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Zerubbabel Jerome and His Family of Bristol, Connecticut: A Family of Differing Loyalties During the War of the Revolution^[1]

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The idea for this article originated from a story written over 100 years ago by my second great-grandfather Ximenus A. Welton (1824–1913) in the *Connecticut Magazine*.^[2] In that piece, he explained how in 1838, at the age of fourteen, he discovered a cave in the Chippeny Hill area near Burlington called the Tory Den. His grandparents and other sympathizers of King George III sought refuge in the den from a marauding patriot group called the Sons of Liberty. Welton went on to describe how his great-grandfather Zerubbabel Jerome and his sons and daughters differed in their loyalties to colonies or crown. This was family history that sparked my interest and seemed to be awaiting further exploration; thus began my quest to learn more about this noteworthy Jerome family during a time of turmoil in their home and in the colonies.

On the eve of the War of the Revolution, Zerubbabel Jerome and his ten children were a typical colonial family. Feelings must have been passionate among the household regarding support for colonial independence or continuation of allegiance to the English crown and church. Prominent colonial statesman John Adams suggested that only a third of the colonists were Patriots and the other two-thirds were either active Tories or were neutral.^[3] The Jerome family seemed to mirror Adam's notion. They differed as much politically as any family could. Zerubbabel and his three sons Robert, Thomas, and Asahel were all Patriots and served in the Connecticut Militia. The other two sons, Zerubbabel Jr. and Chauncey, were Tories who refused to renounce their allegiance to the King. Two of his five daughters, Phebe and Ruth married Tories. One son-in-law was the only Tory executed in Connecticut for treason.

This article explores the lives and loyalties of the Zerubbabel Jerome family. For each family, I have developed a "life story" that includes some indication of their loyalty to the colonies (Patriot) or crown (Tory). My research yielded a number of derivative rather than original sources of information; thus their stories are to some extent anecdotal in nature.

Like most colonists, Zerubbabel was a farmer all of his life. The first record of land holdings was in 1742, when he moved to a farm near the northern end of King's Road in New Cambridge,^[4] an early name for the Farmington parish that became the town of Bristol. In November of 1762, Zerubbabel bought land

in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, offered for sale by the Susquehanna Land Company.^[5] Zerubbabel traveled to the Wyoming Valley to lay claim to his land in January 1769.^[6] I was unable to locate any records showing how long Zerubbabel remained in Pennsylvania. The farm could have been shared with one of his sons, Asahel. I will explain this arrangement later in Asahel's life story.

If Zerubbable was still farming in the Wyoming Valley at the onset of the Revolutionary War, he returned to the Farmington area before December 1775. That was when he volunteered at the age of sixty-one to serve in the Connecticut militia that mustered in Farmington. He would be alongside his son Robert. They were attached to General Erastus Wolcott's regiment during the siege of Boston (19 April 1775 to 17 March 1776) for three months of duty. He was a private in Captain Hooker's First Company.^[7] Their Connecticut Regiment reached Boston toward the end of January after nearly a hundred-mile march and remained there for about six weeks. The regiment formed part of the force that occupied Boston after the British evacuated the town and left for Nova Scotia.^[8]

After leaving the Connecticut militia in 1776, Zerubbabel returned to his family and presumably his agrarian roots in Hartford County, where he passed away seven years later in 1783 at the age of seventy. On 17 October 1783, Zachariah Hitchcock and Jonathan Pond posted bond on his estate. The inventory totaled £105 2s 10d. As of 16 August 1785, advances had been made to Mary Spencer, Phebe Dunbar, Jerusha Pond, Issabel Warren [*sic*], Ruth Graves, and Thomas, Asahel, Zerubabel, Robert, and Chauncy "Jearom," but not to daughter Abigail, who was unmarried at the time.^[9]

Thus ended a full and adventurous life where he lived through the challenges of raising a colonial family of sons and daughters with conflicting sentiments about the War and militia service at the Siege of Boston.

Genealogical Summary

1. ZERUBBABLE JEROME was born to Timothy and Abigail (Rich) Jerome in Windham, Connecticut, on 3 April 1715.^[10] He died on 1 October 1783, probably in the part of Farmington, Connecticut, that was set off as the town of Bristol in 1785.^[11] He married first SARAH COOK, daughter of Henry Cook^[12] and second, her sister PHEBE COOK in Wallingford, Connecticut, on 30 August 1738, in what is now the First Congregational Church in Meriden.^[13] Phebe was born about 1714 in Waterbury, Connecticut,^[104] daughter of Henry and Mary (Frost) Cook. She was baptized as an adult in Wallingford on 26 July 1741.^[14] The date and place of Phebe's death is unknown. Between 1739 and 1765 ten children were born into the family.

Children of Zerubbable and Phebe (Cook) Jerome, were all born probably in the part of Wallingford, Connecticut, that was set off as the town of Meriden in 1806:

2. i. MARY JEROME, born ca. 1739;^[15] married JOSEPH SPENCER.
3. ii. PHEBE JEROME, baptized Meriden 26 July 1741;^[16] married MOSES DUNBAR.
4. iii. ROBERT JEROME, baptized Meriden 2 Aug. 1741;^[17] married CANDACE HITCHCOCK.
5. iv. THOMAS JEROME, baptized Meriden 18 Sept. 1743;^[18] married MEHITABLE HART.
6. v. ASAHEL JEROME, baptized Meriden 12 May 1745;^[19] married SARAH BRONSON.
- vi. ISABEL JEROME, b. ca. 1747, m. ABRAHAM WARREN.^[20]
7. vii. JERUSHA JEROME, born ca. 1749;^[21] married JONATHAN POND.
8. viii. ZERUBBABEL JEROME Jr., born ca. 1750;^[22] married BARBARA HART.
9. ix. CHAUNCEY JEROME, born say 1755; married ESTHER (ADAMS) DUNBAR.
10. x. RUTH JEROME, born 14 June 1760;^[23] married STEPHEN GRAVES.
11. xi. ABIGAIL JEROME, born ca. 1765;^[24] married Bristol 5 Nov. 1788, JOHN LEE.^[25]

2. MARY JEROME was born about 1739. She died, probably in Onondaga Co., N.Y., before 1830. She married in Farmington, Connecticut, on 12 October 1758, JOSEPH SPENCER.^[26] They were the parents of four sons and two daughters. All six children were born in Farmington or possibly Burlington between 1759 and 1783.^[27] Sometime after their last child was born in 1783, the Spencers moved to central New York state, settled in Onondaga, Onondaga County, and continued farming. Mary and Joseph's names do not appear on the 1830 census.^[28] Given the fact they both would have been about 91 years old that year, they most likely died in Onondaga County before the June 1830 census.

Mary and Joseph could not be definitely placed on either side as a Patriot or Tory family. They most likely held Patriot sympathies as two of their sons served as soldiers in the Connecticut militia.

3. PHEBE JEROME was baptized in Meriden on 26 July 1741.^[29] She died in Plymouth, Connecticut, on 26 May 1776.^[30] She was married in Farmington on 30 May 1764, MOSES DUNBAR.^[31] An extraordinary incident and an unusual situation are part of Phebe Jerome's life story. These happenings will be explained later.

Phebe and Moses Dunbar settled in the Chippeny Hill area near Farmington, Connecticut, after their marriage. Seven children were born into this family over a period of twelve years. Phebe died after the birth of their seventh child.^[32]

After Phebe's death, Moses probably envisioned living a solitary and peaceable life on the farm with his children. However, he was already under suspicion for his outspoken Tory activities and sympathies. At one point he was attacked by a mob and imprisoned for fourteen days. After the charges were dismissed, he decided to seek safety on Long Island. Evidently before going away, he became engaged to Esther Adams (b. 20 April 1749) and banns of marriage were published. He returned to Farmington and married Esther in either December 1776 or the next January. Moses Jr. was born the following December.^[33]

Marriage to a second wife and family responsibilities did not afford Moses any sense of safety from threatening mobs, so he returned to Long Island a second time. The extraordinary incident, mentioned previously, gets underway at this point. This is when Moses made a fatal miscalculation that led to his being charged with treason. Moses accepted a captain's warrant for the King's service in Colonel Fanning's Regiment to recruit men for the loyalist cause.^[34] After returning to Connecticut, presumably for recruitment purposes, he was taken into custody with a King's commission in his pocket and tried before the Superior Court in Hartford on 23 January 1777. He was charged with high treason against the State of Connecticut for "enlisting men for General Howe and for having a captain's commission for that purpose" and found guilty. He was ordered to be hanged.^[35] About two weeks before he was to be put to death, Moses managed to escape confinement. After his breakout, the *Connecticut Courant* reported on March 3rd that Moses Dunbar had escaped. Handbills were printed to assist in his recapture. The handbill stated that "He is about five feet eight inches high, short curled hair which with his beard is of a sandy color, has a down-look round face, hollow eyes and wears a red great coat."^[36] A bounty of three pounds and costs were offered for his apprehension. He was recaptured in a few days. The gallows where he was to be hung were erected on a hill south of Hartford near the site of Trinity College. Moses Dunbar was executed on Wednesday, 19 March 1777. On the following Monday, the *Courant* reported "a prodigious concourse of people were spectators on the occasion."^[37] The hanging was an event viewed not only by the public, but also by Moses' pregnant wife Esther. She was compelled to ride in a cart with the sheriff to the scene to witness the lynching. Moses holds the distinction of being the only person to be executed for high treason against the State of Connecticut.^[38]

More than a century after Moses Dunbar was executed, two papers were found in the attic of a house in Harwinton that was being razed. The first was addressed to his children. His last words of affection and guidance for his children are worthy of quotation: “My Children. Remember your Creator in the days of your youth. Learn your Creed, the Lord’s prayer, and the ten commandments and catechism, and go to church as often as you can, and prepare yourselves as soon as you are of a proper age to worthily partake of the Lord’s Supper. I charge you all, never to leave the Church. Read the Bible. Love the Saviour wherever you may be. I am now in Hartford jail condemned to death for high treason against the State of Connecticut. I was thirty years last June, the 14th. God bless you. Remember your Father and Mother and be dutiful to your present mother (Esther).”^[39]

The second paper was an account of his life and a statement of his faith. The document concludes with these final words “May God have mercy on me and receive my spirit, Amen, and Amen.”^[40]

This is where the unusual situation mentioned earlier begins to unfold. Shortly after her husband was hung, Esther married Chauncey Jerome of Bristol. He was the younger brother by nineteen years of Moses’ first wife Phebe Jerome. Before the marriage, Chauncey was the uncle to Phebe’s five surviving children. After the ceremony, he became their stepfather. He also became the stepfather to Esther’s son, Moses. It seems ironic that Phebe and Moses’ children would depend upon a brother and a fellow Tory to care for them. Chauncey’s life with Esther will be examined in his story that will follow later.

4. ROBERT JEROME was baptized in Meriden on 2 August 1741. He died in Paris, Oneida County, New York, shortly before 24 June 1802.^[41] He married in Plymouth in 1780, CANDACE HITCHCOCK.^[42]

Not much is known about Robert Jerome’s early years until his two enlistments in the Connecticut militia in 1775 and 1776. Robert and his brother Thomas became the first Patriots from their family serving together as privates in Captain Noadiah Hooker’s Sixth Company in General Spencer’s Second Regiment.^[43] Robert was thirty-four years of age. His term of duty was for seven months from May through November 1775. During this period, the regiment may have taken part in both the Siege of Boston and the Battle of Bunker Hill and possibly with Benedict Arnold’s Quebec Expedition.^[44]

Robert served in the same company with another family member during his second deployment for three months. This time with his father, Zerubbabel.

Robert was listed as a fifer in Captain Hooker's First Company of General Wolcott's Regiment^[45] during the siege of Boston. Robert filed for a Revolutionary War Pension and was awarded a twenty-five per cent invalid pension for an injury to his right knee during the retreat from New York in 1776. National Archives records revealed Robert received an allowance of \$7.50 every six months beginning in September 1800. The last allowance was made on 3 March 1803. Over a period of three years he received a total of \$45.^[46]

Robert remained single until 1780 when he married Candace Hitchcock in Plymouth. Their five children (Phebe, Lois, Daniel, Billa, and Candace) were born between 1783 and 1795.^[47]

The next record available for Robert was the 1790 census when he was living in Watertown, Connecticut.^[48] Sometime after this census, Robert moved to Plymouth with his family, a relocation of seven miles. Before 1800, the family moved again, this time to Oneida County in New York. His war pension began that year and possibly provided some of the funds for the move. The 1800 census found Robert living in Deerfield, New York.^[49] This would have been a journey of nearly 200 miles. Residence in New York would be the culmination of his travels that began in 1775. Robert died before 24 June 1802, "late of Paris," New York. On this date, administration of his estate was granted to his wife Candace Jerome.^[50]

During the sixty-some years of Robert's life, the most challenging events occurred in the history of Connecticut. He was a vigorous participant in defending his young colony. Robert Jerome wore many hats during his life, but above all he was a Patriot for the cause of independence.

5. THOMAS JEROME was baptized in Meriden on 18 September 1743.^[51] He died in Bristol on 25 October 1810 aged 67.^[52] He married in Plymouth in 1762, MEHITABLE HART.^[53] She died in Bristol in 1815 aged 75.^[54]

Thomas began the first of his three different deployments in the Connecticut militia with his brother Robert. Both brothers served as privates in Captain Noadiah Hooker's Sixth Company in General Spencer's Second Regiment. This initial tour of duty was for seven months from 5 May to 1 December 1775. He was 32 years old. Records show that Thomas deserted, but was later reinstated. His petition for reinstatement indicated he had no intention of leaving as he thought his term had expired.^[55] Thomas was most likely involved in both the siege of Boston and the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The second of Thomas' enlistments was for seven months from June through December 1776 in Colonel William Douglas's Brigade. He was a sergeant in Cornelius Higgins's Eighth Company.^[56] The brigade was involved in the battle of Long Island on 27 August. This was the first major battle of the Revolutionary War to take place after the United States declared its independence. It was a victory for the British and in terms of troop deployment and fighting was the largest battle of the entire war. The next action Thomas was involved in was the Battle of White Plains on 28 October 1776 near White Plains, New York. His enlistment expired on Christmas Day 1776.^[57]

Thomas' final enlistment was for three months from March through May in 1777 at Peekskill, New York, in Colonel Hooker's Regiment. Thomas was a sergeant and wagoner hauling ordinance and stores in Captain James Stoddard's Company.^[58] The regiment was ordered by General Erastus Wolcott to march the twenty-five miles from White Plains to Peekskill and defend the post. This would have taken about three days as freight wagons were reported to cover ten to twelve miles a day. Over a period of three enlistments, Thomas served for a total of seventeen months and rose to the rank of sergeant. He was the only one of the Jeromes (father and two brothers) to achieve rank above private.

Thomas and Mehitabel were parents to four children (Sibyl, Mahitabel, Abigail, and Thomas Jr.) born between 1763 and 1766.^[59] At the time of the 1790 census, Thomas and Mehitabel were living in Bristol.^[60]

6. ASAHIEL JEROME was baptized in Meriden on 12 May 1745.^[61] He died in Morristown, New Jersey, 31 July 1777.^[62] He married SARAH BRONSON.^[63] They were the parents of five children: Jason (1765) and Asahel (1766) were born in Farmington; Eldad (1770), Eri (1772), and Sarah (18 March 1777) were born in Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania.^[64] If this information about their birth state is correct, Asahel and Sarah moved to the Wyoming Valley sometime before Eldad was born in 1770. Earlier I mentioned Asahel's father purchased land in Luzerne, County Pennsylvania. It is possible that Asahel and his family joined his father on this land sometime before 1770, clearing trees, preparing the soil, and farming together.

Asahel Jerome, now a farmer in the Wyoming Valley, began an enlistment as a private. He served in Captain Robert Durkee's Second Independent Company on 17 September 1776.^[65] The company was mustered into the Continental Service at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The officers and men of the company furnished their own arms and accoutrements. Those who supplied themselves with uniforms, procured them likewise at their own expense. In December,

the company was ordered by the Continental Congress to join General Washington as quickly as possible.^[66]

On 1 January 1777, Asahel's Second Independent Wyoming Company marched from Wilkes-Barre with pack horses and provisions via the lower road to the Delaware River to Wind Gap, then to Easton to join General Washington at Millstone, New Jersey, in preparation for the Battle of Millstone River on 20 January. This was a march of one hundred miles. Their next action against the Red Coats was on 11 April at the Battle of Bound Brook. They then marched to Morristown on 27 May. About that same time, regimental commander Colonel Butler wrote to General Washington reporting "Many soldiers in the independent companies have received no clothes, arms are useless, and some of them lost. They are also destitute of tents and every kind of camp equipage. I hope your Excellency will give special directions how they are to be supplied with those articles."^[67] These appalling conditions in addition to malnutrition and lack of medical care may have led to Asahel's death from dysentery on 31 July 1777. At the time of his decease he was reported to be five foot nine inches in height and thirty-two years of age.^[68]

After Asahel's death, Sarah and her five children, ranging in ages from twelve years to four and a half months, remained on the land they were farming. They were still in the Wyoming Valley when the Massacre of 3 July 1778 occurred. They escaped the destruction and walked back to Farmington.^[69]

Asahel Jerome could be considered a Connecticut Pioneer as he cleared land and farmed on the state's western frontier in the Wyoming Valley. Of the four Jeromes who were Patriots in his family, Asahel was the only one to die in uniform.

7. JERUSHA JEROME was born about 1749.^[70] She died in Bristol in 1828.^[71] She married, perhaps 4 June 1772, JONATHAN POND.^[72] After Jerusha married Jonathan, they settled on a farm in Plymouth. All of their nine children were born on this farm and educated in the district school on Fall Mountain in the Chippeny Hill area. Jerusha and Jonathan lived on the homestead all of their married lives. He was the first to depart in 1818 and Jerusha ten years later. Both were buried in Old South Cemetery in Bristol.^[73]

Was Jerusha married to a Patriot or Tory? I found three examples that seem to speak to Jonathan's loyalty to either Great Britain or his American colonies. In the first instance, Jonathan was drafted for service in the American Army, but hired a substitute in September 1777 and then was obliged to engage another

stand-in three months later.^[74] Was his refusal to serve in the Connecticut militia a clue of his political leanings? When his brother-in-law Chauncey Jerome, who lived in the next house below his, sought refuge in his home from the Sons of Liberty, Jonathan met the pursuers with a loaded gun and held them at bay until Chauncey could make good his escape.^[75] Since he was allowed to keep a gun, Welton supposed he was not a Tory.^[76] Even though it is unclear if he was a Patriot or Tory, it is apparent Jonathan was not vigorous in championing either cause, as was the case with some of his other brothers-in-law.

8. ZERUBBABEL JEROME JR. was born about 1750.^[77] He died in Kirkland, Oneida County, New York, after 1802.^[78] He married in Bristol in 1780, BARBARA HART.^[79] She died about 1813. Both are buried in the Kirkland Cemetery.^[80]

Zerubbabel and his brother Chauncey publically displayed their Tory sympathies together in 1777. They were from Farmington and probably living in Bristol when they were arrested in May 1777 and held in jail for some time in Hartford. They and fifteen other men were charged with refusing to go on the expedition to the Danbury alarm on 21 April 1777.^[81] It was on that day that British troops attacked Danbury and began destroying everything in sight.^[82] Welton believed the two brothers had used the Tory Den as a hiding place before their arrest and imprisonment.^[83] There will be more about the Tory Den in Ruth Jerome's life story.

Public records of the State of Connecticut, dated 22 May 1777^[84], reveal that a committee convened in Farmington to examine the Jerome brothers and the other men's opinion about the defense of the colonies and their support of the British. The investigation revealed "they had been much under the influence of one Nichols, a designing church clergyman who had instilled into them principles opposite to the good of the States ... and that since their imprisonment upon matter of conviction ... they are convinced that the States are right in their claim ... and that they will to the utmost of their power defend the country against the British Army...." The committee recommended the brothers be released from their imprisonment after taking an oath of fidelity to the United States and paying a fine in excess of twenty-two pounds.^[85] Evidently this was the extent of Zerubbabel Jr.'s recorded activities as a Tory. However, Chauncey would continue to reveal his sympathies for the British Crown as we shall see in his life story that follows.

After the War, Zerubbabel Jr. married Barbara Hart. Five children were born into the family during 1783–1790.^[86] According to the 1790 census, Zerubbabel Jr. was living in Bristol in a household of seven including the five

children.^[87] The family moved to Paris, Oneida County, New York, before 1800. This would have been a journey of about 200 miles. The 1800 census reported a Zerubbabel Jerome and wife with seven children. The latter two were apparently born after resettlement in New York.^[88] According to the 1801 Tax Assessment Rolls, Zerubbabel Jr. owned property in Paris valued at \$533.^[89]

Zerubbabel Jr. was the third Jerome sibling to resettle in central New York state. His sister Mary and her husband Joseph Spencer moved there sometime after 1783. The Spencers lived in adjoining Onondaga County. Robert and his family moved to Deerfield sometime before 1800. This move would bring the brothers within about twenty miles of each other. Zerubbabel Jr. and Barbara spent their last years in Oneida County.

9. CHAUNCEY JEROME was born say 1755. He died in Plymouth, Connecticut, in 1845.^[90] He married, about 1776, ESTHER (ADAMS) DUNBAR, widow and second wife of Moses Dunbar who had married (1) Chauncey's sister Phebe.^[91] When Chauncey married Esther, he became stepfather to Esther's child and Phebe's five children and in doing so shouldered tremendous responsibility. Let us take a step back now and look at Chauncey's earlier life.

Chauncey Jerome was living on Fall Mountain when the War began. Even though the Troy Den was some distance from his home,^[92] it would have been familiar ground as he probably sought refuge there and was one of the leaders at secret council meetings.^[93]

As a young man, Chauncey was described as being muscular and fully six feet in height. He was a "man of spirit and filled with the courage of his convictions and was not afraid to express them."^[94] It was this outspokenness and fierce support of the English Crown that most likely brought him to the attention of his patriotic neighbors and encounters with them.

Chauncey's first confrontation was explained previously in Zerubbabel Jr.'s life story. After being imprisoned, he swore allegiance to the cause for independence, paid a fine, and was released. Chauncey Jerome was now a reformed Tory—or was he? There are several versions of the next clashes he encountered. In one account, he escapes after being threatened to be whipped with a hickory rod, but manages to escape. In another story, he is hung in a tree and barely survives. Following are the accounts of each.

This version of the hickory rod incident is offered by Chauncey's great-nephew, Ximenus Welton, as told to him by his grandmother Ruth Jerome.

Welton refers to his great-uncle as “one of the seventeen reformed Tories taken by a mob of his neighbors and tied to a tree by his thumbs. One verdict says, his shirt was drawn out, turned up over his head and fastened, but the powerful blow aimed at his bared back shivered the strong hickory rod on the unprotected tree, for young Jerome, having by a sudden desperate effort, ‘broken his bonds in sunder’ leaving his shirt on the tree, was in light marching order (i.e. in his underwear), making his way well in advance of his persecutors to the home of his brother-in-law, Jonathan Pond.”^[95]

According to an account of his near hanging provided by Trumbull, it was known that there were “Tories and meetings of the friends of King George throughout the State which were often held secretly on Chippeny Hill [Tory Den?]. At one time, the Whigs heard that such a meeting was to be held and stationed sentinels on all the roads leading to the rendezvous. One party of these sentries arrested a well-known Tory, Chauncey Jerome by name, and after a summary trial found him guilty of treason and sentenced him to be hanged. They accordingly brought him down to the whipping post which stood across the road from the meeting house and hanged him to the branches of a tree which stood by the post. It was now daylight and the executioners rode away. A few minutes later an early traveler found Jerome hanging nearly dead, cut the rope and brought him back to consciousness.”^[96]

Regardless of whether these stories are true or not, Chauncey felt the wrath of his zealous neighbors. Rather than endure the continued persecution from marauding patriots, he and his new wife may have made the decision to take their family of six stepchildren and join other American Tories in Nova Scotia. Some records indicate they remained there until the end of the War. However, four of their own children were baptized in New Cambridge [then part of Farmington] in August 1780.^[97] This means they returned to the Chippeny Hill area before the War’s end. Three more children were born to Chauncey and Esther in Connecticut. In all, they parented thirteen youngsters.^[98]

Chauncey remained a Tory to the end of the war. To the day of his death in Plymouth in 1845,^[99] he was known as Jerome the Tory.^[100]

10. My 4th great-grandmother RUTH JEROME was born on 14 June 1760. She died in Harwinton, Connecticut, on 28 August 1824.^[101] She married in Farmington on 8 December 1778, STEPHEN GRAVES.^[102] He died in 1828. Both are buried in the East Plymouth Cemetery.^[103]

They began their lives together in a log cabin built by Stephen. Their new dwelling was located on 200 acres of land owned by his father, Cornelius

(1724–1812). This farm was situated in the southeast corner of Harwinton, Litchfield County, in the Chippeny Hill area.^[104] All seven of their children were born here: Nancy (1779–1783), Ruth (1781–1783), Cornelius (1783–1828), Major (1784–1861), Stephen (1791–1854), Nancy (1793–1883), and Ruth (1795–1886).^[105] Ruth and Stephen lived in this cabin until after the War when they built a spacious house in 1795 that later became known as the Harwinton House.^[106]

When Ruth moved into her new log house in the winter of 1778, near the midpoint of the War, I wonder if she realized it would become a meeting place for Tories from the surrounding area and that her husband would become (or was) known as a notorious Tory leader.^[107] Regardless, they soon became the only husband and wife team in the Jerome family who were active Tories.

When Stephen's sentiments about loyalty to king or colonies became public is not known. It may have been after May 1777 when his two brothers-in-law, Zerubbabel Jr. and Chauncey, were arrested. Stephen was a staunch friend of the Rev. Nichols who was the mentor of the seventeen members of his congregation who refused to take part in the Danbury alarm. Welton seems to substantiate this idea with this statement: "... it is not probable that he (Stephen) was at that time in the spring of 1777, reckoned as a Tory or suspected of being opposed to the Revolution."^[108]

In 1778, Stephen took the oath of fidelity and the freeman's oath. Pond pointed out that this oath of fidelity was "drastic and compelled a conscientious denial of the king's power."^[109] Thus taken, Stephen appeared to be siding with the cause of the Revolution. Sometime afterwards, he was drafted for service in the Continental Army. He hired a substitute in his place. The next year he was drafted for a second time while "starving his family to pay the wages of his [first] substitute" according to Ruth, his youngest daughter.^[110] As the first child in the family was born in November 1779, it appears Stephen was drafted and supporting his substitute after Ruth's birth in 1779, but most likely 1780. After being drafted for the second time, Stephen vowed that he would neither fight nor continue to pay a substitute. With his sympathies toward King George III now out in the open, Stephen became the object of persecution by Captain Wilson and his band called the Sons of Liberty. They sought to break Stephen's support of the Crown and would harass him until the end of the War.^[111]

It should not be surprising that Stephen would declare himself a Tory. His father was a member of St. Peter's Church in Northbury and the Graves name appeared prominently among the missionaries of the Church in New England.

Another motive for his loyalty can be found in his royal ancestry. However, Stephen was probably never aware that Edward I (1239–1307) King of England may have been his 15th great-grandfather.^[112] After Stephen rejected the second draft, the Sons of Liberty decided he was a person requiring their special attention. He was also a leader of the Tories in the Chippeny Hill area and his log cabin was a rendezvous for Loyalists. Now that he was the focus of this vigilante group, Stephen was forced to seek safety in the Tory Den more often. In that the cave was upon or near his property, Stephen may have been the person to discover this hideout.^[113] It was situated less than a mile southeast of his log cabin according to a map of the Tory region.^[114] Other Tories in the neighborhood would also seek shelter there when raids by Wilson's men were expected.^[115] Peck believes Connecticut Tories also used to meet "... here in conference; here soldiers were enlisted for King George, officers chosen, and information gathered to be sent to the royal headquarters at New York."^[116] It may have been the center of Tory activities for the state of Connecticut. The den was never found by Tory hunters and remained undiscovered for more than four decades after the War when it was unearthed by Stephen's grandson Ximenus Welton. Pond recognized Welton's endeavors by dedicating his book the Tories of Chippeny Hill to "the venerable Rev. X. A. Welton, discoverer of the Tory Den, and rescuer of the Tories from the field of legend."^[117]

Graves' family history records several incidents where Stephen was forced to deal with the neighborhood vigilantes. Once he was seized by a mob and carried to a fork in the roads^[118] a half mile south of his homestead. They tied him to a cherry tree and scourged him with hickory rods^[119] and on another occasion while visiting his grandfather in Saybrook. (If this was the Old Saybrook of today, he would have been about sixty miles from his farm.) There Stephen was arrested and accused of desertion. He was forced to walk back to Harwinton while his captors rode. Being a model prisoner, Stephen was allowed to walk some distance ahead when climbing hills. "This was their relative position one evening at dusk, coming up Pine Hollow Hill about three miles from his log cabin when he stepped up the steep bank, bade them good evening and disappeared."^[120] Stephen knew the area well and had no trouble finding the way back to his log cabin. When he reached home, he found his abductors questioning Ruth regarding his whereabouts. From a concealed place, he heard Ruth explain that he was not at home and had been gone for several weeks in Saybrook. After searching the cabin without success, they departed leaving the Graves family in peace.^[121] Stephen was successful in escaping this time, but must have known that he would have to remain vigilant the remaining years of the War.

When Ruth and Stephen were married in 1778, the Revolutionary War was still in the early years and would not be settled for nearly another five in 1783. Little did she realize how those five remaining war years would present her with abundant challenges. On the home front, she was an eighteen-year-old bride beginning a new life in their log cabin in the woods. Three children would be born during those five years and two of them would not live to the end of the War.^[122] With her marriage to Stephen, Ruth would leave the Congregational Church of her parents, join the Church of England, and become supportive of the Tory cause.

As a Tory wife, Ruth became part of an early warning system among Chippeny Hill wives who would alert their husbands when Wilson's band of vigilantes were approaching. They would blow loud blasts on their conch shell or horn. The signal was passed on for neighbors to continue the alarm. The sound of the horns would resonate through the air and alert the men to hide from the marauders.^[123] If they were close to the Tory Den, they would go into hiding there. Whenever Stephen and other men were in the den, Ruth would take food to them at night, scrambling nearly a mile through the woods.^[124]

Ruth's grandson, Ximenus Welton, recalled the time when she had just blown her warning conch shell and was surprised by Captain Wilson. She was hiding the shell between the straw bed and featherbed. She quickly took something from under the bed hid it under her apron and walked out of doors. The captain thought she was going out to hide the shell. When they were outside, she suddenly turned and threw the contents of the chamber pot in his face. Thus assaulted, the captain in his wrath threatened the life of Mrs. Graves' young girl companion with a pistol at her head until she showed where the conch was concealed.^[125] He confiscated the shell and never returned it. Pond supposed "this young girl [Ruth] was surely a helpmate to the good man Graves."^[126]

Stephen's loyalty to the British Crown seemed to have eventually been forgiven. Two years before his death he had held office as one of the selectmen of the town of Harwinton and was looked upon as a respected citizen despite his reputation as a Tory.^[127]

Ruth and Stephen lived their entire married life on the same farmstead. Census records for 1790,^[128] 1800,^[129] 1810,^[130] and 1820^[131] show their residence in Harwinton.

11. ABIGAIL JEROME was born about 1765.^[132] She married in Bristol on 5 November 1788, JOHN LEE.^[133] They became the parents of thirteen children

between 1790 and 1806. The last six children died in infancy.^[134] The Lee family lived in Burlington, where John was a farmer and blacksmith. Sometime after the last child was born and died in 1806, John left Abigail, probably filed for divorce in 1807, and married Charlotte Neff in 1809.^[135] The date of Abigail's death is unknown. If a divorce was granted in 1807, she would have died sometime after that.

John Lee was nine years of age when the War began. It is doubtful he was ever involved. However, the family sentiments would have been in favor of the revolution. His father, James was a captain in the 8th Company, 3rd Regiment in the Revolutionary Army.^[136]

Final Thoughts

The four Patriots of the Jerome family volunteered to serve in the Connecticut Militia for a combined total of three and one-half years in the Revolutionary War. During the eleven months of the siege of Boston, there was a Jerome present until the British detachment withdrew on St. Patrick's Day, 1776.

The Tory Den played an important part in the lives of the family members who were Tories. At one time or another, the Tory Den provided sanctuary for all of the loyalists in the family. Ruth and Steven Graves were the most familiar with this hiding place and probably used it more often.

When the family patriarch died in 1783, his surviving sons and daughters were still living in either Hartford or Litchfield County. With all the family residing in close proximity, the funeral could have been attended by his eight children and fifty some grandchildren.

Sometime after the end of the War, Mary, Robert, and Zerubbable Jr. moved to north central New York state. The other five siblings (Thomas, Jerusha, Ruth, Chauncey, and Abigail) remained in Hartford and Litchfield Counties. With the end of the War, did the Jerome family accept the outcome, unite as a family, and reestablish family relations? Without personal accounts, we will never know. Distances between families should not have been a limitation. In New York, Robert and Zerubbable Jr. lived within a few miles of each other and sixty miles from Mary. The family members in Connecticut resided

as close as five miles and no more than twenty miles apart. One can only speculate that family ties trumped political differences.

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Two Nehemiah Daniels Families from Connecticut

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There are two Nehemiah Daniels contemporaneous in Connecticut. They each had a son named Nehemiah and three of them married women named Elizabeth. The two families have been intermixed in genealogical publications and the errors have been carried forward in many published family trees.^[1] One Nehemiah Daniels was from Colchester, New London County, and he moved to the adjacent Town of Hebron in Tolland County. The second Nehemiah Daniels was from New London. He never moved, but the section of New London that he lived in became the Town of Waterford when that town was formed in 1801.

Nehemiah Daniels of Colchester and Hebron, Connecticut

NEHEMIAH DANIELS of Colchester was born say 1718,^[2] probably a son of Jonathan (*John*)^[3] and Rebecca (Graves) Daniels.^[4] He was married in Colchester on 19 December 1743 by the Reverend Ephraim Little to ELIZABETH WORTHINGTON.^[5] Nehemiah was baptized as an adult on 10 June 1744 by Reverend Little on the same day as his daughter “Rodah.”^[6] Nehemiah is included in a list of the polls for the First Society in Colchester in 1787.^[7]

Jeremiah Foote of Colchester sold 28 acres, more or less, near the river to Nehemiah Daniels of Colchester for £60 on 2 December 1777.^[8] Silas Pepoon of Hebron sold 3 acres to Nehemiah of Colchester for £7–10 on 5 January 1778^[9] and 6 acres for £100 on 15 April 1779.^[10] Ezekiel Jones of Hebron sold 17 acres, more or less, to Nehemiah of Colchester for £25–10 on 23 February 1779.^[11] Samuel Jones, Jr. of Hebron sold fifteen acres and twenty six rods in Hebron’s First Society to Nehemiah of Colchester for £30 on 21 May 1781.^[12] Joseph Taylor of Colchester sold 4 acres, a mansion house and a saw mill to Nehemiah of Colchester for £30 on 1 February 1785^[13] and sold 120 acres to Nehemiah of Colchester for £300 pounds on 11 August 1791.^[14] Jemima Daniels, a documented daughter of Jonathan Daniels, married Joseph Taylor on 21 May 1750 in Colchester,^[15] so the above Joseph Taylor is likely the brother-in-law of Nehemiah Daniels. The land records suggest that Nehemiah Daniels did not move from Colchester to Hebron until 1791, but he is recorded as the head of household in the 1790 census in Hebron, as three males 16 or over, one male under 16 and six females.^[16]

Nehemiah’s Hebron properties were in the southern part of Hebron, off of Jones Street, near the Colchester line. He owned a saw mill on Deweys stream and the Jeremy River. On 1 June 1799, Nehemiah Daniels of Hebron

and Joseph Pepoon of Hebron agreed to become partners in a gristmill on Deweys stream standing near Nehemiah Daniels saw mill and to share water rights, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre 20 rods on the Jeremy River.^[17] In 1800 in Hebron, Nehemiah Daniels Sr. had one male 10–15, one male 26–44, two males 45 and over, two females under 10, one female 10–14, two females 26–44, and one female 45 and over.^[18]

Genealogical Summary

1. NEHEMIAH DANIELS, probably son of Jonathan and Rebecca (Graves) Daniels, was born about 1718. He died in Hebron, Connecticut, between 15 March and 28 May 1802.^[19] He married in Colchester, Connecticut, on 19 December 1743, ELIZABETH WORTHINGTON, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Loomis) Worthington. Elizabeth was born in Colchester on 24 July 1721^[20] and was named in her husband's will on 15 March 1802, and it was proved on 28 May 1802:^[21]

In the Name of God Amen

I Nehemiah Daniels of Hebron in the County of Tolland Being sick in body but of a disposing mind and memory do this 15th day of March in the year 1802 make & Establish this my last will & testament in manner following First and principally I commend my spirit unto God who gave it me & Body to the dust from whence it came in hopes of a Glorious Resurrection through the merits of God and Savior Jesus Christ & to the worly [*sic*] Estate it has privileged God to Bless me with I dispose of it in the following manner, Viz.

I give unto my Beloved wife Elizabeth all my Household Goods and furniture to be at her Disposal – Also the Improvements of all my lands I now own and the one half of my house I live in During her natural life Also one third part of the barn near said house

I give to my son Jonathan five shilling having given his Portion before

I also give to my son Nehemiah Daniels the remainder of my saw mill Lott so calld and the house thereon the East part being given to my

son Ezekiel by deed before and the incumbrance of his mothers improvements as above

The remainder of my estate both Real and personal after my just debts are paid to be equally divided between my daughters Rhoda, Mehitable, Elizabeth, Sarah & Mary

And do constitute and appoint my sons Ezekiel and Jonathan to be executors of this my last will and testament

And it is my further will & pleasure that my said wife shall have the improvement of my part that I own of a grist mill during her natural life after which my will is that my son Ezekiel shall have it....

Children of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Worthington) Daniels:

- i. RHODA DANIELS, b. Colchester 17 April 1744,^[22] bp. there 10 June 1744;^[23] living in Colchester on 10 Feb. 1816;^[24] m. Colchester 11 Oct. 1774, ELEAZER DEWEY.^[25] The distribution of her father's estate, listed for Rhoda, "One bed \$5.00, One tract of land situated on the south side of the farm containing one acre and one half & 30 rods & is six rods on the West end & one rod five links on the brook on the East end, also we have set to sd Rhoda all the land amounting to one acre and 50 rods belonging to sd estate which lies Easterly of a line drawn about S. 20 degrees E. from the large willow tree opposite the late dwelling house of sd decd to the confluence of a small stream of water with the main brook."^[26]
2. ii. MEHITABLE DANIELS, bp. East Hampton, Conn., 11 May 1746;^[27] m. JONATHAN DUNHAM.
- iii. ELIZABETH DANIELS, b. probably Colchester ca. 1748; living in Lebanon, Conn., 10 Feb. 1816.^[28] From her father's probate she acquired, "1 blanket, 2 pair sheets, bedstead & _____, great chair, \$3.00, three acres & 20 rods of land bounded Northerly on John Kellogg Jun. land, Southerly on land set to Mehitable Dunham, Easterly on the highway 15 rods 17 links, Westerly on Jonathan Daniels land nine rods."^[29]
- iv. SARAH DANIELS, b. probably Colchester ca. 1751; living in Williamstown, Mass., on 10 Feb. 1816;^[30] m. Colchester 18 June 1772, EBENEZER DOANE.^[31] From her father's probate she acquired, "three acres & one quarter of land bounded as follows – Beginning at the Southeast corner at the above mentioned black oak tree, thence Westerly by sd last described tract to Jonathan Daniels land, thence by sd Jonathans land Northerly 10 rods 5 links thence Easterly to the brook thence Southerly by the brook 12 rods 15 links to the place of beginning."^[32]

- v. MARY DANIELS, b. probably Colchester ca. 1753; living in Colchester on 10 Feb. 1816;^[33] m. Colchester 12 Nov. 1774, WILLIAM THOMPSON.^[34] From her father's probate she acquired, "5½ yards fulled cloth \$5.07, one tract of land containing three acres & one rod, bounded Southerly on the first described tract of land set to sd Rhoda Dewey, Easterly on the brook 14 rods 5 links, Westerly on Jonathan Daniels land 12 rods 5 links – a black oak tree is the Northeastern bound of this tract."^[35]
3. vi. EZEKIEL DANIELS, b. probably Colchester ca. 1754; m. ELIZABETH OLCOTT.
- vii. NEHEMIAH DANIELS, b. probably Colchester ca. 1756; probably d. Farmington 9 Oct. 1832 aged 83 [*sic*];^[36] m. Hebron 20 June 1791, ELIZABETH FREEMAN.^[37]

Nehemiah Daniels enlisted in Colchester on 5 May 1777 in Captain Daniel Allen's company, 3rd regiment of the Continental Line, commanded by Colonel Samuel Wyllys.^[38] His brother, Ezekiel Daniels enlisted in the same company on that date.^[39] Regimental records show that he served four years through 4 May 1781. The last document states that he deserted to the enemy on that date while assigned to the Water Guard on the "N. River," probably the North, i.e., Hudson River. No further information has been located to determine the circumstances, or whether he later returned to his regiment, as other soldiers are known to have done. The hardships due to the lack of warm clothing and adequate food supplies issued to the Continental Army are well documented. Nehemiah must be one of the three males over 16 in his father's household in the 1790 census.

On 22 Oct. 1801, Nehemiah Daniels of Hebron deeded to Nehemiah Daniels Jun. of Hebron, "... to my son for love, consideration and \$60, a certain piece of land, 33 acres..."^[40] Nehemiah [Jr.] sold two pieces of land to Ira Johnson on 27 September 1811, "the first piece with a dwelling house bounds west on the highway north on Solomon Judd east on said Johnsons land and south on Deweys Brook so called and land reserved for the mill containing about nine acres..."^[41] On the following day, Nehemiah Daniels Jun. leased a parcel on the southwest corner of his farm to Jonathan Daniels of Hebron for five dollars and a term of 900 years – ¼ acre.^[42] He was living in Hebron at the date of the 1810 census, but he is not located in any subsequent census record. Nehemiah and Elizabeth may have had children since

there are two males and one female under 10 enumerated in their household in the 1800 census,^[43] but there are no children in the 1810 census where Nehemiah and a female were both 45 or over.^[44] No further records have been located for Nehemiah after 1811 until the death recorded in Farmington Church records in 1832.

4. viii. JONATHAN DANIELS, b. Colchester 1 June 1760;^[45] m. ELIZABETH “BETSEY” CHAPMAN.
 - ix. AMASA DANIELS, b. Colchester 19 Sept. 1762;^[46] d. there 21 March 1786.^[47]

2. MEHITABLE DANIELS was baptized in Colchester on 11 May 1746. She was living in Hamilton, Madison County, New York, as of 10 February 1816.^[48] She married at the Second Congregational Church of Colchester in the Village of Westchester in 1767, JONATHAN DUNHAM,^[49] b. Colchester 20 June 1745, son of William and Persis (Dunham) Dunham, d. probably Hamilton about 1821. He resided in Winsted, Connecticut, before moving to New York.^[50]

From her father’s estate, Mehitable received “three acres & 20 rods of land bounded Southerly on land set to Sarah Doane & is one rod & 10 links on the West end on Jonathan Daniels land & the Eastern boundary of this tract begins at the great willow tree opposite the dwelling house, thence Southeasterly by land set to sd Rhoda Dewey to the confluence of the before described little stream of water with the main brook, thence Southerly by sd main brook about 1¼ rods to stake and stones on the bank of sd brook.”^[51]

Children of Jonathan and Mehitable (Daniels) Dunham:^[52]

- i. WILLIAM DUNHAM, b. ca. 1767; d. 31 March 1837, aged 70, bur. Mortimer Cemetery, Middletown, Conn.;^[53] m. SARAH FOOTE, b. 5 March 1767, d. Middletown 31 March 1837, aged 70, bur. Mortimer Cemetery.^[54]

Children of William and Sarah (Foote) Dunham:

1. *William Dunham*, b. ca. 1792, perhaps 6 March.^[55]
2. *Julius Dunham*, b. 15 May 1794.
3. *Sarah Dunham*, b. 31 Aug. 1795; d. 18 Feb. 1868, aged 73, bur. Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown;^[56] m. 2 July 1818 *William Southmayd*, b. ca. 1792, d. 13 Jan. 1889, aged 97, bur. Indian Hill Cemetery.^[57]
4. *Amanda Dunham*, b. 15 Nov. 1798; d. 7 Sept. 1820, aged 22, bur. Mortimer Cemetery.^[58]
5. *Lucretia Dunham*, b. 17 June 1800; d. 21 Dec. 1833, aged 33, bur. Mortimer Cemetery;^[59] m. Middletown 9 March 1823, *Edwin Pratt* of Saybrook, died 16 Sept. 1825.^[60]

6. *Elizabeth Green Dunham*, b. 2 July 1802; d. 9 Nov. 1815
aged 3 years, bur. Mortimer Cemetery.^[61]
7. *Edward Dunham*, b. 20 Nov. 1805.
8. *Eleazor Dunham*, b. 14 Feb. 1807; d. 22 Feb. 1809 age 2,
bur. Mortimer Cemetery.^[62]
9. *Samuel Dunham*, b. 22 Aug. 1808.
10. *Mary Dunham*, b. 24 Dec. 1810.
- ii. JONATHAN DUNHAM, b. ca. 1768; m. Colebrook 24 Nov. 1791, SUSANNA
KELLOGG.^[63]
Child of Jonathan and Susannah (Kellogg) Dunham:
1. *Jonathan Dunham*.
- iii. ELIAS DUNHAM, b. ca. 1770; d. Lebanon, Madison Co., N.Y., Oct.
1869, aged 99, of typhoid fever;^[64] m. Colebrook 10 March 1791
JERUSHA LEWIS.^[65]
- iv. MEHITABEL DUNHAM, b. Colchester ca. 1774; d. Winsted, Conn., 27
June 1839, aged 65, bur. Winsted Old Burial Ground;^[66] m. ca.
1792 ASHER ROWLEY, son of Ebenezer and Susanna (Annable)
Rowley,^[67] b. 21 Oct. 1766, d. 7 Sept. 1843, aged 78, bur. Winsted
Old Burial Ground.^[68]
Children of Asher and Mehitabel (Dunham) Rowley:
1. *Betsey Rowley*, b. Winsted, Conn., 10 Jan. 1794; m. *Lewis
McDonald*.
2. *Ansel Rowley*, b. 13 Feb. 1796; d. Washington, D.C., 25
Oct. 1851; m. *Lucy Clairborn* who d. Chilicothe, Mo., in
1872.
3. *Elias Rowley*, b. 22 March 1798; d. 6 Nov. 1877, bur.
Winsted Old Burial Ground;^[69] m. *Lura Bushnell*, b. 12
Dec. 1801, d. Winsted 6 June 1877, bur. Winsted Old
Burial Ground.^[70]
4. *Warren Dunham Rowley*, b. 20 June 1800; d. South Trenton,
Oneida Co., N.Y., 5 Sept. 1854, bur. South Trenton
Cemetery;^[71] m. (1) *Nancy Davis Stanton*, b. 20 Dec.
1813, d. 17 Feb. 1837, bur. South Trenton Cemetery;^[72]
m. (2) 1839 *Harriet M. Curry*, b. 1818, d. 1889.^[73]
5. *Sally M. Rowley*, b. 28 Jun. 1802; m. *Chauncey Shattuck*.
6. *Harriet Rowley*, b. 10 July 1804; d. 18 Aug. 1831, aged 27,
bur. Winsted Old Burial Ground.^[74]
7. *George Rowley*, b. 16 July 1806.
8. *Harlow Rowley*, b. 12 July 1808; d. May 1891; m. *Sarah
Ann Haynes*.
9. *Hiram Rowley*, b. 7 April 1811; d. 7 Jan. 1841.
10. *Charles Rowley*, b. Jan. 1813; d. 21 Dec. 1833.
11. *Charlotte Rowley*, b. 6 Dec. 1815; d. 17 Dec. 1815, bur.
Winsted Old Burial Ground.^[75]
- v. HAZAEL DUNHAM, b. Colchester Nov. 1776; d. Cicero, Onondaga

Co., N.Y., 16 Oct. 1859, bur. Cicero Center Cemetery;^[76] m. ca. 1799^[77] ABIGAIL ROWLEY, b. 1779, d. South Bay, N.Y., 31 Aug. 1861.^[78] Hazael Dunham was a hotel keeper.

Children of Hazael and Abigail (Rowley) Dunham:

1. *Alpha R. Dunham*, b. Hamilton 7 Aug. 1800; d. Hamilton 2 or 3 July 1893, bur. Hamilton Center Cemetery;^[79] m. (1) *Honora Campbell*; m. (2) *Freelove A. Mathewson*; m. (3) *Mrs. E. Ackley*.
2. *Betsey R. Dunham*, b. 4 May 1805; d. South Bay 20 March 1885, bur. Cicero Center Cemetery;^[80] m. *Leonard Hoadley*, b. 4 July 1794, d. Cicero 10 March 1880, bur. Cicero Center Cemetery.^[81]
3. *Hiram Dunham*, b. 26 Oct. 1806, d. Jackson Co., Iowa, 21 Feb. 1881, bur. Sterling Cemetery, Sterling, Jackson Co.;^[82] m. *Eliza A. Snooks*, b. Canada 1810, d. Jackson Co., 20 Feb. 1880, bur. Sterling Cemetery.^[83]
4. *Warren Dunham*, b. 22 March 1811; d. 1894, bur. North Bay Lawn Cemetery, Vienna, Oneida Co., N.Y.;^[84] m. *Julia A. Johnson*, b. 1818, d. Constantia, Oswego Co., N.Y., 1895, bur. North Bay Lawn Cemetery, Vienna.^[85]
5. *Orson Dunham*, d. Portsmouth, Ore.
6. *Valentine Dunham*, b. 15 May 1816; d. 30 Nov. 1897, bur. Cicero Center Cemetery;^[86] m. *Louisa A. Driesback*, b. 1830, d. 30 Nov. 1897, bur. Cicero Center Cemetery.^[87]
7. *Lannon/Larmon Hoadley Dunham*, b. Sept. 1818; d. 1901, bur. Earlville Cemetery, Earlville, Madison Co., N.Y.;^[88] m. *Harriet Muir*, b. Earlville 5 Aug. 1826, d. 1914, bur. Earlville Cemetery.^[89]
8. *Abigail Dunham*, b. 16 Dec. 1820; m. (1) *Francis Wilcox*; m. (2) 15 June 1846 *George H. Conger*, b. 24 May 1818.

3. EZEKIEL DANIELS was born probably in Colchester about 1754, and he died in Franklin, Delaware County, New York, on 8 September 1829.^[90] He married in the Second Congregational Church of Colchester at Westchester Village, on 28 October 1787, ELIZABETH OLCOTT.^[91] The Ezekiel Daniels who married ELIZABETH PERRIN at Hebron in July 1782 is a different individual.^[92]

Ezekiel Daniels enlisted in Capt. Daniel Allen's company, 3rd Regiment of the Continental Line, commanded by Col. Samuel Wyllys on 5 May 1777 in Colchester.^[93] His brother Nehemiah enlisted in the same company on that date.^[94] Ezekiel Daniels served in Col. Return Jonathan Meigs' light regiment in the midnight assault at Stony Point on the Hudson River on 15 July 1779. He was discharged from Col. Zebulon Butler's 1st regiment of the Connecticut Line at West Point on 7 June 1783. He was awarded the Badge

of Merit for six years of faithful service, and his discharge was signed by George Washington.^[95]

Nehemiah Daniels deeded three pieces of property to his son Ezekiel on 23 April 1791:

I, Nehemiah Daniels of Hebron in the County of Tolland and State of Connecticut for the consideration of the love and goodwill I have and do bear unto my son, Ezekiel Daniels of Hebron ... A certain piece of land the first piece with my dwelling house standing therein beginning at a stump with stones by it by Richard Josefs[?] land than South 15 degrees to a heap of stones than 72 degrees West 8 rods to stake to the River than northeasterly by said river about 80 rods until it comes to the land I gave to my sons Nehemiah and Jonathan then by _____ about 86 rods to the East line of the land I bought from Samuel Jones the Southeasterly line to the first course continued, about 32 acres. The second piece is the East part of my sawmill lot

The third piece abutted Nehemiah Daniels dwelling house, and Jonathan Daniels land, and contained about five acres.^[96]

On 9 February 1810, Ezekiel Daniels of Hebron deeded Ira Johnson of Hebron a piece of land totaling about 15 acres;^[97] This was the eastern part of the saw mill lot deeded to Ezekiel by his father, Nehemiah Daniels in 1791: "... Know ye that I Ezekiel Daniels of Hebron in the County of Tolland and State of Connecticut for the consideration of the love and goodwill I have and bear unto my son in law Ira Johnson...."^[98] Ira Johnson had married Polly Daniels one month previously in Hebron on 7 January 1810.^[99]

Ezekiel Daniels sold the half interest that he had in the grist mill on Deweys Stream that he had in common with John Northam to Dudley Birge on 4 October 1813.^[100] The description stated that it was near Jonathan Daniel's saw mill. Ezekiel Daniels and Ira Johnson of Hebron sold to John Kellogg Jun. and Joseph Kellogg of Colchester for \$1500, three parcels of land, 89 acres, 5 acres, and 2 acres on 14 March 1815.^[101] The final piece of property owned by Ezekiel Daniels and Ira Johnson in Hebron was sold to Lorenzo Dow on 7 June 1816.^[102]

Ezekiel Daniels, Ira Johnson, and their families moved to Franklin, Delaware County, New York between 7 June 1816 and 1 May 1818. Ezekiel was living in Franklin when he applied for a Revolutionary War pension on 1 May 1818 at age 63. He filed a second affidavit, now aged 66, on 27 June 1820,

providing more information about his service. The 1820 schedule of property submitted by Ezekiel was valued at \$15.25. He testified: "... I am not able to labor but a small part of the time, being afflicted with the Rheumatism and a troublesome cancer upon my face. I am now in charge and care of my doctor – I have in my family my wife Elizabeth who is 60 years of age – she is a weak feeble woman unable to do much labor." A letter in the file dated 23 March 1940 from Mrs. R.G. Torrens of Rochester, New York, stated that Ezekiel Daniels was the son of Nehemiah Daniels and moved to Hebron from Colchester in 1777; the letter further indicated that the Polly Daniels who married Ira Johnson was a daughter of this Ezekiel Daniels.^[103]

In 1790 at Hebron, Ezekiel Daniels was a male over 16 with two females.^[104] In 1810 in Hebron he had one male 10–15, one male 16–25, one male 45 and over, one female 16–25, two females 45 and over.^[105] The 1820 census for Franklin listed Ezekiel Daniels household as one male and one female 45 and over. Son-in-law Ira Johnson was head of the following household.^[106]

Children of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Olcott) Daniels:

- i. POLLY DANIELS, b. probably Hebron ca. 1789; d. after 1860;^[107] m. Hebron 7 Jan. 1810, IRA JOHNSON,^[108] b. ca. 1789, d. after the 1870 census.^[109]

Children of Ira and Polly (Daniels) Johnson:

1. *Eliza Johnson*, b. Hebron 21 Aug. 1812;^[110] d. 15 Aug. 1886, bur. Ouleout Valley Cemetery, Franklin;^[111] m. ca. 1839 *Alanson Strong*, b. 15 April 1811, d. 11 Feb. 1897, bur. Ouleout Valley Cemetery.^[112] Children of Alanson and Eliza (Johnson) Strong:^[113]
 - a. *Ira Strong*, b. ca. 1840; d. after 19 Feb. 1897.
 - b. *Asa G. Strong*, b. ca. 1844; d. after 19 Feb. 1897.
 - c. *Mary E. Strong*, b. ca. 1846; d. after 19 Feb. 1897.
 - d. *Eben B. Strong*, b. ca. 1848; d. after 19 Feb. 1897.
 - e. *Martha E. Strong*, b. ca. 1852; d. after 19 Feb. 1897.
 - f. *John A. Strong*, b. ca. 1856; d. after 19 Feb. 1897.
2. *Griswold Johnson*, b. probably Hebron ca. 1814; d. 10 April 1894;^[114] m. ca. 1847 *Mary Cook*, b. England Nov. 1817, d. after 1 June 1905.^[115] Children of Griswold and Mary (Cook) Johnson:^[116]
 - a. *Mary Ellen Johnson*, b. May 1848; d. after 1915; m. ca. 1874 *Emory D. Abell*, b. Dec. 1851, d. after 1915.^[117]
 - b. *Herbert C. Johnson*, b. ca. 1851; d. after 11 Sept. 1897.
 - c. *Edward G. Johnson*, b. ca. 1853; d. 1924, bur. Ouleout Valley Cemetery.^[118]
 - d. *Julia R. Johnson*, b. Nov. 1855; d. 27 Oct. 1918, bur.

Ouleout Valley Cemetery;^[119] m. *Charles S. Rogers*, b.
Dec. 1856, d. 2 July 1918, bur. Ouleout Valley Cemetery.^[120]

4. JONATHAN DANIELS was born in Colchester on 1 June 1760. He died in Hebron on 28 October 1849, aged 89, and was buried in the Jones Street Cemetery in Hebron.^[121] He married in Colchester 28 October 1782, ELIZABETH “BETSEY” CHAPMAN.^[122] She was born about 1763, died in Hebron 16 February 1843, aged 80, and was buried in the Jones Street Cemetery.^[123]

Jonathan was a teamster under Captain Samuel Northam of Colchester, who was a conductor of oxen teams during the Revolutionary War. Charles Northam, age 83, younger brother of Samuel Northam, attested that his brother was a conductor of teams during the Revolutionary War and that he was frequently at his father’s house with his teams. He further stated that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Daniels since boyhood, that he was a member of the company of teams commanded by Samuel Northam, serving between two and three years as a teamster. The team he drove was owned by Joseph Taylor of Colchester, his probable uncle. Charles Northam stated: “Jonathan Daniels lived and died within four miles of the place where I now reside.”^[124]

Ezekiel Jones of Hebron sold five acres to Jonathan Daniels of Hebron for £12 on 6 October 1787,^[125] indicating that he had moved to Hebron by that date, apparently the first of his family to move there. On 22 October 1801, Nehemiah Daniels of Hebron gave to Jonathan Daniels of Hebron: “... my son for love, consideration and \$216, 4 certain pieces of land. The first piece, 16 acres; the second piece, 19 acres, the third piece, 6 acres that I bought from Silas Pepoon; the fourth piece, 15¼ acres.”^[126] Ezekiel Daniels, executor of Nehemiah Daniels’ estate, conveyed to Jonathan Daniels of Hebron for \$61.25, 12¼ acres on 9 January 1803.^[127] On 10 February 1816, Rhoda Dewey of Colchester; Jonathan Dunham of Hamilton, New York, and Mehitabel, his wife; Elizabeth Daniels of Lebanon, Connecticut; Sarah Doan of Williamstown, Massachusetts; and Mary Thompson of Colchester, for \$50 quitclaimed all rights that they had in a certain saw mill in Hebron with the adjoining land and all rights and privileges that were conveyed by our honored father, Nehemiah Daniels, now deceased to said Jonathan Daniels and Abiel Hamilton in a lease dated 4 December 1801, recorded in Hebron land records, vol. 10, p. 238.^[128] There are multiple other land transactions for Jonathan Daniels, who became the largest land holder of the Daniels family in Hebron.

In 1790 in Hebron, Jonathan Daniels had one male over 16, one male under

16, and three females.^[129] In 1800 in Hebron, Jonathan had one male under 10, one male 10–15, one male 26–44, one female 10–15, and one female 26–44.^[130] In 1810 at Hebron were one male 10–15, one male 16–25, one male 45 and over, one female 16–25, and one female 45 and over.^[131] In 1820 there were one male 10–15, two males 26–44, one male 45 and over, one female 26–44, and one female 45 and over.^[132] The 1830 census of Hebron shows one male 15–19, one male 40–49, one male 70–79, one female 40–49, and one female 70–79.^[133] Finally, in 1840 there were one male 10–14, one male 50–59, one male 70–79, one female 50–59, and one female 70–79.^[134]

Jonathan Daniels completed his will on 17 September 1834, and it was proved on 14 November 1849:^[135]

I, Jonathan Daniels of Hebron in the County of Tolland, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in words and manner, following First it is my will that my body be buried in a decent manner at the direction of my executor, hereafter named It is also my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid out of my estate by my said executor

Then, I do give to my beloved wife, Elizabeth the use and improvement of all my estate, both real and personal for and during the term of her natural life, she paying the taxes that may accrue therein, and keeping the same in reasonable good repair.

Then, after the decease of my said wife, Elizabeth this is my will and I do give to my daughter Jerusha my Dunham lot so called and the three lots lying north therof which said lots I had of Samuel Jones.

Then to the heirs of my son Ralph, I give twenty dollars having heretofore given their father his portion of my estate, the said twenty dollars to be paid the said heirs by said executor in one year after the decease of my said wife

After the decease of my said wife, it is my will and I do give to my daughter Sally two thirds of all my furniture which shall remain at my decease the other third of the furniture I give at the decease of my wife to my son Erastus

Then it is my will that whatever property I may have at my decease, real or personal under the incumbrance of my said wife aforesaid, I do give to my two children viz. Sally & Erastus – except

such part of said personal estate as my said wife may want and use for her support – giving to my said wife the liberty to sell and dispose of any or all the stock I may leave on my said farm – and to have such part thereof killed, annually for the support of herself and family needs[?] may judge approved and necessary – also whatever increase may be produced by said stock which I may have on the farm and shall remain at the decease of my said wife. I do give and direct to be equally divided between my said two children, viz. Sally and Erastus.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my said son Erastus and my said daughter Sally to be executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of September 1834.

Jonathan Daniels (Seal)

Sally Daniels and Lucius J. Hendee filed a \$3,000 bond in the probate file of Jonathan Daniels and a \$2,000 administrator bond in the probate file of her brother Erastus Daniels, both on 14 November 1849. When Jonathan Daniels died, his wife Elizabeth, son Erastus, and daughter Jerusha had also predeceased him, leaving his daughter, Sally Daniels as his only living child.^[136]

In the October 1851 session of the Tolland County Superior Court, Sally Daniels filed a petition with George Daniels and sundry other persons that were owners of undivided land of Jonathan Daniels. A public auction was held. Sally Daniels was the highest bidder, paying \$1,200 for three tracts of land situated in Hebron, 120 acres, more or less, known as the Daniels farm. A review of the court case determined the following:

Sally Daniels, Hebron, Tolland Co., Connecticut, 21/30th ownership, received \$787.50

George Daniels, Milan, Huron Co., Ohio, 9/60th ownership, received \$168.75

Eliza O. Worthington, Upper Alton, Madison Co., Illinois, 1/60th ownership, received \$18.75

Harriett O. Wendell, wife of Daniel F. Wendell, Upper Alton, 1/60th ownership, received \$18.75

Mary Olcott, Upper Alton, 1/60th ownership, received \$18.75

Alvin Olcott, Upper Alton, 1/60th ownership, received \$18.75

George W. Olcott, Upper Alton, 1/60th ownership, received \$18.75

Antoinett M. Olcott, Upper Alton, 1/60th ownership, received \$18.75

Russel Burts, Upper Alton, 1/120th ownership, received \$19.37 1/2

Williard F. Burts, Upper Alton, 1/120th ownership, received \$19.37 1/2

Emily Rollin, wife of James B. Rollin, Akron, Erie Co., N.Y., 1/60th ownership, received \$18.75

James B. Olcott, Parma, Munroe Co., N.Y., 1/60th ownership, received \$18.75

By his 1834 will, Jonathan Daniels left the Dunham lot and three other lots lying north of that to daughter Jerusha Daniels and \$20 to the heirs of son Ralph Daniels as he had already given him his portion of the estate. His other children, Erastus and Sally, were to receive the remainder of the estate not left to Jerusha, heirs of Ralph and Jonathan's wife, Elizabeth. As Sally was the only surviving child by 1851, with the exception of Sally and George Daniels, the property owners that received distributions from the 1851 court case were the surviving children of Jerusha Daniels and Oliver Olcott and two of their grandchildren. Erastus is not known to have married or have children, and his probate listed only Sally Daniels, who was the administrator. Based on the distribution, George Daniels was a son of Ralph Daniels.

First piece – North by hwy leading from West Street to Colchester, east by Joseph D. and Erastus Kellogg's land & land of R.? Brainard, South by D. Kelloff farm and West by Abijah Park & David Niles land forty acres more or less and building therein

Second piece – West by Abijah Park land, North by land of Henry Jones, deceased, East by land of D. & E. Kellogg & South by hwy

Third piece – North by hwy leading by Gray's factory, East by land of Gray & Northam, South by land of J.D. & E. Kellog, West by land late

belonging to the estate of Henry Jones, deceased & J.D. & E. Kellogg's farm.

The Tolland County Superior Court transferred the property to Sally Daniels of Hebron and it was recorded on 26 January 1852.^[137] Sally Daniels has not been found in the 1850 census in Hebron, but in the 1860 census, she was living in the household of Walter and Sarah (Bill) Wright. Her will, dated 26 October 1853, was presented to the Tolland County Probate Court and was proved on 28 May 1862.^[138] She left all the use and improvement of her lands to Walter E. Wright and the real estate to be divided between any heirs of his body. If he died and had no heirs, the estate was to be divided among the heirs of her deceased sister, Jerusha Olcott. Walter E. Wright enlisted in Co. B, 1st Connecticut Cavalry, on 22 August 1863. He died as a prisoner of war in Salisbury, North Carolina on 15 January 1865.^[139] He did have two children with Sarah Ann Bill, Fanny B. Wright 1858–1947 and Ralph D. Wright 1860–1930; they inherited the Daniels farm, which was sold in 1866.^[140] There has been no documented relationship found between Sally Daniels and the Wright or Bill family.^[141]

Children of Jonathan and Elizabeth “Betsey” (Chapman) Daniels:

- i. JERUSHA DANIELS, b. 1783; d. 1838; m. East Haddam, Conn., 23 Feb. 1800, OLIVER OLCOTT,^[142] b. East Haddam 30 May 1769, son of Thomas and Mary (Parsival/Persival) Olcott,^[143] d. Madison Co., Ill., 9 Sept. 1845.^[144]

Children of Oliver and Jerusha (Daniels) Olcott:

1. *Mary Olcott*, b. East Haddam 4 Jan. 1801;^[145] d. 1881, bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Upper Alton, Madison Co., Ill.^[146]
2. *Eliza Olcott*, b. East Haddam 27 Jan. 1803;^[147] d. after 26 Jan. 1852;^[148] m. _____ *Worthington* before 1850.^[149]
3. *Harriet Olcott*, b. East Haddam 10 April 1805;^[150] d. after 26 Jan. 1852;^[151] m. ca. 1826 *Daniel F. Wendell*.^[152]
4. *James B. Olcott*, b. ca. 1810; d. 24 Feb. 1890, bur. Parma Corners Cemetery, Monroe Co., N.Y.,^[153] m. (1) *Lucinda W. _____*, d. 29 Dec. 1832, bur. Parma Corners Cemetery;^[154] m. (2) *Isabella H. Thrall*, d. 11 March 1900, bur. Parma Corners Cemetery.^[155]
5. *Emily Olcott*, b. 2 April 1811; d. Ogden, Monroe Co., N.Y., 23 May 1897, bur. Maple Lawn Cemetery, Akron, Erie Co., N.Y.;^[156] m. ca. 1835 *James B. Rollin/Rollins*, b. 10 Nov. 1806, d. 25 March 1854, bur. Maple Lawn Cemetery.^[157]
6. *Alvin Olcott*, b. ca. 1813; d. 14 Nov. 1862, bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Upper Alton;^[158] m. Mason Co., Ky., 6 July 1854, *Mary Sumrall*.^[159]

7. *Jerusha Olcott*, b. 1815; d. 1838, bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Upper Alton.^[160]
8. *Clarissa Olcott*, b. ca. 1816; d. between 19 May 1842 and Feb. 1851; m. Knox Co., Ind., 7 Feb. 1837, *Ransford R. Butts*.^[161] Their sons, *Russel S. Burts* and *Williard F. Burts* were living in Upper Alton, as of 26 Feb. 1852, when they received a distribution from the Tolland County Superior Court settlement of the undivided land of Jonathan Daniels.
9. *George Washington Olcott*, b. June 1818; d. 1 March 1904, bur. Provo City Cemetery, Provo, Utah;^[162] m. Madison Co., Ill., 24 June 1845, *Frances A. Toulton*.^[163]
10. *Antoinette M. Olcott*, b. 1823; d. 1902, bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Upper Alton.^[164]
11. *Julia Ann Olcott*, b. 1830; d. 1839, bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Upper Alton.^[165]
- ii. SALLY DANIELS, b. ca. 1785; d. 2 May 1862, aged 77, bur. Jones Street Cemetery, Hebron.^[166] Sally Daniels, Erastus Daniels and Jerusha Daniels were recorded as scholars of Elisha Niles in Hebron from 1779 through 1790.^[167] Sally was appointed to be executor of her father's will, together with her brother Erastus. On 2 May 1852, Sally Daniels appeared at the Probate Court in Hebron to apply for a pension due Jonathan Daniels for his Revolutionary War service as a teamster.^[168]
- iii. ERASTUS DANIELS, b. ca. 1788; d. 25 Dec. 1848, bur. Jones Street Cemetery, Hebron.^[169]
- iv. RALPH DANIELS, b. ca. 1797; d. 21 Sept. 1827, bur. Milan Cemetery, Milan, Erie Co., Ohio;^[170] m. Huron Co., Ohio, 29 Sept. 1823, SARAH MERRY.^[171] b. ca. 1802, d. 1 Jan. 1886, bur. Milan Cemetery.^[172] She m. (2) HENRY MOORE and (3) JAMES MERRILL. Children of Ralph and Sarah (Merry) Daniels:
 1. *George O. Daniels*, b. ca. 1824; d. 1898, bur. Milan Cemetery.^[173]
 2. *Ralph Daniels*, b. 1827; d. 14 Sept. 1846, aged 19 year 5 months, bur. Milan Cemetery.^[174]

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Endnotes

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- ²⁴ Hebron Land Records, 13:220.
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- ²⁸ Hebron Land Records, 13:220.
- ²⁹ Andover District Probate, File 686, Nehemiah Daniels.
- ³⁰ Hebron Land Records, 13:220.
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- ⁵³ Charles R. Hale Collection of Newspaper Deaths and Cemetery Inscriptions, Connecticut State Library, Mortimer Cemetery, Middletown, 262, as 31 March 1837. Dunham, *Dunham Genealogy* says he died 6 March 1837.
- ⁵⁴ Hale Collection, Mortimer Cemetery, 262.
- ⁵⁵ Dunham, *Dunham Genealogy*, says he was born 6 March 1782; this is unlikely as both parents were only 15 years old and the next child was born in 1794.
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- ⁵⁷ Ibid.
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- ⁶⁷ Barbour Collection, citing Chatham Vital Records, 3.
- ⁶⁸ Hale Collection, Central Cemetery, aka Winsted Old Burying Ground, 167.
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- ⁷⁰ Hale Collection, Central Cemetery, aka Winsted Old Burying Ground, 168.
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- ⁷⁷ Based on the birth of her first child.
- ⁷⁸ Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #11388283; the year of death is given as 1859 vs. 1861 in Dunham, *Dunham Genealogy*. There is a South Bay in Cicero.
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- ⁸⁰ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #19291373.
- ⁸¹ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #19291375.

- ⁸² Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #27022658.
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- ⁸⁴ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #40050177.
- ⁸⁵ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #40050213.
- ⁸⁶ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #11388344.
- ⁸⁷ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #11388328.
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- ⁹² Revolutionary War Pension, File S36498, Ezekiel Daniels. This Ezekiel Daniels enlisted from Saybrook, Connecticut, on 4 February 1777 in the 7th Regiment of the Continental Line, Colonel Heman Swift, Captains Vine Elderkin and Thomas Converse. He was discharged 4 February 1780 and filed an affidavit for a pension from Hebron on 3 April 1818; a second affidavit was filed from Hebron 21 June 1820, stating he was 64 years old and had a wife that was 66, infirm and incapable of labor. According to the Connecticut State Library Online Database, *Hebron Baptisms Marriages and Deaths, 1742–1876*, Will J. Warner compilation, p. 15, citing p. 93, the other Ezekiel Daniels married Elizabeth Perrin, in the Second Congregational Church in Gilead, part of Hebron, in July 1782. That Ezekiel Daniels died 31 January 1829, aged 76 and Elizabeth died 6 June 1826 (*ibid.*, p. 121). According to Hebron Land Records, 8:55, on 1 June 1790, Ezekiel Daniels, Elizabeth his wife, William Darte, Charlotte, his wife, Betty Perrin, Lucy Perrin and Mary Perrin, heirs of Thomas Perrin, deceased, sold a parcel of land inherited from Thomas Perrin to Issac Dunham. Ezekiel's wife, Elizabeth is the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Williams) Perrin. In Andover District Probate, File 683, Ezekiel Daniels, 1829, made small bequests to his children: Sally Daniels, Jarusia [Jerusha] Post, Ezekiel Daniels, Ephraim Daniels, Wait[e] Daniels, Simeon Daniels and Eliza Daniels. Ezekiel was living in the Gilead area of Hebron near the extended family of Elizabeth Perrin in the various census records. This is close to the Bolton and Glastonbury town lines. The Ezekiel Daniels who was the son of Nehemiah Daniels lived in the southern part of Hebron, near the Colchester town line.

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- ⁹⁴ Revolutionary War Service Records, Fold3.com, Conn., 3rd Regiment, Captain Allen's Co., Nehemiah Daniels.
- ⁹⁵ Revolutionary War Pensions, File S43454, Ezekiel Daniels.
- ⁹⁶ Hebron Land Records, 8:26.
- ⁹⁷ *Ibid.*, 11:253. The abutting land holders were Solomon Jones, Nehemiah Daniels and John Northam.
- ⁹⁸ *Ibid.*
- ⁹⁹ Barbour Collection, citing Hebron Vital Records, 3:245.
- ¹⁰⁰ Hebron Land Records, 12:112.
- ¹⁰¹ *Ibid.*, 12:150. The first piece abutted land of Marcey Tuck, Jonathan Daniels, the heirs of Samuel Jones, Decd., Joseph Northam, Solomon Judd and Richard Lewis. Property bounds of the second piece were the highway, Jonathan Daniels and the heirs of Nehemiah Daniels, Decd. The third piece was in Colchester and Joseph Taylor, Jun. and a brook were listed as the property bounds.
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- ¹⁰³ Revolutionary War Pension, File S43454, Ezekiel Daniels.
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- ¹⁰⁵ 1810 U. S. Census, Hebron, roll 3, p. 292, indexed as Ezekiel Daniele.
- ¹⁰⁶ 1820 U. S. Census, Franklin, Delaware Co., New York, roll 65, p. 61.
- ¹⁰⁷ 1860 U. S. Census, Franklin, roll 743, p. 11.
- ¹⁰⁸ Barbour Collection, citing Hebron Vital Records, 3:245.
- ¹⁰⁹ 1870 U. S. Census, Franklin, roll 923, p. 170A.
- ¹¹⁰ Barbour Collection, citing Hebron Vital Records, 3:292.
- ¹¹¹ Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #142837254.
- ¹¹² Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #142837233; Delaware County Probate, P:673, Alanson Strong, online at FamilySearch.org.
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- ¹¹⁴ 1880 U.S. Census, Franklin, roll 823, p. 155A; Delaware County Probate, E:35, Griswold Johnson.
- ¹¹⁵ Maiden name from an unsourced Ancestry Family Tree: Fitch, Foltz, Morea, Sheren; 1900 U.S Census, Franklin, roll 823, p. 155A; 1905 New York State Census, Franklin, roll 1021, p. 6A. Charles Rodgers, her son-in-law, was head of household in both censuses.
- ¹¹⁶ Delaware County Probate, E:35, Griswold Johnson.
- ¹¹⁷ 1900 U. S. Census, Franklin, roll 1021, p. 5A; 1915 New York State Census, Franklin, District A-D-01, E.D. 01, image 2 of 15.
- ¹¹⁸ Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #142808950.

- ¹¹⁹ Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #78324313.
- ¹²⁰ Unsourced annotation online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #78324259.
- ¹²¹ Hale Collection, Jones Street Cemetery, Hebron, 46.
- ¹²² Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records, Colchester, 4:77; 1:1. At 4:59, there is a marriage record of Jonathan Daniels and [] Chapman of Glasesbury 28 Oct. 1774 by Rev. Ephraim Little; it would appear that this is the same marriage, but the 1774 year must be incorrect as Jonathan would have been fourteen years old.
- ¹²³ Hale Collection, Jones Street Cemetery, Hebron, p. 46,
- ¹²⁴ Revolutionary War Pension Files, R2652, Jonathan Daniels. Jonathan Daniels's daughter, Sally applied for a Revolutionary War Pension as the only surviving child on 2 January 1853. She verified the 28 October 1849 death date of Jonathan Daniels and stated that he left no widow. R.G. Pinney, Comptroller, State of Connecticut certified that he examined a book kept by Nehemiah Hubbard, Deputy Quartermaster, during the Revolution. He was able to verify the account of Samuel Northam as a conductor of teamsters from 25 December 1778 through 11 November 1781, but the names of his teamsters were not recorded. The pension was rejected because Jonathan Daniels could not be identified in the above records despite the affidavits in the pension file.
- ¹²⁵ Hebron Land Records, 8:106.
- ¹²⁶ Ibid., 10:226.
- ¹²⁷ Ibid., 10:273.
- ¹²⁸ Ibid., 13: 220.
- ¹²⁹ 1790 U. S. Census, Hebron, Tolland County, Connecticut, roll 1, p. 157, indexed as Jona Danish.
- ¹³⁰ 1800 U. S. Census, Hebron, roll 2, p. 681.
- ¹³¹ 1810 U. S. Census, Hebron, roll 3, p. 293.
- ¹³² 1820 U. S. Census, Hebron, roll 2, p. 970.
- ¹³³ 1830 U. S. Census, Hebron, roll 8, p. 288.
- ¹³⁴ 1840 U. S. Census, Hebron, roll 31, p. 118.
- ¹³⁵ Andover District Probate, File 685, Jonathan Daniels.
- ¹³⁶ Andover District Probate, File 682, Erastus Daniels; File 685, Jonathan Daniels.
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- ¹³⁸ Hebron District Probate, 3:190-193.
- ¹³⁹ Civil War "Widows' Pensions," Cert. #88084, Walter E. Wright, online at Fold3.com; Hale Collection, Jones Street Cemetery, Hebron, 46, Walter E. Wright (Military Headstone) and St. Peters Cemetery, Hebron, 76, with wife Sarah A. Bill, indicating that he was buried in Salisbury, North Carolina.

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- ¹⁴¹ Wright, *Hebron, Connecticut, A History of Some of the Old Houses* [note 1]. Wright has suggested that Fanny Bill, mother of the Sarah Ann Bill who married Walter Wright was possibly the illegitimate daughter of Sally Daniels. A search of Hebron Vital Records did not find any verification of this relationship. Since Sally Daniels left her property to “any heirs of the body” of Walter Wright and only the use and improvement of the land to him, it is certainly a possibility that there was a family relationship to the family of Sarah Ann Bill.
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- ¹⁴³ Barbour Collection, citing East Haddam Vital Records, 2:6 (birth); LR5:268 (parents’ marriage).
- ¹⁴⁴ Madison County, Illinois, Probate Records, 1843–1846, 5:232–233.
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- ¹⁵¹ Connecticut, Tolland County, Superior Court Files [note 148].
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- ¹⁵⁴ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #123602962.
- ¹⁵⁵ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #123602960.
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- ¹⁵⁹ *Mason County, Kentucky, Marriage Index, 1840–1860*, online at Ancestry.com.

- ¹⁶⁰ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #116338023.
- ¹⁶¹ *Indiana State Library, Genealogy Database: Marriages through 1850*, online at https://www.statelib.lib.in.us/INMarriages1850/marriages_display.asp?ID=220356.
- ¹⁶² Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #83660304.
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- ¹⁶⁵ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #116338125.
- ¹⁶⁶ Hale Collection, Jones Street Cemetery, Hebron, p. 46.
- ¹⁶⁷ “Diary of Elisha Niles of Colchester and East Hampton” (Hartford, Conn: Connecticut State Library, 1946), 22, online at <http://cslib.cdmhost.com/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p15019coll15/id/625/rec/9>.
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- ¹⁶⁹ Hale Collection, Jones Street Cemetery, Hebron, 46.
- ¹⁷⁰ Photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #30475776.
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Thomas Painter and Thomas Welcher Painter of New Haven County, Connecticut: Which Man is the Revolutionary War Patriot?

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Two men named Thomas Painter were born in the same year and in the same county. Descendants of both men have attributed the identical Revolutionary War service to their ancestor. Which man served? Multiple sources support the case for both Thomas Welcher Painter and Thomas Painter of West Haven. Evidence analysis reveals the case for Thomas Painter of West Haven is more credible.

Thomas Painter enlisted in Captain Jonas Prentice's company, which was a part of William Douglas's regiment and General Wadsworth's brigade. He mustered in on 1 July 1776 and was discharged at North Castle, New York, on 28 December 1776^[1]

The Case for Thomas Welcher Painter

Thomas Welcher Painter, son of John and Deborah (Welcher) Painter, was born on 25 September 1760 in Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut.^[2] Thomas married Lucinda Dunbar on 28 March 1787 in Plymouth, Connecticut.^[3] He lived in Watertown in 1790 and moved to Plymouth by 1800.^[4] Thomas died on 27 March 1817 and was buried in the Plymouth Burial Ground.^[5]

Thomas's descendants cite several sources for his military service:

- ◆ Connecticut Adjutant General, *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I. – War of the Revolution*
- ◆ Thomas's grave marker
- ◆ Family tradition
- ◆ Josephine Ellis Richards, *Honor Roll of Litchfield County Revolutionary Soldiers*^[6]
- ◆ Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey, *Register of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Litchfield County*^[7]

The Adjutant General's compilation is based on official government records. There is no evidence, however, that Thomas Welcher Painter is the Thomas Painter that served. This unsubstantiated connection is likely the basis for subsequently-created sources.

Thomas's grave marker, which indicates he was a Revolutionary War soldier, was not part of his original gravestone. In 1971 the cemetery sexton created a list of Revolutionary War soldiers and placed markers indicating their service next to the original tombstones.^[8] The sexton's research files are no longer available.^[9] He likely included Thomas based on the same unsubstantiated connection that Thomas Welcher Painter was the Thomas Painter that served. Therefore, despite the evidence of military service, Thomas's grave marker is not a credible source.



Family traditions are notoriously inaccurate as they are prone to error. The more people re-tell a story, the more likely the story is embellished, the actions of one person become misattributed to another, or people misremember details. The source of the family tradition is unknown. Despite the evidence of military service, therefore, family tradition is not a credible source.

The book *Honor Roll of Litchfield County Revolutionary Soldiers* identifies Thomas W. as a soldier, citing the Connecticut Adjutant General's compilation. Published by *The Daughters of the American Revolution* (DAR), this book repeats the unsubstantiated connection that Thomas was the soldier.^[10]

The book *Register of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Litchfield County* includes Thomas and cites several sources.^[11] Waterbury Town Records, Plymouth Town Records, and the Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions provide evidence for his birth, marriage, death, and burial. The book cites the DAR patriot index, which repeats the unsubstantiated connection with Thomas Painter's military service.^[12] The book also cites two town histories which include different lists of Waterbury soldiers and Thomas is not included in either list.^[13] If he were a soldier, he should have been included. Not being included on these lists is negative evidence of military service.

Indirect evidence suggests he was not old enough to enlist. Thomas Welcher Painter would only have been fifteen on the date of enlistment as his birthday was in September.^[14] In Connecticut, the minimum age to enlist was sixteen.^[15]

Thomas Painter, the soldier, submitted his statement of service for a pension in 1832. This was fifteen years after Thomas Welcher Painter died. Therefore, he could not be the soldier.

Several sources claim that Thomas Welcher Painter fought in the Revolutionary War. Analysis of these sources, however, reveals they are neither independent nor original records. If a researcher relied solely on these sources, they could incorrectly assume Thomas Welcher Painter was the soldier. But there is no evidence to associate Thomas Welcher Painter with Thomas Painter's military service. In fact, there is negative and indirect evidence that suggests he was not the soldier.

The Case for Thomas Painter of West Haven

Thomas Painter, son of Joseph and Amy (Stevens) Painter, was born on 24 January 1760 in West Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut.^[16] Thomas married Hannah Candee in 1783.^[17] He lived in the parish of West Haven.^[18] He died on 28 October 1847 and was buried in the West Haven Green cemetery.^[19] Thomas's descendants cite the following sources for his military service:^[20]

- ◆ Connecticut Adjutant General, *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I.— War of the Revolution...*^[21]
- ◆ Thomas's autobiography.

The Adjutant General's compilation is a credible source for military service. Within this source, however, there is no evidence that he is the Thomas Painter that served. Additional evidence is required to connect this Thomas with the service record.

Thomas left his autobiography with his will for his children. His granddaughter, Annie Maria (Collins) Clephane, published it in 1910. In his autobiography, Thomas detailed not only the service under Captain Prentice, but also additional military service — tales of being a prisoner of war, escape from prison ships, and his subsequent service as a privateer. Even though written in 1836, his autobiography was based on his personal recollections.^[22] It is consistent with the service identified in the Adjutant's General's compilation; therefore, this source provides evidence that he is the Thomas Painter that served.

In addition to the sources cited by his descendants in their applications for the DAR, additional sources support the conclusion that Thomas Painter of West Haven served in the Revolutionary War.

Thomas applied for a pension in 1832 and it was granted in 1833. His pension was based on his service in Captain Prentice's company as well as additional military service. The pension application includes a handwritten account of his military service and personal details such as he was born on 24 January 1760 in the parish of West Haven.^[23] The statement of service was similar to the service detailed in his autobiography and is consistent with the service as detailed in the Adjutant's General's compilation. This source is a first-hand account and links this Thomas to the soldier Thomas Painter.

Thomas played a critical role during the war in West Haven. In 1779, while on duty in the middle of the night, he saw British ships approaching and raised the alarm. The town of West Haven considered his contribution so great that the town seal is a depiction of Thomas Painter on duty spotting the invaders.^[24] The town history is consistent with a story told in his autobiography, thus supporting the conclusion that he served in the Revolutionary War.

Unlike Thomas Welcher Painter, Thomas of West Haven was old enough to serve as his birthday was in January, more than five months prior to the enlistment date.

Upon his death, several newspaper notices indicated he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.^[25] These notices were published at the time of his death, but were likely not independent from each other. These newspapers provide evidence of his military service.

Sources supporting Thomas Painter of West Haven as the soldier are persuasive. There is evidence that specifically links this individual to the service detailed in the Adjutant's General's compilation. The pension application and autobiography were contemporaneous with his life. This adds credibility to the conclusion that he was the soldier.

Conclusion

This case demonstrates three common mistakes:

- ◆ When two records refer to people of the same name, there must be additional evidence to link these records. In this case, attributing military service to Thomas Welcher Painter was based on the fact that he had the same name as the soldier.
- ◆ Multiple sources do not add credibility to a faulty conclusion. Although different sources provide evidence that Thomas Welcher Painter was a soldier, it appears they were all based on

the same unsubstantiated connection and therefore were not independent.

- ◆ It is important researchers do not rely on published abstracts and authored works, as it can be difficult to assess their credibility. Researchers should seek out original records created at or near the time of the event by eyewitnesses.

After analyzing the sources and information they contain, it is clear Thomas Painter of West Haven is the correct Thomas that served in the Revolutionary War.

Endnotes

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- ¹⁵ *Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636–1776*, 15 vols. (Hartford, Conn.: the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company [etc.], 1850–1890), 10:410.
- ¹⁶ Thomas Painter, *Autobiography of Thomas Painter: Relating his Experiences During the War of the Revolution* (Washington, D.C.: privately printed, 1910), 5.
- ¹⁷ *Ibid.*, 88.
- ¹⁸ 1790 U.S. Census, New Haven, New Haven County, Conn., roll 1, p. 29; 1800 U.S. Census, New Haven, roll 2, p. 53; 1810 U.S. Census, New Haven, roll 2, p. 548; 1820 U.S. Census, New Haven, roll 3, p. 354; 1830 U.S. Census, Orange, New Haven County, roll 9, p. 303; 1840 U.S. Census, Orange, roll 28, p. 3150. West Haven was established in 1648, but was a part of New Haven and then Orange. It became an independent town in 1921 (“Our Town,” *West Haven Historical Society*, online at westhavenhistory.org/our_town.htm, paragraph 3).
- ¹⁹ Orange, Connecticut, “Births, Marriages and Deaths,” vol. 00 (1847–1857) [FHL 1,420,923, item 2, p. 74; West Haven Green cemetery, Thomas Painter marker, personally read 2 July 2015].
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Cemetery Inscriptions in Old Storrs Cemetery

contributed by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

Continued from *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, Vol. 49, No. 3, page 229.

In memory of Eliphiaz Hibbard who d. Apr. 6, 1830. AE. 86.

In memory of Jerusha relict of Eliphiaz Hibbard who d. Nov. 28, 1833. AE. 67.

Ambrose Hillard who d. Aug. 14, 1811. AE 35. also his wife Marcia Hillard d. Mar. 18, 1809. AE. 31.

In memory of Lucius Hillard who d. Oct. 4, 1832. AE. 21.

In memory of Capt. Jacob Hovey who d. Dec. 22, 1807. in the 68th yr. of his age.

In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth wife of Capt. Jacob Hovey d. Jan.17, 1775. AE. 32.

In memory of Mrs. Abigail relict of Capt. Jacob Hovey who d. Jan. 10. 1832. AE. 67.

In memory of Mrs. Olive Hovey consort of Mr. Arron [Hale gives as "Aaron"] Hovey dau. of Mr. John Farwell She died July 29, 1764. in ye 24th year of her age.

A-H- Mr. Aaron Hovey d. Mar. 10, 1812. AE. 76.

Mrs Abigail Hovey d. Feb. 12, 1831. AE. 87.

In memory of Elizabeth W. dau. of Alva & Orra Hovey d. July 12, 1799. AE. 2 yrs. 6 mos. [Hale gives the year as "1822". RCR]

In memory of Bela Hovey d. Aug. 26, 1841. AE. 55.

In memory of Deborah wife of Bela Hovey d. Apr. 1, 1817. AE. 55. (At rt. broken stone)

(In rear of yard) ----- son of Mr. (Thomas?) Johnson D---- Aug ---- A.- . -- 64 [Hale gives this as "Johnson, Hannah, widow of William, died Aug 1756 age 63 years." RCR]

Here lies -- body of Mrs. (Abiel?) Johnson wh- , Oct. 31, 1795. AE. 57 yr-. (6 unmarked graves here)

Orson son of Nathaniel & Spedy Kidder d. Sept. 21, 1817. AE. 13.

In memory of Mrs. Huldah Knap consort to Mr. Peter Knap who departed this life July ye 23rd. 1776. in ye 33 yr. of her age.

Jacob Lincoln d. Oct. 4, 1843. age ---.

Betsey Lincoln d. Oct. 31, 1861 age 88.

Betsey C. dau. of Jacob & Betsey Lincoln d. May 18, 183(8)? age 29.

Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Mehitabel relict of Mr. James Moulton who died Sept. 10, 1789. in ye 87th yr. of her age.

In memory of Lieut. Daniel Moulton who departed this life Apr. 17, 1767 in ye 31st year of his age.

In memory of Hannah only dau. of Mr. Asa. & Mrs. Lydia Moulton who d. Sept. ye 20th, A.D.1778. in ye 7th yr. of her age.

Daniel Moulton d. May, 14. 1859. AE. 86.

Hannah his wife & dau. of Aaron & Abigail Hovey d. Oct. 7, 1840. AE. 62.

In memory of an infant dau. of Daniel & Hannah Moulton d. Sept. 16, 1804. AE. 20 ds.

In memory of Mrs. Abigail Otis the pious & Virtuous consort of Mr. Nathaniel Otis, & dau. of the Rev. Jonathan Russel of Barnstable (Mass.) where she spent the greatest part of her useful life. She died at Mansfield, (Conn.) Mar. 20, 1774. AE. 87 yrs.

In memory of Mr. Archippus Parish who departed this life Dec. 22, AD 1780. in ye 46, yr. of his life.

In memory of Mr. Samuel Peirce consort of Mrs. Abigail Peirce who died Jan. ye 26th A.D. 1774. in the 93rd yr. of his age.

Here lies ye body of Mrs. Abigail Peirce -- consort of Mr. Samuel Peirce, She departed this life Mar. 18th, A. D. 1764. in ye 87th yr. of her age

In memory of Mr. Seth Peirce who departed this life Dec. 5, 1797, AE. 81 yrs.

In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth wife of Mr. Seth Peirce who died May 17, 1789. in the 69th yr. of her age.

In memory of Mrs. Experience, consort of Mr. Enoch Peirce, Junr. who died Aug. 31, 1789 in ye 33rd [should be "38". RCR] yr. of her age.

In memory of Exe. - dau. to Mr. Enoch Peirce & Mrs. Experience his wife. She died Jan. 4, 1786 in ye 2nd yr. of her age.

In memory of David Royce ----- Mar, 28, [1759]

Here lies the body of Mrs, Hannah wife to Mr. David Royce, She died Aug. 31st, 1775 in the 64th yr. of her age.

Capt. James Royce d. July 14, 1833. in the 89th yr. of age.

Mrs. Eunice Royce relict of Capt. James Royce d. Dec. 5, 1836. in the 85th yr.

Solomon Royce d. Aug. 17, 1823. AE.71.

Lydia wife of Solomon Royce, d. July 18,1824. AE. 65.

Mrs. Sarah wife of Mr. Asa Royce, d. May 22, 1807 AE. 46

Mrs. Rohamah wife of Mr. Asa Royce, d. Mar. 11, 1822. AE. 58.

Mary Adlina, dau. of Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Marildah [*sic* - should be "Matildah." RCR] Royce, d. Sept. 2, 1809. AE. 2 yrs. 5 mos.

Hannah wife of Juduthan Royce & dau. of Asa & Lydia Moulton, d. June 18. 1834. AE. 54 yrs.

In memory of Garry Russ, who d. May 2, 1814. AE.36.

Here lies the b--- of John Storrs -----

Here lies the bo-- of Orpha Storrs -----

This monument is erected sacred to the memory of Joseph Storrs Esq.
who after serving his generation in several stations in life, by the
will of God fell asleep Oct. 5, A.D. 1785 in ye 74 yr. of his age. (On
monument erected by Charles Storrs 1879.) (original gone.)

In memory of Mrs. Experience Storrs, virtuous consort to Joseph Storrs Esq.

She died June 9, A.D. 1767. in the 43rd yr. of her age. (old stone)

Cordial Storrs born Oct. 14, 1692. died Oct, 1782. - was Chosen the first
Deacon of the Congregational Church of this Parish Oct. 1745, &
so continued until his death. His 2 wives & son Cordial are buried
adjoining, north. Jabez eldest son of Cordial Storrs d. under 2 yrs.
of age & was buried in the South Parish. With the death of Cordial
Storrs Sr. the small line of his family became extinct. (Erected 1880 by
Charles Storrs.)

In memory of Cordial Storrs son of Dea. Cordial Storrs & Hannah his wife.

He died November 13th [in] ye year 1754. & in ye 27th year of his
age.

In memory of Royal Storrs who died June 22, 1840. AE. 75.

In memory of Sarah wife of Royal Storrs who died Apr. 27, 1815. AE. 47.

In memory of Clarissa Brigham 2nd wife of the late Royal Storrs, who died
Oct. 5, 1868. AE.88.

In memory of Clarissa Storrs who died Dec. 16, 1837. AE. 18.

Lucinda Storrs died Apr. 2, 1848. AE. 59.

Here lies ye body of Mr. Sam'l Slafter, He departed this life July, 3. A.D.
1770. in ye 75th yr. of his age.

In memory of Mrs. Dorothy Slafter wife of Mr Sam'l Slafter who died Sept.
29, 1783. AE. 83yrs.

In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth dau. to Mr. Sam'l Slafter & Dorothy his wife,
She d. June 6, 1775, in ye 48th yr, of her age.

Alvin son of Mr, Nathaniel & Mrs. Martha Slafter who died, Aug. 9, 1797.
AE. 15 ds.

Achsa dau. of Mr. Nathaniel & Mrs. Martha Slafter who d. Aug. 17, 1809.
AE. 4 yrs.

Hannan D. dau. of William & Huldah Smith d. Nov. 15, 1824. AE. 3 yrs.

Sacred to the memory of Miss Huldah Starkweather d. Feb. 13, 1826. AE.
57.

In memory of Mrs. Sarah Taylor consort to Mr. Elisha Taylor who departed
this life Nov. ye 17, A.D. 1774. in ye 78th yr of her age. She had 11
children, 67 gr. children. & 20 gt. gr. children.

This stone is erected sacred to the memory of Mr. Josiah Taylor who died
 Nov.10, 1807. in the 75th yr. of his age.
 In memory of Mrs. Abigail relict of Mr, Josiah Taylor who d. Dec.13, 1816,
 AE. 80.
 In memory of Mr. Jonathan Taylor who died Dec. 3, 1816. AE. 46.
 Ruth wife of Jonathan Taylor died Oct. 12, 1860. AE. 85.
 In memory of Samuel Thompson Esq. who departed this life Jan. the 5,
 A.D. 1793. AE. 60.
 In memory of Mrs, Abigail wife of Samuel Thompson Esq. who departed
 this life Aug. 17, 1786. in ye 51st, yr. of age.
 Sacred to the memory of Mr Samuel Tomson who died Nov. 2, 1813. AE.
 58.
 In memory of Mrs. Eunice Tomson relict of Mr. Samuel Tomson who died.
 Aug. 16, 1815. AE. 59.
 In memory of Mr. Jonathan Tomson Jr. only son to Mr. Jonathan & Mrs,
 Elizabeth Tomson, who died Nov. 28, 1813. AE. 24.
 In memory of Mr. Calvin Topliff who died Dec. 23, 1809 in the 81st yr. of
 his AE. Who had 16 children by one wife, 15 survived him & 36 gr.
 children & 13 gt. gr. children. total 115
 Mrs Jerusha consort to Mr. Calvin Topliff d. Mar. 19, 1791. in the 48th yr.
 of age.
 Mrs Debarough dau. to Mr. Calvin & Mrs. Jerusha Topliff, d. Sept. 2, 1777.
 in 16th yr.
 In memory of Mr. Samuel son of Mr. Clement & Mrs. Ruth Topliff who
 died Sept. 5, 1778. in the 26th yr. of his age.
 Mary S Tryon died Feb. 28, 1840. AE. 34.
 In memory of Mr. Elijah Turner who died Mar. 8, 1826. AE. 74.
 In memory of Mrs. Hannah Turner relict of Mr, Elijah Turner who died
 Sept. 15, 1831. AE. 75.
 Dea. Elijah Turner died Sept. 8, 1843. AE. 59.
 Anna wife of Dea, Elijah Turner died Jan. 31, 1861 AE. 80.
 Elijah W. son of Elijah & Anna Turner died Dec. 9, 1824. AE. 17.
 Huldah M. dau of Elijah & Anna Turner d. Sept. 23, 1824. AE. 11.
 Hannah M. dau of Elijah & Anna Turner d. Sept. 8, 1824. AE. 8.
 Rufus F. son of Elijah & Anna Turner d. Sept. 26, 1824. AE. 10.
 Doct. Roger Waldo died June 28, 1818. AE. 52.
 Mrs Jerusha Waldo wife of Doct. Roger Waldo departed this life Dec. 17,
 1815, AE. 48.
 Hannah H. wife of Jesse Waldo died Dec. 26, 1844 AE. 92.
 In memory of Mrs. Rebacca Ward, wid. of Joel Ward Esq. who died Dec. 9
 1834 (or 9) in the 60th yr. of her age.

In memory of Mr. Noah Webster who died Sept. 20, 1762. in ye 57 yr. of his age

Here lies ye body of Noah son of Mr. Noah & Mrs, Elizabeth Webster, He was drowned Jan. 19 (?) 1770. AE. 13 yrs.

In memory of the Rev. Daniel Welch Pastor of the Church in place, during his ministry Wisdom Prudence & a Spirit and Doctrines truly evangelic marked his life. Amiable in friendship & every social connection, faithful in the discharge of the duties of his important Station. He was a grate blessing to his family, friends & people. While in the Sanctuary attending divine service he was suddenly seized with that disorder which put an end to his life, Ap. 29, A.D. 1782. in ye 57 yr. of his age, & 31st yr. of his ministry.

In memory of Mrs. Martha Welch, pious consort of the Rev. Daniel Welch She departed this life ye Dec. ye 11th 1775. in ye 41st yr. of her age. She was the only dau, of Mr. Moses Cook & Mrs. Deborah Cook of Hartford.

In memory of Mr. Daniel son of ye Rev. Daniel Welch & Mrs. Martha his wife. He died Mar. ye 18, 1756. age 6 weeks.

To the memory of Doct. Daniel Welch, obt. Sept. 3, 1785. Etat. 27.

Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Abigail Welch, obt. Dec. 24, 1815. AE. 42.

Rev. Moses C. Welch D.D. died Apr. 21, 1824, in the 71st yr. of his age. & the 40th of his ministry.

Mr. Bela Welch son of Rev. M. C. Welch & Mrs. C. Welch, died at Woodville, Miss. Dec. 4. 1826. AE. 39.

This monument is erected sacred to the memory of Mrs. Chloe Welch, wife of Rev. Moses C, Welch, who died Sept. 11, 1786. AE. 26. also of that eldest son Daniel whose remains are deposited at Conway, Mass. where he died Aug 29, 1805 [Hale gives as 1803]. AE. 19.

Mrs. Charissa [should be "Clarissa." RCR] Welch wife of Rev. Moses Welch obt. June 2, 1806. AE. 49.

Mrs. Sarah Welch wife of the Rev. Moses Welch, S.T.D. Obt. Mar. 6, 1815. AE. 52.

Mrs. Mary Welch relict of M. C. Welch D.D. died Aug. 28, 1830. AE. 56 yrs.

In memory of Jesse Williams Esq. who died Dec. 4, 1815. AE. 78.

Mary wife of the late Jesse Williams Esq. died Mar. 2, 1827. AE. 80.

Experience dau, of Jesse Williams Esq. died Apr. 28, 1782. in the 6th yr. of age.

William son of Jesse Williams, Esq. died Sept. 17, 1795. in ye 9th yr. of age.

Jesse son of Jesse Williams Esq. died Sept. 2 1798, in 18th yr. of age.

In memory of Eunice Williams, who died Feb. 6, 1816. AE. 37.

Sacred to the memory of Mrs, Olive Winchester, wife of John Winchester,
died Oct. 19, 1827, AE. 33.

In memory of ---Abi-ail Woodward, dau. of Deacon(?) & ---Abigial(?)
Woodward. She died Sept. 22, in the year 1756.----19 - year of --- ---.
(very poor)

Concluded

Three Men Named Isaac Woodward

by Marian Bowers Natale

In studying Isaac Woodward of Middletown, Connecticut, it appeared that this person had been combined with another Isaac Woodward, who lived in Canterbury, Connecticut, by some researchers. To further complicate the matter a third Isaac was thrown in the mix, resulting in not three persons by the name of Isaac Woodward in Connecticut in the 1700s but one.^[1] The evidence points to three men with the same name, not one man moving between Canterbury and Middletown, Connecticut.

The two persons named Isaac Woodward in Middletown were father and son. The elder died on 26 April 1752 aged 51, and was buried in the Old Farm Hill Cemetery in Middletown.^[2] The younger died on 22 April 1778 aged 41, and was also buried in the Old Farm Cemetery.^[3] Isaac Woodward of Canterbury died on 4 February 1800 aged 89.^[4]

Isaac of Middletown

The elder Isaac Woodward of Middletown and his wife Elizabeth arrived in that town before 2 November 1735 when three of their children, Patience, Isaac, and Elizabeth, were baptized at the First Congregational Church of Middletown, “the parents having owned the covenant at Rhode Island in Mr. Clap’s congregation...”^[5] Isaac and Elizabeth were admitted to the church a few days later, on 9 November 1735.^[6] Mr. Clap was the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Newport, Rhode Island.^[7] But Isaac Woodward had married Elizabeth Arnold at Trinity Church in Newport, on 4 September 1726.^[8] Elizabeth Arnold was a daughter of Benedict and Patience (Coggeshall) Arnold.^[9] The fact that Isaac and Elizabeth named a daughter Patience and a son Benedict help to confirm that this was the same couple.^[10]

Isaac’s origins

While the parents of Isaac Woodward are uncertain, he may very well be a son of Israel and Bennett (Eddy) of Taunton, Massachusetts, and Newport. Born in Taunton on 18 September or 4 October 1674, Israel died on 16 April 1762 in his 88th year and was buried in the Common Burial Ground in Newport,^[11] not far from Mary, a child of Isaac and Elizabeth, who died 21 August 1728 age 1 year 2 months six days,^[12] before their move to Connecticut. Israel’s mother, Jane (Godfrey) Woodward, was the daughter of Richard Godfrey of Taunton who with an older Benedict Arnold of Newport were sons-in-law of Joseph Turner of Taunton. That Benedict Arnold was the grandfather of Isaac

Woodward's wife. So a family connection seems quite plausible. On the other hand, Israel's will, dated 7 July 1757 and proved in Newport on 5 July 1762 names only grandchildren, none surnamed Woodward.^[13] Given that those Newport records are heavily damaged and that Isaac had left town twenty years earlier, it would not be surprising that he is not found in Israel's probate.

Isaac Jr. of Middletown

Given his age at death, the younger Isaac Woodward of Middletown was born about 1735, probably in Newport. Although his age at death noted above suggests 1737, he was probably the child baptized in 1735. He married in Middletown on 5 March 1754, Sibbell Harris,^[14] born in Middletown 20 June 1734, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Johnson) Harris.^[15] Sibel Woodward died 26 July 1806 aged 72 and was buried with her husband.^[16] The vital records for Middletown do not contain the births of their children but eight children of Isaac Woodward were baptized at Christ Church in Middletown between 1756 and 1776.^[17]

Isaac Woodward of Canterbury

Isaac Woodward of Canterbury was born there on 2 February 1710/1, son of Richard and Mary (____) Woodward.^[18] Isaac married in Franklin, Connecticut, on 22 August 1732, Elizabeth Armstrong.^[19] Isaac and Elizabeth Woodward were admitted to the Church at Canterbury 8 May 1737, and on the same day two of their children, Peter and Sarah, were baptized.^[20] A new meeting house to be known as Westminster was granted a charter in 1769. Isaac Woodward and his son Peter were among those who "ascribed to the covenant" on 20 November 1770.^[21]

The records of Middletown, Middlesex County, Connecticut, and Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut clearly show the existence of three men named Isaac Woodward.

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Endnotes

- ¹ Lindsay Reeks, *Woodward/Woodard Ancestors of New England* (Baltimore, Md.: Gateway Press, 1995), 54–55. Mr. Reeks makes one man out of three by combining the children of Isaac of Middleton with the children of Isaac of Canterbury and having Isaac of Canterbury marry Sibbel Harris of Middletown as his second wife.

- ² Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Middletown Vital Records, 1:70; Charles R. Hale Collection of Newspaper Deaths and Cemetery Inscriptions, Connecticut State Library, Middletown, Old Farm Hill Cemetery, 350, online at Ancestry.com. The entry at FindaGrave.com, memorial #70826324, for the Isaac Woodward buried in Middletown states he was born “Feb. 2, 1701 Canterbury.” The month and day are correct for the Isaac Woodward born in Canterbury but the year is wrong (see below).
- ³ Hale Collection, Middletown, 351; photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #22476723.
- ⁴ Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Canterbury Vital Records, 1:246.
- ⁵ Records of the First Church of Christ of Middletown, searched at the Godfrey Library in Middletown; Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records, from Middletown First Congregational Church records, 1:60. These indexed Connecticut church records are online at Ancestry.com under the title *Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920*.
- ⁶ Ibid., 1:131.
- ⁷ Richard M. Bayles, ed., *History of Newport County, Rhode Island, From the Year 1633 to the Year 1887* (New York: L. E. Preston & Co., 1888), 445.
- ⁸ James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636–1850*, 21 vols. (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912), 10:479.
- ⁹ Leighton Whitman Roscoe, *History and Genealogy of the Ancestry and Some Descendants of Stukely Westcott*, 2 vols. (n.p.: the author, 1932), Vol. I, part II, pp.128-129; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4 (Newport):5 (parents’ marriage).
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- ¹² John Eylers Sterling, Barbara J. Austin, and Letty R. Champion, *Newport, Rhode Island, Colonial Burial Grounds* (Hope, R.I.: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 2009), 91.
- ¹³ Pre-Revolutionary Newport Wills, 13:153, abstracted in *Rhode Island Genealogical Record*, 13 (1990):42
- ¹⁴ Barbour Collection, citing Middletown Vital Records, 2:18.

- ¹⁵ Ibid., citing 1:2 (birth and parents' marriage).
- ¹⁶ Hale Collection, Middletown, 351; photograph of the gravestone online at FindaGrave.com, memorial #16694040.
- ¹⁷ Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records, Christ Church, Middletown, 532–533.
- ¹⁸ Barbour Collection, citing Canterbury Vital Records, 1:238. Various websites suggest Richard's wife was Mary Nayle of Pennsylvania, but her husband Richard was more likely also from Pennsylvania.
- ¹⁹ Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records, from Franklin Congregational Church records, 1:382.
- ²⁰ Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records, Canterbury, 10.
- ²¹ Richard M. Bayles, ed., *History of Windham County, Connecticut* (New York: W. W. Preston & Co., 1889), 507.

**Corrections to
Nancy Ann (_____) Daniels of Morris, Otsego County,
New York**

by Keith Edward Wilson, CSG # 4186

Editor's Note: The following are corrections submitted by the author to his article that appeared in *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, Volume 49, No. 3 (March 2017) on page 186.

Family of No. 5:

SAMUEL HUBBELL:

The death date of Lucy M. Hubbell is 15 February 1862.

Family of No. 6:

WILLIAM ROY "BILLEROY" or "BILLYROY" HUBBELL:

The death date of JULIA A. BOTSFORD is 13 June 1892.

WILLIAM and JULIA (BOTSFORD) HUBBELL had two children named RUTH LEWIS HUBBELL. The first was born ca. 1818 and died in 1819, 9 mos. old. They named their next daughter RUTH LEWIS HUBBELL; she was born 14 April 1820 and she died in 12 May 1872. She married RALPH E. TERRY 9 October 1844.

The final "E" was left off of the second child named LEGRANDE.

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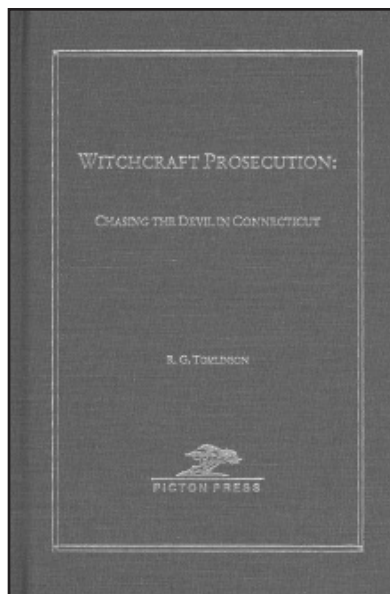
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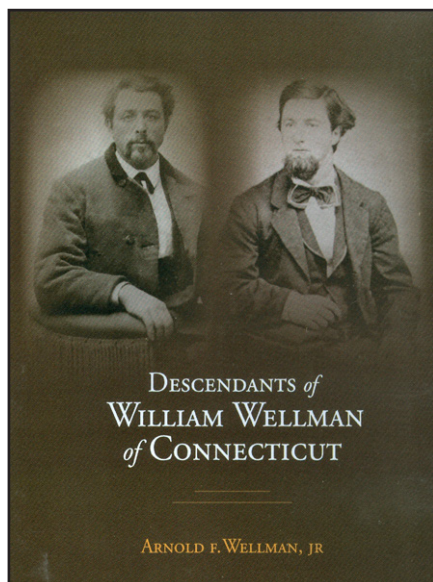
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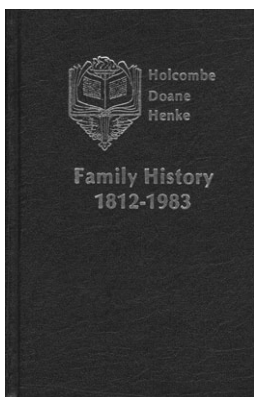
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