onondaga Co. Carpenters, your editor has come across some scattered references to Madison Co. Carpenters, so will share here some tidbits with Kristina.

Samuel Carpenter (Daniel, Elisha, Noah, William, William of Rehoboth) was born ca. 1772, probably at Monson, MA. He died at Cazenovia, NY. His siblings were Daniel, James, Richard, Sally, Chloe and Hepsebath Carpenter, most of whom settled at Readsboro, VT. An interesting connection—which may be meaningless—is that brothers John and Elias Carpenter of Onondaga Co., who are listed on page 17 of this issue, married women from Readsboro, VT. It appears that there may have been a migration of families from Readsboro to Onondaga Co., NY.

Jesse Fairfield Carpenter, born 8 Aug. 1853 in Chelsea, VT, was a civil engineer in Cazenovia, NY, where he wed in 1886 Elizabeth Ten Eyke Rogers. His lineage: Jesse (Daniel, Jesse, John, William, William of Rehoboth).

I published in 1974 an article about a John Carpenter (1797-1879) of Vermont who settled in the early 1800's at DeRuyter Twp., Madison Co., NY. He had 10 children and there is a family tradition that his ancestors were French Canadians. I see no linkage with your Carpenters as I go back over this material.

A good source for Madison Co. data is the "Tuttle Papers," compiled in 1941 by William Tuttle of Clockville, NY, and consisting of—in his words—"10,000 names and sketches of the pioneer settlers of Madison Co." They place the Calvin Carpenter mentioned on page 18 of this issue at Cazenovia in 1840. They also refer to descendants of Jesse Carpenter, mentioned above. Simeon Carpenter of Cazenovia and wife, Lurana, sold land to Daniel Andrus in 1805. William Carpenter was a Cazenovia juror in 1810. Listed in the village of Cottons are Willard Carpenter and a Merit Carpenter who died in 1820 at age 30. Ezekial Carpenter of Cazenovia is listed as sheriff of Madison Co. in 1825 and commissioner of loans in 1840. A pencilled note on the typescript says he was on the 1812 committee to get volunteers. That's it for now!
ITEM #2098 - WE'VE GOT INFO FOR TIMOTHY & ELIZABETH (ANDERSON) CARPENTER DESCENDANT

The following plea recently arrived from D. Michael Carpenter, 13009 54th Ave. SE, Everett, WA 98204:

Help! I'm at a dead end, could you help me? I'm the 6 x great-grandson of

    Timothy Carpenter, b. 1715
    Elizabeth Anderson, b. 1719

Enclosed is my family chart showing my line and also enclosed is part of The Descendants of Timothy Carpenter, by Charles L. Carpenter. I will pay for any books, or cost to you, just let me know. I would be very grateful for any help you could give me!!

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Editor's Reply:

If you check the chart on page 15 of this Epistle issue, you will see a summary of the Carpenter ancestry of Timothy Carpenter, as given by professional genealogist John C. LaPiana of 313 Cooper Lane, DeWitt, NY 13214. Additional details can be found in the article by John which appeared in the March, 1987 edition, but you should also check Daniel Hoogland Carpenter's 1901 work, History and Genealogy of the Carpenter Family in America, which gives more data on the earliest generations of the Providence, Rhode Island, branch of the family.

Our help is, of course, free. We do, however, appreciate subscription support for The Epistle so we can continue to help folks like you by pooling our efforts to research, publish and preserve Carpenter family history.

Lineage of D. Michael Carpenter (See page 15 for first four generations):

    Timothy Carpenter (1715-1787) of Westchester Co., NY, who died at Pittstown, Rensselaer Co., NY; married Elizabeth Anderson.

    James Carpenter (1747-1793), born in Dutchess Co., NY; married Susanna Sutherland (1753-1813).

    Elihu Carpenter (1787-1851) of Pittstown, NY, and his wife, Patience Bleekman (1789-1854).

    Oliver Carpenter (1806-1860), who was born at Pittstown, NY, and died in Ellery, NY; married Cynthia Brownell (1804-1870).

    Joseph Sutherland Carpenter (1828-1901), born at Ellery, Chautauqua Co., NY, and died at Lewis, Edwards Co., KS; married Emily Blowres (1830-1910).

    Oliver M. Carpenter, who was born in 1865 at Panama, Chautauqua Co., NY. He married Etta Kirk, who was born in Scotland.

    William Duane Carpenter, born in 1892 at Riverside, CA; married Hazel G. Allen (1895-1953).

    Oliver Lewis Carpenter, born in 1917 at Glendale, CA, and wed in 1941 Eileen A. Clark.

    Donald Michael Carpenter, born in 1946 at Glendale, CA; married in 1965 to Janeen Hoy.

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ITEM #2099 - NEW CORRESPONDENT ASKS FOR--AND GETS--INFORMATION ON HER ANCESTRAL KIN
IN VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF THE CARPENTER FAMILY

We received the following message in March from Mrs. Helen F. Taylor, P.O. Box 8025, Dallas, TX 75205:

I found your address in Carpenter and Related Family Papers, published by James Ausie Carpenter.

I am trying to prove that Soloman Carpenter was son of Joseph Carpenter of Botetourt Co., Virginia. And that Thomas (commonly called Jack) was son of Soloman. This Thomas moved to Nash County, NC, before 1790.

Do you have the above information, or could you guide me in the right direction to find the proof?

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Editor's Reply:

I assume your inquiry is in regard to the Thomas (Jack) Carpenter who lived in Halifax District, Nash Co., NC, and had children James, William, Benjamin, Burwell, John, Reuben, Fannie, Betsey, Polly and Frances Carpenter. My data shows the first three were by a wife whose name was not known and that Jack's second wife, Mary Lee/Leigh, mothered the remainder.

The best source for data on both the ancestors and descendants of this Thomas Carpenter is a 1974 booklet titled My Ancestry, by Mattie Belle (Carpenter) Ross, 2114 Oakland Dr., Cleveland, TN 37311. Her work is well-documented and contains numerous references.

In sum: Thomas is identified as a son of Soloman and Sutney (Wright?) Carpenter of Botetourt Co., VA, whose other children are Samuel, Benjamin and Jeremiah Carpenter. Soloman, born ca. 1725 in New York--son of Joseph Carpenter and his first wife--died before 1784 in Botetourt Co., VA.

Joseph Carpenter, son of Nathaniel and Tamar (Coles) Carpenter, was born ca. 1693-70 at Musketa Cove, Long Island, NY, and died in 1780 in Botetourt Co., VA. He moved from Long Island to the Rye area of Westchester Co., NY--with his parents in 1719. Joseph first married in New York and had seven children, i.e., Joseph, Elizabeth, Soloman, William, Jeremiah, Thomas, and a daughter who married Jeremiah Seely. Joseph moved in 1746 to Jackson's River in Botetourt Co., VA, where he and most of his children--then unmarried--settled. Their home was near the present Covington, VA. Joseph Carpenter married, second, Mrs. Judith Scott, widow of John Scott.

Mrs. Ross continues the ancestry of Joseph Carpenter--who left New York for Virginia to link two old New England branches of the family and this Southern branch--through his grandparents, Joseph and Hannah Carpenter. This Joseph Carpenter married April 21, 1659, Hannah Carpenter, thus forever linking for their descendants the two largest and oldest New England branches of the Carpenter family in America.

Joseph Carpenter was the son of William1 and Elizabeth (Arnold) Carpenter. Joseph was born ca. 1635 in England and died the summer of 1683 near Oyster Bay, NY. Following Hangah's death he wed, second, Anna Weeks (or Wicks). Hannah was a daughter of William Carpenter of Rehoboth, Mass., and his wife, Abigail.

Your best bet--for more detailed information, with appropriate documentation--is to contact Mattie Belle (Carpenter) Ross.
ITEM #2100 - OBITUARY: ELLERY W. CARPENTER, 76, OF REHOBOTH, MASS.

Ellery Winsor Carpenter, 76, of 1 Locust Ave., Rehoboth, Mass., died Feb. 23, 1987 at his home in the town where his ancestors had lived the past 342 years. Ellery was among the initial subscribers to The Epistle and, in 1971, to its predecessor, the quarterly Carpenter Journal.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Rehoboth, a son of the late Enoch A. and Elsie L. (Goff) Carpenter. A 1930 graduate of Brown University, Ellery was a World War II Army veteran and retired in 1965 from a 35-year-career in the trust department of the Industrial National Bank.

Mr. Carpenter had a keen literary and historical mind and was long a loyal supporter of the local library, historical society and museum. He was privately very generous in helping a variety of charitable endeavors and, in unassuming, careful ways, assisted a variety of people and causes. His leadership posts in the Rehoboth Congregational Church, the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, the Blanding Library, the Carpenter Museum and the Rehoboth Cemetery Association, are both numerous and long-standing. He was a member and past master of the Eastern Star Lodge in Rehoboth, and also a member of the Anawan Grange and Goff Gathering Association.

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In memory of Ellery and the community he loved so well, we'd like to share with those whose ancestors lived in Rehoboth, Mass., as well as other readers who share our interests in yesteryear, some excerpts from an old letter. The following is extracted from a letter written by Joseph A. Carpenter of Rehoboth, Mass. (uncle of Ellery W. Carpenter) in 1962 to one of our readers, Lewis N. Carpenter (born in 1895) of Porterville, California.

A Message from Rehoboth, Massachusetts

Dear Cousin...

"Since you wrote me, I had another cousin, George Carpenter of Murphysboro, Ill., visit me. It seems when one reaches a certain age we try and look up our ancestors...

"My great-grandfather was born Nov. 5, 1765, and when he got married his father gave him the farm where I now live on a part of it. The house was built in 1790. My oldest brother who is 86 still lives in the old homestead. I called on him today. I built my house on the end of the farm in 1932 and between us are five other houses, all Carpenter descendants. So you see we have stuck together. There were 14 of us but now there are only three left. I am 82 and my brother Enoch is 76...You asked me in your letter how many of my brothers and sisters were born in Rehoboth and I will say we all were. My mother, when she died in 1919, had over 90 descendants living.

"How time changes and what changes have taken place in my day and yours. The old horse and buggy days were a good day to remember. We got along and my father did not have much trouble as he never had to correct us much as I remember my childhood days. We were 10 miles from any city on either side of us. I remember when the only thing we had to go to was church in the village about a mile away...The electric cars came to Rehoboth in 1898, thus opened up the town. Before that there were people living in the town who never had been out of it...Amos Carpenter who wrote the Carpenter Genealogical History visited my father's house in 1890 and stayed a couple of weeks and took my father's horse and buggy and drove around to all the cemeteries..."

Your cousin about 10 times removed,
Joseph A. Carpenter

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Mrs. Norma J. (Carpenter) Devoe, 44, of Houlton, Maine

Norma J. Devoe, 44, died Jan. 21, 1987. She was born at Houlton, ME, Nov. 14, 1942, the daughter of Elwyn and Helen (Bragan) Carpenter. Mrs. Devoe was a member of Houlton's Military Street Baptist Church. In addition to her husband, Glenn Devoe, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Richard (Wendy) L. Nix, in West Germany, and Jennifer S. Devoe and Heidi L. Devoe, both of Houlton; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Charlene) Bride of Enfield, CT., & Mrs. Warren (Jackie) Dudley of Ridgway, PA.; one brother, Elwyn Carpenter Jr. of Houlton, and, a granddaughter, Jaime L. Nix. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Houlton.

Mrs. Phyllis (Carpenter) DeLong of Houlton, Maine

Phyllis C. DeLong died March 20, 1987. She was born March 30, 1911 in Bloomfield, New Brunswick, Canada, the daughter of Robert and Blanche (Britton) Carpenter. Mrs. DeLong was a member of the Houlton United Methodist Church, the Royal Neighbors of America, and the Rebekahs. She was predeceased by her husband, Clayton, a son, Jesse Carpenter, and a daughter, Shirley Vittum. Surviving are four daughters, Marie Kronfeld of Minneapolis, MN, and, from Houlton, Betty Longstaff, Chavala Morein and Jacqueline Folsom; a brother, Hilston Carpenter of Portland, ME, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Burial was in Jewell Cemetery, Monticello, ME.

Keith G. Melvin, 59, of Monticello, Maine

Keith G. Melvin, 59, died Jan. 14, 1987. He was born May 22, 1927 at Monticello, ME, the son of Burnal and Mildred (Carpenter) Melvin. Mr. Melvin was a member of the Monticello Fire Department. He is survived by one son, Matthew Melvin of Monticello; three daughters, Katrina of Presque Isle, Deborah of Monticello, and Elizabeth of Galena, IL; one brother, Murray, of East Eddington, ME; and, one sister, Chevala Fitzpatrick of Houlton, ME. His wife, Charlotte, died in 1985. Interment was in Jewell Cemetery, Monticello, ME.

Norman Carpenter Bachelor, 71, of Pompano Beach, Florida, and Bedford, Pennsylvania

Norman Carpenter Bachelor, 71, the father of Epistle editor Rosemary E. Bachelor, died April 18, 1987. For additional details, see page 4 of this issue.

Mr. Bachelor was the son of Claude and Myra (Carpenter) Bachelor and a grandson of Charles and Lily (Badder) Carpenter. His Carpenter lineage continues via Charles and Clarissa (Whitmore) Carpenter to Christopher and Henrietta (Matthews) Carpenter, who resided at Marcellus in Onondaga County, New York, in the early 1800's.
WE DEVOTE THE MAJOR PORTION OF THIS ISSUE'S RICE SECTION TO FAMILY MEMBERS WHO RESIDED IN THE SOUTHERN STATES. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS—AND GENEALOGICAL INTERESTS—OF NUMEROUS EPISTLE READERS.
THE DESCENDANTS OF
WILLIAM & MILLY (PENDLETON) RICE
OF KENTUCKY

The following material is taken from a photocopied Pendleton Genealogy, in typescript form. It was forwarded to your editor by Jim Dunham of 3730 Magnolia Blvd. West., Seattle, WA 98199.

WILLIAM RICE MARRIES MILLY PENDLETON

The William Rice who wed Milly Pendleton has been identified as a son of John Rice of Bourbon County, Kentucky. Scattered references to this branch of the Rice family have appeared in past Epistle issues. A summary of readers' research on Bourbon and Fleming County, KY, Rices appears on page 28 of the January, 1987 issue (Vol.13, No.2).

Milly Pendleton was a daughter of Curtis and Nancy (Wilson) Pendleton and granddaughter of Henry and Martha (Curtis) Pendleton. Henry, son of Phillip Pendleton (1704-1778), was born in King William Co., Va., and went to Spotsylvania Co., Va. with his sister, Mary Rice, who married Col. Edmund Waller.

Phillip Pendleton was brother to Revolutionary War patriot Judge Edmund Pendleton of Caroline Co., who represented Virginia in the General Congress (first Congress) at Philadelphia in 1774. Edmund was, in 1776, elected president of the Convention which met at Williamsburg, Va., to frame the Virginia Constitution. These brothers were sons of Henry and Mary (Taylor) Pendleton, who were married in 1701. Henry, born in 1683, was son of Phillip Pendleton, the immigrant; Mary was a daughter of the first James Taylor. Phillip Pendleton was born in 1650, son of Henry and Susan (Camden) Pendleton and grandson of George and Elizabeth (Pettingall) Pendleton of Manchester and Norwich, England. Phillip came to Virginia in 1674 and wed Isabella Hart in 1682.

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The Pendleton Family of Virginia

[Condensed from an article which appeared years ago in the Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal; the author is unknown.]

A history of St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper County, Virginia, by Rev. Phillip Slaughter (DD), contains a sketch of the Virginia Pendletons for six generations. The writer has an old family tree with a note added by Edmund Pendleton, the Judge and patriot (see notes on Edmund Pendleton in biographies of Presidents Jefferson, Monroe and Madison). The Judge said the two brothers, Nathaniel and Phillip, who came to Virginia in 1674, were the sons of Henry Pendleton of Norwich, England, of good family and well educated. One was a minister of the Episcopal Church and died without issue...In England, the family were Royalists. Phillip was born in 1650 and was the common ancestor of all the Pendletons in Virginia, Southern Ohio and New York. He was the ancestor of many notable men who did not bear his name, such as John Taylor of Carolina; George, James and Judge Phillip Barbour; General Edmund P. Gaines; and, the mothers of Hon. R. M. Hunter, John Ester Cocke and Hon. Jno. P. Kennedy, Secretary of the Navy. As to Rice Pendleton, the writer has no information, but thinks that Edmund Pendleton, Col. of a Confederate Louisiana regiment, may be his son...
THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND MILLY (PENDLETON) RICE

Following is a list of the seven children of William and Milly (Pendleton) Rice, chronicling their descendants.

1. SYMANtha RICE, who married James Mansfield. Little is known of their descendants.

2. EDMUND RICE, who married Evelyn Cockrill.
   (1) William Rice, known as "Rebel Bill", and wife, Susan, had:
      a. Eula Rice, who married Walter Young and had a son, William Young.
      b. Edward Rice married Ruby Bird; they had no children.
      c. William Rice wed Mary Ratliff.
      d. John Rice married a daughter of Hugh Mays.
      e. Reginald Rice married a Miss Orr.
      f. Ruby Rice married C. H. Brookmeyer and had a son, Charles H. Brookmeyer.
   (2) Eva Rice, who married James Dobson.
      a. Peck Dobson, who was depot agent at Fredonia.

3. CATHERINE RICE, who married a Mr. Gray; these descendants have not been traced.

4. WILLIAM RICE, who married 1) Miss Knott and 2) Miss Glenn.
   (1) Jennie Rice, who married Charles Jackson.
      a. Virginia Jackson
      b. Bessie Jackson
      c. William Jackson
   (2) Henry C. Rice and his wife, the former Mary Cassidy.
      a. Guy Rice
      b. Howard Rice
   (3) John Rice, who was married, but had no children.
   (4) Tennie Rice, who married Henry Hughes.
      a. Lucy Hughes, who wed a Mr. Bringle and had a son.
      b. Henry Hughes
   (5) Rachael Rice, who married James Hughes.
      a. John Hughes, who is believed to be the father of Pendleton Hughes.
   (6) Georgia Rice, who married John Leper Wyatt.*
      b. Mary Wyatt, wed Major Smith of Lexington, Ky.
      c. Virginia Wyatt
   (7) Mary Rice, who married Charles Wilson. His mother was Amanda Wyatt.*

5. NANCY RICE, who married Joshia Carneal; there is no listing of their descendants.

6. JOHN RICE, he moved to Texas and became known in the family as "Texas John".
   - A son, given name not known, but referred to as "Grandpap".
      a. Henry Rice, known as "Creek Henry"
      b. Walter Rice
   - There are believed to be several other children.

   (List of descendants continued on the next page)

* This source also has considerable genealogical data on the Wyatt family, which inter-married numerous times with Rice descendants.
The Children of William and Milly (Pendleton) Rice - (Continued)

7. CLAYBOURNE RICE, who married Martha Ann Wilson (see related stories below). She came from a place called Dover, located on the Cumberland River near the Kentucky border.

(1) Mary Rice wed Charles Dulaney; they had no children.
(2) Curtis Pendleton Rice, who died in childhood.
(3) Elvin Rice, who wed 1) Thomas M. Averitt of Louisville & 2) Sidney R. Boyd.
   a. Clark Averitt
   b. Thomas M. Averitt, who wed Miss Scott and had two children.
   c. Mabel Averitt, who wed Mr. Scott of Tucson, Arizona, and had children.
(4) James Tilghman Rice, wed in 1882 Lillian Neal Wyatt (see p. 26 footnote).
   a. Ernest Rice, born in 1883 at Fredonia; married Kelly Landes. They had had children Benjamin and James.
   b. Claybourne Rice, who married Isabel Howerton-Crider.
   c. James Tilghman Rice, who married Jane Louella Jones.
      (a) James Tilghman Rice, who wed Adele Schunke and had children David, Patricia, James and Janet.
      (b) Jane Owen Rice, who married Frank Ward and had children Frank and John Ward.

THE WILSON FAMILY

Martha Ann Wilson, the wife of Claybourne Rice, was a daughter of James and Mary Wilson, who were married about 1835.

In speaking of her family, Martha said they were of Scottish descent and that her father's uncles, who visited often, would "burr their R's", indicating their Scottish birth. They were farmers and settled along the Cumberland River in northern Tennessee near landings called Dover and New Providence. This was near the Kentucky border and between the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers, which come close together as they enter Kentucky.

Martha had sisters Elizabeth (married Mr. Easley) and Elvin (married Mr. Huggins of Corinth, Miss.). There may have been other children.

Editor's Report:

ORAL FAMILY HISTORY TRANSMITTED BY MARTHA ANN (WILSON) RICE

Due to the lack of dates and only sparse mention of places in this genealogical transcript, it is assumed by your Epistle editor that much of the data was handed down by word of mouth, or obtained from older relatives rather than from vital records and other written sources.

There are, however, a few references to Martha Ann Wilson, the wife of Claybourne Rice, and things she said, or remembered. Martha and her husband lived at several locations near the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, probably starting their married life near Murray, Kentucky. They also lived at a little settlement in Marshall Co., called Parma, and then moved near Fredonia in Lyon County.

Martha often spoke of three fires, the ravages of the Civil War, and the Depression (1873-1879). They kept right on producing tobacco, and during the depression once had four crops in the barns and another in the ground before they could find a buyer. When the market did open, they were able to command a good price. It was then that they moved to Lyon County, bought land there and continued to produce, buy and sell tobacco. After the depression there were a few good business years for Claybourne Rice and his son, James Tilghman Rice. They made enough money to build the big house and for James and his sister, Mary, to get married and start their own families.

In referring to a severe depression following a devastating civil war, Martha Ann Rice is quoted as saying: "No matter what men had nor how much, it all had to go."
EARLY RICE RESIDENTS OF COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

Introduction
The following Rice entries have been extracted from The First Hundred Years: A Short History of Cobb County, Georgia, written by Sarah Blackwell Gober Temple and published in 1935 by Walter W. Brown Publishing Co., Atlanta.

George D. Rice was among the first lawyers in Marietta. (p.83)
At the close of 1833, Marietta had nearly 100 inhabitants. The building of log houses had proceeded during the year. George D. Rice built the fourth or fifth house, which stood on Cherokee Street near the square. (p.87)

In 1835 a meeting, said to have been the first in Cherokee Georgia in the interests of the new railroad, was held in Marietta in the log house of William Green...George D. Rice was the principal speaker. (p.100)

It was not only the Cherokees who were a cause of concern...the depredations of the Creeks in middle Georgia so aroused public feeling that volunteer companies were formed to punish the tribe. The Cobb Volunteers were organized in 1836, when the excitement was at its height and, with George D. Rice as captain, drilled frequently on the square in Marietta...as a unit, the company did not participate in the Creek troubles, although there was an Indian attack alarm in 1838 (p.106-7).

Among the children of John Dunwody and Jane Bulloch, who came to Roswell about 1838 or 1839, was Major Charles A. Dunwody, who married Ellen Rice of Charleston, S.C., and lived in Roswell. Major Dunwody served in the Confederate Army. (p.114)

George D. Rice was, in 1850, among organizers of the Cobb County and Alabama Plank and Turnpike Road Co. (p.150)
There were far more lawyers than doctors in the town...The first lawyer admitted to the bar from Cobb County was Samuel Rice, by act of the legislature in 1842...By the mid 1850's there were a number of Marietta lawyers known throughout the state, including George D. Rice. (p.165)

George D. Rice became judge of the Blue Ridge Circuit Court. It had been his father's hope that he would enter the ministry or follow in the footsteps of his two uncles, one of whom was president of the University of Virginia, and the other president of Princeton. The young man was more interested in the law, however, and was admitted to the bar in his native state, Tennessee. In 1828 he came to Georgia and studied law with Walter Colquitt, later marrying Mrs. Colquitt's cousin. He moved to Marietta in 1834, living for about two years on Cherokee Street near the square, then buying a tract on what became Polk Street, about half of which he sold in 1844 to St. James Episcopal Church for its rectory and Kennesaw Female Seminary. Judge Rice was a scholarly lawyer and judge. (p.168)

Young ladies who had attended Kennesaw Female Seminary by July, 1848, included Mary Rice, Louisa Rice and Ann Rice, all of Marietta. (p.177)

Colonel George D. Rice and Dr. Slaughter were delegates to the Constitutional Union State Convention and brought back news to the county that the convention would not take action concerning choice of presidential candidates. (p.228)

George D. Rice was among three Cobb Co. delegates at the 1861 state convention which voted for secession from the union, declaring Georgia free, sovereign and independent. (p.235)
In July (1861) Marietta men agreed to close their stores and offices at five-thirty to take part in drills held every afternoon on the square. Old and young participated...General Hansell and Judge Rice directed the squads and met with approval from the gallery which, from carriages, on horseback, and on the sidewalks, followed every move with interest. There was good natured raillery... (p.243)

A July, 1864 dispatch by a correspondent during Union Army occupation of Marietta describes the town as "a perfect grotto of shade" and site of the "quiet comfort of luxurious homes". Most residents, however, had fled and the college, now a temporary hospital, was starting to look seedy. The newspaperman cited George D. Rice as one of the influential men of property and standing in the town. (p.323)

A July, 1865 list of burned buildings in Marietta included most of the town's businesses and private homes, including that of Judge Rice. (p.373)

In April, 1866, President Johnson proclaimed peace restored...The Cobb Co. superior court began to function again...One of the freedmen charged with burglary and arson, being unable to employ counsel, the court ordered George D. Rice, General A. J. Hansell, C. C. Winn and William D. Anderson be appointed to represent him. Certainly this was a distinguished array of counsel for the freedman. (p.388)

An 1836 list of the Cobb County Volunteer Rifle Co. includes the names of G. D. Rice, captain, and Edward Rice, first corporal. (p.514)

Several members of the Rifle Co. refused to march upon receipt of Jan. 27, 1837 orders from the governor. The 51 who refused--due to internal political strife in the company--included G. D. Rice and Edward Rice. (p.515)

George D. Rice of Marietta wrote Gov. George R. Gilmer lengthy letters in 1838 assessing the complicated Cherokee Indian situation; reprinted in this source under the footnote section, they make interesting reading. (p.517-21)

George D. Rice served as "Worshipful Master" of Kennesaw Lodge No. 33, Masons, for several terms between 1845 and 1852. (p.524)

It appears, from a footnote entry, that the Oct. 4, 1888 edition of the Marietta Journal contains material from Judge Rice's daughter. (p.531)

The 1851 tax digest lists G. D. Rice of the 898th District as owning 2 slaves & 40 acres. James Rice of the 846th (Springs) District has 1 slave & 70 acres (p.534-5)

Apling Rice, John Rice & John A. M. Rice were members of the Confederate Guard, Co. D, 7th Georgia, the first company leaving Cobb Co. for the Civil War. (p.540-1)

Frank P. Rice of Fulton Co. was elected from the 35th District (Cobb, Clayton & Fulton Counties) to the State Senate in 1888.

George D. Rice was Blue Ridge Circuit Judge from Aug. 1857 to Feb. 8, 1865. (p.570)

Benjamin Rice is listed on a census of Civil War veterans living in Cobb Co. He served in Co. F of the 1st Ga. Regt. (p.577)

A list of Cobb Co. World War I veterans, made up about 1925, includes Army veterans Charley L. Rice, Elmon S. Rice, Ernest A. Rice, Henry R. Rice & Pierce V. Rice. A list of officers includes Carl Patillo Rice. (p.579-84)

Buried in New Cemetery, Smyrna, Ga., is Henry Ruff Rice, born April 1, 1897 and died April 24, 1928. (p.671)

Burials in Methodist Cemetery, Powder Springs, Ga., include Hettie Ruth Dodgen, wife of J. B. Rice, born Aug. 26, 1900 and died July 13, 1930. (p.715), plus the following: James Rice (Jan. 16, 1810 - Mar. 3, 1889); Ellen Rice (June 8, 1811-Jan. 11, 1866), wife of James Rice; Sarah (Apr. 25, 1836 - Feb. 22, 1911), wife of James Rice; Benjamin Rice (Oct. 11, 1832 - May 25, 1917); Margaret Elizabeth (Apr. 6, 1836 - Aug. 30, 1901), wife of Benjamin Rice; Yancey W. Rice (Sept. 5, 1867 - Sept. 9, 1873), son of James and Sarah Rice; and, Alonzo T. Rice (Oct. 24, 1872 - June 24, 1892. (p.722)

Buried in Baptist Cemetery, Powder Springs, Ga., are: Rev. Parker M. Rice (July 23, 1801 - Jan. 19, 1853) and Mary Rice, born Halifax, Va., 1800, and died Appalachian, Ga., 1890. (p.727)

Buried in Macland Cemetery are: Mary Lou Rice (July 14, 1860 - May 9, 1920), wife of Drew T. Pritchett (1856-1902); F. M. Rice (Jan. 19, 1836 - Dec. 5, 1902) and (his wife?) Rachel Rice (Apr. 13, 1840 - Oct. 28, 1918); I. A. Rice (b. July 13, 1856) and his wife, Mary E. Collins (July 11, 1854 - Jan. 6, 1920). (p.730)

Buried in Old Noonday Cemetery: M. H. Rice (July 29, 1855 - Sept. 1, 1910). (p.802)

Buried at Presbyterian Cemetery, Roswell, Ga.: Martha Rice (d. 1884, age 80); buried with Rev. Francis R. Goulding (her husband). (p.831)

Buried in Sardis Cemetery: Mary Barton Rice (Feb.10, 1846 - Nov.19, 1885). (p.858)
Editor's Comments

Outlined in the next few items are research problems some of our readers have encountered in tracing Southern branches of the Rice family. I urge you folks to lend each other a hand. I know there are some Epistle readers out there who have much more extensive data than I do on these families. Will you take time to check your records on behalf of others? Pooling resources and efforts makes a difference.

ITEM #2102 - NEEDS HELP ON ALABAMA AND EARLY SOUTH CAROLINA RICE FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Dear Rosemary,

My query concerning Shadrach Rice in the July, 1985 edition is still unanswered. I believe I am dealing with three--and maybe four--Shadrachs. Alice Rice from Henning, TN, graciously sent me a wealth of material on Shadrach Rice, son of Charles and Hannah (Phillips) Rice. Her Shadrach was born 13 Feb. 1799 in Marion, SC. An earlier Epistle (Vol.5, No.2) published her Bible records listing his brothers and sisters. I am most grateful to her, but still have unanswered questions. Perhaps if you can publish what I can document someone will come forward with more answers for me.

The 1790 census of Georgetown District, Prince George Province, SC, lists Shadrach: 1 male under 16, 1 male over 16, and 3 females. The same census lists Shadrach Jr. with 1 FWM 16 plus, 1 FWM under 16, and 2 FWFm. Charles Rice is also in the same district with 1 FWM over 16, none under 16, and 4 FWFm. Shadrach is on the 1800 census and in 1810 is still there, with age shown as 45 or over. He appears there in 1830. In 1833, Shadrach's brother, Henry, who was also on the above census, moved to Bibb Co., Alabama. Following is a copy of Freedom papers issued in Bibb Co., Alabama:

The State of Alabama Personally appeared before me R McI------ acting Bibb County Justice of the Peace in and for said county Nelson H. Rice and Shadrick O. Rice who being duly sworn deputies and sayeth upon oath that they have been acquainted with Ben Ikener: (alias Mike Ikener) from his earliest infancy, that he was born of Rachel Ikener, a free white woman supposed to be of white and Indian blood, who resided in Marion district South Carolina at the time of his birth, that Henry Rice brought the said Ben to this state on or about the winter of 1833, that he the said Ben lived as a bound boy with the said Henry Rice, being part of the time hired out until the said Ben was of lawful age (to wit) of the age of twenty-one years, and was always (sic) considered as a bound boy unto the said Rice but free when he should attain to the age of twenty one; the said Ben is a dark Mulatto about six feet high, stout made, weighing about one hundred and seventy five pounds, and that it is now the wish and intention of affiants that he the said Ben be and remain free, and that the said Henry Rice, Brother to Shadrick O. Rice and father of Nelson H. Rice, wishes and intends that the said Ben be now and forever free. (signed by Nelson H. Rice and Shadrick O. Rice)


The William and Mary Quarterly lists Shadrach Rice as son of William and Elizabeth Rice, with brothers David, William and Micajah, according to William Rice will dated Dec. 6, 1734, Hanover Co., Va. I descend from Henry Rice, father of Nelson and brother of Shadrick. Henry is on the 1790 census of Orangeburgh, S.C., listed as age "16 and up".
The following list of the children of Shadrach Rice is compiled from Alabama Records, Vol. 225, Bibb Co. Estates, 1855-57, and from Marion Co., SC, extracts from Equity Rolls (GEN. 975.786U).

Children by first wife, Abigail Miller (dau. Samuel & Esther Miller):
1. Elizabeth, who married Joseph E. Thomas
2. Stephen
3. Samuel
4. John
5. Ann Eliza, b. 1826; m. Daniel Barnett

Children by second wife, Eliza:
6. Sarah E.
7. Mary, m. 10/19/1854, James Underwood
8. James H.
9. Charles W.
10. Lucinda
11. Martha E.
12. Semphronias N.
13. Edward
14. Rhoda Ann

Can someone please help me solve the Shadrach Rice puzzle and learn the father of Henry...

- Peggy (Rice) Wright, 908 E. Glendale, Mexia, TX 76667

We've since had another plea for help from Peggy. It follows.

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I need HELP! Please ask readers to help me with Henry Rice. I have no place or date of birth. He is age "16 and up" on 1790 census, appears on 1830 census of Marion Co., SC, and went to Bibb Co., AL, in 1833. His son, Nelson Rice, was born about 1816 and died in 1891. He is buried in the Rice Cemetery in Polk Co., TX. Nelson married Sarah Ann Stanley, Sept. 16, 1841 in Bibb Co. Their children are:

1. Cicero, born 1843
2. Jeremiah J., b. 1/4/1844
3. Samuel Adolphus (my g/grandfather) b. 12/21/1844
4. Thomas J., born 1850
5. Margaret K., born 1854
6. Josephine, born 1859

Henry is still in Bibb Co., ALA, in 1840; his age is listed as 50-60. With him is his brother Shadrach, whose age is 40-50.

All of my avenues have come to a dead end. Sure hope someone has some answers...

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Editor's Reply:
You may wish to check the data on pages 26-30 of the March, 1986 Epistle (Vol.12, No.3). There is much that remains unknown about this Henry Rice who was born ca. 1717 in Hanover Co., VA, and also lived in South Carolina and Tennessee. It is possible that your Henry is his grandson, perhaps via the elder Henry's son, Charles, who went to South Carolina. Researchers of this branch of the family are not sure of the identity of this Charles, his wife and children. Your best contact would be either Melvin W. Little, 924 20th St. South, Arlington, VA 22202, or Nan (Rice) Shute, 6400 Orchid Dr., Bethesda, MD 20817. Both Melvin and Nan have copies of several old South Carolina land grants to Henry and Charles Rice. Have you checked indexes to all back volumes of The Epistle? I seem to recall past references to Nelson Rice.
ITEM #2103 - ON THE TRAIL OF THE EARLY HEZEKIAH RICES OF VIRGINIA & POINTS SOUTH

This request for help is from Hildred M. Stratton of 1202 Donelson Ave., Old Hickory, TN 37138:

On a recent trip to the Atlanta, Ga., Archives, I saw some of your material on the Rice families. I am having a difficult time finding parents and line of descent for my Hezekiah Rice. In the DAR Patriot Index my Hezekiah is the one born in 1758 and died in 1803. He married Mary Saunders in Virginia and died in Union Co., SC. A few clues point to their being in NC after leaving VA and before going to SC. Matters get complicated in that area with another Hezekiah Rice married to Mary Bullock and them all being in Caswell Co., NC, about the same time...Can you help?

ITEM #2104 - ANOTHER HEZEKIAH RICE DESCENDANT GETS IN TOUCH

Glenda Cross of 853 Langdon Court, Rochester, MI 48063, has another progress report for us. She writes:

Since last writing to you, I have learned parents of my ancestor, Martha ("Patsy") Rice, who married Elisha Gibson. Jephthah Rice, born ca. 1762, married, 19 Aug. 1784, Caswell Co., NC, Nancy Jouett. Jephthah died ca. 1820 in Summer Co., TN. He was the son of Hezekiah Rice and Mary Bullock. His wife's parents were Matthew and Sarah (? _ Jouett.

The children of Jephthah & Nancy (Jouett) Rice are:
1. Baldwin Rice
2. Mary ("Polly"), who married Levi Smith
3. P. Kenas Rice
4. Elizabeth, who married William Ponds
5. Matthew, who married Sally Ponds
6. Martha ("Patsy"), who married Elisha Gibson
7. axe Rice, who married C. Smith
8. Henry Rice

The children of Hezekiah Rice & Mary Bullock are:
1. Annis (or Anie), married Capt. John Oldham
2. Jephthah, who married Nancy Jouett
3. Hezekiah Rice II, who married Polly Leftwich
4. Milly Rice, married John Challes
5. Nathaniel Rice, who married Sarah (?)
6. Ibzan, married Dolly Carloss

I would like to correspond and exchange data with other descendants of Jephthah & Hezekiah Rice.

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The Hezekiah Rice Families

Several of our correspondents have researched both these Hezekiah Rice families and data on them has appeared in back issues. Other sources include Historical Abstracts of Minutes of Caswell Co., NC, 1976, by Katherine Kerr Kendall, 2814 Exeter Circle, Raleigh, NC 27608. It sells for $10 postpaid; order from the author. Highly recommended for its wealth of Rice data is Rice Pudding a la Caswell, 1978, by Merrill Hill Mosher, Rt. 2, Box 717-A, Coos Bay, OR 97420. If she has copies left, they are $7.50 each.
ITEM #2105 - READER CHECKS IN WITH SOUTHERN LINEAGE SUMMARY

We had a nice note this winter from reader Juanita Grounds of 1868 Holland Rd., Marion, OH 43302. She, too, belongs to the old Virginia branch of the Rice family, starting with the immigrant, Thomas, then passing through his son, Edward (d. 1770, Goochland Co., VA) and grandson, Charles rice, who wed Mary Holman.

The line is: Juanita (Rice) Grounds⁹ (Oscar⁸, Archibald⁷, William⁶, Archibald⁵, Wm.⁴, Charles⁴, Edward³, Thomas²).

Editor's Note to Juanita:

Are either of your ancestors named Archibald Rice the same Archibald Rice born ca. 1782 in Caswell Co., NC, and died in 1849 in Jackson Co., MO? This Archibald married 1) Zibba Bush, 2) Sally Yancy and 3) Sallie Richmond.

ITEM #2106 - LOOKING FOR DATA ON RICE ANCESTORS IN KENTUCKY AND MISSOURI


Descent is via Daniel and Lucinda's daughter, Milla Jane (Emily/Millie) Rice (1829-1898), who married in Scotland Co., MO, in 1858, John Lambert Harper. The line continues through their son, Albert Harper, and his daughter, Alma, who lived in Denver, CO. Can anyone help?

ITEM #2107 - HAS QUERIES ON TWO SOUTHERN RICE FAMILY LINEAGES (KY-SC-MO)

Jo Ann Cox of 5807 E. 205th, Belton, MO 64012, has got her genealogy onto a computer now and has forwarded two queries:

Need parents of Jacob Rice, born 1791, Fayette Co., KY; m. Catharine Higbee, 23 June 1812, Jessamine Co., KY; d. Shelbyville, IN. Their children: Elizabeth, Nancy, James, Michael, John, Warner, Obadiah, Martha, Mary and a daughter, given name unknown, who wed George W. Young. My descent is through Nancy Rice, who married Larkin S. Gatewood.

Is anyone working on the family of Tabitha Ballenger, born 1801, Spartansburg, SC, and married James Rice before 1815. He died in 1849 in Boone Co., MO. Who were his parents? Children of James and Tabitha: John, Edward, Nancy, Larkin, Amanda, James Jr., Tabitha, Marquis Lafayette Rice, George Washington Rice and Andrew Rice. I have Ballenger data to share.

ITEM #2108 - SEEKS INFO ON RICE FAMILY IN LOGAN CO., KY, & WASHINGTON CO., IN

Condra Miller, 8314 Hadley, Overland Park, KS, wishes to identify the John and Martha Rice who were parents of Sally Rice, born in 1781, who married in 1804 Jacob Grubb in Logan Co., KY. She died in 1840 in Washington Co., IN.
MRS. CECIL BARTH RICE, 87, OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
Mrs. Cecil Barth Rice, 87, of Charlotte, NC, died March 22, 1987. A retired employee of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., she was the widow of Charles Fenton Rice. One of 11 children, Cecil was born Oct. 29, 1899 at New Martinsville, WV, was valedictorian of her high school graduating class and received a B.A. degree from George Washington University. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy R. Chanon, and two sons, Charles Jr. of Silver Spring, MD, and C. G. of Arlington, VA.

FREDERICK M. RICE, 67, BANGOR, MAINE, BUSINESSMAN
Frederick M. Rice, 67, of Bangor, ME, and Vero Beach, FL, died Jan. 13, 1987. He was born in Bangor Oct. 31, 1919, son of Arthur Frederick & Amy (Martin) Rice. A World War II Army veteran, he was owner of the C. H. Rice Co. and vice president of Jordan Meats. He had served on the Bangor YMCA board of directors, was past president of the Maine Meat Packers Association and of the Penobscot Valley Country Club, was a charter member of the Bangor Municipal Golf Course and served on numerous local and state golfing boards. In addition to his wife, Geneva (Parady) Rice, he is survived by four children, Frederick Rice of Brewer, ME, David and Timothy Rice of Bangor, and Marilyn Rice of Holden, ME; a brother, Charles Rice of Hermon, ME; and, two sisters, Evelyn Grant of Tequesta, FL, and Mary Phillips of Cape Elizabeth, ME. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Bangor.

NATALIE D. RICE, 85, OF BANGOR, MAINE, NURSING ADMINISTRATOR
Natalie D. Rice, 85, died March 6, 1987 in Bangor, ME, where she had been born March 4, 1902, daughter of Joseph P. and Ella (Drinkwine) Rice. A 1925 graduate of Eastern Maine Hospital School of Nursing, Natalie studied public health at Simmons College, Boston, and was an Army Nursing Corps lieutenant. During a long, active career, she was at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., and was an obstetrical supervisory nurse in Washington and New York City before returning to Bangor in 1941 to serve as the city's public health nurse for 26 years, then as student health supervisor at Eastern Maine Medical Center. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Bangor.

FRED ARNOLD RICE, 59, OF TOPEKA, KS, RESEARCH CHIEF IN HUMAN RESOURCES
Fred Arnold Rice, 59, of Topeka, KS, died Feb. 3, 1987. He was chief of research for the State Department of Human Resources. A World War II Navy veteran, he had worked for the state since 1953. Fred was born April 17, 1927 at Lyons, KS, son of Fred T. and Florentine (Beineke) Rice. He was reared at Salina, KS, and was a 1950 graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University. In addition to his widow, Dorothy Thieme Rice, he leaves two daughters, Pamela K. Thieme and Penny R. Thieme, both of Topeka; and, two sons, Craig B. Thieme of Mulvane, KS, and James T. Rice of Topeka.

MILDRED V. (RICE) DYER, 93, OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE
Mildred V. Dyer, 93, died Jan. 18, 1987. She was the widow of Alvah L. Dyer. Mrs. Dyer was born Feb. 12, 1893, daughter of Elmer "Cobb" Dyer of West Buxton, Margaret Colwell of Ellsworth, Lena "Toody" McNutt of Belfast, Scott R. Dyer of Steuben, and Paul M. and Peter M. Dyer of Gouldsboro. There are 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Burial was at West Bay Cemetery, Gouldsboro.

NORMAN C. BACHELOR--Norman C. Bachelor, father of the Epistle editor, died April 18, 1987. He descended both from Edmund Rice, a founder of Sudbury, Mass., and from a pre-Revolutionary War Rice settler of German ancestry in New Jersey. (See page 4 of this Issue)
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Dear Friends,

This may be the most difficult EPISTLE issue I've ever prepared. Much of it was written on a rented typewriter—which skipped spaces—while I helped mother sell and move out of the family home built 30 years ago by my parents in Bedford, PA. Another segment was written in brief snatches of time here at home while I helped mother move into her Machias summer home. We're still getting her settled into her Maine residence, where carpenters and a plumber are winding up their projects.

The hardest part of preparing this issue, however, is that I reluctantly must announce that I have to give up my editorship of our family magazine. Many of you know that the research, publication and preservation of Rice, Carpenter and Batchelder genealogical material has been, for me, a labor of love. Giving up THE EPISTLE is akin to losing not one, but many, family members. I do it with sorrow and a sense of loss. Unfortunately, I find I am over-extended in many directions. Financial and family responsibilities demand more of my time than ever before.

It is my cherished wish that our family magazine continue. I have the single largest collection in the world of data on all known U.S. branches of the Batchelder, Carpenter and Rice families. To pack it away in boxes where it cannot be shared with others would be a shame. I also have some selfish reasons. My retirement project was always envisioned as compiling three genealogical encyclopedias...one for each of these three surnames. It was to involve going through all my personal archives and all the family data I've already published, punching into the computer all the references to family members of past centuries. The result was to be a hard-bound book listing our ancestors A (Aaron) through Z (Zebedee). However, with no existing family magazine and no way to get in touch with our family researchers, there would be no way to get the encyclopedias to you.

If THE EPISTLE is to continue, I need your help. Several options for it continuing under other editorship are listed on page 4 of this issue. Would you give them your consideration? Also outlined is the procedure to be followed if the magazine is to cease publication.

I hope—time and other obligations permitting—to be able to provide an expanded, over-sized September issue, even if it means I cannot get it in the mail to you until mid or late October. Meanwhile, I ask for your continued patience and understanding.

Warmest wishes!

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Briefing Our Readers

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Editor's Statement: Present EPISTLE subscription revenues cover the costs of supplies, printing and postage, but no recompense for the editor's time and labor.
- The editor will turn over all mailing lists and unpublished data at no charge, but there will be a small fee for printing out lists and the packaging and mailing of materials.
- The editor will, if requested, act as a consultant on operation of the newsletter and is willing to contribute material for publication on an infrequent basis.

OPTIONS FOR CONTINUING THE EPISTLE

1) That some present reader take over THE EPISTLE and continue it in a similar fashion, with the new volume to begin in January of 1988. (Recommendations: a) That the new owner be able to finance the purchase of a computerized, inexpensive desk-top printing system; the magazine is now printed at cost on the present owner's offset printing equipment; utilizing a commercial printer is not cost effective. b) That the new owner be able to finance a mailing to Batchelder, Carpenter and Rice family members nationwide to obtain enough new subscribers so the editor can at least be partially paid for working on the magazine; computerized surname mailing labels can be purchased from an Ohio firm.)

2) That THE EPISTLE be split into three separate surname publications, one each for the Batchelder, Carpenter and Rice families. (Recommendations: a) That each family establish a nationwide association, covering all branches of the family, so that a future change in editorship not threaten the continued publication of the newsletter, and so the duties of editing the publication, printing the publication and promoting association membership with a nationwide mailing be shared by three to five people. b) That each family publication be issued quarterly and until numbers warrant be approximately 16 pages in length and reproduced on good photocopying equipment that handles line drawings and has reduction capabilities.)

TERMINATION OF THE EPISTLE

Your editor's role in publishing THE EPISTLE will end with the completion of the current volume. The September issue is the last scheduled one and probably will not be ready until sometime in October. If none of the above options can be worked out, information on such matters as obtaining refunds if you've paid ahead will appear in that issue. I hope, instead, to be able to then announce plans for someone to continue the work of publishing the fruits of our family research. Keep your fingers crossed!

CAN YOU HELP US CONTINUE?

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, OR WOULD AT LEAST LIKE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL ME (ROSEMARY BACHELOR) COLLECT AT 207-255-8437.
- Take over the EPISTLE and continue it in a similar fashion.
- Assume complete responsibility for one family newsletter (Batchelder, Rice or Carpenter).
- Take prime responsibility for organizing a family association (Batchelder, Rice or Carpenter); assist someone else in founding such a family organization.
Batchelders of Beverly, Mass.:

Seafarer & Wife Have Roles in Revolutionary War Events

This story of a seafaring Batchelder of the 1700's and his spunky wife was pieced together from a reader-submitted item and some follow-up investigating by your editor.

First came a photocopied item submitted by Ginger M. August of 32 Stetson Way, Princeton, NJ 08540. It is from Edwin M. Stone's 1843 History of Beverly, Massachusetts. Your editor then found additional data on Capt. Josiah Batchelder and his wife, Hannah, in Frederick C. Pierce's 1898 Batchelder Genealogy.

The old history, in recounting 1809 events in Beverly, says:

"December 10, 1809, Josiah Batchelder, jr., Esq., deceased, aged 73. He was the son of Josiah Batchelder, who served in the expedition against Port Royal in 1707, under the command of Capt. Benj. James, of Marblehead, and died at the advanced age of 88. Mr. Batchelder (Jr.) early commenced a nautical life, and by energy of character, soon rose to the command of a vessel. In 1761, on his passage from Georgia to St. Christopher, with a cargo of lumber, he was taken by a French privateer, and, after being detained twenty-four hours, succeeded in obtaining the release of his vessel for two thousand three hundred pieces of eight. For the payment of this sum he was retained a hostage on board the privateer while his vessel, under the charge of his first officer, was despatched to St. Eustatia or St. Christopher for the money. In the meantime he was carried into Martinico and thrust into a filthy prison, from which he obtained release, and proceeded to St. Christopher, where he entered a protest against the whole proceedings.

"Mr. Batchelder was early a warm, devoted and energetic friend to the cause of freedom, to promote which he made large pecuniary sacrifices. His fellow-citizens honored him with their confidence by electing him six times to represent their interests in the General Court. He was also elected a member of the Provincial Congress in 1775, and again in '76, '77 and '79, and in both assemblies was placed on the most important committees. His extensive business and public station made
for him a large acquaintance at home and abroad, and his numerous guests were entertained with a generous hospitality. For many years Mr. B. discharged, with great acceptance, the duties of a justice of the peace; and when, by act of Congress, Salem and Beverly were formed into one district, he received the appointment of surveyor and inspector, which office he held until his decease. He was thirty-five years a member of the first church, and departed this life leaning, with unshaken confidence, on the Christian’s hope."

Josiah Batchelder was born at Beverly, MA, Sept. 25, 1736, a son of Josiah and Mary (Leach) Batchelder. His father served on Beverly’s committee of correspondence and safety from 1773 until the end of the Revolutionary War. Josiah and Mary’s other children were Hannah, William, Anna, Amos, Samuel, Betty, Hepzibah and Abner.

The elder Josiah was a son of Josiah and Mary (Raymond) Batchelder of Salem, MA, and grandson of John and Mary (Herrick) Bachelor/Batchelder of Salem. This John Bachelor was a son of the John Bachelor who was born in England in 1610 and came to America in 1636.

Our Josiah Batchelder, the seafarer, married Feb. 18, 1760, Hannah Dodge of Beverly (1744-1797), daughter of Capt. Caleb Dodge.

(Story continued on the next page)
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Josiah Batchelder, son of Josiah and Hannah (Dodge) Batchelder, was born June 3, 1776 in Salem, MA. He married, May 11, 1799, Sally Fowler of Andover, MA, born Feb. 17, 1777, a daughter of John and Dorothy (Farnum) Fowler. Sally died in 1857.

Josiah graduated from Dartmouth College in 1796. He then studied medicine and was graduated at Harvard in 1799. Josiah devoted his life to the medical profession. He lived for a time in Billerica, MA, then moved to Maine, settling near Portland and practicing his profession in nearby Falmouth and Westbrook. He died at Falmouth, ME, Feb. 5, 1857.

The children of Josiah and Sally (Fowler) Batchelder were:

1. Josiah Batchelder, born July 26, 1803; died Sept. 26, 1804.
3. Josiah Batchelder, born July 29, 1810; died in May of 1878. He married, in 1852, Jane Blair. They had a daughter who married Henry Tolman.
4. Frederic Augustus Prince Batchelder, born May 6, 1812; died Sept. 28, 1871. When a young man, he moved to Clayville, RI, and worked at his trade making combs. There he married in 1842 Almira I. Mathewson of Scituate, RI. They resided for a short time at Foster, RI, then moved to Leominster, MA, a town largely devoted at that time to making combs and horn goods. During the Civil War Frederic served in the army for 17 months.

The only grandchildren known by name are the two daughters of Frederick and Almira Batchelder. They are:

1. Sarah A. Batchelder, who was born in 1843; she was unmarried and lived at Leominster, MA.
2. Alma Maria Batchelder was born at Johnston, RI, Feb. 1, 1855. She married at Leominster, MA, Nov. 29, 1877, Fred A. Clapp. He was born at Conway, MA, April 27, 1850. Their children were:
   a. Florence Alma Clapp, born Sept. 8, 1878, Leominster, MA.
INTRODUCTION

The following material was provided by John F. Weeks Sr., RFD 7, Box 53, Gunstock Hill Rd., Laconia, NH 03246. It is taken from Ezra Straw's HISTORY OF MERRIMACK & BELKNAP COUNTIES, NEW HAMPSHIRE, published ca. 1892.

THE BATCHELDER FAMILY

Rev. Stephen Bachilor\(^1\), the founder of the family in this country, was probably from the southern part of England, as he certainly preached at a village a few miles north of South Hampton, in the county of Hants, England. The town of Hampton, New Hampshire, was so named at his request. Rev. Stephen lived in Holland a number of years, and sailed from London to Boston, Mass. in 1632. He went directly to Lynn, Mass., where he planted the first church. His daughter, Theodate, wife of Christopher Hussey, also lived at that place. He lived at Lynn until 1636, and went from there to Newbury, Mass., and from there to Hampton in 1638, then to Portsmouth, New Hampshire about 1647. He lived there until 1650, went back to England about 1655 and died at Hackney (London) in 1660, in his 100th year. His third wife, Mary, whom he married in 1650, was a bad investment, and he could not live with her. She was a widow, whose real character he did not understand. This third wife Mary petitioned court for a divorce soon after, upon the ground he had married a fourth wife, which there is no evidence of whatever, as he was 94 or 95 when he went back. The woman whom Mr. Bachilor was justified in leaving was soon convicted of immorality that brought a sentence of thirty lashes and marking with the letter "A". His son Nathaniel had three wives and 17 children. He was a man of prominence for many years; in fact, he held a leading position until his death in 1710.

There were at least six Bachelders who settled in Loudon and were descendants of the Rev. Stephen Bachilor. First, Josiah, born in January, 1767, son of Deacon David of Hampton Falls. Lineage: Josiah 6 (David 5, Josiah 4, Nathaniel 3, Rev. Stephen 1).

MAJOR NATHAN BACHELDER was born Oct. 25, 1734, son of Deacon Ebenezer 2 (Nathaniel 3, Nathaniel 2, Rev. Stephen 1) of East Kingston, N.H. Major Nathan was a brother to Richard Bachelder, born Oct. 5, 1736. Nathaniel, brother to Major Nathan, was born Feb. 21, 1740. Abraham and Jethro Bachelder were sons of Jethro Sr. 4 (Nathaniel 3, Nathaniel 2, Rev. Stephen 1), making them cousins of Major Nathan, Richard and Nathaniel. Major Nathan settled at Loudon Ridge, N.H., where are living some of the descendants of this line. After the Major came to Loudon, he took the name of Esquire Nathan in all the business matters of the town. The descendants of the Bachelders who reside in Loudon are noted for being good citizens, are public-spirited, firm in their principles and honest in their purposes and aims.

ABRAHAM BACHELDER, Esq., and Jethro, his brother, came to Loudon (then Canterbury) near the year 1760, as Abraham Bachelder was chosen constable in 1765. Abraham was a man of large business capacity; a surveyor of land, he was engaged in laying out the town of Loudon in lots. He served as one of the town selectmen, and laid out and made the return of a large number of the highways. Abraham settled on land near the White Schoolhouse, having while traveling in the locality and looking for meadowland with his son, Abraham Jr., found the swell of land bordering upon the pond, covered with a most beautiful growth of birch, oak and white ash, and, at the earnest request of his son, concluded to settle at this place. They built a log house just north of the one upon the Ira Osgood farm, and land in the southeasterly direction towards the school house was the first cleared. Afterwards, Abraham Jr. built the northeasterly half of the old red Bachelder Mansion, as it now stands. This was called a pitched lot and contained 100 acres. It was afterwards divided by the highway to Gilmanton...During the first years of clearing the land many privations had to be endured. The first year they were short of food for bread and Mr. Bachelder was obliged to cut some of his rye before it was ripe, dry it as much as possible, and carry it...
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upon his shoulder to Canterbury for grinding, a distance of several miles. The corn
raised and used for bread was pounded in a wooden mortar into meal. This same mortar
is still in existence and consists of a maple log about two feet long, with the
bark still on, standing upon one end, while in the other is a cavity, made by burn­
ing out the wood by fire, in which corn or salt was placed and pounded with a
wooden pestle. The mortar may be seen by examining the attic of the old mansion.

JETHRO BACHELDER located at the village then known as Bachelder Mills. He was a
large land-owner, the proprietors giving him 400 acres as an inducement for him to
build mills upon the privilege at that place. The land given embraced that tract
now owned by Joseph P. Bachelder, and also the Cate farm. Mr. Bachelder built the
first house at that village, and it is known as the Captain P. Robinson house.
He was the ancestor of the race of Bachelders at the south part of town, and Abra­
ham was that of the line living at the Centre. The line of descent from Abraham
was Abraham Bachelder Jr., born in 1744. His wife, Anna Judkins, was born in 1750;
they married in 1772. Their children are: Nathan Bachelder, born in 1773; Abraham
and Josiah Bachelder (twins), born in 1775; Hannah Bachelder, born 1776; Josiah
Bachelder (2nd), born in 1779; Philip Bachelder, born in 1781; James Bachelder,
born in 1783; John Bachelder, born in 1785; Sally Bachelder; Jonathan Bachelder,
born in 1790; and, Judith Bachelder.

JONATHAN BACHELDER married Lois Wells and had a family of 12: Abraham, Mary Ann,
Stephen W., True, William T., Nathan, Nancy G., Sarah S., Hannah E., H. John,
John (2nd) and Benjamin.

BENJAMIN BACHELDER married Mary E. Bachelder of Meredith, N.H., and has a family of
two children, named Martha E. and John. He resides upon the farm and occupies
the original house, in part, that was built by Abraham Bachelder, Esq., his
great-great-grandfather. He has held the office of postmaster at Loudon Centre
a number of years.

CYRUS BACHELDER, who was the son of James, brother of Jonathan, lived in
Loudon and had two children, named James K. P. and Georgia, who married the
Rev. Warren Applebee. Mr. Bachelder has been elected to the office of selectman,
held that of town treasurer, and has represented the town in the Legislature.

JETHRO BACHELDER was born in 1723, married Abigail Lovering and had eight children:
William, Abram, Jethro, Daniel, Libby, Nathaniel, Jacob and Aaron. Mr. Bachelder
was at one time the largest taxpayer in the town, but from some reason lost and
consumed his property, until he was in old age provided for by his children, who
built a small house upon the hill near Mr. Abram Bachelder's, where he died, and
was buried in the village burying-ground.

LIBBY BACHELDER and Esquire NATHANIEL BACHELDER lived in Loudon and had large fami­
lies and were men of note in their day.

CAPTAIN ABRAHAM BACHELDER married Betsy Bachelder. She was born in 1759 and they had
11 children: Smith, born 1785; Zephaniah, born 1786; Olive, born 1788; Nathaniel,
born 1790; Gardner, born 1792; Betsy, born 1793; Asa, born 1795; Lois, born 1797;
Enoch W., born 1798; Joseph, born 1800; and, Clarisa, born 1802.

ZEPHANIAH BACHELDER married Mary Eastman and had seven children: Harmon E., Abra­
ham G., Mary, Arvilia, Genette, Martha and Louisa.

ABRAHAM G. BACHELDER married Rebecca Fifield and had five children: Fred, Frank,
Charles, Asa and Frank. Mr. Bachelder is a good representative of the family;
is a man of ability and judgement, and is often applied to for advice and
assistance in public as well as private life. He has acquired a good proper­
ty and has been successful in the profession which he has chosen for a
living.

DEACON HARMON E. BACHELDER married Clarisa Sanborn and has one daughter, who
married Samuel M. True. She has three children, Nellie, Blanche and Mary
True. Mr. Bachelder resides upon the homestead of his father, Colonel
Zephaniah, and is a large farmer and deacon of the Congregational Church of
Loudon Village.

GENETTE BACHELDER, daughter of Zephaniah, married William T. Wheeler and has no
children. Mr. Wheeler is engaged extensively in farming and has been success­
ful in his avocation.

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HENRY F. BACHELDER married Lydia S. Rogers and has three children, named Marion, Emma and Helen. Marion married Fred Lawrence and has one son, Henry B. Lawrence. Emma married Frank E. Robinson. Helen died in 1883. Henry F. Bachelder has been a trader in groceries and dry goods for a large number of years and has acquired a good property. He has held the office of postmaster at Loudon for 24 years. His life has been marked in his dealings with others by integrity and uprightness, and he is a respected citizen of his town. His business is now carried on under the firm name of Bachelder and Robinson, and they are extensively engaged, in addition to their trade, in lumber business and at present are the largest business firm in the town.

ABRAM BACHELDER married ?, Whitney of Canterbury and they have one child, named Ivy Bachelder.

ASA BACHELDER, brother of Zephaniah and Gardner Bachelder, married Rachel True and had seven children: Augustine, Abram, Roscoe C., Ancie, and three others who died in infancy.

ANCIE BACHELDER married Joseph Wiggin and had two children, Nattie and Gertrude Wiggin. Mr. Wiggin married, first, Eliza Walker, daughter of Ruel Walker, and had to her children Eddie, Willis, Gertrude and one other, name not given. Mr. Wiggin commenced the business of a tanner when a young man with Mr. Walker, and afterwards married his daughter. He soon became the owner and has since carried on an extensive business, and is a prominent and valuable citizen.

ASA C. BACHELDER, son of Abraham G. Bachelder (see previous page), married Jennie Badger and has five children: Edwin, Emory, Kate, Genette and Lillian Bachelder.


NATHANIEL BACHELDER, son of Jethro, had these children: Betty, born Feb. 10, 1783; twins Sally and Fanny, born Nov. 23, 1784; and, True, born July 20, 1794.

LIBBE/LIBBY BACHELDER, son of Jethro, had the following children: Nabby, born June 19, 1779; Peter, born Aug. 2, 1781; Dolly, born March 23, 1784; and, Polly, born Sept. 28, 1786.

WILLIAM BACHELDER, son of Jethro Bachelder, had these children: James, born March 18, 1784; John, born July 25, 1786; William Jr., born May 28, 1791; Hazen, born April 16, 1793.


JOSEPH BACHELDER was the son of Captain Abraham Bachelder, and was born in Loudon in 1800. He is the descendant of Jethro. He married Hannah Hill, by whom he had a family of six children: John Q., born March 10, 1826; Otis H., born in January, 1828, and died Nov. 17, 1859; Clarissa, born Jan. 6, 1830; Joseph P., born Oct. 21, 1835; Elvira A., born June 4, 1839; and, Roseltha, born April 17, 1845 and died Sept. 20, 1860.

John Q. A. Bachelder married Eliza J. Sanborn, daughter of Edmund Sanborn; he had lived in Massachusetts since age 25 and has no children.

Otis H. married Maria Howard of Lawrence, Mass., where he was in trade until his death and left no children.

Clarissa married Cyrus T. Bachelder; they reside in Peabody, Mass., where he is engaged in trade.

Joseph P. married Elvira A. Whitney of Canterbury and has one child, Alfred P. Bachelder.

The elder Joseph married, second, Abby J. Demeritt. Mr. Bachelder resides upon the homestead and occupies the pleasant mansion of his father. He is a most thorough and practical farmer and an honored and respected citizen.
His son, Alfred P. Bachelder, married Nellie M. Brown of Canterbury and has one child, Ernest L., which constitutes the sixth generation of Batchelders that have been born in this Batchelder* mansion and have lived in the same, beginning with Jethro.

Joseph Bachelder died in Loudon March 29, 1877. He was an able, upright and respected citizen of the town and was always deeply interested in the cause of education, the progress of science and religion. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church at the village of Loudon for many years. He was an excellent and practical farmer, having one of the finest situations in the town, upon which he has made extensive improvements. He was firm and decided in his opinions and unyielding in the principles he believed to be right. He did not interest himself in political matters to any extent and was never elected to any of the ordinary offices of the town. He was successful in the acquisition of property and at his death possessed a large and valuable estate.

A relic is retained in the possession of the family, which is the wig worn by Jethro Sr., who was a bald headed man. An interesting incident is related concerning his birth. While going for the necessary assistance the person, in crossing a brook, caught by an elm tree for support. It uprooted and was transplanted afterwards near the residence. It measured, in July of 1885, 17 feet in circumference. In the year 1800 a bear which had two young cubs was killed. The oil was taken from the old one. Some of it was sealed up in a small bottle and was shown the writer in 1885, it then being 85 years old. One of the cubs was killed with its mother; the other was taken to the breast of a woman who had lost a new-born babe.

Mr. Bachelder, upon the 50th anniversary of his marriage, was presented by his connections and friends, with a valuable gold-headed cane, which is kept in the family and highly prized.

*The transcript furnished by Mr. Weeks had the surname spelled with a "t" in this sentence.

#2111 - SOME JUDKINS - BATCHELDER FAMILY CONNECTIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MAINE

Editor's Note: As noted in Item #2110, the Abraham Bachelder of Loudon, N.H., who was born in 1744, married in 1772 Anna Judkins, who was born in 1750. We've recently heard from two readers about their Bachelder-Judkins connections. Their data follows.

Alberdean Payne of Route 3, Box 36F, Omak, WA 98841, seeks information on the Elizabeth Bachelder who married in 1777 at Fayette, ME, John Judkins. They had a daughter, Esther Judkins, born in 1784, who married Samuel Smith in 1801.

Kathi Judkins Abendroth, 1538 N.W. 60th, Seattle, WA 98107, has run across Bachelder, Rice and Carpenter connections while researching the Judkins family. She sends the record of the 22 Sept. 1744 marriage of Judith Judkins and Daniel Bachelder. Judith died in 1796 at Danville, VT. She was the daughter of Josiah and Hannah (Huntoon) Judkins, according to town records of Kingston, N.H. Kathi gives Judith's birth date as 17 March 1756, so either it or the marriage date is in error. Josiah Judkins was from Unity, NH, and had a son, Philip Judkins, who married Miriam Hunt and lived at Charlestown, NH.

According to Kathi, the vast majority of all early Judkins families in New England were related. She welcomes "any and all" Judkins data our readers are willing to share. Maybe some reader with a copy of Pierce's 1898 Batchelder Genealogy can check the index for Judkins families and send her brief notes on them. That may also turn up the parents of the Elizabeth Bachelder sought by reader Alberdean Payne. It's a task your editor regrettably does not have time for.

(See more about Kathi Abendroth's search for connections in the Carpenter and Rice family sections of this EPISTLE issue.)
The following note arrived March 5, 1987, from long-time EPISTLE reader Dana A. Batchelder of 258 South Sea Ave., West Yarmouth, MA 02673:

"Since you have published obituaries of long-lived Batchelders in the past, perhaps you would be interested in the following account. Frank E. Batchelder was my uncle and he died Feb. 15, 1971. He is descended from Joseph 3, Nathan 3, Joseph 7, Nathan 6, Nathaniel 4, 3, 2, and Stephen 1. The obituary is from the 'Exeter Newsletter', Exeter, NH."

Here is the obituary:

FRANK E. BATCHELDER

Exeter's oldest resident, Frank E. Batchelder of 21 Garfield Street, aged 98, died Monday at Mitchell Memorial Hospital in Brentwood.

He was born in Exeter, June 2, 1872, son of the late Joseph and Nellie E. (James) Batchelder. For 45 years he was a member of the Exeter Fire Department, and the Hook and Ladder Company, and a member of Wehanownowit Order of Redman, and was holder of the Boston Post gold-headed cane.

He is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Bertha Robertson of Saugus, Mass., Mrs. Eva Sullivan, Mrs. Margaret Searles and Mrs. Nellie Herrin, all of Haverhill, Mass., and Mrs. Helen Caverhill and Mrs. Agnes Bertrand of Exeter; one son, John J. Batchelder, Exeter; 16 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Brewitt Funeral Home, 14 Pine St., Exeter, conducted by Rev. Sestino Continelli, pastor of the Methodist Church. Burial will be in Exeter Cemetery.

Norbert (Bud) Batchelder, 65, of Edmonds, WA, died March 15. Surviving are his wife, Zella; two sons, Doug and Paul Batchelder; his mother, Gladys Batchelder; and, a brother, Robert Batchelder. Services were held March 18 at Beck's Family Chapel in Edmonds.

One branch of the Batchelder family held its 20th reunion July 12 in Stephentown, New York, home of host and hostess Jack and Pat Brazie.

More adventurous family members kicked off the festivities Saturday night with a party at the nearby home of John and Debi Brazie, when folks brought their musical instruments, crazy stories, etc., for a "let-your-hair-down" gathering.

The Sunday reunion schedule included a professional clown, balloon games, face painting, a raffle and auction, potluck buffet, contests, camping, swimming and other activities, such as the "Hatfield & McCoys" theme dress contest and prizes for the person who could identify the most reunion goers by their baby pictures.

Promoters of this reunion came up with a new definition of their gathering:

BATCH.........a group of persons
ELDER........one who is older
FAMILY........a group of persons of common ancestry
REUNION.......a reuniting of persons after a separation

This adds up to: A group of persons who are older with a common ancestry, reunited after a separation.

If you'd like to be in touch with this group, contact Millie Beman, 44 Church St., Lyons, NY 14489. She puts out their news sheet.
ANYBODY HAVE IDENTITY OF MAINE OPERATIC TENOR WILLIS E. BACHELLER?

The information on this and the facing page was submitted by reader Pat Pickard of Bangor, Maine, a frequent EPISTLE contributor. She collects old books, newspapers and other memorabilia, often finding her "treasures" at auctions. Does anyone have family data for this Willis Bacheller?

WILLIS E. BACHELLER.

When Philip Hale, the eminent critic of Boston, heard Mr. Bacheller make his debut at the Worcester Festival in 1892, he said: "Mr. Bacheller has a voice of which great operatic tenors are made." Mr. Wolfe, also a Boston critic, said at the same occasion: "Mr. Bacheller, the gifted young American tenor, may well be proud of his success. He has a voice of abundant power and range; his enunciation is perfect. His study abroad has been most careful."

Nordica, our celebrated Maine prima donna, said to Mr. Bacheller when she heard him in London: "I am convinced that you can do anything with your voice which you will to do."

Mr. Bacheller possesses a dramatic tenor of unusual range and quality: a typical oratorio voice. He is a native of Knox County, Maine, was educated at Kents Hill Seminary and College. He supplemented this course of study by a three years' course of lessons under V. Vanini, the justly celebrated voice teacher in Florence, Italy; also with Wm. Shakespear in London, with whom he studied oratorio, and also in Paris and Munich.

On Mr. Bacheller's arrival in this country from his studies abroad he went almost immediately to California, and in the five years he remained there made for himself a name celebrated as a concert and oratorio singer.

Two years ago Mr. Bacheller came to New York, and since that time his integrity as a public singer has been ever growing. Among this year's engagements have been the Handel and Hayden of Boston, the Brooklyn Oratorio Society, singing the Messiah with both societies.

Mr. Bacheller is the sole tenor of the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, one of the most celebrated churches in a musical way in Greater New York.

Mr. Bacheller as a Maine singer has often been heard in concerts in the State, but has never before appeared in the Maine Festivals. The great success that he has attained elsewhere confirms the belief that he will prove a valuable addition to the Festival artists and gain new laurels by this appearance.

(See related art work on next page)
The following probate notice was published in the Jan. 14, 1928 edition of the Bangor (ME) "Daily Commercial":

CHARLES L. BACHELDER, late of Bangor, deceased. Petition that Willis Bachelder or some other suitable person may be appointed Administrator without bond, presented by said Willis B. Bachelder, son of said deceased.

How is this Willis Bachelder connected, if at all, to the Willis Bacheller of Item #2115. Anybody out there have answers?
Elsie Carpenter, Age 97, Recalls Community's History

Bloomington

Dixie's modern-day bedroom community south of St. George has a rich pioneer history.

(This article is taken from the May 1, 1987 edition of the WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, NEWS. It was forwarded by EPISTLE reader Lelah (Rice) Brown, who lives in St. George, Utah, and is one of our original subscribers.)

by Linda Sappington
COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

( Editor's Note: This historical article on Bloomington was done in connection with the opening of a new LDS chapel. An open house is being held in the new building today.)

Many residents of Washington County believe that the community of Bloomington had its beginning in 1968 when a Salt Lake City firm purchased the land for development. But Bloomington and her sister city, Price (originally known as Heberville), are synonymous with the faith, endurance and perseverance of the early Mormon pioneers who settled southern Utah.

Bloomington, as a settlement, dates back to the spring of 1870 when Lars James Larsen built a "substantial rock house, approximately 18 feet by 30 feet in dimension" near the present-day site of the LDS Chapel. The chapel today is surrounded by condominiums that house more than the total combined population of both pioneer communities. The original Bloomington Branch of the church consisted of a few families of Latter-Day Saints residing in a cluster of homes located on the north side of the Virgin River. William H. Carpenter, one of the members of the Mormon Battalion, and his sons resided in homes and on the surrounding farmlands located at the site of the Bloomington Country Club.

Because Bloomington had no formal organization of its own, education and religious activity took place across the river in Price City. "Even our drinking water had to be brought in from St. George," remembers Elsie Carpenter, age 97, of St. George. "The river water was unfit to drink."

Mrs. Carpenter, the daughter of Lars James Larsen, remembers crossing the river every morning to go to school "because they had more children in Price City than we had in Bloomington." But while Price had more children, Bloomington had its own rare commodity - trees. "Every summer activity involving the two communities took place in Bloomington," she remembers. "The folks in Price would come across the river for the 4th and 24th of July - or for whatever reason - because we had shade."

Because her father had been arrested for polygamy and was imprisoned in Salt Lake City, Mrs. Carpenter was born in Richfield instead of in...
ELSIE CARPENTER RECALLS HISTORY OF BLOOMINGTON, UTAH — (Continued)

The family's home in Bloomington. After her father's arrest, her mother went home to her family, where the baby girl was born. "But Father made good use of his two years in prison. He studied and received his teaching degree during that time," states Mrs. Carpenter.

The communities of Bloomington and Price City were originally established for experimentation in growing cotton and broom corn. It had already been proven that cotton could be grown successfully in areas such as Santa Clara and Washington City. Church authorities believed that with these successes, cotton could be profitably grown, as well, along the Virgin River. In order to test that theory, President Brigham Young fitted a small party of Saints in January, 1858 under the command of Joseph Home to establish a cotton farm on the Virgin River. A dam was completed in March, 1858, and by April the ground was sufficiently irrigated to begin planting crops of corn, sugarcane and cotton. In the first year, the little company took 570 pounds of ginned cotton and 160 gallons of molasses to Salt Lake City.

The cotton, according to Mrs. Carpenter, was ginned in the Washington Cotton Mill. "It took two full days roundtrip to the mill and back home," she states. The fabric made from the cotton was similar to an unbleached muslin. Those early pioneers used the fabric to make underwear. "It was stiff and coarse and did little good to keep out the winter cold," she reminisces.

The second year was one of frequent storms, which seriously weakened the dam and destroyed part of the irrigation ditch. By the end of the second year, the community of Heberville, named in honor of Heber C. Kimball, was temporarily abandoned until the winter of 1869-70. President Erastus Snow advised the reoccupation of Heberville as a cooperative farming company. In 1874, Brigham Young instituted the United Order in the community under the name of "Price City United Order" requesting that the community be renamed Price instead of Heberville.

(STORY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)
ELSIE (LARSEN) CARPENTER RECALLS
THE HISTORY OF BLOOMINGTON, UTAH
(Continued)

Lars James Larsen had also successfully raised broom corn in Bloomington and eventually broom-making became an industry in that locality. Mrs. Carpenter remembers working in the broom factory located at the site of the Bloomington Fire Station. The broom handles came from Pine Valley, where the wood grows very straight. As a child it was my job to paint the broom sticks. As I painted, I can remember watching the others scrape and cut the broom corn to size and thinking 'that doesn't look so hard,'” she states. But when her turn came, she found that it did require some training and skill. It was only after many attempts that she was able to produce a respectable broom.

The Price Ward of the St. George LDS Stake consisted of the families residing in the two villages of Price and Bloomington, about 5 1/2 miles from St. George. The Price Ward was organized in January, 1879, and in 1904 was disorganized when the few remaining families moved to Bloomington. At its peak, Price City had a main street running east and west and no more than 10 families with familiar names like Blair, Sullivan, Fawcett, Hutchings, Wulfenstein, Akin and Miles.

When Bloomington grew larger than Price, Mr. Larsen petitioned the school board to move the school across the river. At the town meeting when the idea was first suggested, a Price City resident advised “Throw him in the river.” But the decision was made in favor of Bloomington and the broom factory was selected as the site for the school. Bloomington’s first school teachers was Edna Cragun. According to Mrs. Carpenter, there was always competition between the two communities and those feelings heightened after the school was relocated. “I was only 8 years old when the Bloomington/Price City ‘war’ was taking place. I had freckles and wore my white hair in four braids. One day on the schoolground I went to battle with Price Hutchings, also 8 years old with red hair and freckles,” laughs Mrs. Carpenter. “By the time the afternoon was over, my braids were out but his mouth was bloodied. We finally quit fighting, not because anything had been decided, but because we were too tired to continue. No one tried to stop us. It was like everyone in town needed that fight to clear the air.”

Mrs. Carpenter remembers Sister Wulfenstein (“It’s been so long, I can’t remember her first name, she quips). The Price City resident raised chickens and sold them at the Apex Mine. The miners would come into town and buy eggs and chickens. One day a miner, when he thought no one was looking, killed one of Sister Wulfenstein’s chickens and stuffed it into his guitar case. It happened to see the deed done through the upstairs window and sent one of the children to ‘Brother Miles, the Justice of the Peace,” who quite settled the difference by production of a ponde.
ELSIE (LARSEN) CARPENTER RECALLS
THE HISTORY OF BLOOMINGTON, UTAH
(Continued)
from the guitar case and demanding payment.
Revenue to the county produced by the Apex
Mine was the means by which a beautiful new
schoolhouse was built. The school, located just south
of the irrigation ditch, has lots of windows, and was
made with "real bricks" instead of the customary
adobe. The school stood proudly in Bloomington
until 1924. By then Bloomington and Price City
residents had relocated to St. George, or had been
enticed away by "Idaho fever." The schoolhouse
was dismantled and the bricks were used to
construct the home of LeRoy Larsen, still standing
to day in St. George.
The Bloomington of today is "beyond the wildest
dreams" of those early pioneers. More than 900
family homes dot the hills where Indian villages and
broom factories once stood. An additional 200
condominiums and town homes are nestled in and
around the community. The Bloomington Branch
and the Price Ward which provided for the religious
needs of about 100 people, has grown into the
Bloomington Stake housed in two buildings. The
newest meetinghouse is located at the corner of
Young Street and Brigham Road. "Mormon" music,
lyrics popular today as well as those played on the
pipe organ, the centerpiece of the chapel. An open
house will be held today and the community is
invited to attend and tour the new building.
In a book from the Washington County Library,
dated 1930, it states that "Bloomington has been
deserted. No one lives there anymore." What a
change has occurred in 50 years!

THANKS, FELLOW GENEALOGISTS

A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE MORMONS

Your editor would like to take this
opportunity to thank the Mormons for
all they have done for the world of
genealogy in general and for THE
EPISTLE and its readers in particular.
The Mormons have the single largest
genealogical collection in the world
and make it available to the general
public. Many EPISTLE readers have uti­
ilized this material and some of it has
appeared in back issues.
A unique belief of the Mormons is the
doctrine of sealing, a sort of vicar­
ious salvation by "baptism for the
dead." They also believe persons who
are married in the Mormon temple are
wed for "time and eternity," and the
children of such marriages keep their
family position forever. Persons not
born of such marriages may be "sealed"
into the family relationship, be they
living or long dead. Thus, Mormons try
to locate their ancestors so they may
"seal" them into the family and into
the Mormon faith.
Although your editor has no Mormon an­
cestors, I do have an ancestral "link"
with Brigham Young, early Mormon lead­
er. I descend from one of his first
cousins. Since many Mormons do descend
from Brigham Young and have traced his
ancestry, I have benefitted from their
research on many of Brigham Young's
paternal ancestors, all of whom are my
own.
Erastus Snow's great-granddaughter has built-in enthusiasm about Dixie


When Hortense Snow Carpenter was a child, she had no problem getting to school on time. Her home was on Tabernacle Street, almost straight across from the Watson (now Dixie) Drug, and she attended the Woodward School.

"We could wait until the bell rang, then run down the street to get in line. A teacher would play a march on the piano, and we would file in."

A few weeks ago, Hortense visited her old school, finding it "just the same" as when she attended more than a half-century ago. "Where's the piano?" she asked the teachers. Well, that's one change. There's no march music now to keep the youngsters stepping in rhythm.

Hortense, widow of the late Alvin Carpenter of Utah and California, is a great-granddaughter of Erastus Snow, famed leader of the LDS pioneers in southern Utah. It is recorded that this charismatic man led the hard-pressed Dixie pioneers by gentle persuasion, and the power of his will, his integrity and his intellect.

Today, Erastus Snow's descendant divides her time between Green Valley, where she has a condominium, and Provo. Her husband taught at Brigham Young University for 10 years following his retirement from the University of California. He was an expert in the field of agricultural economics.

Her Green Valley condo is on the third floor, commanding a sweeping view of the Virgin River Valley. "And I can see Pine Mountain," she said in near-reverential tones.

When she was growing up, Hortense said, she and her family would escape the summer heat of St. George by going to Pine Valley. "You could stand by one of those big trees, no insects to bother you, and the temperature would be just perfect. I love that place."

She has a built-in enthusiasm about Dixieland, past and present, but admits that "I can't believe the growth in St. George." When she attended Dixie College, it was situated in the stone building on 100 South and Main now housing the arts and recreation activities. "There were about 300 students, and St. George was a struggling town of about 3,000 people."

In those days, she said, the gymnasium was in a building where the Washington County Library is situated, and the science classes were held across the street east from the main structure.

The Snow family home on Tabernacle was spacious and well-built, and Hortense doesn't know why her brother, Eric Erastus Snow, had it torn down. The elegant front door, equipped with a doorbell activated by a twist of the fingers, wound up as the door to Eric's cabin in Pine Valley. He was prominent - mayor, a bishop, operator of the E.B. Snow Furniture Company on Main, and, best of all, in his estimation, a Scoutmaster. She recalled his repeated statement, "I'd rather be a Scoutmaster than a bishop."

Her father was known as E.B. Snow though the "E" was for Erastus. "He didn't hold high church positions," she said, "but he always paid his tithing, and did his home teaching. He was a good man."

E.B. enjoyed his hobby of farming. He had property in the Washington Fields, and some lots below the St. George Temple. "He used to say, at big family dinners, 'I grew everything on the table but the salt and pepper.'"

Hortense remembers vividly how her mother would bottle hundreds of quarts of fruit, and also dry fruit in the summer. "That was hot work. She would say, 'run downstairs and get some more bottles.' Fruit festivals were held in the basement of the Tabernacle, which also was home for her LDS ward. "That was a short trip too."

During the Great Depression, Wilford Wrightson, who was the Snow family's doctor as well as the bishop, said to E.B. "The Lord has made it known to me that I'm to send your daughter on a mission." E.B. replied, "If she's called, we'll send her." She went to San Diego, with no training whatsoever. "It was rough."

But Hortense and her associates made headway through the Primary Association. "And the mission did me a lot of good. I had been shy and insecure, but when I enrolled at the BYU I was able to stand on my feet and talk." She was a good student, graduating in 1934.

She taught home economics at Hurricane High School for a year, then was managing Snow's Drug Shop on Main Street in St. George, when Etta Scorup, home economics supervisor, came by and asked, "What in the world are you doing here?" Hortense said she didn't exactly know. She said she liked the people and the shop, "but there certainly isn't anyone around I can date."

The upshot of this encounter is that she went to Utah State University, where she met Alvin Carpenter, a native of Manw. Their courtship was..."
HORTENSE SNOW CARPENTER (Continued)

ALVIN CARPENTER'S COURTSHIP INCLUDED TWO YEARS OF LONG DISTANCE LOVE LETTERS
YEARS LATER THEY WERE RE-READ, LOVINGLY BOUND AND SAVED

Hortense had traveled considerably in Africa (a son is there working for the U.S. State Department), in Europe and elsewhere. She doesn't get around so nimbly anymore following a serious knee operation. "But I can laugh and groan. I've had a good life. I was 76 years old in April."

As I turned to go following our pleasant conversation in the Green Valley condo, I noticed something that seemed out of place in the plush surroundings. "What's a section of log doing on that beautiful carpet?"

Hortense chuckled. "Ronald Nelson (a sister's son) found that in Pine Valley, and gave it to me."

Our special thanks to reader Mrs. Lelah (Rice) Brown of St. George, Utah for sending this newspaper clipping. She has been a frequent contributor to the EPISODE over its many years.

BRIGHAM YOUNG AND HIS FOLLOWERS REACH UTAH

They had moved westward in search of a place where they would be free to worship as they pleased.

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CARPENTER FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

#2117 - CARPENTER FAMILY BURIALS IN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Professional genealogist John C. LaPiana of 313 Cooper Lane, Dewitt, NY 13214 has contributed more Carpenter data than we are able to use at present, but we have found room for this list of Carpenter burials in Chautauqua Co., NY. John will be remembered by many readers as author of the featured article on Onondaga Co., NY Carpenters in this year's March edition.

BLOCKVILLE CEMETERY, TOWN OF HARMONY, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, N.Y.

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GRANT CEMETERY, TOWN OF HARMONY, NY

Addie A., wife of N.D. (1859-1900)
Augusta, adopted daughter, age 35 (1877-1897)
Leo M. (1897-1898)

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John LaPiana also forwarded copies of two Carpenter probate records:


ISRAEL CARPENTER - His will, dated Sept. 27, 1862, names his wife, Hannah, sons Harmony & Reubin (the executor), daughters Harriet Carpenter, Sallyette Hamilton, Julia Sweet, Clarissa MWilliams & Jane Beddo, and daughter-in-law Sarah, wife of deceased son, Morrison Carpenter, as well as their son, Herbert Carpenter. Israel owned extensive property and a grist mill at Harmony in Chautauqua County, N.Y.
The following data was contributed by C. Robert Carpenter of 30 Oliver St., North Easton, MA 02356. He descends from David Fuller Carpenter (born 1785) through his son, Edwin (b. 1819), and grandson, Ezra Fuller Carpenter, who married Clara Leach in 1873. C. Robert Carpenter Sr.'s dad, Guy Carl Carpenter, was a son of Ezra and Clara.

Excerpt for 7th Annual Report, 1961, Missisquoi Co. (Quebec, Canada) Historical Society

Death and Funeral Notices:

**Edwin Carpenter - Abbotts Corner**
March 11 (special) The death of Edwin Carpenter, aged 94 years, took place at the home of his daughter on Thursday morning. The deceased had been gradually failing for some time. He was one of the oldest area residents. Rev. Mr. Eagleson of Frelighsburg conducted the interment at New Cemetery, Abbotts Corner. He leaves one son and one daughter, Charles Carpenter and Mrs. H. H. Hibbard, and was father of the late Ezra Carpenter.

**Olive Farnam Carpenter - Abbotts Corner**
Mrs. Olive Farnam Carpenter, wife of Edwin Carpenter, died on the 24th Nov., aged 87 years. Her funeral was held on the 26th at the home of H. H. Hibbard and attended by Rev. Mr. Munsell of Frelighsburg, with interment at New Cemetery. She is survived by one son, Charles E., and one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Joy Carpenter Hibbard.

Hanson Hannibal Hibbard, son of Breman Johnson Hibbard, married Lucy Joy Carpenter, the daughter of Edwin Carpenter, whose home was where Mr. Guy Dufresne now lives. Mrs. Hibbard's grandfather, David Fuller Carpenter, lived on the farm later known as Arnold Bridge Place and was occupied by Rene Lessard. It is interesting to note that David Fuller Carpenter married Lucy Joy, whose family lived on a small farm in the middle of a long steep hill between Frelighsburg and Abbotts Corner.

The school, also brick, was erected in a mid-section of land purchased by Edwin Carpenter, who either sold or donated the land just east of his home.

**David Fuller Carpenter**, born June 30, 1785, married Aug. 24, 1808, Lucy Joy, born June 21, 1788. Children: Edward (1809-1812?), Charlotte (b. 1811), Mary (b. 1814), Lucy B. (b.1816), Edwin (b. Jan. 6, 1819), Eliza (b. 1821), David (born and died in 1823), David (b. 1824 & d. 1826) and Sarah (b. 1826).

**Eliza Winefred Carpenter**, born 20 Oct. 1877, married William Hazzard
Merritt Carpenter was born Oct. 29, 1878, Abbotts Corner

Death Certificates Available:

**Edwin Carpenter** (farmer), buried March 6, 1913, Abbotts Corner, #2, Methodist

**Olive Farnam Carpenter**, buried March 24, 1905, Abbotts Corner, #2, Methodist

**Hanson Hibbard**, died 1914, buried Abbotts Corner, #2, St. Armands East, Baptist

**Lucy Joy Carpenter**, buried Abbotts Corner, #2, died Sept. 14, 1947, Baptist

**Ezra Carpenter**, born Oct., 1851; died April 14, 1893; Anglican (Church of England), Episcopal

**Clara Leach Carpenter**, born April 22, 1851; died Oct. 12, 1893; Anglican (Church of England) Episcopal

Headstones for most of above read at Abbotts Corner, #2; other headstones include:

Lorenzo Schofield, born April 26, 1809; died Aug. 8, 1876
Charlotte Carpenter, wife of Lorenzo Schofield, born Sept. 28, 1811 and died Dec. 30, 1884. (She was Edwin Carpenter's sister)
Eva J. Schofield, daughter of Lorenzo and Charlotte, died at age 3 months, 21 days

(Mr. Carpenter also has death data for members of the allied Basford and Farnam families.)

Cowansville Methodist Cemetery:
Lucetta Carpenter, wife of Thomas Sloggett, died June 24, 1886, aged 55 years and 7 months.
Thomas Sloggett, known as Hone, died May 22, 1902, in his 80th year.
ITEM #2118 - Continued

**Baptist Church Records**

David F. Carpenter was born June 30, 1785, was married Aug. 24, 1808, and died Dec. 17, 1860. He was buried Dec. 20, 1860. His gravestone reads age 75 years at death, but his death certificate gives 77 as the age at death. His first wife, Lucy Joy, was born June 21, 1788 and died Nov. 10, 1830 at age 42. No death record has been found for her. His second wife, Lydia, died July 2, 1860. Lydia was the widow of Salmon Baker, who died April 3, 1822 at age 39. She may have been the daughter of James and Olive (Basford) Schofield. David and Lydia lived at St. Armand when they died.

**Cemetery Inscriptions, Abbotts Corner, #1**

The gravestone inscriptions for David Carpenter and his first wife, Lucy, give the birth and death dates noted above. Also buried here are:

Sarah L. Carpenter, daughter of Edwin and Olive Carpenter, died Feb. 12, 1864, age 15 years and 11 months.

Albert D., son of Edwin and Olive Carpenter, died Feb. 17, 1852, age 23 months.

Henry A., son of Edwin and Olive Carpenter, died Jan. 11, 1861, age 5 years, 10 months.

An infant son of Edwin and Olive Carpenter died in 1857.

ITEM #2119 - NEW READER SEEKS PARENTS OF JOHN CARPENTER OF PHILADELPHIA AND ASKS STATUS OF RESEARCH ON CARPENTER ANCESTRY IN ANCIENT ENGLAND

A recent note from Dean Gernon of 1302 E. Mountain View Ave., Glendora, CA 91740, asks if there has been any follow-up research further clarifying and documenting "the excellent article on the Carpenter family in England" which appeared in a 1971 issue of our former quarterly newsletter, "The Carpenter Family News-Journal". Well, some of our readers have explored these lines, but your editor is not aware of any new information pertaining to pre-1600 Carpenter ancestors in England. However, the person most likely to be aware of the current status of English Carpenter research is Raymond George Carpenter, a contributor to the earlier article, who has since retired to Florida. He's an EPISTLE reader and if he has anything to report most likely will contact you soon.

Dean also submitted the following inquiry:

Seeking information on parents, wife and children of John Carpenter who wed Tresscer(?) Louis. One of John's sons, Alfred Tyler, was born ca. 1834 in Philadelphia and died 8 July 1915 in New York City. Alfred Carpenter married 1) Mary Sinclair and 2) Mary (McCann) Chase.

ITEM #2120 - AN OLD SHEEP MARK FOR NATHANIEL CARPENTER OF FOXCROFT, MAINE

In the first part of the 19th century and until years after the Civil War, the farmers of Maine kept large flocks of sheep. Each had to select a sheep's mark to distinguish his sheep from those in his neighbors' flocks. Copies of this mark, with the name of the flock owner and a description of the sheep, had to be recorded in the town where the owner resided.

In 1922, "Sprague's Journal of Maine History" published such entries taken from an old record book belonging to Charles E. Washburne of Foxcroft. It lists that town's sheep owners and their marks from the 1820's.

One of the earliest entries in this old record book lists Nathaniel Carpenter among the early Foxcroft sheep owners. His mark was: "A Crop off of the right Ear and a Slit in the same". Some of the other marks consisted of a swallow's tail or halfpenny mark. These marks were so common that usually they are combined with a crop of the ear or a slit to come up with enough variations so there were no duplicates. The owner also had the flexibility of left or right ear and top or bottom side. Whatever he registered, however, he had to stick with.
ITEM #2121 - MURRAY CARPENTER, MAINE RADIO STATION EXECUTIVE, FROM PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY

(The following biographical data is taken from Modern Maine: Its Historic Background, People and Resources (Vol. III), Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York.)

MURRAY CARPENTER

In Portland, radio station WPOR modestly proclaims that it is the city's favorite station, a statement that the polls of listeners has substantiated. Since its inception, Murray Carpenter has been identified with this enterprise, having been president of the corporation for practically all of its time on the air. Experience in New York City amply fitted him to carry on the many and demanding responsibilities of his position, and the popularity of WPOR attests his skill and executive abilities.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on Oct. 3, 1915, Murray Carpenter is a son of William T. and Ethel (Tyson) Carpenter. His father, a native of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, is currently chief chemist for the Department of Public Works, City of New York. His mother was born in Brooklyn.

After attending the grammar schools of his birthplace, Murray Carpenter studied at the Brooklyn Technical High School, from which he was graduated. The first employment of note he engaged in was that of bell boy with the Panama Pacific Steamship Company Lines, work that appealed to his imagination, if not to his finances. After six months, in the autumn of 1934, he started as a messenger with the Compton Advertising Company of New York City. He worked his way up to supervisor of media, and as such resigned in 1945.

He had a lot of promotion and foundation work to do, but on March 22, 1946, WPOR became effective as an affiliate of the American Broadcasting Company. Since the spring of the following year, Mr. Carpenter has been president of the corporation, responsible for its successful operations and services rendered the public. A New York research expert recently enquired of 2500 citizens of the Portland area: 'Which city station do you like best? Forty-two and seven-tenths percent named WPOR.

Murray Carpenter has entered several organizations and civic activities in Portland. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Cumberland Club, the Portland Club, the Portland Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and figures prominently in the Maine Publicity Bureau. He attends the Williston Congregational Church.

On April 23, 1938, at New York, Murray Carpenter married Harriet Lang, daughter of Harry and Erna (Millon) Lang. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are the parents of three children:

ITEM #2122 - ARE THESE MOSES CARPENTERS OF NEW YORK ONE OR SEPARATE MEN?

We've just received an interesting question from Margaret Cass of 920 Andorra Road, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444, a new EPISLE reader. She writes:

I'm having a problem or two with my ancestor Moses Carpenter. Perhaps your magazine has already dealt with this. In the Amos Carpenter book (1898) on page 83 it says Moses Carpenter 302 (180%) was killed in the Battle of Minisink. This same Moses on page 154 is shown to have four children, some born after the Revolution. On page 83 it says that Isaac Carpenter visited his brother Moses in Onondaga County (NY), where Moses lived until he died in 1829. Were there two Moses Carpenters? One who died in the Revolutionary War and one who lived in Onondaga County, NY?

Editor's Reply:

In working on the last EPISLE issue (May, 1987, Vol.13, No.4), I ran across a Moses Carpenter of Elbridge, NY, who settled there in 1794 (see left column, pg. 18 of that issue). When I turned to Amos Carpenter's book in search of this Moses I found the man (or men?) you refer to and was similarly puzzled. "Your" Moses had kin in the Monroe family and that's why he seemed a likely candidate for ancestor of the Elbridge, NY Carpenters. Hope some reader can help us out. How about you, John (John LaPiana)?

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Dear Ms. Bachelor,

I have placed two inquiries with you in the last several years, hoping to solve a family adoption puzzle. Last year I met a researcher in an old courthouse in Shelbyville, Indiana, and he provided information that allowed me to solve our family puzzle.

My grandfather, Elza Ross, was told when he was fifteen that he had been adopted by his aunt and uncle. His real name was Carpenter. To make a long, long story short, Elza's mother turned out to be a half-sister to his aunt. I now need any information concerning the following Carpenter families:

1880 Census, Lucas Co., Iowa:

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<td>Ina J., dau.</td>
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<td>Maria</td>
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<td>Lewis Z., teacher</td>
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(Lewis Carpenter is probably Williard's father)

1885 Special Census, Lucas Co., Iowa:

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<td>2nd wife Sydney</td>
<td>30, Indiana; she is reader's great-grandmother</td>
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<td>Ellsworth</td>
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<td>Lucas Co., Iowa; he is Judith's grandfather, Elza</td>
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<td>Ina</td>
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<td>NY</td>
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Widow Sydney (Morgan) Turpen married widower Willard D. Carpenter, March 22, 1883 in Lucas Co., Iowa. Willard also used the name D. W. Carpenter. Sydney died Nov. 13, 1885 in Lucas Co. of typhoid fever.

My great-grandfather, Willard D.*, apparently showed up around 1900 and told Elza that he was a Carpenter. Elza ran away and joined the army at age 17. He died in 1923 of pneumonia. Willard D. Carpenter was not on the 1910 census of Lucas Co., Iowa.

Any help you could give me would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Judith Goff
909 Yosemite Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46217

Editor's Reply:

Hopefully, one of our readers will come to your rescue. I do so wish I could find time to search the files here for you and other readers, but I haven't even found time to do more than scotch tape my glasses after the frame broke two months ago. I'm hoping someone will take over THE EPISTLE and let me be an "editor emeritus" who pokes through the files trying to help out folks like you, letting me submit EPISTLE items whenever I wish!

Good luck!

* His name is given some places as Willard and others as Williard. Likewise, names of some of his children are spelled one way in the 1880 census and another in the 1885 census.
"I'm curious to find out if the Rices and Carpenters were just good friends of the Judkins family, or was there some relationship between them," writes Kathi (Judkins) Abendroth, 1538 N.W. 60th, Seattle, WA 98107.

Here are some of the Carpenter references she found:

Samuel and Dorothy (Gove) Judkins were married in 1789 in Sanbornton, NH and moved to Orange Co., VT. In Samuel Judkins' pension record (#W7949), a Carlos Carpenter made a deposition to knowing both Samuel and his second wife, Betsey (widow of Josiah Conant), from their childhood. Samuel states in the pension application that he was formerly of Brentwood, NH. When his deposition was taken 24 March 1853, Carlos Carpenter was town clerk of Orange, VT. Kathi would like a birth date, and place, for Carlos, thinking it may help her pinpoint where Samuel Judkins was born.

She is also interested in information on the Comfort Carpenter who was a member of the Universalist Society at Charlestown, NH, in 1795, as well as on the Comfort Carpenter who built a grist mill and saw mill in Stanstead Co., Quebec, Canada. (He may be the same Comfort as Constant White, the millwright who superintended the work, was from Charlestown, NH.) Judith (Judkins) Bachelder (see page 12 of this issue), daughter of Josiah Judkins of Kingston, NH and born in 1756, was in Stanstead Co. and died in Danville, VT. In addition, Samuel Judkins Jr. and Lorain M. Judkins both sold land to a Comfort Carpenter Smith in Kennebec Co., Maine in the early 1800's, and Jacob Judkins and Comfort Carpenter Smith were involved in a 1799 land sale in Lincoln Co., Maine.

(See more about Kathi Abendroth's search for connections in the Batchelder and Rice family sections of this EPISTLE issue.)

#2125 - DOES ANYBODY HAVE FAMILY DATA ON FRANKIE CARPENTER, ENTERTAINER?

The following entry appeared in the Feb. 4, 1928 edition of a Bangor, Maine newspaper. In order to set the record straight, we should explain that the item is in a column titled "Bangor Happenings Thirty Years Ago". However, for some strange reason, the column is dated 1897. Brief items describe the 1897 season's "coldest day", when the mercury dipped to 31 below; the death of a former Maine Governor, Harris M. Plaisted; "hundreds of workmen" sent out to dig the city out of its drifts following "a great storm"; and, three area men making plans to set out for the Alaskan Klondike, then scene of "the great gold rush". Following is the item which interested us:

February 4 - Opera House packed when Frankie Carpenter, The Bright Little Star of the East, and Jere Grady, opened a week's engagement. "Pawn Ticket 210" and other well known plays are to be presented.

Can anybody tell us more about this Frankie Carpenter? When and where was he born? Who were his parents? What became of him?

#2126 - MORE MAINE CARPENTERS: SHE CAME FROM PLASTER ROCK TO VISIT HER FATHER IN HOULTON

This item is from the April 8, 1928 edition of the "Bangor (Maine) Daily Commercial". By then "the snow has gone off so quickly from the streets that it is almost impossible to get about...trees have been cut and laid over them." But back to the Carpenters:

Miss Florence Carpenter of Plaster Rock is the guest of her father, Frank B. Carpenter, on Elm St. (Houlton) for a few days.

Carpenters have been way up north in Houlton since it was first settled and we have made various references to them in past EPISTLE issues. Your editor, however, has yet to see a genealogy of them showing the earliest settlers and their descendants. A good genealogical project for someone, some day...
Andrew Jackson Rice was born on June 3, 1814 in Madison County, Alabama (then Mississippi Territory) to Joel and Elizabeth Green Pryor Rice. He was their 13th (and her 16th) child. As he was born within a month of the date when Andrew Jackson and his buckskin clad troops passed through Huntsville on their triumphant return from the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, Joel and 'Aunt Betsey' were furnished with a name for their youngest (and last) offspring.

Elizabeth Green Pryor had first married Captain Edwin Hickman in 1787 in Henry County, Virginia, and had three children by him before his untimely demise at the hands of unfriendly Indians in 1791 in what later became Hickman County, Tennessee.

Joel Rice married the widow Hickman in 1793 and undertook the nurture and education of a ready-made family. But it was not long before Green Pryor Rice came along to establish the Rice dynasty—thirteen in all. Joel and Betsey resided at Hickman's Station, in Davidson County, Tennessee, eight miles from Nashville, until they moved to Madison County, Mississippi Territory, in 1810 and took up residence on the farm property Joel had purchased earlier that year at government land sales in Nashville.

Andrew Jackson Rice spent his youth on his father's farm on the south slope of Drake's Mountain, in the 'Big Cove' just south of Huntsville. As a stripling of little more than age 21, 'Jack' Rice wooed and won (over opposition of her parents) the hand of Sarah Elizabeth Ewing before her 16th birthday. She was a daughter of Stephen S. and Sarah H. (Carter) Ewing, natives of Lee County, Virginia who became prominent and wealthy residents of Huntsville, Alabama.

Andrew Jackson Rice and his bride lived in Madison County from the date of their marriage, Nov. 26, 1835, until sometime in the early 1840's, when they moved to Arkansas, taking with them their first three sons: Andrew Jackson Rice, Jr., who died at an early age; Stephen Ewing Rice, and Elisha Rice. Mary (Mollie) Rice was born in Arkansas Sept. 11, 1845.

By 1850, the Rice family was living in Titus County, Texas, and in 1860 they were living in Victoria County, Texas. Joel Rice was born in Sequin, Texas, April 15, 1852, which indicates the family also lived in Guadalupe County, Texas. (This son, Joel Rice, died in Gadsden County, Florida, in 1931.)

Turner Rice's article on Green Pryor Rice appeared in the January, 1986 Epistle (Vol. 12, No.2). We have a correction to that article: The p.30 list of G. P. Rice descendants states great-great-granddaughter Lucy J. (Durr) Hackney was wife of Sheldon Hackney, president of the University of Pennsylvania. We had a nice note from Lucy, who is the Penn president's wife and has had a role in refurbishing an old Philadelphia mansion to serve as permanent residence of the university president.


I have no death data for Elisha Rice, the son born in 1841. He had seven children by two wives. They are: Stephen E., Ollie, Lee, Annie J., Lucille, Ewing and Marie Rice.

With the advent of the Civil War in 1861, the Andrew Jackson Rice family moved to Florence in Lauderdale County, Alabama. Both Andrew Jackson Rice and his son, Stephen Ewing Rice, served in the Confederate armed forces.

Andrew Jackson Rice enlisted in the 16th Alabama Regiment, organized in Courtland, Alabama, Aug. 8, 1861. He was made first orderly sergeant, then transferred to Ordnance, as sergeant. From this assignment he became Ordnance Officer of the brigade, with a commission as first lieutenant. He acted as brigade ordnance officer at the Battle of Shiloh in early 1862, and was transferred to Roddy's command, where he became a captain.

Andrew J. Rice was captured by Yankee raiders in August of 1862, while on leave visiting his family in Florence. He was taken to Tuscumbia as a prisoner, but either escaped or was freed by his captors. Family legend has it that during the war Captain Rice learned his wife was desperately short of funds. He applied for leave, slipped through enemy lines to his former home in Texas, where he sold his property for gold, and returned to Florence with the gold in the same venturesome manner.

The Battlefield of Franklin, looking north from Winstead Hill.
Captain Stephen Ewing Rice enlisted in a Victoria, Texas company and fought throughout the war, being wounded twice, once during the battle for Atlanta, and again at Franklin, Tennessee (see photograph below). After the war, he engaged in transporting Mexican horses to Alabama for resale.

Following the end of hostilities, Captain Andrew Jackson Rice returned to Florence, where he resided until around 1876. The 1870 Lauderdale County census shows A. J. and Eliza Rice, and John Robert Key--and all their families--as residents of Florence. Stephen Ewing Rice married a Florence girl in 1871 and presumably lived in that town for a period.

In 1876, Andrew Jackson Rice and his entire family, including the Keys, moved to North Florida, some settling at Hermitage in Gadsden County, while others lived in Apalachicola and River Junction and Quincy.

Sarah Elizabeth Ewing Rice died Nov. 11, 1898, and Andrew Jackson Rice died June 6, 1901. Both are buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Gadsden County, Florida.

Captain Andrew Jackson Rice was described by fellow officers during the Civil War in these terms: "He was outspoken, brave and irascible." Full many a Rice male has fit this pattern.

About the Author

Turner Rice has contributed many items on his branch of the Rice family to The Epistle. Now, at age 84, he has discontinued his research. Turner has the original oil portrait of Andrew Jackson Rice as a young man. Tradition says it was slashed by a Yankee general's sabre when he learned Captain Rice had eluded his would-be captors. The portrait remained damaged more than 100 years until Turner, in his words, "decided practicality should overrule nostalgia" and he had the portrait restored. Turner's address is Apt. 710, 2717 Highland Ave., Birmingham, AL 35205. Another researcher of this branch of the family is Lyle O. Wright, 14928 Quarry Rd., RR#2, Oberlin, OH 44074. His wife is a descendant of Andrew Jackson Rice.
Woman, 77, searching for mother's grave

By DALE BURKE
The Pueblo Chieftain

COAL CREEK — When "bushwhackers" killed Mary Jensen's great-grandparents in 1858, it started a chain of events that renewed her determination to find her mother's grave.

Mrs. Jensen, 77, last saw her mother 72 years ago when her parents separated in Plattsburg, Mo.

When she was 12 years old, a phone call notified the family of her mother's death in an automobile accident. Mrs. Jensen remembers her father speaking into the phone, saying, "I don't care what you do with the body."

She wasn't even told where the accident happened, and for the next 55 years she could only wonder. But in 1977 an incident in Montana gave her the spark she needed to actively pursue her search.

"I was there at a retirement party for my second husband, Tony, and I was telling a story about my grandfather and his twin sister," Mrs. Jensen explained recently while sitting in her "mining shack" of a house.

Although an auto accident several years ago left her with a serious head injury and little if any short-term memory, Mrs. Jensen remembers past events sharply.

As the story goes, her grandfather's parents were killed by bushwhackers, Confederate soldiers on a foray into the north. Her grandfather and his twin sister survived to be picked up by a wagon train several days later.

Unfortunately, they were put in separate wagons and never saw each other again. He ended up in St. Louis and she in Montana.

Mrs. Jensen's story rang a bell with someone at the retirement party who said he had heard the same story from an old man living close by.

After comparing notes, Mrs. Jensen discovered she was related to the old man through her grandfather's twin sister, and in her enthusiasm, she started visiting gravesites in Montana to trace the genealogy of that side of the family.

She then realized the same thing could be done to find her mother.

Using one of her mother's cookbooks she had retained from childhood, she started searching for graves bearing the name "Kelly", and found many in Missouri. She tracked relatives from those gravesites to more Kelly's in Cripple Creek, and then learned that she was on a dead end trail. Her mother's name was Rice, not Kelly.

Elena Rice.

The discovery was made by a private investigator hired by one of her brothers, "the rich one", who has spent what Mrs. Jensen calls "a fortune" in the search. "And he's still looking," she said.

Mrs. Jensen belongs to a genealogy club and, although she is hindered by old age and asthma, she spends her time checking out local gravesites out of curiosity. Her goal still is to find her mother's burial site.

"We just don't have any idea where it could be," she said. "We think she may have been on a trip to California when the accident happened, but that's all we know."

If anyone knows where a woman named Elena Rice was buried in 1922, Mrs. Jensen would like to hear from them.
Dear Rosemary Bachelor,

I have been so pleased with the two issues of THE EPISTLE that I must order some back ones...I have searched my family lines for years but never tried the Rice family. It seems to be such a well known name and didn't know where to start.

Last fall I made a trip to Clark County, Ohio to search my grandmother Chamberlin. I found that her mother was a Rice. A page had been printed by some one in the daily paper some time around 1926 (no date on page). It gave the Rice family history, back to Deacon Edmund Rice. It was a great find. I have bought "The Rice Family," by A. H. Ward and "By the Name of Rice," by Charles Elmer Rice. I have learned about another book which I would like very much to get. Do you know anything about it? It is called "Rice Family, Clark Co., Ohio," W. H. Beers, 1881-1907. Has it been reprinted? Where can I get one?

I am sending you my charts and the lineage back to Edmund Rice, the immigrant. I hope to return to Springfield, Ohio this summer to further my research on the Rice family. I have had no luck with my father's family (Shepler) or my mother's (Rezinovich). On the Chamberlin line I have done pretty good. They go back to Hingham, Massachusetts. I'll be watching future issues for your answers.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Shepler
P. O. Box 251
Griffith, Indiana

Richard Shepler's Line of Descent is:

2. THOMAS RICE, born 1622, Buckinghamshire, England; married 1652, Mass., Mary King,
3. THOMAS RICE, born June 30, 1654; died 1747; married 2nd, his cousin, Anna Rice, who died May 2, 1731. She was a daughter of Edward Rice.
4. THOMAS RICE, born 1683; married July 2, 1722, widow Mary (Holloway) Oakes.
5. ASA RICE, born Aug. 8, 1725, Westborough, Mass.; married Elizabeth Livermore, daughter of Jonathan Livermore and Abigail Bail (Bail), born in 1725 and died in 1775.
8. POLLY (MARY) RICE, born Oct. 17, 1809, NY; died at Bellefontaine, Ohio; she married Lansing Chamberlin Nov. 27, 1827, Clark Co., Ohio. Polly died Jan. 21, 1892. Lansing was born Oct. 20, 1806, NY, and died Oct. 8, 1879, Union City, Indiana.
9. CAROLINE CHAMBERLIN, born 1830, Dayton, Ohio, and died Apr. 21, 1899 in California. She married John D. Shepler July 15, 1856 at Bellefontaine, Ohio. They lived in Ohio, Kansas and California.
10. JOHN CLIFFORD SHEPLER, born May 25, 1870, Kansas, and died June 20, 1928, Sacrament, Calif.; married Josephine Rezinovich Nov. 4, 1903, El Paso, Texas; she was born Sept. 4, 1884 in Austria, and died June 7, 1973 in Oakland, California.

* Other sources identify her as Tamazine Frost.
Editor's Reply:

How fortunate you were to pick up eight generations of your Rice lineage from an old newspaper clipping! I'm sure many readers will be envious. That's how it goes. Some of our ancestors are nearly impossible to trace and it takes years to pin down and authenticate each generation. Then, perhaps when we are most discouraged, we have a breakthrough and locate several generations through one source.

It looks as though you have at least three lines of descent from Deacon Edmund Rice, via both Thomas Rice and his wife, Anna, & then through their great-grandson Israel's mother-in-law, Dorothy Rice. It's possible you may have a fourth line through Lois Moore, mother of Lucy (Pool) Rice. I'm sorry I don't have time to check it out for you. Some of the early Westboro, Mass. Moores married Rice women and had descendants who went to Vermont just after the Revolutionary War.

I am not familiar with the book on the Rice Family of Clark County, Ohio, but if any of our readers are, they'll probably get in touch with you. W. H. Beers edited in the late 1800's several county biographical encyclopedias in the Midwest. Could it be that what you are referring to is the biographical encyclopedia for Clark County, which probably contains individual biographies of Rice family members? If this is a possibility, you might check with the genealogy department of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, library (one of the best in the country), or with the local library in Springfield, Ohio.

Here's wishing you continued good luck on your family research!

#2128 - THREE EARLY RICE RESIDENTS OF ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

(The following biographies were extracted by reader Kristina Carpenter of Ashtabula, Ohio, from a two-volume set titled "Onondaga's Centennial," edited by Dwight H. Bruce and published in 1896 by Boston History Co. Isn't it nice how our families help each other out? Thanks, Kristina.)

Residents of Onondaga County, New York

EDWIN RICE of Otisco was born in Otisco, New York, May 2, 1836, one of nine children of Levi and Catherine (Reed) Rice, both natives of Massachusetts, he born in 1799. The grandparents of Mr. Rice were Jonah and Mary (Hoyt) Rice, both natives of Old Malby, Mass., where they were married. They went to Ashburnham, then to Otisco, where they spent their lives. Levi Rice came to Otisco about 1821, and after six months returned to Massachusetts, returning with his wife to Otisco Valley, where they engaged in farming and there spent their lives. Mrs. Rice died in 1838 and Mr. Rice was afterwards twice married, first to a Miss Wheeler, by whom he had two children, also adopting one making twelve in all, and second to a Mrs. Austin. Mr. Rice died in 1889. Our subject was educated in Homer Academy and in 1862 bought the farm of 61 acres, where he resides, and which he has increased to 115 acres. In 1859 he married Lizzie A. Wheeler and had one daughter, Nettie E., who died at age ten. His wife died March 1, 1862, and in 1863 Mr. Rice married, second, Harriet L., daughter of Ansel and Nancy Bacon of Cortland Co. They have had four children: Walter A., who was educated at Onondaga Valley Academy and is now a practicing lawyer at Grand Rapids, Mich., and married Nellie A. Munson, daughter of William K. Munson, a fruit grower of Grand Rapids, and has two children, Carleton E. and Leland M.; Jonas M. Rice, educated at Onondaga Valley Academy, now engaged in newspaper work in Syracuse, New York; Minnie E., who is blind and attended the State Institution for The Blind at Batavia, New York, and Emma L., now attending the High School at Grand Rapids, Mich.

SMITH RICE of Dewitt, N.Y. was born in Washington Co., N.Y. in 1847, son of James and Harriet (Smith) Rice, natives of the same county. When Smith was 5 years old the parents moved to Oswego Co., where the father died in 1876; the mother resides in Monroe Co., N.Y. Mr. Rice was educated in Falley Seminary and came to East Syracuse in 1876. He at first engaged in the grocery trade about 5 years, then in the livery business about the same length of time. He was justice of the peace 12 years, and supervisor and superintendent of the poor. In 1873 he married Addie Moore of Fulton, by whom he has one child, Roy.

RICE, J. J. of Dewitt, dealer in dry goods and notions, gent's furnishing goods, boots, shoes, etc., was born in Oswego Co. in 1863, son of O. A. Rice, a resident of Albion, Oswego Co. In 1884 he came to East Syracuse and was with Mr. Burnham 8 years, and in Dec., 1892 established his present business. In 1890 he married Lulu Fargo of Fayetteville.
The May, 1987 edition of THE EPISTLE included a line of descent from William Batchelder of Charlestown, Mass., extracted by your editor from a computerized lineage chart submitted for another publication by Charles L. Woodward, P. 0. Box 538, Coldwater, MI 49036. A sample copy was sent to him. Chuck turned around and shot off in the mail another of his computer-generated lineage charts, this one giving his descent from Edmund Rice. He writes: "Are we connected through the Rice family? Here is a print-out of my Rice connection. Any corrections would be appreciated."

**LINEAGE**


4. **JONATHAN HUBBARD MAJOR**, born 18 June 1683, Concord, Mass.; died 7 April 1761, Townsend, Mass.; married 26 Sept. 1704, Rebecca Brown of Watertown, Mass., and had 9 children. (His father was Jonathan Hubbard, above.)

**Editor's Note:**

You asked, Chuck, if we are connected? Do you mean you and me? If so, yes. We're first cousins, roughly 11 or 12 generations removed! I descend from Edmund through one of Samuel's brothers. We're kin several other ways too. I recall that when I looked over your other chart I noticed a half dozen or more ancestors in common. I'm writing this from Pennsylvania (working out of a briefcase again) so don't have your earlier chart in front of me to pick them out. Sorry!

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**#2130 - RICE FAMILY DATA GIVEN IN CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF GUILFORD, MAINE**

(The following data has been extracted from "Proceedings of the Centennial Celebration" of Guilford, Maine, 1816-1916, edited by John Francis Sprague. It appears that this data was re-printed in "Sprague's Journal of Maine History". Your editor has only three photocopied sheets submitted by a reader who does not have Rice ancestry.)

Daniel Rice, born Scarborough (ME), July 19, 1787
Mary, his wife, born North Yarmouth (ME), Sept. 11, 1782

**Children:**

Asa Lufkin Rice, born April 1, 1813
Abigail Rice, born in Guilford, March 15, 1815
Mary Rice, Jun'r, born in Guilford, Dec. 28, 1816
James Rice, born in Guilford, Nov. 29, 1818
Daniel Rice, Jun'r, born in Guilford, Oct. 5, 1820
Nathaniel Rice, born in Guilford, April 14, 1822
Levi York Rice, born in Guilford, Sept. 5, 1824
Rufus Rice, born in Guilford, April 14, 1827
Calvin Rice, born in Guilford, July 28, 1829
Calvin Rice (2nd of the name), born in Guilford, April 19, 1833
Eliza F. Rice, born in Guilford, Jan. 8, 1837

**Marriage:** William Ordway and Esther A. Rice were united in the bonds of marriage on the 31st day of March, A.D. 1835, by Seth Nelson, Justice of the Peace. (Guilford, ME) Attested to by Robert Low, Town clerk.
#2131 - CORRESPONDENT SEeks A RICE - JUDKINS FAMILY CONNECTION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE/VERMONT

Kathi (Judkins) Abendroth, 1538 N. W. 60th, Seattle, WA 98107, would like to know how the Rice name got into her branch of the Judkins family.

The Rice connection first appears in the name of Matthias Rice Judkins, a son of Samuel and Dorothy (Gove) Judkins, who were married in 1789 at Sanbornton, N.H. and moved to the town of Orange in Orange County, VT. Samuel later stated in a pension application that he was formerly of Brentwood, NH.

In 1850, Matthias Rice Judkins was living at Milton in Chittenden County, VT, and going by the name of Rice Judkins.

Can anyone help?

(See, also, Kathi’s inquiries about Judkins connections to the Batchelder and Carpenter families, found elsewhere in this EPISTLE issue.)

#2132 - RICE FAMILY DATA SOUGHT BY COMPILER OF BOOK CELEBRATING BICENTENNIAL OF ORRINGTON, MAINE

David Swett, Rt. 2, Box 35, Orrington, ME 04474, seeks information on some early Rice residents of Orrington, Maine. He is preparing a book to celebrate the community's 200th anniversary.

David needs the ancestry and family of Phineas Rice, who was in Orrington, 1772/1785. He would also appreciate data on any other Rices or members of allied families who lived in Orrington during its formative years.

#2133 - TWO RICES NAMED IN BOOKLET LISTING GRADUATES OF THE FARMINGTON, ME HIGH SCHOOL

A booklet titled "Graduate Catalogue of Farmington (ME) High School, 1883-1922" lists these two Rices:

Lillian P. Rice is listed as wife of 1892 graduate Merrill E. Fellows. He was a pharmacist, living at Second and Thomas Streets in Pomona, California, when the booklet was published.

Bertha M. Rice is among those graduating in the Class of 1903. She was unmarried and living in Farmington when the booklet was issued.

The following advertisement appeared in the Friday, Feb. 10, 1928 edition of the "Bangor (ME) Daily Commercial." It names E. D. Rice as manager of the People's Market, with locations on Broad and Water Streets in Bangor.

(Sure wish we could buy oysters at 85c a quart today!)
#2134 - RESEARCHER OF BOSTON RICES SEEKS CAPT. BENJAMIN RICE'S MAINE CONNECTION

Reader William A. Stickney of 12 Linda Rd., Wilmington, MA 01887, is back in touch for help tracking down another Rice family member. His research on a Boston, MA branch of the Rice family was outlined in the May, 1986 Epistle (Vol.12, No.4). He's still looking for more data on the ancestry of the Thomas Rice listed as a head of household on the 1790 census of Boston.

Bill's current search, however, centers on the identity of a Captain Benjamin Rice, who was born Jan. 24, 1827 and died in 1910. He married Sarah Stowers; she was born in 1829 and died Nov. 29, 1898.* Their children were:
1. Elizabeth Rice Hamilton, born Feb. 16, 1880#; died in 1935
2. Frank Willis Rice, born Nov. 10, 1863; lost at sea in 1896
3. Margaret Rice Darling, born April 16, 1866; died Feb. 9, 1942
4. Sarah Rice Mann, born Sept. 29, 1869; died in 1906

Bill's data on the Benjamin Rice family comes from material on the family of Benjamin's wife, Sarah Stowers. She was one of 10 children of Nathaniel and Abigail Stowers. Sarah's brother, James Palmer Stowers, was a sea captain. His wife, the former Clara Black, sailed with him on many voyages and died of yellow fever in South America on July 4, 1884. James subsequently married in 1897 at Brewer, Maine Josephine French, a school teacher. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. B. Merrill, husband of Benjamin's first wife's sister, Mary Agnes (Stowers) Merrill.

Editor's Notes:

Happy to hear from you again, Bill. I'm glad to print your query for information on Capt. Benjamin Rice. The photocopied sheet of typed Stowers family data you sent has some discrepancies in it (i.e., Mary Stowers' husband is given as Samuel French one place and as Rev. Benjamin Buxton Merrill another), but I extracted the meager Rice data from it. The only locations I find (Brewer and Searsport) are for Stowers family members. If, however, Capt. Benjamin Rice lived in either of those towns a good contact for you might be David Swett, whose address is given in Item #2132 of this issue. He is familiar with the genealogy of numerous families in that region.

Her death date is given as 1896 elsewhere on the data sheet Bill submitted.
# These children appear to be listed in birth order and her birth date of 1880 may be a typographical error (1860, perhaps). If she was indeed born in 1880 her mother was then about age 51.

#2135 - ANOTHER NOTE ON JOHN RICE, WHO ONCE OWNED SITE OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

This clipping from reader Helen Johnson of Jackson, TN, is from the Jan. 23, 1977 edition of The Commercial Appeal, published in Memphis:

75 Years Ago - Jan. 23, 1902

In 1783 John Rice secured a grant of 5,000 acres of land in West Tennessee and had an entry made of it in the land office of Hillsboro, N. C. Eleven years later Judge John Overton of Nashville bought the grant from Rice's heir. Judge Overton's vision of a great city on the bluff was prophetic and he showed confidence in his dream. In 1819 he and General Winchester came to Memphis to supervise the laying off of Front, Main, Second and Third from the Bayou Gayoso to Union. Overton was truly the father of Memphis. We recall these facts for the purpose of suggesting that the great new park in the eastern part of the city should bear the name Overton, a name so intertwined with the history of Memphis.

We have referred to this John Rice in past issues. He is brother of Joel Rice--and uncle of the Andrew Jackson Rice--featured in the story pages of this issue.
Last month's mail brought two queries from reader Ginger M. August, 32 Stetson Way, Princeton, NJ 08540. They are:

Seek parents/dates/issue for Charles Rice who married, before 1762, Miriam Clark, born 24 June 1744 at Keene, NH. She was a daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Geer) Clark of Preston, CT and Keene, NH.

Wish to know parents of William Kelsey Rice who married, 9 Oct. 1842, Lucy Witter Gear (1824-1899). A child, Lucy A. Rice, married a Clark and in 1920 was living in Salt Lake City. Ginger also seeks parents of Lucy Gear's parents, Moses and Sally (Thomas) Gear of Norwich, CT and Catskill, NY.

Editor's Notes:

There are several references to this Charles Rice in S. G. Griffin's 1904 History of the Town of Keene, New Hampshire. What follows is a summary:

- Page 174: Charles Rice was among men who marched from Keene in 1775 for Revolutionary War service; he was severely wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Quoted in footnote is a 1791 petition by Charles Rice which tells of his Revolutionary War service. He called himself "of Keene" then.

- Page 191: Another mention of Charles Rice being wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill.


- Page 220: The list of militia raised to march for the defense of Ticonderoga, N.Y., in 1777 includes, in the company of Capt. Elisha Mack of Gilsum, N.H., Charles Rice.

- Page 384: Mention is made of the October, 1821 death of Charles Rice, "an industrious and honest man," at the age of 94. It notes additional Revolutionary War service by Charles as one of 30 patriots who marched from Keene to Lexington, Mass., at the 1775 alarm, and states: "He had also served his country through the whole of the French and Indian War, 1756-60. He had lived some years in Surry."

- Page 421: Listed among those Keene residents who died in 1834 is "Mrs. Miriam, widow of Charles Rice, aged ninety".

Many of Keene's early settlers were from Connecticut, which adds weight to my suspicion that your Charles Rice, born ca. 1727, belongs to the Connecticut branch of the family. By the mid 1700's the Wallingford, CT, Rices had begun to spread throughout Connecticut and into other states. I quickly checked Wallingford records, but the earnest Charles Rice I find there was one born in 1759 to Joseph & Mary Rice.

We've printed various lists of Connecticut Rice family members in back issues of The Epistle. You may wish to check them for mention of this Charles Rice.

Since the parents of Charles' wife, the former Miriam Clark, had lived at Preston, CT, before moving to Keene, you might want to check Preston records for birth and marriage data pertaining to Charles Rice, or for mention of other Rices who could be his parents. Another suggestion: Check probate records for the Preston area to see if any Rice who died there named in his will a son, Charles, of Surry or Keene, N.H.

Good luck!
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As most folk will declare,
We'd like to rub Aladdin's lamp
And claim for you a share:
We'd like to wish for you once more
The thrills that Christmas brought
When handmade toys and extra sweets
Made up your happy lot.

Let's live again those childhood days,
And feast on memory's fare
When Christmas brought unmeasured joy
And left us naught of care;
Those stockings hung from mantelpiece,
The morning's glad surprise
When tinsel tree and scattered toys
Were first to greet your eyes.

Heel plate skates and handmade sled
(You must remember that)
A box of figs, a bag of dates,
A "Rocket" ball and bat;
Ribbon candy and red striped canes
That held so much allure,
Animal cakes and popcorn balls —
Those memories should endure.

If Christmas time is wishing time,
As most folks will declare,
We'd like to rub Aladdin's lamp
And claim for you a share
Of love, first born, in Bethlehem,
And then we'd wish again
His greatest wish for all the world
Peace on earth, Good will toward men!
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No one has yet come forward to "take over" heritage. Hopefully names, problems of interest and addresses will have to come from you because I'm running out of energy for single-handed enterprises.

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Bette Butcher Topp, armed with an impressive array of credentials, is getting geared up to publish your queries, family group sheets and other ancestral data. She publishes other individual surname booklets, as well as publications devoted to queries on German ancestors and queries on ancestral families in Rhode Island, Virginia and West Virginia. Betty has Carpenter ancestry, plus genealogical and publishing know-how. Her innovative approach involves issuing surname booklets on an irregular basis when time and material permit. Subscriptions aren't necessary. Instead, you get on the list by filling out a "standing order agreement". When a volume is ready, she sends it and you then return payment to Bette. I have one of her booklets at hand. It is well done and prices are reasonable. I'll be joining you as one of her readers.

To Our Rice Readers:

Susan Weeks Konantz, a Rice descendant, has turned her Rice Remembers newsletter into a surname booklet that is issued periodically. She'd be happy to add any Epistle reader to her mailing list. You pay for booklets as they are issued. Susan, an enthusiastic genealogical publisher, also has separate surname booklets for the Weeks and Mercer families. She brings to our Epistle readers contacts with additional Rice family researchers who may have answers you seek. Susan welcomes your queries, lineage summaries and other family data. Her next Rice surname booklet is due this winter. There is still time to submit material and get on the list. Prices are reasonable and the printed product is a well done, useful tool for Rice family researchers. I'll be among its contributing readers.

SPECIAL NOTE: The current Epistle subscription list is being furnished to Bette and Susan. Because we can't tell from the list what families some of you are researching, you may hear from them even though you are not a Rice or Carpenter descendant. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope you understand we're just doing our best to keep in touch with anybody who may be interested. - Rosemary
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NAHUM J. BACHELDER (1854-1934): A NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR

Profiled in this issue is Nahum J. Bachelder, who was elected governor of New Hampshire in 1902. Before then he had made his mark in many circles, particularly in the field of agriculture and most notably as nationwide head of the Grange. This is also the story of Highland Farm, an East Andover, New Hampshire homestead which remained in the Bachelder family more than 150 years. It was visited in 1977 by reader Stuart Batchelder, who took the pictures on page 10 of this issue.

Our editor has been trying for 10 years to get the bits and pieces of Nahum's life together in story form. It seems I've made it just in time.

Gravestone in Taunton Hill Cemetery marks burial site of Nahum, his wife, two of their children, and her brother.

Picture of Nahum Bachelder is identified underneath by his signature. It may have been taken when he was N.H. governor.
Nahum Josiah Bachelder was described in 1898 by his contemporary, Frederick Clifton Pierce, as being "a Republican in politics, but by no means a politician."

Pierce was a bit premature when making this judgement in the pages of his Batchelder-Batcheller Genealogy. In 1902 Nahum was elected governor of the state of New Hampshire!

Nahum was born Sept. 3, 1854 on the old family homestead at East Andover, N.H., the only son and eldest child of William Adams Bachelder and his wife, the former Adeline Elizabeth Shaw.

William Adams Bachelder (1823-1902), born on the same homestead, was the only son of Josiah and Sarah (Knowles) Bachelder. He succeeded to his father's farm, served as superintendent of schools, and was active in various community endeavors. William once recorded that from his front porch overlooking Highland Lake he could see nearly fifty acres of growing wheat.

The ancestry is traced back through William's grandparents, Josiah and Sarah (Adams) Bachelder, to Elisha Bachelder, son of Josiah and Sarah (Page) Bachelder. This elder Josiah was a grand-great-grandson of the immigrant, Rev. Stephen Bachelder, the founder of Hampton, New Hampshire; the three generations in between were each named Nathaniel.

Nahum was educated in the public schools, at Franklin (N.H.) Academy, and at the New Hampton (N.H.) Institute. After teaching school one year (1876-77) in the western part of Salisbury, N.H., he applied himself energetically to practical agriculture, but did act as Andover's school superintendent in 1885 and 1886.

He was for a time extensively engaged in market gardening, then switched his attention to choice dairying, establishing a herd of twenty high grade Jersey cows. At one time he supplied some of the leading hotels in the state with "gilt edge" butter. He also set out large orchards of Baldwin and Macintosh apples; it was in full production at the start of this century. When these trees began to produce fruit, the better grades were sold and the culls converted into cider and vinegar. Vegetable crops were experimented with, one time 75 bushels of cucumbers were made into cider and vinegar. Onions were another big crop, producing—according to Nahum—as many as 1,500 bushels from a two-acre field. Carrots were less successful and a 1,000 bushel crop proved difficult to market.

An amusing story is told about the onion crop. A local medical student, Charles F. Flanders (later destined to become a prominent physician in Manchester), was at that time paying court to Nahum's sister, Bertha. One dark night, as he whirled up to the house with high-stepping horse and buggy to take Bertha for a ride, he failed to notice that the whole driveway and yard had been spread with drying onions. Needless to say, the warmth of his reception was somewhat tempered by embarrassment and spiced with the aroma of freshly crushed onions. Apparently the incident did not seriously interfere with the romance, for later on Bertha became Mrs. Flanders.

During later years when Nahum's time was more fully occupied with Grange work, the governorship, and the Department of Agriculture, Highland Farm was operated less extensively than before. He did, however, carry out his own recommendations regarding summer boarders as an added source of farm income. Highland Farm, with its comfortably large house and spacious verandas, became a summer boarding place of considerable repute.

Nahum identified himself with the Patrons of Husbandry early in its New Hampshire history. He was four years master of the local grange and eight years secretary of the state grange before being elected its master in 1891 and serving twelve years at the helm of the state association. He was charter lecturer of the Merrimack County Pomona Grange and secretary of the New Hampshire Grange State Fair Association from its organization in 1886 (with the exception of one year) until 1896, when he declined re-election.

Nahum Bachelder then became prominent in the National Grange and was instrumental in having its 1892 session meet in New Hampshire and its 1895 meeting convene at Worcester, Mass. At the 1895 national session he was selected a member of the organization's executive committee. In 1905, Mr. Bachelder was elected master of the National Grange.

Nahum also played a major role in the agricultural development of New Hampshire after Governor Odell appointed him the Commissioner of Immigration; the duties of that office later were merged with those of the secretary of the Board of Agriculture and he assumed both areas of responsibility. Mr. Bachelder did much to bring about the re-occupation and upgrading of many abandoned New Hampshire farms and as a member of the State Cattle Commission, was active in checking the inroads of livestock disease.
In his 1966 History of Andover, New Hampshire, Ralph G. Chaffee writes: "From 1887 to 1913 Andover's Nahum J. Bachelder was Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, which was doing all it could to build up the state's agriculture and to check the complete abandonment of marginal farms by promoting their sale for summer residences. In some instances these new non-resident farmers became interested in restoring the former productivity of their land as well as the buildings. Andover had its share of these summer owners, and many a fine old residence was saved from deterioration by their coming. Nahum Bachelder endeavored to maintain his own Highland Farm at a high level of production as an example of what might be accomplished by others. Another Andover man, F. Hale Flanders, was appointed to the State Board of Agriculture in 1907."

Mr. Bachelder was known for his speech-making abilities, discussing dairying and other agricultural topics in an entertaining and instructive manner. His genial addresses at various Grange meetings and other large gatherings gained him a wide reputation as an eloquently interesting speaker. His annual reports as secretary of the Board of Agriculture and his frequent contributions to the press stamped him as a ready and forcible writer. In 1891, Dartmouth College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. He also was awarded an honorary Bachelor of Arts degree from New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

In December of 1907, Nahum Bachelder was appointed a trustee of the State College at Durham. He was also a persistent and efficient advocate of good roads. With pleasure he witnessed the 1905 legislature's enactment of a bill annually appropriating for six years from the State treasury $125,000 for road improvements. A large majority of New Hampshire cities and towns at once voted to accept the aid proffered under this act.

As its governor, Nahum served New Hampshire with credit and honor. During his administration major improvements were made at the State Agricultural College in Durham and its attendance was doubled. The liquor license law was passed during his term; his three appointments to the State Liquor Commission were so successful that its personnel was not changed for the next ten years. At the expiration of his governorship, Nahum was offered the presidency of the state college (not yet a university), but felt himself unqualified and refused.

Nahum Bachelder was united in marriage on June 30, 1887, in New London, N.H., to Mary A. Putney, the daughter of Henry Putney. She was born Oct. 11, 1856 in Dunbarton, N.H.

They had three children: Ruth Bachelder, born May 22, 1891; Henry Putney Bachelder, born March 17, 1895, and William Adams Bachelder, who was born in 1893 and died in 1894.

Returning to his farm at the beginning of World War I in 1914, Nahum resumed its personal management, developed another Jersey herd, and soon had about half the tillage acreage again in crops of corn, potatoes, grain and beans. Ten acres of wheat was raised and threshed in 1918. When the war ended, the ex-governor was well past the prime of his life and, consequently, farm operations were gradually reduced to a minimum during his last years. Mr. Bachelder reported that no profit resulted from his wartime efforts--because of the high cost of hired labor--but he had tried to do his part in producing the food so urgently needed.

In his later years Nahum Bachelder made his summer home at Highland Farm, spending the winters in a warmer climate. The aging ex-governor's last public speech was made in 1929 at the annual "Old Home Day" reunion, this one also commemorating the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of Andover in 1779 (when it was known as New Breton). He died April 22, 1934, while en route home from Florida.

After Nahum's death Highland farm became the property of Solomon Agoos. Within a year or two John A. Graves became its resident operator, a few years later owning its cottage and a substantial part of its acreage. The former extensive Bachelder holdings were in the 1960's divided between four owners: Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Kleinmeler, with the main farm buildings and largest segment of the property; John Graves with the cottage and considerable acreage; Herbert Agoos with a tract on Highland Lake; and, Norman Alstad with the John Bachelder farm on the back road.

During their lifetime Mr. and Mrs. Bachelder participated unselfishly in local affairs. He purchased The Island in Highland Lake, made an agreement with the selectmen that, if not taxed, it could be freely used by the townspeople, and willed it to the town.
Being unfortunate in having no children who carried on the Bachelder line after his death, Nathan in his will provided that after certain small bequests were made—and his children provided for during their lifetime—the entire residue of his estate should go to the Town of Andover for the construction and support of a library. It was to be located on a specified lot at East Andover and be named the William Adams Bachelder Library as a memorial to his father. The bequest became available late in 1954, with a Concord bank its trustee. After the passage of more than 20 years many provisions of the will were outmoded. The designated location was unsuitable in an automotive age, the building specifications were inadequate, and two of the three local trustees named were deceased, with the third inactive. Working with bank trustees, the town selectmen drew up another proposal. The new library was dedicated in 1957; pictures of Nahum and his father hang above the fireplace mantel. Its basement meeting, recreation and lecture room was designated the "Mollie" Bachelder Room in honor of Nahum’s wife, remembered as a gracious lady who occupied a place of esteem in East Andover.

SOURCES:

The Batchelder/Batcheller Genealogy; by Frederick Clifton Pierce, published by the author in conjunction with W. B. Conkey Co., Chicago, 1898.


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Special thanks to S. H. Batchelder, 19 Paul Ave., Nashua, NH 03060, for suggesting this article many years ago and for providing the photographs on the next page, and to reader Pat P. Pickard of Bangor, Maine, who financed and furnished the reproduction of the Nahum Bachelder picture on page 6. It was taken from the 1908 Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire.

Highland Farm, lifetime home of former New Hampshire Governor Nahum J. Bachelder, is a special place. Its history, spectacular location and role as a model agricultural enterprise make it unique on multiple levels.

Nahum made it an agricultural showcase, reflecting the expertise which made him New Hampshire’s Board of Agriculture secretary for more than 25 years.

His great-grandfather, Capt. Josiah Bachelder (1752-1812) left his native Hawke, N.H. (now Danville) in 1782 to settle at Andover on Batchelder Hill, named for him. There he cleared and cultivated the farm Nahum inherited. It is one of few area farms kept for so many direct descendants of the first settler without being disposed of by deed. It remained in the Bachelder family more than 150 years. Capt. Bachelder reputedly was a man of great physical strength and energy, enhanced by a forceful character. His captaincy came from service in the old town militia. He and his wife, the former Sarah Adams of nearby Salisbury, Mass., are both buried near the farm in the Taunton Hill Cemetery, where several of their descendants are interred.

Highland Farm’s location is one of the most beautiful in Merrimack County, overlooking the silvery waters of Highland Lake and commanding scenic views in many directions. Prominent features in this magnificent panorama are the Kearsage, Ragged, Monadnock and Ossipee Mountains.

Reader Stuart Batchelder travelled to the East Andover farm in the fall of 1977 to take pictures and learn more about this ex-governor of New Hampshire and his old family homestead. Some of Stuart’s pictures appear on the following page.

Stuart also located—and photographed—several Batchelder gravestones in nearby Taunton Hill Cemetery. They include those of:

- Captain Josiah Bachelder (1752-1812), the first family member to settle at East Andover.
- Deacon Josiah Bachelder (1790-1866), who devoted much of his energy, time and financial support to the Free Baptist Church.
- William Adams Bachelder (1823-1902), son of Deacon Josiah and father of Nahum.
- William A. Batchelder II, infant son of Nahum and Mary Bachelder.

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CLOCKWISE (Starting at right)
1) VIEW FROM FARM SHOWS LAKE BELOW AND VILLAGE OF EAST ANDOVER BEYOND.
2) SIDE VIEW OF FARM'S MAIN HOUSE.
3) FRONT VIEW OF NAHUM BACHELDER HOME.
4) CUPULA & "COW" WEATHERVANE ATOP THE MAIN BARN ON FARM.
5) HIGH PASTURE VIEW OF HIGHLAND FARM AND ITS NUMEROUS BUILDINGS.

CAPT. JOSIAH BACHELDER, GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF NAHUM, CLEARED THE FARM LAND IN 1782
OBITUARY

EMMA LEE (BATCHLER) RICE, 92

Emma Lee (Batchler Rice, 92, of Waterproof, LA, former housemother and teacher at Jefferson Military College, Washington, MS, died Jan. 5, 1985 in the Concordia Parish Hospital, Ferriday, LA.

Services were held Jan. 7 at Young's Funeral Home Chapel in Ferriday, with Rev. Huelin Warren and Rev. Gilbert Wade officiating. Graveside services were held Jan. 8 in Ferris Memorial Park Cemetery, Ferris, Texas, where she was laid to rest beside her husband in the presence of many friends and family members.

Emma was born Sept. 8, 1892, in Ferris, Texas, the daughter of John Eldridge Batchler and Julia Batchler Cheek.* She married, Aug. 8, 1912, Jeter Jordan Rice at home in Waxahachie, Texas. She had lived in Waterproof, LA, and Washington, MS, for 53 years. After retiring from Jefferson Military College she again made her home in Waterproof. She was a member of the Waterproof United Methodist Church, and Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Rice was very active in community endeavors and donated her time and talents for numerous worthy causes.

Survivors include three children: Mrs. Dorothy (Rice) Guthrie, Waterproof, LA; Robert Eldridge Rice, Harahan, LA; and, Mrs. Julia Mae (Rice) Lentz of Baton Rouge, LA*. There are six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

* Editor's Notes: Mrs. Rice's ancestry was summarized in Vol. V, No.2 of The Batchelor Family News-Journal, with her brother's obituary. Mrs. Lentz has—since her mother's death—moved to Houston.

Emma Lee (Batchler) Rice's 85th Birthday Reception

This picture was taken when Emma Lee celebrated her 85th birthday at a reception held in the home of her daughter, Dorothy. From left: Daughters Julia and Dorothy, then Emma and her son, Robert.

THE BACHELORS OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS

A 14-page account of "The Bachelors of Republic County, Kansas" is available from Lindsay (Bachelor) Woodside, 800 Lincoln, Blue Rapids, KS 66411.

Albert Burton Bachelor arrived in Republic County in the 1870's to homestead in Liberty Township. The family's first home was a dug-out. Albert was born in 1849 near Detroit, MI, son of Elijah Bachelor. At age 14, he went to Fort Dodge, Iowa, and entered government service, carrying supplies across the plains to Denver for Uncle Sam. He was an intimate friend of Buffalo Bill and lost an eye to an Indian arrow. Lindsay's account has much more to say about his adventuresome life.

Elijah, a California gold miner and Nebraska farmer, was born in 1808 near London, Canada. Lindsay does not give his ancestry.

When Lindsay researched her Kansas Bachelor ancestry she didn't know about The Epistle. Ironically, after Anna (Rice) Woodside, her mother-in-law, died recently, she found Epistle copies among Anna's papers!* Were The Epistle continuing, your editor would be happy to share—with Lindsay's permission—her data with you. Next best, however, is for interested folks to contact Lindsay.

*See her obituary in the Rice section of this issue.
Not long ago we published data on reader Glen L. Bachelder's ancestor, Sylvanus Bachelder, and his triple descent from Rev. Stephen Bachiler. Now Glen finds he also descends from John Bachelor, giving him a different branch of the family on his pedigree. The descent is:

1. **JOHN BACHELOR** (1610-1675), born in England and settled at Salem, Mass. His wife, Elizabeth, died 10 Sept. 1675.

2. **HANNAH BACHELOR** (1645-1715) married Samuel Corning (1641-1714).


4. **MARTHA CORNING** (1714-1784) married Capt. Nathaniel Giddings (Nathaniel-5, James-4, George-3, John-2, Michael-1 Giddings). He was born in 1705 and died in 1768 at Norwich, CT.

5. **SOLOMON GIDDINGS** (1754-1827) of Preston, CT, married Sarah Waterman (Elisha-4, Thomas-3, Thomas-2, Robert-1 Waterman). Sarah was born in 1751 and died in 1784 at Norwich, CT.


7. **LYDIA ALDEN FRENCH** (1820-1888) married James Madison Bachelder (Thomas-8, Ephraim-7, Nathaniel-6,5,4,3,2, Stephen-1 Bachiler). James was born in 1809 and died in 1872 at Alamo, MI.

8. **MILLARD FRENCH BACHELDER** (1858-1908) of Alamo, MI, married Estella Ellen Prosser (1860-1940). Her father, Isaac Prosser, was a son of Daniel and grandson of John Prosser.

9. **DALLAS D. BACHELDER** (1899-1959) of Kalamazoo, MI, married Alma C. Schneider, who was born in 1897.


Persons interested in additional data should contact Glen. His address: 500 Woodingham, Apt. 16, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Glen writes that he has followed up on our various EPISTLE references to the Charles Batchelder genealogical collection housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, NH. He hired professional genealogist Carl W. Brage to search that collection for relevant material on his own Batchelder ancestors. Genealogist Charles Batchelder had been in touch with some of Glen's kin in the 1920's and 1930's. Mr. Brage took a code symbol Glen found on a family group sheet and through it found in the collection at Concord an entire file giving additional details on descendants of James Madison Bachelder (1809-1872) and descendants in the Alamo, MI region. This data, Glen reports, enabled him to locate other descendants in several Michigan directories. That led to new correspondents and he is now receiving info on cousins he never knew about.

We like such success stories. We were also happy to learn that Glen was pleased with Carl Brage's research methods. Other readers who would like to have someone check the Charles Batchelder collection at Concord, NH for data on their Batchelder ancestors may find Carl a good contact since he is familiar with this valuable genealogical data. Carl's address is 495 Sagamore Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801.
The following entries are from Vital Records of Hallowell, Maine (to the year 1892),
edited by Mabel Goodwin Hall and published in 1924 under authority of the Maine Historical
Society.

BACHELDER

Anna C. (see Anna M. C. Bachelder)
14, 1845
Caroline, child of Josiah and Betsey, Apr. 13, 1817
Charles Greenleaf, child of Nathan and Nancy, Apr. 25, 1810
Charles G. (see Charles G. Bachelor Jr.)
Cyrus (see Cyrus T. Batchelor)
Eliza Anne, child of Nathan and Nancy, Mar. 31, 1807
Elizabeth (twin), child of William and Elizabeth, June 18, 1795
Elizabeth, child of William and Elizabeth, Mar. 26, 1800
Ellen Jane (see Ellen J. Batchelor)
Emily Ann (see Emeline A. Batchelor)
Enoch, child of William and Elizabeth, July 16, 1785
Enoch O., child of Josiah Otis and Frances W. (Osgood), Oct. 20, 1848
George Albert, child of Josiah and Betsey, Dec. 25, 1809
George Washington, child of Nathan and Nancy, Nov. 13, 1802
Joan Grealey, wife of Dean M. Smiley, Oct. 23, 1806
Joanna, child of William and Elizabeth, Apr. 2, 1803
Joanna, child of William and Elizabeth, Oct. 26, 1805
Josiah, son of Abraham and Anna, Feb. 2, 1779, in Loudon, NH
Josiah Otis, child of Josiah and Betsey, Feb. 3, 1814, Gardiner (ME); [dup. Feb. 2, 1815]
Laura F., child of Josiah Otis and Frances W. (Osgood), July 21, 1850
Lucy Anne, child of Nathan and Nancy, Dec. 23, 1812
Mary Anne, child of Nathan and Nancy, Nov. 11, 1815
Melvin (see Melvin C. Batchelor)
Nathan, son of Abraham and Anna, Oct. 25, 1773, in Loudon, NH
Nathan, child of William and Elizabeth, Aug. 5, 1787
Polly, child of William and Elizabeth, Aug. 26, 1791
Polly (twin), child of William and Elizabeth, June 18, 1795
Sally Rollins, child of Josiah and Betsey, Oct. 1, 1812, Gardiner (ME)
Sarah C., child of Josiah Otis and Frances W. (Osgood), March 29, 1847 [dup. Carry S. Batch-
elder]
Sarah Elizabeth, child of Nathan and Nancy, Feb. 20, 1805
William, child of William and Elizabeth, Apr. 15, 1798

BACHELDOR

Anna M. C., child of Charles G. and Susanna W. (Curtis) [dup. Susan (Curtis)], July 12, 1848
Charles G. Jr., child of Charles G. and Susanna W. (Curtis), July 26, 1843
George W., child of Charles G. and Susanna W. (Curtis), July 14, 1851

BATCHELDER

Carrie S. (see Sarah C. Batchelder)
Lizzie M., child of J. Otis and Frances W. (Osgood), June 1, 1852
William W., child of J. Otis and Frances W. (Osgood), July 5, 1858

BATCHELOR

Cyrus T. [dup. Cyrus Bachelder], child of True C. and Mary (Bran), Mar. 20, 1834 [dup. Mar.
20, 1832)
Ellen Jane [dup. Ellen J. Batchelor], child of True C. and Mary (Bran), June 25, 1838 [dup.
June 1, 1839]
Emeline A. [dup. Emily Ann Batchelor], child of True C. and Mary (Bran), Jan. 14, 1830 [dup.
Jan. 14, 1829]
Melvin C. [dup. Melvin Bachelder], child of True C. and Mary (Bran), Aug. 15, 1836 [dup.
Aug. 18, 1835]
True C., husband of Mary (Bran), Nov. 25, 1805. [True C. Batchelder, Nov. 26, 1805, according
to gravestone]

Milissa S., Sept. 26, 1841
We had a note some time ago from Mrs. Marie (Stringer) Kaehler of 4324 Spring Hill Rd., Petaluma, CA 94952. She wrote:

Do you have a Hannah Batchelder who married Daniel Stringer 12-1-1737 in Middlesex Co., Va...Daniel believed to have been my 4/g/grandfather.

In checking our personal index of family members, your editor finds her only reference to this Hannah Batchelder is from The Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers, a 2,768-page work in four volumes which gives detailed records of 34 Virginia families and their relationship to persons with hundreds of other surnames. Primarily an abstract of records in local and general archives of Virginia, this data was published in 1929. We printed in the April, 1971 edition (Vol.1, No.3) of our former quarterly Batchelor newsletter extracts of Batchelor data from the Valentine Papers. They consist of births, marriages and deaths found in the Christ Church Register, Middlesex Co., Va. Included is the Dec. 1, 1737 marriage of Hannah Batchelder and Daniel Stringer (found on page 170 of Christ Church Register), as well as the Jan. 5 birth (and Jan. 23, 1721 baptism) of Hannah Batchelder, daughter of William and Elizabeth Batchelder (page 109 of Christ Church Register). This William may be the William "Batchelder" born July 26, 1691 to William and Sarah "Batcheldor" (Christ Church Register, page 50). The older William may then be the William "Batcheldor" born July 22, 1667 to John and Mary "Batcheldor" (Christ Church Register, page 8). A William Batchelder and Elizabeth Watts were married April 11, 1720 (Christ Church Register, page 163). They may be Hannah's parents. The same source gives some early wills for Middlesex Co., VA, Batchelders.

One of our Rice family researchers has sent the following brief notes about Batchelders who lived at an early date in Faribault, Minnesota:

Pg. 25: "In November of 1855 a new three-man board was elected and held their first meeting January 7, 1856 in the law office of Berry and Batchelder in Faribault, Minn."
P. 179: Under list of early settlers of Faribault, Minn. - "George W. Batchelder of Danville, Vt."
Editor's Note: A biography of this George Batchelder appeared in an earlier issue.

The following communique was received this summer from Sandi Barry Tracy, 16621 W. Watkins, Goodyear, AZ 85338:

A couple of years ago I wrote about my husband Steve's descent from the Bachelor family: (Joseph, John, John, Benjamin, and Hepsibah, who married William Torrance 11 January 1774 in Brookfield, Mass.) I was sorry no one wrote me about descending from this line as I had information to share. During my research of William and Hepsibah Torrance I discovered interesting things about other Batcheller family members. F. C. Pierce, in his Batcheller Genealogy, shows Benjamin's wife, Hannah Hale, died 22 September 1762. However, in my research of the Torrance family in Belchertown, Hampshire Co., Mass., I found an interesting land transaction where William Torrance sells land to Hepsibah's brothers Benjamin, Jacob and John Batcheller on 14 February 1791 with consideration that they take care of their mother "Mrs. Hannah Batcheller". In the 1800 census William Torrance has an elderly woman living with him and his wife, which could have been Hannah, as she would have been in her 80's. William and Hepsibah's children's births were recorded in Brookfield, Mass., only a few miles from Belchertown. Also, Hepsibah's sister, Lydia Batcheller (1756-1817), married Moses Davis and lived in Belchertown. During my research I found a microfilm copy of the Belchertown records, which included a page recording the births of Lydia and Moses Davis' children. This record says Lydia and Moses died the same day and were buried in the same grave. This information may help other descendants and, I think, sheds doubt on the Hannah Hale Batcheller death date given by Pierce.
**#2142 - Batchelder Couldn’t Claim Martha’s Vineyard Farm Noted For Tobacco-Chewing Sheep**

One Batchelder family member made "Boston Globe" headlines in 1984 when he lost a suit claiming ownership in the historic Martha's Vineyard farm where Sebastian, the tobacco-chewing sheep, became a major tourist attraction. The farm has been in the Allen family since the 1760's.

The Massachusetts Appeals Court traced a tangled lineage from farm founder John Allen—one of the earliest non-Indian settlers on Martha's Vineyard—to Clarissa Allen, who still lives there. Finally, the court rejected the claim of former Winthrop, Mass. selectman Ross F. Batchelder that he owned at least part of the farm's 116 acres.

Ada Luce Cleveland, a New Bedford, Mass. resident who died in 1887, had acquired an ownership in part of the farm as a gift in the will of her friend, Tamson Allen, wife of Tristram Allen. He was a local postmaster and owner of the farm, who died in 1864. Batchelder's claim was traced back to Ada Cleveland. The court ruled it was clear that no one in Batchelder's line ever knew about--or asserted--any claim until 1980, when Clarissa Allen filed a petition to have the Land Court register her title to the farm. By that time her adverse possession claim (so-called squatter's rights) was beyond dispute, the court said.

If Sebastian had talked--instead of chewed tobacco--he might have said: "Baaaaah, humbug!"

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**#2143 - David Morrison Batchelder Mentioned in Supplemental History of Windham, New Hampshire**

The following data has been extracted from Leonard A. Morrison's 1892 Supplement to the History of Windham in New Hampshire:

David Morrison Batchelder (see p. 327, History of Windham), a former resident, died suddenly in Haverhill, Mass., April 8, 1891, of apoplexy, in his seventy-third year. He was stricken down in the full vigor of robust health. For several years his summer home had been in Windham, and his associations and interest in the town continued to the last. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. His life was one of activity and he was held in general esteem.

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The summer house of the late David M. Batchelder was built in 1886.

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A list of marriages performed in 1889 includes that of Fred J. Hughes and Nettie M. (Batchelder) Holden on June 27.

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**#2144 - Another Descendant of William Bachelder of Charlestown, Massachusetts, Checks In**

Iris H. Westwood, N. 5303 Argonne Rd. #4, Spokane, WA 99212, recently wrote that she had seen one of our magazines in a genealogy class. She's been doing family research for a couple of years and has her dad's research from 50 years ago.

Iris asked: "Is the surname Bachelor the same as Bachelder? In my lineage I have a Rachel Bachelder (William) who married ca. 1652 Philip Atwood. Are we cousins?"

To answer: There are at least three dozen variant spellings of the "Bachelor" surname. We have come across cases were a man, his son and grandson each spelled the last name differently, but that was mostly in the days when not everybody could read and write and so preachers, teachers and town clerks wrote the name as it sounded when it was necessary to file records.

We've printed in back issues an assortment of miscellaneous data on the family of William Bachelder and his daughter Rachel. This is one of the smaller New England branches of the Bachelor family. Although we have a few readers who descend from William, most come from either the Rev. Stephen Bachiler (founder of Hampton, NH) branch of the family, or descend (as your editor does) from the three Bachelor brothers who came at an early date from England to Salem, Mass.
#2145 - JOSEPH AND OLIVE (LADD) BACHELDER: WHERE DID THEY GO AND WHERE DID THEY DIE?

Sandie M. Kluth, 7283 Deframe Ct., Arvada, CO 80005, seeks more material on the family of Joseph and Olive (Ladd) Bachelder and would also like to know where they died. Here is her information:

Joseph was a son of Nathan Batchelder and Margaret Bean. He was born 2 Jan. 1764 at Loudon, New Hampshire, and married Olive Ladd 27 Jan. 1791 at Belmont, New Hampshire. When and where did he die?

Olive Ladd was born 16 June 1769 at Loudon, New Hampshire, a daughter of Daniel Ladd and Judith Lyford. When and where did Olive die?


Editor's Reply:

I'm assuming you know the lineage of Nathan (Ebenezer5, Nathaniel4,3,2, Stephen1). If not, it is given in detail in F. C. Pierce's 1898 Batchelder/Batcheller Genealogy.

One active researcher of this branch of the family is Albert Lloyd Batchelder of 1153 Pine Ave., San Jose, CA 95125. He goes by "Lloyd" and descends from your Joseph Batchelder's brother, Richard Batchelder (1756-1834) of Loudon Ridge, NH, who married Abigail Boynton.

Lloyd published a few years ago a family genealogy titled Taproots. It is a marvelous account of his ancestry, encompassing both many well-researched details and a loving account of the essence of his family heritage.

Another avid genealogist who descends from Nathan and Margaret's son Richard is John F. Weeks Sr., RFD 7, Box 53, Gunstock Hill Rd., Laconia, NH 03246.

You may want to contact these two sources to see if, in the course of researching their own ancestors, they have come across any data on Joseph Batchelder's family. Both may be able to refer you to additional records to search.

Good luck!

#2146 - TOWN REGISTER LISTS JENNIE (BATCHLOR) HUSSEY, BORN IN 1841, LIVING IN ALBION, ME

The 1908 Town Register of Sidney, Vassalboro, China and Albion, Maine lists among residents of the town of Albion a Jennie E. (Batchlor) Hussey, widow of James, living on R. D. 46. She was born in 1841 and had children Rosa L., born in 1874, and Frank E., born in 1876.

#2147 - READER RESEARCHING EARLY NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, BACHELLER FAMILY; CAN ANYONE HELP?

We recently had a note from Barbara Putman Clarke Bannowsky, 2 Barbara Place, Eastburn Acres, Wilmington, DE 19808. She descends from the baker, John Bacheller, who married Martha Stanhope and had a son, William Stanhope Bacheller, born in 1803. These family members lived at Newport, Rhode Island. This branch of the family was covered in Vol. VI, Number 5 of The Epistle (the July, 1980 edition). Barbara writes that she subsequently has searched the files at the Newport Historical Society and has a little more information to add. She would also welcome correspondence from anyone else researching the Newport, RI, branch of the Bacheller family. We'd all like to know more about their origin.

Note to Barbara: Do send the additional material you've found. At this point—even though I'm giving up the Epistle editorship—I still have the most complete "Bacheller" collection I know of and will make every possible effort to see that it eventually gets into the proper hands for being accessible to—and shared by—future family researchers. - Rosemary.
Recently at least two researchers we know of have been tackling anew the search for additional data on immigrant Joseph Bachelor, one of three brothers who came in the 1630's to Salem, Mass. from Canterbury, England. They are Ginger M. August, 32 Stetson Way, Princeton, NJ 08540, and Marjorie Mayer, 3191 N. 18th St., Arlington, VA 22201. They've been corresponding with each other, linked by a query which Ginger submitted in your editor's other magazine, The Second Boat, which is devoted to Colonial American ancestry. Marjorie descends from Joseph's son, John; Ginger descends from Joseph's daughter, Elizabeth, who married James Davis. Marjorie had been seeking proof that Joseph's wife was Elizabeth Dickinson. Ginger started out not knowing who Joseph's wife was.

Apparently within weeks of each other Ginger and your editor came up with the same material on Joseph Bachelor, his wife and other family members. At first glance, the source seems different, but upon a closer look it appears that the one source "used" the other. In any event, it is material which should be shared with other researchers of this branch of the family, so here goes.


The material from each source is identical, down to the printing, spacing, line hyphenation, etc. It appears that the 1978 material was directly reproduced from the 1964 work, but that both are taken from the 1921 article. The data is similar to, but augments, the material on these family members given by F. C. Pierce in his 1898 Batchelder/Batcheller Genealogy.

Bachelor, Henry, of Dover (formerly of Canterbury), co. Kent, and of Ipswich, Mass., brewer, whose name appears on the second passenger list, was of the parish of St. George, Canterbury, and was a bachelor, aged about 35, on 15 Apr. 1637, when a licence was granted for his marriage with Martha Wilson, of the same parish, virgin, aged about 32. In this licence he is called Henry Bacheller. The marriage was to be solemnized at Thanington, and Joseph Bachelor of Canterbury, tailor [probably a brother of Henry Bachelor], was bondsman. (Cowper's Canterbury Marriage Licences, Second Series, column 74.) He settled at Ipswich, Mass., and died 2 Feb. 1678/9. His widow died 4 Apr. 1686. (Cf. "Savage's Genealogical Dictionary" and Pope's "Pioneers of Massachusetts.")

Bachelor, John, of Canterbury, co. Kent, and of Salem, Mass., tailor, whose name appears on the second passenger list given above, was probably a younger brother of Henry and Joseph Bachelor of the same list. He settled in Salem, deposed in 1658, aged about 47 years, and died 13, 9 mo. 1675. For his family cf. Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary" and Pope's "Pioneers of Massachusetts.

Bachelor, Joseph, of Canterbury, co. Kent, and of Salem and Wenham, Mass., tailor, whose name appears on the second passenger list given above, was of the parish of St. George, Canterbury, and was a bachelor, aged about 24 and upwards, on 22 Dec. 1628, when a licence was granted for his marriage with Elizabeth Dickinson, of the same parish, virgin, aged about 15, daughter of Susan Dickenson, of the same parish, widow. In this licence he is called Joseph Batcheler. The marriage was to be solemnized at Thanington. (Cowper's Canterbury Marriage Licences, Second Series, column 74.) The printed "Register Booke of the Parish of St: George," Canterbury, p. 24, contains the record of the baptism of Elizabeth Dickinson, daughter of Robert Dickinson, 10 Apr. 1614. The same parish register also shows that John, son of Joseph Bachelor, was buried 1 May 1631 (p. 184), that Mary and Martha, daughters of Joseph Bachelor and Elizabeth Dickenson his wife, were baptized 20 June 1634 (p. 32) and were buried the same day (p. 185), and that Mark, son of Joseph Bachelor and Elizabeth Dickinson his wife, was baptized 4 Oct. 1635 (p. 32). Joseph Bachelor settled at Salem, whence he removed to Wenham. He died 1 mo. 1647/8. (Cf. Pope, "Pioneers of Massachusetts," p. 26.) He was probably a brother of Henry and John Bachelor, whose names appear on the same passenger list.
#2149 - DIRECTORY LISTS BACHELDER IN BUSINESS IN MAINE IN THE 1860's

Family members below are listed in a Business Directory of the Subscribers to the New Map of Maine, with a Brief History and Description of the State, Prepared by William Willis; Also, Valuable Statistics and Advertisements. Don't you love those old, drawn-out titles? This "opus" was published in the 1860's at Portland, Maine by J. Chace Jr. & Co., Sanborn & Carter, and Bailey & Noyes...quite an undertaking, deserving three publishers, it seems!

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#2150 - DESCENT FROM REV. STEPHEN BACHILER IS VIA DAUGHTER, THEODATE (BACHILER) HUSSEY

The following line of descent from the Rev. Stephen Bachiler is submitted by Clare Macy Montalto of 1132 Randolph St., Jacksonville, FL 32205. She welcomes corrections and additions.

1. REV. STEPHEN BACHILER, immigrant; born 1561 in England; founder of Hampton, N.H.
2. THEODATE BACHELOR, born 1596, Wherewell, Hampshire, Eng.; married in 1631 at Leyden, Holland, Christopher Hussey, son of John and Mary (Wood) Hussey. Christopher was born in 1597 at Dorking, Surrey, England, and died 8 March 1686 in Hampton, N.H.
3. STEPHEN HUSSEY, born 1632 and died 2 April 1718 at Nantucket, Mass.; married, 8 Oct. 1676, Martha Bunker, daughter of George and Jane (Godfrey) Bunker. Martha was born 6 November 1656 at Topsfield, Mass., and died 21 September 1744 on Nantucket.
4. PUELLA HUSSEY, born 10 October 1677 on Nantucket Island and died in 1748 at Barnstable, Mass. She married in May of 1695 Shubael Gorham, who was born 21 Oct. 1667 and died in 1750 at Barnstable. He was a son of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham and a grandson of Mayflower Pilgrims John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland.
5. LYDIA GORHAM, born 14 May 1701; died 1 March 1763. She married, 8 Sept. 1720, Joseph Worth. (Ancestors of Clarella Macy Montalto.)

Clare's chief source for the above lineage is 160 Allied Families, by Austin. She also paid a personal visit the summer of 1979 to a Mrs. Hussey who was then librarian at the Peter Folger Museum on Nantucket.

#2151 - GUESS WHAT? AT LAST, THERE'S A COMPREHENSIVE INDEX TO DOW'S HISTORY OF HAMPTON, N.H.

If you're descended from the Rev. Stephen Bachiler (founder of Hampton, NH), or think you are and have been researching this large, old New England branch of the family, you probably know that Dow's old History of Hampton, New Hampshire contains a genealogy section which gives data on the community's founding families (including the Batchelders). You may also know that not all of the folks mentioned in it are listed in the book's Index.

Well, someone finally came to our rescue! His name is James Mills and he has prepared a complete index to Dow's work. Since it was printed in the June, 1985 issue (Vol. 8, No. 2) of Kinship Kronicle, publication of the Rockingham County Chapter, New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, we don't dare steal it. We can tell you, however, that it contains dozens of Batchelder entries. In addition, Carl Brage is "Kronicle" editor. If you check the bottom of page 12 of this Epistle issue, you'll find Carl's address. The rest is up to you!
The following gravestones are located at Laurel Hill in Reading, Mass. The inscriptions were sent to us a couple of years ago by Mrs. Joy Albers of Bemidji, Minnesota. For information on John's grandson (also named John), who was Joy's great-grandfather, see Epistle Item #1925.

John Bachelder was born Jan. 10-, 1762
and died July 31, 1846,
aged 84 yrs. 6 mos. and 21 days.

Through his country's darkest trying day, Manly, nobly, he pursu'd his way,
Acted well, a useful, honor'd part, Whilst bright hope inspired his heart.

(SAR marker)

This John Batchelder is the son of Nathaniel and Abigail (Flint) Batchelder. John married Sally Herrick 30 September 1790 at Reading, Mass. Their children were Herrick, John, Nancy, Sally, George, Harriet and Abigail Batchelder. John's grandparents were Nathaniel and Hannah (Ellsley) Batchelder of Reading. The elder Nathaniel descends from the immigrant, Joshua Batchelder, through his son, John, and grandson, also named John. Their South Reading gravestones read:

Here lyes the body of Mrs. Hannah Bacheler, consort of Mr. Nathaniel Bacheller, who departed this life Oct. 7, 1754, in the 73rd year of her age, having lived in the married state with her husband above 50 years. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Here lyes the body of Mr. Nathaniel Bacheler who dyed May 18, 1763, in the 89th year of his age, His life the true religion did adorn, His death caus'd many aching hearts to mourn; Not children only and grandchildren dear, But neighbors too could not withhold a tear-- To who obliging conduct, they confess, They owe no small degree of happiness. Steadfast in faith, he ran that Christian race, Still waiting for the rich rewards of grace, Of which the soul partakes above the skies, Until the dust to eternal glory rise.

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Batchelder family members turn up in places wonderfully strange and crazy, or sane and humdrum. We're everywhere! A 1981 newspaper clipping in our files shows that a Melissa Batchelder was then secretary to one of the world's richest men, none other than J. Paul Getty II, who sits atop one of the world's great oil fortunes.

The clipping itself told an even stranger—and very tragic—story. It concerns the multimillionaire's son, J. Paul Getty III, and certainly proves that family wealth is no protective shield against the woes of the world. Consider J. Paul Getty III. His parents were divorced in 1966. In 1973, he was kidnapped in Italy. His grandfather thought the kidnapping was a hoax and refused to pay up. The kidnappers then mailed young Getty's sliced off ear to his mother; grandfather came up with nearly $3 million in ransom. Then, at age 17, J. P. the 3rd got married. Because he married before age 25, he was cut off from a family trust and made penniless. Then, in 1981, this troubled young man—after a night of alcohol and drug use—had a stroke which left him blind, paralyzed and nearly dumb at age 25. The last we knew he was receiving around-the-clock care at his mother's California home and his godfather, a state appellate judge, was assisting them in suing the father for the $25,000-a-month medical expenses under a California statute that requires a father who is financially able to support children who incur medical expenses they can't afford. The father's lawyer was contesting the suit on the grounds that dad is a British resident. That was six years ago and we don't know what has happened since. We do know, however, that we'd rather be poor than connected with such riches as these.
TRIPLY RELATED? THREE INGALLS SIBLINGS WED DANVILLE, VERMONT BATCHeldERS

Three children of Samuel and Marion (Rankin) Ingalls of Danville, Vermont married Batchelders in the mid 1800's. They were:

1. MARY ANN INGALLS, born 29 Aug. 1817; died 28 Jan. 1892. She married, 10 July 1839, JAMES W. BATCHelder, born Feb. 18, 1814, a son of Jonathan and Betsey (Pinkham) Batchelder. The family later settled at Stanstead in Quebec, Canada.

2. HARRIET INGALLS, born 22 March 1820; died 7 March 1897. She married, 6 March 1850, FRANKIN C. BATCHelder. Franklin was born in 1820 and died, without issue, in 1896. He was a son of Moses and Deborah (Haviland) Batchelder of Danville, Vermont.

3. EDWARD INGALLS, born 18 Feb. 1824; died 13 Dec. 1875. He married, 22 Jan. 1850, HARRIET H. BATCHelder. She also was a daughter of Moses and Deborah Batchelder, thus being a sister-in-law to Harriet Ingalls twice over.

The lineage of Franklin and Harriet Batchelder is, according to F. C. Pierce's 1898 genealogy of the family:

Moses 8 (their father), Jethro 7, Abraham 6, Jethro 5, Nathaniel 4,3,2, Rev. Stephen 1

Pierce gives this lineage for James 9 Batchelder:

Jonathan 8, Daniel 7, Jethro 6,5, Nathaniel 4,3,2, Rev. Stephen 1 Bachiler.

Samuel Ingalls 7 (Timothy 6,5, Samuel 4,3, Henry 2, Edmund 1) was for 30 years a Justice of the Peace at Danville, Vermont, and he is described in The Ingalls Genealogy: Post-erity of Edmund Ingalls of Lynn, Mass. as "a man of more than ordinary powers of mind, possessed of a strong and logical intellect, a tenacious memory and sound judgment. His reading was extensive in all branches of literature, and in business he was the friend and adviser of his fellow citizens."

*Editor's Note:

Family researchers of recent decades have reason to believe that Pierce's data on the children and grandchildren of Jethro of the fifth generation (son of Nathaniel) may be confused and that the lineages given above are not entirely accurate. It appears that Pierce did not always correctly separate the children from the grandchildren and that his account does not always place them in the right generation. It is a question of them being in the right family, but the wrong slot. Detailed discussions of these problems have appeared in back issues of both The Epistle and its predecessor publication, the quarterly "Batchelor Family News-Journal."

#2155 - TWO MORE READERS REPORT DESCENT FROM REV. STEPHEN BACHILER'S DAUGHTERS

Two more correspondents have written to report they descend from daughters of Rev. Stephen Bachiler. It always makes your editor feel good to know that folks care about their "Bachiler" heritage even though they have to go back to the 1600's to find our surname on their family tree!

If you are working on the Wing family, you may want to get in touch with these researchers:

Frank G. Hutcheon, 3 Turret Shell Lane, Hilton Head, SC 29928, says response to his query in our other magazine, The Second Boat, has furnished new genealogical paths to travel and a new "cousin" for his wife, Norma. Frank recently discovered a connection of his wife to Stephen Bachiler and needs Wing family material.

Arthur P. Gottwald, P. O. Box 1344, Alexandria, VA 22313, writes: "By the way, I am also descended from the Raymond-Bacheler families of Salem, Mass., and, Stephen Bachiler, whose daughter Deborah married Rev. John Wing. I would be glad to furnish descent from these Bachiler/Bacheler families."
The following information, sent years ago by a now-deceased reader from the Midwest, relates to a very historic church which is only a few miles from your editor's home. I pass by it often. I have long known that its first pastor was Gilman Bacheller and have some data on him in my own files. Strange, isn't it, that what's in our own back yard we get to last, and that often it takes prodding from a distance to focus our attention upon what is close by.


(From a speech made Aug. 14, 1931)

"Mr. Gilman Bacheller, a licensed preacher from Kennebec County, Maine, was laboring in this place before the church was organized, Jan. 25, 1831. He was ordained to the ministry and assumed the duties of pastor June 15, 1831. His name appears on the Records as clerk, and as pastor and clerk from Jan. 12, 1831 until July 12, 1850, when he invited the church to unite with him in calling a council to consider the propriety of dissolving the pastoral relation between him and the Church. A committee was chosen to act in behalf of the Church, but no mention is made of a council being called. Mr. John F. Sanborn was chosen clerk, but the name of Mr. Bacheller does not again appear as actively engaged in Church work. He might appropriately be called your pastor emeritus, for he served you when you became man and wife, performed a like ceremony for your children, and spoke words of comfort in the days when your family circles were broken by the great enemy—death.

"Mr. Bacheller would not have been considered a real jolly personage, yet there was in him a stream of humor that needed but a slight opening of the flood gates, and what was a dry, stiff, formal affair would, owing to his presence, at once become a scene of life and good cheer. He was superintendent of the Sunday School and teacher of the Bible class. One day he very seriously put this question to his class of middle-aged wise men: 'Who was the father of Zebedee's children?' Silence! Then one very sedate man remarked, 'I think it was Moses,' to the great delight of the teacher.

"He came to dwell among you in 1830 or '31, remaining a kind neighbor and law-abiding citizen until the time of his death Sept. 27, 1875, having reached the age of 80 years."

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Rev. Gilman Bachelder (Nathaniel 7, Phineas 5, Nathaniel 4, 3, 2, Stephen 1) was born in 1795 at Fayette, Maine, and married there in 1825 Lydia L. Haynes (1808-1832). He wed, second, at Machias, Maine, May 23, 1833, Abigail Thaxter, who died in 1871. He is reported to have married 543 couples during his ministry. His children were:

THOMAS T. BACHELDER, born 1832; married 1) Mary H. Smith, and 2) Mrs. Emma Maria Stuart.

GEORGE BACHELDER, born 1847; married Sarah A. Getchell.

JOHN GILMAN BACHELDER (1828-1835).

JOSIAH NEWTON BACHELDER, born 1830 and lost at sea in 1866; married in 1854 Sarah J. Preble of Machias.

MARSHALL THAXTER BACHELDER (1835-1836).

LYDIA HAYNES BACHELDER (1836-1842).

MARY SMITH BACHELDER (1838-1869).

GILMAN BACHELDER was born in 1840 and died, unmarried, at Alexandria, Va. in 1862. SARAH JANE BACHELDER, born in 1842 and died without issue in 1880 at Elgin, Ill. She married in 1879 at Houlton, Me., Stephen C. Lowe.

JOSEPH ALLEN BACHELDER, born in 1845; he married 1) Lucy Emma Pope, and 2) Mrs. Hilda McDonald.

EDWIN GRENVILLE BACHELDER, born in 1826 and unmarried when he was lost at sea in 1847.
BUSINESS-ORIENTED FATHER WANTED TO KEEP HIM ON HOMER, NY, HOMESTEAD

ARTIST FRANCIS BICKNELL CARPENTER DID PORTRAITS OF FIVE PRESIDENTS

Artist Francis Bicknell Carpenter (1830-1900) painted in the White House six months and became a friend of President Abraham Lincoln. Francis was born on a Homer, New York, farm cleared from dense forest by his grandfather, Noah Carpenter. His artistic talents were apparent at an early age, but at first not considered of value by his business-oriented father. Francis eventually established himself in art circles and painted dozens of eminent people. His was a world of the great, but he never forsook his central New York home ties. His works now hang in many notable places, among them the White House and Capitol. Your editor began gathering data for this article 15 years ago and is pleased to share it in this final Epistle issue.

WASHINGTON AND HIS MOTHER - Painted by Francis Bicknell Carpenter
HIS LIFE-LIKE PORTRAIT OF MOTHER HALTED FATHER'S OBJections

ARTIST FRANCIS BICKNELL CARPENTER PAINTED PORTRAITS OF FIVE PRESIDENTS; HIS WORKS NOW HANG IN WHITE HOUSE AND U. S. CAPITOL

Artist Francis Bicknell Carpenter, who lived six months at the White House and painted dozens of eminent people of his era, was born August 6, 1830 in Homer, New York, a son of Asaph Homer and Almira (Clark) Carpenter. [See below for his ancestry and notes on family members.]

He very early manifested an artistic talent, but it was not considered of much value by his family. His father was a hard-headed businessman, who hoped to rear his son as his successor on the homestead cleared by Francis' grandfather, Noah Carpenter. Asaph Carpenter early directed his efforts toward making of his eldest son what he considered a practical man. The young lad was educated in the common schools of Homer and attended the local academy one term. The talent, however, could not be repressed, and Francis turned to chalk, brick dust, white lead and lamp black, used upon a smooth board, to artistically render a variety of subjects.

One day a Homer merchant returned from New York with a handsome sign, which he placed upon the front of his store. Other businessmen sought to emulate his example and soon various public places were thus ornamented. Asaph Carpenter took his horse to the blacksmith's shop to be shod. There his attention was attracted by a handsome, recently-hung sign admired by many. It not only exhibited the name of the proprietor, but the figures of horse and smith and other artistic flourishes. Upon examining the sign, Mr. Carpenter found the name of his son in the corner. He hastened home to lecture Francis on the folly of wasting time in this sort of labor. The boy, however, persevered and prevailed upon his mother to sit for a portrait. When the picture was completed, its life-like, natural character impressed the father, who thereafter opposed no objections to "the boy's nonsense" and himself sat for the next portrait. When about age 15, Francis entered the studio of Sanford Thayer at Syracuse, NY, where in five months he gained much from his instruction. During this time, the studio was visited by well-known New York artist Charles Loring Elliott, who encouraged the youthful student and advised him on the use of coloring. (Story continued on page 24.)

THE ARTIST'S FAMILY: DESCENT FROM WILLIAM CARPENTER OF REHOBOTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Francis was one of eight children. His elder sister, Helen, wed 1) George Carpenter, and 2) Rufus Ells. His brother DeWitt, two years younger, went to Boston--where he met the poet, Longfellow--and learned the engraver's trade, but ill health cut short a promising career and he took over the paternal homestead in Homer. A sister, Henrietta, wed Isaac Hawley of Homer. A brother, William Wallace Carpenter, Civil War soldier, was killed in the battle of Gettysburg. Sister Mary Elizabeth died young. Of twins Daniel Webster Carpenter and Henry Clay Carpenter, Henry died at age two and Daniel settled at Pittman, NJ.

Their mother, the former Almira Clark (1800-1885), was left an orphan as a small child. The father, Asaph Carpenter (1800-1882), was a son of Noah and Charlotte (Sharp) Carpenter. A prosperous farmer and intelligent citizen who helped found the Congregational Church of Homer, he bent his efforts toward upgrading his community and contributed largely to construction of the Syracuse & Binghamton Railroad, which became part of the Delaware & Lackawanna system.

Noah Carpenter (1768-1847), youngest child of Abiel and Charity (Allen) Carpenter, was born in Pomfret, CT, and settled in Homer, NY about 1800, clearing dense forest for a farm. His wife, Charlotte Sharp, was reared near the Pomfret home of General Israel Putnam and her father accompanied the general on his historic wolf hunt.

Abiel Carpenter was born in 1708 at Rehoboth, MA, but moved to Connecticut, where he was a school official and wed, second, Charity Allen in 1753. She was a sister of famed Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen. Little is known of his first wife, Prudence. Abiel's family lived in Rehoboth, where the immigrant, William, settled in the 1640's. He was descended from William via the youngest son, Samuel, and his wife, Sarah Readaway, and their youngest child, Abraham Carpenter (1682-1758). Abraham and his first wife, Abigail Bullard, were Abiel's parents.
ARTIST FRANCIS BICKNELL CARPENTER PAINTED PORTRAITS OF FIVE PRESIDENTS - (Continued)

In 1846, before completion of his 16th year, Carpenter opened a Homer studio. His neighbors were not very liberal patrons of art, but Henry S. Randall, who was preparing a book on agricultural topics, paided Francis ten dollars for some sheep drawings for the forthcoming book. The artist then did portraits of the nine original trustees of Cortland Academy—all then living. These attracted some local attention because of their faithfulness as portraits, appreciated even by uncultured neighbors. About this time Carpenter sent ten of his pictures to the American Art Union in New York. One was selected from several hundred for purchase by the Art Union; his others sold for satisfactory prices. In 1850, Francis moved to New York City, where he soon gained a high standing in art circles and was ultimately engaged to paint portraits of many conspicuous citizens, including ex-Presidents Tyler, Fillmore and Franklin Pierce, as well as such other notables as William H. Seward, Sam Houston, Salmon P. Chase and Henry Ward Beecher. The Beecher portrait was considered a masterpiece. A New York Evening Post article said: "The portraits of this artist are remarkable, chiefly for their subtle mentality, for their faithful rendering of the inmost life and disposition. His studio is hung around with statesmen and men of power, whose characters can be read as if in them themselves, in their most impressive moods, stood before you, and among all, this face of Beecher shines like an opal among dull and hueless stones, like a passion flower among bloomless shrubs."

On Aug. 5, 1851 in New York City Francis Carpenter married Augusta Herrick Prentiss, whom he had known in Homer. Each was 21 years old. Her mother was Frances Rollo Prentiss, a former teacher at Cortland Academy. They had two children who grew to adulthood, Florence Trumbull Carpenter and Herbert Sanford Carpenter. Florence married in 1877 Albert Chester Ives of Buffalo. They were wed in England, where both were reporters for New York papers. Their son, Emerson Carpenter Ives, was born in 1882, and lived at Brooklyn and Pawling, NY. Florence was a talented woman and supervised the "Woman's Department" at the 1901 World's Fair in Buffalo. Herbert Sanford Carpenter married Cora Anderson of Louisville, KY. Their daughter, Cora, wife of Albert Legg, returned her grandmother's ashes to Homer, NY, on July 4, 1927.

Artist Francis Carpenter has been described as a man of amiable disposition who made and retained strong friendships. He was impulsive and generous. It wasn't until after his death when his diary was seen that Carpenter's interest in spiritualism was revealed. A Dec. 22, 1870 entry tells of him consulting a clairvoyant about his sister, Helen (who died in 1871). In 1865, he had become a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn, NY. Other of its members—including Harriet Beecher Stowe, Charles Beecher and Isabella B. Hooker—were interested in spiritualism and Professor Stowe wrote two books on the subject. There are also references to seances held at the church.

A Dr. Syntax, writing in the Chicago Tribune, described Francis B. Carpenter as "courty in his dress, considerate in his manners, and the master of a rare polish. A middle sized man with a pleasant face, a short grayish mustache and deep dark eyes which look you straight in the face, Carpenter looks what he is, the type of true American refinement and artistic culture."

F. B. CARPENTER

YOUR EDITOR WAS NOT ABLE TO LOCATE A GOOD PICTURE OF FRANCIS B. CARPENTER, THE MAN WHO MADE SO MANY EXCELLENT LIKENESSES OF OTHERS. SHOWN AT RIGHT ARE TWO POOR PHOTOCOPIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY ENHANCED FOR THE SAKE OF CLARITY.
Is it no wonder, then, that this talented, friendly, refined young man became intimately associated with President Abraham Lincoln and spent six months painting at the White House. During this period he produced some of his most renowned works, including the noted "International Arbitration" picture later presented to Queen Victoria, and his work depicting the first reading of the "Emancipation Proclamation". The former depicts the appointment by the Queen and President Grant of the Joint High Commission in 1871. It was presented in 1892 by Mrs. William W. Carson of Newbury, NY, to Queen Victoria, and accepted through Robert Todd Lincoln, then American Minister to the British Court. It was hung in Windsor Castle.

The work on the Emancipation Proclamation depicts Lincoln and his cabinet members, all of whom were painted from life, except for Secretary of the Interior Smith, who stands at the rear. It measures 9 feet high by 14 and a half feet wide and was worked on between February and July of 1864 in the East Room of the White House. During the course of the work it was frequently inspected—and commented upon—by President Lincoln. It was exhibited in cities throughout the country, then returned to Washington, where it was presented to the Government in 1878 by Elizabeth Thompson of New York City, who had purchased it for $25,000. This is believed to be the first time a painting of such great value was donated to the country by a private individual. The painting was moved in 1941 from the House Wing to the Senate Wing of the Capitol and hung on the west staircase.

While this picture was being painted Mr. Carpenter and his wife resided at a Washington hotel where members of Congress also made their home. One morning at breakfast Mrs. Carpenter said her husband had been gone the entire night and that she was greatly worried for fear some harm might have occurred. Someone at the table, who evidently knew of Mr. Carpenter's complete absorption in the work on which he was engaged, suggested he was probably at the White House working upon the painting. A guest at the table immediately went to the White House and found Francis at work, entirely oblivious that daylight had come, lights were unnecessary, it was breakfast time, and his wife was anxious to know what had become of him.

Francis B. Carpenter was such a prolific painter that it is nearly impossible to list all his paintings. They include sixteen portraits of Lincoln, plus portraits of presidents Millard Fillmore, John Tyler, James A. Garfield and Franklin Pierce. He personally knew many of his subjects, including John C. Fremont, 1856 presidential candidate and later U. S. Senator from California and Governor of the Arizona Territory in 1882. Other notables he painted included three New York governors, several mayors in New York State, editor Horace Greeley, and numerous college presidents, church leaders, actors, actresses and writers. The list of his works taken from Carpenter's diary also includes portraits of many friends, neighbors and relatives in the Homer area.

Many who came to pose for the artist fast became his friends. His was a world of the great and near great, but he never forsook his home ties. Most of Carpenter's summers were spent at the family farm in Homer. Not until after it was sold in 1916 did the distribution of the family portraits take place. Those of his closest kin were kept by family members. His grandson, Emerson C. Ives, became owner of the portraits of his mother, Florence (daughter of the artist), and of those of Carpenter's parents. Many of the subsequent engravings of his more famous works were autographed by the artist and sent back to friends and family members in Homer as Christmas gifts. Some still can be seen there.

The White House art collection includes two of Carpenter's works, "Abraham Lincoln and His Son Tad" and "Reception at the White House" (see photograph on page 26). The signed oval miniature of President and son, which measures less than four inches, is mounted in a one-inch ebony frame with a thin bronze band surrounding the painting. This three-quarters length portrait of Abraham Lincoln, wearing a long black coat, white shirt and black bow tie, shows his right arm resting on the back of a chair, upon which is son, Tad, before a table with eyes lowered to an open book. Green cloth covers the table; part of a large, red book is shown at the left rear. To the right of the President is a red-seated chair and, on the wall, a picture of a farmhouse; through an open window at left is a view of the White House.
Of Francis Carpenter's writings, the most important is the book *Six Months in the White House with Abraham Lincoln*, sub-titled "The Story of a Picture", published by Hurd and Houghton in 1866. Among the many who have utilized this material in their own works is poet Carl Sandburg. "It has been the business of my life, as you know, to study the human face and I say now as I have said repeatedly to my friends, Mr. Lincoln has the saddest face I ever painted." So wrote Francis B. Carpenter in an April 27, 1865 letter to Theodore Tilton.

Francis died March 23, 1900 in New York City. Among his correspondence were letters from Mrs. Todd Lincoln asking for a portrait of herself; from John G. Whittier, who said "I know of no one I would sooner sit for a portrait than thyself"; from Charles Dickens, praising his 1868 book, *The Inner Life of Abraham Lincoln*; and, from Robert Todd Lincoln in 1878 regarding hanging of the Emancipation Proclamation painting in the Capitol.

**SOURCES:**


- With special thanks to reader Dorothy Hartmann Carpenter, then of 2709 Blaine Dr., Chevy Chase, MD 20015, who in 1972 responded to your editor's plea for more information on Francis Bicknell Carpenter. She furnished, among other items used to compile the above article, correspondence between herself and the Smithsonian Institution, the White House (Office of the Curator), and the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, as well as Xerox copies of articles furnished by some of those sources.

**RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE - A Painting by Francis Bicknell Carpenter**

Politicians, military men and social lions swarmed to Mary Lincoln's weekly receptions, despite criticism of her extravagance. In this painting President Lincoln greets his new commanding general's wife, Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, introduced by her husband. The artist crowded his scene with famous men, many not actually there. Mrs. John F. Kennedy, compiling the first White House guidebook, wanted to include the painting, then hanging in Washington's Corcoran Gallery of Art. Owner Winslow Carlton of New York City found out Jacqueline would like the painting for the White House and donated it to hang in the Treaty Room. "I think it is almost our most exciting contribution so far," Mrs. Kennedy wrote Breeden.
Carpenters & Silversmiths, Then and Now

JOSEPH CARPENTER'S SILVERSMITH SHOP
RESTORED IN NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

Joseph Carpenter's silversmith shop is among restored buildings now operated by "The Society of the Founders of Norwich, Connecticut, Inc."

Located at 73 East Town Street in Norwich, it is a one-and-a-half story building with a gambrel roof, brick end chimney and two outside wooden fold-up shutters.

Joseph Carpenter was one of the most successful artisans of Norwich, producing silver, clocks, jewelry and pewter.

He was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Lathrop) Carpenter and married Eunice Fitch, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Huntington) Fitch. He shared the shop with his brother, Gardner Carpenter, who had a mercantile business.

The shop was restored in 1916 by Norman M. Isham and acquired by the Society some years later. It is thought to be the only surviving shop of its kind in New England.

The Society maintains an office and conference room on the second floor and leases the first floor as a professional office. The organization has accumulated a wealth of genealogical data on early Norwich families. For information write to the Society at P. O. Box 13, Norwich, CT 06360.

LAURA M. CARPENTER OF MADISON, MAINE
ENTERTAINED WORLD WAR I TROOPS OVERSEAS

"Like all American girls, my foremost thought from the day we entered the World's Great War until the Armistice signing was 'Which way can I serve my country to the greatest advantage?'" So wrote Laura M. Carpenter, born Dec. 29, 1893 to William F. and Nabel (Simonds) Carpenter of Madison, Maine. When the war broke out Laura and sister Doris began doing "sister sketches" to entertain soldiers at New England bases. Both wanted to go overseas, but neither had reached the age 25 limit. Laura, the elder, enlisted in September, 1918, but had to wait until her birthday to go. She was given a try-out at Ellis Island, NY, before hundreds of sailors.

Laura later wrote: "On January 30th I said goodbye to the Statue of Liberty, sailing for a foreign land to our own boys of the A.E.F. on the small troop ship 'Goentoer'. We were 14 days at sea and 12 were extremely stormy. Owing to the rough ocean it was considered unsafe to sit up on deck, but I insisted on remaining where there was plenty of fresh air and was told if I really wished to stay out on deck, I must be tied, whereupon I willingly agreed...A storm at sea is a beautiful, yet terrible, picture. While we did not lose a passenger on our ship, word was received that four YMCA girls had been buried at sea from the ship preceding ours, and that dead bodies had been seen floating near our own boat the morning after one of the worst storms...Every evening at eight we gathered in the small reception room and the entertainers, six in all, opened their shows, which were greatly appreciated by the audiences and helped all forget the angry waves." An account of Laura's overseas work is given in Florence Waugh Danforth's book, Somerset County (ME) in the World War.

A superior paid this tribute to her: "The unit to which you were attached has been one of the very best we have had over here and you have contributed considerably to its success. You have cheerfully worked under the most trying conditions and have at all times conducted yourself in the highest possible manner."

Charles Carpenter Is This Decade's Expert On Gorham and Tiffany Silver

Charles H. Carpenter Jr. is, according to a newspaper clipping in your editor's file, one of our decade's authorities on decorative arts and the author of Gorham Silver, 1831-1981, an illustrated story of the Providence, RI, silver manufacturer. He also co-authored with his wife a 1978 book, Tiffany Silver. We know nothing more, except that he was guest speaker at the 1983 annual meeting of the Rhode Island Historical Society in Providence.
CARPENTER FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

#2157 - CANADIAN-BORN FAMILY MEMBER ENTERED HIS SECOND CENTURY WITH ENERGY!

This newspaper story, forwarded by reader Mary Jane Morrell, 224 Church St., Wayland, MI 49348, appeared in the Feb. 25, 1910 edition of the Wayland Globe.

AT AGE OF 99 STARTS A FARM
Louis Carpentier's Wonderful Energy

WAS 101 ON CHRISTMAS DAY

"Homesteaded" a Farm in Saskatchewan Last Summer -- Walked 100 Miles in Four Days -- Drinks No Whiskey -- Used Tobacco for Seventy-five Years.

Do you expect to live to the age of one hundred years? When you reach one hundred years do you think you will be able to walk one hundred miles in four days over a prairie? When you become a centenarian do you think you would care to become a homesteader in the Canadian northwest? This is what Louis Carpentier of Lake Linden, Mich., has done.

Louis Carpentier was born in Quebec, Can., on Christmas Day, 1808, and thus, on Christmas Day, 1909, celebrated his one hundred and first birthday. His parents were both French immigrants; both died fifty or sixty years ago. Louis Carpentier went to Lake Linden twenty-two years ago when his daughter became the wife of Philabert LaBeault. Mrs. Carpenter is still living, a happy, healthy young woman of seventy-nine.

Mr. Carpentier is the inspiration of everybody in Lake Linden. Although he uses a walking stick, he never finds it necessary to wear glasses; he tucks away three square meals every day; doesn't know what sickness means, and gets as much real enjoyment out of life, even in this, the beginning of the second century of his existence, as do any of his six children, seventeen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Carpentier, a year ago last summer, when he was within a few months of his one hundredth birthday, took account of his affairs and decided that it was perfectly absurd for an able bodied man of only ninety-nine to be wasting his time in vain pleasures around Lake Linden. Immediately, he left for the Canadian Northwest, located in Saskatchewan, in the vicinity of Saskatoon, where he took up a homestead of 160 acres. He fulfilled the requirements of the Canadian government by breaking a large proportion of the land, and this summer he raised more than 300 bushels of oats and a very large quantity of wheat.

After the harvest, last fall, Mr. Carpentier came back, leaving three of his sons on the land. They were desirous of accompanying him to the old home in Lake Linden, but he scorned their offer as an intimation that he was not able to take care of himself and insisted on coming home alone. He only permitted his sons to accompany him on the little stroll of 100 miles, from their farm to the nearest railroad station. On this walk they slept out of doors during each of the four nights spent on the trip. Mr. Carpentier enjoyed this feat of pedestrianism even more than did his sons, who carried the food necessary for the trip.

Mr. Carpentier is spending the winter with his wife and their daughter, Mrs. LeBeault, in Lake Linden. Mrs. Henry LaRose, another daughter, lives in Lake Linden. Wilfred, a son, resides in Sault Ste. Marie, and the three other sons, Napoleon, John and Alexar, are taking care of the farm in Saskatchewan. Mr. Carpentier insists that he is going back in the spring to finish the necessary improvements. This amazing man shows no signs of his advanced age in the workings of his mind, his sense of humor, or his appreciation of the good things of life. He came to the conclusion, a few years ago, that he had smoked enough, having indulged in tobacco for three quarters of a century. He doesn't oppose the use of tobacco, but merely thinks that he can get along just as well without it now. Like the great majority of the French people, he has always used beer and light wine, but has always been a temperate man, and, therefore, opposed to the use of whiskey, or any other distilled liquor, in excess.
#2158 - Seeks Ancestors of Joseph Carpenter Born in 1794 in Ulster County, New York

Reader Don A. Carpenter of 141 Seventh St., Holly Hill, FL 32017, seeks the parents and ancestors of the Joseph Carpenter born 1 September 1794 in Ulster Co., NY. He married 10 Dec. 1815, Permilia A. Hine (1795-1842). Here is his descent from Joseph and Permilia.

1. JOSEPH and PERMILIA (HINE) CARPENTER, who had children Silvia J., Reubin H., Leusanion, William C., John C., Ruth, Wealthy, Oris, Lorenzo T., Permilia and Joseph.
3. JAY W. CARPENTER, born 15 Jan. 1855 and married, 11 July 1885, Mary W. Hall, who was born 19 May 1859.
5. PHILLIP R. CARPENTER, born in 1916, and DONALD A. CARPENTER, born in 1917.

#2159 - Reprints of Amos Carpenter's 1898 Genealogy Are Now Available

Announcement was made this August that several copies of Amos B. Carpenter's 1898 work, THE CARPENTER MEMORIAL (Genealogy of the Rehoboth, Mass., Branch of the Carpenter Family) have been reprinted by Coon Rapids Minute Print, 520 Fifth Ave., Coon Rapids, IA 50058.

The 908-page book has been reprinted on white opaque 33 pound (thin) sheets. Obtaining negatives for printing plates from an old original was not an easy feat and a few scars in the old copy could not be removed. The entire reprint volume is, however, completely readable. The book is bound by a high heat sealing process, enhanced with cloth webbing and covered with brown book binding tape. The 80 point cardboard brown outside cover is a reproduction of the original with the same title in gold ink.

The new reprint edition sells for $60 per copy and orders should be placed with Coon Rapids Minute Print. For additional information, including discount prices on multiple orders, contact owners Aden and Jean Owen (Telephone: 712-684-5326), professional printers who took this on as a "retirement" project.

#2160 - Anyone Have Maiden Name for Rachel, the First Wife of John Titus of Rehoboth, Mass.?

Has anyone yet identified Rachel, the first wife of John Titus Jr., who subsequently wed, probably in 1659, Abigail Carpenter (1643-1710)? This plea to serious Carpenter family researchers comes from Joe Comstock Jr., 650 W. Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

Joe descends from Silas Titus, born in 1656 to John and Rachel. He also descends from Joseph Carpenter, brother of John Titus' second wife, Abigail. They were children of William Carpenter, immigrant from England, who settled at Rehoboth, Mass., and founded the large New England branch of the Carpenter family.

John Titus' first wife Rachel probably died in 1658 soon after her daughter Hannah was born, as it is evident a contemplated marriage of John Titus and Abigail Carpenter was known to her father, William Carpenter, when the body of his will was written. They were probably wed after the will was first drawn, but before addition of the memorandum in which John Titus is called "son". Samuel Titus, son of John and Abigail, was born in 1661 and was no doubt their eldest child. John Titus in his will refers to his cousin, Samuel Carpenter, and to Samuel Carpenter (son of Samuel), who held the homestead. He also refers to William Carpenter by appointing him overseer of his will. Following the death of John Titus, Abigail (Carpenter) Titus married in 1692 Jonah Palmer Sr., who came to America with his father, William Palmer, in 1629 and moved from Charlestown, Mass., to Rehoboth in 1657.

Joe Comstock is searching for a "Mayflower" ancestor, so is pursuing the unknown maiden names of his early female ancestors...says he needs to keepup with his wife, who is a Howland descendant. Good luck, Joe!
#2161 - Carpenters Listed in Unpublished Maryland Revolutionary War Records

The following names are extracted from Volume 2 of Margaret Roberts Hodges Unpublished Revolutionary Records of Maryland. This lengthy typescript can be consulted at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C.

Carpenter, Jnr. Geo. St. Mary's County
Carpenter, Tuner St. Mary's County
Carpenter, Wm. St. Mary's County
Carpenter, Richard Kent County Militia
Carpenter, John Charles County Militia
Carpenter, Wm. Charles County Militia

#2162 - Descendants of Perez & Orinda (Colburn) Carpenter Finds Ancestry and Gets in Touch

We heard last spring, for the first time, from Ona M. Dixon, 3214 Greenwood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225. For those who may be interested in contacting her, here's her genealogical story.

I had been plodding along researching various parts of my family tree when a second cousin I found in Red Wing, MN, sent me a copy of a letter from Charles L. Carpenter of Lima, PA, that stated our line had been well documented in the "Memorial" to the Rehoboth Branch of the Carpenters, published in the last century by Amos B. Carpenter. It was like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! I called Charles up that same night and he will be sending me some things.

I am descended from Perez Carpenter and Orinda Colburn, through Ira W. Carpenter, then through his daughter, Ellen Carpenter, who married my great-grandfather, Randall Leavitt, near Maiden Rock, WI. Randall left Ellen pregnant and headed 'south', not to be heard from again. I have so far drawn a complete blank in tracing his forefathers, too. Ellen died giving birth to my grandfather, Verner Leavitt. Randall was supposed to have been born in Maine, and I'm trying to connect him with the Stillman Leavitt family who lived near where he married Ellen Carpenter, since my grandfather named one of his sons Stillman. Sorry to have gotten carried away. Other people's family history isn't nearly as interesting as your own!

#2163 - John Carpenter, Vermont Native, Settled in Jefferson County, Mississippi

Following is a capsulized summary of data on a John Carpenter who was born in Vermont and lived at Fayette in Jefferson County, Mississippi. There have been scattered references to him in past Epistle issues. This outline is furnished by Terry L. Carpenter, 171 Eutaw St., Starkville, MS 39759. He also had input from researcher Raymond G. Carpenter of Seminole, FL. Other sources include U. S. census schedules for Mississippi, the Journal of Mississippi History (Vol. 18, p. 172), Marriage Book 7 for Adams Co., MS (p. 407), and Bible Records (Mississippi DAR, Vol. 3, p. 261).


John B. and Anne G. Carpenter were the parents of a son, Edgar Hamilton Carpenter, born June 18, 1857 at Fayette, Jefferson Co., MS. Anne G. (Stokes) Montgomery Carpenter died Jan. 12, 1897, near Vicksburg, MS.

John B. Carpenter may have also been married once before moving to Mississippi, the wife's name not known. It is possible that C. C. Carpenter, born ca. 1838 in New York, was a child of that marriage, but this has not yet been proven.
The following information is from William Monroe Newton's History of Barnard, Vermont (Vol. II, which contains numerous family genealogies). It was published by the Vermont Historical Society.

Nathan Carpenter lived at Hardwick, VT, when he bought one hundred acres of land (Lot No. 82) in Barnard, VT, May 6, 1777. His father, Gideon Carpenter, had lived in Pomfret, CT, and Dudley, MA, before moving to Old Hardwick. He served in the Revolution from Woodstock, VT, for five days in September of 1778.

Nathan sold his original lot Sept. 7, 1784, then bought from William Culver of Barnard on Nov. 5, 1787 twenty-five acres in Barnard, but near the town line of Pomfret, where Nathan was then living. Three days later Carpenter bought roughly another eleven acres in the east part of Barnard from Gideon Billings. This Nathan Carpenter seems to have moved around, having lived in Stockbridge, Barnard, Royalton, Pomfret, Rochester, and in the first house built in East Middlebury, VT.

The following data (in Newton's book) is from Dr. W. A. Dewey of Middlebury, VT:

Nathan Carpenter (Gideon-6, Nathan-5, Samuel-4,3, William-2,1) was born Feb. 6, 1751 and died Feb. 11, 1842 at Middlebury, VT.

He married 1) Anne Cox at Hardwick, VT, March 15, 1773. She was a daughter of Capt. Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Wight) Cox. Anne was born March 13, 1755, and died at Barnard, VT.

Nathan married 2) Hannah Lurvey at Barnard May 8, 1788. The widow of John Andrews, she was born sometime after 1756 at Gloucester, MA to Eleazar and Sarah (Pool) Lurvey. Hannah died at Hancock, VT.

Nathan came to Barnard as early as 1787 and lived there until after the birth of Hannah's second child. His children were:

1. Ebenezer Carpenter, born at Hardwick Nov. 10, 1773.
2. Mary Carpenter, born at Hardwick April 2, 1775.
3. Nathan Carpenter, born at Stockbridge April 15, 1789; married Eunice Converse of Hancock.
5. Anna Carpenter, born June 15, 1792; married Charles Everds.

There reportedly were six other children born to Nathan's first wife, Anne (Cox) Carpenter.

This source lists these two other Carpenter family members as Barnard residents. It does not give their ancestry, nor their relationship to Nathan, above.

Isaiah H. Carpenter, a printer in Woodstock, VT, as early as 1805, came to Barnard a little later. He married, at Windsor, VT, in 1804, Elizabeth Welch. Isaiah died in Woodstock in 1867.

John Carpenter was born in Sutton, MA, in 1744; he married Hannah Record at Attleboro, MA. He lived in Barnard after his marriage, but also lived at Bethel, VT, and moved to either Derby or Brownington, VT. John was a clothier.

A recent note from Mrs. Mattie Belle (Carpenter) Ross, 2114 Oakland Dr. NW, Cleveland, TN 37311, reports another discovery on the early Southern Carpenter family featured in her book, My Ancestry. For data on this book, see Epistle Item #2099 (May, 1987 edition).

Mattie says: "Since writing My Ancestry I have proof that Solomon Carpenter's wife's name was Sutney Hughes. She was named in her father's will as Sutney Carpenter." These Carpenters moved from Virginia to the Carolinas at an early date.
GEORGE CARPENTER FAMILY CAME TO OHIO IN EARLY 1800'S FROM FREDERICK CO., VIRGINIA

Walter I. Farmer, 3457 Observatory Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45208, wrote your editor the following in August of this year:

A few years ago you published a letter I had written about a George Carpenter who was an Indian spy. Since then, I have published my book (1987) In America Since 1607. I have resolved who the spy was and who my George Carpenter was (uncle and nephew). Mr. George H. Richardson, 211 Main St., Tiltonsville, OH 43963, has considerable archives on the Carpenter family. I thought you would like to see these extracts from my book and maybe publish them."

Following is some of Mr. Farmer's summary:

Of the many Carpenter (Zimmerman) families in America, ours persists in hiding. However, from archives of Robert H. Richardson, author of A Time and Place in Ohio in 1983, comes a statement that three brothers came to America in the 18th century. They were sons of a William Carpenter of Hampshire, England, who died about 1740. The brothers—John, Ezekiel and George—settled on the James River near Williamsburg, Va. Richardson states that "during the War of the Revolution Ezekiel and George were lost (not killed) and after the war could not be found..." Mr. Richardson also wrote Tilton Territory and is interested in Carpenter-Tilton family relationships.

From Mr. Richardson and J. A. Caldwell's 1880 History of Belmont and Jefferson County, Ohio:

Captain John Carpenter, originally of the James River area, moved west at an early date and settled in West Augusta Co., Colony of Virginia. He married Nancy Ann, a widow scalped by the Indians. Capt. Carpenter was a member of Gen. George Washington's retinue in 1753. They were very early settlers in Ohio and built Carpenter's Fort in 1781 in Jefferson County. They had 8 children born in Virginia and Ohio. The second son was George Carpenter (1767-1828), who married in 1791 Susannah Tilton. He was a noted Indian spy and established a blockhouse below the mouth of the Rush River in Jefferson County about 1785.

GEORGE CARPENTER, born ; married Elizabeth (Walker?). He first appears in Spotsylvania and then in Frederick Co., Va. by 1795, where his three daughters were married. In 1803 he bought property in Frederick Co., Va. In 1813, he bought property in Belmont Co., Ohio, near the town of Flushing. George died in 1816 in Belmont Co., Ohio. His will is dated 12 Feb. 1814. Children:

1. Walker Carpenter
2. Jonathan Carpenter, born 1782/83; married, 1812, Atlanta Fawcett and wed, second, her sister, Susannah Fawcett.
3. Thomas Carpenter
5. Amelia Carpenter, married 4 Sept. 1801, Frederick Co., Va., Joseph Fawcett.
7. Elizabeth Carpenter
8. Catherine Carpenter, who married George Brock.

Walter Farmer provided your editor with other references to this family. The most important, of course, are those that prove that the George Carpenter who was in Frederick Co., Va., indeed is the same George Carpenter found in Belmont Co., Ohio. This linkage is established by the Frederick County marriages of Mary Carpenter (to John Pickering), Willy Carpenter (to Joseph Fawcett) and Sarah Carpenter (to Samuel Gilpin), and George Carpenter's 1814 will in Belmont Co., Ohio, which names daughters Mary Pickering, Amelia Fawcett and Sarah Gilpin, as well as designates his sons-in-law Samuel Gilpin and Joseph Fawcett as executors.

Mr. Farmer's 376-page book, In America Since 1607, is indexed and contains 95 illustrations. The Carpenter family is only one of several chronicled in this work. Others—in great detail and covering generations in four centuries—include Adams, Calvert, Davis, Farmer, Hollingsworth, Judkins and Stackhouse. The book is available at $35 per copy postpaid from Mr. Farmer at the address given at the top of the page (Ohio residents add 6% sales tax). If you are in a hurry to learn more, Walter's telephone number is 513-321-6056.
A sheaf of papers that recently popped up from its long-buried place in the files outlines some of the Carpenter families found in the 1850 census of Washington Twp., Greene Co., Indiana. This list was submitted in 1983 by Ellen Sulser of 1309 23rd St., Des Moines, IA 50311. She descends from John and Mahala Carpenter, who moved from Greene Co. to Summit Twp., Marion Co., Iowa, through their daughter, Mary Ann, who wed Henry Jordan. Ellen would welcome any additional material on this branch of the Carpenter family. Particularly helpful would be knowledge of John’s parents and where he was born in Kentucky.

Carpenters in 1850 Census, Washington Twp., Greene County, Indiana


James A. Carpenter, 25, born Indiana; wife, Louisa, 22; son, William H., age 4 months.


John Carpenter, 34, born Kentucky, and wife, Mahala, 27, born Indiana. Children: Samuel, 8, James, 5, Henry, 3, and George, 7 months. Also living with them is Sally Boone, 15. (Children born after the 1850 census: Sarah, 1851; John W., 1854; Isaac R., 1856; Eliza A. and Mary A., both Aug. 13, 1861; Blina 1., 1865; Francis M., 1867; Emily 0., 1868, and Elizabeth B., 1872.)

Jacob Carpenter, 30, born Indiana, and wife, Nancy J., born Kentucky. Children: Anna, 4, Henry J., 2, and Elijah, 8 months. Living with them are Catherine Huffman, 19, and Elijah Huffman, 21.


Greene County W.P.A. Records - Marriages

Samuel H. Carpenter, born 1817, Indiana; wed 1 Nov. 1848, Greene Co., Christina Pursell.

Jacob Carpenter, born 1820, Indiana, married, 14 Feb. 1844 in Greene Co., Nancy Huffman.

William Carpenter married, 7 Sept. 1838 in Greene Co., Cynthia Evans.

John Carpenter married, 15 March 1841 in Greene Co., Mahala Simmons. (Note: Ellen Sulser believes her g-g-grandparents, John and Mahala, were married in 1844 and that Mahala’s maiden name was Neal.)

Editor’s Note: We published many years ago in our former quarterly newsletter on the Carpenter family an article on the early Carpenter settlers of “Carpenter’s Fort” below Pittsburgh in Washington Co., Pennsylvania. They were kin of the Boone family. Some of the family moved from Pennsylvania down into Kentucky, then into Indiana. This may be a good source for you to check.

#2168 - Two More Readers Seeking Ancestors for Two Other John Carpenters in Indiana

Two other readers researching their Carpenter ancestry in Indiana are:

Leona Ahrens, R. R. #2, Grinnell, IA, who seeks the ancestry and other family data on a John Carpenter born in 1804 who married in 1826 at Terre Haute, Wigo Co., Indiana, Elizabeth Pointer (1804-1848). Their children were Sarah, Mary Ann, William Albert, John W., Richard S., Nancy J. and Isaac Carpenter. Leona’s great-grandfather was the son, William Albert Carpenter (1829-1919), who married Martha Ann Blue.

Alice M. Carpenter, 1205 Bristol Court, Modesto, CA 95350. Her ancestor, John S. Carpenter, was born in 1809 in Steuben Co., New York, and she cannot trace his family any further back. The family moved to Wisconsin by the 1820’s, was found in Indiana in the mid 1850’s, then moved on to Iowa and Nebraska. He and his wife, Lodema (maiden name unknown?), died in Nebraska and John was buried at Willow Springs in Garfield Co. Alice is working on the line that descends from their son, Ezra Peabody Carpenter (1846-1921), who was born in Indiana and married Martha Elizabeth Hayner in 1868 in Page Co., Iowa, and from their son, Harry Solomon Carpenter (1890-1983) of Chelan, Washington.
#2169 - 1874 Directory Lists Carpenter Residents of Crawford Co., Pennsylvania

The following Carpenter family members are listed in Hamilton Child's 1874 Gazetteer and Business Directory of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, printed in Syracuse, NY.

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(If two towns are given, the first is the post office address and the second is the town the person is listed under in the directory.)

#2170 - Researchers Reach "Dead-End" on Owen Carpenter, North Carolina Land Owner in 1700's

We've got two readers who have been searching many years for the ancestry of an Owen Carpenter who was in Cumberland (Moore) Co., North Carolina in 1762. Here's one final plea on their behalf since they've tried so hard, been so patient, and really would be thrilled to have some information.

Mildred (Carpenter) Eason, 4933 Hillside Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76114, says she's been trying for a decade to find out more about this Owen Carpenter who, she says, "was killed after he had received his pay vouchers for service in the Revolutionary War, Wilmington District, NC; served 4 years, 7 months, 1783...Those researching him say his sons were Adam, Solomon, Temple, John, Owen, etc. All of these grew up in Moore Co., NC, and married there. Adam went to SC; Temple went to GA & MS; Owen, Solomon and John wound up in TN; and Owen went on to Tippah Co., MS. It would seem that Owen Sr. came from the Solomon or Joseph Carpenter in Botetourt Co., Va. However, no one has proven this. I have all the info I need from Owen to me--but Owen from 1762 back is a mystery!" Mildred has copies of three land warranties (550 acres) issued Owen Carpenter for Cumberland (Moore) County land by "His Majesty, the King" through the Governor General in 1762, 1763 and 1775.

Vivian T. Cates, Route #2, Box 52-A, Alto, TX 75925, has also spent a decade or more shaking Carpenter family trees to see if any new facts fall out about Owen Carpenter who, says she, "possibly migrated down the Great Wagon Road from Virginia or Pennsylvania". Vivian believes Owen was born about, or before, 1750, and that his wife, Catherine, was born ca. 1755. Was he, she asks, the same Owen Carpenter who, with infant son, allegedly was killed by Cornwallis' men? She also seeks proof this Owen was father of the Adam Carpenter whose 1851 death notice in Edgefield, SC, says he was born in 1771 in Moore Co., NC. She descends from Adam and his wife, Matilda (needs her maiden name), who were wed ca. 1799 and had sons John, William, Isham and Dennis Carpenter. Vivian also seeks data on the Samuel Carpenter listed as over age 45 on the 1800 census of Cumberland Co., NC. What was his relationship to Owen and Adam Carpenter?

#2171 - Two Carpenter Marriages Given in First Dighton, Mass., Town Record Book

Book I of the Dighton, Mass. Town Records was copied in 1939--under the direction of Elizabeth Janet MacCormick and Edith Whitney Shaw--for the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. This typescript includes these two entries:

Page 33: "December: 25 annoqu domini: 1718 Isaac Carpenter was marryed to mary luies (Lew's?), both of Swanzey."

Page 205: "October 20 1753 Joseph Atwood of Dighton & Elisabeth Carpenter of Rehoboth entered their intentions of marraige."
Still seeking information on her early Carpenter ancestors in Sussex County, Delaware is Mrs. Barbara Jewett, 19077 CR 20, Goshen, IN 46526. Several years ago we published in The Epistle some data on her line, hoping it would put Barbara in touch with other descendants of the Messick Carpenter whose 1822 will listed children Isaac, Messick, John R. and Sarah (who married George Donovan). There was not a single response.

Barbara has continued her research, locating land deeds and continually hoping for some break-through that would shed light on the origin of Messick Carpenter. His place of birth has been given as Cedar Creek Hundred in Sussex Co., DE. One Carpenter found there at an earlier date is a Nepthalia Carpenter, named on the 1785 tax assessment. He first married a woman named Sarah; his second wife is identified as Polly Paynter, with a June, 1788 wedding date in one source, but as Mary Paynter, with a June 26, 1789 wedding date in another record. Nepthalia Carpenter is believed to be a son of James Carpenter, the only Carpenter listed in the 1693 tax assessments of Cedar Creek. James married Affiance Piles Aug. 12, 1698 and his will is dated 1738. A record states Nepthali(a) inherited his father's land. A description of the James Carpenter land is similar to that in deeds to land owned by Messick Carpenter II before he went west in 1836. Can anyone find the documentation that links these Carpenters?

A wealth of material on the descendants of Noah Franklin Carpenter (1871-1952) of North Wilkesboro, NC, has been collected by Beverly Ann (Carpenter) Rittenhouse of 1514 Sheridan St., Elwood, IN 46036.

Noah and his wife, the former Martha Regina Holbrook, were married in 1889 and had children Alonzo, Robert, James, Mamie, Emory, Maggie, Theodore, Johnny, Mary, Worley and Mabel Carpenter.

Although Bev has accumulated much data on Noah and his descendants, she has been unable to trace his Carpenter ancestry any further back than his father, Phillip Carpenter, who was born April 13, 1821 in Ashe Co., NC, and died in 1918 in Dandy, NC. Phillip married Sally Ann Clahorn in 1853.

A 1966 book by Ruby Smith titled Wayland--Where Yesterday Meets Today tells how her grandfather, Asa Carpenter, pioneered in Michigan in 1837. He left his Oswego County, NY, home in 1837 at age 21 on foot and walked 800 miles to the wilds of Michigan. He had five dollars in his pocket and provisions on his back. There were only blazed trails to follow and some of the terrain was swampy and mosquito infested.

Asa first lodged with a settler named Forbes, helping him farm during the summer and working winters in a saw-mill where folks took timber cleared from the land where the city of Allegan now stands. After seven years of such work he earned enough money to buy 120 acres near Shelbyville in Martin Township. He cleared 15 acres, dragged lumber from the saw-mill with an ox team, and built a frame house with white ash floors and hand-shaved pine shingles.

There were no girls to court near his farm so Asa went back to New York, rented and worked a farm for a year, got married, and brought his bride and their furnishings back to Michigan in a covered wagon. Mrs. Carpenter arrived at the little opening in the great Michigan forests to find few white settlers, but scores of Indians. It was a lonely life.

Ruby's account tells of the many hardships endured by Asa and his young wife during the early years of their marriage. Although their circumstances improved as they reared their three children, Asa remained a hard worker and ended up owning two farms. Then, just as harvest commenced and there were 200 acres of crops, Asa fell from a wagon and injured an arm. This was during the Civil War. The next year he rented his farms and moved to nearby Wayland. He continued to ride horseback to the farm daily during the spring maple sugar operation. They made five to six thousand pounds of it! At age 49, Asa Carpenter caught pneumonia and died.

Anyone interested in this book may contact the Henika Public Library, Wayland, MI 49348.
Emmanuel (Zimmerman) Carpenter was the son of Henry Carpenter. He was born in Switzerland in 1702. Henry arrived in Philadelphia in 1698, returned to Europe, and came back to America in 1706, bringing his family. He settled first in Germantown, Pa., but moved within the present bounds of Lancaster Co. (then Chester) in 1717. Emmanuel was a member of the Assembly from Lancaster Co. in 1768. He was appointed presiding justice of the Common Pleas Court of Lancaster Co. in 1760, and held that position until his death in 1780. He died beloved and lamented by all and is buried in Zimmermans, or Carpenters, graveyard near Earlville.

Henry Carpenter, a prominent member of the Lancaster County bar, is in every way a leading and representative citizen. His ancestors originated in Switzerland, coming to America in the persons of Heinrich Zimmerman and Salome Ruffner, his wife, in 1698, on account of the religious disturbances in their native land at that time. His vocation was in Pennsylvania, where he secured extensive tracts of land from William Penn. One demand to be complied with was that of anglicizing the name—thus Heinrich Zimmerman became Henry Carpenter.

Since those early days there has been—in every generation—a Henry Carpenter, the Lancaster County attorney being the 6th line in succession. Christian Carpenter, his grandfather, was a well-known and most worthy farmer who resided in Earl Township. There he prospered in both material and religious affairs and built a church edifice which is known as Carpenter's Church in Earlville. Christian was a man of liberal spirit, leaving in his will the request that this place of worship should be open to all who wished to use it for religious purposes, irrespective of creed. ...William Carpenter, the father of Henry Carpenter of Lancaster, was for many years the reliable and best known surveyor-scrivener and conveyancer of Lancaster County. The contest which made him notary of Lancaster was one of the most notable political events in the history of the county. Mr. Carpenter was an old-line Whig and there had been a split in the Republican party. The result was a triangular fight in which Mr. Carpenter won by 6 votes over his principal competitor, Peter Martin. An old neighbor and friend of President James Buchanan, he was selected as one of the pallbearers at the funeral of this distinguished statesman and courtly gentleman. The marriage of William Carpenter was to Caroline Eichler, daughter of a prominent farmer living near Lititz. Their children:

1. Albert, who became a member of the bar in this county, but died in the early part of what promised to be a brilliant career.
2. William, a banker; now deceased.
3. Paul, a printer by trade; deceased.
4. Charles, who occupied the position of paying teller in the Lancaster County National Bank; deceased.
6. Caroline A., deceased, who was wife of the late Jacob Baer.
7. Catherine, wife of the late John Magrand (LaGrand?).
10. Elizabeth, a teacher of literature in Philadelphia.
11. Israel, city regulator of Lancaster.
12. Stella, the wife of Dr. J. W. Nelson.
13. Hannah B. (or Henry B.?), who died at the age of 24 years.
14. Salome R., who bore the name of her ancestral grandmother.
15. Henry, the Lancaster attorney covered in this biographical sketch.

Henry was born in the old Carpenter home on East Orange Street Nov. 29, 1859, and passed with credits through the common and high schools of Lancaster. After the 1875 death of his father, Henry went into the business of scrivening and conveyancing with his brother Israel and read law with David C. Eshelmann. The mother died in 1892 at age 68.

Henry Carpenter wed Feb. 15, 1898 Helen Sprecher Wiley, daughter of Thomas D. Wiley and granddaughter of the late Major W. M. Wiley on the paternal side and of William D. Sprecher of Lancaster on the maternal side. Here Mr. Carpenter transacts a large amount of business and must be regarded as one of the most prominent and prosperous citizens.
Samuel L. Carpenter was prominently identified with the development and growth of Lancaster County for a number of years. The name of Carpenter has become associated in the public mind with uprightness of character and honest and energetic business methods. (Here is repeated data on Henry, the immigrant, which lists his children as Emmanuel, born in 1702; Gabriel, born in 1704; and, Salome, Dr. Henry, Christian, Daniel, Mary and Jacob.)

Gabriel Carpenter married Apalina Hermann (1702-1767) and their children were Christian, Salome, Jacob, Catherine, Susannah, Daniel, John, Mary and Elizabeth.

Christian Carpenter was born in 1729 and died in 1800. He married Susan Herr and their children were Jacob, Joel, Daniel, Catherine, Susan, John, Christian, Salome and Nancy. The son Jacob became colonel of the Fifth Battalion of the Lancaster County Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Joel Carpenter, the second son of Christian and Susan (Herr) Carpenter, was born in 1758. He married Margaret Defenderfer and their children were Ephraim, Miles, Giles, Aaron, Allen, Charles, Bryon, Elizabeth, Susan, Sophy, Esther and Catherine Carpenter.

Giles C. Carpenter, the third son of Joel of the fifth generation in America, married Jane McKlintick. Their children were:

1. Amanda, born Oct. 27, 1832; married Solomon Weaver.
2. Margaret, born June 20, 1834; married Phillip Lash.
6. Alvin, born Aug. 21, 1841; married Ellen (Fees?)
7. Arabella, born March 16, 1843; married Adam Good.

Samuel L. Carpenter very early became accustomed to the duties pertaining to farm life. At age 8 he was hired out to neighboring farmer John Oberholzer. His duties were such as a lad his age could perform and he was paid $1.50 a month; these conditions continued until he was 17, his summers filled with farm work and his winters attending the district school. As soon as he became of age, Samuel enlisted in the 21st Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry and with the Army of the Potomac participated in the campaigns before Richmond and Petersburg. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge, returned home and farmed during the winters and followed the carpenter’s trade summers. In 1876, he entered the business of processing hides and tallow. Mr. Carpenter married, Sept. 5, 1869, Mary McCloud, daughter of Reuben and Susannah (Scherper) McCloud of West Earl Twp. They had a daughter, Stella J. Carpenter, who was born in 1871, married Lemon Shirk of West Cocalico, and had a son, Samuel Carpenter Shirk, born in 1889. Samuel Carpenter was a census enumerator in 1870, but refused to qualify. He has been township auditor and school director. As one of the wealthiest men of the township, he is a politician who speaks with knowledge and attributes his success to close, constant attention to business. He and his wife are members of the new Mennonite Church.

Christian G. Carpenter, a prosperous cigar manufacturer and farmer of Bremerville, was born Sept. 11, 1841 in Brownstown, Lancaster Co., son of Emmanuel Carpenter (1812-1896). A carpenter who later kept a hotel, Emmanuel married Flanna Good. Their other children were Mary, Frank, Joseph, Samuel, Rebecca, Emmanuel, Joseph and Catherine.

Christian was educated in the common schools and left home at 17 to clerk in the nearby town of Oregon. In 1861 he enlisted from there in Co. F, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years. After being mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa., he worked for the Pennsylvania Rail Co. for two years before getting in to farming and cigar manufacturing. He was a member of Amity Church and superintendent of its Sunday School. Mr. Carpenter married Elizabeth Buchwalter, daughter of Seth and Hannah Buchwalter of Lancaster Co. Their children are Florence M., born in 1867, and Stella L., born in 1875.

Other data on the early Carpenter families of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania has appeared in various back issues of The Epistle.
Retirement Project Led Down Uncharted Research Paths
JOSEPH RICE AND HIS DESCENDANTS
LESSER-KNOWN BRANCH OF FAMILY MOVED FROM MARYLAND INTO PENNSYLVANIA & W. VIRGINIA

Introduction
This is the story of a man with no prior knowledge or experience in the field of genealogy who, armed only with curiosity about his Rice heritage, single-handedly took on as his retirement project the search for his ancestry. He knew of no Rice beyond his grandparents, whose birthplace was unknown. It was a lonely endeavor, but he continued on uncharted research paths. The unique aspect of this family research by Eugene H. Rice is that he may possibly be the only person who has done original research on this branch of the Rice family. Neither he nor your editor is aware of anyone else who has researched a line from the present back to these early Frederick County, Maryland, Rices who moved to Pennsylvania, then spread out into Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. Your editor has, however, located what she believes to be a "cousin" of Eugene (see Item #2191 on page 52 of this issue). If this kinship is proven, then indeed Eugene's pioneering research efforts will have broken ground for other interested descendants of this branch of the Rice family. He has done an excellent job of documenting his Rice ancestry as far back as the late 1700's, but needs more data to prove the connection between Joseph and George Rice and establish their ancestry. Your editor has in some cases had difficulty reading Eugene's handwriting and recommends that persons verify the spellings of questioned surnames with Eugene before copying them onto their own records. His address is 824 Melrose Ave., Lexington, KY 40502.

- By Eugene H. Rice

Joseph Rice was probably born 28 Nov. 1765 and is believed to have been the son of George and Sarah Rice of Prince George Parish, Frederick County, Maryland. Joseph appears to have been married twice: First to Elizabeth Melvin 15 Jan. 1788, and second to Rebecca Leatch, 6 Nov. 1794, both weddings taking place in the First German Evangelical Reform Church in Frederick County. (Source: Maryland Marriages, 1778-1800).

To add legitimacy to the claim that Joseph and Rebecca (Leatch) Rice are ancestors of the Rice family outlined herein, and that they are from Maryland:
- First, the alleged son, James, born in 1797, named his first born daughter Rebecca Leach Rice, apparently after his mother, Rebecca Leatch/Leach.
- Second, the 1850 census of Clermont County, Ohio, lists as living in the household of an alleged son, Benjamin Rice of Tate Township, a Rebecca Rice, age 76, born in Maryland.

The 1790 federal census of Frederick County, Maryland, lists in the Joseph Rice household: 1 free white male 16 years and upward, 1 free white male under 16 years, and 2 free white females. Nearby a George Rice is listed with 2 males over age 16, and 1 female.

Joseph and Rebecca Rice apparently moved to Greene County, Pennsylvania. On 31 Dec. 1797, Joseph and Rebecca Rice of Franklin Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, sold 53 acres to Solomon Drown and Clement Brooks of Union Township, Fayette Co., Pa., and John Simonson of Washington Township, Washington Co., Pa., for $400. In 1798 Joseph Rice is listed as owning 100 acres of unoccupied land adjoining Maynard Rockhold(?) and John Smith in Greene Co., Pa.; it is valued at $100. In 1800, Joseph Rice is listed in the federal census as living in Morgan Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with 2 males under 10; 1 male, 26-45; 1 female under 10; 1 female, 10-16, and 1 female, 16-26. It would appear that Joseph's wife, Rebecca, was probably too young to have a daughter between ages 10-16, which indicates Joseph had children by a previous wife. In his 1817 will, he only lists his wife, Rebecca, one daughter, Sarah, and his two oldest sons, Henry and James, indicating Sarah (Sally) maintained a special place in the family, especially since there were two other daughters in Joseph and Rebecca's family.

Shortly after 1800, Joseph Rice moved his family to Ohio County, Va. (later, Tyler Co., W. Va.). On Oct. 3, 1803, Hugh Ferguson and Elizabeth, his wife, sold to Joseph Rice for $200 a tract of land containing 222 acres on Middle Island Creek joining land of Ankrom(?) Smith and John Martin.
In the 1810 federal census of Ohio County, Virginia, Joseph Rice's household contains: 2 males under 10; 2 males, 10-16; 1 male over 45; 2 females under age 10; 1 female, 10-16; 1 female, 16-26, and 1 female, 26-45. In 1815, Joseph Rice served on the jury sitting at the Tyler Co., Va. courthouse the second Monday of July. Deliberations concerned a ferry on Middle Island Creek.

Joseph Rice's will was probated in 1817 in Tyler County, Va. As said before, it mentioned only his wife, Rebecca, daughter, Sarah, and sons, Henry and James. The will specifies his Tyler County farm is to be sold at an appropriate time and his land in Ohio paid off. The location of the Ohio land is not given, but several members of his family showed up later in Clermont County, Ohio, indicating this land may have been located there, a short piece up the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

The 1820 federal census of Tyler Co., Va., lists Rebecca Rice as head of a family consisting of 4 males under 10, 1 male between 10 and 16, 1 male between 18 and 26, 1 female between 10 and 16, 2 females between 16 and 26, and 1 female between 26 and 45. James Rice, son of Joseph and Rebecca, was listed as a male between 16 and 26, with a female in the same age category.

James Rice, born 8 May 1797, married 9 Jan. 1820, Elizabeth Lakin, born 31 July 1800, daughter of John Lakin and Elizabeth Ankrom(?), who lived at one time in Greene Co., Pa., and moved to Clermont Co., Ohio. They were married in Tyler Co., Va.

The 1830 federal census of Tyler Co., Va. again lists Rebecca Rice as head of household. Listed are: 1 male, 10-15; 1 male, 20-30; 1 female, 20-30; and, 1 female, 50-60. The James Rice household consists of: 1 male under 5; 2 males, 5-10; 1 male, 30-40; 2 females under 5; 1 female, 5-10; and, 1 female, 20-30.

James Rice was listed as a property owner in Tyler Co., Va., paying tax as a resident through 1832. In 1833, James is listed as a non-resident tax payer. He returned to Tyler County 17 May 1836 and sold 150 acres of his land to Enos Smith. This same land, originally patented by the Commonwealth of Virginia to Thomas Wells 30 Oct. 1819, was sold by him 18 Jan. 1821 to William Wells, who in turn sold it to James Rice 11 March 1825. William Wells was the brother of Martha Wells, who married John Ankrom. James' wife, Elizabeth Lakin, was a granddaughter of Martha (Wells) Ankrom.

The estate of Joseph Rice (who had died in 1817) was sold in 1838 on the Tyler County Court House steps, an action caused by Joseph's son, Henry, apparently to settle the estate. In the deed of sale all of Joseph's children are listed, as well as the sons-in-law and two grandchildren. Quoting from the deed: "Heirs of Joseph Rice, deceased, to wit: Joseph Rice, Henry Rice, James Rice, William Goodell(?) and Betsy his wife, the late Betsy Rice, Jacob Lewis and Rebecca his wife, the late Rebecca Rice, Ruth Rice, Jesse Rice, Benjamin Rice, Jacob Rice and Evan Rice, and Savannah and Nancy Murphy, heirs of Sally (Sarah Rice) Murphy, deceased, who was one of the heirs of said Joseph Rice..."

The 1840 federal census of Clermont Co., Ohio lists the James Rice family in Monroe Township: 2 males under 5; 1 male, 5-10; 2 males, 10-15; 2 males, 15-20; 1 male, 40-50; 1 female, 10-15; 1 female, 15-20; 1 female, 40-50.

In correspondence between two cousins—Gertrude Crawford, descendant of James' daughter, Rebecca, and Jenka Rice York, descendant of James' son, James Monroe Rice—she stated James Rice was a miller, plying his trade on the Little Miami River in Clermont County, Ohio, and later moving his family to Carthage in Hancock Co., Illinois (probably operating a mill on the La Moline River). His only child born in Illinois was Elizabeth Kerr Rice, born 16 Nov. 1841, indicating James Rice moved his family to Carthage in late 1840 or 1841.

James Rice died suddenly, without a will, according to court papers which appoint son Neil administrator of his estate. James Rice died 12 Jan. 1846, just a little more than a month after the death of his son, John Lakin Rice. James' wife, Elizabeth (Lakin) Rice, died 18 Feb. 1849 in Hancock Co., Ill.
The Children of James and Elizabeth (Lakin) Rice

2. Rebecca Leach Rice, born 30 April 1822, Tyler Co.; died 5 Nov. 1905.
6. Martha Jane Rice, born 30 April 1830, Tyler Co.; died _?_.
8. Isabel McKay Rice, born 19 June 1834 in Ohio; died _?_.
10. Joseph Franklin Rice, born 21 Jan. 1839 in Ohio; died _?_.
11. Elizabeth Kerr Rice, born 16 Nov. 1841 in Illinois; died _?_.

Rebecca Leach Rice married Nathan Smith Cheney in Hancock County, Illinois, 24 Dec. 1850. He was listed as a neighbor of the Rice family in the 1850 census, which says he was a farmer, age 45, born in New Hampshire. In later life, she lived with her son, M. L. Cheney, on his farm in Section 4 near Pilot Grove in Hancock Co., Ill. Pilot Grove Cemetery occupies the southeast corner of the Cheney farm, later owned by Lyle Reidner. Elizabeth Kerr Rice wed Hiram Sears and had a daughter, Eda (Sears) Moyes. The 1850 federal census of Hancock Co., Ill. (p. 380) lists these children of James and Elizabeth (Lakin) Rice living together:

- Neal (Neil) McKay Rice, age 25, farmer, born in Virginia
- Rebecca Rice  
  "28"  
  "Virginia"
- Martha J. Rice  
  "20"  
  "Ohio"
- Isabell Rice  
  "16"  
  "Ohio"
- James Rice  
  "14"  
  "Ohio"
- Elizabeth Rice  
  "8"  
  "Illinois"

The family story is that after James and Elizabeth Rice's children were left orphans, the son James soon went to Kentucky to live with relatives. The 1860 federal census of Pike Co., Ky., lists James M. Rice, age 24, a carpenter, born in Ohio, living with Louisa A. Rice, 18, born in Kentucky. Pike County marriage records show that James Rice wed Louisa A. Sword(?), daughter of Francis and Susan (Clark) Sword(?) 20 Sept. 1859. This marriage record lists the birthplace of the groom as Clermont Co., Ohio and that of the bride as Pike Co., Ky.

James Monroe Rice served in the Civil War with the Union forces, enlisting at Peach Orchard, Laurence Co., Ky., with the 39th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry Regiment 30 Oct. 1862 and being mustered out at Louisville, Ky., 15 Sept. 1865, having served as a first lieutenant in Company "C". Military pension records indicate James Rice was wounded 2 Oct. 1864 in the battle at Saltville, Virginia. It was fought to destroy the Preston Salt Works on the North Fork of the Holston River in Smyth Co., Va. Union Forces were commanded by General John S. Williams of Montgomery Co., Ky. Confederate forces were commanded by Brigadier General Stephen S. Burbridge, also a Kentuckian. James Rice was struck in the right knee by a musket ball. After being mustered out of the army, James returned to Pike Co., Ky., and shortly after moved his family to Ceredo, Wayne Co., W. Va., where the 1870 federal census lists him as a merchant, born in Ohio.

(Story continued on next page)
In the 1870's James Monroe Rice purchased a farm from Monty Johnson. It was located two or three miles east of Cyrus, W. Va. in Wayne Co. Cyrus is located on the Big Sandy River, separating West Virginia and Kentucky. James was a farmer and salesman, plying his trade mostly in Kentucky. He crossed the river on the local ferry for 5 cents each way. On one trip he was accosted by a drunk and robbed. The attacker knocked him in the head and he had to have a silver plate inserted in his skull. The Civil War pension claim papers of James Rice say he lived in Ohio about four years, then about eight years in Illinois, and the rest of his life in Kentucky and West Virginia, spending about 35 years in Wayne Co., W. Va. The 1900 federal census of Catlettsburg, Boyd Co., Ky., indicates James and Louisa Rice had 10 children of which seven were then living. Those were:

Susan E. Rice, born in 1860 in Kentucky; married Ezra Staley.
Mary F. Rice, born 15 Feb. 1862, Kentucky; married James (Cub) Smith.
John M. Rice, born in 1866 in West Virginia; married Clara C. Blossemay(?).
Idia(?), K. Rice, born 10 Nov. 1868, West Virginia; married Franklin Hoback.
Jenka Rice, born 1875, West Virginia; married Joshua York, 31 Dec. 1901.
James E. Rice, born 1878(?) in West Virginia; married Nellie Sennett.

William Jefferson Rice, son of James and Louisa, married Ida Hoback, daughter of Lorenzo J. and Martha (Miller) Hoback, 30 Dec. 1886. William and his brother, John Mel Rice, ran a general store and post office near his father's farm in Wayne Co., W. Va., where William and Ida raised their children. They were:

James Lorenzo (Jay) Rice, b. 10 Oct. 1887; m. Iva Barker (or Barber?) 5 March 1915
Golden Forest Rice, b. 15 Jan. 1890; d. 30 May 1890.
John Franklin Rice, b. 30 May 1892; m. Viola (Violet) Sylvia Davis, 17 Aug. 1912.
Pauline Avis Rice, b. 6 July 1895; m. Ray Winters Lynd, 4 June 1924.
George Walter Rice, b. 3 July 1900; d. 9 May 1955.

William Jefferson Rice and his wife, Ida, moved their family to Russell, Greenup Co., Ky., about 1905. There William operated a feed store.

John Franklin Rice and his wife, Viola, were married at Portsmouth in Scioto Co., Ohio, where she was then living. Viola (Violet) Davis was born 6 Sept. 1890 in Carter Co., Ky., daughter of Hiram and Emmaline (Fults) Davis. John Rice worked for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad as a fireman engineer. They raised their family at Russell, Kentucky. Their three children are:


True to the tradition of Americans and their ancestors, the great-great-great-great-grandchildren of Joseph (1765) and Rebecca (Leatch) Rice—John Franklin and Violet (Davis) Rice's grandchildren—have scattered to many states, among them California, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky. Other Joseph Rice descendants may be found in Washington, Minnesota, Texas and elsewhere.

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Editor's Note: Please see Item # 2191 in this issue for info on another descendant of the Tyler Co., W. Va., Rice family.
* This is the compiler of the above article.
O. Boyd Rice stands by the horse-drawn milk wagon of the Central Avenue Dairy in Phoenix, Ariz. He was employed as a deliveryman by the dairy for 12 years and saw the change from horse-drawn milk wagons to milk trucks. Notice the rubber-tired wheels on the wagon. This photograph was submitted by Mr. Rice, a resident of Phoenix.

THE ABOVE ITEM FIRST APPEARED IN "GRIT", A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.

MISS HENRIETTA DENNETT RICE.

Miss Henrietta Dennett Rice is a Maine singer in every sense of the word. She was born in Stetson, near Bangor, Maine, and her musical study has been done in her native State under Miss Lewis, of Portland, with the exception of one year which she spent abroad, working with Yannuccini, in Florence, and Randegger, in London. Miss Rice's work as a church soloist has been done entirely under the direction of Mr. Kotzschmar, of Portland. For several years she was the contralto soloist of the First Parish, and is at present singing at the State Street Church. Miss Rice has a clear, pure, contralto voice, and is a favorite wherever she has been heard.

Miss Rice was advertised to appear at the Maine Festival last season, but by a sudden bereavement was prevented from being present. It will give pleasure to her many friends to listen to her this year on the Maine day programme. She is a resident of Portland and much beloved by all who know her.

THE ABOVE BIOGRAPHY APPEARED IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE 1900 "MAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL", HELD OCT. 1-3 IN BANGOR AND OCT. 4-6 IN PORTLAND.
RICE FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

# 2176 - ELIJAH & BAHAMA (BAKER) RICE DESCENDANTS WORKING TOGETHER ON ANCESTRAL RESEARCH

Some recent correspondence telling of the triumphs of genealogical sharing reflects what The Epistle has been about and is indicative of how we can all continue to help one another.

23 Sept. 1987

Rosemary -

Back issues of Epistle arrived yesterday. Bingo! March, '80, #1168, Elijah Rice (wife Bahama) fits into the Rice part of our family--my great-great-grandfather. He's the elusive Elijah. Thanks for doing such a great job. We hope you will continue to contribute.

- Patricia M. Gould, Box 51, Fenton, MI 48430.

4 Oct. 1987

Dear Ms. Bachelor,

Enclosed copy of a letter from Mary Lou Barrett* should give you a great sense of accomplishment for, as you will read, it was through back issues of The Epistle six and seven years old that Mrs. Barrett was prompted to contact me concerning our long search for the ancestry of Elijah and Bahama Rice of Mentz, NY. My sister, Jane Bartholomew, immediately contacted Mrs. Barrett by telephone and found death certificate of her ancestor Allen Rice (our great-grandfather's brother) gave his mother's maiden name as Bahama Baker, and as you'll see from her letter, Allen stated in a census that both his parents were born in Vermont. Now we know to concentrate our search for Elijah and Bahama's ancestors in Vermont...Again, my thanks for the great contributions you are making...

- Brooks Leavitt, 1012 Sheraton Ct., Martinsville, VA 24112

* Mary Lou Barrett, 13017 SE 171 P1., Renton, WA 98058, received the Epistle info from her sister, Patricia Gould.

22 Oct. 1987

Dear Ms. Bachelor,

...I have prepared, along with my sister Jane Bartholomew#, and with the help of many people over a period of ten years, a summary of descendants of Benjamin Rice+ by his first wife, Rhoda Ann Hamblin, and second wife, Harriett Malvina Bridges, widow of Justus Lewis...Perhaps in the future you will include at least a portion of this summary as it may help some Rice descendants who have no idea of their ancestry back to the early 1800's.

- Brooks Leavitt

# Jane welcomes correspondence. Her address: Mrs. Leavitt Bartholomew, 51 N. Quaker Lane, West Hartford, CT 06119.

+ Benjamin was born in 1806 at Aurelius, NY, a son of Elijah & Bahama (Baker) Rice. Other children of Elijah (born ca. 1772) were Sally (Stevens), Elisha, Elias, Lydia (Shoales), Celestina (Smith), Bahama (Tanner), Charles, Dorcas (Slater), Allen and Mary (Harlow).

Editor's Reply:

How wonderful that you've all gotten in touch and can pool your research resources and energy! I'm going to send your summary of Benjamin Rice descendants on to Susan Weeks Konantz (see page 4 of this issue) to publish in her Rice surname booklet. Some of her readers who haven't been Epistle readers may have data to share with you. Meanwhile, I wish you good luck in your search!

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#2177 - TENNESSEE MERCHANT JOSEPH GOODWIN RICE WAS REARED IN ILLINOIS & MISSOURI


Joseph Goodwin Rice

In political and mercantile circles probably no man in Lewis County is more widely known than Joseph Goodwin Rice, the present genial and efficient county clerk. His grandfather, Jerry Rice, was a pioneer farmer of southern Illinois, where his children were born, but before they grew to maturity he removed to Dunklin County, Missouri. Here he passed the closing years of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits.

James B. Rice, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Illinois in 1834, but went with his parents in childhood to Missouri, where he was educated in the common schools and became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also engaged in farming and merchandising at Kennett, Missouri. About the time he arrived at men's estate, Samuel and Leona Wilburn moved from Tennessee to Dunklin County and settled at Kennett. Their daughter, Sarah, who was born in Perry County, Tennessee, in 1834, became the wife of Rev. J. B. Rice, and of the seven children born to them the subject of this review is the only one now living. J. B. Rice died in 1869 and his widow subsequently married R. R. Johnson. With him and her children she removed to Tennessee, settling in Perry County, whither her mother had gone some years before the death of Samuel Wilburn.

Joseph Goodwin Rice was born at Kennett, Missouri Sept. 24, 1862. He attended the public schools there until the family moved to Tennessee, after which he finished his education in the public schools of that county and at Beach Grove Academy. His mother died in 1881, and about that time he began his business career as a clerk in a store at Pleasantville. Later he was similarly employed at Etna. In 1889 he was united in marriage with Miss Laura McClearen, daughter of A. C. McClearen, a prominent farmer at Pleasantville. After his marriage, Mr. Rice moved to Hickman Co. (TN), where for the next six years he followed farming, after which he was engaged in the mercantile business at Kimmins, Lewis Co. (TN), for about 10 years. He still retains an interest in this business, managed by his son, Carl Rice. The establishment has been organized as a stock company, known as the Kimmins Mercantile Co., and has large patronage among people of the town and farmers of the surrounding county.

Ever since he became a voter, Mr. Rice has been a consistent supporter of the Democratic party and its principles. His activity in behalf of his party led to his nomination and election to the office of county clerk in 1908, and under his administration the affairs of the office were conducted with such skill and ability that he was honored with re-election in 1910...Mr. Rice is a member and one of the board of stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice are the parents of eight children--Carl, Herman, Bernard, Irene, Aubrey, Fred, Edward and Willadene. Except for Carl, the other children are at home with the parents; Edward died in 1905 at the age of 15 months...Mr. Rice's father served in the Confederate Army under Gen. Sterling Price. He was captured and held a prisoner for some time, being finally exchanged at Vicksburg.

#2178 - NED RICE OF SC & AL, A 107-YEAR-OLD BLACK VETERAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The following record of Ned Rice (1752-1859), a black soldier in the Revolutionary War, is from the Alabama Historical Quarterly (Winter Issue, 1944; VI, p. 637).

Ned Rice was born in 1752 in South Carolina and died in 1859 in Jackson County, Alabama--where he is buried--at the age of 107.

Schedule 3 of the 1860 Census of Jackson County, Alabama, under a listing of persons who died during the year ending June 1, 1860, in Division One of the County, contains this entry by enumerator Jasper J. Jones (p. 1, No. 14):

"Ned Rice, age 107, sex male, color, black; slave, born S. C. Remarks: Ned Rice was a servant in the American Army during the Rev. War and was present at many battles. He was taken prisoner by British and remained with them as a prisoner of war until he contrived to make his escape. He personally knew many of the American and British leaders and frequently related anecdotes of them."
We've heard from a few descendants of Willis Rice, son of Levi and Matilda (McMichel) Rice, and have some scattered bits of data we're not sure you all know, so here's an attempt to pull some of this together.

First, a bit more about Willis and his family. Levi moved from his native Massachusetts to Vermont in young manhood and later served from there in the War of 1812. Willis cleared his own 300 acre farm near St. Albans, VT, prospered, wed Asubah (or Jane) Kimball and lived to age 84. His children were Curtis, Asubah, Moses, Levi, Polly and Willis. Willis Jr., who was born in 1835, set out for Iowa in 1855, and eventually settled in Maquoketa Twp., where he had a dairy farm and raised cattle. His first wife, Lydia French, came West with him and died at the homestead in 1879; in 1881, he wed Martha Stewart, an Ohio native and school teacher. Much of this data is from a history of Jackson County, Iowa, which states that the paternal great-grandfather of Willis Jr. was Revolutionary War Capt. Jonathan Rice.

The above biographical data was forwarded by long-time Epistle reader Marilyn R. Gaqnon of 431 Moose Hill St., Sharon, MA 02067, who did not even know the parents of Willis when she first corresponded with your editor. Through the Epistle she met Herbert W. Sumner Jr., 12-27 Jerome Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410, another descendant of the Willis Rice born in 1808 to Levi and Martha, who had been wed in 1805 at Palmer, MA. An Epistle query from Herbert drew response from a "new cousin", Paul Richardson of Moses Lake, WA, who furnished the biography of Willis Jr. with its first identification of Levi's father as Jonathan-5 Rice and the rest of the line (according to Paul): (Gershom-4, Ephraim-3, Thomas-2, Edmund-1). Then Marilyn hit a snag. A. H. Ward's 1858 Rice Genealogy does not list Levi-6 as a son of Jonathan-5, but does show Jonathan's brother, Samuel, as having a son named Levi.

Your editor has also heard from Helen B. Gage, 5617 E. Dodge, Mesa, AZ 85205, who is seeking the ancestry of her great-grandfather, Eli D. Rice, born in 1824 at Sheldon, VT. Your editor believes he, too, belongs to the Levi Rice branch of the family.

Now, I have some news for all of you!

First, some time ago the Knotty Pine Antique Market, Route 10, W. Swanzey, NH 03469, had an old framed family record on the family of a Willis Rice, born in 1811, who married in 1834 Sally Shumrey. The price was $40. Does this interest any of you? If so, the antique mall's manager is Joan E. Pappas (telephone: 603-352-5252). The problem is that this place has 260 booths. The booth in question was on the back wall, to the right as you go in the front door. (Your editor wasn't there, or she would have bought it; this "tip" came from a non-Rice reader who scribbled it on a piece of paper.)

Second, there's some news about the Levi Rice born to Jonathan's brother, Samuel. He is listed in the 1970 Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants, a continuation of Ward's book, issued by the Edmund Rice Assn. Levi died 23 July 1851 at age 74. His first wife was Clark and his second was Keziah (Curtis) Rice, widow of his brother Reuben. They lived at Somerset, VT, and their children were Hosea, Morris, Delight, Evangeline, Edwin, Lot, Jane, True and Homer Rice. I'd guess that Paul Richardson is probably right, but you need documentation. It's more likely that Levi belonged to Samuel's brother, Jonathan. His first wife was Eunice Willis, a reason their alleged son Levi might name his son Willis.

Best of all is that there are many of you working on this line. A query in the Rice surname booklet issued by Susan Weeks Konantz (see page 4) may put you in touch with even more Levi Rice descendants. Never give up!
We're looking for descendants of Lois Wright Rice (1825-1873) who married Thomas E. Hale in 1854 and lived at Castine, Maine. Some family papers are available to anyone who wishes to claim them. Here's the story. Reader Pat Pickard is an inveterate collector of old books and papers. She's always browsing in flea markets and antique shops, or attending auctions. She found these Rice-Hale items in a box lot of paper items from the Hale residence in Castine. The chief item is a half-filled, small ruled notebook containing history notes, beginning with events and people in ancient Greece and continuing through the 1066 Battle of Hastings in England. The title page is inscribed "L. W. Rice, Holyoke, Mass., 54." The assumption is that Lois Wright Rice, born in 1825 at Conway, Mass., was an 1854 student at Mount Holyoke College. Inserted in the notebook are some calling cards, a scrap of paper with the name Lottie Rice Hale, discussing a possible canal through the Panama peninsula, and a listing of Biblical references with the name Lois W. Rice at the bottom. The calling cards are for Lilly S. Rice, C. Lizzie Rice, Mary E. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hale.

Lois and Thomas Hale had six children: 1) Lucy Elizabeth Hale, born in 1855, married Edward Hawkes Fiske; 2) Charlotte Rice Hale, born in 1857, married Louis Stodder and lived at Morris, MN; 3) Mary Louisa Hale, born in 1859, married James C. Oakshette and lived in Jackson, MS; 4) Harriette Ives Hale, born in 1863, married Joseph (or Josiah) Poeton of E. Orrington, ME; 5) Thomas Edward Hale, born in 1865, married Leila Brown on Christmas Day of 1893 and lived in Castine; 6) James Russell Hale lived at Rockland, ME.

Lois Wright (Rice) Hale was a daughter of Col. Austin and Charlotte (Baker) Rice of Conway, Mass. Her brother, Rev. Charles Baker Rice, was a member of the Massachusetts Board of Education and served in the Massachusetts Senate. Austin Rice was son of Joseph and Betty (Dickinson) Rice of Conway and grandson of Israel and Lydia (Sherman) Rice, who moved from Grafton, Mass. to Conway, Israel was a son of Joseph Rice of Grafton, grandson of Phineas Rice, and great-grandson of Joseph Rice, son of Edmund-1 Rice of Sudbury, Mass.

Dianne Bouford, 11 Western Ave. Pl., Augusta, ME 04330, has written for help identifying a newly-found Rice connection in the person of Thankful Rice, wife of Dianne's ancestor, Elijah Stratton of Needham, Mass. She reports Thankful was born Jan. 21, 1770 in Sudbury, Mass., and married Elijah March 15, 1790 at Natick, Mass. "I don't have anything on her parents, so she may be hard to identify." writes Dianne.

Well, Dianne, you'll find her on page 200 of Andrew H. Ward's 1858 Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice. This source gives the ancestry of her father, Jonas-5 Rice (John-4, Ephraim-3, Thomas-2, Edmund-1). You can read about your Rice ancestors in the book, usually available in most New England genealogical libraries.

Elva Wheeler, 336-A Cherry St., South Haven, MI 49090, seeks help finding information about the parents of ancestor Charles Rice, who fought in the War of 1812. She reports he lived in Henrietta, NY from 1806 to 1820, may have lived in Ohio several years, and moved to St. Joseph Co., MI in 1832. He was age 93 when he died in Michigan in 1866. Charles Rice married Jane Babbitt, daughter of Simeon and Mary (Ashley) Babbitt. They had three sons, Isaac, Charles and Steven Rice, and four daughters, one of whom was Mehetable, wife of Herman Harvey. Can anyone help?

A handful of Rices are listed in a 171-page book titled An Index and Abstracts from the First Six Volumes of the Waterloo Courier, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, 1859-1865. It was compiled by Shelah A. Fretwell and indexed by Charles C. Fretwell. The $25 per copy price includes shipping charges, but Iowa residents must add 4% tax. Order from the Fretwells at 2605 Highview Ave., Waterloo, IA 50702. Rices in the 5,250-name alphabetical index include Dennis, E. J., Eli, Eliza, H., Henry, Herman, Horace, J. R., P., R. N., W. A., Wm., Ziba and Zilea Rice.
We featured in the November, 1984 Epistle an article on how the Rice family on Hawaii's Kauai Island spent Christmas in days gone by. These Rices are descendants of missionary William Harrison Rice, who came to Kauai in 1841. At the time, we asked help identifying this William Rice's ancestors. Our plea was recently answered by reader Shirlie Simpson, 561 Stuart Lane, Palatine, IL 60067. During a two week visit to Kauai this summer, she copied information for us at the Lihue Library.

Shirlie writes: "The Rice family is still very prominent in Lihue—a shopping mall is named after the Rice family, as are streets and buildings."

This information is extracted from Ethel M. Damon's 1931 book, Koamalu, A Story of Pioneers on Kauai, and of What They Built in That Island Garden.

William Harrison Rice was born at Oswego, NY, Oct. 12, 1813, at the time of the battle of Tippecanoe, and named for Gen. William Henry Harrison, later president of the United States. William Harrison Rice married Mary Sophia Hyde at Eden, NY, her father performing the ceremony Sept. 28, 1840. They voyaged to the Sandwich Islands in 1841 and settled at Lihue on Hawaii's Kauai Island. Their five children, all born in Hawaii, are:

1) Hannah Maria Rice (1842-1867), married Paul Isenberg.
2) Emily Dole Harrison Rice (1844-1911), married George de la Verqne.
3) William Hyde Rice (1846-1924), married Mary Waterhouse.
4) Mary Sophia Hyde Rice (1849-1870)
5) Anna Charlotte Rice, born 1853; married Charles M. Cooke.

William H. Rice died at Lihue May 27, 1862. According to Ethel Damon's book, he was the son of Joseph Rice of Hannibal, NY, and his wife, Sarah. Joseph died at Elida, Ohio in 1871, said to be well over 90 years of age. Of his 13 children, only one son, Richard, survived the father.

Joseph was a son of Asa Rice and his wife, Lucy. Asa was born in 1748 at Sharon, CT. A letter he received from his 90-year-old mother is the oldest letter owned by the Rice family in Lihue. Ethel Damon's book says Asa was a son of Oliver Cromwell Rice, great-great-grandson of Deacon Edmund Rice, and that Oliver married Anna Barrett (who sent Asa the letter in 1816).

Your editor located in Andrew H. Ward's 1858 Rice Genealogy the Oliver Rice of Hardwick, Mass., who married Hannah Barrett of Grafton, Mass. in 1742. Hardwick records show they had a daughter, born Jan. 16, 1748, but do not show a son, Asa. Oliver was a son of Charles Rice and grandson of Thomas Rice of Marlboro, Mass. This Thomas was son of Thomas and grandson of Edmund-1 Rice.

#2186 - WHO WERE ANCESTORS OF CIRCUIT PREACHER JOEL RICE (1814-1892) OF PENNSYLVANIA & IOWA?

Suzanne Rice of 654 E. Summit, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, is researching her husband's Rice line in Pennsylvania and is willing to share information. She is seeking the ancestry of Joel H. Rice, a circuit preacher, who was born in 1814 in Pennsylvania and died in 1892 in Iowa. He married Roxania Ames and they had children Charles, William, Hiram, Roxie, Joseph, Tomas, Clarissa, Susan, Mary and Joel.

Suzanne has a considerable amount of data on the descendants of the son, Charles (1840-1910), who married Lucinia Barrows (Burrows) and lived at Port Allegheny and Eldred, PA. She has also accumulated data on other Pennsylvania Rices who do not appear to be related to her husband's family.

#2187 - WOOLSON GENEALOGY NOTES 1812 MARRIAGE OF JOHN WOOLSON & MARTHA RICE OF FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

A typescript titled Woolson Family Genealogical Notes, issued in 1984 by Gary W. Woolson, RFD 1, Box 1576, Hampden, ME 04444, notes that John Woolson (1787-1859) married in 1812 Martha (Patty) Rice (1789-1862), daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Frost) Rice of Framingham, Mass. Your editor has the Rice ancestry.
The following material is from Philip R. Rice, Route 1, Box 71, Augusta, KY 41002. We start with a family history he wrote for a history class while a high school student in 1964. Philip is now a teacher.

The Rice Ancestry

Rowlett Rice, better known as "Uncle Baldy," was born and raised in Virginia. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and soon after its close migrated to Shelby County, Kentucky, where he settled and engaged in farming. By trade he was a carpenter and followed that occupation to a considerable extent. One one occasion he fell from a house he was building and was severely hurt on the head. As he was almost helpless for the last twelve years of his life, he spent the latter part of his ninety-six years at the home of his son, Anderson. He was buried near his old home on the farm of his son, Charles, in the area of Peytonia.

The maiden name of Rowlett's wife was Elizabeth Gaines. She was a sister of Mrs. William Trailkill, who died in Shelby County, and a relative of the Gaines families of Lancaster and Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowlett Rice had six sons which lived to years of maturity. They were Charles, Ezekiel, David, William, James and Anderson. Charles began farming near Peytonia, but later moved to Indiana after selling all his goods and property. Not liking it in that state, he returned to Peytonia, bought back his slaves, and took them to Missouri, where he spent his remaining years.

Ezekiel, David and William went to California with the gold seekers, and while the two younger sons remained on the Pacific coast, Ezekiel returned to the East and settled in Missouri. James settled on a farm in Anderson County, where his descendants are still living.

Anderson M. Rice was born September 10, 1810, near Clay Village in Shelby County, and was raised on the home farm, which produced mainly hemp and flax. After his marriage to Lydia A. Doolin, he bought the old Doolin estate in Spencer County and there was successfully engaged in tilling the soil and the raising of breeding stock until his death in June, 1867. A farmer of ability and skill, he was able to add to his original purchase until he became the owner of one thousand acres of fine Kentucky land, some of the richest and best in the county.

Anderson married Lydia A. Doolin in Spencer County. She was a daughter of Edward Doolin who came to Kentucky from Virginia and settled near Little Mount, Spencer County, where he improved a farm. He occupied that farm until his death while Lydia was still a child. Mrs. Doolin, his widow, passed away on the Doolin homestead at the age of ninety. Dying at the age of eighty-four, Mrs. Lydia A. (Doolin) Rice also lived to a good old age. Two of Anderson's sons, William and James (twins), served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

Edward Rowlett Rice

A son of Anderson M. Rice, he was born May 5th, 1838 at Little Mount, Spencer County, Kentucky, of Virginia ancestry. Edward Rowlett Rice belongs to an honored pioneer family. He was a cousin of Harvey Helm, M.C., a representative in Congress from the Eighth Congressional District of Kentucky. At the death of Anderson Rice, Edward was appointed administrator of the estate. He bought the interests of some of the other heirs, then, being the owner of 640 acres of the home farm, Edward owned this farm until 1900, when he sold and bought land near Finchville, Shelby County, Kentucky. He was an extensive stock feeder and handled many mules. Deciding to sell this property (1909), Edward bought property in Shelbyville and built a beautiful home there on Bland Avenue. He lived there until his death. Edward was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Rice married, October 4th, 1859, Anna M. Newland, who was born in Shelby County May 30th, 1842. She was a daughter of James and Susan (Ford) Newland. Her mother died when she was three years of age and her father a few years later. Anna was reared by her maternal grandparents, John and Sally (Berry) Ford.
The Fords were farmers and lived on Otter Branch Creek, six miles southwest of Shelbyville. She lived with her grandparents until her marriage at the age of seventeen. Her grandfather was a slaveholder, so she had no share of the household duties as a girl; instead she was waited upon by servants. At the time of her marriage, she was in such precarious health that her friends thought she would not live six months. She and her husband lived for 52 years of married life. To this union thirteen children were born. Eleven of the children grew to maturity. They were:

- Edward Lee of Shelbyville, carpenter
- Charles Anderson, Kansas City, Mo.
- Mattie, wife of Thomas Jewell, Spencer Co.
- James of Shelbyville, carpenter
- Younger, farmer, Taylorsville
- Jesse of Louisville; in the street car service and, later, a city policeman

My grandfather, Younger Carpenter, is still living at the age of 85; my grandmother is deceased. (Younger Carpenter died in 1974 at the age of 94.)

Philip's material indicates Rowlett Rice was a son of Charles Rice and his wife, Frances, and grandson of Joseph Rice and his wife, Rachel. Philip has additional information on his branch of the Rice family, plus notes on other Kentucky Rices. He would welcome data on his Virginia Rice ancestry.

Philip also wrote: "On September 19, 1983, James Paschel Rice and his wife, Pam, walked into my place of business. They are from Kingsport, Tenn., and were looking for possible kin and the grave of his great-great-great-grandfather, Philip Russell Rice. I teach school, so I wasn't in at that time, but my wife was. Imagine everyone's surprise...particularly Jim's when he was told that was my name, too. I had been named by my father after Jim's great-great-great-grandfather. This earlier Philip Russell Rice lived around Dover, Ky., in Mason County, and his brother James lived in Bracken County, a few miles from him. I live in Bracken County, too. Jim was very helpful in giving me more information. However, now I find I'm going to have a difficult time connecting my family with his. My biggest problem is dates. Jim gave me a book entitled The Family History of Michael Rice - 1680. One of the unusual things I have found with Jim Rice's book—and now with court records—is the following: the Philip Russell Rice in question was married to Martha Vaughn. I am married to Martha Jennifer Hicks. He had a son named Russell. I have a son named Russell. I live within 10 miles of the former's home. It does get eerie after awhile."

John R. Montgomery of 4530 Old Cave Spring Rd., S.W., Roanoke, VA 24018, seeks information on his ancestor, Michael Rice of Virginia, born ca. 1690 in King William Co. The 1737 will of his son, Michael (1710-1737), names as the only heirs the father and a brother, Samuel. John's descent is from this Samuel Squires Rice who married Sarah Ragland and had children Michael, William, James, Philip* and Ann Rice. John descends from Philip Russell Rice (1760-1841), who married Martha M. Vaughn and had children Philip Jr., Malinda, Ann, Hudson, William and John Rice. The line continues through William Rice, born ca. 1801 in Bracken Co., Ky., and wed Mary E. Wood. Reader John Montgomery and James Paschel Rice (mentioned in the above item) are each grandsons of Hugh Paschal Rice (1879-1968), born at Blountville, TN, and died at Bristol, TN. John has a computerized print-out of dozens of Rice descendants in this branch of the family, including data on many of the early Rice families of Bracken Co., KY.

* Reader Philip Russell Rice of Augusta, KY, who submitted the item ending at the top of this page, says he was named for this Philip Russell Rice, but there does not appear to be any close relationship between these two Kentucky branches of the Rice family.

Editor's Note:

If you haven't already done so, John, you may want to get in touch with both Philip Russell Rice of Augusta, KY, and your cousin, Jim Rice, in Kingsport, TN. I assume you already know about the book Jim has on the Michael Rice family, but I learned long ago to not let assumptions keep me from passing on information.
#2190 - Several Correspondents Continue to Research the Hezekiah Rices of Virginia & Carolinas

Your editor has for many years backed off from the "tangled web" of records pertaining to the various early Hezekiah Rices of Virginia and the Carolinas, leaving the commentary to those who've researched the records. I don't intend to change my ways now! However, there are still Hezekias of uncertain connections dangling from the older branches of several readers' family trees. In an attempt to do a bit of "house-cleaning" I've rounded up the correspondence summarized below. Could you folks all get together and help each other out? If you need a "mentor", check earlier issues of the Epistle for names and addresses of folks who've already researched their Hezekiah Rice ancestry.

Mrs. Byron F. Egan, 4588 Belfort Pl., Dallas, TX 75205, sent us some photocopied pages from the Fredericksville, Va., Parish Vestry Book (1742-1787), transcribed in 1978 by Rosalie Davis of Manchester, MO. Entries show Hezekiah Rice "ordered" to be clerk "at the upper Church", Hezekiah being paid (in tobacco?) for serving as church clerk in 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758 & 1759, and also paid for seven months of services at the church, Hezekiah as member of the church vestry in the 1760's, Hezekiah paid for serving as a reader at the "upper Church," and notations of men replacing Hezekiah in his various church duties, perhaps when he moved away. Mrs. Egan, the former Nancy Dean, descends from Frances Clarenda Rice, who wed Major John Dean. (This family and its ancestry was featured several years ago in our quarterly Rice newsletter.) Nancy is interested in documenting Frances' ancestry back past her father, Hezekiah Rice Jr., and grandfather, the Benjamin Rice who married Polly Leftwich.

Glenda Cross, 853 Langdon Ct., Rochester, MI 48063, descends from Jephthah Rice, son of a Hezekiah Rice. See her data in the May, 1987 issue of The Epistle. She asks that we correct that reference to the son of Hezekiah & Mary (Bullock) Rice, which she mistakenly wrote as "Nathaniel". The son in question is Othniel, also spelled as "Authniel".

Anne (Rice) White, 14100 Central Ave., Chester, VA 23831 descends from Hezekiah Rice—in her words, "the VA/NC one ca. 1739 to Sept., 1796". She sent in 1985 some papers found in "Estate Papers, Rice, Box 74, N. C. Archives in Raleigh". They include the widow's petition for dower which states Hezekiah died intestate in September, 1796, and a copy of a deed (Yanceyville, Deed Book M, pg. 3), which lists the male heirs of Hezekiah. Later, Anne wrote asking: 1) Can anybody offer any documentation that Hezekiah Rice (b. ca. 1739, VA) did in fact marry Mary Bullock? 2) What evidence shows this same Hezekiah was a son of Benajah (Benjamin) Rice and his wife, Mary? We last heard from Anne in August of this year. She sent a family group sheet for Ibaz Rice, son of Hezekiah and Mary (Bullock) Rice. Ibaz was the son who stayed in Caswell Co., NC, and ran the tavern there. He wed 1) Dolly G. Carlos, 2) Polly Brooks, and 3) Ursley Brookes. Ibaz's children were Martha, Dorothy (Dolly), Frances (Fanny), Elizabeth, Ibaz, Mary, Amanda, Louisa, Hezekiah and C. R. Rice.

Katherine (Arthur) Bryce, 2464 Palisades Crest Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034, wrote just as we were beginning work on this issue. She reports her father, whose family came from Union, SC, began genealogical research in 1948. His hobby turned into a major project in which he researched and recorded the names of 5,000 descendants of four ancestors of the 1700's, one of them being Hezekiah Rice (1756-1803). At the time of his 1978 death he was in the midst of having his data published in a volume titled It's Fun. His children completed the book and Katherine now has copies for sale at $55 each pre-paid. (Checks may be made payable to Katherine Arthur Bryce).

Susan Shaw, 1860 Idlewood Rd., Glendale, CA 91202, writes that her family has the name Hezekiah repeated in every generation. She thinks the Hezekiah Rice born in 1756 in Hanover Co., Virginia was a son of William Rice (1720-1780) who married Sarah Relms and the grandson of Thomas Rice. Susan's descent from Hezekiah and Mary (Saunders) Rice is through their son, Reuben Sims Rice (1790-1842), and grandson, Spencer Morgan Rice (1829-1908). Spencer's children were Elizabeth, Ida, William, Mary, James, Reuben, Hezekiah, Spencer, Agnes, Kittie, Os-good and Thomas. They were born in Union County, South Carolina.
We have brief notes on the West Virginia Rice ancestry of two readers.

A recent note from Richard L. Carpenter, 9199 W. Springle Hill Dr., St. John, IN 46373, notes that his grandmother was Roxanna S. Rice, born in 1863 in Tyler Co., W. Va. She married in 1884 Enos Weese Carpenter. Roxanna was a daughter of Eli and Delila (Williamson) Rice. Eli was born in 1819 in Tyler Co. Land grant records show Eli and William Rice obtained Tyler County land in 1854. The 1850 census of Tyler County lists Andrew, Eli, Isaac, William and John Rice. James and Rebecca Rice are shown on the 1820 census and the 1810 census of Ohio County (from which Tyler County was taken in 1814) shows a Joseph Rice.

Editor's Note: Make sure, Richard, that you see our featured story on pages 38-42 of this issue.

Some time back we heard from Clem J. Rice, 1160 S. Main St., Amherst, OH 44001. His father, David Newton Rice (1862-1910), was born in Glover Gap, W. Va., and married Marcella Glover there. His grandfather was William Rice, born ca. 1811 in West Virginia. His wife Sarah (possibly Kerns) was born ca. 1817, also in West Virginia. Their children were Francis, Mary, Jemima, Mona, Julia, John, George, Eliza, Henry and David. Clem seeks data on the parents of William Rice. He believes the family lived in Virginia before the Mannington-Fairmount area of Marion County became West Virginia.

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#2192 - Obituary: Anna Alice (Rice) Woodside of Nebraska and Kansas

Anna Alice (Rice) Woodside died August 26, 1987. She was born Oct. 29, 1924, at Odell, Gage County, Nebraska, daughter of Andrew and Laura (Fisher) Rice.

She attended Odell public schools. In 1977, she earned a nurse aide certificate from Cloud County Community College. Anna married William George Woodside Dec. 20, 1945; they had three sons and were divorced in 1976.

Surviving are her sons, William Jr. of Blue Rapids, KS, Stephen of Corrigan, TX, and Jim; three brothers, Henry Rice, of Yorba Linda, CA, Ray Rice of Minneapolis, MN, and Duaine Rice of Kansas City, MO; two sisters, Blanche Cole of Palm Desert, CA, and Laura Sichley of Portland, OR; and, several grandchildren. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Blue Rapids, Kansas.

(For related information, see page 11 of this issue (Bachelors of Republic Co., Kansas).

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#2193 - Detroit Rice's Business Card is "Up for Grabs"

The business card reproduced at right was addressed to A. W. Miller of Hartland, Maine. There is no date nor postmark. It was submitted by our "old papers & books collector," reader Pat Pickard. (It's the books and papers that are old, not Pat!) If anyone would like to have it, let us know. Otherwise, it will probably get buried in a box of papers, tucked away in an attic, and auctioned off in the next century to another collector like Pat, who may give it to another family genealogist like me.

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All but this issue's index pages had been printed when Shirley (Penna) Oakes called to say she'd take over the collection, printing and preserving of data pertaining to U. S. branches of the "Batchelder" family (including all spellings of the surname).

Shirley, a Batchelder family researcher, heads Pioneer Publications, P. O. Box 130, Elk, WA 99009. She already publishes surname booklets for several other families, as well as separate state query booklets for genealogists researching ancestors in Indiana, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Our coast-to-coast telephone link-up revealed your old and new editors share much in common, including a rural life style and a love for things historical and genealogical. I will be cooperating as much as possible with Shirley during this transition and eventually will transfer to her much of the unpublished data in my files. Thanks, Shirley, for adding to the joy of our holiday season the news that Batchelder family research continues to be an endeavor we can share!

THE "G.R.O.U.P."

Susan (Weeks) Konantz, Bette (Butcher) Topp and Shirley (Penna) Oakes—the three women who have taken over the genealogical publishing future of the three families covered by The Epistle—are all members of THE "G.R.O.U.P."

It stands for "Genealogical Reference of Upcoming Publications of the Inland Empire" and is comprised of about 20 people currently publishing a continuing series of genealogical publications. When you add up their combined efforts, you get a total of more than 90 separate surname booklets, query booklets for about three dozen states, and some special query booklets geared for researchers of Canadian, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Irish, Scandinavian, Scottish, Jewish, Mormon and Quaker lineages. They have an impressive record!

Their key to success is that "G.R.O.U.P." members meet to share ideas on printing, marketing, purchase of supplies and methods of making their publications the best possible. Members travel to Spokane, WA, from a 200-mile radius for idea-sharing sessions. This genealogical networking organization includes an overseer committee which can be contacted by readers who feel they have a problem which cannot be resolved with the compiler of a particular publication.

Surname booklets compiled by "G.R.O.U.P." members each contain at least 25 pages, plus an every-name index. Queries are accepted at no cost, but must be related to that specific surname. These surname booklets are published on an irregular basis, the frequency depending upon the material at hand and the judgement of the compiler. Prices are reasonable and it's a pay-as-you-receive plan. Your Epistle editor is familiar with many of these publications and heartily endorses the work of these dedicated genealogists.

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THIS ISSUE WAS MAILED THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER AND MAY HAVE ENCOUNTERED HOLIDAY SEASON MAIL DELAYS BEYOND OUR CONTROL. PUBLICATION WAS DELAYED FOR NUMEROUS REASONS AND WE'VE TRIED TO GET THE MAGAZINE TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING ARE APPRECIATED. - Rosemary
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