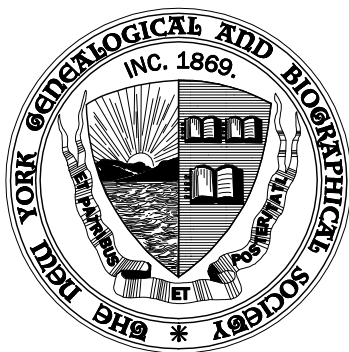


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Brick walls can develop gaps. At first an opening might be just wide enough to allow a bit of light to enter, but that flicker can draw our attention. As we focus on it, we might be able to see things that had been obscured. Pieces of evidence begin to fit. Relationships, origins, and identities become clear. Such was the case for authors of articles in this issue of *THE RECORD*.

Faced with difficulties in identifying the former residence of a settler in a newly opened area of New York, Denise E. Cross explored a clue found in a published local history. That clue—pointing to Vermont as the man's possible previous residence—was the break she needed. Researching in both New York and Vermont records, Cross explored information about locations, migration routes, settlement patterns, and the subject's associates and extended family. She developed a convincing body of evidence to establish that Samuel Fletcher of Westville, New York, had previously lived in South Hero, Vermont.

Thomas W. Jones cleared up what he called the “murky” origin of Henry Tucker, who composed a Civil War–era song that was once considered the “most popular song ever written in America.” A grave marker and a will helped establish the names of Henry's parents, clearing a path for further study. Jones's article memorializes Henry and his family, a fitting tribute to a nineteenth-century composer whose music is still enjoyed today.

Authors Michael Rudy and Harry Macy Jr. used a record pertaining to the marriage of Jacobus Cox and Catharina Davids as a springboard for additional research and analysis. Their work resulted in the identification of Catharina's parents and maternal grandparents. Rudy and Macy analyzed Catharina's choices for baptismal witnesses and children's names. The authors considered places, people, events, and traditions as they documented multiple generations in Catharina's family.

Brick walls are challenging, but they are not indestructible. If we pay attention to slivers of light that pass through crevices, we may be able to pry open those gaps. The tools we need are research, analysis, and an open mindset.

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## IDENTIFYING SAMUEL FLETCHER (1758–1826) OF SOUTH HERO, VERMONT, AND WESTVILLE, NEW YORK

BY DENISE ENGELHARDT CROSS\*

Discovering the previous residence of a settler in a newly opened area can be difficult, especially when established churches and town governments are lacking, records few, and jurisdictional changes frequent. Such was the situation in the hamlet of Westville (now in the Town of Westville, Franklin County), New York, where Samuel Fletcher appeared in 1800. No record identifies his specific place of origin, and none names him as the father of any child, but associations among his neighbors, siblings, children, grandchildren, and grandnephews connect the New York man to his previous residence in South Hero, Vermont.

### SAMUEL FLETCHER OF WESTVILLE, NEW YORK

When settlement of the community of Westville began in the last years of the eighteenth century, it was part of the Town of Champlain, Clinton County, New York, from which the Town of Chateaugay, Clinton County, was formed in 1799. The area went through several jurisdictional changes over the next three decades:

- In 1805 the Town of Harrison was split off from Chateaugay.
- In 1807 Harrison's daughter town Constable was created.
- In 1808 Franklin County was separated from Clinton County and the Town of Constable was transferred to Franklin County.
- In 1817 the Town of Fort Covington was established from the Town of Constable.
- In 1829 the Town of Westville was established from the Town of Constable.<sup>1</sup>

Franklin B. Hough's history of Franklin County, published in 1853, lists early settlers of the hamlets of Fort Covington and Westville:

The first settler in Westville is said to have been Amos Welch, from Grand Isle, Vt., about 1800. ——— Haskins, Elisha Sabins, Samuel Fletcher, John Reed, Alexander McMillen, Silas Cushman, John Livingston, Joseph and Thomas Wright, and Alric and

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<sup>1</sup> *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, rev. ed. (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017), 348–50, 408–11.

Dr. Albon Man, mostly from Vermont, settled 1803, or before, principally on a road, that in 1800 had been made passable in winter from the settlements in Chateaugay to St. Regis.<sup>2</sup>

Census and tax records confirm a Samuel Fletcher was an early settler in the Westville area. Samuel Flotter [*sic*, Fletcher] was enumerated in the 1800 census of the Town of Chateaugay as head of household, a free white male age 26 to 44, with one free white female age 26 to 44 and three free white females under age 10.<sup>3</sup> Samuel Fletcher paid tax on personal property in Chateaugay in 1800. He obtained land after the 1802 taxes were recorded, paying tax on real estate in 1803.<sup>4</sup> His land was used as a reference point in Town of Constable records 1808–1809.<sup>5</sup> A lotting plan of Fort Covington created about 1815–1820 shows Samuel's land near the border of the present-day towns of Westville and Fort Covington.<sup>6</sup> No deed was recorded in either Clinton or Franklin County, or with the New York Secretary of State,<sup>7</sup> to indicate when Samuel acquired his land.

Samuel's household was enumerated in the same area in 1810 and 1820. Based on age ranges reported in the 1800, 1810, and 1820 censuses, Samuel was born about 1755–1765. Neither his 1810 nor 1820 census household includes a woman of the appropriate age range to be his wife.<sup>8</sup> She likely died before the 1810 census. Her identity remains unknown. Samuel Fletcher, aged

<sup>2</sup> Franklin B. Hough, *A History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, New York, from the Earliest Period to the Present Time* (Albany: Little and Co., 1853), 515.

<sup>3</sup> Samuel Flotter [*sic*] household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Chateaugay, Clinton Co., N.Y., p. 1075 (penned) (National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication [NARA] M32, roll 22). Searches of the 1790 and 1810 censuses for Samuel Flotter returned no results. There is no Samuel Fletcher on the 1800 Chateaugay pages. Flotter is likely an enumerator error.

<sup>4</sup> Samuel Fletcher entries, New York (State) Comptroller's Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804, Series B0950, Town of Chateaugay, Clinton Co., Box 9, folders 7 (1800), 16 (1802), and 20 (1803), all unpaginated, images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), from microfilm at New York State Archives, Albany.

<sup>5</sup> Man Family Papers, 1807–1903, Mss. collection 17, box 4, folder 23, Special Collections, Owen D. Young Library, St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y., for work on highways and bridges, 27 Sept. 1808 and 21 Mar. 1809. The records are reports of the town Commissioners of Highways. Samuel's land was mentioned with respect to a road between his land and Robertson's Mill.

<sup>6</sup> Alric Man (attributed), Fort Covington Lands, hand-drawn map, circa 1815–1820, Franklin County Historical and Museum Society, Malone, N.Y. Samuel Fletcher's lot is marked in Fort Covington lands, lot 2, subdivision 5, with the Salmon River as the lot's southern boundary. In 1822 large areas of townships 2 and 3 of the first great division of Macomb's Purchase were conveyed by Hezekiah Pierpont to Edwin Ellis. A lotting plan, similar to that held by the Franklin County Historical and Museum Society, was included in the recorded deed. Pierpont identified a number of properties he intended to retain control over, therefore excluded from the conveyance. Samuel Fletcher's land was excluded, suggesting Samuel may have not owned it, but had a lease. See Hezekiah B. Pierpont and Anna Maria, his wife, to Edwin Ellice, dated 20 May 1822, Franklin Co., N.Y., Deeds 2:141–48, Schedule A, at p. 148 (Family History Library [FHL] film 874,600 [not yet digitized]). The schedule shows Samuel's land (144.86 acres) in township 2 [later referred to as Fort Covington lands], lot 2, subdivision 5, west half.

<sup>7</sup> Grantee index search for Samuel Fletcher in County Clerk offices of Franklin and Clinton counties, N.Y. Also, New York Secretary of State, Deeds, 1659–1846, grantee card index Co-Gra (*FamilySearch* [<https://www.familysearch.org>] Digital Genealogical Society no. [DGS] 7,902,113).

<sup>8</sup> Samuel Flotter [*sic*] household, 1800 U.S. census (note 3). Samuel Fletcher [*sic*] household, 1810 U.S. census, [unnamed town, unnamed county], N.Y., p. 84 (penned) (NARA M252, roll 27), with one free white male under age 10, one free white male age 16–25, one free white male age 45 and over, two free white females under age 10, and one free white female age 16–25. *Ancestry* attributes these 1810 census pages to Essex Co., while *FamilySearch* assigns them to Franklin Co. For the correct location, see Denise E. Cross, "The Neighborhood Did Not Move; A Case of Misassigned 1810 Census Pages," *New York Researcher* 26 (2015): 80–82. Samuel Fletcher household, 1820 U.S. census, Town of Fort Covington, Franklin Co., N.Y., p. 672 (penned) (NARA M33, roll 66), with one free white male under age 10, one free white male age 16–17, one free white male age 16–25, one free white male age 45 and over, one free white female age 10–15, and one free white female age 16–25.

67 years, a long-time resident of Fort Covington, died 23 January 1826 in Hamburg, Erie County, New York, at the home of Cotton Fletcher. Samuel had traveled there in the fall of 1825.<sup>9</sup>

No record has been found naming Samuel Fletcher as the father of any child, but indirect evidence establishes that a group of siblings identified in an Illinois probate file were his children. Eunice (Fletcher) Hyde was born in New York in 1805 and died in Paw Paw, DeKalb County, Illinois, 2 September 1890. She married in 1845 Jonathan Hyde.<sup>10</sup> She did not have children. In her will, Eunice named her brother Samuel Fletcher, Mariah Fletcher [Samuel's wife], and several nieces and nephews.<sup>11</sup> Other siblings, along with their spouses and offspring, were listed by her executor, William R. Stevens, when he petitioned to sell Eunice's land in 1891. Those other siblings, all deceased by 1891, were Fannie, Lura, Maria, Betsey, and Lucinda.<sup>12</sup>

Westville, New York, was specifically named in connection with Eunice's siblings Fannie and Betsey. According to Walworth's *Hyde Genealogy*, Fannie was "of Westville."<sup>13</sup> Betsey's death record shows she was born in "Westville, N.Y.,"<sup>14</sup> and in Betsey's 1865 claim for a military pension, she stated that she had married in Westville in 1824.<sup>15</sup>

In 1800 only two men with the surname Fletcher were in the area of Westville: Samuel and Thomas.<sup>16</sup> Thomas Fletcher was shot and killed by British soldiers who were marching through town during the War of 1812.<sup>17</sup> His widow, Mary, married Henry Lewis soon after and probably left the county by 1820, as the Lewises were not found in Franklin County in the 1820 census.<sup>18</sup> It is unlikely that Mary would have left young children behind; Thomas and Mary were probably not the parents of Eunice and her siblings. It is more likely that the children belonged to Samuel, who remained in the area. No other Fletcher

<sup>9</sup> Samuel Fletcher obituary, *Buffalo* [N.Y.] *Emporium and General Advertiser*, 4 Feb. 1826, p. 3, col. 5. Samuel Fletcher death notice, [New York, N.Y.] *Commercial Advertiser*, 15 Feb. 1826, p. 2, col. 6.

<sup>10</sup> Eunice Fletcher Hyde obituary, *Earlville* [Ill.] *Leader*, 5 Sept. 1890, p. 4, col. 1, image, *Digital Archives of Earlville Library District* (<http://earlville.advantage-preservation.com>).

<sup>11</sup> Eunice F. Hyde will, dated 4 Oct. 1887, probated 9 Sept. 1890, in Eunice F. Hyde probate file, Dekalb Co., Ill., County Court, probate case files, box 140, 1881–1922, image, "Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772–1999," *Ancestry*. For Mariah Fletcher as Samuel's wife, see the genealogical summary.

<sup>12</sup> William R. Stevens petition, 19 May 1891, in Eunice F. Hyde probate file (note 11) [images 877–81].

<sup>13</sup> Reuben H. Walworth, *Hyde Genealogy* . . . 2 vols. (Albany: J. Munsell, 1864), 1:615–19. Walworth listed Fanny's seven children with Charles Hyde as Henry, Maria (m. Shearer), Fanny (m. Brown), Ruth Anne (died in infancy), Charles, and twins Samuel and Sarah. Several of those children were mentioned in Eunice Hyde's will (note 11).

<sup>14</sup> Betsey E. Osborn death record, 2 May 1886, Register of Deaths in the Town of Granville, book 1 (1881–1890), p. 7, no. 235, copy from Granville, N.Y., Town Clerk. The original death cert. from the Dept. of Health in Albany has not been examined.

<sup>15</sup> Mother's Claim for Pension, 7 Aug. 1865, in Betsey E. Osborn mother's pension application, service of George Osborn (Pvt., Co. K, 123rd N.Y., Inf., Civil War), appl. no. 105424, certificate no. WC93201, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War Veterans, ca. 1861–ca. 1910, image, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>).

<sup>16</sup> Samuel Flotter [*sic*] household, 1800 U.S. census (note 3). Thomas Fletcher household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Chateaugay, Clinton Co., N.Y., p. 1075 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 22).

<sup>17</sup> Hough, *History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties* (note 2), 636. William Franklin McMillan and Charles E. McMillan, *McMillan Genealogy and History: A Record of the Descendants of John McMillan and Mary Arnott* . . . (n.p.: privately published, n.d.), 280–82.

<sup>18</sup> McMillan and McMillan, *McMillan Genealogy* (note 17), 280–82. *Ancestry* searches for Henry Lewis in Franklin Co., N.Y., in 1820 and 1830 U.S. censuses yielded no results.

family resided there during the early nineteenth century, and the younger Samuel was living there in 1840,<sup>19</sup> after the death of the elder Samuel.

Established churches did not exist in the early years of settlement. William Reed wrote a first-hand account of growing up in Bombay, Franklin County, about 8 miles south of Fort Covington; he detailed religion in the community during the years 1823 to 1837. A Congregational church was short-lived, established, then disbanded after a year. A Baptist church was established in Fort Covington; it was served by Nathaniel Colver, 1821 through 1828.<sup>20</sup> Colver's biographer, working with Colver's papers before they were destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, concurs with Reed's recollections that Colver was called to minister at Fort Covington where there was previously "neither minister nor church, of any kind."<sup>21</sup> Methodist circuit riders began visiting the area about 1827–1828. Reed observed "the Sundays were divided equally between the Baptists and Methodists" and that the Methodists' preaching was "far more popular."<sup>22</sup> Church records, or those of circuit riders, that might have marked the births and deaths of Samuel's family members have not been found.<sup>23</sup>

Hough pointed to Vermont as the origin of the first settlers of Westville. Gathering and writing his history in the 1840s and early 1850s, he may have had direct contact with those settlers and their children. Hough's papers in the New York State Archives do not give the source of his statement on the early settlers' origins.<sup>24</sup>

The natural migration route of Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence River reinforce the likelihood that a northern Vermont family would have migrated to the newly opened settlement area along the Canadian border by 1800.<sup>25</sup> There were no Samuel Fletchers enumerated in New York in 1790,<sup>26</sup> and only two Samuel Fletchers appear in the 1790 census of Vermont, which was taken in 1791 upon Vermont's admittance into the United States:<sup>27</sup>

- Samuel Fletcher of Townshend, Windham County, Vermont,<sup>28</sup> was still in Townshend in 1800 and 1810;<sup>29</sup> he could not have been the Samuel Fletcher enumerated in New York in 1800.

<sup>19</sup> Samuel Fletcher household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of Westville, Franklin Co., N.Y., p. 209 (penned) (NARA M704, roll 283), with one free white male under age 5, one free white male age 30–39, two free white females under age 5, and one free white female age 20–29.

<sup>20</sup> William Reed, *Life on the Border, Sixty Years Ago* (Fall River, Mass.: Robert Adams, 1882), 39–40.

<sup>21</sup> J. A. Smith, *Memoir of Rev. Nathaniel Colver, D.D., with Lectures, Plans of Sermons, Etc.* (Boston: Durkee and Foxcroft, 1873), 47.

<sup>22</sup> Reed, *Life on the Border* (note 20), 42.

<sup>23</sup> Beth Patkus (Conference Archivist, New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church) to author, email, 18 Nov. 2015.

<sup>24</sup> Franklin Benjamin Hough, Papers, 1840–1885, SC7009, Series 7, box 74, New York State Archives, Albany, which include the publisher's galley of his 1853 book.

<sup>25</sup> Scott Andrew Bartley, "Migration: A Story of Vermont Before 1850," *American Ancestors* (<https://www.americanancestors.org/Features/vermontmigration>).

<sup>26</sup> "1790 United States Federal Census," database and images, *Ancestry*.

<sup>27</sup> Kathleen W. Hinckley, *Your Guide to the Federal Census . . .* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2002), 31.

<sup>28</sup> Saml. Fletcher household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, Townshend [*sic*, Townshend], Windham Co., Vt., p. 124 (penned) (NARA M637, roll 12), with three free white males age 16 and over, and nine free white females.

<sup>29</sup> Saml. Fletcher household, 1800 U.S. census, Townshend, Windham Co., Vt., p. 675 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 52), with one free white male under age 10, one free white male age 45 and over, two free white females age 10–15, and one free white female age 45 and over. Saml. Fletcher household, 1810 U.S. census, Townshend, Windham Co., Vt., p. 365 (penned, top left corner) (NARA M252, roll 65), with one free white

- Samuel Fletcher of South Hero, Chittenden County, Vermont,<sup>30</sup> was not there in 1800,<sup>31</sup> suggesting he may have been the man who went to New York.

### SAMUEL FLETCHER OF SOUTH HERO, VERMONT

The age of Samuel Fletcher of South Hero, Vermont, correlates with the age range for Samuel Fletcher of Clinton and Franklin counties in New York. Events recorded in South Hero leading up to the close of the 1790s suggest he had reason to leave.

Samuel Fletcher of South Hero, son of Cotton and Thankfull ([?–?]) (Bartlett) Fletcher, was born in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, 17 October 1758.<sup>32</sup> His family was among the first settlers of Poultney, in what was to become Bennington County (now in Rutland County), Vermont.<sup>33</sup> Samuel acted as administrator of his late father's estate from 6 July 1780 through 1784.<sup>34</sup> Between 1777 and 1782 Samuel served in Vermont militia units out of Poultney.<sup>35</sup> He purchased land in South Hero in 1786<sup>36</sup> and probably moved his widowed mother and some of his siblings there before the 1790 census.<sup>37</sup> Samuel's siblings were Mary/Polly/Moll(e), Silas, Eunice, Grace, Hannah, Issy, Cotton, Lovisa/Louicy/Lorica, Amos, and Calvin.<sup>38</sup> His mother, Thankfull,

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male age 26–44, one free white male age 45 and over, one free white female under age 10, one free white female age 10–15, and one free white female age 45 and over.

<sup>30</sup> Samuel Fletcher household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, South Hero, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 138 (penned) (NARA M637, roll 12), with three free white males age 16 and over, two free white males under age 16, and three free white females.

<sup>31</sup> “1800 United States Federal Census,” database and images, *Ancestry*. The pages of the South Hero, Vt., census were read line by line.

<sup>32</sup> Samuel Fletcher birth, 17 Oct. 1758, Salisbury, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, Town Meetings, 1740–1780, p. 174 (DGS 7,615,588, item 3), identifying his parents as Cotten Fletcher and Thankfull, his wife. The date of birth matches that given for Samuel in Edward H. Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History: the Descendants of Robert Fletcher of Concord, Mass.* (Boston: privately published, 1881), 521–22, which lists Cotton and his children in the section of “unconnected” Fletcher families but does not identify Cotton's wife. Cotton's widow, Thankful Preston, is identified in Cotton's estate records (Cotton Fletcher estate, District of Rutland, Vt., Probate Court, case files 1779–1945, packet 24, Series PRO-RTP-004, container RTP-00272, Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Middlesex). As discussed below, Preston was the surname of Thankfull's third husband. Cotton Fletcher–Thankfull Bartlett marriage, 9 Sept. 1756, in Salisbury, Conn., Births, Marriages, Deaths, Town Meetings, 1740–1780, unpaginated (DGS 7,615,588, item 3, image 185).

<sup>33</sup> J. Joslin, B. Frisbie, and F. Ruggles, *A History of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, from its Settlement to the Year 1875 . . .* (Poultney: privately published, 1875), 25–26. Pages 14 and 15 include names of the original grantees as listed on the back of the 1761 charter; Cotton Fletcher is not among them. Poultney's town records from this period are not extant, having been lost in a fire in 1862; this publication is derived from notes gathered by Poultney Town Clerk Henry Clark during his preparation of an address for the centennial of Poultney in 1861 (p. 11). Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 521. Bennington Co. was established in Mar. 1778. Rutland was taken from Bennington Co. in Feb. 1781.

<sup>34</sup> Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32); the administrator's bond is dated 6 July 1780.

<sup>35</sup> Samuel/Saml. Fletcher (Pvt./Corp., Capt. Zebediah Dewey's Co., Col. Giden Worren's Regt., Vt. Militia), *Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–1783*, folder 108, pp. 39, 42, 49, 55, 58 (NARA M246, roll 91). Also, Saml. Fletcher (Corp., Capt. Israel Hurlburt's Co., Col. Thos. Lee's Regt., Vt. Militia), folder 53, p. 8 (NARA M246, roll 90). Also, Saml. Fletcher (Corp., Capt. Ebenezer Allen's Co., Col. Samuel Herrick's Regt., Vt. Rangers), folder 45, p. 10 (NARA M246, roll 90). Samuel Fletcher (Corp., Warrant's Regt., Vt. Militia), *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War, 1775–1783* (NARA M881, roll 889), image, *Fold3*.

<sup>36</sup> Ebenezer Hyde to Samuel Fletcher, dated 8 June 1786, South Hero, Vt., Deeds 2:119 (DGS 7,862,466).

<sup>37</sup> He gave his mother a life lease on land in South Hero in 1789 (Samuel Fletcher to Thankful Preston, life lease, dated 8 Apr. 1789, recorded 5 Aug. 1800, South Hero, Vt., Town Records 4:159 [DGS 7,862,467]). Samuel Fletcher household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, South Hero (note 30). See below for the discussion of his 1790 [1791] household.

<sup>38</sup> Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32), distribution of real estate, 24 Apr. 1781, and distribution of movable estate, 22 Apr. 1784. Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 521–22.

married by 22 April 1784 [–?] Preston,<sup>39</sup> who may have died before the move to South Hero.<sup>40</sup> Between 24 April 1781, when Cotton Fletcher's real estate was distributed, and 22 April 1784, when his movable estate was distributed, three of Samuel's sisters married: Mary/Polly/Moll(e) married Obadiah Winter(s),<sup>41</sup> Grace married David Bishop Warren,<sup>42</sup> and Hannah married Isaac Adams.<sup>43</sup>

Samuel's 1790 census household consisted of three free white males age 16 and over (probably Samuel and his brothers Silas and Cotton), two free white males under age 16 (probably Samuel's brothers Amos and Calvin), and three free white females (probably Samuel's mother, Thankfull, and his sisters Eunice and Lovisa/Louisy/Lorica).<sup>44</sup> Samuel's sisters Hannah, Mary/Polly/Moll(e), and Grace were married and probably were living in the South Hero households of their husbands.<sup>45</sup> Samuel Fletcher is not found in South Hero marriage records. His marriage likely occurred before 1797, when the local Congregational minister began recording marriages.<sup>46</sup>

Samuel Fletcher was active in South Hero town governance in the 1790s. On 18 October 1791, on behalf of his town, he signed (along with brother Issi Fletcher, brother-in-law Obadiah Winters, and neighbor Amos Welch, who became an early settler of Westville) a petition to the state to raise taxes to improve roads and build bridges.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>39</sup> Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32), distribution of movable estate, 22 Apr. 1784.

<sup>40</sup> Thankful alone was the grantee of the life lease from her son in 1789, and Samuel Fletcher's 1790 [1791] census household included only three men age 16 or more, probably Samuel and his brothers Silas and Cotton. Thankful's husband was probably not with the Fletcher family group in 1790 [1791]. See Fletcher to Preston, life lease (note 37). Samuel Fletcher household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, South Hero (note 30).

<sup>41</sup> Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32). The distribution of real estate in 1781 refers to her as Mary Fletcher. The distribution of movable estate, 22 Apr. 1784, refers to her as "Moll Winters," daughter of the decedent, but did not identify her husband. No direct evidence has been found identifying her husband as Obadiah Winters, but records show that Obadiah was closely associated with the Fletcher family in both Poultney and South Hero. For example, Obadiah was surety for Samuel Fletcher's administration bond in Cotton Fletcher's estate (note 32), was enumerated immediately after Samuel in 1790 [1791], and was Samuel's co-defendant in a lawsuit. For the census, Obadiah Winters household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, South Hero, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 138 (NARA M637, roll 12). For the suit, Benjamin Adams v. Samuel Fletcher and Obadiah Winters, Chittenden County Court docket and judgments, 1788–1840, Feb. Term 1798, no. 42, Series PRA-068, box PRA-00350, Chittenden Co. Vt., County Court, Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Middlesex.

<sup>42</sup> Caleb Warren affidavit, 2 July 1845, in Hannah Adams widow's pension application file, service of Isaac Adams (Pvt./Musician, Vt. militia, Capt. Thos. Sawyer's Co., Col. Samuel Fletcher's Battalion, and other service), no. W20562, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files* (NARA M804, roll 10), image, *Fold3*. Warren stated that his "brother David B. Warren married her [Hannah's] sister Grace in the same year A.D. 1784." Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32), distribution of movable estate, 22 Apr. 1784, refers to her as "Grace Warren" but does not identify her husband.

<sup>43</sup> Hannah Adams affidavit, 9 July 1845, in Hannah Adams widow's pension application file, no. W20562 (note 42), indicating they married in Poultney, Rutland Co., Sept. 1784 (perhaps on or about 10 Sept.). Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32), distribution of movable estate, 22 Apr. 1784, refers to her as "Hannah Adams" but does not identify her husband.

<sup>44</sup> Samuel Fletcher household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, South Hero (note 30).

<sup>45</sup> Isaac Adams, Obadiah Winters, and Bishop Warren households, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, South Hero, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 138 (NARA M637, roll 12). Isaac Adams is listed immediately before Samuel Fletcher. Obadiah Winters and Bishop Warren are listed immediately after Samuel.

<sup>46</sup> Lucy L. Wells, "List of marriages solemnized by Rev. Asa Lyon [1797–1838]: from private record of Hector Adams," MS, South Hero, Vt., 5 May 1950 (DGS 7,859,014, item 30). Also, Fletcher cards in "Vermont Vital Records Through 1870," *Ancestry*, and South Hero, Vt., Town Records, books 1–6 (DGS 7,862,466–68).

<sup>47</sup> Town meeting, 15 Mar. 1790, South Hero, Vt., Town Records 2:12–13 (DGS 7,862,466). Petition for land tax on South Hero to make roads and bridges, 18 Oct. 1791, Manuscript Vermont State Papers, series SE-118, 18:291, Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Middlesex. Town meeting, 7 Mar. 1797, South Hero, Vt., Town Records 3:1B (DGS 7,862,467). For Welch as an early settler of Westville, Hough, *History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties* (note 2), 515.



A writ and a deed, each dated 1798, are the last records of Samuel in South Hero. Benjamin Adams was awarded a judgment of \$433.50 against Samuel Fletcher and Obadiah Winters (Samuel's brother-in-law) 6 September 1794. By early 1798 the debt remained unpaid. Chittenden County Court issued a writ ordering the sheriff to attach Fletcher's and Winters's estates to satisfy the original judgment plus damages, totaling \$1,000.00. On 6 February 1798 the constable left a copy of the writ "at the Defendants [Fletcher's] last & usual place of abode in sd South Hero." Obadiah Winters, "late of said South Hero now of the Province of Canada," could not be located. The writ identified Fletcher's land as "the first Division lot of Land laid to the original Right of Ebenezer Hyde in South Hero."<sup>48</sup> This matches the land Samuel purchased in 1786.<sup>49</sup>

Later in 1798 Samuel sold his South Hero land. On 1 December 1798 he conveyed two lots there, including the lot that had originally been Ebenezer Hyde's. The buyer was Stephen Davison, husband of his sister Eunice. Samuel acknowledged the sale in Chittenden the same day and the deed was recorded two days later.<sup>50</sup>

Samuel's town earmark was reassigned on 30 March 1802,<sup>51</sup> suggesting he was no longer living in the town. His name is not found on the 1807 tax roll or in the records of the subsequent public vendue, 1 March 1808, although those of his brothers Issi and Calvin are included.<sup>52</sup> South Hero death and cemetery records do not include Samuel's name.<sup>53</sup> He probably left South Hero after he disposed of his land there in late 1798.

The delayed recording of a lease between Samuel and his mother, Thankfull Preston, implies her need to establish a claim after her son left South Hero. In April 1789, perhaps as recompense for selling his mother's widow's portion in Poultney, Samuel conveyed a life interest in "all the land lying East of the highway adjoining the lake in my lot on the South Hero Lot No. 72 for the time being and during my mother's life." The unacknowledged lease was recorded more than a decade later, on 5 August 1800.<sup>54</sup> Access to the town clerk for recording the transaction was not likely an impediment in 1789, as Samuel was involved in another land transaction that year and had it recorded the same day.<sup>55</sup>

Samuel did not follow his brother-in-law and codefendant Obadiah Winters to Canada, although Samuel's name does appear (along with those of many of his family members and neighbors from South Hero) on a failed 1792 petition to the government of Lower Canada for land. The request was rejected in July

<sup>48</sup> Adams v. Fletcher and Winters (note 41).

<sup>49</sup> Hyde to Fletcher (note 36).

<sup>50</sup> Samuel Fletcher to Stephen Davison, dated 1 Dec. 1798, South Hero, Vt., Town Records 4:90 (DGS 7,862,467).

<sup>51</sup> South Hero, Vt., Town Records 2:6 (DGS 7,862,466). Earmarks (unique clipped notches and punched holes on one or both ears of livestock) were assigned to owners for purposes of identifying their animals.

<sup>52</sup> South Hero, Vt., Town Records, books 5 and 6 (DGS 7,862,468), read page by page. These volumes cover South Hero deeds 1795–1819, town meeting records after 1798, the tax roll of Oct. 1807, and subsequent vendue of 1808. For Issi's tax payment, see 5:364. For Calvin's successful bids on parcels at public vendue, 1 Mar. 1808, see 5:383–94.

<sup>53</sup> "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720–1908," database and images, *Ancestry*.

<sup>54</sup> Fletcher to Preston, life lease (note 37). Poultney land records are incomplete, and the town records burned in 1862. No relevant record has been found to document the family's land in Poultney.

<sup>55</sup> Jonah Martin to Samuel Fletcher, quitclaim, 16 Oct. 1789, South Hero, Vt., Town Records 2:120 (DGS 7,862,466).

1795 after the petitioners were deemed ineligible given their association with the Democratic Society of Vermont,<sup>56</sup> an organization that supported “the spirit of French thought” and democratic principles, and opposed British influence in westward expansion.<sup>57</sup>

#### VERMONT MEN IN NEW YORK

Samuel Fletcher served in Vermont militia units as a private and corporal from 1777 to 1782. He and his brother-in-law Isaac Adams both spent time in companies led by Capt. Parmelee Allen, Capt. Zebediah Dewey, and Capt. Israel Hurlburt. When Isaac’s widow, Hannah (Fletcher) Adams, applied for a pension in 1845, two Vermont soldiers who lived in New York supplied affidavits supporting her claim: Caleb Warren, then of the Town of Hampton, Washington County (whose brother David Bishop Warren had married Grace Fletcher, sibling of Hannah and Samuel) and Nathan Beman, then of the Town of Chateaugay (whose brother Abram had married Isaac Adams’s sister Alice).<sup>58</sup> Nathan Beman, who served as Ethan Allen’s guide at Ticonderoga, was taxed in Chateaugay on the town’s assessment of 1 July 1799, and he was enumerated in Chateaugay in 1800.<sup>59</sup>

A network of men migrated to South Hero and the surrounding areas on Lake Champlain, then west to Clinton County, New York:

- Amos Welch was in South Hero in 1790,<sup>60</sup> and was enumerated immediately after Samuel Fletcher in Chateaugay in 1800.<sup>61</sup> Samuel was first assessed in Chateaugay in 1800 and Amos in 1802.<sup>62</sup>
- Nathan Lawrence was in Charlotte, Chittenden County, Vermont, in 1790.<sup>63</sup> He signed the 1792 Canadian land petition, and his name appears on the 1805 tax assessment roll for the Town of Harrison, Clinton County.<sup>64</sup>

<sup>56</sup> Petition of Ebenezer Allen et al., 7 July 1792, Lower Canada Land Papers, RG 1 L3L, 30:15810–31, with Samuel Fletcher’s signature on p. 15812, image, *Library and Archives Canada* (<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca>). Issi Fletcher, Isaac Adams, David Bishop Warren, and Ebenzer Hyde signed the petition. Obadiah Winters, already in Canada, did not.

<sup>57</sup> Judah Adelson, “The Vermont Democratic-Republican Societies and the French Revolution,” *Vermont History* 32 (1964): 3–23.

<sup>58</sup> Samuel/Saml. Fletcher, *Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–1783* (note 35). Caleb Warren and Nathan Beman affidavits, 7 July 1845, and Ferrand F. Merrill [Vt. Deputy Secretary of State] statement of service, 4 Apr. 1845, in Hannah Adams widow’s pension application file, no. W20562 (note 42). Caleb Warren stated that he and Isaac Adams were in service together. Nathan Beman stated that he had seen Isaac in service at Whitehall, Washington Co., N.Y., in Capt. Parmelee Allen’s Company of Rangers, Maj. Ebenezer Allen’s detachment.

<sup>59</sup> Nathan Beman entry, New York State Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804 (note 4), Town of Chateaugay, Clinton Co., Box 9, folder 3 (1799), unpaginated. “Revolutionary Reminiscences [sic],” [letter from Nathan Beman of Malone, Franklin Co., N.Y., dated 26 May 1835], *Albany [N.Y.] Evening Journal*, 10 June 1835, p. 2, cols. 1–2. Nathan Beman household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Chateaugay [sic], Clinton Co., N.Y., p. 1074 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 22).

<sup>60</sup> Amos Welch household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, South Hero, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 138 (penned) (NARA M637, roll 12).

<sup>61</sup> Amos Welsh [sic] household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Chateaugay [sic], Clinton Co., N.Y., p. 1075 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 22). Samuel Flotter [sic] household, 1800 U.S. census (note 3).

<sup>62</sup> Samuel Fletcher, 1800, New York State Tax Assessment Rolls of Real Estate and Personal Taxes, 1799–1804 (note 4), and also Amos Welch, Town of Chateaugay, Clinton Co., Box 9, folder 16 (1802), unpaginated.

<sup>63</sup> Nathan Lawrence household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 136 (penned) (NARA M637, roll 12).

<sup>64</sup> Petition of Ebenezer Allen et al., 7 July 1792 (note 56), with Nathan’s signature on p. 15812. “First Assessment Roll of Malone,” *Malone Palladium* [Franklin Co., N.Y.], 14 May 1903, p. 1, col. 4, which indicates the roll was completed 5 July 1805; the original record cannot be located. The name of the Town of Malone

- Jacob Smith was in South Hero in 1790 and Chateaugay in 1800.<sup>65</sup>
- Enos Wood was in North Hero, Chittenden County, in 1790, and signed the 1792 Canadian land petition. He married Asenath Hazen on 9 May 1782 in South Hero.<sup>66</sup> His name appears on the 1805 tax assessment roll for the Town of Harrison, and he was head of a household in Franklin County, New York, in 1810.<sup>67</sup>

No military pension records have been found for a Samuel Fletcher living in Clinton or Franklin County, New York. Samuel served in a militia unit, so did not qualify under the Act of 1818.<sup>68</sup> His neighbors Nathan Beman, Enos Wood, and Amos Welch received pensions.<sup>69</sup> Amos, who fought in a Connecticut Continental unit, described his destitution, an early requirement to obtain a pension.<sup>70</sup> Eligibility for a pension would not come until 1832 for Samuel.<sup>71</sup> The Act of 1832, which did include militia units, allowed Samuel's brother Silas, with whom he served, to obtain a pension.<sup>72</sup> Samuel of Westville died prior to the 1832 act that would have made him eligible to apply.

Samuel's death in 1826 occurred at the Erie County home of Cotton Fletcher, to which Samuel had gone in the fall of the previous year.<sup>73</sup> Cotton, an early settler in Erie County and surveyor for the Holland Land Company,<sup>74</sup>

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dates back to 1812. In 1805 the area was named the Town of Harrison. It was transferred to Franklin Co. in 1808 and renamed the Town of Ezrville. The name was changed again in 1812 to Malone. See *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* (note 1), 411.

<sup>65</sup> Maj. Jacob Smith household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, South Hero, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 138 (penned) (NARA M637, roll 12). Jacob Smith household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Chateaugay [*sic*], Clinton Co., N.Y., p. 1076 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 22).

<sup>66</sup> Enos Wood household, 1790 [1791] U.S. census, North Hero, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 163 (penned) (NARA M637, roll 12). Petition of Ebenezer Allen et al., 7 July 1792 (note 56), with Enos's signature on p. 15812. Enos Wood–Asenath Hazen marriage, 9 May 1782, South Hero, Vt., Town Records 2:40 (DGS 7,862,466).

<sup>67</sup> "First Assessment Roll of Malone" (note 64). Eamus [*sic*] Wood household, 1810 U.S. census, unnamed town, unnamed county, N.Y., p. 70 (penned) (NARA M252, roll 27). For correct location of 1810 census pages, Cross, "The Neighborhood Did Not Move" (note 8).

<sup>68</sup> *The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America* . . . vol. 3 [1813–1823] (Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1846), 410–11 (15th Congress, Sess. 1, ch. 19, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," 18 Mar. 1818). John P. Resch, "Politics and Public Culture: The Revolutionary War Pension Act of 1818," *Journal of the Early Republic* 8 (1988): 139–58, at 139.

<sup>69</sup> United States Senate, *Pension Roll of 1835*, 4 vols. ([1835]; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992), 2:402 (Enos Wood), 2:238 (Amos Welch, Nathan Beman). Amos Welch, Enos Wood, and Nathan Beman entries, *Ledgers of Payments, 1818–1872, to U.S. Pensioners Under Acts of 1818 Through 1858 From Records of the Office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury, 1818–1872*, images, "United States Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers 1818–1872," *FamilySearch*, from NARA T718, various rolls.

<sup>70</sup> Amos Welch affidavit, 10 Oct. 1820[?], in Amos Welch pension application file (Pvt., Capt. Dyer, Conn. Continental Line), no. S44032, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files* (NARA M804, roll 2524), image, *Fold3*.

<sup>71</sup> *Descriptive Pamphlet, Microfilm Publication M804, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files* (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1974), 1–3, PDF, *National Archives* (<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m804.pdf>).

<sup>72</sup> Silas Fletcher pension application file (Pvt., Capt. Parmely Allen's Co., Col. Ebenzer Allen's Regt., Vt.), combined with Avice Fletcher widow's pension application file, no. R3608, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files* (NARA M804, roll 990), image, *Fold3*.

<sup>73</sup> Samuel Fletcher obituary (note 9).

<sup>74</sup> Public vendue notice, *Buffalo* [N.Y.] *Gazette*, 2 Sept. 1817, [p. 4], col. 4. Karen E. Livsey, *Western New York Land Transactions, 1804–1824, Extracted from the Archives of the Holland Land Company* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, Co., 1991). Karen E. Livsey, *Western New York Land Transactions, 1825–1835, Extracted from the Archives of the Holland Land Company* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, Co., 1996). Cotton Fletcher entry, land register and ledger, township 9, range 7, lot 42, folio 2, in Land Records, 1801–1863, MS, Genesee County Dept. of History Library, Holland Land Office Museum, Batavia, N.Y. Records of the Holland Land Company in the Municipal Archives of Amsterdam in the Netherlands and available through Archives and Special Collections of the State University of New York at Fredonia have not been examined.

died in Hamburg 19 March 1826, aged 50 years.<sup>75</sup> The ages of these two Fletcher men are reasonably close to those of the same-named Vermont brothers.<sup>76</sup> Samuel's obituary does not state they were brothers, but the unique given name of Cotton leaves little doubt.<sup>77</sup>

#### CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND HIS SIBLING CONNECT VERMONT AND NEW YORK

Associations between the children of Samuel Fletcher and the children of one of Samuel's proposed siblings from South Hero reinforce the hypothesis that the man who moved to Westville, New York, originated in South Hero. In 1860 Maria (Fletcher) Leonard, oldest of Samuel Fletcher's children, and Maria's son Elijah lived in the Town of Yates, Orleans County, New York, where Maria's sister Lura and Lura's husband, Lyman Moone, also resided.<sup>78</sup> By 1870 Maria and her son Elijah lived in Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, as did Maria's married daughter Aurelia (Leonard) Hunt. The Leonards and Hunts probably moved there between 1862 and 1868.<sup>79</sup>

Among the Leonards' Fond du Lac neighbors were descendants of Calvin Fletcher of South Hero, who remained there all his life. Two of Calvin's children married Phelps siblings: daughter Asenath Fletcher married Benajah S. Phelps and son Thomas Dixon Fletcher married Mariette Phelps. Each of those couples named a son Calvin.<sup>80</sup> By 1860 both of those sons—Calvin F. Phelps and Calvin Fletcher—lived in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. Calvin F. Phelps was head of his own household; Calvin Fletcher lived in Empire in a household headed by his uncle Benajah Phelps.<sup>81</sup> In 1870 Samuel's daughter Maria (Fletcher) Leonard was enumerated immediately after Calvin Phelps,<sup>82</sup> son of Asenath (Fletcher) Phelps.

<sup>75</sup> Cotton Fletcher death notices, *Commercial Advertiser*, 5 Apr. 1826, p. 3, col. 1, and *Buffalo Emporium and General Advertiser*, 25 Mar. 1826, p. 3, col. 5.

<sup>76</sup> Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 521–22.

<sup>77</sup> Searches on *Ancestry* and *FamilySearch* for Cotton/Coton Fletcher in Erie County in the 1820s yielded only one individual.

<sup>78</sup> Both in the 1860 U.S. census, Town of Yates, Orleans Co., N.Y. (NARA M653, roll 836): Elijah Leonard household, p. 747 (penned), dw. 662, fam. 662, and Lyman Moon household, p. 755 (penned), dw. 730, fam. 730.

<sup>79</sup> Both in the 1870 U.S. census, Fond du Lac, Ward 1, Fond du Lac Co., Wis. (NARA M593, roll 1713): Elijah Leonard household, p. 180 (stamped), dw. 59, fam. 61, and "Oritia" Hunt in the J. L. Hunt household p. 179 (stamped), dw. 41, fam. 43. For Aurelia's relationship to Maria, William R. Stevens petition (note 12). J. L. Hunt's household included Fred, age 12, and Lettie, age 7, born in Ill., and Paulina, age 2, born in Wis., suggesting the family moved between 1862 and 1868.

<sup>80</sup> Oliver Seymour Phelps and Andrew T. Servin, *The Phelps Family of America . . .*, 2 vols. (Pittsfield, Mass.: Eagle Publishing Co., 1899), 1:404–5, 717, 719. Benajah S. Phelps–Asenith Fletcher marriage, 7 Nov. 1824, South Hero, Vt., Town and Vital Records 1:53 (DGS 5,464,232, item 1, miscatalogued as vol. 3). The couple's cards in "Vermont Vital Records through 1870," image, *Ancestry*, include birthplaces and parents' names, which are not shown in the town record. Asenath's card indicates she was born in South Hero, daughter of Calvin Fletcher and Lydia Dixon. Benajah's card indicates he was born in Grand Isle Co., Vt., son of Abel Phelps 2nd. His mother's name is listed as "not given in the record." Mariette Fletcher death, 14 May 1843, in "A Record of Deaths, Taken from Cemeterys [*sic*], Not reported Previous to 1870," Alburg, Grand Island Co., Vt., p. 49 (DGS 5,458,314).

<sup>81</sup> Calvin F. Phelps household, 1860 U.S. census, Taycheedah, Fond du Lac Co., Wis., p. 132 (penned), dw. 934, fam. 929 (NARA M653, roll 1408). Calvin Fletcher in the B. S. Phelps household, 1860 U.S. census, Empire, Fond du Lac Co., Wis., p. 118 (penned), dw. 835, fam. 831 (NARA M653, roll 1407).

<sup>82</sup> Calvin Phelps household, 1870 U.S. census, Fond du Lac, Ward 1, Fond du Lac Co., Wis., p. 180 (stamped), dw. 58, fam. 60 (NARA M593, roll 1713). Elijah Leonard household, 1870 U.S. census (note 79).

## CONCLUSION

Samuel Fletcher of South Hero, Vermont, moved his young family to the area of Westville, New York, between December 1798 (when he sold land in South Hero) and 1800 (when he was enumerated and taxed in the Town of Chateaugay). Vermont neighbors and fellow Revolutionary War soldiers followed similar paths. Samuel's older children were born probably in Vermont, the younger ones in New York. All of them grew up in the area of Westville before scattering across the United States.

Although Samuel Fletcher and his siblings separated as some moved west, family ties continued to bind them and their descendants. Samuel's siblings who remained in Vermont retained ties to those who migrated. Samuel's daughter Maria (Fletcher) Leonard and her children Elijah and Aurelia settled in the same Wisconsin county as Calvin Fletcher's daughter Asenath (Fletcher) Phelps and Calvin's grandchildren. New York cousins lived next to Vermont cousins. Records of Samuel's children point to Vermont as his previous residence. Samuel Fletcher of Westville, New York, is the same man as Samuel Fletcher of South Hero, Vermont.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY<sup>83</sup>

1. **COTTON**<sup>5</sup> **FLETCHER** (Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, probably Samuel<sup>3-2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) was born in Westfield, Hampshire (later Hampden) County, Massachusetts, 2 August 1729.<sup>84</sup> He died 28 November 1777, probably in or near Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, where he was buried.<sup>85</sup> Cotton married in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, 9 September 1756, as her second husband, **THANKFULL ([?]) BARTLETT** of East Guilford (now Madison), New Haven County, Connecticut,<sup>86</sup> widow of Ichabod Bartlett.<sup>87</sup> She died 4 February 1812, probably in South Hero, Grand Isle County, Vermont, and was buried there in

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<sup>83</sup> This summary is not a comprehensive study of the Fletcher family. It includes genealogical data found during research to address Samuel<sup>6</sup> Fletcher's origins.

<sup>84</sup> Coten Fletcher birth, 2 Aug. 1729, Westfield, Mass., Births, Marriages, and Deaths, A:182 (DGS 7,009,206), which identifies his parents as Ebenezer Fletcher and Hanah, his wife. The parents' marriage intentions are recorded on the same page, just above the birth record (Ebenezer Fletcher–Hanah Moaton marriage intention, 5 Aug. 1727). Ebenezer is likely the son of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Fletcher, who married Mary Cotton. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> is mentioned in *Fletcher Family History*, but not carried forward. For the lineage from Robert<sup>1</sup> through Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, see Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 25–31; for Cotton Fletcher, see pp. 521–22. The compiler classified Cotton among “unconnected” Fletchers, but the published dates of birth and death match those of the man of interest.

<sup>85</sup> Cotton Fletcher marker, Barnard Cemetery, Sheffield, Mass., memorial 24,805,556, image, *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>). The marker lists his age at death as 50 years.

<sup>86</sup> Fletcher–Bartlett marriage (note 32). Madison was originally the eastern part of Guilford, but was set off as a separate town in May 1826 (Bernard Christian Steiner, *A History of the Plantation of Menunkatuck and of the Original Town of Guilford, Connecticut* . . . [Baltimore: privately published, 1897], 191).

<sup>87</sup> Ichabod Bartlett estate file, 1755, Guilford, Conn., Probate Dist., images, “Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609–1999,” *Ancestry*. Distribution of the Ichabod Bartlett estate, 2 Feb. 1756, Guilford, Conn., Probate Dist., Probate Records 6:325–26 (DGS 7,627,267), indicating Ichabod was “late of East Guilford.” Ichabod Bartlett birth, 27 May 1753, Guilford, Ct., Records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 3:49 (recto) (DGS 7,731,271, item 2), son of Ichabod and Thankful ([?]) Bartlett.

South Hero Cemetery.<sup>88</sup> After Cotton's death, Thankfull married third before 22 April 1784, probably in Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont, [–?]–Preston.<sup>89</sup>

Cotton resided in Salisbury when he married Thankfull,<sup>90</sup> and, as shown below, the couple's first two children were born there. He apparently settled in Sheffield after the birth of his son Samuel; none of the births of his subsequent children are documented in town records of Salisbury or Sheffield.<sup>91</sup> Cotton's name appears in Sheffield town records in August 1762, when his land was noted as a boundary in dividing the town into school districts.<sup>92</sup> He was among the earliest settlers of Poultney—the proprietors met in Sheffield beginning in 1763—and his name appears on the 14 June 1773 subscribers' list to provide for the settlement of a midwife.<sup>93</sup> At the Poultney town meeting held 8 March 1775, he was chosen a selectman.<sup>94</sup> His family was among those who evacuated Poultney ahead of Burgoyne's advance in July 1777.<sup>95</sup> The family may have returned to their former home in Sheffield, as Cotton was buried there in November 1777.<sup>96</sup> He was, however, in Bennington, Vermont, 19 September 1777, when he acknowledged receipt of a French gun issued to him by the Council of Safety.<sup>97</sup>

Children of Cotton<sup>5</sup> and Thankfull ([–?]–) (Bartlett) Fletcher:<sup>98</sup>

- i. MARY/POLLY/MOLL(E)<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born in Salisbury 29 June 1757;<sup>99</sup> married between 24 April 1781 and 22 April 1784, probably in Poultney, OBADIAH WINTERS.<sup>100</sup> They moved from South Hero to Lower Canada in 1794.<sup>101</sup>
- ii. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born in Salisbury 17 October 1758; died in Hamburg, Erie County, New York, 23 January 1826; married say 1794 (first-known child), probably in South Hero, but his wife's name has not been discovered.

<sup>88</sup> Thankful Preston marker, South Hero Cemetery, South Hero, Vt., read by the author, 22 June 2015. The stone shows the date of death as 4 Feb. 1812. Her *Find A Grave* memorial (no. 20,517,252) includes an image of her marker that is difficult to read but does show the year as 1812, which contradicts the year listed in the text of the memorial (1819).

<sup>89</sup> Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32), distribution of movable estate, 22 Apr. 1784, which refers to her as Thankfull Preston, late widow of Cotton Fletcher.

<sup>90</sup> Fletcher–Bartlett marriage (note 32).

<sup>91</sup> Salisbury, Conn., Town Clerk, records of births, deaths, marriages, and town meetings (DGS 7,615,588). Also for Salisbury, "Connecticut Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection)," database, *Ancestry*. Sheffield, Mass., Town Records, 1730–1843 (DGS 7,009,231, images 7–77).

<sup>92</sup> Sheffield, Mass., Town Records, vol. 1 (1730–1775), unpaginated (DGS 7,009,231, image 121).

<sup>93</sup> Joslin, Frisbie, and Ruggles, *A History of the Town of Poultney* (note 33), 20 (locations of proprietors' meetings), 25–26.

<sup>94</sup> Hamilton Child, *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Rutland County, Vt., for 1881–82* (Syracuse, N.Y.: H. Child, 1881), 190 ("Town of Poultney").

<sup>95</sup> Margaret R. Jenks, *The Women and Children of Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont, Fleeing Burgoyne's Forces, 6 July 1777* (Granville, N.Y.: the author, 2005), 25.

<sup>96</sup> Cotton Fletcher marker (note 85).

<sup>97</sup> Cotton Fletcher, 19 Sept. 1777, Bennington, receipt for one French gun received from the Council of Safety, Manuscript Vermont State Papers, series SE-118, vol. 8, p. 414, Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Middlesex.

<sup>98</sup> Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 521–22. Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32). The birthplaces for the first two children are documented through vital records. Probable places of birth for the remaining children are based on the parents' residential history.

<sup>99</sup> Molle Fletcher birth, 29 June 1757, Salisbury, Conn., Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Town Meetings, 1740–1780, p. 174 (DGS 7615,588, item 3). The same date of birth appears in Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 521.

<sup>100</sup> Cotton Fletcher estate (note 32). For discussion of her husband's name, see note 41.

<sup>101</sup> "Declarations of Aliens, Lower Canada, 1794–1811," *Across the Border* 11 (Winter 1990): 7, for Obadiah Winters, 1794, citing National Archives of Canada, Declarations of Aliens, Lower Canada, 1794–1811. Also, Adams v. Fletcher and Winters (note 41), which refers to "Obadiah Winters late of South Hero now of the Province of Canada" in a writ dated 24 Jan. 1798.

- iii. GRACE<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 18 July 1760;<sup>102</sup> married in Poultney in the spring of 1784 DAVID BISHOP WARREN.<sup>103</sup>
- iv. SILAS<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 20 July 1762, probably in Sheffield;<sup>104</sup> died in Conecuh County, Alabama, 25 May 1837;<sup>105</sup> married in New York City 16 July 1795 AVIS [(FRANKLIN)?] PHELPS,<sup>106</sup> died in Leon County, Texas, 29 July 1852.<sup>107</sup> Silas moved to Louisiana by 1810.<sup>108</sup> From Louisiana he went to Indian Key, Territory of Florida, to establish a shop for Joshua Appleby in April 1824 and was engaged in the salvage business. His family followed shortly thereafter.<sup>109</sup> He returned to New York briefly, where he filed for a Revolutionary War pension in 1831 and 1832,<sup>110</sup> but by late 1834 he was residing in Indian Key, where he was a justice of the peace.<sup>111</sup> Silas appears to have been the first of the Fletcher brothers to purchase land in South Hero.<sup>112</sup>
- v. HANNAH<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 9 March 1764,<sup>113</sup> probably in Sheffield; died 31 May 1847 and was buried in Webster Street Cemetery, Malone, Franklin County, New

<sup>102</sup> Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 521.

<sup>103</sup> Caleb Warren affidavit (brother of David B. Warren) in Hannah Adams widow's pension application file, no. W20562 (note 42).

<sup>104</sup> For likely place of birth, 11 Aug. 1762 Sheffield town meeting (note 92). Silas Fletcher affidavit, 21 Sept. 1832, in Silas Fletcher pension application file, no. R3608 (note 72), in which he stated he was born in the year 1762. For the exact date, Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522.

<sup>105</sup> For date and place of death, Avice Fletcher affidavit, 10 Oct. 1849, and William H. Fletcher affidavit, 29 Apr. 1854, in Avice Fletcher widow's pension application file, no. R3608 (note 72). William indicated he was the son of Silas and Avis, administrator of their estates.

<sup>106</sup> Silas Fletcher–Avice Phelps marriage certificate, in Avice Fletcher widow's pension application file, no. R3608 (note 72), indicating "These are to certify, that on the sixteenth day of July 1795 Mr. Silas Fletcher and Miss Avice Phelps both of New York, were joined together in lawful Marriage, by me, Benjamin Foster." Avice may have been the widow of Bezaleel Phelps, who married Avis Franklin in New York City (Bezaleel Felts [sic]–Avis Franklin marriage, 18 Oct. 1788, "Records of Trinity Church Parish, New York City," RECORD 75 [1944]: 36). A Sophia Philips, perhaps Avis's daughter, married in St. Landry Parish, La. (where Silas and Avis Fletcher resided), 5 Oct. 1813 (John Piere Wills–Sophia Philips marriage, St. Landry Parish, La., Marriages A:32 [DGS 4,922,823]). Sophia may have been the female age 16–25 in Silas's 1810 census household (Silas Fletcher household, 1810 U.S. census, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, La., p. 154 (penned) [NARA M252, roll 10]).

<sup>107</sup> For date and place of death, William H. Fletcher affidavit, 29 Apr. 1854, and Andrew Jester and Rueben B. Vest affidavit, 28 Aug. 1854, in Avice Fletcher widow's pension application file, no. R3608 (note 72).

<sup>108</sup> Silas Fletcher household, 1810 U.S. census (note 106).

<sup>109</sup> Avis Fletcher affidavit, 26 Nov. 1834, Monroe Co., Fla., Deeds B:170 (DGS 5,885,989). Silas Fletcher household, 1820 U.S. census, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, La., p. 436 (stamped) (NARA M33, roll 30). John Viele, *The Florida Keys: A History of the Pioneers* (Sarasota, Fla.: Pineapple Press, 1996), 24.

<sup>110</sup> Silas Fletcher [sic] household, 1830 U.S. census, Town of Castleton, Richmond Co., N.Y., p. 45 (penned) (NARA M19, roll 106). Silas Fletcher affidavits, 28 Mar. 1831 and 21 Sept. 1832, in Silas Fletcher pension application file, no. R3608 (note 72). The 1831 affidavit was filed from Richmond Co., N.Y., and Silas was described as "now a prisoner in custody of the Sheriff of the County of Richmond." The 1832 affidavit was filed from the City and County of New York, and Silas was identified as a resident of the city.

<sup>111</sup> Silas Fletcher affidavit, 26 Nov. 1834, Monroe Co., Fla., Deeds B:168–69 (DGS 5,885,989).

<sup>112</sup> Ichabod Bartlett to Silas Fletcher, 9 Feb. 1784, South Hero, Vt., Town Records 3:180 (DGS 7,862,467). Ichabod was Silas's half brother, son of Thankful and Ichabod Bartlett (note 87).

<sup>113</sup> For date, Isaac Adams family record and Abial Adams affidavit, 10 July 1845, in Hannah Adams widow's pension application file, no. W20562 (note 42). In his affidavit, Abial Adams (son of Isaac and Hannah) stated that "There is no family record in the possession of the said Hannah or of any of the family containing the record or memorandum of the record of the marriage of the [sic] Isaac and Hannah, or of the births of the children of the said Isaac & Hannah Except the memorandum hereunto annexed in the hand writing of the said Isaac contained on the haf[?] of an old account book of the said Isaac[.]. That There was a family record kept in a bible of the said Isaac and Hannah, but when the said Isaac & Hannah removed from the town of Poultney aforesaid to the town of South Hero aforesaid, the said bible got wet in the Lake Champlain and came to pieces after a few years and was not preserved but destroyed and lost, and the deponent's father made the memorandum on his account book before mentioned at the town of South Hero aforesaid after the said bible came to pieces as aforesaid. The said account book remained in the possession of the said Hannah after the death of the said Isaac, but the said account book also came to pieces many years ago and was not preserved except the haf[?] containing the said memorandum. Which deponents mother has always preserved." Abial went on to explain that Isaac had not recorded Isaac's own birth "Because he did not know or had forgotten the day on which he was born." Hannah's birth date matches that in Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522.

- York;<sup>114</sup> married in Poultney September 1784, perhaps 10 September, ISAAC ADAMS,<sup>115</sup> born in Salisbury 28 November 1753,<sup>116</sup> died in South Hero 12 January 1806,<sup>117</sup> son of Jeremiah and Rhoda ([-?-]) Adams.<sup>118</sup>
- vi. EUNICE<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 31 December 1765,<sup>119</sup> probably in Sheffield; died in South Hero 7 April 1846;<sup>120</sup> married STEPHEN DAVIDSON, born in Chesterfield, (later in Cheshire County), New Hampshire, about 1756–1757, died 15 August 1821, aged 54, and was buried in South Hero Cemetery, son of John and Saviah (Coburn) Davidson.<sup>121</sup> Stephen and Eunice do not appear to have had children at the time Stephen wrote his will. He left all his property to Eunice. After her death, it would pass to Stephen's nephew.<sup>122</sup>
- vii. ISSI<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 2 December 1767, probably in Sheffield; died 1 March 1837 and was buried in South Hero;<sup>123</sup> married first JENNY GRAHAM, born about 1769–1770, died 1 January 1800, aged 30, and was buried in South Hero; married second LUCY [-?-], perhaps Allen, born about 1763–1764, died 22 August 1828, aged 64, and was buried in South Hero;<sup>124</sup> married third in Shelburne, Chittenden County, Vermont, 28 January 1833 BETSEY HARRINGTON.<sup>125</sup> Issi purchased land in Chateau-

<sup>114</sup> Hannah Fletcher Adams memorial, Webster St. Cemetery, Malone, N.Y., memorial 123,729,691, no image, *Find A Grave*. The undocumented memorial indicates she was born in Mass. 9 Mar. 1764 and died in Franklin Co., N.Y., 31 May 1847; it also links her to her parents, spouse, and children. She was living in the Town of Malone as of 16 July 1845, when she filed her widow's pension application (Hannah Adams widow's pension application file, no. W20562 [note 42]). Hannah's death was not found listed in vital records for the Town of Malone, 1847 (John Austin, transcriber, "Malone Deaths, Franklin, New York," *USGenWeb* [<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ny/franklin/vitals/deaths/malonedth.txt>]).

<sup>115</sup> Hannah Adams affidavit, 1845, Hannah Adams widow's pension application file, no. W20562 (note 42). The reported date of her marriage contradicts her father's estate records (note 32), which refer to her in the distribution of movable property, dated 22 Apr. 1784, as Hannah Adams.

<sup>116</sup> Isaac Adams birth, 28 Nov. 1763, Salisbury, Conn., Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Town Meetings, 1740–1780, p. 148 (DGS 7,615,588, item 3).

<sup>117</sup> Hannah Adams and Caleb Warren affidavits, 1845, Hannah Adams widow's pension application file, no. W20562 (note 42). Warren stated that the Adamses moved from Poultney to South Hero about fifteen or sixteen years before Isaac died (placing the move about 1790–1791) and that Hannah's mother went with them.

<sup>118</sup> Isaac Adams birth (note 116).

<sup>119</sup> Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522.

<sup>120</sup> Eunice Fletcher Davidson death, 7 Apr. 1846, South Hero, image, "Vermont Vital Records Through 1870," *Ancestry*, citing records of the Congregational Church of South Hero and Grand Isle and incorrectly stating she was born in South Hero. Her death was not found listed in the South Hero card index to births, marriages, and deaths, 1793–2000 (DGS 7,748,057), searched for Davidson/Davison and Fletcher.

<sup>121</sup> South Hero, Vt., Town Clerk, gravestone inscriptions, vol. 1 (1782–1869), p. 28 (DGS 5,464,231, item 1), for Steven [*sic*] Davidson, died 15 Aug. 1821, aged 55 [*sic*], husband of Eunice Fletcher Davidson. Stephen Davidson marker, South Hero Cemetery, South Hero, Vt., memorial 20517305, image, *Find A Grave*. His marker lists the death date and age at death ("in the 55th year of his age"). The undocumented memorial includes birthplace and parents' names.

<sup>122</sup> Stephen Davidson will, dated 13 Aug. 1821, Grand Isle District, Vt., Probate Records 4:66–67 (DGS 7,714,908).

<sup>123</sup> Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522, which lists the date of birth and identifies him as Ipsi (likely based on a misreading of the long *s*). South Hero, Vt., gravestone inscriptions (note 121), 33, for Issi Fletcher, died 1 Mar. 1837, aged 70 [*sic*], husband of Jenny and Lucy Fletcher. Issi Fletcher marker, South Hero Cemetery, South Hero, Vt., memorial 20,527,009, image, *Find A Grave*, which lists his date of death and that he was in his 70th year.

<sup>124</sup> South Hero, Vt., gravestone inscriptions (note 121), 32, for Jenny Fletcher, died 1 Jan. 1800, aged 31 [*sic*], wife of Issi Fletcher, and for Mrs. Lucy Fletcher, died 22 Aug. 1828, aged 65 [*sic*], wife of Issi Fletcher. The markers indicate Jenny was "in her 31st year" and Lucy was "in her 65th year" (Jenny, wife of Issi Fletcher, and Mrs. Lucy Fletcher, consort of Issi Fletcher, markers, South Hero Cemetery, South Hero, Vt., memorials 2,0526,989 and 20,526,964, images, *Find A Grave*). The undocumented *Find A Grave* memorials list their maiden names as Jenny Graham and Lucy Allen. For Jenny's maiden name, see also, Margaret Fletcher Kent Paine, *My Ninety-Five Milestones* (Chicago, Ill.: Austin C. Murray, 1932), 4; Paine was the granddaughter of Issi and Jenny (Graham) Fletcher.

<sup>125</sup> Issi Fletcher–Betsey Harrington marriage, 28 Jan. 1833, Shelburne, Vt., Town Records 2:8 (DGS 5,464,235, item 3), which identifies Issi as "of South Hero."



gay in 1823,<sup>126</sup> but remained in South Hero. He left the Chateaugay land to three of his children, who sold it in 1839.<sup>127</sup>

- viii. COTTON<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 12 October 1769,<sup>128</sup> probably in Sheffield; died in Hamburg, Erie County, New York, 19 March 1826;<sup>129</sup> married probably before the 1800 census,<sup>130</sup> perhaps to Jemima [–?–], who married in Hamburg 12 October 1829 John Welch, and who in 1854 filed for a widow's pension under Welch's service.<sup>131</sup> Cotton and his family left South Hero before 1800, when they were enumerated in the Town of Washington, Cayuga County, New York.<sup>132</sup> They did not remain in Cayuga County long. In 1802 Cotton paid property taxes in the Town of Northampton, Ontario County, New York (the area including present-day Rochester and Gates, on the west side of the Genesee River); he served as surveyor for the town in 1803.<sup>133</sup> In 1810 he was enumerated in the Town of Willink, Niagara County, New York, parent town of Hamburg.<sup>134</sup> Histories of the area list him among the early settlers and as a surveyor for the Holland Land Company. His name appears frequently in land-sale notices in the county as the surveyor of record.<sup>135</sup> Holland Land Company records also confirm this. His earliest transactions are dated 31 December 1803 for lot 42 in township 9, range 7. He was given credit for surveying in 1807. Transfers to others or reversions to the Holland Land Company are also noted.<sup>136</sup> Deeds for land under contract were issued upon payment in full. He probably did not pay for his land in full, as his name is not listed in deed indexes of Erie County or its parent county, Niagara. No other man of the same name and age appears in this area of western New York state.<sup>137</sup>
- ix. LOVISA/LOUISY/LORICA<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 29 July 1773,<sup>138</sup> probably in Poultney; married say 1796 ASAHIEL/AZEL HAZEN of North Hero, Chittenden (later Grand Isle) County.<sup>139</sup> In 1800 Hazen's household comprised three free white males under

<sup>126</sup> James Bailey to Issi Fletcher, 10 Mar. 1823, Franklin Co., N.Y., Deeds 2:220–22 (FHL film 874,600 [not yet digitized]).

<sup>127</sup> Issi Fletcher will, dated 1 Nov. 1834, Grand Isle District, Vt., Probate Records 7:122–25 (DGS 7,714,906). Jefferson Fletcher and Mary Ann [*sic*, signed Marion], his wife, David Pixley and Margaret, his wife, and Judson B. Fletcher and Betsey, his wife, to Ambrose Williamson, 6 Sept. 1839, Franklin Co., N.Y., Deeds 9:725–28 (FHL film 874,605 [not yet digitized]).

<sup>128</sup> Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522.

<sup>129</sup> Cotton Fletcher death notices (note 75).

<sup>130</sup> Cotton Fletcher household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Washington, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 522 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 28), with one free white male age 16–25, one free white male age 26–44, one free white female under the age of 10, and one free white female age 26–44.

<sup>131</sup> J. R. Fletcher and Olive Shephard affidavit, 14 Jan. 1854, in Jemima Welch widow's pension application file, service of John Welch (Pvt., Capt. Churchill's Co., Col. Sage's Rgt., Conn.), no. W8987, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files* (NARA M804, roll 2524), image, *Fold3*. Fletcher and Shephard indicated that the widow, Jemima Welch, was Jemima Fletcher at the time of the 1829 marriage in Hamburg. The affiants indicated they were family members, but did not specify relationships.

<sup>132</sup> Cotton Fletcher household, 1800 U.S. census (note 130).

<sup>133</sup> Cotton Fletcher entry, New York State Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804 (note 4), Town of Northampton, Ontario Co., Box 34, folder 3 (1802), unpaginated. Albert Hazen Wright, *Old Northampton in Western New York* (Rochester, N.Y.: Rochester Historical Society, 1928), 363–65, 368 (from old Northampton records, pp. 59, 61, 62, 66).

<sup>134</sup> C. Fletcher household, 1810 U.S. census, Town of Willink, Niagara Co., N.Y., p. 261 (penned) (NARA M252, roll 29). *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* (note 1), 394.

<sup>135</sup> For example, public vendue notice (note 74).

<sup>136</sup> Cotton Fletcher entry, land register and ledger, township 9, range 7, lots 42, folio 2 (note 74).

<sup>137</sup> Searches for variants on Cotton Fletcher on *Ancestry* did not return matches for any other man of the same name.

<sup>138</sup> Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522.

<sup>139</sup> "Death of Dr. Hazen," *Clark County* [Ill.] *Herald*, 4 Sept. 1889, p. 1, col. 6, image, *The Digital Archives of the Marshall Public Library*. Dr. Hazen was the second child of Azel and Lovicy (Fletcher) Hazen. He was born 17 Mar. 1799 in North Hero, Vt. Based on his date of birth, the first-born child was born say 1797 and his parents married say 1796.

- age 10, one free white male age 26–44, one free white female under age 10, and one free white female age 26–44.<sup>140</sup>
- x. AMOS<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 2 April 1776,<sup>141</sup> probably in Poultney. In 1810 his household was enumerated in South Hero, with one free white male age 26–44, one free white female in the same age group, two free white males under age 10, and one free white female under age 10.<sup>142</sup>
- xi. CALVIN<sup>6</sup> FLETCHER, born 29 January 1778, either in Poultney or near the family's former home on the Connecticut/Massachusetts border;<sup>143</sup> died in South Hero 14 or 15 May 1857;<sup>144</sup> married in South Hero 1 October 1800 LYDIA DIXON, born 12 September 1784, died October 1859, and was buried in South Hero Cemetery, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Griffith) Dixon.<sup>145</sup>

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<sup>140</sup> Asahel Haysen household, 1800 U.S. census, North Hero, Franklin Co., Vt., p. 447 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 51).

<sup>141</sup> Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522.

<sup>142</sup> Amos Fletcher household, 1810 U.S. census, South Hero, Franklin Co., Vt., p. 338 (stamped) (NARA M252, roll 64).

<sup>143</sup> Calvin Fletcher household, 1850 U.S. census, South Hero, Vt., p. 2, dw. 29, fam. 30 (stamped, verso) (NARA M432, roll 924), in which his birthplace was listed as Conn. Calvin's death record states he was born in Poultney (Calvin Fletcher death, 15 May 1857, South Hero, Vt., Births, Marriages, and Deaths, vol. 1, p. 106 [DGS 4,032,873], listing his age at death as 79 years, 3 months, 17 days). His calculated birth date agrees with the date given in Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522.

<sup>144</sup> Calvin Fletcher death (note 143). Calvin Fletcher marker, South Hero Cemetery, South Hero, Vt., memorial 20,517,291, image, *Find A Grave*. Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522, which indicates he died 14 May 1857.

<sup>145</sup> South Hero, Vt., gravestone inscriptions (note 121), 33, for Lydia Dixon Fletcher, died 1860, aged 76 years, wife of Calvin Fletcher. Lydia Dixon Fletcher marker, South Hero Cemetery, South Hero, Vt., memorial 20,517,295, image, *Find A Grave*, stating her years of birth (1784) and death (1860) and her maiden name. The undocumented memorial identifies her parents. Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History* (note 32), 522.

## HENRY TUCKER (1825–1882): COMPOSER OF AN ERSTWHILE “MOST POPULAR SONG EVER WRITTEN IN AMERICA”

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From 1843 until his death Henry Tucker directed musical productions, performed in New York churches and music halls, and gave music lessons. He created hundreds of ballads, dance tunes, and arrangements of other musicians' works. Henry's compositions appeared as sheet music and in at least five hymnals.<sup>1</sup>

Henry's contemporaries recognized his accomplishments. One said Henry “stands highest among our native composers.”<sup>2</sup> A newspaperman wrote he was “a man who exerted a far more than ordinary influence on the people of the country” as “perhaps the most celebrated [composer of popular music] the country has ever had.”<sup>3</sup>

A critic described the phenomenal popularity during the Civil War of his song “‘Weeping, Sad and Lonely’ or ‘When This Cruel War is Over’”:

The song was more frequently sung, on both sides, than any other, the Southern soldiers inserting “gray” for “blue” . . . with cheerful recklessness of the effect upon the rhyme. The thing was heard in every camp every day and many times a day. Men chanted it on the march, and women sang it to piano accompaniment in all houses.<sup>4</sup>

Civil War historian Bruce Catton said the song “might have been, momentarily, the most popular song ever written in America.”<sup>5</sup>

Today Henry is barely known, but his music still lives.<sup>6</sup> At least thirty-eight film and television soundtracks include his work, although only six credit him.<sup>7</sup> *YouTube* hosts performances of several of his compositions, including “Sweet

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<sup>1</sup> For a database of Henry's sheet music, Benjamin Robert Tubb, “The Music of Henry Tucker,” *Public Domain Music* (<http://www.pdmusic.org/tucker.html>). Based mostly on copyrighted sheet music, the database omits most of Henry's hymn tunes. For twelve of them, “Henry Tucker > Tunes,” *Hymnary.org* ([http://hymnary.org/person/Tucker\\_Henry?tab=tunes](http://hymnary.org/person/Tucker_Henry?tab=tunes)). For four others, *Waters' Choral Harp: A New and Superior Collection of Choice Hymns and Tunes* (New York: Horace Waters, 1863), 4–6, 14–15, 36–37.

<sup>2</sup> *Dan Bryant's “Sbooo Fly” Songster* (New York: Robert M. De Witt, 1869), 30.

<sup>3</sup> “Death of Henry Tucker, the Composer,” *Geneva [N.Y.] Gazette*, 17 Feb. 1882, p. 2, cols. 4–5.

<sup>4</sup> George Cary Eggleston, ed., *American War Ballads and Lyrics*, 2 vols. in 1 (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1889), 2:249. Charles Carroll Sawyer (words) and Henry Tucker (music), “‘Weeping, Sad and Lonely,’ or ‘When This Cruel War is Over’” (Brooklyn, N.Y.: Sawyer and Thompson, 1863), image, “Notated Music,” *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/notated-music>).

<sup>5</sup> Bruce Catton, *Mr. Lincoln's Army* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1962), 171.

<sup>6</sup> For synthesized recordings of many of Henry's compositions and arrangements, “Category: Tucker, Henry L.,” *IMSLP [International Music Score Library Project]: Petrucci Music Library*, wiki ([https://imslp.org/wiki/Special:Search/Tucker\\_Henry\\_L](https://imslp.org/wiki/Special:Search/Tucker_Henry_L)). Also, Tubb, “The Music of Henry Tucker” (note 1).

<sup>7</sup> “Henry Tucker (I) (1826–1882),” *IMDb* (<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1558477>).

Genevieve,” an “important and popular” tune of the post-Civil War era.<sup>8</sup> Even today, many Americans know it. One of Henry’s melodies provides the setting for a hymn sung in thirty languages by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.<sup>9</sup>

Henry’s origin has been murky. Some sources say he was born in Kingston, Upper Canada (now the Province of Ontario).<sup>10</sup> Others specify Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, or elsewhere in the county.<sup>11</sup> One says Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.<sup>12</sup> No record or narrative about Henry names his parents, but two say they were from Connecticut.<sup>13</sup> Another gives New York.<sup>14</sup> Complicating the picture are Henry’s moves among at least seven places and the use of his first name (William) in some records and his middle name (Henry) in others.

Henry was born to parents from Auburn, New York. His mother, Matilda (Parker) Tucker, bequeathed “all the musick which said W. Henry Tucker once gave to me.”<sup>15</sup> Her gravestone, in Auburn, names Henry’s father, Benjamin Tucker.<sup>16</sup>

## BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL DATA

1. **BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> TUCKER** (Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Morris<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 October 1796,<sup>17</sup> probably in Albany County or Onondaga County,

<sup>8</sup> *YouTube* (<https://www.youtube.com>), search for “Henry Tucker.” For “important and popular,” David Nicholls, ed., *Cambridge History of American Music* (Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 1998), 183. Russell Sanjek, *American Popular Music and Its Business: The First Four Hundred Years*, 3 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988), 2:82, also describes the song’s popularity.

<sup>9</sup> “Now Let Us Rejoice,” hymn 3, in *Hymns of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 1985*, 2nd ed. rev. (Salt Lake City, Utah: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2002). For the languages, “International Hymnbooks Unify Saints Around the World,” *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (<https://www.lds.org/church/news/international-hymnbooks-unify-saints-around-the-world?lang=eng>).

<sup>10</sup> “The Death of Henry Tucker,” *Sun* [New York City], 13 Feb. 1882, p. 1, col. 6. Also, Kihm Winship, “The Haunting Music of Henry Tucker,” blog posting, 5 Oct. 2011, *Skeneateles: The Character and Characters of a Lakeside Village* (<https://kihm6.wordpress.com/2011/10/05/the-haunting-music-of-henry-tucker>). Mark Slobin et al., eds., in *Emily’s Songbook: Music in 1850s Albany* (Middleton, Wis.: A-R Editions, 2011), 12, say Henry was “born in Canada.” For Kingston’s province, Roger Hall, “Upper Canada,” in Government of Canada, *Canadian Encyclopedia* (<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/upper-canada>).

<sup>11</sup> For “Henri [sic] Tucker, a native Auburnian, . . . a musical composer,” see “Local Necrology,” in B. B. Snow, comp., *Record of Current Events: A Series of Papers Read before the Cayuga County Historical Society (1879–90)*, second ser., Collections of Cayuga County Historical Society, vol. 9 (Auburn, N.Y.: The Society, 1891), 63. For birth in Cayuga Co., see *Dan Bryant’s “Shoo Fly” Songster* (note 2), 30.

<sup>12</sup> “Henry Tucker (I) (1826–1882)” (note 7).

<sup>13</sup> Henry Tucker obituary, *Brooklyn* [N.Y.] *Daily Union-Argus*, 13 Feb. 1882, four o’clock edition, p. 4, col. 6. “Notes,” *Evening Post* [New York City], 13 Feb. 1882, 2nd ed., p. 1, cols. 4–5.

<sup>14</sup> Henry Tucker household, 1880 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., Enumeration District (ED) 25, p. 37, dw. 222, fam. 386 (National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication [NARA] T9, roll 841).

<sup>15</sup> Matilda Tucker will, 18 Aug. 1873, and codicil, 21 Jan. 1875, proved 18 Mar. 1875, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Wills and Proofs X:527–31 (*FamilySearch* [<https://www.familysearch.org>] Digital Genealogical Society no. [DGS] 5,115,400). Also, “In re estate of Matilda Tucker, Deceased,” Cayuga Co., N.Y., probate box 155 (DGS 7,344,614, images 381ff).

<sup>16</sup> Matilda Tucker marker, Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, N.Y., memorial 65,444,373, image, *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>).

<sup>17</sup> For the date, “Family Record,” certified transcription, 28 July 1851, in Benjamin Tucker (Pvt., Capt. P. W. Hewitt’s Co., Col. Swift’s Regt., N.Y. Vols., War of 1812), bounty-land application file 50-160-16942, Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Applications Based on Service between 1812 and 1855, Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800–1960, Record Group (RG) 15: Department of Veterans Affairs, National Archives (NA), Washington, D.C. James H. Bostwick, J.P., transcribed the family record 28 July 1851; on the same day, Morgan L. Olmsted compared it with the original and swore to its accuracy. For Benjamin’s father, unknown family record reflected in “antsky,” “Miller and Curtis,” public family tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/24560827>). The tree gives exact birth and death dates for Benjamin, his siblings, and their parents, suggesting a family Bible record. The tree’s compiler, the only

New York.<sup>18</sup> He died in Kingston, Upper Canada, 13 November 1828.<sup>19</sup> Benjamin married in Sennett, Town of Brutus, Cayuga County, New York, 1 February 1818 **MATILDA PARKER** of the Village of Auburn, Town of Aurelius, Cayuga County.<sup>20</sup> Matilda, born in Washington County, New York, 29 January 1799, died 23 February 1875 and was buried in Auburn.<sup>21</sup> Her mother was probably Rebecca (Day) Parker (later Streeter).<sup>22</sup> Her father's identity was not discovered.

Benjamin grew up in Cayuga County.<sup>23</sup> He, like two of his brothers and a brother-in-law, fought in the War of 1812.<sup>24</sup> When barely 16, Benjamin joined

known source for the information, cannot identify his source. Most of the tree's names and dates agree with the present author's research on Jonathan Tucker's family. For Jonathan, son of Joseph, see Thomas W. Jones, "Merging Identities Properly: Jonathan Tucker Demonstrates the Technique," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 88 (2000): 111–21. For Joseph, son of Ebenezer, see Ebenezer Tucker will, 4 May 1776, proved 29 May 1776, Rockingham Co., N.H., estate papers, old series, file 4241 (DGS 7,129,591, image 1345ff). For earlier generations, Salisbury, Mass., Records of Births, Marriage Intentions, Marriages, and Deaths, Book 1 (1637–1743), p. 20 (Joseph Tucker, son of Morris) and p. 55 ("Ebinezar" Tucker, son of Joseph) (DGS 7,009,666, item 3).

<sup>18</sup> Benjamin's parents lived in Albany Co., N.Y., in 1790 and Cayuga Co., N.Y., in 1800. Jonathan Tucker household, 1790 U.S. census, District of Rensselaerwyck, Albany Co., N.Y., p. 265 (NARA M637, roll 6), with one free white male under age 16, one free white male age 16 and over, and three free white females. Jonathan Tucker household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., pp. 706–7 (NARA M32, roll 28), with three free white males under age 10, one free white male age 16–25, one free white male age 26–44, one free white female age 10–15, and one free white female age 26–44. Cayuga Co. was formed from Onondaga Co. in 1799. *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, rev. ed. (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017), 316–17.

<sup>19</sup> "Family Record," 28 July 1851 (note 17), and Matilda Tucker affidavit, 29 July 1851, in Benjamin Tucker War of 1812 bounty-land application file 50-160-16942 (note 17).

<sup>20</sup> "Family Record," 28 July 1851 (note 17) and Matilda Tucker affidavit, 29 July 1851 (note 19). Both records give Parker as Matilda's last name at marriage, but *Advocate of the People* [Auburn, N.Y.], 11 Feb. 1818, [p. 3], col. 4, correcting its earlier report that Benjamin's bride's surname was Streeter, inexplicably says she was Matilda Keeler. Matilda reported having married only once (Matild[a] Tucker household, 1865 New York state census, Auburn, Ward 1, Cayuga Co., p. 34, dw. 176, fam. 226).

<sup>21</sup> For her birth date, "Family Record," 28 July 1851 (note 17). For the birthplace, Matild[a] Tucker household, 1865 New York state census (note 20). The 1855 census lists her birthplace as "unknown" (Matilda Tucker household, 1855 New York state census, Auburn, Ward 1, Cayuga Co., p. 6, dw. 48, fam. 53). For her death date, Matilda Tucker marker (note 16). Petitions in her estate file list different dates of death. In his 12 Mar. 1875 petition for probate, Smith D. Stiles incorrectly stated that Matilda died 18 Aug. 1873, which is the date of her will. In his petition for judicial settlement filed 3 Mar. 1883, Stiles said Matilda died "on or about" 20 Feb. 1875. See "In re estate of Matilda Tucker<sub>[a]</sub> Deceased" (note 15, images 390 and 446).

<sup>22</sup> Rebecca Streeter, who died in 1856, aged 87 (about thirty years older than Matilda), was buried in the same lot as Matilda Tucker. "Fort Hill Cemetery Interment Roster" [alphabetized listings from a burial register], updated 3 June 2019, *Fort Hill Cemetery* (<http://www.forthillcemetery.net/NewRoster/openframe.html>), Fort Allegan section, lot 144, one unnumbered grave (Rebecca Streeter) and graves 7 (H. Iverson Tucker), 8 (Matilda Tucker), 9 (Benjamin F. Tucker), and 12 (David B. Tucker). The roster shows no other burials in lot 144, containing thirteen gravesites purchased by Benjamin F. Tucker. Fort Hill Cemetery to author, "Questions About Fort Allegan section, Lot 144," e-mail, 24 Apr. 2019. Rebecca was buried in the Tucker lot for a reason. Widowed, Rebecca (Day) Parker had married Nathaniel Streeter. Their only child, William Adams Streeter, married in Auburn in 1832. William was born 30 July 1811, a little more than three months after Nathaniel's death on 3 Apr. 1811. See Milford B. Streeter, *A Genealogical History of the Descendants of Stephen and Ursula Streeter . . .* (Salem, Mass.: Eben Putnam, 1896), 81–82, 214–15. Milford obtained information from William ("Of himself, Mr. Streeter says . . ." [p. 214]), who apparently had grown up with Parker half siblings. William's mother moved to the Town of Aurelius before 1820, consistent with Matilda's marriage in 1818 and confusion about her maiden name. Rebecca Streeter household, 1820 U.S. census, Town of Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 48 (NARA M33, roll 68).

<sup>23</sup> Jonathan Tucker household, 1800 U.S. census (note 18). Jonathan Tucker household, 1810 U.S. census, Village of Auburn, Town of Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 1177 (NARA M252, roll 31), with one free white male under age 10, two free white males age 16–25, one free white male age 45 and over, and one free white female age 45 and over.

<sup>24</sup> Benjamin's youngest brother wrote he had three brothers and a brother-in-law in the War of 1812. Ebn. L. Tucker to J. E. Heath (Pension and Bounty Office), letter, 25 Apr. 1851, in Revolutionary War pension application S42545, service of Jonathan Tucker (N.H.) (NARA M804, roll 2420), image, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>). One brother was Lambert C. Tucker, named apparently for Jonathan's father-in-law, Lambert Cook (Lambert Cook will, 26 Dec. 1800, proved 27 June 1801, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Records 1:304–9 [DGS 5,121,331, item 3]).

his brother Lambert Tucker in Colonel Philetus Swift's regiment of units detached from local militia in Cayuga County and elsewhere in New York. Benjamin served about six months in 1812 and 1813.<sup>25</sup>

Soon after Benjamin's marriage, the newlyweds and Lambert moved to Upper Canada. Based at Kingston from 1819, each brother ran a boat transporting cargo on the Saint Lawrence River.<sup>26</sup> Lambert died in 1821, and Benjamin administered the estate.<sup>27</sup>

Disease apparently struck Benjamin's family in November 1828. He and an infant son died on the thirteenth and a daughter, nearly 5, on the seventeenth.<sup>28</sup> Benjamin left no estate record.<sup>29</sup>

Benjamin's widow, Matilda, returned to New York with her sons and settled in Auburn about 1830–1831.<sup>30</sup> In 1831 she paid \$150.00 for a village lot.<sup>31</sup> Matilda lived with her son Benjamin, daughter-in-law Harriet, and their two sons.<sup>32</sup> She helped raise her grandsons after Benjamin and Harriet separated.<sup>33</sup>

Matilda wrote her will on 18 August 1873 and a codicil on 21 January 1875. She died a month later, and the local paper reported she was Benjamin Tucker's widow and "mother of our old townsman, B. F. Tucker."<sup>34</sup> Her heirs were her

<sup>25</sup> Benjamin Tucker and Lambert (Lambert C./Lamberth [sic] Tucker entries, New York State Adjutant General's Office, War of 1812 abstracts of payrolls for New York State Militia, 1812–1814, Series B0810, Swift's Regiment, New York State Archives, Albany, images, "War of 1812 Payroll Abstracts for New York State Militia, 1812–1815," *Ancestry*. Benjamin's and Lambert's company commanders, Capt. Daniel Curtis in 1812 and Lt. Phipps W. Hewitt in 1813, were Cayuga Co. militia officers. Hugh Hastings, comp. and ed., *Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment of the State of New York, 1783–1821*, 4 vols. (Albany: New York State, 1901–1902), 2:1178 (Curtis, promoted in 1811) and 1295 (Hewitt, promoted in 1812).

<sup>26</sup> For the brothers' first appearance as shipmasters in Kingston, "Port of Kingston: Arrived," *Kingston [Upper Canada] Chronicle*, 7 May 1819, p. 3, col. 4. Each had brought "cargo, Pork and Potash" from Oswego. For other references to Lambert, see *Kingston Chronicle*, 18 June 1819, p. 3, col. 5, and 21 July 1820, p. 3, col. 4. For others about Benjamin, see *Kingston Chronicle*, 26 May 1820, p. 3, col. 5, and 28 Oct. 1823, p. 3, col. 4; and *Upper Canada Herald [Kingston]* 21 Jan. 1825, p. 3, col. 4. Both Lambert's ship, the *Paragon*, and Benjamin's ship, the *William and John*, were Durham boats—large, flat-bottomed, double-ended vessels that were "the primary large cargo boat of the Mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes regions . . . prior to the advent of the Erie and other canals." Ben Ford et al., "Durham Boat—Defining a Vernacular Watercraft Type," *Historical Archaeology* 52 (2018): 666–83, at 668.

<sup>27</sup> Benjamin Tucker petition to administer, 11 Dec. 1821, in Lambert C. Tucker administration file, 1821, box 15, Midland Dist., Upper Canada (DGS 8,265,757, images 157ff).

<sup>28</sup> "Family Record," 28 July 1851 (note 17).

<sup>29</sup> C. Loral Wanamaker and Mildred Wanamaker, *Abstracts of Surrogate Court Wills, Kingston and Vicinity, 1790–1858* (Kingston, Ont.: Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, 1982). Also, Linda Corupe, *Index to the Intestate Surrogate Files of Frontenac County, Ont., 1821–1869* (Bolton, Ont.: privately published, 1997).

<sup>30</sup> In 1855 Matilda and her elder son had lived in Auburn for twenty-four years (B. F. Tucker household, 1855 New York state census, Auburn, Ward 1, Cayuga Co., p. 6, dw. 48, fam. 52). Matilda Tucker was living in the same dwelling as her son in 1855, but head of her own family (note 21). Matilda headed no household in 1830 ("1830 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry*, broad searches for Matilda Tucker nationwide and Tucker in Cayuga Co.). Matilda Tucker household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of Auburn, Cayuga Co., N.Y., fol. 81 (stamped) (NARA M704, roll 269), with one free white male age 10–14, one free white male age 15–19, and one free white female age 40–49.

<sup>31</sup> Brinkerhoff heirs and John H. Hardenburgh to Matilda Tucker, dated 26 May 1831, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Deeds NN:473 (DGS 7,167,321).

<sup>32</sup> Franklin Tucker household, 1850 U.S. census, Auburn, Ward 1, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 229 (stamped, verso), dw. 229, fam. 290 (NARA M432, roll 482). Matilda Tucker and B. F. Tucker households, 1855 New York state census (notes 21 and 30, respectively).

<sup>33</sup> Benjamin F. Tucker household, 1860 U.S. census, Auburn, Ward 1, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 21 (penned), dw. 140, fam. 153 (NARA M653, roll 727). Matild[a] Tucker household, 1865 New York state census (note 20). Matilda Tucker household, 1870 U.S. census, Auburn, Ward 4, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 136 (stamped, verso), dw. 150, fam. 166 (NARA M593, roll 910).

<sup>34</sup> Mrs. Matilda Tucker death notice, *Auburn [N.Y.] Weekly News and Democrat*, 4 Mar. 1875, p. 2, col. 4.

surviving children and grandchildren.<sup>35</sup> Delay in selling her real estate extended the probate to 15 May 1883.<sup>36</sup>

Children of Benjamin<sup>6</sup> and Matilda (Parker) Tucker, born probably in Kingston, Upper Canada:<sup>37</sup>

- i. HANNAH A.<sup>7</sup> TUCKER, born 18 January 1819; died 28 August 1819, probably in Kingston.
2. ii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>7</sup> “FRANK” TUCKER, born 27 June 1820; died in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 31 August 1893; married in the Town of Venice, Cayuga County, in September 1843 HARRIET A. RHOODES.
- iii. JAMES SAMPSON<sup>7</sup> TUCKER, born 25 July 1822; died in Kingston 3 October 1823.<sup>38</sup>
- iv. ELLEN M.<sup>7</sup> TUCKER, born 30 January 1824; died 17 November 1828, probably in Kingston.
3. v. WILLIAM HENRY<sup>7</sup> TUCKER, born 13 December 1825; died in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, 10 February 1882; married in 1854 MARY REBECCA STRONG.
- vi. ISAAC S.<sup>7</sup> TUCKER, born 20 April 1828; died 13 November 1828, probably in Kingston.

2. **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>7</sup> “FRANK” TUCKER** (Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Morris<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 June 1820, probably in Kingston, Upper Canada. He died in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 31 August 1893.<sup>39</sup> Frank married in the Town of Venice, Cayuga County, in September 1843 **HARRIET A. RHOODES**.<sup>40</sup> Born in Jefferson County, New York, about 21 March 1818 (calculated), Harriet died in Auburn 9 May 1872, aged 54 years, 1 month, 18 days, and was buried there.<sup>41</sup> Harriet had come to Cayuga County about 1836–1837. Her parents were William and Abigail A. ([–?–]) Rhoades.<sup>42</sup>

<sup>35</sup> Matilda Tucker will and codicil (note 15).

<sup>36</sup> Smith D. Stiles account, 15 May 1883, in Matilda Tucker estate (note 15, image 400).

<sup>37</sup> Unless otherwise stated, the probable places of birth and death are based on the family’s residential history. Birth dates for all the children and death dates for Hannah, James, Ellen, and Isaac are from “Family Record,” 28 July 1851 (note 17).

<sup>38</sup> *Kingston Chronicle* [Kingston], 10 Oct. 1823, p. 3, col. 3, “James Sampson, son of Mr. Benj. Tucker, aged 14 months and 7 days.”

<sup>39</sup> For birth date, “Family Record,” 28 July 1851 (note 17). The probable place of birth is based on the family’s residential history. “B A” Tucker death record, Tippecanoe Co., Ind., 1893, S10,56 [sic], typescript from Health Dept., Lafayette, incorrectly indicating that he was born in New York. Benjamin F. Tucker memorial, Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, N.Y., memorial 65,444,368, no image, *Find A Grave*.

<sup>40</sup> For the marriage date and place, Benjamin F. Tucker declaration for dependent father’s pension, 4 Aug. 1890, in Benjamin F. Tucker father’s pension application, service of Henry I. Tucker (1st Batt’n, N.Y. Light Artillery, Civil War), app. 467,891, cert. 309,089, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications . . . 1861–1934, Civil War and Later Pension Files, RG 15, NA–Washington. For Harriet’s maiden name, Alvord S. Rhoades petition for letters of administration, 24 June 1851, in Abigail “Rhoades” estate, Cayuga Co., N.Y., probate box 26 (DGS 7,344,358, image 271). Harriet Tucker’s grave lies among Rhoades graves. See “Burial Record Book for North Street Cemetery in Auburn, New York,” MS, late 1800s or early 1900s, p. 186, listing for “tier [row] 39,” image, *USGenWeb Project* ([https://www.cayugagenealogy.org/cem/cem3/book\\_pdf/index.html](https://www.cayugagenealogy.org/cem/cem3/book_pdf/index.html)). In 1865 Harriet, then married, mother of two children, lived in the same dwelling as her sister and Rhoades co-heir Lucy Lantis (Harriet A. Tucker, 1865 New York state census, Auburn, Ward 1, Cayuga Co., p. 38, dw. 204, fam. 257; the Lantises were fam. 256).

<sup>41</sup> For county of birth, Harriet A. Tucker, 1865 New York state census (note 40). For age at death, Mrs. Harriet Tucker death notice, *Auburn* [N.Y.] *Daily Bulletin*, 10 May 1872, p. 4, col. 5. David B. Tucker affidavit, 28 July 1891, in Benjamin F. Tucker father’s pension app., cert. 309,089 (Civil War) (note 40), in which David gave his mother’s date and place of death. Harriet A. Tucker marker, North Street Cemetery, Auburn, N.Y., memorial 105,414,097, image, *Find A Grave*.

<sup>42</sup> In 1855 Harriett had lived in Auburn eighteen years (B. F. Tucker household, 1855 New York state census [note 30]). For her father, Edwin M. Rhoades [Harriet’s brother] death cert., Calhoun Co., Mich., 1905, no. 479, *Seeking Michigan* (<http://seekingmichigan.org>). Undertaker F. B. Snyder identified Edwin’s father as “W<sup>m</sup> Rhoades.” Like Harriett Tucker, “Edwin Rhoades of the state of Michigan” was identified as a child of Abigail Rhoades in Rhoades petition for letters of administration (note 40).

On 8 February 1836 Frank, as “Benjamin F. Tucker of the village of Auburn, . . . desirous of learning a trade,” petitioned for a guardian. He described himself as “son of Benjamin Tucker, late of Kingston, Upper Canada, now deceased” and “fifteen years of age on the twenty[-]seventh day of June last.” Frank asked the court to appoint John L. Bartlett of Auburn “to take charge of his person [and] such property as he may acquire during his minority.”<sup>43</sup> Frank apparently remained in his mother’s household.<sup>44</sup>

Frank’s Cayuga County home in 1850 and 1855 included his wife, mother, and offspring.<sup>45</sup> By 1860 Frank and Harriet had separated, and their children remained with Frank and his mother.<sup>46</sup> From 1865 Harriet lived with Lucy and James Lantis, her sister and brother-in-law.<sup>47</sup> Harriet’s funeral was held at their home.<sup>48</sup> Frank, in Lafayette, renounced “all claim to the Administration of the Estate,” and Harriet’s surviving son became its administrator.<sup>49</sup>

Frank worked as a clerk in Auburn in 1850 and was a train conductor there in 1855 and 1865.<sup>50</sup> He left Auburn about 1869–1870.<sup>51</sup> By 1871 Frank, a conductor on the Toledo, Wabash, and Western Railroad, lived in Lafayette,<sup>52</sup> where he remained for the rest of his life. In 1883, when his mother’s estate was distributed, Frank was in Lafayette.<sup>53</sup> In 1885 “Benj F” Tucker was a clerk, as was “B. Frank” Tucker in 1887.<sup>54</sup> In 1891 “B. F.” Tucker was a “pea nut [*sic*] dealer” rooming in Lafayette.<sup>55</sup> A pension from his son’s Civil War death helped support Frank in his last years.<sup>56</sup> He apparently never remarried.<sup>57</sup>

<sup>43</sup> “In re estate of Benjamin F. Tucker,] Infant,” 8 Feb. 1836, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Surrogate’s Court File box 112 (DGS 7,342,527, images 277ff). John S. Bartlett appointed guardian of Benjamin F. Tucker, 8 Feb. 1836, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Guardianship Records A2:384 (DGS 5,115,435).

<sup>44</sup> Matilda Tucker household, 1840 U.S. census (note 30), which included a male age 15–19.

<sup>45</sup> Franklin Tucker household, 1850 U.S. census (note 32). B. F. Tucker and Matilda Tucker households, 1855 New York state census (notes 30 and 21, respectively).

<sup>46</sup> Harriet A. Tucker in the Antonia Bother household, 1860 U.S. census, Auburn, Ward 1, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 3 (penned), dw. 16, fam. 23 (NARA M653, roll 727). Benjamin F. Tucker household, 1860 U.S. census (note 33).

<sup>47</sup> Harriet A. Tucker, 1865 New York state census (note 40). *Boyd’s Auburn Directory . . . 1865–6* (Auburn, N.Y.: Frederick Allen, 1865), 147 (James Lantis) and 189 (Harriett Tucker); and similar title published in: [1867] 169 and 225. Harriet Tucker in the James “Lantin” household, 1870 U.S. census, Auburn, Ward 1, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 18 (penned), dw. 134, fam. 157 (NARA M593, roll 910).

<sup>48</sup> Mrs. Harriet Tucker death notice (note 41).

<sup>49</sup> David B. Tucker petition to administer, 3 June 1872, Harriet A. Tucker estate, Cayuga Co., N.Y., probate box 143 (DGS 7,342,332, images 772–73).

<sup>50</sup> Franklin Tucker household, 1850 U.S. census (note 32). B. F. Tucker household, 1855 New York state census (note 30). Matild[a] Tucker household, 1865 New York state census (note 20). The 1860 census lists Benjamin’s occupation as “Rail Roading” (Benjamin F. Tucker household, 1860 U.S. census [note 33]).

<sup>51</sup> Benjamin F. Tucker, railroad conductor, lived in Auburn in 1869 (*Auburn Directory for 1869 . . .* [Syracuse, N.Y.: John B. Fitzgerald, 1869], 118), but was absent from his mother’s home in 1870 (Matilda Tucker household, 1870 U.S. census [note 33]).

<sup>52</sup> *Burch & Polk’s Lafayette Directory, 1871–72 . . .* (Lafayette, Ind.: Burch and Polk, 1871), 177. B. F. Tucker (“Railroader”), 1880 U.S. census, Lafayette, Ward 2, Tippecanoe Co., Ind., ED 28, p. 1, dw. 8, fam. 14 (NARA T9, roll 314).

<sup>53</sup> Smith D. Stiles, “Schedule D [list of legatees],” 15 May 1883 (note 15, image 460).

<sup>54</sup> *Kramer Publishing and Advertising Company’s City Directory of LaFayette, Ind. (1885–1886) . . .* (Lafayette, Ind.: Kramer, [1885?]), 365. *Sutton Bros.’ Lafayette, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Delphi and Attica Illustrated 1887–8 Directory . . .* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Sutton Bros., 1887), 119.

<sup>55</sup> *Bennet & Co.’s Lafayette City Directory for 1891 . . .* (Evansville, Ind.: H. Thornton Bennett Sr., 1891), 234.

<sup>56</sup> Benjamin F. Tucker father’s pension app., cert. 309,089 (Civil War) (note 40).

<sup>57</sup> No source was located to suggest Frank remarried, and no one with any variation of his name married in Tippecanoe Co. before his death (“Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800–1941,” database, *Ancestry*, search for Tucker in Tippecanoe Co.).



Children of Benjamin Franklin<sup>7</sup> and Harriet A. (Rhoades) Tucker, all born in Auburn:

- i. HENRY IVISON<sup>8</sup> TUCKER, born about 1844–1845;<sup>58</sup> died in Baltimore, Maryland, 21 November 1864 of wounds received at the Battle of Cedar Creek, near Strasburg, Virginia.<sup>59</sup> He was buried in Auburn.<sup>60</sup> Reportedly at age 18, on 7 November 1861 he enlisted for three years and was mustered into Captain Terance J. Kennedy's Light Artillery Company of New York State Volunteers as a corporal.<sup>61</sup> He reenlisted 21 December 1863 and was promoted to sergeant 24 March 1864.<sup>62</sup>
- ii. BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> TUCKER, born 5 August 1847; died probably by the 1850 census.<sup>63</sup>
4. iii. DAVID BRICKLEHOFF<sup>8</sup> TUCKER, born 2 August 1850; died in Rochester, Monroe County, New York, 19 March 1921; married about 1872–1873 FRANCES GERTRUDE WRIGHT.

3. **WILLIAM HENRY<sup>7</sup> TUCKER** (Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Morris<sup>1</sup>) was born in Kingston, Upper Canada, 13 December 1825.<sup>64</sup> He died in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, 10 February 1882 and was buried there in Cypress Hills Cemetery.<sup>65</sup> Henry married in 1854, probably in Albany, **MARY REBECCA STRONG**.<sup>66</sup> Born in Albany about 25 August 1827 (calculated), Mary died in Brooklyn 7 January 1905, aged 77 years, 4 months, 13 days, and was buried in Cypress Hills Cemetery.<sup>67</sup> Her parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Berry) (Cole) Strong.<sup>68</sup>

<sup>58</sup> H. Ivison Tucker, son, age 10, in B. F. Tucker household, 1855 New York state census (note 30). For birth in Auburn, Henry I. Tucker (1st Independent Battery, Light Artillery), in New York State Adjutant General's Office, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts of New York State Volunteers, United States Sharpshooters, and United States Colored Troops [ca. 1861–1900], Series 13775, roll 790, card 355, New York State Archives, Albany, image, "New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861–1900," *Ancestry*.

<sup>59</sup> Henry I. Tucker, Civil War muster roll abstract (note 58). Also, Benjamin F. Tucker declaration for dependent father's pension, cert. 309,089 (Civil War) (note 40).

<sup>60</sup> H. Ivison Tucker memorial, Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, N.Y., memorial 65,444,371, no image, *Find A Grave*.

<sup>61</sup> *A Record of the Commissioned Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, of the Regiments which were Organized in the State of New York and Called into the Service of the United States to Assist in Suppressing the Rebellion . . .*, 8 vols. (Albany: New York State, 1864–1868), 8:70.

<sup>62</sup> Henry I. Tucker, Civil War muster roll abstract (note 58).

<sup>63</sup> Benjamin Tucker birth record, 5 Aug. 1847, "Return of Town Clerk: Number of Births in the Town of Auburn and County of Cayuga during the year ending 31st December 1847," certified on 24 Jan. 1848, sh. 1, photocopy, Cayuga Co. Historian, Auburn. For the child's absence from his parental household when he would have been under age 3, Franklin Tucker household, 1850 U.S. census (note 32). His death was not recorded ("Cayuga County Vital Records: 1847–1850," typed index, Cayuga Co. Historian). His name was not found in the 1850 U.S. census mortality schedule for Cayuga Co.

<sup>64</sup> For birth date, "Family Record," 28 July 1851 (note 17). For birthplace, consistent with his parents' residential history, see note 10.

<sup>65</sup> Henry Tucker death cert., Brooklyn, 1882, no. 1840, Municipal Archives, New York City Dept. of Records. Mary R. Tucker petition for letters of administration, 20 Feb. 1882, in William H. Tucker estate file, Kings Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court, image, "New York, Kings County Estate Files, 1866–1923," *FamilySearch*.

<sup>66</sup> For the year, Mabel Tucker Wilke [daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Strong) Tucker] application for membership, no. 77309, 1 Dec. 1909, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Office of the Registrar General, Washington, D.C. The couple had a 3-month-old daughter by June 1855. See Wm. H. Tucker household, 1855 New York state census, Albany, Ward 5, Albany Co., p. 43, dw. 201, fam. 288. For Mary's full name, Mary Rebecca Strong Tucker obituary, *Brooklyn* [N.Y.] *Daily Eagle*, 9 Jan. 1905, p. 5, col. 2. The probable place of marriage is based on Henry's and [Mary's father] Joseph Strong's living in Albany in 1854. See *Munsell's Albany Directory and City Register for 1854* (Albany: J. Munsell, 1854) 325 (Henry Tucker, music teacher, h 17 n. Pearl), and 312 (Joseph Strong attorney, &c., 14 State).

<sup>67</sup> For Mary's birthplace, date of death, burial place, and age at death, Mary Rebecca Tucker death cert., New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, 1905, no. 654. The only named informants are the physician and undertaker. For birth in 1825, Benjamin W. Dwight, *History of the Descendants of Elder John Strong, of Northampton, Mass.*, 2 vols. (Albany: Joel Munsell, 1871), 2:1347.

<sup>68</sup> For her father's name, Mary Rebecca Strong Tucker obituary (note 66) and Mary Rebecca Tucker death cert. (note 67). For Elizabeth Berry, Mary Rebecca Tucker death cert. (note 67); Wilke application for membership (note 66); and George Ruthven Robinson application, 19 May 1890, no. 3022, Sons of the

About 1830–1831 Henry, with his mother and surviving brother, moved to Auburn, where they lived in 1840.<sup>69</sup> Henry “sang so sweetly . . . in his boyhood days” there.<sup>70</sup> He displayed “a remarkable predilection for music and an aptitude for performing on every instrument he could get access to.” Henry attended Auburn Academy, a preparatory high school founded in 1811.<sup>71</sup> He likely received private music lessons; the academy’s curriculum did not include music.<sup>72</sup>

In 1843 Henry, age 17, launched his music career. In January he reportedly gave a concert in Skaneateles, Onondaga County, about 7 miles east of Auburn.<sup>73</sup> In April he advertised a “Juvenile Singing School” in Geneva, then a village in the Town of Seneca, Ontario County, New York, lying about 25 miles west of Auburn. Offering eighteen lessons and a public concert, he invited patrons to “judge of the value of his services” and pay him “as they may then think proper.”<sup>74</sup> In 1847 he was back in Auburn, offering accordion, “ballad singing,” and piano lessons.<sup>75</sup> Consistent with starting his career in 1843, Henry in 1857 claimed “practical experience of over thirteen years in Music Teaching.”<sup>76</sup>

Musician “Wm. H. Tucker” lived in an Auburn boardinghouse in 1850.<sup>77</sup> That year Firth, Pond, and Company of New York City began publishing his music. First was “The Forest Queen,” registered for copyright on 15 August. An Auburn newspaper noted, “the music was composed by our young friend, Henry Tucker of this city.”<sup>78</sup> Next was “The Maiden’s Tear,” registered on 21 September.<sup>79</sup> Still in Auburn in 1851, Henry published two dance tunes: “The Kingston Waltz,” commemorating his Canadian birthplace, and “The Undine Polka.”<sup>80</sup>

American Revolution, Louisville, Ky., image, “U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889–1970,” *Ancestry*. Both Wilke and Robinson were Elizabeth’s grandchildren. For Elizabeth Cole, see Dwight, *History of the Descendants of Elder John Strong* (note 67), 2:1347, which says Elizabeth’s first two children, born in 1818 and 1820, were Walter Q. and Catharine Strong. In 1817 she was Elizabeth Cole, heir of Catherine Quackenbush. In 1824 Elizabeth was Joseph Strong’s wife. See Catharine Quackenbush will, 20 Aug. 1824, proved 1 Dec. 1824, and Joseph Strong plea, 18 Nov. 1824, in Albany Co., N.Y., Wills 6:84–89 (DGS 5,114,105, images 309–11 and 380ff).

<sup>69</sup> In 1855 Matilda and her elder son had lived in Auburn for twenty-four years (B. F. Tucker and Matilda Tucker households, 1855 New York state census [notes 30 and 21, respectively]). Matilda Tucker household, 1840 U.S. census (note 30).

<sup>70</sup> *Auburn* [N.Y.] *Daily Advertiser*, 7 Feb. 1860, [p. 3], col. 1.

<sup>71</sup> For Henry’s talent and education at the academy, “Death of Henry Tucker, the Composer” (note 3); the editor or his informant apparently had known Henry in Geneva “for one or two years, somewhere about 1848–50.” For the academy’s establishment, Henry Hall, *History of Auburn* (Auburn, N.Y.: Dennis Bros., 1869), 101–6. Also, J. H. French, *Gazetteer of the State of New York* (1860; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1998), 200.

<sup>72</sup> Benjamin B. Snow, “Sketch of the Auburn Academy,” paper read 28 Mar. 1894, *Collections Number Twelve of the Cayuga County Historical Society* (Auburn, N.Y.: The Society, 1906), 7–44.

<sup>73</sup> Winship, “The Haunting Music of Henry Tucker” (note 10). Mr. Winship cannot find the source for the Jan. date, nor can the present author verify it.

<sup>74</sup> “Juvenile Singing School,” *Geneva* [N.Y.] *Courier*, 25 Apr. 1843, p. 3, col. 3.

<sup>75</sup> “Music! Music!!!,” *Auburn Daily Advertiser*, 21 July 1847, p. 1, col. 3.

<sup>76</sup> “Henry Tucker’s Class in Music,” *Albany* [N.Y.] *Morning Express*, 12 Sept. 1857, [p. 3], col. 5.

<sup>77</sup> Wm. H. Tucker, 1850 U.S. census, Auburn, Ward 2, Cayuga Co., N.Y., p. 243 (stamped, verso), dw. 373, fam. 470 (NARA M432, roll 482).

<sup>78</sup> “The Forest Queen,” *Cayuga Chief* [Auburn, N.Y.], 17 Sept. 1850, p. 2, col. 5. Also, E. Hine (words) and Henry Tucker (music), “The Forest Queen” (New York: Firth, Pond, and Co., 1850), images, “Notated Music” (note 4).

<sup>79</sup> J. R. Meeker (words) and Henry Tucker (music), “The Maiden’s Tear” (New York: Firth, Pond, and Co., 1850), images “Notated Music” (note 4).

<sup>80</sup> Henry Tucker, “The Kingston Waltz” (New York: Firth, Pond, and Co., 1851), annotated “1851–4,” and Henry Tucker, “The Undine Polka” (New York: Firth, Pond, and Co., 1851), both registered 7 May 1851, images, “Notated Music” (note 4). “The Undine Polka, and The Kingston Waltz,” *Cayuga Chief*, 11 June 1851, p. 2, col. 4, indicating Henry was “of this city.”

Henry moved at least twice in the early 1850s. In June 1852, “at the solicitation of his friends and former patrons,” he was back in Geneva offering guitar, singing, and piano lessons.<sup>81</sup> By April 1853 he settled in Albany, giving lessons in vocal and instrumental music.<sup>82</sup> In September he advertised a “fall term” that included “Musical Elocution and ‘Sight Reading,’” besides instrumental and singing lessons.<sup>83</sup>

In May 1854, the year Henry married, he mortgaged a horse, carriage, harnesses, saddle, and bridle for \$200. Perhaps the property had been his means of travel to Albany. Within five months he repaid the debt.<sup>84</sup>

Henry was a “music teacher” in Albany through 1859.<sup>85</sup> Two events characterize his activities there. First, in 1853 “Prof. Henry Tucker” taught music to “pupils more advanced” at the Albany Female Seminary. A “Committee on Music” reported on his success:

The class . . . performed with skill and precision, and in a manner indicating not only strict attention to theory and practice but also to the cultivation of taste and expression. The class in Vocal Music, also *a short time under the direction of Prof. Tucker*, gave us much pleasure by their performance.<sup>86</sup>

Second, in June 1858 Henry performed at a “Grand Complimentary Concert.”<sup>87</sup>

Beyond Henry’s teaching and performing, his Albany years were productive. In his personal life, he and Mary had their first two children.<sup>88</sup> Professionally, Henry published at least thirty-three new compositions and seven arrangements of other composers’ work. Five were dance tunes. He composed verses for five or six others; lyricists wrote words for the remainder.<sup>89</sup>

Born in Upper Canada, Henry acquired American citizenship while in Albany. A federal law passed in 1855 allowed children born to Americans outside the United States to share their father’s citizenship.<sup>90</sup>

<sup>81</sup> “Henry Tucker,” *Geneva Gazette*, 16 July 1852, [p. 3], col. 5.

<sup>82</sup> “Vocal and Instrumental Music,” *Albany [N.Y.] Evening Journal*, 2 Apr. 1853, p. 3, col. 3.

<sup>83</sup> “Henry Tucker,” *Albany Evening Journal*, 30 Sept. 1853, p. 3, col. 5.

<sup>84</sup> Henry Tucker to Matthew McMahon, chattel mortgage, 29 May 1854, and McMahon to Tucker, receipt, 18 Oct. 1854, inventory no. 1601268, folder 13, box 11, Albany County Hall of Records, Albany, N.Y. The mortgage was not recorded in Albany Co.

<sup>85</sup> *Munsell’s Albany Directory and City Register for 1854* (Albany: J. Munsell, 1854), 325; and similar publication for: [1855] 344, [1856] 364. *Albany Directory for the Year 1857* . . . (Albany: George Adams, 1857), 105. *Albany Directory, for the Year 1858* (Albany: Adams, Sampson, and Co., 1858), 111; and similar publication for: [1859] 118. Henry was not listed in Albany directories for 1850–1853 and 1860–1862.

<sup>86</sup> For the quote, including italicized section shown, “Annual Examination and Exhibition of the Albany Female Seminary,” *Albany Evening Journal*, 29 June 1853, p. 4, col. 1. Also, Slobin et al., *Emily’s Songbook* (note 10), 12.

<sup>87</sup> “Grand Complimentary Concert,” *Albany Morning Express*, 22 May 1858, p. 3, col. 1.

<sup>88</sup> For Henry’s wife and first child, Wm H. Tucker household, 1855 New York state census (note 66). Although the 1855 census enumeration does not list birthplaces for Henry, his wife, or child, the child’s birthplace can be inferred based on her age and the family’s residence in Albany for three years. For the birth in Albany Co. of the second child, William H. Tucker household, 1865 New York state census, Brooklyn, Ward 11, Kings Co., N.Y., p. 9, dw. 31, fam. 65.

<sup>89</sup> Tubb, “The Music of Henry Tucker” (note 1).

<sup>90</sup> “An Act to secure the Right of Citizenship to Children of Citizens of the United States born outside the Limits thereof,” 10 Feb. 1855, in *Statutes at Large*, vol. 10 [33rd Congress, 1854–1855, Sess. 2] (Boston: Little, Brown, 1855), 604, chap. 71. In 1865 Henry was reported to have been naturalized (William H. Tucker household, 1865 New York state census [note 88]).

The Tuckers moved to New York City before the 1860 census and Henry continued teaching music.<sup>91</sup> He sang bass in a quartet that served as the choir for Saint John's Chapel, an Episcopal church on Varick Street, since razed.<sup>92</sup> He also published seven new songs and two arrangements.<sup>93</sup>

By 1862 the family had settled in Brooklyn, where Henry continued teaching, performing, and composing.<sup>94</sup> Most of his compositions through 1866 address the Civil War. They include two of his most popular songs, "When this Cruel War is Over" and "Jeff in Petticoats." The latter satirizes a widely publicized attempt by Confederate president Jefferson Davis to elude capture.<sup>95</sup> Early in this period Henry wrote the uplifting tune that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints later adopted for its hymn "Now Let Us Rejoice."<sup>96</sup>

Henry's post-Civil War years were his most prolific. In 1867 he produced a textbook containing exercises, lessons, and chapters on music theory. He composed sixteen new tunes for the work.<sup>97</sup> From 1867 through 1882 Henry created seventy-nine more compositions and arranged four others.<sup>98</sup>

Henry and Mary's marriage apparently began unraveling about 1870, when he was enumerated both with his family in Brooklyn and alone in New York City (at Washington Square South).<sup>99</sup> The couple separated by about 1874. During their time apart, at least four years, Mary was a dressmaker in Brooklyn.<sup>100</sup> Henry lived first at Washington Square, later in New Jersey, and then back in New York City.<sup>101</sup>

<sup>91</sup> Henry Tucker household, 1860 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 20, New York Co., N.Y., p. 80 (penned), dw. 262, fam. 587 (NARA M653, roll 817). *Trow's New York City Directory, . . . for the year ending May 1, 1861* (New York: John F. Trow, 1860), 863; and similar title published in: [1861] 858.

<sup>92</sup> "Church Music in New York," in John S. Dwight, *Dwight's Journal of Music*, vols. 17–18 (Boston: Oliver Ditson and Co., 1861), 380 (23 Feb. 1861). For the chapel's history, Christopher Gray, "A Chapel the City Fought to Save," *New York Times*, 27 Apr. 2008, digital version, *New York Times* (<https://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/27/realestate/27scap.html>).

<sup>93</sup> Tubb, "The Music of Henry Tucker" (note 1).

<sup>94</sup> *Brooklyn City Directory for the Year Ending May 1st, 1863* (Brooklyn: J. Lain, 1862), 439. William H. Tucker household, 1865 New York state census (note 88), including 3-year-old daughter Mable, born in Kings Co.

<sup>95</sup> George Cooper (words) and Henry Tucker (music), "Jeff in Petticoats" (New York: Wm. A. Pond and Co., 1865), images, "Notated Music" (note 4). For contemporary views of the song's context, "Not a Farce, but a Tragedy" and "Jeff. Davis in Petticoats," *Daily Cleveland [Ohio] Herald*, 17 May 1865, p. 1, cols. 2 and 3. For a modern view, Civil War Heritage Trails, "Jeff in Petticoats," *Civil War Music* (<http://www.civilwarheritagetrails.org/civil-war-music/jeff-in-petticoats.html>).

<sup>96</sup> Karen Lynn Davidson, *Our Latter-Day Hymns: The Stories and the Messages*, rev. ed. (Salt Lake City, Utah: Deseret Book: 2009), 34–35. For the tune's first publication, crediting Henry as its composer, "The Lion of Judah," *Waters' Choral Harp* (note 1), 36–37. For its first publication as the setting for "Now Let Us Rejoice," not crediting Henry, Eliza R. Snow, *Tune Book for the Primary Associations of the Children of Zion* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Juvenile Instructor Office, 1880), 18.

<sup>97</sup> Henry Tucker, *Nine O'Clock in the Morning: A Choice Collection of Popular Songs, Duets, Trios, Sacred Pieces . . .* (New York: William A. Pond, 1867). For the compositions, Tubb, "The Music of Henry Tucker" (note 1).

<sup>98</sup> Tubb, "The Music of Henry Tucker" (note 1).

<sup>99</sup> Henry Tucker household, 1870 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Ward 10, Kings Co., N.Y., p. 179 (penned), p. 406 (stamped), dw. 890, fam. 1332 (NARA M593, roll 951). Henry Tucker, 1870 U.S. census, New York City, Second Enumeration, Ward 15, Dist. 6, New York Co., N.Y., p. 74 (penned), dw. 73, no fam. no. (NARA M593, roll 1033).

<sup>100</sup> Henry, a teacher, and Mary R., a dressmaker, worked from the same address according to directories published in 1871 and 1872, but Henry was not listed in those published 1873–1877. *Brooklyn City and Business Directory for the Year Ending May 1st, 1872* (Brooklyn: Lain and Co., 1871), 750; and similar titles published in: [1872] 763, [1873] 771, [1874] 854, [1875] 900–901, and [1876] 923–24. Mary Tucker household, 1875 New York state census, Brooklyn, Ward 11, Dist. 7, Kings Co., pp. 41–42, dw. 230, fam. 347, indicating Mary was "Now married."

<sup>101</sup> *Trow's New York City Directory . . . for the Year Ending May 1, 1872* (New York: John F. Trow, 1871), 1160; and similar titles published in: [1873] 1312, and [1874] 1317.

In 1877 Henry taught music and conducted at events in Westchester County, New York.<sup>102</sup> His cantata *Joseph in Egypt* made its debut in Mount Vernon on 11 September. The work consisted “of solos, duos and choruses, illustrated with tableaux and descriptive readings.”<sup>103</sup> In December Henry presented the cantata in White Plains.<sup>104</sup>

Henry and Mary perhaps reconciled by 1878, as Brooklyn city directories stopped listing Mary when Henry reappeared.<sup>105</sup> In 1880, however, Henry—incorrectly identified as a 40-year-old widower—lived about a half mile from his wife and children.<sup>106</sup>

In 1882, aged 55, Henry died in Brooklyn City Hospital of heart disease.<sup>107</sup> Contradicting the death certificate, Henry’s Brooklyn obituary says he died of a “brain affection, from which he had been suffering for years.”<sup>108</sup> Other papers copied the unofficial information.<sup>109</sup> The funeral occurred “from the residence of his family.”<sup>110</sup>

Henry left no will. On 20 February 1882, ten days after his death, his widow, naming his three surviving children and one son-in-law, petitioned to administer his estate.<sup>111</sup> Henry’s outliving his mother and Mary’s administrator role qualified her to receive his share of his mother’s estate.<sup>112</sup>

Children of William Henry<sup>7</sup> and Mary Rebecca (Strong) Tucker:

5. i. MYRA COLE<sup>8</sup> TUCKER, born in Albany 15 March 1855; died in Morris Plains, Morris County, New Jersey, 24 July 1924; married in Brooklyn 16 July 1874 GEORGE GALE DAVIS.
- ii. LILLIAS LITTLEJOHN<sup>8</sup> TUCKER, born in Albany in May 1856;<sup>113</sup> died in Brooklyn 23 February 1932;<sup>114</sup> married in Hasbrouck Heights, Bergen County, New Jersey, 6 October 1906, as his second wife, ADDISON VAIL WHITLOCK, born in New York City 25 August 1848, died in Brooklyn 27 March 1926, son of Joseph T. and Sarah

<sup>102</sup> *Chronicle* [Mount Vernon, N.Y.], 17 Aug. 1877, p. 3, col. 2; 24 Aug. 1877, p. 3, col. 2; 5 Oct. 1877, p. 3, col. 4; 19 Oct. 1877, p. 3, col. 4, and p. 2, col. 2; 26 Oct. 1877 p. 3, col. 4; 2 Nov. 1877, p. 2, col. 5; 9 Nov. 1877, p. 3, col. 2; 28 Dec. 1877, p. 3, col. 2.

<sup>103</sup> For the debut, “The Cantata,” *Chronicle*, 14 Sept. 1877, p. 1, col. 6. For the quotation, “Local News,” *Chronicle*, 24 Aug. 1877, p. 2, col. 3.

<sup>104</sup> “Cantata, ‘Joseph in Egypt,’ by Henry Tucker,” *Eastern State Journal* [White Plains, N.Y.], 7 Dec. 1877, p. 3, col. 2.

<sup>105</sup> *Brooklyn City Directory for the Year Ending May 1st, 1879* (Brooklyn: Lain and Co., 1878), 988; and similar titles published in: [1879] 1023, [1880] 1098, and [1881] 1114.

<sup>106</sup> For Henry Tucker, a musician at 102 Lawrence St., Henry Tucker household, 1880 U.S. census (note 14). For his wife and unmarried daughters at 115 Bergen St., Mary R. Tucker household, 1880 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 19, p. 46, dw. 209, fam. 521 (NARA T9, roll 841).

<sup>107</sup> Henry Tucker death cert. (note 65).

<sup>108</sup> “Henry Tucker,” *Brooklyn Daily Union-Argus* (note 13). In her petition for letters of administration on Henry’s estate (note 65), his widow corroborated the cause of death listed on the death certificate (heart disease).

<sup>109</sup> See, for example, “The Death of Henry Tucker” (note 10). Also, “A Well-Known Composer Gone,” *Syracuse* [N.Y.] *Daily Journal*, 16 Feb. 1882, p. 3, col. 2.

<sup>110</sup> Henry Tucker death notice, *New York* [New York City] *Herald*, 12 Feb. 1882, p. 9, col. 5.

<sup>111</sup> Mary R. Tucker petition for letters of administration (note 65).

<sup>112</sup> Stiles, “Schedule D [list of legatees],” 15 May 1883 (note 15), for heir “Mary R. Tucker . . . duly appointed administratrix of the estate of W. Henry Tucker, deceased.”

<sup>113</sup> For birth in Albany Co., William H. Tucker household, 1865 New York state census (note 88). For Albany and for her middle name, Addison Vail Whitlock–Lillias Littlejohn Tucker marriage cert, N.J., 1906, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. For month and year of birth, Lillias L. Tucker household, 1900 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 131, sh. 15A, dw. 128, fam. 313 (NARA T623, roll 1049).

<sup>114</sup> “Lillian” L. Whitlock death cert., New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, 1932, no. 3918. Lillias L. Whitlock death notice, *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 24 Feb. 1932, p. 15, col. 3.

- A. (Belaney) Whitlock.<sup>115</sup> Lillias, a school teacher, lived with her mother in 1900. After Lillias married Addison, who worked in real estate, the couple lived in Brooklyn.<sup>116</sup> Beginning about 1909 they had a summer home in the Berkshire highlands of western Massachusetts.<sup>117</sup>
- iii. (*probably*) LYMAN<sup>8</sup> TUCKER, born about May 1860, probably in New York City; died probably by the 1865 census.<sup>118</sup>
6. iv. MABEL DENNIS<sup>8</sup> TUCKER, born in Brooklyn 7 September 1863; died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 18 December 1930; married in Brooklyn 8 January 1885 CHARLES LOUIS HENRY WILKE.

4. **DAVID BRICKLEHOFF<sup>8</sup> TUCKER** (Benjamin<sup>7-6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Morris<sup>1</sup>) was born in Auburn, Cayuga County, 2 August 1850. He died in Rochester, Monroe County, New York, 19 March 1921, and was buried in Auburn.<sup>119</sup> David married about 1872–1873 **FRANCES GERTRUDE WRIGHT**.<sup>120</sup> Born in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, 8 July 1850, she died in Los Angeles, California, 4 April 1927. Her parents were Leander and Henrietta (Grubaugh) Wright.<sup>121</sup>

David lived in Auburn with his grandmother Matilda Tucker until she died.<sup>122</sup> He and his wife lived in Auburn in 1875, when David worked as a brakeman for the New York Central Railroad.<sup>123</sup>

<sup>115</sup> Whitlock–Tucker marriage cert. (note 113). Addison Vail Whitlock death cert., New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, 1926, no. 7780.

<sup>116</sup> Lillias L. Tucker household, 1900 U.S. census (note 113). Addison V. Whitlock household, 1910 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 658, sh. 16A, dw. 30, fam. 405 (NARA T624, roll 975). Addison V. Whitlock household, 1915 New York state census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Assemb. Dist. 18, Elect. Dist. 17, Kings Co., p. 3. Addison Whitlock household, 1920 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 1085, sh. 4A, dw. 46, fam. 85 (NARA T625, roll 1172). Addison B. [sic] Whitlock household, 1925 New York state census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Assemb. Dist. 18, Elect. Dist. 12, Kings Co., p. 17. Lillias Whitlock, 1930 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 24-713, sh. 9A, dw. 64, fam. 183 (NARA T626, roll 1528).

<sup>117</sup> 1910–1911 *Resident and Business Directory of Southern Berkshire County, Mass.* (Great Barrington, Mass.: Crowley and Lunt, 1909), 291; and similar titles published in: [1913] 303, [1916] 312, [1920] 281, [1923] 350, [1926] 408, [1929] 465, and [1932] 469. The entries, under West Stockbridge, identify Addison and Lillias as summer residents from Brooklyn.

<sup>118</sup> For Lyman, age one month, see Henry Tucker household, 1860 U.S. census (note 91). The probable birthplace is based on his parents' residential history. For Lyman's absence in 1865, see William H. Tucker household, 1865 New York state census (note 88), in which Mary is listed as the mother of three children. Lillias L. Tucker household, 1900 U.S. census (note 113), in which Mary is listed as the mother of four children, all living.

<sup>119</sup> For birth in Auburn on 2 Aug. 1849, David B. Tucker death cert., N.Y., 1921, no. 14225, Dept. of Health, Albany. The year of birth on his death cert. conflicts with census data. He was not in his parents' household in 1850 and was age 4 in 1855; if born on 2 Aug., the year, based on these censuses, would be 1850. Franklin Tucker household, 1850 U.S. census (note 32). B. F. Tucker household, 1855 New York state census (note 30). David Tucker entry, date of death 19 Mar. 1921, "Burial Roster," *Fort Hill Cemetery* (note 22). For his middle name, Henrietta Amelia Tucker [their daughter] birth cert., New York City, 1879, no. 264928.

<sup>120</sup> For Frances's maiden name, Henrietta Amelia Tucker [their daughter] birth record (note 119). In 1900 Frances had been married for twenty-seven years (Eugene "Aken" household, 1900 U.S. census, Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y., ED 42, sh. 15A, dw. 256 [fam. no. illegible] [NARA T623, roll 1073]).

<sup>121</sup> Frances Gertrude Tucker death cert., Los Angeles Co., Calif., 1927, no. 3805 (DGS 5,597,696). Frances Tucker death notice, *Los Angeles* [Calif.] *Times*, 6 Apr. 1927, part 1, p. 20, col. 4. For her birth in Mansfield, Henrietta Amelia Aiken [their daughter] death cert., Los Angeles Co., Calif., 1946, no. 19210, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Los Angeles.

<sup>122</sup> Matilda Tucker and B. F. Tucker households, 1855 New York state census (notes 21 and 30, respectively). Benjamin F. Tucker household, 1860 U.S. census (note 33). Matild[a] Tucker household, 1865 New York state census (note 20). Matilda Tucker household, 1870 U.S. census (note 33).

<sup>123</sup> David Tucker household, 1875 New York state census, Auburn, Ward 4, Cayuga Co., Elect. Dist. 24, p. 1, dw. 4, fam. 3. David's grandmother Matilda Tucker died in Feb. 1875, but her name does not appear in the schedule of deaths reported in the district (p. 58).

David's composer uncle, Henry, might have drawn him to New York City. David's daughter was born there in 1879, while he was working as a fireman.<sup>124</sup> The city was David's residence in 1883, when his grandmother's estate was distributed.<sup>125</sup> From 1879 through 1886 his occupation varied between engineer and fireman.<sup>126</sup>

In 1909 David, in Mansfield, Ohio, said he was a nephew of Henry Tucker, "author of many well-known songs." He recalled hearing a conversation between his uncle and lyricist Charles Carroll Sawyer about the creation of "When this Cruel War is Over."<sup>127</sup>

David, absent from his family's Rochester household in 1900 and 1905, lived there with his wife and daughter in 1910 and 1920.<sup>128</sup> A Monroe County Hospital official in 1921 gave David's occupation as "R. R. Engineer" for the "Mich. Central R. R.,"<sup>129</sup> perhaps explaining David's earlier absence from his family. David left no estate record in Monroe County.<sup>130</sup>

Child of David Bricklehoff<sup>8</sup> and Frances Gertrude (Wright) Tucker:

- i. HENRIETTA AMELIA<sup>9</sup> TUCKER, born in New York City 18 August 1879;<sup>131</sup> died in Los Angeles 2 December 1946;<sup>132</sup> married in the Town of Le Roy, Genesee County, New York, 21 May 1898 EUGENE DIX AIKEN, born in Kansas City, Missouri, 12 April 1876, died in Rochester 19 July 1946, son of Charles DeLong and Grace May (Dix) Aiken.<sup>133</sup> Henrietta and Eugene divorced in Rochester in 1906.<sup>134</sup>

5. **MYRA COLE<sup>8</sup> TUCKER** (William Henry<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Morris<sup>1</sup>) was born in Albany 15 March 1855. She died in Morris Plains, Morris County, New Jersey, 24 July 1924.<sup>135</sup> Myra married in

<sup>124</sup> Henrietta Amelia Tucker birth cert. (note 119).

<sup>125</sup> Stiles, "Schedule D [list of legatees]," 15 May 1883 (note 15).

<sup>126</sup> *Trow's New York City Directory . . . for the Year Ending May 1st, 1880* (New York: Trow City Directory Co., 1879), 1519; and similar titles published in: [1882] 1649, [1883] 1693, [1884] 1771, [1885] 1938 (no entry), [1886] 1979. David seems not to appear in the 1880 federal census ("1880 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry*, broad searches for David, Gertrude, and Henrietta Tucker).

<sup>127</sup> "Story of a Song: The Authorship of 'When this Cruel War is Over,'" *Mansfield [Ohio] News*, 30 Dec. 1909, p. 5, col. 1.

<sup>128</sup> Eugene "Aken" household, 1900 U.S. census (note 120). E. D. Aiken household, 1905 New York state census, Rochester, Ward 12, Elect. Dist. 1, Monroe Co., p. 45. David B. Tucker household, 1910 U.S. census, Rochester, Ward 4, Monroe Co., N.Y., ED 56, sh. 2A, dw. 24, fam. 28 (NARA T624, roll 989). Henrietta A. Aiken household, 1920 U.S. census, Rochester, Ward 12, Monroe Co., N.Y., ED 136, sh. 6A, dw. 133, fam. 135 (NARA T625, roll 1123). The family was not found in the 1915 New York state census ("New York, State Census, 1915," database, *Ancestry*, broad searches for David and Gertrude Tucker and Eugene and Henrietta Aiken).

<sup>129</sup> David B. Tucker death cert. (note 119).

<sup>130</sup> Monroe Co., N.Y., General Index to Surrogates Records, 1882–1970 (DGS 5,115,291).

<sup>131</sup> Henrietta Amelia Tucker birth cert. (note 119).

<sup>132</sup> Henrietta Amelia Aiken death cert. (note 121). Henrietta Amelia Tucker Aiken memorial, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif., memorial 85,335,900, no image, *Find A Grave*.

<sup>133</sup> For marriage information as well as Eugene's birthplace and parents' names, Eugene Dix Aiken–Henrietta Amelia Tucker marriage record, 21 May 1898, Town of Le Roy, N.Y., Register of Marriages, fol. 15, no. 491, Town Clerk, Le Roy. For Eugene's date of birth, Eugene Dix Aiken World War I draft registration card, 12 Sept. 1918, Monroe Co., N.Y., board 3 (NARA M1509, roll NY84). "Deaths (Furnished by Rochester Health Bureau)," *Rochester [N.Y.] Daily Record*, 23 July 1946, p. 2, cols. 6–7, in col. 7, for Eugene D. Aiken. A newspaper marriage notice indicates they married 14 May, not 21 May; see "Aiken-Tucker," *Daily News [Batavia, N.Y.]*, 16 May 1898, p. 4, col. 5.

<sup>134</sup> "Absolute Divorce Granted," *Democrat and Chronicle [Rochester, N.Y.]*, 27 Sept. 1906, p. 15, col. 1.

<sup>135</sup> Myra T. Davis death cert. [informational copy with cause of death redacted], N.J., 1924, Dept. of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Trenton. Wm. H. Tucker household, 1855 New York state census (note 66), in which she was listed as three months old. For corroboration of March, Myra T. Davis in the Philip B. Adrian household, 1905 New Jersey state census, Hasbrouck Heights, Lodi Twp., Bergen Co., Dist. 1, sh.

Brooklyn 16 July 1874 **GEORGE GALE DAVIS**, a printer born in Mantua, Gloucester County, New Jersey, about 1847–1848.<sup>136</sup> On 23 June 1884 he was thrown from a buggy in Camden, Camden County, New Jersey, and killed. He was buried from the Tuckers' Brooklyn home.<sup>137</sup> George's parents were Isaac S. and Elizabeth C. (Gerl) Davis.<sup>138</sup> From a prior marriage George had a son, George Dillan Davis.<sup>139</sup>

George and Myra lived in Brooklyn for most of their marriage.<sup>140</sup> In 1882, two years before George's death, they moved to Camden.<sup>141</sup> George was a printer in 1882 and 1884 and a clerk in 1883. At his death he was "foreman of the advertising agency of N. W. Ayer & Son, of Philadelphia."<sup>142</sup>

After George's death Myra moved several times. From 1885 through about 1901 she lived in Brooklyn. In 1892 Myra and her children lived with her mother and sister Lillias,<sup>143</sup> but from 1893 through 1901 Myra lived elsewhere in the city.<sup>144</sup> She left Brooklyn about 1902–1903.<sup>145</sup> In 1905, 1910, 1920, and at her death, Myra lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Hasbrouck Heights, Bergen County, New Jersey, where she worked as a practical nurse in 1920.<sup>146</sup>

27A, dw. 287, fam. 297. For birthplace as Albany Co., William H. Tucker household, 1865 New York state census (note 88). For Myra's middle name, Edgar Louis Davis [their son]–Sylvia Bardwell Riley marriage cert., New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, 1902, no. 2559. Myra T. Davis death notice, *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 27 July 1924, p. 24A, col. 1.

<sup>136</sup> George G. Davis–Myra Tucker marriage cert., Brooklyn, 1874, no. 1442. For Mantua, Isabella S. Davis [their daughter] birth cert., Brooklyn, 1875, no. 2667. For George's middle name, Davis–Riley marriage cert. (note 135).

<sup>137</sup> "The Record of a Day: Recent Occurrences in Brooklyn and Vicinity," *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 26 June 1884, p. 4, col. 5.

<sup>138</sup> Davis–Tucker marriage cert. (note 136).

<sup>139</sup> George Davis, son, age 13, in the Geo. G. Davis household, 1880 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 55, p. 21, dw. 161, fam. 180 (NARA T9, roll 844). George Dillan Davis birth cert., Brooklyn, 1866, no. 2526.

<sup>140</sup> Neither middle initial nor occupation distinguishes Myra's husband from other George Davises in Brooklyn city directories, but the family lived there in 1875 and 1880. George Davis household, 1875 New York state census, Brooklyn, Ward 11, Elect. Dist. 7, Kings Co., p. 42, fam. 348. Geo. G. Davis household, 1880 U.S. census (note 139).

<sup>141</sup> "The Record of a Day" (note 137), which indicates he "was formerly a resident of Brooklyn for nearly twenty years."

<sup>142</sup> *Camden City Directory for 1882–83* . . . (Wilmington, Del.: Ferris Bros., 1882), 131; and similar titles published in: [1883] 142, and [1885] 181. Also, "The Record of a Day" (note 137).

<sup>143</sup> Myra Davis's name first appears in the Brooklyn city directory published in 1885 as "Myra T., widow George G." (*Lain's Brooklyn Directory for the year ending May 1st, 1886* [Brooklyn: Lain and Co., 1885], 232; and similar titles published in: [1887] 255, [1888] 264, [1889] 278, and 1891 [255]). She is not listed in the directories published in 1886, 1890, and 1892. Myra Davis household, 1892 New York state census, Brooklyn, Ward 3, Elect. Dist. 13, Kings Co., p. 12.

<sup>144</sup> *Lain's Brooklyn City Directory for the Year Ending May 1st, 1894* (Brooklyn: Lain and Healy, 1893), 275; and similar titles published in: [1894] 295, [1895] 305, [1897] 336, [1898] 312, [1899] 321, [1900] 339, [1901] 290. Myra does not appear in directories published in 1896 and 1902. Also, Marie [sic] Davis household, 1900 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 129, sh. 10A, dw. 106, fam. 216 (NARA T623, roll 1048). The census garbles the names of Myra and her son, Edgar, living at 884 Dean St. in 1900; she was listed at that address in the directory published in 1900. The census entry shows Myra's years married (26) and childbirth history (three children, two living), and it attributes her father's Canadian birthplace to her mother.

<sup>145</sup> Myra does not appear in Brooklyn directories published after 1901 (*Uppington's General Directory of Brooklyn . . . for the year 1902* [Brooklyn: George Uppington, 1902], 207; and similar titles published in: [1903] 229, [1904] 232).

<sup>146</sup> Philip B. Adrian household, 1905 New Jersey state census (note 135). Phillip B. Adrian household, 1910 U.S. census, Hasbrouck Hts., Bergen Co., N.J., ED 25, sh. 16A, dw. 334, fam. 372 (NARA T624, roll 869). Philip B. Adrian household, 1920 U.S. census, Hasbrouck Hts., Bergen Co., N.J., ED 51, sh. 23A, dw. 503, fam. 536 (NARA T625, roll 1017).



Children of George Gale and Myra Cole<sup>8</sup> (Tucker) Davis, all born in Brooklyn:

- i. ISABELLA STRONG<sup>9</sup> DAVIS, born 21 May 1875; died in Brooklyn 4 April 1934;<sup>147</sup> married there 22 April 1898 PHILLIPE BOURÉ ADRIAN, born in Brooklyn 28 March 1877, died there 9 January 1954, son of George S. and Cornelia M. (Waters) Adrian.<sup>148</sup>
- ii. ELSIE REBECCA<sup>9</sup> DAVIS, born 4 March 1880; died in Brooklyn 7 July 1880.<sup>149</sup>
- iii. EDGAR LOUIS<sup>9</sup> DAVIS, born 18 May 1881,<sup>150</sup> died in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, 14 October 1940;<sup>151</sup> married first in Brooklyn 22 April 1902 SYLVIA BARDWELL RILEY, born in Brooklyn 17 October 1879, died perhaps in Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, 2 May 1970,<sup>152</sup> daughter of William Henry and Melissa Virginia (Stone) Riley,<sup>153</sup> married second in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, 2 December 1913 DELPHINE MAY “DELLA” CLARK,<sup>154</sup> born in Townsend (now in Broadwater County), Montana, 27 November 1885, died in Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in 1968,<sup>155</sup> daughter of William Anderson and Anna A. (Pierce) Clark.<sup>156</sup>

6. **MABEL DENNIS<sup>8</sup> TUCKER** (William Henry<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Morris<sup>1</sup>) was born in Brooklyn 7 September 1863. She died

<sup>147</sup> Isabella S. Davis birth cert. (note 136). Isabella Strong Adrian death cert., New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, 1934, no. 7751. Isabella S. Adrian death notice, *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 5 Apr. 1934, p. 17, col. 1.

<sup>148</sup> For marriage information as well as Philippe's birthplace and parents' names, Philippe Boure Adrian–Isabella Strong Davis marriage cert., Brooklyn, 1898, no. 1781. For Philippe's birth date, Philippe Bouré Adrian World War I draft registration card, 12 Sept. 1918, Bergen Co., N.J., board 2 (NARA M1509, roll NJ9). Philippe B. Adrian death notice, *Brooklyn Eagle*, 10 Jan. 1954, p. 23, col. 1. Also, Philip B. Adrian household, 1900 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Ward 23, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 413, sh. 19A–19B, dw. 250, fam. 385 (NARA T623, roll 1062).

<sup>149</sup> Unnamed female birth cert., Brooklyn, 1880, no. 2272. The child's parents were Myra Tucker and George D. Davis. Elsie Rebecca Davis death cert., Brooklyn, 1880, no. 6321. George Davis household, 1880 U.S. census (note 139), which includes Elsie R., age 2 months, born in Mar. 1880.

<sup>150</sup> Unnamed male birth cert., Brooklyn, 1881, no. 3738; parents were Myra Tucker and George G. Davis.

<sup>151</sup> Edgar Davis death cert., New York City, Borough of Manhattan, 1940, no. 21244.

<sup>152</sup> For her birthplace, Davis–Riley marriage cert. (note 135). For her death, Sylvie Bardwell Riley McDevitt entry in Marcia Cox, “Cox Riley Family Tree,” public family tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/151922997/person/252014639015>), citing *Find A Grave*. Silvie B. Riley McDevitt memorial, Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., memorial 143,068,876, no image, *Find A Grave*, listing death date, but not the place. The Hempstead, N.Y., Town Clerk has no record of her death. Death records at the Hempstead Village Clerk and the New York State Department of Health in Albany have not yet been consulted.

<sup>153</sup> Davis–Riley marriage cert. (note 135).

<sup>154</sup> E. Louis Davis–D. May Clark marriage record, 2 Dec. 1913, Ramsey Co., Minn., Marriages 67:461 (DGS 5,193,177). Edgar's sons identified their mother as Della Clark. For son Edgar, see Edgar Clark Davis entry (SSN 119-01-6020, born 11 Apr. 1917), “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry*. For son Richard, see interview typescript, 15 July 1970, p. 180-16, PDF, “Farmington Homes,” *Farmington Libraries* (<http://farmingtonlibraries.org/farmington-homes>), link for “66 Main Street.” Edgar Davis household, 1920 U.S. census, Yonkers, Westchester Co., N.Y., ED 218, sh. 13B, dw. 220, fam. 243 (NARA T625, roll 1279). Edgar Davis household, 1925 New York state census, Yonkers, Ward 3, Elect. Dist. 5, Westchester Co., p. 17.

<sup>155</sup> For Della Clark born in Mont. in Nov. 1884 [*sic*], W. A. Clark household, 1900 U.S. census, Butte City, Silver Bow Co., Mont., ED 124, sh. 4A, dw. 76, fam. 80 (NARA T623, roll 915). For Delphine Clark in the same household and birth order, Wm. A. Clark household, 1910 U.S. census, Butte City, Silver Bow Co., Mont., ED 111, sh. 13A, dw. 175, fam. 173 (NARA T624, roll 836). For Della's self-reported birth date and place, likely from her passport, see Della C. Davis entry, manifest of the SS *Aquitania*, arrived in New York 15 June 1928, vol. 9509, p. 45, line 23 (NARA T715, roll 4283), image, *Ancestry*. She was alive in Oct. 1940, when she was informant for her husband's death cert. (note 151). For year and place of death, Richard W. Davis [Della's son] to author, “Family Records,” e-mail, 11 June 2019. Richard indicated his mother did not remarry. No matching entry was found in the 1968 index to Pa. deaths (“Death Indices,” *Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission* [<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Death-Indices.aspx>]), and no obituary or death notice was found in Easton newspapers.

<sup>156</sup> Della's parents, W. A. and A. Ann Clark, were married nineteen years when she was age 15 (W. A. Clark household, 1900 U.S. census [note 155]). For their full names, Archie Leslie Clark [Della's youngest brother] birth cert., Mont., 1896, no. 1447 (DGS 5,204,242).

in Philadelphia 18 December 1930.<sup>157</sup> Mabel married in Brooklyn 8 January 1885 **CHARLES LOUIS HENRY WILKE**, a civil engineer in Camden, Camden County, New Jersey.<sup>158</sup> Charles, born in Germany 28 October 1862, died in Philadelphia 24 December 1926. His parents were Carl and Mary (Behrens) Wilke.<sup>159</sup>

Early in their married life Mabel and Charles lived in Camden County, where their son was born in 1890.<sup>160</sup> In 1896, eleven years into their marriage, the Wilkes settled in Philadelphia, where they resided for the remainder of their lives.<sup>161</sup>

In 1909, using the military service of her mother's paternal grandfather, John Strong, Mabel applied for membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.<sup>162</sup> In 1929 she briefly joined her widowed sister Lillias as a summer resident of the Massachusetts Berkshires.<sup>163</sup> Otherwise, Mabel lived in Philadelphia with her daughters until her death.<sup>164</sup>

Children of Charles Louis Henry and Mabel Dennis<sup>8</sup> (Tucker) Wilke:

- i. JOHN ROBERT<sup>9</sup> WILKE, born in Waterford Township, Camden County, 17 July 1890;<sup>165</sup> died in Collingswood Borough, Camden County, 28 August 1960;<sup>166</sup> married in Philadelphia 22 March 1919 FREDa LUCILLE THOSS, born in Pennsylvania 11 August 1891, died 15 November 1968, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, daughter of Alexander and Emma (Hundertmark) Thoss.<sup>167</sup>

<sup>157</sup> Mabel D. Wilke death cert., Pa., 1930, no. 111,362, image, *Ancestry*. Also, "Mabel D. Wilke (wid. Of Chas. L. H.)" death, 18 Dec. 1930, "The New Church Register of the Second Presbyterian Church of Germantown," section 10, Register of Deaths, chronologically arranged, image, *Ancestry*, from Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia. For her birthplace, Charles Wilke–Mabel Dennis Tucker marriage cert., Brooklyn, 1885, no. 126.

<sup>158</sup> Wilke–Tucker marriage cert. (note 157). Also, *Hove's Camden City & County Directory . . . 1885–1886* (Philadelphia: C. E. Howe, 1885), 543. For Charles's full name, see Marie Wilke Beebe [their daughter] (SSN 196-24-6656) application for account number (form SS-5), 14 May 1948, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Md.

<sup>159</sup> Charles L. H. Wilke death cert., Pa., 1926, no. 121694, image, *Ancestry*. For his mother's maiden name, Wilke–Tucker marriage cert. (note 157).

<sup>160</sup> John Robert Wilke death cert., N.J., 1960, no. 34630, Office of Vital Statistics, Trenton, indicating he was born in Waterford, N.J. John Robert Wilke World War I draft registration card, 5 June 1917, Philadelphia, no. 16, precinct 12 (NARA M1509, roll 185), and John Robert Wilke World War II draft registration card (4th registration), 27 Apr. 1942, Camden Co., N.J., local board 2 (NARA M1986, roll 38), both listing his birthplace as Waterford, N.J. The Wilkes do not appear in Camden directories for 1887–1888, but Charles could have been "Charles Wilkie," machinist, whose entry in the 1890–1891 directory indicates he had "removed to Waterford, N.J." (*Howe's Camden City and County Directory. . . 1890–1891* [Philadelphia: C. E. Howe, 1890], 802). Charles's name appears in the 1891–1892 directory of Waterford Works, Camden Co. (*Howe's Camden City and County Directory. . . 1891–1892* [Philadelphia: C. E. Howe, 1891], 860).

<sup>161</sup> *Gopstill's Philadelphia City Directory for 1896 . . .* (Philadelphia: James Gopstill's Sons, 1896), 2059; and similar titles published in: [1897] 2133, [1900] 2443, and [1901] 2575. Charles is not distinguishable in Philadelphia's 1890–1895 and 1898–1899 directories. All in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa: Charles "Wilkie" household, 1900 U.S. census, ED 489, sh. 1A, dw./fam. 5 (NARA T623, roll 1463); Charles L. H. Wilke household, 1910 U.S. census, ED 411, sh. 6A, dw./fam. 121 (NARA T624, roll 1395); Charles Wilke household, 1920 U.S. census, ED 540, sh. 10A, dw. 181, fam. 187 (NARA T625, roll 1623); Mabel Wilke household, 1930 U.S. census, ED 51-635, sh. 2A, dw. 22, fam. 28 (NARA T626, roll 2105).

<sup>162</sup> Wilke application for membership (note 66).

<sup>163</sup> *South Berkshire Directory 1929–31* (Beverly, Mass.: Crowley and Lunt, 1929), 465 [for West Stockbridge, Mass., 1929–31].

<sup>164</sup> Mabel Wilke household, 1930 U.S. census (note 161).

<sup>165</sup> John R. Wilke–Freda L. Thoss marriage record, Philadelphia, Pa., 22 Mar. 1919, no. 399289 (DGS 4,447,373). John Robert Wilke World War I draft card (note 160). John Robert Wilke World War II draft card (note 160). John Robert Wilke death cert. (note 160).

<sup>166</sup> John Robert Wilke death cert. (note 160). John Robert Wilke marker, Oak Grove Cemetery, Hammonton, N.J., memorial 175,572,791, image, *Find A Grave*.

<sup>167</sup> Wilke–Thoss marriage record (note 165), indicating she was born in Pa. 11 Aug. 1893. John Robert Wilke–Freda Lucille Thoss marriage, 22 Mar. 1919, "The New Church Register of the Second Presbyterian Church of Germantown," sect. 9, Register of Marriages, chronologically arranged (note 157). For her birth

- ii. LOUISE FREDERICKA<sup>9</sup> WILKE, born in Brooklyn 7 March 1896;<sup>168</sup> living in Philadelphia in 1935;<sup>169</sup> married there 8 March 1924 VOLTAIRE DEFERNANZO, born in Pennsylvania 16 August 1894, died in Philadelphia 18 May 1959,<sup>170</sup> son of Manuel and Catherine (Kalbach) DeFernanzo.<sup>171</sup> Louise and Voltaire divorced 8 April 1927<sup>172</sup> and she resumed her maiden name.<sup>173</sup>
- iii. MARIE REBECCA<sup>9</sup> WILKE, born in Philadelphia 4 July 1901;<sup>174</sup> died in Hatboro, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 10 December 1974;<sup>175</sup> married in Philadelphia 15 August 1936 WILLIAM J. BEEBE, born in Philadelphia 28 October 1909, died in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, 30 August 1996, son of Robert and Catherine (Houghey) Beebe.<sup>176</sup>

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in Aug. 1891, Alexander E. Thoss household, 1900 U.S. census, Rogersford Borough, Montgomery Co., Pa., ED 268, sh. 1B, dw. 13, fam. 14 (NARA T623, roll 1444). Lucille Thoss Wilke marker, Oak Grove Cemetery, Hammonton, N.J., memorial 175,572,840, image, *Find A Grave*. Record of her death was not found in the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics and Registry.

<sup>168</sup> Louise Frederika Wilke birth cert., Brooklyn, 1896, no. 3734. The record indicates Louise was her mother's third child, suggesting a child born in 1891–1895 who did not survive. The present author has found no record of that child. The 1900 census shows Mabel as the mother of two children, both living; the 1910 census shows Mabel as the mother of four children, three living. Charles "Wilkie" household, 1900 U.S. census (note 161). Charles L. H. Wilke household, 1910 U.S. census (note 161).

<sup>169</sup> *Polk's (Boyd's) Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) City Directory, for 1935–1936* (Philadelphia: City Directory Inc., 1935), 1901. Also listed at Louise's address were her mother (who had been dead for five years) and sister Marie.

<sup>170</sup> Voltaire De Fernanzo–Louise Fredricka Wilke marriage, 8 Mar. 1924, "The New Church Register of the Second Presbyterian Church of Germantown," sect. 9, Register of Marriages, chronologically arranged (note 157). Voltaire DeFernanzo death cert., Pa., 1959, no. 48744, image, *Ancestry*.

<sup>171</sup> For Voltaire's parents, Voltaire De Fernanzo–Martha Robinson marriage record, Philadelphia Co., Pa., 6 Oct. 1928, no. 565095 (DGS 4,131,266).

<sup>172</sup> Louise F. DeFernanzo–Voltaire DeFernanzo divorce decree, 8 Apr. 1927, Philadelphia Co., Pa., certified copy, 18 Jan. 1928, filed with DeFernanzo–Robinson marriage record (note 171).

<sup>173</sup> On 19 Dec. 1930 Louise signed her name as "Miss Louise F. Wilke" (Mabel D. Wilke death cert. [note 157]). Louise Wilke in Mabel Wilke household, 1930 U.S. census (note 161).

<sup>174</sup> Marie Rebecca Wilke birth record, Philadelphia, Pa., 1901, file 2, p. 27 (DGS 4,183,445). William J. Beebe–Marie R. Wilke marriage cert., Philadelphia, Pa., 15 Aug. 1936, no. 666361 (DGS 4,443,519). Marie Wilke Beebe application for SS account number (note 158).

<sup>175</sup> Mrs. William Beebe obituary, *Berkshire Eagle* [Pittsfield, Mass], 12 Dec. 1974, p. 19, col. 2.

<sup>176</sup> William Edward Beebe birth cert., Pa., 1909, no. 164917, image, *Ancestry*. His middle name differs from his middle initial in other records, but the parents, Robert D. Beebe and Katharine Haughey, and birth date are the same. Beebe–Wilke marriage record (note 174). William J. Beebe–Marie Rebecca Wilke marriage, 15 Aug. 1936, "The New Church Register of the Second Presbyterian Church of Germantown," sect. 9, Register of Marriages, chronologically arranged (note 157). William J. Beebe obituary, *Berkshire Eagle*, 1 Sept. 1996, p. B2, col. 1.

## THE HENDRICKS-BURGER PARENTAGE OF CATHARINA DAVIDS, AND HER FOUR MARRIAGES

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In his July 1933 RECORD article “Van Der Beek Family Notes,” then-editor John Reynolds Totten noted that Coenrad<sup>2</sup> Vanderbeek’s second wife was called Catharine Cock, widow, in their marriage record and Catharine Davids in the baptismal records of their children. He determined that Catharina was previously married to one Edwout [*sic*, Ewout/Evert] Huijbertszen, that after Coenrad’s death she married Lourens Kinne, and that at the baptisms of her children by those husbands she was also Catharina Davids (with one exception noted below). Totten was unable to explain why she was called the widow Cock or Catharina Davids.<sup>1</sup>

The first question—why she was called the widow Cock—is easily resolved: Jacobus Cox and Catharina Davids obtained a marriage license 31 December 1694.<sup>2</sup> No marriage record can be found, but there are records of baptisms of two children of the couple,<sup>3</sup> events that fit neatly between Catharina’s marriages to Ewout Huijbertszen and Coenrad Van der Beek (see the genealogical summary for details). The license was indexed in two publications overlooked by Totten. He missed the baptisms because in those records Catharina was recorded as “Davidts” rather than Davids, and that published volume of the New York Dutch Church records contains a literal index not combining variable spellings of names. Totten obviously checked only for Davids.

Totten accounted for three of Catharina’s children with husband Lourens Kinne but omitted the eldest child, baptized 1708,<sup>4</sup> no doubt because the mother in that baptism was not Catharina Davids but Catharina Hendriks. By that time almost every Dutch family in New York and New Jersey who had no permanent surname had adopted one, in many cases choosing to retain the father’s patronymic as the surname. The witnesses to this baptism were Burger Hendrikse and Engeltje Hendriks. As will be explained below, they both ap-

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<sup>1</sup> John Reynolds Totten, “Van Der Beek Family Notes,” RECORD 64 (1933): 229–43, 367–87, at 234, 236.

<sup>2</sup> Jacobus Cox–Catharina Davids marriage license, 31 Dec. 1694, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* . . . (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), 581, 575 (for Kenneth Scott’s description of the earlier publications). Also for the license, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 5:92 (*FamilySearch* [https://www.familysearch.org] Digital Genealogical Society no. [DGS] 7,641,874, item 1, image 55).

<sup>3</sup> Johannes and David Kok baptisms, 20 Mar. 1698 and 4 Dec. 1700, respectively, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York*, Collections of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. 2 (New York: The Society, 1901), 250, 271.

<sup>4</sup> Adriaan Kunne [*sic*] baptism, 5 Sept. 1708, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 332.

pear in other records with the patronymic Davids(zen). They were Catharina's siblings; all three were using their father's patronymic as a surname.

While Totten did not mention Catharina's parentage, it can be determined by considering Dutch naming customs and particularly the choice of baptismal witnesses.<sup>5</sup> In the case of Catharina's own children, the witnesses were as follows (see genealogical summary for further details):

Child	Witnesses
Tanneken Everts	Hermanus Borger and Francijntie Stultheer
Johannes Kok	Jan Vincent and Anna Chappel
David Kok	Davidt Henderix and Anna Burger, his wife
Burger Van der Beek	Jan Van der Beek and Antie Burgers
Jacobus Van der Beek	Dirck Amerman and Aaltje, his wife
Adriaan Kinne	Burger Hendrikse and Engeltje Hendricks
Johanna Kinne	Burger Sippe and Helena Turk
Cornelis Kinne	Sjoert Olphertse and Dorathe Greenham
Willemijntje Kinne	Johannes Van de Water and Baefje Sippe, his wife

Catharina's patronymic indicates her father was named David. Dutch custom dictated that one of the first two sons be named for the maternal grandfather, and Catharina's second son in this list was named David. Witnesses were often relatives, and were usually chosen from the side of the family being honored, so the choice of David Henderix and wife Anna Burger as witnesses for this David strongly suggests they were the child's grandparents. As shown below, David and Anna were also the parents of Burger and Engeltje Hendricks, who witnessed the baptism of Catharina's son Adriaan Kinne.

The baptismal witnesses (above) named Borger and Burger(s), along with David Henderix and Anna Burger's children named Burger and Engeltje, point to a connection to the Burger family of New Netherland and New York, founded by Borger Joriszen and Engeltje Mans, who married in 1639.<sup>6</sup> Witness Hermanus Borger was their son, and Helena Turk was a daughter-in-law, wife of son Johannes Burger.<sup>7</sup> Anna/Antie was a daughter of Burger and Engeltje, as will be discussed below. Another daughter, Maria, was the mother of witness Francijntie Stultheer,<sup>8</sup> and daughter Elsje was the mother of witnesses Burger and Baefje Sippe (alias Sipkens).<sup>9</sup>

<sup>5</sup> For a discussion of Dutch naming customs, see Rosalie Fellows Bailey, *Dutch Systems in Family Naming: New York–New Jersey*, Special Publications of the National Genealogical Society, No. 12 (n.p.: National Genealogical Society, 1953).

<sup>6</sup> For an account of Burger Joriszen and Engeltje Mans, including a list of their ten children baptized in the New Amsterdam church, see John O. Evjen, "Engeltje Mans," *Scandinavian Immigrants in New York, 1630–1674* . . . (Minneapolis, Minn.: K. C. Holter, 1916), 329–35. Borger Joriszen was a German from Silesia but his wife was Swedish, according to Borger Joriszen–Engeltje Mans marriage, 18 Dec. 1639, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam–New York City*, Collections of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. 9 (New York: The Society, 1940) [originally published as vol. 1 (1890)], 10; also Francis J. Sypher Jr., ed., *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York, Part 2*, The Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans, 2015), 471.

<sup>7</sup> Johannes Borger–Helena Turk marriage, 2 Oct. 1691, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 70; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 572.

<sup>8</sup> Alexander Stilteel–Maria Burch-hardts marriage, 10 Feb. 1663, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 28; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 509. There is no baptismal record for Francijntie, but there was no other family named Stultheer, Stilteel, or other variants, in New Amsterdam

Catharina and her husbands followed Dutch customs in choosing names for their children. Johannes Kok was named probably for his paternal grandfather, David Kok for his maternal grandfather, Burger Van der Beek for Catharina's maternal grandfather, and Jacobus Van der Beek for Catharina's deceased previous husband (another Dutch naming custom). Catharina and her fourth husband, Lourens Kinne, named son Adriaan for his paternal grandfather, and Cornelis probably for Catharina's brother Cornelis Davidsz, who appears to have died young. As for her daughters, Catharina certainly named Johanna Kinne and possibly also Tanneken Everts for her mother, Anna, as discussed below. Willemijntje Kinne was named for her paternal grandmother.

While it is clear that Catharina's mother, Anna Burger, must have been a daughter of Burger Joriszen and Engeltje Mans, there is no Anna among the ten children of that couple who were baptized in the New York Dutch Church. Anna would have been born about 1650 to have had her first child as early as 1668,<sup>10</sup> and Burger and Engeltje had a daughter Janneken baptized 30 January 1650,<sup>11</sup> for whom no further record is found. It is possible that whoever recorded the baptism mistook the name Anneken (a nickname for Anna) for Janneken (Dutch pronunciation Yanneken). In his index to personal names in New York Dutch Church records, Sypher equates Anneken and Tanneken,<sup>12</sup> the name Catharina gave to her first child. Catharina's daughter Tanneken probably died young, as there is no later record of her. Catharina named her next daughter Johanna, also probably for her mother. It may be impossible to resolve this confusion of names, but the other evidence is too strong to place Anna in any other family.

David Hendricks and Anna Burger had the following children baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, with almost every child witnessed by a Burger:

Child	Baptismal Date	Witnesses
Maria	15 May 1671	Joris Burgers and Elsjje Burgers
Maria [again]	23 August 1673	Hermanus Borger and Metje Theunis
Hendrick	4 December 1675	Assuerus Hendricks and Elsjje Borgers

at the time. The marriage record indicates Alexander came from Dunkirk, which was part of Flanders before becoming French, and his unusual surname presumably reflects his Flemish origin. The odd spelling of Maria's surname also appears in the marriage record of her sister Catharijn (see note 27, below). Just a year after Alexander and Maria's marriage, Alexander Stultheer and Marritje Burgers witnessed the baptism of her brother Elias Burger, 2 Apr. 1664 (*Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 3], 379).

<sup>9</sup> Jan Sipkens–Elsje Burgers marriage, 31 Oct. 1674, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 39; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 529. Baptisms of Baefken, daughter of Jan Sipkens and Elsjje Borgers, 18 Aug. 1675 (witnesses [Her]Manus Borgers and Engeltje Mans) and Borger, son of Jan Schepmoes [*sic*] and Elsjje Borgers, 10 Feb. 1692 (witnesses Claes Borger and Annetie Borger), *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 119, 206; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 219, 369. Burger Sippe's 1692 baptism was erroneously recorded under the surname Schepmoes. Although there was a Schepmoes family in New York at the time, there is no other mention of a Jan Schepmoes during this period. Furthermore, the witnesses to the 1692 baptism, Claes Borger and Annetie Borger, were children of Burger Joriszen, as was the child's mother. Jan Sipkens and Elsjje Borgers had children baptized in 1690 and 1695, leaving a gap where this 1692 baptism fits. Burger Sippe appears frequently in later church records as Burger Sipkens. For example, in 1714 Burger Sipkens's daughter Elsjje was baptized, and Baafje Sipkens and her husband were witnesses (*Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 3], 379).

<sup>10</sup> As discussed below, Catharina was born say 1668–1669, making her Anna's first-known child.

<sup>11</sup> Janneken Borgers baptism, 30 Jan. 1650, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 27; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 47.

<sup>12</sup> Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 731 (Anneken), 834 (Tanneken).

Engeltje	1 February 1678	Joris Borger and Engeltie Borgers
Jannetje	17 November 1680	Hermanus Wessels and Lijsbeth Borgers
Burger	28 April 1683	Johannes Burger and Francijntie Stultheer
Cornelis	3 November 1686	Jan Sipkens and Elsje Borgers
David	4 May 1690	Gerrit Holl and Susann Thomas <sup>13</sup>

Other records connect Catharina Davids with the David Hendricks–Anna Burger family:

- Catharina Davids and Sjoert Olfertz witnessed the baptism of [Catharina’s niece] Antje, daughter of Burger Davids and Marijtje Romme.<sup>14</sup>
- Jacobus Cok and Catharina Davids, his wife, witnessed the baptism of [Catharina’s nephew] Hendrik, son of Michiel Greenham and Maria Davids.<sup>15</sup>

Catharina’s father, David Hendricks, rarely appears on record except with his wife and children. When he named a son Hendrick for his father, a member of his family would normally have been chosen to witness the baptism. For that role David chose Assuerus Hendricks, a New York silversmith.<sup>16</sup> He was almost certainly the son of Hendrick Assueros, a New Amsterdam tavern-keeper who appears in records there beginning in 1661.<sup>17</sup> Hendrick Assueros died before 28 April 1672, when the banns for his widow’s remarriage were posted.<sup>18</sup> As David Hendricks and Assuerus Hendricks married about eight years apart,<sup>19</sup> they could have been brothers, making David Hendricks an older son of Hendrick Assueros.

Catharina was born say 1668–1669.<sup>20</sup> Her baptism was not recorded in New York, as were those of her younger siblings, and a reason for that is not difficult to find. Her birthplace is revealed in the record of her first marriage, where she was called a young woman “van Mitspadts Kill.”<sup>21</sup> Mitspadts or Mespath/Maspeth Kill, now called Newtown Creek, separates present-day

<sup>13</sup> *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 101, 110, 121, 131, 144, 158, 175, 196; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 86, 203, 221, 239, 262, 288, 318, 353.

<sup>14</sup> Antje Burgers baptism, 6 Nov. 1711, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 356.

<sup>15</sup> Hendrik Greenham baptism, 9 July 1701, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 277.

<sup>16</sup> See Ahasuerus Hendricks, *American Silversmiths* (<https://www.americansilversmiths.org/makers/silversmiths/62348.htm>). Ahasuerus was the name of three Persian kings mentioned in the Old Testament, the best-known being Queen Esther’s husband (Book of Esther 1:1).

<sup>17</sup> On 27 June 1661 Hendrick Assueros was fined for selling liquor and permitting the buyers to “play at ninepins” during the time of “divine service.” See E. B. O’Callaghan, ed., *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State, Albany, N.Y., Part I, Dutch Manuscripts, 1630–1663* (Albany: New York State, 1865), 226, abstracting vol. 9 (Council Minutes), p. 674.

<sup>18</sup> Adriaen Van Laer–Luijtje Schonen marriage intention, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 36; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 525. It does not appear that Luijtje was the mother of his children; if David was Hendrick’s son, David’s mother may have been named Maria, the name he gave to his second and third daughters, although they may also have been named for David’s wife’s sister Maria Burgers, who died at an early age. Maria’s last-known record is the 22 Feb. 1668 baptism of Lijsbeth, daughter of Sander [Stultheer] and Marritie Borgers (*Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 3], 90; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* [note 6], 168).

<sup>19</sup> Assuerus Hendrickszen–Neeltje Jans marriage, 25 June 1676, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 41; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 532. When Assuerus Hendricks married he was said to have been born in Albany, but no mention of his father has yet been found in records of either Albany or the Netherlands.

<sup>20</sup> Her estimated year of birth is based on an unpublished study by Harry Macy Jr. in which he determined that the average age for a woman marrying for the first time in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, 1680–1701, was 20.8 years.

<sup>21</sup> Ewoudt Huijbertszen–Catharina Davids marriage, 14 Mar. 1690, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 68; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 568.

Kings and Queens counties on the western end of Long Island. Burger Joriszen first settled in Rensselaerswyck and later in New Amsterdam.<sup>22</sup> In 1643 he acquired a farm in the Dutch Kills on Long Island.<sup>23</sup> Mespath Kill formed the southern boundary of the Dutch Kills, and Catharina's parents may have been living on Burger Joriszen's farm there when she was born.

There was only one Dutch Reformed minister on the Island in 1668–1669, the Rev. Johannes Theodorus Polhemus, who served all the Dutch settlers until his death in 1676.<sup>24</sup> Unfortunately his marriage and baptismal records are lost. The Brooklyn congregation kept a separate record of some baptisms at their church, but there is a gap 1667–1670.<sup>25</sup> Aside from Quaker meetings there are no seventeenth-century records for the English churches in the western Long Island towns. Catharina's parents would, in any case, have been unlikely to go to an English church if a Dutch minister was available. They probably were married by Polhemus, and he probably baptized Catharina.

Burger and Engeltje had a daughter Catharijn baptized in New Amsterdam in 1640.<sup>26</sup> She married Myndert Frederickse in 1656 and died between the 1660 birth of their son Burger Myndertszen and the 1663 remarriage of her husband.<sup>27</sup> Following Dutch custom, David and Anna might have named their first-born daughter Catharijn for the child's deceased aunt ahead of honoring the grandparents.

Burger Joriszen died before 25 April 1671, when his widow, Engeltje Manns, was admitted as executrix of his will.<sup>28</sup> Neither the original will nor a recorded copy of it survives. Catharina's parents likely moved to New York around this time, as beginning in May 1671 their children were baptized there.

#### CATHARINA DAVIDS AND HER CHILDREN

**CATHARINA<sup>1</sup> DAVIDS** was born in Mespath Kill, Long Island, say 1668–1669,<sup>29</sup> daughter of David Hendrickszen and Anna/Annetie Burgers/Borgers. As discussed above, Catharina's placement in this family is based on analysis of family members, baptismal witnesses, and the names she chose for her

<sup>22</sup> Evjen, *Scandinavian Immigrants* (note 6), 329.

<sup>23</sup> Patent to Burger Jorisz, 3 July 1643, in Charles T. Gehring, trans. and ed., *Volumes GG, HH, and II, Land Papers*, New York Historical Manuscripts: Dutch (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980), 22. James Riker Jr., *Annals of Newtown in Queens County, New-York . . .* (New York: D. Fanshaw, 1852), 37n1.

<sup>24</sup> For more on Polhemus's ministry, see I. Heyward Peck, "The Rev. Johannes Theodorus Polhemius and Some of His Descendants," *RECORD* 90 (1959): 71–76.

<sup>25</sup> A. P. G. Jos van der Linde, trans. and ed., *Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York, First Book of Records, 1660–1752*, New York Historical Manuscripts: Dutch (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc, 1983), 115.

<sup>26</sup> Catharijn Burgers baptism, 16 Dec. 1640, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 11.; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 7.

<sup>27</sup> Jonathan Pearson, *Contributions for the Genealogies of the First Settlers of the Ancient County of Albany . . .* (Albany, N.Y.: J. Munsell, 1872), 82. Meijnert Fred'rickszen–Catharijn Burcharts marriage, 5 Aug. 1656, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 21; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 494. In 1663, when Mijndert Fredericksz (widower of Catharyna Burger) intended to remarry, he signed a statement that out of his estate "to wit, from the estate left by Catharyna Burger, deceased, he reserved the sum of eight hundred guilders, payable in beavers, for the children left by her" (Janny Venema, *Beverwijck: A Dutch Village on the American Frontier, 1652–1664* [Albany: State University of New York Press, 2003], 128).

<sup>28</sup> Engeltje Manns admitted as executrix of the will of her husband, Burger Joris, 25 Apr. 1671, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 1:124 (DGS 5,523,857).

<sup>29</sup> For birthplace, Ewoudt Huijbertszen–Catharina Davids marriage (note 21). For estimated year of birth, see note 20.



children. Catharina's birth about 1668–1669 would make her the first child born to her parents. She died after 25 February 1728, when Lourens Kinne and wife Catherina witnessed the baptism of her granddaughter Wilhelmyntje, daughter of Burger Van der Beek and Annetje, in North Branch, Somerset County, New Jersey.<sup>30</sup> Catharina married first in New York 14 March 1690 **EWOUTD/EVERT HUIJBERTSZEN**, young man from Vlissingen in Zeeland.<sup>31</sup> Catharina married second by New York license dated 31 December 1694 **JACOBUS COX/KOK/COK**.<sup>32</sup> He was possibly the Jacobus Kok baptized in Eilandkerk parish, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, Netherlands, 23 March 1664, son of Johannes Kok and Adriana Benninghs,<sup>33</sup> as Jacobus and Catharina named their first son Johannes. As Catherine Cock, widow, Catharina married third, as his second wife, in New York 20 October 1702 **COENRADUS VAN DER BEEK**, widower.<sup>34</sup> He was baptized in New York 1 September 1647, as Coenraedt, son of Mr. Paulus Van der Beeck,<sup>35</sup> and died there between 17 July 1706 and 9 January 1706[/7] (date and probate of will).<sup>36</sup> As Catharine Van der Beek, she married fourth in New York 13 December 1707 **LOURENS/LOUWERENS/LAWRENS/LAURENCE KINNE**.<sup>37</sup> He was baptized in Brooklyn 2 May 1686 as Lourens, son of Arien [Adrian] Pietersen Kume [*sic*] and Willemtje Pieters.<sup>38</sup>

By his will dated 17 July 1706, Conradus Vanderbeek of the City of New York, measurer, left to his “loving wife Catherine goods which she brought with her . . . at the time of our marriage . . . [also] six silver spoons, one feather bed, one cupboard and one Negro girl called Susanna” as well as one-third of the estate. Coenradus's “trusty friend” Derrick [Dirck] Amerman [his brother-in-law] and Coenradus's wife, Catherine, were named executors.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Wilhelmyntje Van der beek baptism, in Dingman Versteeg, transcriber, Baptismal records, 1720–1806, from the Reformed Dutch Congregation at North Branch, Holland Society Church Records Collection, vol. 76, p. 69, image, “U.S., Dutch Reformed Church Records in Selected States, 1639–1989,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>).

<sup>31</sup> Ewoudt Huijbertszen–Catharina Davids marriage (note 21).

<sup>32</sup> Cox–Davids marriage license (note 2).

<sup>33</sup> Jacobus Kok baptism, Eilandkerk parish, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, Netherlands, Dopen book 115, p. 30 (DGS 5,858,035, image 34).

<sup>34</sup> Coenradus van der beek–Catharine Cock marriage, 21 Oct. 1702, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 98. For Coenradus Van der Beek's first wife, Elsje Jans, see Michael Rudy, “The Parents of Elsje Jans, Wife of Conradus Van der Beek,” *RECORD 150* (2019): 183–95.

<sup>35</sup> Coenradt Van der Beeck baptism, 1 Sept. 1647, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 23; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 36. According to William J. Hoffman in “An Armory of American Families of Dutch Descent: Van Wijckersloot, Van Hamel, Vosch,” *RECORD 65* (1934): 213–24, at 220, “Meester or Mr. is in most cases an abbreviation for *meester in de rechten*—master of law—but was also used for *beelmeester*, that is surgeon. It sometimes applies to *schoolmeester*—school-master.” Paulus Van der Beek was a surgeon; see Totten, “Van Der Beek Family Notes” (note 1), 229–30.

<sup>36</sup> Conradus van der Beek will, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 7:364–67 [new page numbers referring to old pp. 280–82] (DGS 5,518,046 [nineteenth-century copy of liber]).

<sup>37</sup> Lawrens Kinne–Catharine Van der Beek marriage, 13 Dec. 1707, *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (note 6), 109.

<sup>38</sup> Van der Linde, *Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn* (note 25), 125, with witnesses Joost de Baen and Katrijn van Leeuw. Teunis G. Bergen, *Register in Alphabetical Order of the Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island, N.Y. . . .* (New York: privately published, 1881), 172 (“Kenne”); Bergen identified Willemtje Pieters as Willemtje Pieterse Wyckoff, but did not indicate a source. Lourens was only 21 years old when he married thrice-widowed Catharina, who was then about 38 or 39 years old. While the age difference is significant, the evidence in favor of Lourens being the son of Adrian and Willemtje Kinne is strong. Lourens and Catharina named their first son Adrian and their second daughter Wilhelmyntje, and no record of an older Lourens has been found among members of this Kings Co. family.

<sup>39</sup> Conradus van der Beek will (note 36).

Catharina Davids, widow of Coenradus Van der Beek, was a member of the New York Reformed Dutch Church 27 May 1707.<sup>40</sup> In April 1708 she and her fourth husband, Laurence Kenne, were residents of Flatlands, Kings County, when they conveyed land there and in Gravesend as well as three lots of meadow in Flatbush.<sup>41</sup>

Child of Ewoudt/Evert Huijbertsz and Catharina<sup>1</sup> Davids:

- i. TANNEKEN<sup>2</sup> EVERTS, baptized in New York 18 January 1691, with witnesses Hermanus Borger and Francijntie Stultheer.<sup>42</sup>

Children of Jacobus Kok and Catharina<sup>1</sup> Davids, both baptized in New York:

- ii. JOHANNES<sup>2</sup> KOK, baptized 20 March 1698, with witnesses Jan Vincent and Anna Chappel.<sup>43</sup>
- iii. DAVID<sup>2</sup> KOK, baptized 4 December 1700, with witnesses Davidt Henderix and Anna Burger, his wife.<sup>44</sup>

Children of Coenradus Van der Beek and Catharina<sup>1</sup> Davids, both baptized in New York:

- iv. BURGER<sup>2</sup> VAN DER BEEK, baptized 4 August 1703, with witnesses Jan Van der Beek and Antie Burgers.<sup>45</sup>
- v. JACOBUS<sup>2</sup> VAN DER BEEK, baptized 9 December 1705, with witnesses Dirck Amerman and Aaltje, his wife.<sup>46</sup>

Children of Lourens/Louwerens/Lawrens/Laurence Kinne and Catharina<sup>1</sup> Davids, all baptized in New York:

- vi. ADRIAAN<sup>2</sup> KINNE, baptized 5 September 1708, with witnesses Burger Hendrikse and Engeltje Hendriks.<sup>47</sup>
- vii. JOHANNA<sup>2</sup> KINNE, baptized 20 August 1710, with witnesses Burger Sippe and Helena Turk.<sup>48</sup>
- viii. CORNELUS<sup>2</sup> KINNE, born 30 August 1712, baptized 29 March 1713, with witnesses Sjoert Olphertse and Dorathe Greenham.<sup>49</sup>
- ix. WILLEMIJNTJE<sup>2</sup> KINNE, baptized 3 April 1717, with witnesses Johannes Van de Water and Baefje Sippe, his wife.<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> Membership list, 27 May 1707, Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, Record of Baptisms, Members, Marriages, 1639–1774, p. 476, image, “U.S., Selected States Dutch Reformed Church Membership Records, 1701–1995,” *Ancestry*, from original records at the Archives of the Reformed Church in America, New Brunswick, N.J. Also, “Records of the Reformed Church of the City of New York—Church Members List,” RECORD 59 (1928): 265.

<sup>41</sup> Laurence Kenne and Catharina, his wife, to Laurence Van hooke, Kings Co., N.Y., Deeds 3:174–75 [new page numbers referring to old pp. 269–70] (DGS 7,186,845, item 3). The same properties, as well as chattel goods, were the subject of a series of conveyances between Adrian/Adryan Kenne and his sons John and Laurence in 1707 and 1708. In 1707 the sons posted a bond promising to care for their father and to provide for his burial; the bond was cancelled shortly afterward. For bond and conveyances, see Kings Co., N.Y., Deeds 3:107–12, 173–74 [new page numbers, referring to old pp. 207–11, 268–69].

<sup>42</sup> Tanneken Everts baptism, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 201; also, Sypher, *Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York* (note 6), 360. The baptismal record identifies the father as Evert, which is the same name as Ewoudt (the name that appears in the marriage record). Evert is the usual spelling.

<sup>43</sup> Johannes Kok baptism, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3).

<sup>44</sup> David Kok baptism, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3).

<sup>45</sup> Burger Van der Beek baptism, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 292.

<sup>46</sup> Jacobus Van der Beek baptism, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 312.

<sup>47</sup> Adriaan Kunne [*sic*] baptism (note 4).

<sup>48</sup> Johanna Kinne baptism, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 347.

<sup>49</sup> Cornelus Kinnij baptism, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 366.

<sup>50</sup> Willemijntje Kinne baptism, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* (note 3), 396. Catharina was about 48 or 49 years old when Willemijntje was baptized, at the upper limit of her childbearing years. It is possible that the baptism was delayed somewhat, as in the case of Catharina's previous child, Cornelus, who was baptized at the age of seven months.

## ANDREW SINCLAIR (CIRCA 1795–1874) OF NEW YORK CITY AND HIS FAMILY

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(continued from THE RECORD 150:233)

5. **ANDREW<sup>3</sup> SINCLAIR** (James<sup>2-1</sup>) was born in New York City about 1795.<sup>237</sup> He died in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, 18 or 19 January 1874, aged 83 years, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.<sup>238</sup> He was married in New York City 15 May 1813, by the Rev. John Williams, a Baptist minister, to **CLARA ANN/CLARISSA (PULIS) HAMILTON**.<sup>239</sup> Clara was born in New York City about 1793–1794, died there in the Lunatic Asylum 9 June 1862, aged 68, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery.<sup>240</sup> She was the daughter of Jacob Pulis. Clara married first at North West Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, 19 December 1810 James Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton.<sup>241</sup>

<sup>237</sup> See discussion in the first installment of this article at RECORD 150 (2019): 101n1.

<sup>238</sup> Andrew Sinclair death, City of Hoboken, Hudson Co., N.J., 1874, AW:414, no. 849, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton, indicating his death occurred in Morristown, N.J., 19 Jan. 1874. Andrew's burial record indicates he died in Jersey City 18 Jan. 1874, was buried 21 Jan. 1874, and that his last residence was 72 Congress, Jersey City (Veronica Benjou [Green-Wood Cemetery] to author, 12 Nov. 2013, lot book entry and Andrew Sinclair burial record extract from chronological book, lot 8696, section 90).

<sup>239</sup> Andrew Sinclair-Mrs. Clarra A. Pulias [*sic*] marriage, 15 May 1813, in Rev. John Williams, Marriage Records, 1792–1844, p. 16, no. 51, microfilm, New York Public Library. For Williams's denomination, see the first installment of this article at RECORD 150 (2019): 102n3.

<sup>240</sup> Clara Sinclair death, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 37 (*FamilySearch* [https://www.familysearch.org] Digital Genealogical Society no. [DGS] 4,005,546). All New York City death registers cited here are unpaginated; they are arranged chronologically and in rough alphabetical order by the first letter of the surname. The reported age at death is consistent with her ages in the 1850 (as Sally A., age 54) and 1855 (age 60) censuses. Her age in the 1860 census (72) is an outlier. See Andw. Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 16, Dist. 1, New York Co., N.Y., p. 84 (penned), dw. 258, fam. 722 (NARA M432, roll 553); Andrew Sinclair household, 1855 New York state census, New York City, Ward 16, Elect. Dist. 1, New York Co., unpaginated, dw. 191, fam. 755; and John W. Sinclair household, 1860 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 20, Dist. 1, New York Co., N.Y., p. 318 (penned), dw. 746, fam. 2431 (NARA M653, roll 817). Clarissa's burial record shows she died 9 June 1862 and was buried 12 June 1862, aged 88 [*sic*] (Benjou to author [note 238], lot book entry and Clarissa Sinclair burial record extract from chronological book, lot 8696, section 90). In his application for a military pension, Andrew identified his wife as Clarisa Pullis and stated that she died on or about 15 Sept. 1862 (Declaration of Soldier for Pension, 25 July 1873, Andrew Sinclair [Capt. Fleming's Co., New York Militia, War of 1812], pension application 29032, certificate 20973, War of 1812 Pension Files, Record Group [RG] 15: Department of Veterans Affairs, National Archives (NA), Washington, D.C.).

<sup>241</sup> James Hamilton–Clarissy Pullis marriage, 19 Dec. 1810, Register of Marriages, Baptisms, Deaths, and Dismissals, Madison Ave. [formerly North West] Reformed Dutch Church, 1:5, image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com), which includes their fathers' names. James's father was not Alexander Hamilton, founding father of the United States. The well-known Alexander had a son James Alexander (1788–1878), but he married Mary Morris in Oct. 1810 (Hopper Striker Mott, "George Sullivan Bowdoin: His Ancestry, Single Line of Descent," RECORD 45 [1914]: 109–10). No record has been found of the death of Clara's husband James in New York City, where death registers have a gap from Aug. 1808 to Jan. 1812. See Aaron Goodwin, *New York City Municipal Archives: An Authorized Guide for Family Historians* (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2016), 8. In the record of her second marriage (note 239), she is listed as Mrs. Clarra A. Pulias [*sic*], not Hamilton.

From 2 September to 2 December 1814, Andrew Sinclair served as a private in the New York State Consolidated Militia in Capt. Augustus Fleming's Company, Col. Edward W. Laight's First Regiment.<sup>242</sup> On 25 October 1814 Andrew was present but "without musket."<sup>243</sup> Based on his service, Andrew applied for and received bounty-land warrants for forty acres and 120 acres in 1850 and 1855, respectively. "N. Pullis," his brother-in-law Nicholas Pullis, witnessed the 1855 application. Andrew's application for additional land under the Act of 1855 indicates he had disposed of the land he had received earlier.<sup>244</sup> Andrew received a patent for forty acres in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 36, township 86 north, range 6 west, in Linn County, Iowa, in 1852.<sup>245</sup> Later he obtained a warrant for 120 acres, but assigned it to another man.<sup>246</sup> Andrew received a federal pension for his War of 1812 service.<sup>247</sup>

Initially Andrew Sinclair's occupation was engineer or pump maker, but later he was a carpenter. He was first listed in a New York city directory in 1814, without an occupation stated, living at 10 Pump Street, within a few blocks of his family's house at 58 Pump Street. In 1816 he was an engineer living on Crosby near Spring Street, somewhat to the north.<sup>248</sup>

For more than twenty years Andrew and Clara lived in the Greenwich Village area of New York City. From 1818 to 1829 they lived on Perry Street near Factory, probably at the address known in 1828 as 42 Perry Street. From 1816 to 1825 Andrew's occupation was engineer.<sup>249</sup> The 1819 New York City jury census shows he was living on Perry Street, age 24, occupation pump maker, with a personal estate of at least \$150. Three white persons comprised his household: one male (himself) and two females (probably his wife and a daughter).<sup>250</sup> In 1830 their twelve-person household was at 23 Christopher

<sup>242</sup> Andrew Sinclair entries, New York State Adjutant General's Office, War of 1812, Abstracts of Payrolls for New York State Militia, Series B0810, New York State Archives, Albany, images, *Ancestry*. His compiled service records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., have not been examined.

<sup>243</sup> Muster roll, 25 Oct. 1814, in Records of the New York State Consolidated Militia, 10th Brigade, 1st Regiment, folder 2, Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

<sup>244</sup> Andrew Sinclair (Pvt., Capt. Fleming's Co., New York Militia, War of 1812) bounty-land warrant application file 11539 (Act of 1855, 120 acres), Pension and Bounty Land Application Files Based on Service between 1812 and 1855, RG 15, NA-Washington. For Nicholas Pullis as son of Jacob, Christian Pulis will, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 54:352-53 [new page numbers, referring to old pp. 408-11] (DGS 5,518,058 [nineteenth-century copy of liber]).

<sup>245</sup> Andrew Sinclair patent, Military Warrant 15651, Dubuque Land Office, image, General Land Office Records, *Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior* (<https://glorecords.blm.gov>).

<sup>246</sup> Robert Kennedy patent, Military Warrant 11539, Council Bluffs Land Office, image, General Land Office Records, *Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior*. Andrew Sinclair assigned his warrant for 120 acres to Robert Kennedy, who located the land and received a patent in 1857.

<sup>247</sup> Andrew Sinclair War of 1812 pension application file, certificate 20973 (note 240).

<sup>248</sup> *Citizens Directory and Strangers Guide Through the City of New York* (New York: Thomas N. Stanford, 1814), 369. *Longworth's American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory* (New York: Longworth, 1814), 254 (not listed); and similar title and publisher for [1816] 388.

<sup>249</sup> *Longworth's American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory* (New York: Longworth, 1816), 388; and similar title and publisher for: [1817] 384, [1818] 297, [1819] 358, [1821] 395, [1822] 405, [1823] 401, [1824] 391, [1825] 384, [1826] 433. The 1826 directory lists his occupation as constable (see below). *Mercein's City Directory, New-York Register, and Almanac* (New York: William A. Mercein, 1820), 380, lists an address of Bedford at the corner of Commerce.

<sup>250</sup> Andrew "Shinkler" household, 1819 Jury Census, "New York City Municipal Archives Collections: Browse New York County Jury Census," NYC Department of Records and Information Services [<http://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/NYCMA~10~10>], Ward 9, unpaginated, Perry St.

Street, Ward 9.<sup>251</sup> While the younger members of the household fit his known children's ages well, the presence of several older persons, both men and women, age 20–39, may indicate he had employees or relatives living with him.

During his years in Greenwich Village Andrew Sinclair became involved in politics, benefitting from patronage positions when his party was in power. He first aligned with the party founded by Thomas Jefferson, known as the Democratic Republicans (and sometimes plain Republicans), ancestor of today's Democratic Party. In the 1824 election, John Quincy Adams was their successful candidate for president. In November 1825 Andrew gained the support of the Democratic Republicans for election as one of two constables in his ward,<sup>252</sup> and served for two years as constable.<sup>253</sup> By 1828, however, there was a split in the Democratic Republicans. The main party nominated Andrew Jackson while a faction calling themselves National Republicans nominated John Quincy Adams for re-election. Adams lost to Jackson, who carried both New York City and state.<sup>254</sup> Andrew Sinclair was nominated for constable in 1828 by the National Republicans,<sup>255</sup> but he evidently was not elected.<sup>256</sup>

Despite the outcome of the 1828 election, Andrew seems to have gained some influence and patronage through his involvement with the Whig Party, successor to the National Republicans. In January 1834 he and his brother Lawrence Sinclair were appointed by the "Independent Democrats," another faction that later joined the Whigs, to a "Vigilance Committee" formed to safeguard the coming election.<sup>257</sup> In 1835 he was named one of a five-man "retiring committee" appointed by "a large and respectable meeting of the electors of the Ninth Ward" to propose a ticket for support in the next election.<sup>258</sup> In 1836 he again ran for constable, gaining the Whig nomination.<sup>259</sup> Though he evidently was not elected in 1836, in 1837 the Board of Aldermen named him assistant captain in the 4th District Watch, one of a sweep of nearly every patronage position proposed by the Whig party that had de-

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<sup>251</sup> Andrew Sinclair household, 1830 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 9, New York Co., N.Y., p. 331 (NARA M19, roll 97). The census does not show a street address, but a comparison of surrounding names with the city directory for 1830 confirms the address. *Longworth's American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory* (New York: Longworth, 1830), 541.

<sup>252</sup> "Electors—By Districts," [New York] *National Advocate*, 7 Nov. 1825, [p. 2], col. 1. "Ninth Ward Nomination," *New-York Daily Advertiser*, 4 Nov. 1825, [p. 8], col. 4.

<sup>253</sup> *Longworth's American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory* (New York: Longworth, 1826), 433; and similar title and publisher for [1827] 442.

<sup>254</sup> Edwin G. Burrows and Mike Wallace, *Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 514–15.

<sup>255</sup> "Republican Ticket," [New York] *Commercial Advertiser*, 3 Nov. 1828, [p. 2], col. 6. "Ninth Ward," *New-York American*, 30 Oct. 1828, p. 2, col. 6.

<sup>256</sup> After two years without occupation, he was again listed as a carpenter in 1830. *Longworth's American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory* (New York: Longworth, 1828), 530; and similar title and publisher for: [1829] 512, [1830] 541. The National Republicans gained only 34 percent of the vote in the 9th Ward in 1828. Walter Hugins, *Jacksonian Democracy and the Working Class: A Study of the New York Workingmen's Movement, 1829–1837* (Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1960), 209.

<sup>257</sup> "Vigilance Committee," [New York] *Evening Post*, 1 Mar. 1834, p. 2, col. 6. For the Whigs as successor to the National Republicans, see Burrows and Wallace, *Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898* (note 254), 573.

<sup>258</sup> "At a large and respectable meeting . . .," [New York] *Evening Star*, 11 Apr. 1835, [p. 2], col. 5. The report appeared among those of Whig-Party Ward committees.

<sup>259</sup> "Whig Nomination," *New-York Commercial Advertiser*, 12 Apr. 1836, [p. 2], col. 4.

feated Tammany Hall in Common Council.<sup>260</sup> In 1837 a man was tried and sentenced for the assault of “Andrew Sinclair, a watchman.”<sup>261</sup> Andrew was removed from office as assistant captain in 1839, probably following a change in majority on the Board of Aldermen.<sup>262</sup> He regained the position in 1844.<sup>263</sup>

In 1840 Andrew and Clara were living in the eastern part of Greenwich Village, with son John and his new wife living next door or at the same address.<sup>264</sup> The following year both Andrew, a carpenter, and John, a tin-smith, were living at 6 Tenth Avenue, just north of 13th Street.<sup>265</sup> Three years later Andrew was at 191 West 17th Street.<sup>266</sup> He and Clara resided in this general vicinity for about twenty years.

In their older age Andrew and Clara lived with two of their sons and one of their daughters. From 1850 to 1855 they lived at 216 West 16th Street in the same building as daughter Mary and her husband, Lawrence Kearney, an Irish-born piano maker. In 1850 Andrew, a carpenter, was listed as age 53, and “Sally A.” (certainly an error for Clara A.) as 54. Living with them was Jacob Cook, age 28, a “tinman.” At the time of the 1855 New York state census, Andrew and Clara, both age 60 and born in New York County, were living in the same building as Lawrence and Mary Kearney.<sup>267</sup>

By 1860 Andrew and Clara had moved further north and were living with their son John and his wife, Eliza, at 289 West 27th Street, a four-family dwelling in Ward 20. The household consisted of John “W.” Sinclair, his wife, Eliza, John’s children Clara, age 20, and George, age 16, as well as Andrew and Clara. Andrew and John were listed as tinsmiths.<sup>268</sup>

Andrew and Clara may have also lived temporarily with their son Andrew. About 1861–1862 both Andrew Sinclair, carpenter, and Andrew Sinclair Jr.,

<sup>260</sup> “Appointments and Removals,” *Evening Post*, 16 May 1837, p. 2, col. 5. For the defeat in Common Council and the spoils going to the Whigs in 1837, Gustavus Myers, *The History of Tammany Hall* (New York: the author, 1901), 131.

<sup>261</sup> “From the Times: Court of Sessions,” *Evening Star*, 24 June 1837, [p. 2], col. 4.

<sup>262</sup> “Board of Aldermen—May 23,” *New-York Commercial Advertiser*, 24 May 1839, [p. 2], col. 5.

<sup>263</sup> “Official: Joint Meeting of the Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen,” *New-York Spectator*, 22 May 1844, 3rd page, col. 2.

<sup>264</sup> Andrew Sinclair and John Sinclair households, 1840 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 15, New York Co., N.Y., p. 39 (stamped) (NARA M704, roll 308). Ward 15 was created from the eastern part of Ward 9 in 1832; see Macy, “Appendix,” in Goodwin, *New York City Municipal Archives* (note 241), 246, and *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, rev. ed. (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017), 774–78. Neither Andrew nor John were found listed in Longworth’s city directory published in 1840, but the 1839 publication includes Andrew Sinclair, carpenter, residing at 24 Factory St. (*Longworth’s American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory* [New York: Longworth, 1839], 595). Factory St. was the part of present-day Waverly Place running between Christopher and Bank streets (Gilbert Tauber, NYC Streets [https://www.oldstreets.com]).

<sup>265</sup> *Longworth’s American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory* (New York: Longworth, 1841), 641, and p. 14 of the City Register section (Runner’s Vade Mecum).

<sup>266</sup> *Doggett’s New-York City Directory for 1844 and 1845* (New York: John Doggett Jr., 1844), 317.

<sup>267</sup> *Doggett’s New-York City Directory for 1850–1851* (New York: John Doggett Jr., 1850), 460 (Andrew Sinclair). *New York City Directory for 1851–1852* (New York: Doggett and Rode, 1851), 290 (Lawrence Kearney), 490 (Andrew Sinclair). *Trow’s New-York City Directory . . . for 1852–1853* (New York: John F. Trow, 1852), 328 (Lawrence Kearney); and similar title and publisher for [1853–1854] 368 (Lawrence Kearney), 636 (Andrew Sinclair). Andw. Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census (note 240), in the same dwelling as Lawrence and Mary “Kerney” and their family, dw. 258, fam. 721. Lawrence Kearney household, 1855 New York state census, New York City, Ward 16, Elect. Dist. 1, New York Co., unpaginated, dw. 191, fam. 753. Andrew Sinclair household, 1855 New York state census (note 240). With Andrew and Clara lived two young male boarders, both machinists.

<sup>268</sup> John W. Sinclair household, 1860 U.S. census (note 240), in which Andrew’s and Clara’s ages, listed as 75 and 72, respectively, were exaggerated. *Trow’s New York City Directory . . . for the year ending May 1, 1860* (New York: John F. Trow, 1859), 784, for John M. Sinclair, roofer; there is no listing for Andrew Sinclair.

smith, lived at 239 West 17th Street.<sup>269</sup> Clara's last residence before she died in June 1862 was 289 West 27th Street,<sup>270</sup> the same address at which Andrew and his son John lived from about 1863 through 1865.<sup>271</sup> In 1868 Andrew's son John M. Sinclair, roofer, resided on Third Avenue near East 106th Street, as did Andrew Sinclair, carpenter.<sup>272</sup> This may have been the same address, 1915 Third Avenue, shared by John "N." Sinclair, smith, and Andrew Sinclair about 1869–1870.<sup>273</sup> The family of John M. "Sinclare," tinsmith, was living in East Harlem, likely at the Third Avenue address, at the time of the first enumeration of the 1870 census. John's household included his wife, Eliza, and Andrew.<sup>274</sup>

Andrew may have fallen into poverty in his old age. He was a resident of Alpine, Harrington Township, Bergen County, New Jersey, in July 1873, when his attorney pled for speedy action on Andrew's pension application, since the first application had been lost:

[He] is quite destitute of means, dependant [*sic*] on others for support, and their means are small . . . he is very feeble and had to come from Alpine [to New York City] with his two friends . . . to sign his 2<sup>d</sup> application.<sup>275</sup>

Only a few months later, Andrew was dead. His exact date and place of death are uncertain. The register of deaths of Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey, records the 19 January 1874 death of Andrew Sinclair, aged 83, of apoplexy in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey—a record perhaps made because he lived in Hudson County or because the body was shipped through Hudson County to Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn for burial. Greenwood records indicate he died in Jersey City, Hudson County, 18 January 1874, aged 82, with a last residence of 72 Congress Street, Jersey City.<sup>276</sup>

Indirect evidence supports the identification of the first two surviving children of Andrew and Clara, daughter Mary C. and son John. Andrew Sinclair's 1819 household included two white females, probably wife Clara and a young daughter.<sup>277</sup> Mary C. Sinclair's marriage to Lawrence Corney [*sic*, Kearney] in 1835,<sup>278</sup> Andrew and Clara's residence in the same building as the

<sup>269</sup> *Trow's New York City Directory . . . for the year ending May 1, 1862* (New York: John F. Trow, 1861), 786.

<sup>270</sup> Clarissa Sinclair burial (note 240).

<sup>271</sup> Clarissa Sinclair burial (note 240). *Trow's New York City Directory . . . for the year ending May 1, 1864* (New York: John F. Trow, 1863), 798; and similar title and publisher for [1864–1865] 814.

<sup>272</sup> *Trow's New York City Directory . . . for the year ending May 1, 1869* (New York: John F. Trow, 1868), 1001.

<sup>273</sup> *Trow's New York City Directory . . . for the year ending May 1, 1870* (New York: John F. Trow, 1869), 1020. Andrew had no occupation listed.

<sup>274</sup> John M., Eliza M., and Andrew Sinclare in the Hyman Kenny household, 1870 U.S. census, New York City, first enumeration, Ward 12, Dist. 7, New York Co., N.Y., p. 34, dw 158, fam. 271 (NARA M593, roll 989). Andrew Sinclare was listed as age 17. John and Eliza had no known son Andrew, so this wildly flawed entry surely is for the aged Andrew Sinclair. John's household was not found in the second enumeration of the 1870 census.

<sup>275</sup> Gen. Henry Raymond to Commissioner of Pensions, 26 July 1873, in Andrew Sinclair War of 1812 pension application file, cert. 20973 (note 240).

<sup>276</sup> Andrew Sinclair death (note 238). His name is not found in New York City's Bodies in Transit, vol. 9 (1874–1880), p. 316, NYC Department of Records and Information Services (<http://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/NYCYMA~4~4>). No death notice has been found in Jersey City newspapers *Jersey Journal* and *American Standard*, or New York newspapers. His name is not listed in Jersey City city directories, 1869–1874.

<sup>277</sup> Andrew "Shinkler," 1819 Jury Census (note 250).

<sup>278</sup> Lawrence "Corney"—Mary C. Sinclair marriage [transcription], 14 Nov. 1835, Greene St. [later Asbury] Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, in Samuel Seaman, transcriber, Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, 7:178 (DGS 7,856,453).

Kearneys in 1850 and 1855, the naming of a Kearney child Clara A[nn],<sup>279</sup> and the burial of Andrew and Clara in the Green-Wood Cemetery lot bought by Lawrence Kearney in 1854<sup>280</sup> confirm the relationship. Son John Sinclair was listed directly after Andrew in the 1840 census.<sup>281</sup> In 1852 Andrew performed service on a summons for a debt owed to the roofing partnership of George Tharp and John M. Sinclair.<sup>282</sup> Andrew and Clara lived with John in 1860 and Andrew lived with him in 1870.<sup>283</sup> John also named a daughter Clara/Clarisa.<sup>284</sup>

Children of Andrew<sup>3</sup> and Clara Ann/Clarissa (Pulis) (Hamilton) Sinclair:

- i. MARY C.<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born in New York City about 1817–1819; died there 22 May 1879, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery;<sup>285</sup> married in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, 14 November 1835 LAWRENCE KEARNEY,<sup>286</sup> born in Ireland about 1816–1817, died in the Asylum for the Insane, Ward’s Island, New York City, 28 June 1886, aged 69.<sup>287</sup> Lawrence Kearney bought lot 8696 in Green-Wood Cemetery in 1854. The first burials were the re-interment of an infant son who had died before Lawrence bought the lot, and a stillborn daughter. Nancy Sinclair (wife of George<sup>3</sup>) was the third interment (1856) followed by Clarissa and Andrew Sinclair (1862 and 1874, respectively).<sup>288</sup>
- ii. JOHN M.<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born in New York City about 1819–1822; died in Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, 9 December 1895, age 78 years, and was buried in The Evergreens Cemetery, Brooklyn;<sup>289</sup> married say 1836–1837 (first-known child),

<sup>279</sup> See note 267. The Kearney’s 1855 New York state census household includes child Clara A., age 7.

<sup>280</sup> Benjou to author (note 238), with lot card and burial extracts for lot 8696, section 90.

<sup>281</sup> John Sinclair household, 1840 U.S. census (note 265).

<sup>282</sup> George Tharp and John M. Sinclair vs. John O. Higgins, 4 Aug. 1852, New York Co., N.Y., Superior Court, file 2264 (1852), New York County Clerk’s Office, Division of Old Records, 31 Chambers St., Rm. 703. Andrew’s signature attesting to his service of the writ matches those on his bounty-land warrant applications (Andrew Sinclair bounty-land warrant application file 11539 [note 244]), his 1873 War of 1812 pension application (cert. 20973 [note 240]), and an 1814 military payroll receipt (Andrew Sinclair, private, Capt. Augustus Fleming’s company, payroll [2], 2 Oct. 1814–2 Dec. 1814, in Records of the New York State Consolidated Militia, 10th Brigade, 1st Regiment [note 243], folder 1, item 3).

<sup>283</sup> John W. Sinclair household, 1860 U.S. census (note 240). John M., Eliza M., and Andrew Sinclair in the Hyman Kenny household, 1870 U.S. census (note 274).

<sup>284</sup> Clarisa A. in the John H. Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 16, Dist. 1, New York Co., N.Y., p. 129 (penned), p. 65 (stamped), dw. 381, fam. 1110 (NARA M432, roll 553). Clara Sinclair in the John M. Sinclair household, 1855 New York state census, New York City, Ward 16, Elect. Dist. 8, unpaginated, dw. 35, fam. 124. Clara in John W. Sinclair household, 1860 U.S. census (note 268).

<sup>285</sup> For birthplace, Lawrence Kearney household, 1855 New York state census (note 267). Her estimated year of birth is based on her age reported on the 1850, 1855, 1860, and both enumerations of the 1870 censuses (age 32, 35, 41, 50, and 52 respectively), as well as her death record (60). Mary C. Kearney death cert., New York City, 1879, no. 319647 (DGS 4,003,601). Andw. Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census (note 240). Lawrence Kearney household, 1855 New York state census (note 267). Lawrence Kearney household, 1860 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 22, Dist. 1, New York Co., N.Y., p. 21, dw. 96, fam. 174 (NARA M653, roll 821). Lawrence Kearney household, 1870 U.S. census, New York City, first enumeration, Ward 12, Dist. 13, p. 3 (penned), p. 410 (stamped), dw. 10, fam. 24 (NARA M593, roll 990). Lawrence Kearney household, 1870 U.S. census, New York City, second enumeration, Ward 12, Dist. 7, p. 3 (penned), p. 194 (stamped), no dw./fam. no., 136 121st St. (NARA M593, roll 1029).

<sup>286</sup> “Corney”– Sinclair marriage (note 278).

<sup>287</sup> Lawrence Kearney death cert., New York City, 1886, no. 567336 (DGS 4,007,159). Benjou to author (note 238), Lawrence “Karney” burial slip, died 30 June 1886.

<sup>288</sup> Benjou to author (note 238), lot card for lot 8696, sect. 90, burial records for Edward C. Kearney (interment 38380), female child of L. Kearney (interment 429356), Nancy Sinclair (interment 50908), Andrew Sinclair (note 238), and Clarissa Sinclair (note 240).

<sup>289</sup> John Sinclair death cert., New York City, 1895, no. 41204 (DGS 4,006,056). His estimated year of birth based on the age reported on his death record (78) and on the 1850, 1855, and 1880 censuses (age 28, 35, and 60, respectively), is about 1816–1822. (His ages reported on the 1860 census [54] and the first enumeration of the 1870 census [40] are outliers.) John H. Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census (note 284). John M. Sinclair household, 1855 New York state census (note 284), which also provides his birthplace. John W. Sinclair household, 1860 U.S. census (note 268). John M., Eliza M., and Andrew Sinclair in the Hyman Kenny household, 1870 U.S. census, New York City, first enumeration (note 274). He was not



probably in New York City, ELIZA BROWER,<sup>290</sup> born in New York City about 1808–1809, died there 4 March 1879, aged 70, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery.<sup>291</sup> John was recorded with other middle initials, for example *H* and *W*;<sup>292</sup> but his occupation (tinsmith, tin roofer) and addresses distinguish him from other John Sinclairs living in New York City. In 1890 he was admitted to the New York City workhouse for three months.<sup>293</sup> At the time of his death he resided at 306 West 39th Street,<sup>294</sup> the address of granddaughter Martha (Sinclair) Bodtmann's husband, Charles Bodtmann.<sup>295</sup>

- iii. GEORGE<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born about 1822–1823, probably in New York City; died there 19 April 1843, aged 20, and was buried in the Methodist Episcopal cemetery at 2nd Avenue and East 1st Street.<sup>296</sup>
- iv. ANDREW<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born 23 October 1826, probably in New York City, and baptized there at Allen Street Methodist Episcopal Church 19 December 1826;<sup>297</sup> died after the 1880 census, when he and his brother John were enumerated as boarders in a household headed by widow Julia Heckrood at 522 West

found in the second enumeration of the 1870 census. John Sinclair in the Julia Heckrood household, 1880 U.S. census, New York City, New York Co., N.Y., Enumeration District (ED) 381, p. 8, dw. 20, fam. 74 (NARA T9, roll 885). His father's household in the 1819 jury census (note 250) included only one male (his father, Andrew). The household cannot be located in the 1820 census. Based on the various censuses, John was born about 1819–1822.

<sup>290</sup> For first-known child, Clarisa A./Clara, born about 1837–1838, John H. Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census (note 284), and John M. Sinclair household, 1855 New York state census (note 284). Eliza's maiden name is listed on the death certificate of her married daughter Clara A. Colby (New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, 1910, no. 9151 [DGS 4,006,700]). The identification of her maiden name as Brower is strengthened by an 1844 quitclaim deed involving John M. Sinclair, tinsmith, and Eliza, his wife, as [supposed] heirs of Anneke Jans Bogardus (Ellen Mildeberger, John M. Sinclair and Eliza, his wife, Robert Driscoll, Cornelius Brower and Polly, his wife, to Tylee W. Lafetra, dated 7 Aug. 1844, quitclaim, New York Co., N.Y., Deeds 452:405–6 [DGS 7,178,407]). For the hysteria around the Bogardus estate, William J. Parry, "The 'Heirs of Anneke Jans Bogardus' Versus Trinity Church: A Chronicle of New York's Most Prolonged Legal Dispute," *RECORD* 125 (1994): 67–73, 161–67.

<sup>291</sup> Eliza Sinclair death cert., New York City, 1879, no. 314518 (DGS 4,003,599). The 1850, 1855, and 1870 censuses indicate she was older than her husband, John. She was listed as age 40 in 1850 and 1855, and age 50 in 1870. John H. Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census (note 284). John M. Sinclair household, 1855 New York state census (note 284). John W. Sinclair household, 1860 U.S. census (note 268). John M., Eliza M., and Andrew Sinclair in the Hyman Kenny household, 1870 U.S. census, New York City, first enumeration (note 274).

<sup>292</sup> For example, see the 1860 census, which lists him as John W. Sinclair (note 268). He was listed as John H. in the 1850 census (note 284).

<sup>293</sup> John Sinclair entry, *Census of Inmates in Almshouses and Poorhouses, 1875–1921*, Series A1978, reel 97, rec. no. 9/1495, New York State Archives, Albany, image, *Ancestry*, indexed as Sinclaire. John Sinclair entries, *Records Pertaining to the Workhouse, Admissions, Discharges, Census Records*, [vol. 215], p. 240 (workhouse inmates, admissions for 6 Feb. 1890), and vol. 222, p. 718 (workhouse inmates, discharge for 28 Apr. 1890), Almshouse Collection, roll 40, item 3, and roll 19, respectively, Municipal Archives, New York City Dept. of Records.

<sup>294</sup> Inquest on John Sinclair, 19 Dec. 1895, New York City Office of the Coroner, *Coroner's Journal/Record of Inquests*, 20 July 1895–3 Jan. 1896, [vol. not listed], no. 903, roll 4113, Municipal Archives, New York City Dept. of Records.

<sup>295</sup> For Charles Bodtmann at 306 W. 39th in 1894, *Trow's New York City Directory . . . for the Year Ending July 1, 1895* (New York: Trow Directory, Printing, and Bookbinding Co., 1894), 131. For the marriage of Martha Sinclair, daughter of George and Martha (Allen) Sinclair, to Charles Bodtmann, 2 Oct. 1887, New York City marriage cert., 1887, no. 75258 (DGS 7,589,610). George and Martha Sinclair's 1880 household included daughter Martha, age 10 (1880 U.S. census, New York City, New York Co., N.Y., ED 446, p. 15, dw. 43, fam. 147 [NARA T9, roll 888]). George was enumerated in John's household in 1850, 1855, and 1860 (note 284).

<sup>296</sup> George Sinclair death, 19 Apr. 1843, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 13 (DGS 4,005,526). He was a resident of 24 12th St. Andrew Sinclair lived at 12th [St.], corner 7th Ave., in 1842, as did his son John. *New York City Directory for 1842 and 1843* (New York: John Doggett Jr., 1842), 292–93. While Andrew moved the next year, John remained, and the address was described as 24 12th [St.] (*New-York City and Co-Partnership Directory for 1843 and 1844* [New York: John Doggett Jr., 1843], 309). George's probable place of birth is based on his parents' residential history.

<sup>297</sup> Andrew Sinclair baptism, 30 Dec. 1826, Allen St. [formerly 4th St.] Methodist Episcopal Church, Register of Baptisms and Marriages, image, *Ancestry*, from Methodist Episcopal Church Records in New York and Vicinity, Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library, 138A:290. His probable place of birth is based on his parents' residential history.

28th Street, New York City.<sup>298</sup> A tin roofer or tinsmith, he may have married first before the 1850 census Sarah J. [?–], born in New York about 1830–1832, alive for the 1860 census.<sup>299</sup> He may have married second by the 1870 census Elsie A. [?–], born in New Jersey about 1829–1830.<sup>300</sup>

- v. STEPHEN CHARLES R.<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born 25 January 1829, probably in New York City, and baptized there at Allen Street Methodist Episcopal Church 3 June 1829;<sup>301</sup> died after the 1855 New Jersey state census, when he was enumerated in Harrington Township, Bergen County;<sup>302</sup> married in New York City 2 December 1845 MARY EGBERT,<sup>303</sup> born in New York 4 September 1819, died in Hammond, St. Croix County, Wisconsin, 1 January 1868.<sup>304</sup>

6. LAWRENCE<sup>3</sup> SINCLAIR (James<sup>2-1</sup>) was born in New York City about 1799–1800, died 29 March 1871, and was buried in Oswego, Oswego County, New York.<sup>305</sup> He married in a Methodist Episcopal church, New York City, 30 January 1823 SARAH R. SMITH.<sup>306</sup> She was born in New York City about 1806–1807, died in Brooklyn 14 June 1880, aged 73 years, and was buried in Oswego.<sup>307</sup>

Lawrence lived with his brother Andrew Sinclair on Perry Street near Factory Street, Ward 9, New York City, in 1823.<sup>308</sup> In the 1820s and 1830s he

<sup>298</sup> Julia Heckrood household, 1880 U.S. census (note 289), listing John as a widower and Andrew as married.

<sup>299</sup> Sarah's maiden name may have been Platt, as they were enumerated in the James S. Platt household in 1850 (1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 16, Dist. 1, New York Co., N.Y., p. 117 [stamped, verso], dw. 698, fam. 1991 [NARA M432, roll 553], in which Sarah was listed as age 19). Andrew Sinclair household, 1860 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 16, Dist. 3, New York Co., N.Y., p. 77 (penned top left), dw. 263, fam. 593 (NARA M653, roll 807), in which Sarah was listed as age 28. Neither Andrew and Sarah nor James S. Platt were found in the 1855 New York state census.

<sup>300</sup> Andrew Sinclair household, 1870 U.S. census, New York City, first enumeration, Ward 20, Dist. 6, p. 23 (penned), dw. 44, fam. 204 (NARA M593, roll 1007), which includes Elsie Ann, age 42, born in New Jersey. Andrew St. Clair household, 1870 U.S. census New York City, second enumeration, Ward 20, Dist. 3, New York Co., N.Y., p. 36 (NARA M593, roll 1046), which includes Elsie A., age 40.

<sup>301</sup> Stephen C. R. Sinclair baptism, 3 June 1829, Allen St. [formerly 4th St.] Methodist Episcopal Church, Register of Baptisms and Marriages, image, *Ancestry*, from Methodist Episcopal Church Records in New York and Vicinity (note 297), 138A:293. His probable place of birth is based on his parents' residential history.

<sup>302</sup> Stephen C. R. Sinclair household, 1855 New Jersey state census, Harrington Twp., Bergen Co., unpaginated, fam. 42, image, *Ancestry*. The household consisted of one white male and two white females, with one white female child between the ages of 5 and 16.

<sup>303</sup> Stephen C. Sinclair–Mary Eggbert marriage [transcription], 2 Dec. 1845, 18th St. Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, in Samuel Seaman, transcriber, Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, 10:59 (DGS 7,856,454).

<sup>304</sup> Mary Sinclair marker, Hammond Cemetery, Hammond, Wis., memorial 84,312,205, image, *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>). The memorial includes an undocumented note stating that she traveled "from New York with some of her Egbert family members after her spouse Stephen Charles Sinclair passed on." She and probable daughter Sarah may have been boarding in New York City in 1855, ages 37 and 7 respectively, both born in New York Co., with Sarah listed as a widow (James Estasker household, 1855 New York state census, New York City, Ward 22, Dist. 1, unpaginated, dw. 194, fam 431).

<sup>305</sup> The 1855 and 1865 New York state censuses list his birthplace as New York Co. Lawrence St. Clair household, 1855 New York state census, Oswego, Ward 3, Oswego Co., unpaginated, dw. 558, fam. 642. Lawrence Sinclair household, 1865 New York State census, Oswego, Ward 3, northern dist., Oswego Co., p. 77, dw. 396, fam. 459. Lawrence Sinclair memorial, Rural Cemetery, Oswego, N.Y., memorial 161,570,256, no image, *Find A Grave*, which states (without documentation) that he died 29 Mar. 1871, aged 71 years, and was the father of Thomas.

<sup>306</sup> Lawrence Sinclair–Sarah Smith marriage, 30 Jan. 1823, Methodist Episcopal Marriage Register for the City of New York, image, *Ancestry*, from Methodist Episcopal Church Records in New York and Vicinity (note 297), 72:145.

<sup>307</sup> Sarah Sinclair death cert., Brooklyn, 1880, no. 5113 (DGS 4,003,861). Sarah R. Sinclair death notice, *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 16 June 1880, [p. 3], col. 3. For place of birth, Lawrence St. Clair household, 1855 New York state census and Lawrence Sinclair household, 1865 New York state census (both note 305). Sarah R. Sinclair memorial, Rural Cemetery, Oswego, N.Y., memorial 161,570,288, no image, *Find A Grave*.

<sup>308</sup> *Longworth's American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory for 1823–4* (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1823), 401.

and his brother Andrew had children baptized in the Allen Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and later Lawrence, Sarah, and Andrew's wife, Clarissa, were all members of the Bedford Street Methodist Episcopal Church; both of these churches were in New York City.<sup>309</sup> Lawrence and Andrew were members of the Vigilance Committee of "independent Democrats" of Ward 9,<sup>310</sup> who organized in opposition to Tammany Hall in 1834. Lawrence was one of "the Vigilance Committee of young men" named by the 9th Ward's "Independent Democratic Republican Rank and File" to safeguard the 1834 election.<sup>311</sup> Soon after, the Board of Aldermen proposed to appoint him foreman of the 3rd District Watch.<sup>312</sup>

In 1848, suggesting their intention of relocating, Lawrence and Sarah received a certificate of removal from Bedford Street Church.<sup>313</sup> Son David later noted his own birth in New York City and his residence in Oswego since 1848.<sup>314</sup>

Lawrence and Sarah and their family lived in Oswego's 3rd Ward in 1850; Lawrence was a bookbinder and owned real estate worth \$500.<sup>315</sup> On 17 April 1855 he bought for \$400 a tract of land on Bridge Street in Ward 3 from John M. Smith.<sup>316</sup> As Lawrence "St. Clair" he was enumerated in the 1855 state census in Oswego's 3rd Ward, born in New York County, with his and his son George's occupations listed as "Book Binder."<sup>317</sup> Lawrence and Sarah continued to live in the Oswego's Ward 3 through 1870.<sup>318</sup>

After Lawrence's death, his surviving children conveyed his property on Bridge Street to their mother, Sarah R. Sinclair.<sup>319</sup> Two years later Sarah sold the property to Mary E. Davis. While that deed states that Sarah was "of the City of Oswego," Sarah acknowledged it in Brooklyn 24 October 1873, sug-

<sup>309</sup> Andrew Sinclair baptism (note 297). Stephen C. R. Sinclair baptism (note 301). J. John Sinclair bapt., 24 June 1827, and Thomas G. Sinclair bapt. 29 Jan. 1830, both in Allen St. [formerly 4th St.] Methodist Episcopal Church, Register of Baptisms and Marriages, image, *Ancestry*, from Methodist Episcopal Church Records in New York and Vicinity (note 297), 138A:290, 293. Membership Book, 1837–1858, Bedford St., New York City, Methodist Episcopal Church, unpaginated, alphabetical by first letter of last name, C. Wesley Christman Archives of the New York Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, White Plains, N.Y., retrieved and reviewed by archivist Beth Patkus.

<sup>310</sup> "Vigilance Committee," *Evening Post*, 11 Jan. 1834, p. 2, col. 7. "Vigilance Committee," *Evening Post*, 1 Mar. 1834, p. 2, col. 6. In these two long, unalphabetized lists of names, Andrew Sinclair and Lawrence Sinclair are listed sequentially. The March article refers to "L. Sinclair" and Andrew Sinclair.

<sup>311</sup> "Ninth Ward," *New-York Commercial Advertiser*, 2 Apr. 1834, [p. 7], col. 2.

<sup>312</sup> "Board of Aldermen," *New-York Commercial Advertiser*, 24 June 1834, [p. 1], col. 3.

<sup>313</sup> Membership Book, 1837–1858, Bedford St. Methodist Episcopal Church (note 309).

<sup>314</sup> [Crisfield Johnson,] *History of Oswego County, New York, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers* (Philadelphia: L. H. Everts and Co., 1877), 436.

<sup>315</sup> Lawrence Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census, Oswego, Ward 3, Oswego Co., N.Y., p. 414 (penned), p. 207 (stamped, verso), dw. 407, fam. 455 (NARA M432, roll 576).

<sup>316</sup> John M. Smith and Amanda G., his wife, to Lawrence Sinclair, dated 17 Apr. 1855, Oswego Co., N.Y., Deeds 82:96–97 (DGS 7,184,178). The Oswego Co. grantee index does not list a prior sale to Lawrence Sinclair (DGS 7,182,953).

<sup>317</sup> Lawrence St. Clair household, 1855 New York state census (note 305).

<sup>318</sup> Lawrence Sinclair household, 1865 New York State census (note 305). Lawrence Sinclair household, 1870 U.S. census, Oswego, Ward 3, Oswego Co., N.Y., pp. 15–16 (penned), p. 144 (stamped, recto and verso), dw. 124, fam. 127 (NARA M593, roll 1073). He was not found in the 1860 census.

<sup>319</sup> George M. Sinclair and Mary E., his wife, Margaret E. Graham, Thomas G. Sinclair and Abigail, his wife, David Sinclair and Mary, his wife, Susan A. Davis, wife of Richard Davis, Lucetia S. Thomas, wife of Albert Thomas, and Elenore Sinclair to Sarah R. Sinclair, dated 3 July 1871, Oswego Co., N.Y., Deeds 134:366–68 (DGS 7,184,221).

gesting that she had recently moved there.<sup>320</sup> In 1875 Sarah, a widow, lived with daughter Margaret and Margaret's husband Lewis W. Seaman on Park Place in Brooklyn, just north of Prospect Park. Sarah continued to live there with the Seamans until her death.<sup>321</sup>

Children of Lawrence<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Smith) Sinclair, all born in New York City:<sup>322</sup>

- i. MARGARET<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born about 1823–1824; died in Brooklyn 15 August 1899, aged 75 years, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery;<sup>323</sup> married first say 1843–1844 (first-known child) THOMAS GRAHAM, born in Albany County, New York, about 1819–1822; died in Brooklyn 21 July 1870, aged 48, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery;<sup>324</sup> married second in Brooklyn 17 February 1874 LEWIS W. SEAMAN, born in New York City about 1813–1818,<sup>325</sup> died after 4 December 1899, when he was mentioned in the petition to probate his wife's will. Margaret and Lewis may have been estranged. By her will dated 19 December 1885, Margaret left \$250 to her husband Lewis, "rather as a mark of [her] affection, than as a pecuniary benefit"; however, by her codicil dated 13 July 1892, she revoked Lewis's legacy.<sup>326</sup>
- ii. [UNNAMED SON] SINCLAIR, stillborn, 27 January 1826, and was buried in Greenwich Methodist Episcopal ground, New York City.<sup>327</sup>
- iii. J. JOHN<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born 27 March 1827 and baptized in Allen Street Methodist Episcopal Church 24 June 1827.<sup>328</sup> No further information found.
- iv. THOMAS G.<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born 13 October 1829, and baptized in Allen Street Methodist Episcopal Church 29 January 1830;<sup>329</sup> died in Geneva, Ontario Coun-

<sup>320</sup> Sarah R. Sinclair to Mary E. Davis, dated 23 Oct. 1873, Oswego Co., N.Y., Deeds 142:166–67 (DGS 7,184,185).

<sup>321</sup> Lewis W. Seaman household, 1875 New York state census, Brooklyn, Ward 9, Dist. 3, Kings Co., p. 23, dw. 109, fam. 171. Lewis W. Seaman household, 1880 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 71, p. 48, dw. 275, fam. 465 (NARA T9, roll 844).

<sup>322</sup> For New York Co. as birthplace of George, Lucretia, and Elenora, Lawrence St. Clair household, 1855 New York state census (note 305). Unless otherwise noted, birthplaces of the remaining children are based on the parents' residential history and places of baptism.

<sup>323</sup> Margrat [sic] Seaman death cert., Brooklyn, 1899, no. 14215 (DGS 4,006,495). Margaret Seaman memorial, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., memorial 57,554,470, no image, *Find A Grave*. See also Margaret Elizabeth [Graham] marker, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., memorial 133,710,865, image, *Find A Grave*. The memorial lists her year of death as 1890, but the marker is too worn to read in the photograph. Margaret E. Seaman estate file, Kings Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court probate file, no file number, will proved 13 Dec. 1899 (DGS 4,266,024). For Margaret's place of birth, Thomas Graham household, 1855 New York state census, Brooklyn, Ward 6, Dist. 2, Kings Co., unpaginated, dw. 343, fam. 717.

<sup>324</sup> Thomas Graham households: 1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 12, New York Co., N.Y., p. 33 (stamped, verso), dw. 409, fam. 511 (NARA M432, roll 548), and 1855 New York state census (note 323). Their daughter Sarah was listed as age 5 in 1850, age 10 in 1855 (therefore born about 1844–1845). Thomas was listed as age 30 in 1850 and as age 33 in 1855. Thomas Graham death cert., Brooklyn, 1870, no. 5147 (DGS 4,003,747). Thos. Graham burial, "Burial Search," database, *Green-Wood Cemetery* ([https://www.green-wood.com/burial\\_search](https://www.green-wood.com/burial_search)), indicating he was buried 24 July 1870 in lot 12783, section 27 (the same lot in which Margaret was later buried). Thomas Graham marker, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., memorial 133,710,253, image, *Find A Grave*. He shares a marker with his wife, Margaret Elizabeth (see note 323). Next to their marker is a large obelisk for their daughter Sarah R. Graham, who died in 1860 (Sarah R. Graham marker, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., memorial 133,596,871, image, *Find A Grave*).

<sup>325</sup> Lewis Seaman–Margaret E. Graham marriage notice, *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 18 Feb. 1874, p. 3, col. 2. Lewis W. Seaman household, 1875 New York state census (note 321), listing him as age 61, born in New York Co. Lewis W. Seaman household, 1880 U.S. census (note 321), age 62, born in New York [state].

<sup>326</sup> Margaret E. Seaman estate file (note 323). Her death record indicates she was a widow, but the petition to probate her will, filed 4 Dec. 1899 by her son Chauncey B. Graham, states that she left a surviving husband, Lewis W. Seaman, of 521 Green Ave., Brooklyn.

<sup>327</sup> Death record for unnamed son of Lawrence Sinclair, 27 Jan. 1826, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 5 (DGS 4,005,521).

<sup>328</sup> J. John Sinclair bapt. (note 309).

<sup>329</sup> Thomas G. Sinclair bapt. (note 309). His 1865 New York state census entry (note 331) lists his county of birth as New York.

- ty, New York, 28 March 1894, and was buried in Oswego;<sup>330</sup> married as his second wife, say 1858 (first-known child), ABIGAIL [–?–], born in Cayuga County, New York, in 1839, died in Oswego 6 April 1908 and was buried there.<sup>331</sup>
- v. DAVID<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born about 1830–1831;<sup>332</sup> died after the 1880 census;<sup>333</sup> married at Bedford Street Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, 24 April 1855 MARY A./MARIAM WILLIAMS,<sup>334</sup> born in New York City about 1834–1835,<sup>335</sup> died after the 1880 census.<sup>336</sup>
- vi. SUSAN ANN<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born 19 December 1835; died in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, 17 January 1910;<sup>337</sup> married in Oswego 23 December 1852 RICHARD ALEXANDER DAVIS, born in Wolf Island, Ontario, [Upper] Canada, about 5 November 1828 (calculated), died in Chicago 14 April 1900, aged 71 years, 5 months, 9 days, son of William and Sarah (McDonald) Davis.<sup>338</sup>
- vii. GEORGE MESERRE<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born 8 November 1839; died in Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, 23 January 1915;<sup>339</sup> married in New York City 17 September 1867 MARY ELIZABETH BROOKS, born in New York City about 1841–1842, died before the 1880 census, daughter of John W. and Catherine B. (Sueter-

<sup>330</sup> “Death of Thomas G. Sinclair,” *Daily Palladium* [Oswego, N.Y.], 29 Mar. 1894, p. 5, col. 5. The index to deaths reported in New York State, 1894, shows Thomas G. Sinclair died in Geneva on 28 Mar. 1894, citing cert. 13613. The certificate has not been examined. His *Find A Grave* memorial (no. 161,570,316) incorrectly lists his date of death as 28 May 1894.

<sup>331</sup> Abigail Sinclair memorial, Rural Cemetery, Oswego, N.Y., memorial 161,570,237, no image, *Find A Grave*. The index to deaths reported in New York State, 1908, shows Abigail Sinclair died in Oswego on 6 Apr. 1908, citing cert. 18269. The certificate has not been examined. “Mortuary Matters,” *Post-Standard* [Syracuse, N.Y.], p. 6, col. 6, indicating Abigail Sinclair’s funeral was held that afternoon from the residence of her daughter Mrs. A. C. Inman. For first-known child, Abigail’s county of birth, and number of times married, Thomas G. Sinclair household, 1865 New York state census, Town of Scriba (south half), Oswego Co., N.Y., p. 77, dw. 348, fam. 349. The census shows that Abigail, married once, was the mother of two children. The household included three children: Sarah, age 12, born in Westchester Co., and Ada, age 6, and Florence, age 2 ½, both born in Oswego Co. Abigail was presumably the mother of the two youngest girls.

<sup>332</sup> David Sinclair, upholsterer, aged 19, in the M. D. Weit household, 1850 U.S. census, Oswego, Ward 3, Oswego Co., N.Y., p. 360 (penned), dw. 22, fam. 23 (NARA M432, roll 576). Jared Matthews household, 1855 New York state census, Town of Rome, Dist. 3, Oneida Co., pp. 30–31 (penned), dw. 222, fam. 237, in which David was listed as age 23, born in New York Co.

<sup>333</sup> David Sinclair household, 1880 U.S. census, Oswego, Oswego Co., N.Y., ED 250, p. 14, dw. 106, fam. 106 (NARA T9, roll 914). He may be the David Sinclair whose name is listed in the index to deaths reported in New York State (died in Oswego 8 Dec. 1888, citing cert. 42655); the certificate has not been examined.

<sup>334</sup> David Sinclair–Mary A. Williams marriage [transcription], 24 Apr. 1855, Bedford St. Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, in Samuel Seaman, transcriber, Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, 6:91 (DGS 7,856,453).

<sup>335</sup> Mary Sinclair in the Jared Matthews household, 1855 New York state census (note 332).

<sup>336</sup> David Sinclair household, 1880 U.S. census (note 333), in which her name was recorded as Mariam.

<sup>337</sup> Susan Ann Davis death cert., Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., 1910, no. 3252 (DGS 4,004,712). Susan Ann Sinclair Davis memorial, Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum, Chicago, Ill., memorial 124,217,367, no image, *Find A Grave*. Her husband’s sketch in *History of the Great Lakes* states that she was born in New York City and names her father, Lawrence Sinclair (Capt. R. A. Davis sketch in J. B. Mansfield, *History of the Great Lakes*, 2 vols. [Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1899], 2:585–86).

<sup>338</sup> Capt. R. A. Davis sketch in Mansfield, *History of the Great Lakes* (note 337), 2:585–86. Richard Alexander Davis death cert., Chicago, Ill., 1900, no. 3979 (DGS 4,004,361, image 998). Capt. Richard A. Davis death notice, *Chicago Tribune*, 15 Apr. 1900, p. 7, col. 4. “Veteran Vesselmaster Dead,” *Buffalo* [N.Y.] *Commercial*, 18 Apr. 1900, p. 9, col. 5. Their daughter Margaret A. McGregor, “formerly Margaret A. Davis,” of Chicago, was bequeathed a pair of diamond earrings and a large cameo pin by her aunt Margaret E. (Sinclair) (Graham) Seaman (Margaret E. Seaman estate file [note 323]). For Richard’s place of birth, James H. Davis [Richard and Susan’s son] death cert., Ill., 1932, no. 425 (DGS 4,153,366, image 447).

<sup>339</sup> Geo. M. Sinclair death cert., Stamford, Conn., 1915, no. 38, Stamford City and Town Clerk, listing his occupation as bookbinder. The informant, Mrs. Geo. Sinclair, did not name his parents or birthplace. Geo. St. Clair, 16, bookbinder, in the Lawrence St. Clair household, 1855 New York state census (note 305). Geo. Sinclair, age 12, in the Lawrence Sinclair household, 1850 U.S. census (note 315). George M. Sinclair–Mary Elizabeth Brooks marriage, New York City, 1867, cert. 5136 (DGS 7,587,096), listing his age as 27. For his middle name, George Messere Sinclair–Jane Catherine Miller marriage cert., New York City, Borough of Manhattan, 1914, no. 23953 (DGS 7589463).

land/Sutherland) Brooks;<sup>340</sup> married second in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, 5 September 1914 JANE CATHERINE (LUCAS) MILLER, born in New York City 19 September 1848, died in Stamford 5 March 1921, daughter of Thomas and Mary J. (Stevens) Lucas and the widow of Jacob Miller.<sup>341</sup> George served in the Civil War in Company E, 5th Regiment of New York State Infantry and was wounded at the Battle of Bull Run. In the 1880s he went to Stamford, where he was for many years in charge of the *Stamford Advocate's* bindery.<sup>342</sup>

- viii. LUCRETIA<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born in April 1842;<sup>343</sup> died in Solvay, Town of Geddes, Onondaga County, New York, 22 June 1920;<sup>344</sup> married in New York City in January 1865 ALBERT PECK THOMAS, born in Oswego County about 7 March 1838 (calculated),<sup>345</sup> died in Syracuse, Onondaga County, 4 January 1910, aged 71 years, 9 months, 28 days.<sup>346</sup> He was serving as a captain in the 24th New York Cavalry at the time of the 1865 New York state census.<sup>347</sup>
- ix. ELENORA B.<sup>4</sup> SINCLAIR, born 2 October 1848; died unmarried in Chicago 25 February 1921.<sup>348</sup> In 1920, age 72 and single, she resided in Chicago with her niece Margaret (Davis) McGregor,<sup>349</sup> daughter of her sister Susan Ann (vi, above).

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<sup>340</sup> Sinclair–Brooks marriage (note 339), in which she was listed as age 25. George Sinclair household, 1880 U.S. census, Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.J., ED 32, p. 31, dw. 226, fam. 307 (NARA T9, roll 784), identifying George as widowed.

<sup>341</sup> Jennie C. Miller Sinclair death cert., Stamford, Conn., 1921, no. 121, Stamford City and Town Clerk. For her first husband, Jennie C. Miller marker, Woodland Cemetery, Stamford, Conn., memorial 19,638,907, image, *Find A Grave*, identifying her as wife of Jacob Miller. Sinclair–Miller marriage cert. (note 339), indicating that the marriage was the third for each of them; nothing further was learned about other marriages.

<sup>342</sup> “G. M. Sinclair Dead,” [Stamford, Conn.] *Daily Advocate*, 23 Jan. 1915, p. 1., col. 6. George M. Sinclair (Pvt./Corp./Sgt., Co. E, 5th Regt., N.Y. Infantry), Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts of New York State Volunteers, United States Sharpshooters, and United States Colored Troops (ca. 1861–1900), Series 13775-83, New York State Archives, Albany, image, *Ancestry*.

<sup>343</sup> Albert Thomas household, 1900 U.S. census, Syracuse, Ward 4, Onondaga Co., N.Y., ED 96, sh. 12B, dw. 222, fam. 293 (NARA T623, roll 1136).

<sup>344</sup> Lucretia B. St. Clair Thomas memorial, Woodlawn Cemetery, Syracuse, N.Y., memorial 163,366,609, no image, *Find A Grave*. The memorial includes a clipping from an unidentified newspaper announcing the death of Mrs. Lucretia B. Thomas. The index to deaths reported in New York State for 1920 includes the name of Lucretia S. Thomas, who died in Solvay on 22 June 1920, citing cert. 41066. The certificate has not been examined.

<sup>345</sup> Albert Thomas, son-in-law, in the Lawrence Sinclair household, 1865 New York state census (note 305). Albert P. Thomas–Lucretia [sic] Sinclair marriage, 1865 New York state census, Oswego, Ward 3, northern dist., p. 89, schedule 5: “Marriages that have occurred . . . during the year ending June 1, 1865.” Albert Peck Thomas memorial, Woodlawn Cemetery, Syracuse, N.Y., memorial 11,6340,786, no image, *Find A Grave*. The memorial includes a clipping from an unidentified newspaper of his death notice, which indicates his age at death.

<sup>346</sup> Albert Peck Thomas memorial and newspaper clipping (note 345). The index to deaths reported in New York State for 1910 includes the name of Albert P. Thomas, who died in Syracuse on 4 Jan. 1910, citing cert. 547. The certificate has not been examined.

<sup>347</sup> 1865 New York state census, Oswego, Ward 3, northern dist., p. 80, Schedule 3: “Additional Inquiries Relating to Officers and Enlisted Men, now in the Military or Naval Service of the United States,” for p. 77, line 31.

<sup>348</sup> Ella B. Sinclair death cert., Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., 1921, no. 5360 (DGS 4,005,217).

<sup>349</sup> Ella Sinclair in the George H. McGregor household, 1920 U.S. census, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., ED 810, sh. 4B, dw 51, fam. 80 (NARA T625, roll 323).

## THE BENGALI AND ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF NEW YORK CITY IMMIGRANT THOMAS<sup>2</sup> CHAPMAN (1777–1862)

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(continued from THE RECORD 150:182)

2. **THOMAS<sup>2</sup> CHAPMAN** (Thomas<sup>1</sup>, probably Thomas<sup>A</sup>) was born 13 December 1777 in Bengal, India, probably in Mahomedpore (today Mamudpur, West Bengal, India), a small area between Kasim Bazar [Cossimbazar] and the modern border of India and Bangladesh. He was baptized at St. Andrew Holborn, London, England, 22 June 1785.<sup>125</sup> Thomas died in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, 16 August 1862, aged 84 years, 8 months, 3 days.<sup>126</sup> He was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn.<sup>127</sup> Thomas married in the First Presbyterian Church, New York City, 12 April 1807, widow **JANE (BLACK) BRARD**.<sup>128</sup> She was born in Connecticut 12 February 1777 and was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church, New York City, 22 January 1784.<sup>129</sup> Jane died in New York City 11 February 1850 and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery.<sup>130</sup> She was the daughter of James and Abigail (Bush) Black.<sup>131</sup>

Jane married first say 1796 (first-known child) Jaques/James Brard.<sup>132</sup> He was born 31 July 1766 and baptized in the French Church in New York City 4 August 1766.<sup>133</sup> James was buried in a Dutch Reformed cemetery, New

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<sup>125</sup> Thomas Chapman baptism, 22 June 1785, St. Andrew Holborn (Middlesex, England), Parish Registers, Baptisms 1781–1792, unpaginated, arranged chronologically (*FamilySearch* [https://www.familysearch.org] Digital Genealogical Society no. [DGS] 7,905,454).

<sup>126</sup> Thomas Chapman death certificate, Brooklyn, 1862, no. 2160.

<sup>127</sup> Burial records and marker for grave 187, public lot 1596, section 86, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., PDF and image from cemetery staff, 1 Dec. 2015. Thomas's plot is shared with his wife Jane and daughter Louisa; the marker does not list Thomas's name.

<sup>128</sup> Thomas Chapman–Jane Brard marriage, 12 Apr. 1807, in “Records of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches of the City of New York, Marriages,” RECORD 15 (1884): 135. Until 1809 records of this church include those of two other Presbyterian churches, Brick and Rutgers St. (Harry Macy Jr., “Presbyterian Records of New York City [Manhattan],” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Society* [https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/knowledgebase/presbyterian-records-new-york-city-manhattan]). For her maiden name, see the first installment of this article at RECORD 150:165n2.

<sup>129</sup> Jane Black baptism, “Records of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches in the City of New York, Births and Baptisms,” RECORD 16 (1885): 139. For birthplace, Jane Chapman death, 11 Feb. 1850, New York City death register, vol. 17. This and other New York City death registers cited in this article are unpaginated, arranged in rough chronological order and by the first letter of the surname.

<sup>130</sup> Jane Chapman death (note 129). Burial records and marker image for grave 187, public lot 1596, section 86, Green-Wood Cemetery (note 127).

<sup>131</sup> Jane Black baptism (note 129).

<sup>132</sup> For Jane's first-known child and first husband's name, Elizabeth Board [*sic*] baptism, “Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New York, Baptisms,” RECORD 32 (1901): 18.

<sup>133</sup> Alfred V. Wittmeyer, ed., *Registers of the Births, Marriages, and Deaths of the “Eglise Française à la Nouvelle York,” from 1688 to 1804*, Collections of the Huguenot Society of America, vol. 1 (New York: Huguenot Society of America, 1885), 280.

York City, 9 March 1806.<sup>134</sup> He was the son of Martin and Madeleine (Blanchard) Brard.<sup>135</sup>

Children of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Jane (Black) (Brard) Chapman, all born in New York City:

- i. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> CHAPMAN, born about 1807–1808; died in New York City about 8 August 1813, aged 5 years, and was buried there in Trinity Episcopal churchyard.<sup>136</sup>
- ii. MARY<sup>3</sup> CHAPMAN, born about 1808–1809; died in New York City about 13 December 1816, aged 7 years, and was buried there in Trinity Episcopal churchyard.<sup>137</sup>
3. iii. CHARLOTTE<sup>3</sup> CHAPMAN, born about 14 October 1811; died in New York City 12 July 1878; married there 7 September 1837 WILLIAM FITZALLAN KIDNEY.
- iv. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> CHAPMAN, born possibly about 1815–1816; died in New York City about 13 February 1825 and was buried there in St. John's Burying Ground.<sup>138</sup>
- v. LOUISA<sup>3</sup> CHAPMAN, born 4 May 1817; died unmarried in New York City 19 April 1849 and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery.<sup>139</sup>
- vi. AMELIA<sup>3</sup> CHAPMAN, born about 6 March 1820 (calculated); died in New York City about 8 March 1821, aged 1 year, 2 days, and was buried there in Trinity Episcopal churchyard.<sup>140</sup>
- vii. JULIA<sup>3</sup> CHAPMAN, born 2 October 1822; died unmarried in Charleston, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, 10 June 1909, and was buried there in Hills Creek Cemetery.<sup>141</sup>

3. CHARLOTTE<sup>3</sup> CHAPMAN (Thomas<sup>2-1</sup>, probably Thomas<sup>A</sup>) was born in New York City about 14 October 1811 (calculated). She died there 12 July 1878, aged 66 years, 8 months, 29 days, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery,

<sup>134</sup> James Breard [*sic*] burial, "Burials in the Dutch Church, New York City," RECORD 75 (1944): 133.

<sup>135</sup> Wittmeyer, *Registers . . . of the "Eglise Française à la Nouvelle York"* (note 133), 280. Madeleine's maiden name is found in the baptismal record of the couple's daughter Anne (Wittmeyer, *Registers . . . of the "Eglise Française à la Nouvelle York,"* 300).

<sup>136</sup> Thomas Chapman death, 8 Aug. 1813, New York City death registers, vol. 1. New York City death registers up to 1843 contain information reported to the Board of Health by cemetery sextons. In many cases the "death date" is actually the date of burial, which is what is shown in this record. "Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from 1750," database, *Trinity Wall Street* (<https://registers.trinitywallstreet.org/files/history/registers/registry.php>), for burial of "Child, Chapman's" [child of Mr. Chapman], 8 Aug. 1813, aged 5 years.

<sup>137</sup> Mary Chapman death, 13 Dec. 1816, New York City death register, vol. 3. "Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from 1750" (note 136), for burial of "Child, Chapman's" [child of Mr. Chapman], 13 Dec. 1816, aged 6 years.

<sup>138</sup> Wm. Chapman death, 13 Feb. 1825, New York City death register, vol. 5, which lists his age as 9 months [born about May 1824]. That age conflicts with his burial record, which shows he was aged 9 years [born about 1815–1816] (Trinity Church, New York, Burial Register, St. John's, [page number not visible], image obtained from Trinity Church Wall Street Archives, 120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.). His father's households in the 1816, 1819, and 1820 censuses included two males. The 1820 census indicates one male was under age 10, possibly this son, William. Thomas Chapman entry, 1816 Jury Census, New York City, Ward 2, p. 30, 95 Beekman St., "New York City Municipal Archives Collections: Browse New York County Jury Census," NYC Department of Records and Information Services (<http://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/NYCMAT~10~10>); also Thomas Chapman, 1819 Jury Census, New York City, Ward 2, p. 11, 38 Spruce St., in which Thomas was listed as a tenant, age 40, an accountant, with two males and five females in his household; and Thomas Chapman household, 1820 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 2, New York Co., N.Y., p. 115 (penned, left margin) (NARA M33, roll 77), with one free white male under age 10, one free white male age 26–44, two free white females under age 10, one free white female age 10–15, one free white female age 16–25, and one free white female age 26–44.

<sup>139</sup> Louisa Chapman death, 19 Apr. 1849, New York City death register, vol. 16. Louisa Chapman entry, Deaths and Interments in the City of Brooklyn, vol. 1, p. 125 (DGS 4,103,429). Burial records and marker image for grave 187, public lot 1596, section 86, Green-Wood Cemetery (note 127).

<sup>140</sup> Amelia Chapman death, 8 Mar. 1821, New York City death register, vol. 4. Amelia Chapman burial, 8 Mar. 1831, Trinity Church, New York, Burial Register, Trinity churchyard, p. 114 (note 138).

<sup>141</sup> Julia Chapman death certificate, Pa., 1909, no. 58045, image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>). "Death of Miss Julia Chapman," *Wellsboro [Pa.] Agitator*, 16 June 1909, p. 8, col. 4.



Brooklyn.<sup>142</sup> Charlotte married in New York City 7 September 1837 **WILLIAM FITZALLAN KIDNEY**,<sup>143</sup> who was born in New York City about 1802–1803. He died in White Plains, Westchester County, New York, 10 May 1865<sup>144</sup> following an accident during construction of Grace Episcopal Church there:

. . . the scaffold in front of the new Episcopal Church in this town—a stone edifice—which was being used by the masons in pointing the wall, gave way and fell to the ground—a distance of forty feet. Mr. Samuel [*sic*] Kidney, the foreman and superintendant [*sic*] of the mason-work . . . [was] upon the scaffold at the time, and fell with it. . . . The accident was caused by the removal, inside the building, of the braces from the timbers upon which rested the scaffold outside, by the workmen engaged in putting on lath; and this fact was not observed by Mr. Kidney or the men under him.<sup>145</sup>

William's original burial place is not known. He was reinterred in Green-Wood Cemetery 9 June 1888.<sup>146</sup> He was the son of Henry and Maria (Allgood) Kidney.<sup>147</sup>

Children of William Fitzallan and Charlotte<sup>3</sup> (Chapman) Kidney:

- i. WILLIAM CHAPMAN<sup>4</sup> KIDNEY, born in New York City or in Sing Sing, Westchester County, in 1839;<sup>148</sup> died in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, 13 December 1911, aged 72 years, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Endicott, Broome County, New York;<sup>149</sup> married first in New York City 25 August 1875 EMMA AGUSTA LOCKWOOD, born there about 1842–1843, died in New York City 13 October 1890, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, daughter of George

<sup>142</sup> Charlotte Kidney death certificate, New York City, 1878, no. 295465. Burial records for lot 17845, section 175, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., email from cemetery staff, 20 Jan. 2016.

<sup>143</sup> William F. Kidney–Charlotte Chapman marriage announcement, [New York City] *Evening Star*, 8 Sept. 1837, [p. 2], col. 5. William's middle name is listed in his daughter's obituary ("Mrs. William Thompson, Widow of Civil War Veteran[,] Dies in Brooklyn at 99," *New York Times*, 13 Jan. 1946, p. 43, col. 1).

<sup>144</sup> Wm. F. Kidney death notice, *New-York Daily Tribune*, 11 May 1865, p. 5, col. 5, "in the 63d year of his age." For birthplace, William Kidney household, 1855 New York state census, New York City, Ward 21, Elect. Dist. 4, New York Co., unpaginated, dw. 171, fam. 553.

<sup>145</sup> "Serious if Not Fatal Accident," *Eastern State Journal* [White Plains, N.Y.], 5 May 1865, [p. 4], col. 2.

<sup>146</sup> Burial records for lot 17845, section 175, Green-Wood Cemetery (note 142). His name was not found in New York City's records of Bodies in Transit for May–June 1865 or May–June 1888. See New York City, *Bodies in Transit*, vols. 3 (1865–1866), unpaginated, and 10 (1881–1894), p. 172, *NYC Department of Records and Information Services* (<http://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/NYCMA~4~4>).

<sup>147</sup> Direct evidence of the names of William's parents has not been discovered, but indirect evidence shows he was the son of Henry and Maria (Allgood) Kidney. William had siblings Eleanora/Eleanora/Eleanora Sophia Kidney and Reverend John Steinfort Kidney/Kedney. For identification of the siblings, see Elenorah Sophia Kidney will, dated 2 Aug. 1865, Kings Co., N.Y., Wills 38:151 (DGS 5,520,171), and petition for probate, Elenora S. Kidney estate, Kings Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court, will proved 2 June 1869 (DGS 4,150,454, images 91–97). Several biographies were published about William's brother John during John's lifetime. The biographies name John's parents. See, for example, Rossiter Johnson and John Howard Brown, eds., *Twentieth Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans* . . . , 10 vols. (Boston: The Biographical Society, 1904), vol. 6, alphabetical by surname, Kedney. For the siblings' mother, Mariah [*sic*] Kidney estate file, Westchester Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court file 1835-46 (DGS 7,333,047, images 874–81). Also, Maria Allgood, wife of Henry Kidney, in "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New York. Church Members List," RECORD 62 (1931): 44.

<sup>148</sup> William C. Kidney marker, Riverside Cemetery, Endicott, N.Y., memorial 60,450,100, image, *Find a Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>), which includes the years of birth and death. He was not found in the 1900 U.S. census. Record of his first marriage lists his birthplace as Sing Sing, Westchester Co., N.Y., and the 1865 New York state census lists Westchester Co. as his place of birth. Record of his second marriage and the 1855 state census list New York City/Co. as his birthplace. For first marriage, Wm. C. Kidney–Emma A. Lockwood marriage certificate, New York City, 1875, no. 5637. For second marriage, William C. Kidney–Lizzie B. (Cafferty) Webster marriage certificate, transcript from Binghamton City Clerk, 1899, no. 6134, City Clerk's Office, Binghamton; the original marriage record at the Department of Health in Albany has not been examined. William Kidney household, 1855 New York state census (note 144). Wm. C. Kidney household, 1865 New York state census, Brooklyn, Ward 13, Kings Co., p. 17, dw. 68, fam. 120.

<sup>149</sup> William C. Kidney death certificate, New York City, Borough of Manhattan, 1911, no. 36720. William C. Kidney marker (note 148).

- E. and Abbie (Albro) Lockwood;<sup>150</sup> married second in the City of Binghamton, Broome County, 13 December 1899 LIZZIE BUNTING (CAFFERTY) WEBSTER, born in Union, Broome County, 17 February 1855,<sup>151</sup> died in Binghamton 12 July 1932 and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Endicott,<sup>152</sup> daughter of Voorhees and Anna ([-?-]) Cafferty.<sup>153</sup>
- ii. ALFRED H.<sup>4</sup> KIDNEY, born in New York City or in Westchester County in August 1841;<sup>154</sup> died in the City of Port Jervis, Orange County, New York, 22 May 1925,<sup>155</sup> and was buried in Champion cemetery, Jefferson County, New York;<sup>156</sup> married first before 22 November 1873 (petition for administration on her father's estate) MYRTILLA N. SELVAGE,<sup>157</sup> born in Brooklyn 13 September 1846, died in Wilkesburg, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 31 March 1937, daughter of Charles C. Selvage and Julia Jeffries;<sup>158</sup> Alfred and Myrtilla evidently divorced by about 1881–1882, when Alfred married second MELINDA S. WAIT/WAITE,<sup>159</sup> born in Champion, Jefferson County, about 22 May 1852 (calculated), died in Port Jervis 13 October 1941, aged 89 years, 4 months, 21 days, daughter of Guevera M. and Cornelia (Holcomb) Wait/Waite.<sup>160</sup> Myrtilla married second

<sup>150</sup> Kidney–Lockwood marriage certificate (note 148). Emma Augusta [sic] Kidney death certificate, New York City, 1890, no. 32857. She was age 32 when she married, and aged 47 at her death. The Kidney–Lockwood marriage certificate indicates Emma had been previously married, but refers to her only by her maiden name.

<sup>151</sup> Kidney–Webster marriage certificate (note 148), which includes Lizzie's place of birth. The groom was a resident of Dobbs Ferry and the bride a resident of Binghamton. Lizzie Bunting Cafferty adult baptism, 10 Feb. 1878, St. John's [Episcopal] Memorial Church, Ellenville, N.Y., Parish Register (1865–1911), pp. 64–65, image, *Ancestry*, from original records of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Lizzie [sic] Cafferty in the Voras [sic] Cafferty household, 1865 New York state census, Owego, Tioga Co., pp. 10–11, dw. 57, fam. 68. Lizzie Caferty in the Phorse [sic] Caferty houseold, 1875 New York state census, Town of Union, Broome Co., p. 2, dw. 10, fam. 13.

<sup>152</sup> Lizzie Cafferty Kidney death certificate, local copy, 1932, no. 530, Binghamton City Clerk. The original death record from the Department of Health in Albany has not been examined. Lizzie B. Kidney marker, Riverside Cemetery, Endicott, N.Y., memorial 6,0450,099, image, *Find a Grave*.

<sup>153</sup> Lizzie Bunting Cafferty adult baptism (note 151). Lizzie Cafferty Kidney death certificate (note 152).

<sup>154</sup> The 1855 census lists his birthplace as New York Co. and the 1865 census lists it as Westchester Co. William Kidney household, 1855 New York state census (note 144). Wm. C. Kidney household, 1865 New York state census (note 148). For month and year of birth, Alfred Kidney household, 1900 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Manhattan, New York Co., N.Y., Enumeration District (ED) 640, sh. 15B, dw. 130, fam. 348 (NARA T623, roll 1109).

<sup>155</sup> Albert [sic] H. Kidney death certificate, New York, 1925, no. 23989, New York State Department of Health, Vital Records Section, Albany. Petition for letters of administration on the Alfred H. Kidney estate, Orange Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court petitions for administration, vol. 532, file no. 10-202, filed 2 June 1925 (DGS 5,243,538, images 493–94).

<sup>156</sup> "Funeral Services Today for Late Alfred Kidney," *Watertown* [N.Y.] *Daily Times*, 26 May 1925, p. 13, col. 7.

<sup>157</sup> Petition for letters of administration on the estate of Charles C. Selvage, filed 22 Nov. 1873, Kings Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court, no file number, letters dated 11 Mar. 1874 (DGS 4,158,243, images 108–11). The petitioner, Julia M. Selvage, identified Myrtilla, "wife of Alfred H. Kidney," as one of Charles's seven children. Alfred H. Kidney household, 1875 New York state census, Brooklyn, Ward 3, Elect. Dist. 3, Kings Co., p. 48, dw. 33, fam. 486, with his wife's given name listed as Matilda [sic] N. Kidney.

<sup>158</sup> Myrtilla N. Jones death certificate, Pa., 1937, no. 27287, image, *Ancestry*. Alfred H. Kidney and Myrtilla N. Kidney were plaintiffs in a partition suit against Myrtilla's mother (administratrix of Charles's estate). According to newspaper coverage of the suit, Myrtilla was born prior to her parents' marriage. The case involved the question of whether Myrtilla had a right to inherit if her unmarried parents had a "verbal contract" to wed. "Verbal Contract of Marriage as Affecting the Legitimacy of a Child," *Brooklyn* [N.Y.] *Daily Eagle*, 26 Nov. 1875, [p. 4], col. 8. Legal Notice, Alfred H. Kidney and Myrtilla N. Kidney v. Julia N. Selvage, *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 12 Jan. 1875, [p. 4], col. 9. Court records have not been examined.

<sup>159</sup> The 1900 and 1910 censuses show the couple had been married for eighteen years and twenty-eight years, respectively. See Alfred Kidney household, 1900 U.S. census (note 154) and Alfred H. Kidney household, 1910 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Manhattan, New York Co., N.Y., ED 1733, sh. 8A, dw. 25, fam. 173 (NARA T624, roll 1026). Melinda's maiden name is from her son's marriage record (Henry Mortimer Kidney–Adelaide A. Delaney marriage, 7 Sept. 1919, Orange Co., N.Y., Marriages 3:494, no. A890 [DGS 4,477,953]). Alfred was not found in the 1880 census.

<sup>160</sup> Alfred Kidney household, 1900 U.S. census (note 154). For county of birth, Guevera M. Wait household, 1855 New York state census, Town of Denmark, Elect. Dist. 2, Lewis Co., unpaginated, dw. 199, fam. 206. Melinda S. Kidney death certificate, local copy, 1941, no. 118, from Port Jervis, N.Y., City Clerk. The original record at the Department of Health in Albany has not been examined.

about 1881–1882 Watson V. Jones, who was born in Pennsylvania 12 March 1854, died there in Wilkinsburg 12 March 1937, son of Washington and Martha (Van Horn) Jones.<sup>161</sup>

- iii. CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA<sup>4</sup> KIDNEY, born in New York City 5 April 1846; died in Brooklyn 10 January 1946, and was buried there in The Evergreens Cemetery;<sup>162</sup> married in Brooklyn 1 September 1869 WILLIAM HENRY THOMPSON,<sup>163</sup> born in New York City 20 January 1836,<sup>164</sup> died in New York State Soldiers and Sailors Home, Bath, Steuben County, New York, 13 June 1913, and was buried in the Home's cemetery (today Bath National Cemetery), son of James and Sarah Ann (Oakley) Thompson.<sup>165</sup>

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<sup>161</sup> For approximate year of marriage, Myrtella N. and Watson V. Jones in the George H. Lightcap household, 1910 U.S. census, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 587, sh. 11A–B, dw. 185, fam. 234 (NARA T624, roll 1306), which shows they had been married twenty-eight years. Myrtella N. Jones death certificate (note 158). Watson V. Jones death notice, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 13 Mar. 1937, p. 30, col. 2. Watson V. Jones death certificate, Pa., 1937, no. 27262, image, *Ancestry*.

<sup>162</sup> Charlotte A. Thompson death certificate, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, 1946, no. 1205. “Mrs. William Thompson, Widow of Civil War Veteran[,] Dies in Brooklyn at 99” (note 143). An Apr. 1846 birth is reported in the 1900 census (Agusta [*sic*] Thompson household, 1900 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 324, sh. 17B–18A, dw. 256, fam. 429 [NARA T623, roll 1057]). This is consistent with ages reported in the New York state censuses of 1855 and 1865, which list her birthplace as New York Co. (William Kidney household, 1855 New York state census [note 144], and Wm. C. Kidney household, 1865 New York state census [note 148]). In 1931, however, Charlotte reported she was born 5 Apr. 1849 (deposition of claimant, 12 Aug. 1931, Charlotte A. Thompson widow’s pension application no. 1,022,536, certificate no. A-10-15-31, combined with William H. Thompson [Cpl., Co. H, 13th N.Y.S.M. Inf., Civil War], pension application no. 579079, certificate no. 454929, VA claims folder XC-2719052, National Archives, St. Louis, Mo.).

<sup>163</sup> Deposition of claimant, 12 Aug. 1931, Charlotte A. Thompson Civil War widow’s pension application, VA claims folder XC-2719052 (note 162). According to Charlotte, she and William were married by the Rev. Jasua [*sic*] Leavitt at his home on Henry St.

<sup>164</sup> Notarized statement of claimant (dictated to Laura Thompson), 28 June 1886, William H. Thompson Civil War pension application, VA claims folder XC-2719052 (note 162).

<sup>165</sup> William H. Thompson death certificate, New York, 1913, no. 30298, Department of Health, Vital Records Section, Albany, which lists his parents’ names as unknown. For their names, including mother’s maiden name, deposition of claimant, 12 Aug. 1931, Charlotte A. Thompson Civil War widow’s pension application, VA claims folder XC-2719052 (note 162). James Thompson–Sarah Ann Oakley marriage announcement, *New-York [N.Y.] Spectator*, 10 Jan. 1832, [p. 3], col. 4.

## EARLY SICARD-SECOR FAMILIES OF NEW YORK: ORIGINS OF UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST WILLIAM SECORD

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(continued from THE RECORD 150:220)

7. **DANIEL<sup>3</sup> SICARD** (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Ambroise<sup>1</sup>) was born in New Rochelle, New York, about March 1697/8.<sup>328</sup> He died after 14 October 1766, when he sold seventy acres in the Manor of Fordham, Westchester County, New York.<sup>329</sup> Daniel married say 1719 (first-known child), probably in New Rochelle, **CATHERINE [-?-]**,<sup>330</sup> probably Catherine Maby/Mabie, who was born 14 June 1703 and baptized in New Rochelle 1 August 1703, daughter of Caspar Pieterszen and Elizabeth (Schuermens) Mabie.<sup>331</sup> Catherine died presumably after 14 September 1761, when she was referred to in a newspaper advertisement.<sup>332</sup>

Daniel held offices in New Rochelle up until 1742.<sup>333</sup> He was among twenty-nine petitioners 29 January 1735/6 to close a road there.<sup>334</sup> In 1743 he petitioned the church for a new minister.<sup>335</sup> In 1736 he acquired seventy-four

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<sup>328</sup> Howard S. F. Randolph, "The Census of 1698 for Mamaroneck, Morrisania, and New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York," RECORD 59 (1928): 105, daneall ce[c]ar, age 6 months on 5 Sept. 1698. "The List of the Towne of New Rochelle &c. XB+ 9<sup>th</sup> 1710," in E. B. O'Callaghan, *Documentary History of the State of New York*, 4 vols. (Albany: State of New York, 1849–1851), 3:946, Daniel Sycar Junr., age 12. The place of birth is based on his parents' residential history.

<sup>329</sup> Theodore F. Jones, ed., *New York University 1832–1932* (New York: New York Univ. Press, 1933), 426.

<sup>330</sup> For his wife's given name see below for the baptisms of their children Peter, Rachel, Annatje, James, Sophia, Mary, Sarah, Anna, and Margery. Also, advertisement placed by Daniel Sicard, *New-York Gazette* [New York City], 10 Aug. 1761, [p. 3], col. 2, giving notice that he would not be liable for his wife's debts. The following week he placed another advertisement voiding the first. The new ad ran five weeks, ending 14 Sept. 1761. Also, Daniel Secard and his wife, Catharine, to Joseph Anthony, dated 27 Oct. 1755, Westchester Co., N.Y., Deeds G:481–83, Westchester Co. Archives, Elmsford.

<sup>331</sup> Her surname is thought to have been Maby/Mabie based on associations observed in baptismal records for Elizabeth Maby (1726), Abraham Maby (1728/9), Daniel Robertson (1732), and Elizabeth Maby (1733), cited below. Henry David Gray reached the same conclusion ("Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family," RECORD 68 [1937]: 323n12), although he overlooked Catherine's baptismal record, as did Sarah Adelaide Mabie in "Mabie Family," RECORD 52 (1921): 251–55, at 252–53. See Catherine Mebe baptism, 1 Aug. 1703, in "Records of the French Church at New Rochelle, N.Y.," *New-York Historical Society Quarterly Bulletin* 1 (1917): 79, sponsors the father and Marie Simon. For Catherine Mabie and her family, see R. Robert Mutrie, *6,000 New York Ancestors: A Compendium of Mabie Research* (Toronto, Ont.: privately published, 1986), 3–4, 12. Mutrie identified Catherine Mabie as wife of Daniel Sicard (p. 12).

<sup>332</sup> Advertisement by Daniel Secord of Eastchester, 15 Aug. 1761, *New-York Gazette*, 14 Sept. 1761, [p. 4], col. 3, in which he voided an earlier advertisement (see note 330).

<sup>333</sup> Jeanne A. Forbes, *Records of the Town of New Rochelle 1699–1828* (New Rochelle, N.Y.: City of New Rochelle, 1916), 193, 200, 211, 241. He was fence viewer in 1721 and 1727–1729, surveyor in 1723 (called "Le Jeune D. Sycart"), and "Sesor" in 1742.

<sup>334</sup> Forbes, *Town of New Rochelle* (note 333), 220.

<sup>335</sup> Letter to a Dr. Bearcroft from the members of a church in New Rochelle, June 1, 1743, Duane family papers, 1665–1916 (bulk 1756–1900), Series I: Correspondence, 1680–1853, Box 1, 1680–1766, New-York Historical Society, image, *New York Heritage Digital Collection* (<https://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16124coll1/id/34794>); transcribed in Robert Bolton Jr., *A History of the County of Westchester from its First Settlement to the Present Time*, 2 vols. (New York: privately published, 1848), 1:410–11. Daniel signed his name "Daniel Sicard."

acres from his father,<sup>336</sup> and as Daniel Secord “the younger” he acquired another forty acres in New Rochelle on 15 December 1737.<sup>337</sup> Before 27 October 1755, when he sold 114 acres, Daniel sold thirty acres to Jeremiah Schureman.<sup>338</sup>

Daniel and Catherine were godparents to Elizabeth Wortman in 1731.<sup>339</sup> Catherine was godmother to Thomas Mott and Elizabeth Maby (1726), Abraham Maby (1729), Daniel Robertson (1732), Elizabeth Maby (1733), and Catherine Chadeayne (1746).<sup>340</sup>

After 25 February 1755, when the King of England confirmed an act allowing the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of New York to sell their land in the Manor of Fordham, Daniel Secord was among the principal grantees, with 108 acres.<sup>341</sup> He was a freeholder in the Borough of Westchester (which then included Fordham Manor) on 28 February 1763.<sup>342</sup> Daniel was a resident of Fordham Manor when he mortgaged land there to Peter DeLancey between 1762 and 1765. He also mortgaged about sixty acres in Fordham Manor to Abraham Leggett in 1764.<sup>343</sup> Disposition of these lands is unknown. Daniel Secord was “of Yonkers” when Donald Morrison sold him seventy acres in the Manor of Fordham about 1764. Daniel, in turn, sold seventy acres to Benjamin Archer Sr. 14 October 1766.<sup>344</sup>

Daniel’s sons Daniel, John, and Peter were probably the men by those names who in 1760 served as privates with the Provincial Troops of His Majesty’s 5th Company of Militia in the North Battalion of Westchester.<sup>345</sup>

<sup>336</sup> Daniel Secord Sr. to Daniel Secord Jr., in Forbes, *Town of New Rochelle* (note 333), 310–13.

<sup>337</sup> Forbes, *Town of New Rochelle* (note 333), 313–15.

<sup>338</sup> Secard to Anthony (note 330). The land was bounded “north or northwardly to lands now in possession of James Secard, (the brother of said Daniel Secard) & the land of Jacob Schureman,” on the south by land formerly belonging to John Clarke, deceased, “now in the tenure and occupation of his widow, Sussanna Clark,” and by land belonging to Moses Clark, on the east by land of Jeremiah Schureman, which he lately purchased of said Daniel Secard, and on the west by the Hutchinson River. For the size of the lot sold to Jeremiah Schureman, see Joseph Anthony to Benjamin Stevenson, dated 22 Mar. 1764, Westchester Co., N.Y., Deeds H:261–64, Westchester Co. Archives, Elmsford.

<sup>339</sup> Lucetta Cordelia H. Cole (Mrs. Alfred Bartlett Cole), “French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms from 1725 to 1765,” typescript (*FamilySearch* [https://www.familysearch.org] Digital Genealogical Society no. [DGS] 8,139,190), 11.

<sup>340</sup> Cole, “French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms” (note 339), 4, 7, 13–14, 15, 32.

<sup>341</sup> Robert Bolton, *The History of the Several Towns, Manors, and Patents of the County of Westchester from its First Settlement to the Present Time*, ed. by C. W. Bolton, 2 vols. (New York: Chas. F. Roper, 1881), 2:514–15.

<sup>342</sup> E. Marie Becker, “The 801 Westchester County Freeholders of 1763 . . .,” *New-York Historical Society Quarterly* 35 (1951): 312.

<sup>343</sup> Daniel Secord to Peter DeLancey, Westchester Co., N.Y., Mortgages A:85–86, 190–92, 214–15, dated 31 Aug. 1762, 5 Feb. 1765, and 18 May 1765, respectively (DGS 7,150,878). Daniel Sicard to Abraham Leggett, dated 16 Apr. 1764, Westchester Co., N.Y., Mortgages A:146–48 (DGS 7,150,878).

<sup>344</sup> Jones, *New York University* (note 329), 425–26.

<sup>345</sup> Catherine A. Verplanck, “Colonial Muster Roll,” RECORD 38 (1907): 15–16.

Children of Daniel<sup>3</sup> and Catherine ([Maby/Mabie?]) Sicard, all born in New Rochelle:<sup>346</sup>

- i. CATHERINE<sup>4</sup> SECORD,<sup>347</sup> born about 1720–1721; died 4 April 1801, aged 80 years, and was buried in Ridgefield, Bergen County, New Jersey;<sup>348</sup> married in Schraalenburgh, Bergen County, 10 July 1748 DAVID DEMAREST,<sup>349</sup> baptized in Hackensack, Bergen County, 3 March 1723,<sup>350</sup> died between 21 October 1772 (will) and 27 April 1795 (witness's attestation), probably in Hackensack,<sup>351</sup> son of Davidt and Maritie (Van Blerckum) De Maree.<sup>352</sup>
- ii. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> SECORD, born say 1722–1723,<sup>353</sup> died between 17 November 1817 (will) and 19 October 1818 (probate), perhaps in the Town of Somers, Westchester County, where he resided;<sup>354</sup> married before 15 January 1749/50 (Elinor Secor witnessed a will) ELINOR [–?–],<sup>355</sup> born say 1732 or earlier if at least age 18 at marriage, died probably between the 1810 census and 17 November 1817 (Daniel's will).<sup>356</sup> Daniel was assessed for tax in the Southern Precinct of Dutchess County, New York, in 1761, 1762, and 1766 through 1771; in 1772 and 1773 he was taxed in Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County (which was formed in 1772 from the Southern Precinct).<sup>357</sup> He and his brother Peter had adjacent land in Cortlandt

<sup>346</sup> Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" (note 331), 317–18, listing the children of Daniel and Catherine as Daniel, John, Peter and Rachel (twins), James, Sophia, Marie, Sarah, Anne, and Margery, with specific birth or baptismal dates provided for all except Daniel, John, and Anne. He estimated Anne's birth as 1740–1741. The birth order below is based on Gray.

<sup>347</sup> Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" (note 331), 317–18, did not include Catherine in his list of Daniel and Catherine's children, but a published genealogy of her husband's family identifies his wife as Catherine, daughter of Daniel of New Rochelle. See Mary A. Demarest and William H. S. Demarest, *The Demarest Family: David Des Marest of the French Patent on the Hackensack and His Descendants* (New Brunswick, N.J.: privately published, 1938), 75. Her placement as a child in this family is supported by baptismal records from Schraalenburgh, Bergen Co., N.J., where Annatje [Secord] witnessed the baptism of Catherine's daughter, and Catherine and Rachel [Secord] witnessed baptisms of two of Annatje's children (Holland Society of New York, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, New Jersey*, 2 parts [New York: printed for the Society, 1891], 2:121, 235, 239). Catherine's birth year, based on her age at death, places her as the first-born child in the family (Catherine Demarest marker, Ridgefield Cemetery, Ridgefield, N.J., memorial 7,209,174, image, *Find A Grave* [https://www.findagrave.com]). Catherine, Annatje, and Rachel Secord of New Rochelle all married men from Bergen Co., which supports their mother's identification as Catherine Mabie. Catherine Mabie's parents eventually moved to Bergen Co. See Mabie, "Mabie Family" (note 331), 252–53.

<sup>348</sup> Catherine Demarest marker (note 347).

<sup>349</sup> David De Mareest–Catherine Secor marriage, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh* (note 347), 2:46, both living in "Hakkensak."

<sup>350</sup> Davidt DeMaree baptism, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh* (note 347), 1:135, witnesses Isack Brouwer and Rachel, his wife.

<sup>351</sup> Will of David Demarest of the English Neighbourhood, Precinct of Hackensack, in Elmer T. Hutchinson, ed., *Archives of the State of New Jersey*, first series, vol. 38 [vol. 9 of Calendar of Wills] (Newark, N.J.: New Jersey Historical Society, 1944), 104. Neither the original will nor the original will book were examined.

<sup>352</sup> Davidt DeMaree baptism (note 350).

<sup>353</sup> His proposed year of birth is based on Gray's birth order, allowing for a two-year gap between Daniel and the previous child.

<sup>354</sup> Daniel Secord will, Westchester Co., N.Y., Wills I:167–70 (DGS 5,514,109).

<sup>355</sup> For her given name, Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" (note 331), 317. For the will she witnessed, see Charles Wardner will, dated 15 Jan. 1749/50, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 17:66–68 [new liber page numbers, referring to old pp. 65–66] (DGS 5,519,014). Daniel's wife was identified as Eleanor Warner of Yonkers in Harry C. W. Melick, "Descendants of John Archer of Fordham," MS, 1951, rev. and ed. by John F. Cassidy, 1993, p. 40, Westchester Co. Historical Society, Elmsford, but no evidence has been found to support Melick's statement. She named a son Warner (Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" [note 331], 317), and witnessed the will made by Charles Wardner (a variant of Warner). Charles did not identify Eleanor as his child.

<sup>356</sup> Daniel Secor household, 1810 U.S. census, Town of Somers, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 1031 (NARA M252 roll 37), with one free white male under age 10, two free white males age 10–15, one free white male age 26–44, one free white male age 45 and over, two free white females under age 10, one free white female age 10–15, one free white female age 16–25, one free white female age 26–44, one free white female age 45 and over [probably Elinor]. Elinor was not named in Daniel Secord's will (note 354).

<sup>357</sup> Daniel Secor/Secord entries, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Supervisors Record, tax lists, 1761–1779, G:78, 100, 245, 261 (DGS 7,902,981), H:191, 342, 361, 458, 635, and I:9, 133, 151 (DGS 7,902,998). Tax records are extant for the Southern Precinct for 1753 through 1771, except for 1764. For formation of Fredericksburg

Manor, Westchester County, in 1766.<sup>358</sup> Daniel's name appears on a March 1779 assessment list for Cortlandt Manor, Middle Ward; he was taxed on real and personal estate.<sup>359</sup> Daniel resided in the Town of Stephen[town], Westchester County, in 1790,<sup>360</sup> and was taxed for a house and farm there from 1799 through 1803.<sup>361</sup> He resided in the Town of New Castle, Westchester County, in 1800 and in the Town of Somers (formerly Stephentown) in 1810.<sup>362</sup>

- iii. JOHN<sup>4</sup> SECORD, born say 1724–1725,<sup>363</sup> died after 6 May 1797 (filed petition);<sup>364</sup> married before 1762 [–?] TRAVIS, perhaps the daughter of Robert and Mary (Ogden) Travis of Cortlandt Manor, who mentioned Secord grandchildren (but not their own daughter) in their wills.<sup>365</sup> It is possible that John's wife died by the time Robert Travis made his will in 1762, and that John married a second time. In May 1797 he was living in Upper Canada (later part of the Province of Ontario, Canada) with a wife whose name has not been discovered.<sup>366</sup> John was assessed for tax in the Southern Precinct of Dutchess County in 1763 and from 1766 through 1770.<sup>367</sup> In August 1776 he was taxed "Up the River" in Westmoreland County, Connecticut (later Luzerne County, Pennsylvania), in the frontier along the east branch of the Susquehanna River.<sup>368</sup> By the summer of 1778 he had moved up the Susquehanna to Tioga Point, Lycoming (now Tioga) County,

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from the Southern Precinct, *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, rev. ed (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017), 577.

<sup>358</sup> Peter Secord to Daniel Secord, dated 5 Dec. 1766, Westchester Co., N.Y., Mortgages A:280–81 (DGS 7,150,878). Peter Secord to Griffin Cory, dated 24 Aug. 1772, Westchester Co., N.Y., Mortgages B:272 (DGS 7,150,523 [typed copy of liber]).

<sup>359</sup> Daniel Secord entry, New York State Treasurer's Office Accounts and Tax Assessment Lists, Series A3210, Box 2, Folder 48, New York State Archives, Albany, Mar. 1779, Cortlandt Manor, Middle Ward, [p. 5], image, "New York Revolutionary War Tax Lists," *Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution* ([http://www.ess-sar.org/pages/nystax\\_counties/nys\\_taxlists\\_county\\_westchester\\_cortland\\_middle\\_ward-1779.html](http://www.ess-sar.org/pages/nystax_counties/nys_taxlists_county_westchester_cortland_middle_ward-1779.html)).

<sup>360</sup> Daniel Secord household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of Stephen[town], Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 205 (NARA M637, roll 6).

<sup>361</sup> Daniel Secord entries, New York [State] Comptroller's Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804, Series B0950, Town of Stephentown, Westchester Co., Box 56: folder 17, [p. 4] (1799), folder 38, [p. 1] (1800); Box 57: folder 17, p. 2 (1801), folder 38, [p. 3] (1802); Box 58: folder 17, [p. 3] (1803), New York State Archives, Albany, image, *Ancestry*.

<sup>362</sup> Daniel Secord household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of New Castle, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 45 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 27). Daniel Secor household, 1810 U.S. census (note 356). The Town of Stephentown was renamed Somers in 1808 (*New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* [note 357], 723).

<sup>363</sup> His proposed year of birth is based on Gray's birth order, allowing for a two-year gap between John and the previous child.

<sup>364</sup> John Secord Senr. petition, 6 May 1797, Land Petitions of Upper Canada, 1763–1865, RG 1 L3, vol. 450, bundle S3, petition 135, film C-2807, images 442–45, *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.02-e.php?&q2=29>).

<sup>365</sup> For spouse's surname, Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" (note 331), 317, who referred to her as "a daughter of Robert Travis of Cortlandt Manor" but did not provide her given name. Wills made by Robert Travis and his widow, Mary, confirm they had Secord granddaughters and identify the father of one of them as John Secord, but make no mention of the mother's given name. See Robert Travis will, dated 3 Mar. 1762, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 26:337–39 [new page numbers referring to old pp. 286–88] (DGS 5,519,022). Mary Travis will, dated 14 Oct. 1774, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 36:75–77 [new page numbers, referring to old pp. 62–63] (DGS 5,517,108), in which she mentioned "Mary Secord daughter of John Secord." Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 3 vol. (1930–1932; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1991), 1:450, naming Mary Ogden, born 1696, as wife of Robert Travis of Rye.

<sup>366</sup> Isaac Swayze testimony in John Secord Senr. petition (note 364). Swayze testified that John Secord and wife "are now within the Province." Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" (note 331), 317, indicating that Swayze was John Secord's son-in-law (husband of John's daughter Sarah).

<sup>367</sup> John Secor/Secord entries, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Supervisors Record [tax lists], 1763–1770, G:410, 424 (DGS 7,902,981), and H:191, 342, 361, 458, 635 (DGS 7,902,998). Tax records are not extant for the Southern Precinct for 1764.

<sup>368</sup> J. Kelsey Jones, "Loyalist Plantations on the Susquehanna," *The Settler* 46 (2008): 138–60, at 141. Anne M. Ousterhout, "Frontier Vengeance: Connecticut Yankees vs. Pennamites in the Wyoming Valley," *Pennsylvania History* 62 (1995): 330–63, at 337, describing "Up the River" as "the region lying between Tunkhannock and Wyalusing, northwest of the bend in the eastern branch of the Susquehanna." At the time, this area was claimed by both Conn. and Pa.

Pennsylvania, near the New York border.<sup>369</sup> In 1777 he served in the Indian Department,<sup>370</sup> and in 1777 and 1778 in Butler's Rangers.<sup>371</sup> He arrived in the Province of Quebec, British North America, by 1779 with a wife and three children.<sup>372</sup> He was in Niagara (known as Newark from 1792 to 1798), Upper Canada, in 1793 and 1796.<sup>373</sup>

- iv. PETER<sup>4</sup> SECORD (twin of Rachel, below), baptized as an infant in New Rochelle 25 December 1726;<sup>374</sup> died in London District, Upper Canada, 3 April 1818;<sup>375</sup> married say 1748 (first-known child)<sup>376</sup> [-?-]; married second between 1766 and 1773 [-?-], perhaps ABIGAL [-?-], born about 1742–1743, alive in 1783;<sup>377</sup> married third in London District 24 January 1807 REBEKAH BROWN, alive 19 June 1813 (husband's will).<sup>378</sup> Peter Secord mortgaged sixty-six acres in Cortlandt Manor to his brother Daniel in 1766 and the same sixty-six acres to Griffin Cory in 1772.<sup>379</sup> Peter was taxed on land in Walpack Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, in

<sup>369</sup> William H. Egle, *History of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* . . . 3rd ed., rev. and corrected (Philadelphia: E. M. Gardner, 1883), 430.

<sup>370</sup> "A List of Persons employed as Rangers in the Indian Department. [In Sir Guy Carleton's July 9, 1777]." *The Parliamentary Register* . . . 17 vols. (London: John Stockdale, 1802), 7:222.

<sup>371</sup> John Secord Senr., "Butler's Rangers, Walter Butler's [Company]," extract of payroll, 24 Dec. 1777–24 Oct. 1778, *On-Line Institute for Advanced Loyalist Studies* (<http://www.royalprovincial.com/military/musters/brangers/brbutler1.htm>), citing "Great Britain, British Library, Additional Manuscripts, No. 21765, folios 44–45." The original record has not been examined.

<sup>372</sup> John Secord Senr. petition, Niagara, 1796, Land Petitions of Upper Canada (note 364), RG 1 L3, vol. 448A, bundle S2, petition 74, film C-2806, images 744–47, which includes a certificate stating that John Secord had come into the province in 1779 with a wife [unnamed] and three children, "exclusive of his eldest son who had a family." In 1791 the Province of Quebec was divided into Upper and Lower Canada. The area from which John filed his petition was in Upper Canada.

<sup>373</sup> John Secord petition, 27 Apr. 1793, in Land Petitions of Upper Canada, 1763–1865 (note 364), RG 1, L3, vol. 493A, bundle S Misc. 1788–1794, petition 45, film C-2832, images 132–33. John Secord Senior, petition, 10 June 1796, in Land Petitions of Upper Canada, 1763–1865 (note 364), RG 1, L3, vol. 449, bundle S2, 1797–1797, petition 217, film C-2806, images 1284–85.

<sup>374</sup> Pierre and Rachel Sicard (twins) baptisms, in Holland Society of New York Church Records Collection, vol. 80, p. 9 of French transcription, French Church, French Church, New Rochelle, N.Y., image, "U.S., Dutch Reformed Church Records in Selected States, 1639–1989," *Ancestry*, indicating they were born "15 gra [sic] of the said year." Vol. 80 of the Holland Society's Church Records Collection includes both French and English transcriptions of the New Rochelle French Church records, separately paginated.

<sup>375</sup> Peter Secord estate file, will dated 19 June 1813, proved 12 May 1818, London District, Upper Canada (Ont.), Surrogate Registry, Book 2, no. 66, copies provided by Oxford County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. Petitioner David Secord (son of the testator) stated that Peter died 3 Apr. 1818. R. Janet Powell, *Annals of the Forty, No. 8: Loyalist and Pioneer Families of West Lincoln, 1783–1833* (1957; reprint, Grimsby, Ont.: Grimsby Historical Society, 1978), 24, citing a death notice in *Niagara Gleaner*, 14 May 1818, reporting that Peter Secord died "last month at Talbot Road in the London district" and incorrectly stating that he "had nearly completed his 103rd year."

<sup>376</sup> Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" (note 331), 317–18, referring to Abigail (Secord) Kent, born 1750, as Peter's eldest daughter. Also, Abigail Kent marker, Patterson Baptist Cemetery, Patterson, N.Y., memorial 7,848,236, image, *Find A Grave*, indicating she died [illegible] May 1831, aged 81 years.

<sup>377</sup> Stephen Emmet, in his land petition filed 3 June 1796, described himself as "half brother to David Secord" (Land Petitions of Upper Canada, 1763–1865 [note 364], RG 1 L3, vol. 175, bundle E2, petition 10, film C-1887, images 250–52), suggesting that David Secord and Stephen Emmet had the same mother but different fathers. David's father was Peter, whose 1783 household consisted of seven people listed with the surname Secord: Peter, age 62 [sic], Abigail, 40, Peter, 18, Stephen, 16, David, 10, Margaret, 15, and Eliz<sup>th</sup>, 14; see "Return of Persons under the description of Loyalists specifying the Number Age & Sexes of each Family being Farmers settled at this Post,] Niagara 1 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1783," Sir Frederick Haldimand Papers, MG 21, vol. B105, p. 376, image, *Héritage: Canadienne* ([http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac\\_reel\\_h1448](http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_h1448) [digitized reel H-1448, image 307]). If 16-year-old Stephen "Secord" was the Stephen Emmett who petitioned in 1796, then Peter married Stephen's mother between Stephen's birth (about 1766–1767) and David's birth (about 1772–1773). The 40-year-old Abigail Secord listed in Peter's household may have been his wife, perhaps widow of a man named Emmet and mother of Stephen. Abigail and David may be the Abigail and David Secord mentioned in a Secord family Bible record at the Niagara Historical Society and Museum; see Secord family record, 1773–1845, *The Christian's New and Compleat Family Bible* . . . (London: J. Cooke, [about 1790?]), images obtained from Niagara Historical Society and Museum, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. The record lists David's birth date as 15 Jan. 1773.

<sup>378</sup> *London District Marriage Records 1800–1833 (Oxford County Entries)* (Woodstock, Ont.: Ontario Genealogical Society, Oxford County Branch, 1980), 2, indicating both were of Charlotteville, witnesses James Russell and David Secord. Peter Secord will (note 375), in which he mentioned his wife Rebecca.

<sup>379</sup> Secord to Secord mortgage and Secord to Cory mortgage (both note 358).



- 1773,<sup>380</sup> and “Up the River,” in Westmoreland County, Connecticut, in August 1776.<sup>381</sup> In 1777 he served in the Indian Department,<sup>382</sup> and from 25 December 1777 to 24 October 1778 in Butler’s Rangers.<sup>383</sup> He went to the Province of Quebec by 1781, when he was in Niagara.<sup>384</sup> Peter was granted land in Newark (the name for Niagara from 1792 to 1798) as well as in Long Point (later Charlotteville, Norfolk County, Upper Canada).<sup>385</sup>
- v. RACHEL<sup>4</sup> SECORD (twin of Peter, above), baptized as an infant in New Rochelle 25 December 1726;<sup>386</sup> died after 27 April 1793 (husband’s will proved),<sup>387</sup> perhaps in Orange County, New York; married in Schraalenburgh, Bergen County, New Jersey, 12 January 1749 JACOB DEMAREST,<sup>388</sup> baptized in Hackensack 13 August 1721,<sup>389</sup> died between 9 September 1780 (will) and the 1790 census, probably in Orange County, New York,<sup>390</sup> son of David Samuelse and Maeyke (DeBane) DeMaree;<sup>391</sup> married second between the 1790 census and 27 April 1793, probably in Orange County, [–?–] ROE.<sup>392</sup> Rachel and Jacob moved to the Blooming Grove District of Goshen, Orange County, by 1775, when Jacob Demarist signed the Association Test, serving as a private in John Hathorn’s regiment of the Orange County Militia.<sup>393</sup>
- vi. ANNATJE/HANNAH<sup>4</sup> SECORD, born in New Rochelle about 5 August 1730 (calculated) and baptized in Sleepy Hollow, Westchester County, 19 September 1730;<sup>394</sup> died 3 November 1822, aged 92 years, 2 months, 29 days, and was buried in Westwood Cemetery, Bergen County, New Jersey;<sup>395</sup> married in Hackensack,

<sup>380</sup> James and Peter Secord joint entry, Sussex Co., N.J., tax assessments, 1773–1822, Walpack Township, 1773, p. 1 (DGS 7,895,283), indicating they had 400 acres of land.

<sup>381</sup> Jones, “Loyalist Plantations on the Susquehanna” (note 368), 141.

<sup>382</sup> “Persons employed as Rangers in the Indian Department” (note 370), 223.

<sup>383</sup> “Butler’s Rangers, Walter Butler’s [Company],” extract of payroll (note 371).

<sup>384</sup> Peter Secord petition, 1 July 1794, in Land Petitions of Upper Canada, 1763–1865 (note 364), RG 1 L3, vol. 448A, bundle S1, petition 172, film C-2806, images 426–29.

<sup>385</sup> Peter Secord Sen’r. petition, 7 May 1796, in Land Petitions of Upper Canada, 1763–1865 (note 364), RG 1 L3, vol. 448, bundle S1, petition 90, film C-2806, images 118–19, stating that he “brought a wife and 8 children into the Province before the year 1784.”

<sup>386</sup> Pierre and Rachel Sicard (twins) baptisms (note 374).

<sup>387</sup> Jacob Demarest will and proofs, dated 9 Sept. 1780, proved 27 Apr. 1793, Orange Co., N.Y., Wills A:207–10 (DGS 5,515,281, item 3).

<sup>388</sup> Jacob De Moree–Rachel Siaker marriage, 12 Jan. 1749, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh* (note 347), 2:47.

<sup>389</sup> Jacob DeMaree baptism, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh* (note 347), 1:128, witnesses Jacobus DeBane and Rachel Samuelse DeMaree. For more on Jacob Demarest, *Demarest Family* (note 347), 63.

<sup>390</sup> Jacob Demarest will and proofs (note 387). He was not found listed in the 1790 census, when Rachel was head of a household in the Town of Warwick (formed from the Town of Goshen in 1788). See Rachel Demarist household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of Warwick, Orange Co., N.Y., p. 398 (NARA M637, roll 6). For the Town of Warwick, *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* (note 357), 548.

<sup>391</sup> Jacob Demarest baptism (note 389). Demarest, *Demarest Family* (note 347), 30, 63.

<sup>392</sup> Jacob Demarest will and proofs (note 387), at p. 207, referring to Rachel Roe, late Rachel Demarest.

<sup>393</sup> E. M. Ruttenber and L. H. Clark, *History of Orange County, New York, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches . . .* (Philadelphia: Everts and Peck, 1881), 66. Jacob Damerist [sic] (Private, Hathorn’s Regt., New York Militia, Revolutionary War), *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War . . .* (NARA M881, roll 742), image, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>).

<sup>394</sup> Gray, “Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family” (note 331), 317–18, included a child named Anna, born 1740–1741, in his list of Daniel and Catherine’s children (see below). Annatje, born about ten years earlier, is identified as a child of Daniel “Zekaar” and wife Catharina in her baptismal record. Annatie Zekaar baptism, 19 Sept. 1730, in David Cole, *First Record Book of the “Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow” . . .* (Yonkers, N.Y.: Yonkers Historical and Library Association, 1901), 59, birth date not given, witnesses Matthis Cankelie and wife Safytie. Annatje’s marriage record (in Hackensack, Bergen Co., N.J.) indicates she was born in “N. Ryssel.” Annaetje Zika–Jacobus Alje marriage, 18 May 1752, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh* (note 347), 1:68. Baptismal records from Schraalenburgh, Bergen Co., show Secord sisters Catherine, Rachel, and Annatje/Hannah witnessing baptisms of one another’s children (see discussion in note 347). Hannah Secor, wife of James Aleya, marker, Westwood Cemetery, Westwood, N.J., memorial 9,295,670, image, *Find A Grave*. Her calculated birth date and baptism fit between the baptisms of twins Peter and Rachel (1726) and that of the next sibling, James (1732).

<sup>395</sup> Hannah Secor, wife of James Aleya, marker (note 394).

- Bergen County, 18 May 1752 JACOBUS ALJE [ALLEE],<sup>396</sup> baptized in Schraalenburgh, Bergen County, 25 April 1730, died 14 December 1797, and was buried in Westwood Cemetery, son of Peter and Margrietje (Van Vorhese) Alye.<sup>397</sup>
- vii. JAMES<sup>4</sup> SECORD, born 24 April 1732 and baptized in New Rochelle 28 May 1732;<sup>398</sup> died in Niagara, Province of Quebec, 13 July 1784;<sup>399</sup> married say 1754 (first-known child), probably in New Rochelle, [MARY?] MAGDELAINE BADEAU,<sup>400</sup> born about 1733–1734,<sup>401</sup> died after 20 July 1784 (signed to indicate she intended to settle land near Niagara),<sup>402</sup> possibly daughter of Jean and Magdelaine (Parcot) Badeau.<sup>403</sup> James was assessed for tax in the Southern District of Dutchess County in 1762, 1763, and 1765 through 1767.<sup>404</sup> He participated in the 1766 tenant rebellion in the Hudson Valley, and on 20 June 1766 a warrant was issued for his arrest for high treason.<sup>405</sup> In 1773 he was taxed on land in Walpack Township, Sussex County, New Jersey,<sup>406</sup> and in August 1776 he was assessed “Up the River” in Westmoreland County, Connecticut.<sup>407</sup> He was probably in Westmoreland County as early as 1775, as in October 1775 he was appointed captain of the 9th Company of Connecticut’s 24th Regiment.<sup>408</sup> James was also a lieutenant in

<sup>396</sup> Zika–Alje marriage (note 394).

<sup>397</sup> Jacobus Alye baptism, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh* (note 347), 2:72, witnesses Jan Van Voorhese and Elisabet. Jacobus Alyea will, dated 7 Apr. 1795, proved 7 Dec. 1800, in Hutchinson, *Archives of the State of New Jersey*, first series, vol. 38 (note 351), 12; neither the original will nor the original will book were examined. James Alyea marker, Westwood Cemetery, memorial 9,295,652, image, *Find A Grave*, indicating he was aged 66 years, 10 months, 3 days (resulting in a calculated birth date after his baptism).

<sup>398</sup> Jacques Secard baptism, in Cole, “French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms” (note 339), 13, godparents Johannes Maby and wife Susan.

<sup>399</sup> Emma A. Currie, *Story of Laura Secord and Canadian Reminiscences* (Toronto: William Briggs, 1900), 19.

<sup>400</sup> For his wife’s name as Madelaine Badeau, Gray, “Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family” (note 331), 318. Also, baptisms of their children in Alfred V. Wittmeyer, ed., *Registers of the Births, Marriages, and Deaths of the “Église Française à la Nouvelle York,” from 1688 to 1804*, Collections of the Huguenot Society of America, vol. 1 (New York: The Society, 1886), 282 (first-known child Salomon, born 9 Mar. 1755, baptized 4 Apr. 1755), 284, 287, 295. Magdelaine may have been the Mrs. Marie Sicard who, with James Secord, was godparent for Joseph Disberry, baptized 21 Apr. 1755; the godparents were identified as the child’s uncle and aunt. See Cole, “French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms” (note 339), 39. As there are no other possibilities for an aunt named Mrs. Marie Sicard, it is likely that this Marie was James’s wife. She may have been known as Mary Magdelaine.

<sup>401</sup> “Return of Persons under the description of Loyalists specifying the Number Age & Sexes of each Family being Farmers settled at this Post Niagara 1 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1783” (note 377), including the following Secord family: James, 53, Magdalen, 49, David, 23, Magdalen, 19, Hester, 17, Mary, 13, and James, 10.

<sup>402</sup> Lt. Col. E. Cruikshank, *Ten Years of the Colony of Niagara, 1780–1790*, Niagara Historical Society, No. 17 (Welland, Ont.: Niagara Historical Society, 1908), 44, providing a “list of the Persons who have Subscribed their Names in order to Settle and Cultivate the Crown Land opposite to Niagara. July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1784 . . . Settlers who receive rations.” The list includes “Secord, widow.”

<sup>403</sup> The godparents of children of James Secord and his wife, Magdalena (Pierre Badau and Catherine Coutan, Jacob Coutan and Madelaine Parcot, Abel Des Veaux and wife, Jean Badeau and Marie Haskall) suggest a connection to the family of Jean/John Badeau and his wife Magdelaine. For baptisms of children of James Secord and his wife, Magdalena, see Wittmeyer, *Eglise Française à la Nouvelle York* (note 400), 282, 284, 287, and 295. For the given name of Jean’s wife, see Jean Badeau baptism, 6 June 1742, in Cole, “French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms” (note 339), 26. For the maiden name of Jean’s wife, Pierre Parcot will, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 11:107–8 [new liber page numbers referring to old pp. 118–19] (DGS 5,518,050), for Magdelaine [sic], wife of Jean Badeau.

<sup>404</sup> Dutchess Co., N.Y., Supervisors Records, tax lists, 1762–1763, and 1765–1767, G:245, 261, 410, 424 (DGS 7,902,981), and H:99, 186, 338 (DGS 7,902,998). The 1762 list shows “Secor on Bartons place.” The 1763, 1765, and 1766 lists show James Secor/Secord near the same neighbors as the 1762 list. In 1767 the holding was identified as “James Secord’s farme.” Tax records are not extant for the Southern Precinct for 1764.

<sup>405</sup> Sung Bok Kim, *Landlord and Tenant in Colonial New York Manorial Society 1664–1775* (Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press for the Institute of Early American History and Culture, 1978), 346–415, 396n146. Arnold J. F. Van Laer and Berthold Fernow, *Calendar of Council Minutes, 1668–1783* (Albany, N.Y.: University of the State of New York, 1902), 471.

<sup>406</sup> James and Peter Secord, Walpack Township tax list, 1773 (note 380).

<sup>407</sup> Jones, “Loyalist Plantations on the Susquehanna” (note 368), 141.

<sup>408</sup> Charles J. Hoadly, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from May 1775, to June, 1776, Inclusive . . .* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood, and Brainard Co., 1890), 154.

- Butler's Rangers.<sup>409</sup> By 12 June 1782 he had settled in the Province of Quebec.<sup>410</sup>
- viii. SOPHIA<sup>4</sup> SECORD, born 22 February 1733/4 and baptized in New Rochelle 19 May 1734.<sup>411</sup> She was likely the Sophia Sicard who was godmother of Jacob Maybee in 1754.<sup>412</sup> She may have married Joseph Disbrow, with whom she had a child in 1755.<sup>413</sup> On 22 February 1754 Joseph Disbrow of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, sold 55¼ acres there to Edward Merritt.<sup>414</sup> Joseph was a freeholder in Mamaroneck on 28 February 1763.<sup>415</sup>
- ix. MARY<sup>4</sup> SECORD, born 21 February 1735/6 and baptized in New Rochelle 3 March 1735/6;<sup>416</sup> married first say 1760 (first-known child) JOSHUA BEEBE,<sup>417</sup> born in East Haddam, Middlesex County, Connecticut, 10 October 1738,<sup>418</sup> died from smallpox in New York in 1779 while in service of Butler's Rangers,<sup>419</sup> son of Joshua and Hannah (Brockway) Beebe;<sup>420</sup> married second in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, 1 October 1781 CHRISTOPHER PEARSON,<sup>421</sup> born in England, alive in July 1787.<sup>422</sup> Joshua Beebe was taxed "Up the River" in Westmoreland County,

<sup>409</sup> A. H. Van Deusen, "Butler's Rangers," RECORD 31 (1900): 13.

<sup>410</sup> John Butler to Major Mathews, letter, 12 June 1782, Sir Frederick Haldimand Papers, MG 21, vol. B105, p. 321, image, *Héritage: Canadiana* ([http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac\\_reel\\_h1448](http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_h1448) [digitized reel H-1448, image 219]). Edward Marion Chadwick, *Ontarian Families: Genealogies of United Empire Loyalist and Other Pioneer Families of Upper Canada* (Toronto: Rolph, Smith, and Co., 1898), 81–86.

<sup>411</sup> Sophie Secord baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 16, godparents John Secord and Catherine Secord.

<sup>412</sup> Jacob Maybee baptism, 10 Nov. 1754, Holland Society of New York Church Records Collection, vol. 80 (note 374), p. 5 (typed), p. 10 (penned) in French transcription, parents John Maybee and Susanna Coutant, godparents Jacob Maybee and Sophia Sicard.

<sup>413</sup> Joseph Disberry baptism, 21 Apr. 1755 (note 400), born 11 Apr. 1755, parents Mr. Joseph Disberry and Miss Sophia Secord. The reference to the child's mother as "Miss" suggests the parents might have been unmarried. A Sapphia Bogart of Bergen Co., N.J., was bondswoman for Annatie Alyea when Annatie was appointed executrix of Jacobus Alyea's will in 1800 (note 397), but whether the bondswoman was Sophia Secord has not been explored.

<sup>414</sup> Joseph Disbrow to Edward Merritt, recorded 6 Jan. 1817, Westchester Co., N.Y., Deeds S:213–15, Westchester Co. Archives, Elmsford.

<sup>415</sup> Becker, "Westchester County Freeholders of 1763" (note 342), 315.

<sup>416</sup> Marie Secord baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 18, godparents Jaques Secord and Mrs. Jeanne Secard, the child's uncle and aunt.

<sup>417</sup> No direct evidence was found of the maiden name of Mary, wife of Joshua Beebe, but the couple named a son Secord Beebe, and in 1776 Joshua Beebe's name appears on the assessment list of Upper River Dist., Westmoreland Co., Conn., near Peter, John, and James Secord. Adin (first-known child) and Secord Beebe birth records, 30 June 1761 and 25 Nov. 1764, respectively, Ashford, Conn., Births 3:89, Town Clerk, Ashford, Conn. For the assessment lists, see Jones, "Loyalist Plantations on the Susquehanna" (note 368), 141–43, at 141. Genealogical literature and undocumented family trees online claim that Mary married first John Crookston Jr. of Eastchester, who died about 1759. For example, Robert Stewart, "Marie Beebe: A Loyalist Woman," *Yorker Courant* (Apr. 2014): 5–7. Also, Mary Secord, ID I1990, in F. Christopher Miller-Ross, "Miller & Ross Family Tree," *Rootsweb* (<https://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=rodonic&id=I1990>). John Crookston [sic] Jr., age 23, saddler, born in East Chester, was a sergeant in 1758, but his name was not listed among deceased soldiers, 1756–1762, whose kin received pay due them (*Muster Rolls of New York Provincial Troops 1755–1764*, Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1891 [New York: The Society, 1892], 80–81, 529–30). Crookston died intestate before 22 Feb. 1762, when his father was appointed administrator of the estate (New York Co., N.Y., Letters of Administration B:586 [DGS 5,523,565]). No evidence of a marriage between John Crookston Jr. and Mary Secord was found.

<sup>418</sup> Joshua Beebe birth, East Haddam, Conn., Book of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1:26 (DGS 7,734,040), as extracted from East Haddam land records 4:467; the land records have not been examined.

<sup>419</sup> Memorial and evidence in the claim of Mary Pearson, late Mary Bebee, widow to the deceased Joshua Beebe, American Loyalist Claims, Series 1, 1776–1835, AO-12, piece 40 (Penn., 1785–1787), pp. 310–11, National Archives [of the United Kingdom], Kew, Surrey, England, image, "UK, American Loyalist Claims, 1776–1835," *Ancestry*. The claim is summarized in Alexander Fraser, *Second Report of the Bureau of Archives for the Province of Ontario* [1904] (Toronto: L. K. Cameron, 1905), 331.

<sup>420</sup> Joshua Beebe birth (note 418).

<sup>421</sup> Christopher Pearson–Mary Beby marriage, Trois-Rivières Protestant Congregation, p. 45, image, "Quebec, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621–1968," *Ancestry*. Memorial and evidence in the claim of Mary Pearson, late Mary Bebee (note 419).

<sup>422</sup> Memorial and evidence in the claim of Christopher Pearson, American Loyalist Claims, Series 1, 1776–1835, AO-12 (note 419), piece 27 (N.Y., 1787), pp. 87–90. He may be the Christopher Pearson who was baptized in Hunsingore, Yorkshire, England, on 25 Feb. 1736/7 (Hunsingore, Yorkshire, England, Parish

- Connecticut, in August 1776.<sup>423</sup> After his death, his widow and children moved to Machiche, Quebec,<sup>424</sup> a refugee camp for wives and children of soldiers. On 31 July 1787 Mary and her second husband, Christopher Pearson, resided in New Carlisle, Quebec.<sup>425</sup>
- x. SARAH<sup>4</sup> SECORD, born 17 May 1738 and baptized in New Rochelle 9 July 1738.<sup>426</sup> A Sarah Secord and Francis Curtine were issued a marriage license in New York 15 December 1756.<sup>427</sup> No further information found.
- xi. ANNA<sup>4</sup> SECORD, born probably about 1740–1741, baptized in New Rochelle 7 June 1743.<sup>428</sup> No further information found.
- xii. MARGERY<sup>4</sup> SECORD, baptized in New Rochelle 7 June 1743, probably as an infant.<sup>429</sup> She may be the “Martha” Secord who on 18 July 1763 was issued a New York license to marry Mills Hitchcock.<sup>430</sup> A “Miles” Hitchcock immigrated to Quebec in 1786 with a wife and six children.<sup>431</sup> That man was buried in St. Ann’s Presbyterian Cemetery, Gainsborough Township, Lincoln County, Upper Canada, with his wife Patience [*sic*] Secord.<sup>432</sup>
- xiii. (*perhaps*) ELIHU<sup>4</sup> SECORD,<sup>433</sup> born probably before 24 August 1751 (probably age 21 or older when he witnessed a mortgage 24 August 1772),<sup>434</sup> died between 1803 (tax assessment) and the 1810 census, perhaps in the Town of Frederick, Dutchess County. He may have married Abby [–?–], as an Abby Secor was head of a household in Frederick in 1810.<sup>435</sup> Elihu paid tax in Fredericksburgh Precinct,

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Register Transcript, p. 74, from vol. 2 [DGS 8,042,569, item 6, image 736], “son of Christopher Pearson of Cattol”).

<sup>423</sup> Jones, “Loyalist Plantations on the Susquehanna” (note 368), 141.

<sup>424</sup> “Return of Loyalists Receiving Provisions . . . 25th of July 1779 to the 24th of August following,” Sir Frederick Haldimand Papers, MG 21, vol. B166, p. 28, image, *Héritage: Canadiana* ([http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac\\_reel\\_h1654/644?r=0&s=4](http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_h1654/644?r=0&s=4) [digitized reel H-1654, image 644]).

<sup>425</sup> Memorial and evidence in the claim of Mary Pearson, late Mary Bebee (note 419). Memorial and evidence in the claim of Christopher Pearson (note 422).

<sup>426</sup> Sarah Sicard baptism, in Cole, “French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms” (note 339), 21, godparents Daniel Geraud and Esther Secord.

<sup>427</sup> *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* . . . (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), 345.

<sup>428</sup> Anna Sicard baptism, in Cole, “French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms” (note 339), 28, “aged 2 years or more,” date of birth not given, godparents her parents. She was baptized the same day as her sister Margery.

<sup>429</sup> Margery Sicard baptism, in Cole, “French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms” (note 339), 28, date of birth not given, godparents her parents. She was baptized the same day as her sister Anna, who was described as being “aged 2 years or more.” As no such notation was included for Margery, it is likely she was an infant, born shortly before the baptism.

<sup>430</sup> *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* (note 427), 345.

<sup>431</sup> Miles Hitchcock petition, 9 July 1795, Land Petitions of Upper Canada (note 364), RG 1 L3, vol. 223, bundle H2, petition 7, film C-2043, images 167–69.

<sup>432</sup> Miles Hitchcock Sr. marker, St. Ann’s Presbyterian Cemetery, Gainsborough Township, Lincoln County, Ont., Canada, memorial 96,912,462, image, *Find A Grave*. The marker does not include any information about his birth or death. The undocumented memorial indicates he was born 1740, died 5 Aug. 1802. Patience Secord, wife of Miles Hitchcock Sr., marker, St. Ann’s Presbyterian Cemetery, Gainsborough Township, Lincoln County, Ont., Canada, memorial 96,935,087, image, *Find A Grave*. The marker does not include any information about her birth or death. The undocumented memorial refers to her as Martha Margaret Patience Secord Hitchcock, born 1743, died 1815, noting that the dates are approximate.

<sup>433</sup> Gray, “Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family” (note 331), 317–18, did not include Elihu as a child of Daniel and Catherine. Elihu’s possible connection is based on witnessing a mortgage involving one of Daniel’s sons (Secord to Cory [note 358]) and Elihu’s residence near other members of the proposed birth family.

<sup>434</sup> Secord to Cory (note 358).

<sup>435</sup> Elihu Secord entries, New York State Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804 (note 361), Town of Frederick, Dutchess Co., Box 14: folder 7, [p. 4] (1799), folder 22, [p. 3] (1800); Box 15: folder 7, [p. 4] (1801), folder 22, [p. 4], (1802); Box 16: folder 14, [p. 5] (1803). Abby Secor household, 1810 U.S. census, Town of Frederick, Dutchess Co., N.Y., p. 50 (penned) (NARA M252, roll 30), with one free white female age 10–15, and one free white female age 45 and over, and in close proximity to Solomon Fowler, John Jewet, and Joseph Dikeman, who were found near Elihu Secord in 1800 (Elihu Secord household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Frederick, Dutchess Co., N.Y., p. 91 [NARA M32, roll 21]). Elihu Secoy household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of Frederickstown, Dutchess Co., N.Y., p. 17 (NARA M637, roll 6). Frederickstown was split into four towns in 1795, one of which was Frederick (which later became the Town of Kent, Putnam Co.). See *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* (note 357), 381.

Dutchess County, in 1778 and 1779.<sup>436</sup> On 22 December 1778 the Overseers of the Poor paid him for supplies and services.<sup>437</sup> Elihu resided in the Town of Frederickstown [later the Town of Frederick], Dutchess County, in 1790 and 1800<sup>438</sup> and was taxed in Frederick from 1799 through 1803.<sup>439</sup>

8. **JACQUES<sup>3</sup> SICARD** (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Ambroise<sup>1</sup>) was born in New Rochelle about 1698–1699.<sup>440</sup> He died before 1 November 1774, perhaps 2 November 1773, and was buried in New Rochelle.<sup>441</sup> Jacques married say 1728 (first-known child), probably in New Rochelle, **JEANNE BONNET/BONNETT**,<sup>442</sup> who was born 9 April 1703 and baptized in New Rochelle 15 April 1703.<sup>443</sup> She may have been one of the females over the age of 16 in her husband's 1771 household in New Rochelle.<sup>444</sup> Jeanne was the daughter of Daniel and Jeanne (Couturier) Bonet.<sup>445</sup>

Jacques lived all his life in New Rochelle, where he was fence viewer in 1737, 1739–1741, and 1744.<sup>446</sup> He was among those petitioning in 1736 to close a road there and among those who petitioned the church in 1743 for a new minister. He had land abutting his brother Daniel's in 1755, and in 1757 he had land abutting that of James Bonnett. Jacques petitioned for a new minister upon the death of Rev. Stoupe in 1760. He was a freeholder in New Rochelle in 1763 and was assessed for tax there in 1767. In 1771 Jacques was enumerated in New Rochelle and that same year he petitioned to close a road there.<sup>447</sup>

<sup>436</sup> Elihu Secord entries, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Supervisor's Records [tax lists], 1778 and 1779, I:516, 543 (DGS 7,902,998).

<sup>437</sup> William S. Pelletreau, *History of Putnam County, New York, with Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men* (Philadelphia: W. W. Preston and Co., 1886), 155.

<sup>438</sup> Elihu Secor/Secoy households, 1790 and 1800 U.S. censuses (note 435).

<sup>439</sup> Elihu Secord entries, New York State Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates (note 435).

<sup>440</sup> "List of the Towne of New Rochelle &c. XB: 9<sup>th</sup> 1710 . . ." (note 328), p. 946, John [sic] Sycar, age 11. The place of birth is based on his parents' residential history.

<sup>441</sup> Jacque/James A Seacord/Sicard marker transcription, Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, New Rochelle, N.Y., memorial 31,391,220, no image, *Find A Grave*. The creator of the memorial refers to "some notes" that included a transcription (dated 1858) of the marker: "In Memory, James Seacord, who died 11/2/1773, age 73." The headstone was reportedly lying on the ground in 1858 and was later stolen. The creator of this memorial may have been Mina DeGiacomo (now deceased), whose public *Ancestry.com* tree ("Our Family [Rayner/Seacord/Lightbody/Nelson]," <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25831873/person/1743858452/facts>) includes similar information, attributing the transcription to Hiram M. Seacord. James's death before 1 Nov. 1774 is supported by a mortgage of that date in which he was described as "lately deceased" (Nicholas Eavory and wife to Elletan Hunt, Westchester Co., N.Y., Mortgages C:124–25 [DGS 7,150,524 (typed copy of liber)]).

<sup>442</sup> For identification of his spouse as Jane Bonnet, see Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" (note 331), 318. For first-known child, Jacques Sicard baptism, 27 July 1729, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 8, born 25 July 1729, godparents Daniel Bonnett and Catherine Sicard, his grandparents.

<sup>443</sup> Jeane Bonet baptism, 15 Apr. 1703, in "Records of the French Church at New Rochelle, N.Y." (note 331), 78, born 9 Apr. 1703, parents Daniel and Jeane Bonet, godparents Estiene Lavigne and Isabelle Lavigne. The record notes she was baptized at home because of illness.

<sup>444</sup> "New Rochelle Inhabitants, 1767 and 1771," RECORD 107 (1976): 198, for Jas. Secord. His 1771 household included two males age 16–60, one male over age 60, three females under age 16, two females over age 16.

<sup>445</sup> Jeane Bonet baptism (note 443). Morgan H. Seacord, *Biographical Sketches and Index of the Huguenot Settlers of New Rochelle 1687–1776* (New Rochelle, N.Y.: Huguenot and Historical Association of New Rochelle, 1941), 14. Jeannine Sheldon Kallal, *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of the National Huguenot Society*, 5th ed. (San Antonio, Tex.: National Huguenot Society, 2012), 74–75.

<sup>446</sup> Forbes, *Town of New Rochelle* (note 333), 225, 234, 238, 239, 244.

<sup>447</sup> For petitions to close roads, Forbes, *Town of New Rochelle* (note 333), 220, 347. Letter to a Dr. Bearcroft (note 335), on which Jacques Sicard signed with a mark, consistent with other signed documents (distinguishable from Jacques<sup>3</sup> [Jacques<sup>2</sup>, Ambroise<sup>1</sup>], who used a full signature); Bolton incorrectly transcribed his name and mark as "Jacques P. Sicard." Secard to Anthony (note 330). For land abutting James Bonnett's, see James Bonnett will, dated 26 Sept. 1757, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 20:429–32 [new liber page numbers referring to old pp. 435–38] (DGS 5,519,016, item 2). For the 1760 church petition,

Jacques was godfather to nieces Rachel Sicard (1726), Elizabeth Giraud (1729), Susane Bertain (1730), and Catherine Secord (1742),<sup>448</sup> as well as to nephew Elie Sicard (1755).<sup>449</sup> Jeanne was godmother to niece Marie Giraud (1732) and to Marie Sunderland (1738). Together, Jeanne and Jacques were godparents to niece Marie Sicard (1736).<sup>450</sup>

James Secord witnessed a deed 23 August 1762.<sup>451</sup> Along with Jane Seacord and Israel Seacord, he witnessed John Parcot's will in 1764.<sup>452</sup> Israel Seacord, executor of James's estate, paid legacies 19 October 1779 to Benjamin Seacord, James Seacord, Catherine Jeroe [*sic*], and Mary Renoud.<sup>453</sup>

Children of Jacques<sup>3</sup> and Jeanne (Bonnet/Bonnett) Sicard, all baptized in New Rochelle except Israel, for whom no baptismal record was found:

- i. JAMES<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born 25 July 1729 and baptized 27 July 1729;<sup>454</sup> died probably after the 1810 census;<sup>455</sup> married say 1759 (first-known child) CATHERINE BERTAIN,<sup>456</sup> born 9 May 1740 and baptized in New Rochelle 22 June 1740,<sup>457</sup> died before 13 January 1790 (daughter's marriage),<sup>458</sup> daughter of Peter and Catherine (Sicard) Bertain.<sup>459</sup> James, a mason and resident of New York City, purchased land on Ferry Street there in 1765; he sold it in January 1768.<sup>460</sup> He was not listed in

Edmund Abdy Hurry, "Notes and Queries: Petition of the Established Church of England in New Rochell [*sic*], Westchester Co., N.Y.," RECORD 7 (1876): 173, for James Secord. Becker, "Westchester County Freeholders of 1763" (note 342), 314. "New Rochelle Inhabitants, 1767 and 1771" (note 444), 195 (for 1767), 198 (for 1771, Jas. Secord).

<sup>448</sup> Rachel Sicard baptism (note 374). Manny Jeanne Elizabeth Giraud baptism, Holland Society of New York Church Records Collection, vol. 80 (note 374), p. 16 of French transcription. For Susan Bertain and Catherine Secord, Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 10, 27.

<sup>449</sup> Elie Sicard baptism, 16 Feb. 1755, Holland Society of New York Church Records Collection, vol. 80 (note 374), p. 6 (typed) p. 11 (penned) in French transcription, date of birth not stated, parents Isaac Sicard and Catherine [*sic*], godparents the child's uncle James Secord and his mother. "Elie" is the French equivalent of "Elijah."

<sup>450</sup> For Giraud, Sunderland, and Marie Sicard baptisms, Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 12, 21, 18.

<sup>451</sup> Forbes, *Town of New Rochelle* (note 333), 334–36.

<sup>452</sup> John Percutt [*sic*] will, dated 30 July 1764, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 25:10–12 [new liber page numbers referring to old pp. 10–11] (DGS 5,519,021). James Seacord Sr. made his mark.

<sup>453</sup> James Seacord estate file, Westchester Co., N.Y., Surrogates Court, file 1775-1 (DGS 7,329,306, images 6–9).

<sup>454</sup> Jacques Sicard baptism (note 442).

<sup>455</sup> This James is probably the man who headed a household in 1810 comprising one free white male age 45 and over, one free white female age 10–15, and one free white female age 16–25 (James Seacor household, 1810 U.S. census, Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 1084 [NARA M252, roll 37]).

<sup>456</sup> For first-known child, Catherine Secord baptism, 17 Aug. 1760, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 43, born 22 June 1760, father James Secord Jr., mother not named, godparents the parents. For his wife's given name, Susanna Secor baptism, 15 Nov. 1761, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 43, born 28 Sept. 1761, parents James Secor and wife Catharina, godparents the parents. For his wife's maiden name, Dorothy Wilkerson Bertine, *Bertine Family: Pierre Bertine–1686: Descendants and Allied Families* (Denton, Tex.: privately published, 1994), 18. Also Bolton, *A History of the County of Westchester* (note 335), 2:541.

<sup>457</sup> Catharine Bertain baptism, 22 June 1740, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 23, born 9 May 1740, parents Peter Bertain and wife Catherine, godparents Mr. Jean and Mrs. Catherine Contant [*sic*].

<sup>458</sup> She was deceased when her daughter Catharine married James Hawxhurst on "the thirteenth day of the first month" of 1790 (James Hawxhurst–Catharine Seacord marriage, Society of Friends, Flushing, N.Y., Monthly Meeting, Marriages 1764–1821, p. 33 [DGS 8,200,757, item 2]).

<sup>459</sup> Catherine Bertain baptism (note 457). Her mother was Catherine<sup>3</sup> Sicard (Jacques<sup>2</sup>, Ambrose<sup>1</sup>). For more on her mother, see the previous installment of this article at RECORD 150 (2019): 211–12.

<sup>460</sup> Teunis Rapalie and Catrina, his wife, to James Seacord, dated 9 July 1765, New York Co., N.Y., Deeds 37:268–72 (DGS 7,178,086 [nineteenth-century copy of liber]). James Seacord to Duncan Brown, dated 30 Jan. 1768, New York Co., N.Y., Deeds 38:135–38 (DGS 7,178,087).

- the 1771 census of New Rochelle.<sup>461</sup> James was in the Town of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, in 1790 and 1800, and probably in New Rochelle in 1810.<sup>462</sup>
- ii. JEANNE/JANE<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born 27 December 1731 and baptized 16 January 1731/2,<sup>463</sup> living in New Rochelle 8 October 1800 (wrote to her husband's nephew),<sup>464</sup> married say 1757 (first-known child) JOHN PINE,<sup>465</sup> died between 23 December 1770 (will) and 4 February 1771 (probate),<sup>466</sup> perhaps in the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, son of James and Hannah (Valentine) Pine.<sup>467</sup> Jane, as executrix of her husband's estate, was sued by her brother-in-law Samuel Pine in 1783. In 1787 additional suits involving the estate of Jane's father-in-law, James Pine, were filed by and against Jane.<sup>468</sup>
- iii. CATHERINE<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born 18 December 1733 and baptized 10 February 1733/4,<sup>469</sup> died probably after the 1800 census;<sup>470</sup> married say 1762 (first-known child) BENJAMIN GIRAUD,<sup>471</sup> born 6 March 1738/9 and baptized in New Rochelle 1 April 1739,<sup>472</sup> died shortly before 19 November 1820, perhaps in Delaware County, New York,<sup>473</sup> son of Daniel and Catherine (Secord) Giraud.<sup>474</sup> In 1760 Benjamin Jerrow was a private in the 3rd Company of the Westchester North Battalion of Militia.<sup>475</sup> He paid taxes in Rombout Precinct, Dutchess County, from 1771 through 1775.<sup>476</sup> During the Revolutionary War Benjamin served in the

<sup>461</sup> "New Rochelle Inhabitants, 1767 and 1771" (note 444), 196–98.

<sup>462</sup> James Secord Sr. household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 155 (NARA M637, roll 6). James Seacord Sr. household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 21 (penned bottom right corner) (NARA M32, roll 27). James Seacor household, 1810 U.S. census (note 455).

<sup>463</sup> Jeanne Sicard baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 11, godparents her father and Mrs. Jeanne Bonnet, her grandmother.

<sup>464</sup> Anita A. Lustenberger, "The Pine Family of King Street, Rye, New York, and Greenwich, Connecticut," RECORD 125 (1994): 212–13, describing a letter from Jane Pine to her husband's nephew James Pine. Jane Pine's name was not found listed in New Rochelle tax assessments, 1799–1803.

<sup>465</sup> For identification of Jeanne's spouse, Bolton, *A History of the County of Westchester* (note 335), 2:541. For her first-known child, Phebe Pine Bayeux memorial, St. Paul's Church Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., memorial 53,900,130, no image, *Find A Grave*. The undocumented memorial identifies Phebe's father as John Pine and indicates Phebe was aged 52 at her death on 24 Apr. 1811 (born about 1758–1759). Jane and Phebe were among those mentioned by John Pine in his will dated 23 Dec. 1770 (John Pine will, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 27:573–75 [new page numbers, referring to old pp. 544–45] [DGS 5,519,023]).

<sup>466</sup> John Pine will (note 465).

<sup>467</sup> Lustenberger, "Pine Family" (note 464), 206. James Pine will, dated 30 July 1773, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 36:69–73 [new liber page numbers referring to old pp. 56–60] (DGS 5,517,108), in which the testator named grandchildren James, Phebe, and Hannah, children of John Pine of Eastchester, deceased. Richard Valentine will, dated 19 Dec. 1723, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 9:588–92 [new liber page numbers referring to old pp. 517–22] (DGS 5,518,048), in which he named his daughter Hannah Pine.

<sup>468</sup> Lustenberger, "Pine Family" (note 464), 212–13. Other than the recorded will, court records have not been examined.

<sup>469</sup> Catherine Secard baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 15, godparents Jaques Bonnet and Mrs. Catherine Girard.

<sup>470</sup> Benjamin Gireau household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Fishkill, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 39 (NARA M32, roll 21), which included two free white males age 16–25, one free white male age 45 and over, one free white female age 16–25, and one free white female age 45 and over (probably Catherine).

<sup>471</sup> For her spouse's name as Benjamin "Jereau," Bolton, *A History of the County of Westchester* (note 335), 2:541. For James as the eldest son, "as near as I can judge," Arthur C. Gerow, "Early Giraud–Gerow Families in America," typescript, Detroit, Mich., Apr. 1963, 26, Genealogy and Local History Room, Newburgh Free Library, Newburgh, N.Y. For James's year of birth, James Gerowe memorial, Riverside Cemetery, Bloomville, N.Y., memorial 50,599,444, no image, *Find A Grave*, indicating he died 25 Jan. 1849, aged 85 years (born about 1763–1764).

<sup>472</sup> Benjamin Giraud baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 22, godparents Mr. Jean Sicard and Mrs. Maby [*sic*, signed Marie] Sicard. Benjamin was a first cousin of his wife. Benjamin's mother was Catherine<sup>3</sup> Sicard (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Ambroise<sup>1</sup>). For more on Benjamin's mother, see the April 2019 installment of this article at RECORD 150 (2019): 131.

<sup>473</sup> Gerow, "Early Giraud–Gerow Families in America" (note 471), 25–26, citing a letter dated 19 Nov. 1820, in which Benjamin's grandson wrote that his grandfather had died.

<sup>474</sup> Benjamin Giraud baptism (note 472).

<sup>475</sup> Verplanck, "Colonial Muster Roll" (note 345), 202.

<sup>476</sup> Benjamin Gerowe/Jerreau entries, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Supervisor's Records [tax lists], 1771–1775, I:24, 116, 190, 282, 348 (DGS 7,902,998).

- Dutchess County Militia under Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoff.<sup>477</sup> Benjamin was head of a household in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, in 1790 and 1800.<sup>478</sup>
- iv. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born 9 November 1735 and baptized 16 November 1735;<sup>479</sup> died between the 1810 census and 3 December 1811 (administrator's bond on his estate), probably in New Rochelle;<sup>480</sup> married by license dated 22 March 1760 JANE PERENT or PARCOT,<sup>481</sup> died after 28 March 1814, when she signed a deed.<sup>482</sup> On 13 April 1775 in White Plains, Benjamin signed the Loyalist declaration of support.<sup>483</sup> His land was confiscated, and he petitioned for relief in 1783.<sup>484</sup> On 26 May 1785 Benjamin paid £60.6 to Isaac Besly.<sup>485</sup> On 19 June 1790 Benjamin owed the estate of Nicholas Belly £10.3.2 for three months boarding.<sup>486</sup> Benjamin was enumerated in New Rochelle in 1790 and 1810, and was taxed there from 1799 through 1803.<sup>487</sup>
- v. JACOB<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born in New Rochelle 11 September 1737 and baptized 18 September 1737;<sup>488</sup> died in 1807, reportedly unmarried, and was buried in New Rochelle.<sup>489</sup> On 20 April 1758 Jacob Secord, laborer, five feet, eight inches tall, with dark brown eyes and dark complexion, mustered in to the New York Provincial Troops under Captain Jonathan Fowler; Jacob had enlisted 11 April 1758 and had been serving in [his uncle] Captain Peter Secord's company of Westchester Militia.<sup>490</sup> In 1764 Jacob witnessed a deed by which Joseph Anthony disposed of land he had purchased from Jacob's uncle Daniel Sicard.<sup>491</sup>

<sup>477</sup> Benjamin Gerow (Col. Abraham Brinkerhoff Regt., New York Militia), *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War* (NARA M881, roll 728), images, Fold3.

<sup>478</sup> Benjamin Gireau household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of Fishkill, Dutchess Co., N.Y., p. 71 (NARA M637, roll 6). Benjamin Gireau household, 1800 U.S. census (note 470). Neither he nor Catherine was found as head of a household in the 1810 or 1820 census. He was not found in New York state tax assessment lists, 1799–1803.

<sup>479</sup> Benjamin Secord baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 18, godparents the child's father and Mrs. Marie Soulice.

<sup>480</sup> Benjamin Seacor household, 1810 U.S. census, Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 1080 (NARA M252, roll 37). Administrator's bond on the Benjamin Secor estate, dated 3 Dec. 1811, Westchester Co., N.Y., Surrogates Court file 1811–35 (DGS 7,332,911, images 299–301). Benjamin Secor's estate inventory at the Westchester Co. Archives in Elmsford has not been examined (Archives folder 48 A-018][L\_SCAN).

<sup>481</sup> For spouse's name as Jane Parcot, Bolton, *A History of the County of Westchester* (note 335), 2:541. For Benjamin Secord–Jane Perent [sic] license, 22 Mar. 1760, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* (note 427), 343.

<sup>482</sup> Jane Secord, widow, to James Pine, dated 28 Mar. 1814, Westchester Co., N.Y., Deeds Q:307–9, Westchester Co. Archives, Elmsford.

<sup>483</sup> Henry B. Dawson, *Westchester-County, New York, During the American Revolution* (Morrisania, New York City: privately published, 1886), 73. Protest of inhabitants and freeholders of Westchester Co., N.Y., *Rivington's New-York Gazetteer*, 20 Apr. 1775, p. 1, cols. 2–4.

<sup>484</sup> *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State*, 2 vols. (Albany: New York State, 1904), 2:257. Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, vol. 4 (Hereford, England: Govt. of Great Britain, 1909), 265, memorial of correspondence from Benjamin Secord or Seacord to Sir Guy Carleton, in which Secord stated that he had been "forcibly turned out of his farm in West Chester County . . . [and] that his wife and children are now in the street."

<sup>485</sup> Forbes, *Town of New Rochelle* (note 333), 368. The payment was recorded in New Rochelle town records 20 Oct. 1787. The reason for the payment is not noted.

<sup>486</sup> Executors' accounting of the Nicholas Belly estate, Westchester Co., N.Y., estate papers, file 1789–2 (DGS 7,329,306, image 285). This accounting includes more than six hundred references to individuals who were associated with the testator.

<sup>487</sup> Benjamin Secord household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 151 (NARA M637, roll 6). Benjamin Secord/Seacord entries, New York State Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804 (note 361), Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., Box 56: folder 9, [p. 2] (1799), folder 30, [p. 2] (1800); Box 57: folder 9, [p. 1] (1801), folder 30, [p. 3] (1802); Box 58: folder 9, [p. 1] (1803). Benjamin Seacor household, 1810 U.S. census (note 480).

<sup>488</sup> Jacob Sicard baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 21, godparents Peter Secord and Mrs. Elizabeth Parcot. *Second Annual Report of the State Historian of the State of New York* (Albany: New York State, 1897), 887, for Jacob Sacord [sic], born in "Newrochell."

<sup>489</sup> Jacob Seacord marker transcription, Israel Secord Cemetery, New Rochelle, N.Y., memorial 29,929,986, no image, *Find A Grave*, noting that the "Headstone reads 'Jacob Seacord Died 1807, AE 74.'" The undocumented memorial indicates he was unmarried.

<sup>490</sup> *Second Annual Report of the State Historian of the State of New York* (note 488), 887.

<sup>491</sup> Anthony to Stevenson (note 338).



- vi. ABRAHAM<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born 5 July 1739 and baptized 12 August 1739;<sup>492</sup> died before 4 April 1771 (administrator's bond on his estate),<sup>493</sup> married by license dated 13 October 1764 HANNAH SIMMONDS,<sup>494</sup> living in New Rochelle in 1807.<sup>495</sup> In 1771 "Hen Seacord," probably the widowed Hannah, headed a household in New Rochelle consisting of two males under age 16, one female under age 16, and two females over age 16.<sup>496</sup> On 31 May 1774 Hannah, as administrator of her husband's estate, received payment from her father-in-law's executor for shoemaking that her husband, Abraham, had done for his father.<sup>497</sup> Hannah and her son Abraham, both residents of New Rochelle, mortgaged property there on 27 April 1803.<sup>498</sup>
- vii. SOLOMON<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born 6 March 1740/1 and baptized 8 March 1740/1;<sup>499</sup> died probably before the 1790 census (not found listed). He may have married first 1772 Mary Bailey, born 1749, died 1783, and married second Susanna [-?-], born 1750, died 1837.<sup>500</sup> No further information found.
- viii. MARY<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born 7 May 1742 and baptized 16 May 1742;<sup>501</sup> died probably between the 1810 and 1820 censuses, probably in New Rochelle;<sup>502</sup> married by license dated 11 October 1765 JOHN RENOUD,<sup>503</sup> born 13 September 1745 and baptized in New Rochelle 5 November 1745,<sup>504</sup> died 27 February 1837 and was buried in New Rochelle,<sup>505</sup> son of Stephen and Susannah (Clarke) Renoud.<sup>506</sup> On 1 February 1762 Mary Seacord was among petitioners requesting permission to collect funds to build a parsonage for Rev. Michael Houdin.<sup>507</sup> On 13 April 1775

<sup>492</sup> Abraham Sicard baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 22, godparents Peter Bonnet and Mrs. Dorothea Secord.

<sup>493</sup> Bond and letters of administration on the estate of Abraham Secord, 4 Apr. 1771, New York Court of Probates, file 807, images, "New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999," *Ancestry*.

<sup>494</sup> For identification of his spouse, Bolton, *A History of the County of Westchester* (note 335), 2:541. *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* (note 427), 345.

<sup>495</sup> Hannah Secord, widow, was a member of the New Rochelle Methodist Church in 1807. See Hannah Secord, New Rochelle Circuit: Classes, Sermons Preached, 1807, Methodist Episcopal Church Records in New York City and Vicinity, vol. 65, unpaginated, Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library, image, "New York and Vicinity, United Methodist Church Records, 1775-1949," *Ancestry*.

<sup>496</sup> "New Rochelle Inhabitants, 1767 and 1771" (note 444), 198.

<sup>497</sup> James Seacord estate file (note 453).

<sup>498</sup> Abraham Secord and Hannah, his mother, to Ramson Burtis, dated 27 Apr. 1803, Westchester Co., N.Y., Mortgages H:126 (DGS 7,150,526 [typed copy of liber]).

<sup>499</sup> Salomon Sicard baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 23, godparents Isaac Secord and Mrs. Mary Bonnet.

<sup>500</sup> Horace Secor, "Genealogical Notes," 3 vols., MS, New-York Historical Society Library, unpaginated. Supporting evidence has not been found. Solomon's alleged wife Mary Bailey was probably "M\_\_\_," daughter of Dr. Nicholas Besly [sic, Belley] and Mde. M—, her mother, baptized 9 Apr. 1751 (Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" [note 339], 33). Dr. Nicholas Belley, son of Nicholas and Leah (DeVeaux) Bayley [sic], married Mary Underhill, who was born in Jan. 1720 (Josephine C. Frost, ed., *Underhill Genealogy*, 6 vols. [New York: privately published for the Underhill Society of America, 1932], 2:87-88, 117).

<sup>501</sup> Marie Sicard baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 26, godparents John Bonnet and Mrs. Marie Bonnet.

<sup>502</sup> John "Erno" household, 1810 U.S. census, Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 1080 (NARA M252, roll 37). John Renoud household, 1820 U.S. census, Town of New Rochelle, p. 214 (NARA M33, roll 75), which did not include a female of the appropriate age group to be John's wife.

<sup>503</sup> For identification of her spouse as John Armand [sic], Bolton, *A History of the County of Westchester* (note 335), 2:541. For John Ranoud-Mary Sicore license, 11 Oct. 1765, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* (note 427), 350.

<sup>504</sup> John Renaud baptism, in Cole, "French Church at New Rochelle, Baptisms" (note 339), 31, parents Etienne Renaud and wife Mrs. Susannah Clark, godparents John and Mrs. Susannah Clark, the child's grandparents.

<sup>505</sup> John Renaud Sr. memorial, Israel Secord Cemetery, New Rochelle, N.Y., memorial 81,552,220, no image, *Find A Grave*. The undocumented memorial shows John's dates of birth and death, both reportedly in New Rochelle, and a lengthy note explaining that John was buried "in the Methodist Cemetery" in New Rochelle "with his father, Stephen Renoud Jr. along with their wives." John was not found listed in the 1830 census of New Rochelle.

<sup>506</sup> John Renaud baptism (note 504).

<sup>507</sup> O'Callaghan, *Documentary History of the State of New York* (note 328), 3:957. The signature is thought to belong to this woman based on the spelling of the surname name as "Seacord" and the appearance of her signature near other known members of this family.

in White Plains, John Arnode [*sic*] signed the Loyalist declaration of support.<sup>508</sup> John was enumerated in New Rochelle in 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1820, and was assessed for tax there from 1799 through 1802.<sup>509</sup>

- ix ISRAEL<sup>4</sup> SEACORD, born about 1748;<sup>510</sup> died perhaps 2 November 1819, and was buried in New Rochelle;<sup>511</sup> married say 1769 or later, if at least age 21 at marriage, JANE COUTANT, born 15 May 1745 and baptized in New Rochelle 13 April 1746, died 1 September 1794, probably in New Rochelle,<sup>512</sup> daughter of Jacob and Jeanne ([Renoud?]) Coutant.<sup>513</sup> On 13 April 1775 in White Plains, Israel Seacord signed the Loyalist declaration of support.<sup>514</sup> He was an executor of the estate of James Seacord,<sup>515</sup> was head of a household in New Rochelle in 1790 and 1810, and was assessed for taxes there from 1799 through 1803.<sup>516</sup>

(To be continued)

<sup>508</sup> Dawson, *Westchester-County, N.Y., During the American Revolution* (note 483), 73. Protest of inhabitants and freeholders of Westchester Co., N.Y. (note 483).

<sup>509</sup> John Ranoud household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 151 (NARA M637, roll 6). John Renoud household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 77 (penned) (NARA M32, roll 27). John "Erno" household, 1810 U.S. census (note 502). John Renoud household, 1820 U.S. census (note 502). John Reneau/Renau/Renoud entries, New York State Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804 (note 361), Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., Box 56: folder 9, [p. 4] (1799), folder 30, [p. 3] (1800); Box 57: folder 9 [p. 2] (1801), folder 30 [p. 3] (1802). His name is missing from the 1803 roll for New Rochelle.

<sup>510</sup> His baptism was not found in records of the French Church in New Rochelle, but Gray, relying on Bolton, included Israel, born 1748, in this family group, pointing out that there is a gap in the baptismal records around this time. See Gray, "Early History of the Sicard-Secor Family" (note 331), 318 and 323n14. A marker placed in Israel Seacord Cemetery after 2004 indicates he was born 1748. See Israel Seacord marker, Israel Seacord Cemetery, New Rochelle, N.Y., memorial 29,893,570, image, *Find A Grave*. Israel's name is one of one of eighteen listed on a plaque fastened to an obelisk. It appears that the image on *Find A Grave* might have been enhanced. The bottom of the image shows "Moved November 2004 from nearby Seacord Cemetery With the consent of direct descendants." Israel's inscription shows "Israel Seacord 1748–1819." Bolton, *A History of the County of Westchester* (note 335), 2:541, mistakenly refers to this child as Isaac.

<sup>511</sup> Israel Seacord marker (note 510). The undocumented *Find A Grave* memorial indicates he died 2 Nov. 1819 and adds that the "Cemetery is his family burial Cemetery plot, which was on his farm. He had sold plot next to it to build Methodist/Episcopal Church, later 1st Methodist Church, There is no boundry [*sic*] between his family plot and the church cemetery now. But his decendents [*sic*] are buried in both."

<sup>512</sup> For identification of his wife as Jane Coutant, dau. of Jacob, see Bolton, *A History of the County of Westchester* (note 335), 2:541. Bolton lists her dates of birth (18 Mar. 1746) and death (2 Sept. 1794); his dates conflict with those in her baptismal record and marker transcription. Jeanne Coutand baptism, 13 Apr. 1746, Holland Society of New York Church Records Collection, vol. 80 (note 374), p. 68 of French transcription, indicating she was born 15 May 1745, parents Jacob Coutand and wife Jeanne, godparents Mr. Isaac Coutand, her uncle, and Mrs. Judith Renaud, her aunt. Jane Coutant Seacord marker transcription and memorial, Israel Seacord Cemetery, New Rochelle, N.Y., memorial 29,893,638, no image, *Find A Grave*, indicating "Headstone reads 'Here Lies the Body of Jane, wife of Israel Seacord, who departed this life Sept. 1st 1794, aged 18 [*sic*] yrs, 5 mons and 6 days.'" The undocumented *Find A Grave* memorial lists her date of birth as 13 Mar. 1745, which conflicts with the baptismal record.

<sup>513</sup> Jeanne Coutand baptism (note 512). For her mother's maiden name, Stephen Reno [*sic*] will, dated 7 July 1761, New York Co., N.Y., Wills 23:145–47 [new liber pages referring to old pp. 132–34] (DGS 5,519,019). The testator mentioned, among others, daughters Judea Bertine and Jane Coutant. Judea may have been the Mrs. Judith Renaud who was godmother to Jeanne Coutand (note 512).

<sup>514</sup> Dawson, *Westchester-County, N.Y., During the American Revolution* (note 483), 73. Protest of inhabitants and freeholders of Westchester Co., N.Y. (note 483).

<sup>515</sup> James Seacord estate file (note 453).

<sup>516</sup> Israel Seacord/Seacor households, both in the Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., N.Y.: 1790 U.S. census, p. 151 (NARA M637, roll 6); 1810 U.S. census, p. 1080 (NARA M252, roll 37). He was not found in the 1800 census. Israel/Israil Seacord/Secord entries, New York State Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804 (note 361), Town of New Rochelle, Westchester Co., Box 56: folder 9, [p. 3] (1799), folder 30 [p. 2] (1800); Box 57: folder 9 [p. 1] (1801), folder 30 [p. 2] (1802); Box 58: folder 9 [p. 1] (1803).

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BROUWER

**72 (1941): 332–37** (“Brouwer Notes No. II,” by William J. Hoffman).

Considering that Catherine Duryea’s husband Johannes/John Brouwer has been incorrectly placed in many articles and books, Mr. Hoffman did an excellent job at properly identifying him as a son of Jacobus and Jannetje (Hartje) Brouwer. Hoffman also established that Jannetje (Brouwer) Vradenburg was Johannes’s sister. Hoffman ended the article stating “It is unfortunate that apparently the baptisms of vii—Jannetje and viii—John, have not been recorded, but the circumstantial evidence that both these individuals belong to this family group is so conclusive that there cannot be any doubt with regard to its accuracy. I might add that, to my knowledge, there is no other group in the Brouwer family in which these persons could be fitted, and the correct ancestry of John Brower who married Catherine Duryea has now been established.”

A death notice published in the [New York City] *Columbian*, 18 May 1816, substantiates Mr. Hoffman’s assertion:

DIED, Yesterday morning, Mr. Abraham Brower, aged 81 years. His friends and those of his brother John I. Brower, are requested to attend his funeral to-morrow afternoon, at his late residence No. 9 Partition-street, at 11 o’clock, precisely.<sup>1</sup>

Abraham Brower is child iii of Jacobus and Jannetje (Hartje) Brouwer in Mr. Hoffman’s family group. The letters *I* and *J* were often written identically in the early nineteenth century, and the middle initial in his brother’s name was almost certainly patronymic, indicating that this John was the son of a man whose name began with the letter *I* or *J*.

New York City death registers provide additional insight and support:

- John J. Brower, aged 73, died 12 April 1823. He was a resident of Broad Street and a native of New Jersey. John died of old age and was buried in the graveyard of the Middle Dutch Church.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Abraham Brower death notice, [New York City] *Columbian*, 18 May 1816, p. 2, col. 5.

<sup>2</sup> John J. Brower death, 12 Apr. 1823, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 4 (*FamilySearch* [<https://www.familysearch.org>] Digital Genealogical Society no. [DGS] 4,005,521, image 134). All New York City death registers cited here are unpaginated; they are arranged chronologically and in rough alphabetical order by the first letter of the surname. New York City death registers up to 1843 contain information reported to the Board of Health by cemetery sextons. In many cases the “death date” is actually the date of burial.

- Jane Vradenburgh, aged 75, died 6 May 1826. She was a resident of Marketfield Street and a native of Bellevue, New Jersey. She died of diarrhea and was buried in the graveyard of the Middle Dutch Church.<sup>3</sup>

Hoffman noted that two siblings of John J. Brouwer and Jane (Brouwer) Vredenburg were baptized in Belleville, New Jersey. Both John and Jane's death records point to New Jersey; Jane's points specifically to "Bellevue" [*sic*, Belleville].

Assuming that the ages in these death records are accurate, John should be child vi., as he was born about 1749–1750 (aged 73 at death), and Jane should be child vii., as she was born about 1750–1751 (aged 75 at death). Mr. Hoffman provided no birth information on Jane and likely placed her based on her 1769 marriage to Jacob Vredenburg.

**72 (1941): 333.** In the same article, Mr. Hoffman stated, "Catherine Duryea died Oct. 1812 (newspaper notice)." No newspaper notice for her death on that or any other date has been located; however, two records show that Catherine died 20 April 1800, some twelve years earlier than Hoffman asserted:

- A transcribed Bible record states that Caty [Duryee] died 20 April 1800.<sup>4</sup>
- Burial records for the Collegiate Reformed Dutch churches in New York City show that John Brower's wife (not named in the record) died 20 April 1800 and was buried 21 April 1800.<sup>5</sup>

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#### BUDD/BROWN/BUTCHER

**146 (2015): 31–40** ("Pressing Rewind: Reconsidering John Ogden of Rye," by Frederick C. Hart Jr.).

**149 (2018): 245–62, and 150 (2019): 61–76, 147–54** ("The Ogden Family of Oxenhope," by Louis G. Ogden and Brent M. Owen).

**146 (2015): 37 and 150 (2019): 152.** In "The Ogden Family of Oxenhope," the authors referenced Hart's "Pressing Rewind: Reconsidering John Ogden of Rye." Hart asserted that John Budd's wife was Katherine Brown; however, the assertion is unsupported by the cited references, which make no mention of

<sup>3</sup> Jane Vradenburgh death, 6 May 1826, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 5 (DGS 4,005,521, image 577).

<sup>4</sup> Caty [Duryee] death, 20 Apr. 1800, from Johannes Duryee–Anna Voorhees family record, 1722–1802, transcribed by Sophia Wyckoff Brower (1872–1950) probably in the 1930s from a "large [Duryee] Bible, formerly belonging to Mrs. Post, who was Magdalen Duryea, Catherine's sister." Sophia Wyckoff Brower was a great-aunt of the contributor's father. The transcription does not include the Bible's publication data. The Bible was last known to be in possession of a second cousin, once removed, of the contributor, but it cannot now be located. Brower compiled seven scrapbooks of family photos, interviews, record transcriptions, and genealogical research. Copies are in possession of the contributor's family as well as in the Jean Mattson Collection, Plainfield Public Library, Plainfield, N.J. (For the Bible's provenance and transcription, see "Brower Genealogy, Part 1," pp. 24 and 26, of the Mattson Collection.) All other deaths listed in this Bible record transcription have been substantiated using either burial records of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch church (often as "wife of" or "child of") or newspaper records.

<sup>5</sup> "Burial Record of the Collegiate Dutch Reformed Church[es] of New York City," Holland Society of New York Church Records Collection, Book 31, p. 244, image, "U.S., Dutch Reformed Church Records in Selected States, 1639–1989," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>).

her maiden name. That Budd's wife was Katherine Brown is an oft-repeated and never-verified assertion. It does not appear that a scholarly article has been published about the English origins of the Budd family, and there is no original source in America or in England to support Katherine Brown as the wife of John Budd.

For quite some time it has been known that a set of church records in Chichester and Felpham in Sussex, England, perfectly match the family of John Budd.<sup>6</sup> The family disappears from English records coincident with the appearance of John and Katherine Budd and their children in America. The only discrepancy with the American legends regarding John Budd and his wife Katherine (touted as "Brown") is that the Chichester marriage record for John and Katherine shows her name as Katherine Butcher.<sup>7</sup>

John Budd's wife should have been styled **KATHERINE [-?-]**, pending further investigation.

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#### HOOKER/MORRIS/KIELY

**149 (2018): 179–89, 289–306; 150 (2019): 46–60, 133–46** ("Reuniting the Family of William and Eliza (Blunt) Hooker of Nineteenth-Century New York City," by Sharon L. Hoyt).

**149:289–93.** Richard Kiely and Margaret Morris married in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, New York City, 22 May 1852. The marriage was witnessed by William Hooker and Catharine Hale.<sup>8</sup> Ellen Kiely, daughter of Richard Kiely and Margt. Morris, was born 8 May 1853 and baptized in St. Joseph's 15 May 1853. Her sponsors were William Hooker and Ellen Hooker.<sup>9</sup> Sponsor Ellen Hooker was probably Ellen (Morris) Hooker, Margaret's sister.

Taken together, the marriage and baptismal records support the conclusion that William Jarvis Hooker's second wife, Ellen Kiely, was the niece of his first wife, Ellen Morris. Based on William and Ellen (Kiely) Hooker's age difference, it is likely that the William Hooker who was a sponsor at Ellen Kiely's baptism was William Jarvis Hooker, her uncle by marriage and the man she later married.

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<sup>6</sup> Budd family researchers were aware of the records as early as 1985. See *The Budd Family 1981: Supplement–1985* (Middletown, N.J.: Budd Family Association, 1985), p. 2, which makes brief mention, adding that "more information will need to be found before proof can be claimed that these items actually refer to John Budd of Southold, Long Island."

<sup>7</sup> John Budd–Katherine Butcher marriage, 21 Nov. 1620, Church of Saint Andrew-in-the-Oxmarket, Chichester, Sussex, England, Parish Register, 1563–1708, p. 41 (DGS 4,428,928, item 2).

<sup>8</sup> Richard Kiely–Margaret Morris marriage record, 22 May 1852, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, New York City, image of original record sent to the contributor by the Parish Church of Saint Joseph in Greenwich Village, 371 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y., 5 July 2019.

<sup>9</sup> Ellen Kiely baptismal record, 15 May 1853, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, New York City, image of original record sent to the contributor by the Parish Church of Saint Joseph in Greenwich Village (note 8).

## MCDUGAL/WEEKS

**150 (2019): 20–33** (“Henry and Hannah [Lambert] McDougal and Their Family of New York, North Carolina, and Florida,” by Capers W. McDonald).

**150:27n74.** Elizabeth A. Weeks’s estate file shows a relatively straightforward administration involving Elizabeth’s surviving children, Annie M. Weeks and Robert Oakie Weeks. Elizabeth died intestate; her only assets were real estate in Seminole County, Florida, and the furnishings and contents of a dwelling on the property. Annie M. Weeks was appointed administratrix with her brother’s consent.<sup>10</sup>

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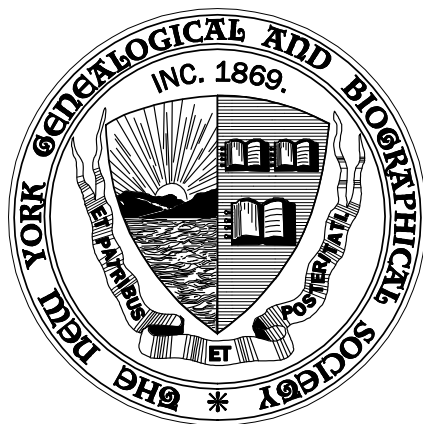
**150 (2019): 85–86, 158** (“The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society at 150 Years: A Brief History,” by D. Joshua Taylor).

**150:85.** The Berkeley Lyceum Building to which the Society moved its headquarters in 1888 was located at 19 West 44th Street, New York City.

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<sup>10</sup> Elizabeth A. Weeks estate file, Seminole Co., Fla., case 1961CP4022, Seminole Co. Clerk of Courts, Sanford, Fla.

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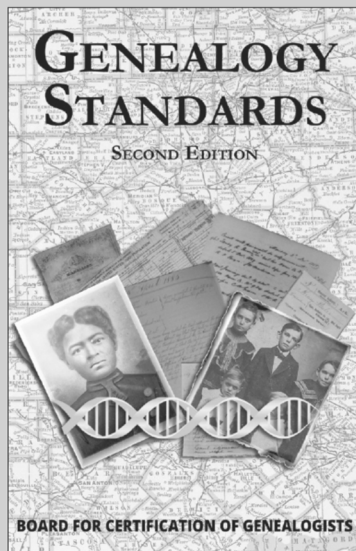
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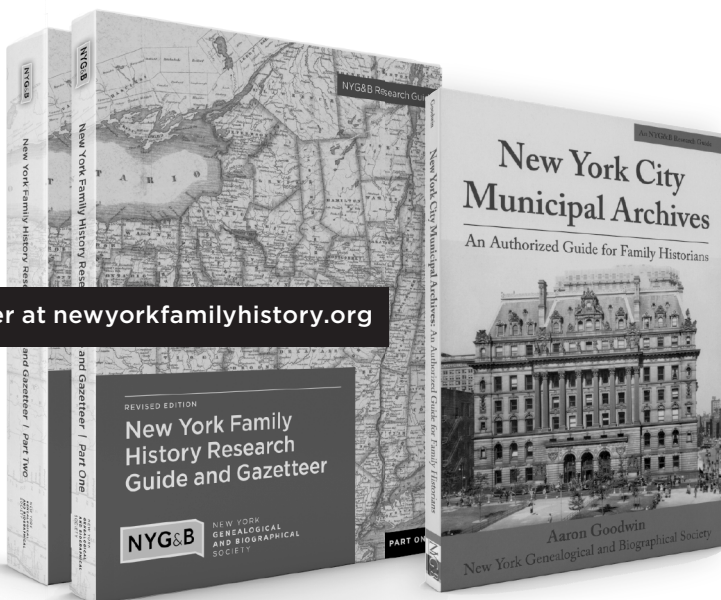
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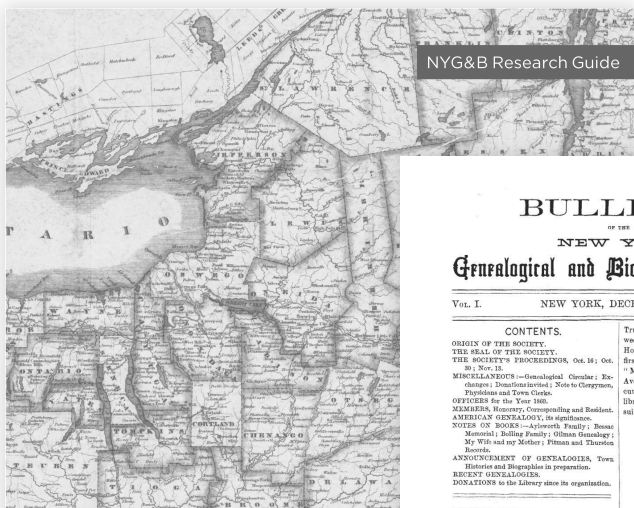
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