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## THE EDITOR'S VIEW

Women are often harder to trace than their male counterparts. With fewer opportunities to act on their own behalf, they generated fewer records, as the men in their lives acted for them. This problem is compounded in New York, where civil marriage records were not kept until 1880 and even then only fitfully until 1908. And prior to 1850, females, perhaps daughters, appeared only as tick marks on the household's census returns. In the absence of other records, their given names and surnames are unknown. Women who married before 1850 can literally disappear under their husbands' names. The couple might be next door to her parents, but the researcher would not know it.

Identifying females is troublesome at best, at times nearly impossible, but an all-out effort to identify them is worth the effort. The women in families often hold the key to cracking tough research problems.

Michael Hait faced this challenge while researching his ancestor "Lorinah," mother of Henry Hait and wife of Aaron Hait and then Nathan Olmsted. As it turned out, she was part of (and married into) extended families that straddled the New York/Connecticut border. No marriage record was found in either state. Tenuous clues pointed to Benjamin Brush, who had moved to New Jersey when his children were young, as her father, but they were only hints. Studies of Benjamin's family did list a daughter Lorinah, but they provided only an estimated birth year for her, and presumed that she had moved to New Jersey with her father.

For those who face such a problem, the path forward is always the same. Reasonably exhaustive research—sometimes in unfamiliar record types—and careful analysis and documentation of findings breaks down brick walls. That search must expand outward from the subject in ever-increasing circles until a clear picture of the family emerges. Lacking direct evidence of a relationship, one must study every person whose life may have intersected with the subject. The answer is often held by an associate, or even an associate of an associate.

In this case, Lorinah's probable sister Lucy Ann provided the threads to tie together an entire family. But those same accounts were as silent about Lucy Ann as they had been about Lorinah. Again, no marriage record was found. Bit by bit, piece by piece, the case was made that Lucy Ann had married first Jesse Hait and then Seth Weed. She had no children, but she had property, and her will made bequests to her living siblings and to the children of those deceased. Even here, Lorinah was not named, but her children were. Without the effort taken to piece together a possible sister's life, Lorinah's origins would still be uncertain.

Never underestimate the value of researching your subjects' siblings, including those with no descendants of their own. Those unidentified sisters (or aunts) hiding under unknown husbands' names may be stepping stones rather than obstacles. That quest may be difficult, but not impossible. It just takes persistence.

Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS

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## IDENTIFYING THE FAMILIES OF LORINAH (BRUSH) (HAIT) OLMSTED

BY MICHAEL G. HAIT, CG, CGL\*

Although Lorinah (Brush) (Hait) Olmsted's birth family and spouses' families have been mostly well documented, previous researchers have failed to identify the unmarried daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush as the early widow of Aaron Hait and as the second wife of Nathan Olmsted. Previous researchers found little evidence relating to the identification of Lorinah, daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush:

- According to Spencer P. Mead, writing in 1911, Capt. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush married first a daughter of Rev. Benjamin Strong, and had children Lucy Ann, who married [-?-] Downs, Laura Ann, Hannah, Ard, and Benjamin<sup>5</sup>.<sup>1</sup>
- Conklin Mann, in his important article in *THE RECORD* in 1935–1936, provided the most detailed account of this Brush family, but reached only limited conclusions concerning Benjamin's daughters "Ann, Lucy Ann or Luciana" and "Laura Ann, Lorana or Lorinah." He reported only that both removed to New Jersey with their father. No marriage or descendant information for either of these women appears in the Mann article.<sup>2</sup>
- In a more recent book, Stuart C. Brush acknowledged the superiority of Mann's work in the earlier generations and referred readers to that article. Brush simply listed "Laura Ann, Lorana, or Lorinah," born about 1754, as a daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush and his first wife, [-?-] Strong, with no further information.<sup>3</sup>
- In a supplement Brush noted that "Lovina," daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush, married Stephen Adams of New Jersey. Seven pages later the same marriage is *correctly* attributed to "Lorinah or Lovina," who was born about 1801, daughter of Benjamin's son Ard Brush.<sup>4</sup>

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1 Spencer P. Mead, *Ye Historie of ye Town of Greenwich* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1911), 513. Mead's work has long been recognized as unreliable. Donald Lines Jacobus, FASG, wrote in 1930 that dates were inaccurate and "could be entirely disregarded (as well as most of the genealogical section of the book)." See "A Warning from Donald Lines Jacobus on Spencer Mead's *History of Greenwich*," *The American Genealogist* 80 (2005): 282.

2 Conklin Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island," *RECORD* 66 (1935): 201–220, 353–375; 67 (1936): 16–35, 124–141, 269–277, 321–333, at 67:26–27. Mann's article provides much better explanation, greater biographical detail, and more dependable conclusions than Mead (note 1) or a later work by Stuart C. Brush (note 3). Brush recognized this (p. 4) and urged readers to treat his work as a companion volume to Mann's article, and to study them together.

3 Stuart C. Brush, *The Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island: A Source Book* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1982), 41. For the entire family group of Benjamin Brush in this work, the author cites only Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 2), 67:26–27; Mead, *Ye Historie of Ye Town of Greenwich* (note 1), no pages cited; and Alfred E. Knapp, *The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy* (Winter Park, Fla.: the author, 1953), no pages cited. The compiler does not specify what information was derived from the Knapp genealogy.

4 Stuart C. Brush, "Supplement III," in *Supplement III & IV to The Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 2005), III:7, III:14. Brush cited only himself and two other "internet researchers," but no original records. The name "Lovina" is likely a transcriber's error, misreading an "r" for a "v."

Other writers have provided limited—and sometimes conflicting—information about Lorinah’s marriages:

- In a previous article by this author, it was established that David Hait’s son Aaron’s wife was Lorinah, surname uncertain, and suggested that she was a daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush. After Aaron’s death, she married Nathan Olmsted.<sup>5</sup>
- In 1912 Henry King Olmsted attributed three wives to Capt. Nathan Olmsted, including second wife, “Mrs. Lorina (Brush) Hoyt,” who married 19 January 1783; and third wife, Sarah Ann Brush, who died 21 February 1810.<sup>6</sup> The grave marker of “Lorinah wife of Nathan Olmstead Esq.” proves she was the wife who died 21 February 1810.<sup>7</sup>
- Conklin Mann also briefly addressed Capt. Nathan Olmsted in a 1933 article profiling Nathan’s first wife, Sarah Ambler. He stated that Capt. Olmsted “m. 2d Mrs. Lorina (Brush) Hoyt 19 Jan., 1783, by whom he had children, Nathan, Catherine and Mary. She d. 21 Feb., 1810, ae. 54. He m. 3d Sarah Ann Brush.”<sup>8</sup> Though Mann corrected Olmsted’s error regarding Lorina’s death, he still included, without any biographical detail, the alleged third wife, Sarah Ann.

The present article will examine these related families and present evidence establishing Lorinah as the daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush and wife of first Aaron Hait and second Nathan Olmsted.

#### LORINAH, DAUGHTER OF BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> BRUSH

The will of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush of Gloucester County, New Jersey, was written 30 May 1786 and proved 29 December 1786. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> named his son Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, daughter Ann, daughter Lorinah, daughter Hannah, son-in-law Samuel Ball, son-in-law Samuel Deniack, daughter Bashti, and sons Ard and Edward.<sup>9</sup> Benjamin<sup>4</sup> did not provide married names for any of his daughters nor did he identify which married “son[s]-in-law” Ball and Deniack.

Rev. Benjamin Strong of Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, wrote his will 13 July 1773, which was proved 21 February 1775. Among his legatees were grandchildren surnamed Brush: Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Luceann, Lorana, Hannah, and Ard; grandson Benjamin<sup>6</sup> Brush was appointed executor.<sup>10</sup> The names of Rev. Strong’s Brush grandchildren correspond with the names of Benjamin<sup>4</sup>

5 Michael Grant Hait, “The Ancestry of Elder Henry Hait, Primitive Baptist Preacher of Connecticut and New York,” *RECORD* 145 (2014): 25–38, 135–54, 202–6.

6 Henry King Olmsted, *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family in America Embracing the Descendants of James and Richard Olmsted and Covering A Period of Nearly Three Centuries, 1632–1912* (New York: A. T. De La Mare, 1912), 210.

7 “Lorinah wife of Nathan Olmstead Esq.” marker, Pound Ridge (Burial Hill) Cemetery, Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., memorial 20,046,182, digital image (findagrave.com). Olmsted may have inadvertently separated one wife (Lorina) into two women (Lorina and Sarah Ann), but it is possible that there was a third wife named Sarah Ann Brush. Many Brush families were in the area and no evidence has been found to rule out the possibility. However, “Sarah Ann” could be a misreading of a handwritten Lorinah.

8 Conklin Mann, “Richard Ambler of Watertown, Mass., and Stamford, Conn., and His Descendants,” *RECORD* 64 (1933): 343. Mann cites the “Olmsted Gen.,” almost certainly a reference to Henry King Olmsted’s 1912 work.

9 Benjamin Brush original will, Gloucester Co., New Jersey Wills, file #1,534H, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton; copy recorded in N.J. Wills, 28:93–96 (Family History Library microfilm [FHL] 522,727, item 2).

10 Benjamin Strong original will, Stamford estate records, Box 284, Record Group [RG] 4, Series 135, Conn. State Library, Hartford; copy recorded in Stamford probate records 4:162 (FHL 5,563).



Brush's children as named in his own will, but two of Brush's children were not named by Strong—daughter Bashti and son Edward. They were likely children of his second wife, as concluded by Conklin Mann.<sup>11</sup>

Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush—father to Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Lorinah, and Lucy Ann—removed to New Jersey as early as December 1762, when he began to appear in records there.<sup>12</sup> The elder Benjamin's will, written and proved in New Jersey, suggests that his young daughters had gone with him, yet by 13 July 1773, thirteen years before Benjamin died, they were living in Connecticut. On that date their grandfather Strong wrote his will, stipulating that his granddaughters "Luceann, Lorana, and Hannah" were to "have the privilege of one room in my said dwelling house so long as they are single or unmarried."<sup>13</sup> Their oldest brother, Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Brush, was named executor and received Strong's "home Lot Dwelling house, [and] Hatters shop with the utensils thereof." The three sisters were under age twenty-one when Strong's will was written, suggesting that for unknown reasons they had either stayed with their grandfather when their father moved to New Jersey or returned there at some point.<sup>14</sup>

#### LORINAH AND HER TWO HUSBANDS

In discussing his childhood, Elder Henry Hait wrote, "I was born in the town of Bedford, Westchester county N.Y. on the first day of October, 1779. My father died in New York in 1780, and my mother moved back into Stanford [*sic*], Ct. with me and a sister older than myself, to my grand-father's [David Hait's], who took me under his care on my mother's second marriage, in 1784."<sup>15</sup> Henry did not offer the names of either parent in this autobiographical letter. However, the baptisms of both Henry on 5 April 1780 and a sister Ann on 6 May 1778 in St. John's Episcopal Church in Stamford record their parents' names as "Aaron and Lorina Hait."<sup>16</sup> A later deed referred to Henry as "son of Aaron Hoyt decd."<sup>17</sup>

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11 Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 2), 67:27.

12 Benjamin Brush as bondsman, Abraham Tuttle estate records, abstract in *Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Administrations, etc., 1761–1770* in Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, 1st Series, 43 vols. (Newark, Somerville, and Trenton, N.J.: State of N.J., 1880–1949), 33:440 (citing original liber H:271).

13 Benjamin Strong original will (note 10).

14 The date and place of Benjamin's second marriage are unknown. It is possible that the older children preferred their grandfather's house to their stepmother's. Son Ard was likely young enough that Benjamin's second wife, Mary, was the only mother he knew (see genealogical summary).

15 Elder Henry Hait, letter to "Brother Beebe," *Signs of the Times* (Middletown, N.Y.), 20 (1 Aug. 1852), 113–15; microfilm, Primitive Baptist Library, Carthage, Ill. For more information regarding this source, see Hait, "Ancestry of Elder Henry Hait" (note 5), 26n7.

16 Polly Vanderwaart, parish historian, St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, Conn., email dated 6 Feb. 2014, verifying these baptisms on p. 66 (Ann) and p. 88 (Henry) in the parish book titled "Records of St. Johns Church, Stamford and Greenwich." See Hait, "Ancestry of Elder Henry Hait" (note 5), 29n31.

17 Henry Hait and Scuder Warring to Samuel Parker et al., Fairfield Co., Conn., Deeds Q:304 (FHL 5,578, item 2), dated 26 Oct. 1808, recorded 8 May 1809.

Aaron Hait likely died in 1780, as Henry reported, but no probate records have been located in Westchester County or Stamford, Connecticut.<sup>18</sup> Lorinah has not been located in any other records relating to Aaron or Henry Hait.

On 19 January 1783 Nathan Olmsted married Lorina Hait in Pound Ridge, Westchester County.<sup>19</sup> A woman of the appropriate age to be Lorinah was in Nathan's 1790 and 1800 households.<sup>20</sup> In spite of Nathan's involvement in several land transactions from 1784 to 1810, none of these deeds mention her or any other members of the Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush or David Hait family.<sup>21</sup> The only other records tying Lorinah to Nathan Olmsted are three mortgages executed in 1807 and 1808, in which Lorinah was named as his wife. One of these mortgages involved Jonathan Cowdrey, likely the man who married Sally Hait, the sister of Lorinah's first husband, Aaron Hait, providing a possible point of contact between Lorinah's first and second marriages.<sup>22</sup> No probate records have been located for Nathan Olmsted.

#### LUCY ANN (BRUSH) (HAIT) WEED TIES THE FAMILY TOGETHER

Previous researchers consistently left Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush's daughter Lucy Ann either unidentified or misidentified, just as they had Lorinah:

- Spencer Mead confused Lucy Ann, daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush, with her niece Lucy Ann (Brush) "Downs," daughter of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Brush.<sup>23</sup>
- Conklin Mann noted only that "Ann, Lucy Ann or Luciana (all forms found), b. say 1752, removed to N.J."<sup>24</sup> Stuart C. Brush repeated Mann, saying only "Ann, Lucy Ann, or Luciana, b. ca. 1752."<sup>25</sup>

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18 "Surrogate Records, 1775–1941, Personal Name Index," online index, Westchester Co. Archives ([archives.westchestergov.com/surrogates-index](http://archives.westchestergov.com/surrogates-index)). Also Westchester Co. Estate papers 1775–1796 no. 4; digital images, "New York, Probate Records, 1629–1971" ([familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)). Also Spencer P. Mead, *Abstract of Probate Records for the District of Stamford, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, 1729–1848*, 2 vols. (Salt Lake City, Utah: privately printed, 1919, 1924).

19 Nathan Olmsted–Lorina Hait marriage, "Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.," RECORD 31 (1900): 239.

20 Nathan Olmsted household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., p. 191. Nathan Olmsted household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., p. 96. Lorinah was said to be aged 54 at her death in 1810, and would have been 44 at some point in 1800.

21 See for example Westchester Co. Deeds M:521–22 (FHL 562,373); O:3–4 (FHL 562,374); P:178–79 (562,375). It should be noted that Nathan was in each case the grantee; he did not act as a grantor during the period 1784–1810. And if he had, he might not have named his wife. During this period in Connecticut, a woman had dower right only in land that was hers by inheritance or in the land owned by the husband at his death. His land sales during the marriage did not require a release. Only if Lorina were the surviving widow, or were selling land she owned in her own name, would she appear in land records as a grantor. See Marylynn Salmon, *Women and the Law of Property in Early America* (Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 1986), 6, 22, 119, 161–62. See note 18 for probate records checked.

22 Nathan Olmsted and Lorinah "his wife" of Pound Ridge to Andrew McGown, Westchester Co. Mortgages I:358, dated 9 Oct. 1807; same to Samuel Lyon in K:50, dated 15 Feb. 1808; same to Jonathan Cowdrey in K:258, dated 2 May 1808 (FHL 581,603, items 1–2).

23 Mead, *Ye Historie of Ye Town of Greenwich* (note 1), 513.

24 Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 2), 67:27.

25 Brush, *Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington* (note 3), 41.

- In 1976 Mrs. Clifford P. Wicks Jr. and Mrs. Paul A. Olson reported that Lt. Seth Weed married first Mary Brown and second “Lucy Ann Brush, born 1752 to Benjamin Brush.”<sup>26</sup>
- Blair C. Scofield and Robert W. Spiers identified Seth Weed’s wives as, first, Hannah Andreas, and, second, Mary Brown, not mentioning Lucy Ann at all.<sup>27</sup>
- David W. Hoyt said that Lieut. Jesse<sup>5</sup> Hait, son of Nehemiah and Ruth (Peck) Hait, died about 1804 without issue and his estate was divided among his brothers and sisters. He further stated that “‘Lucy Ann Hait’ is named among his heirs, but was not on other lists of the family.”<sup>28</sup>

In fact, Jesse Hait bequeathed to “my dearly beloved wife Lucy Ann Hait the use of the one half of my Landed property and the use of the whole of my Dwelling house and Barn (under the care of my brother Seth Hait) during the time she shall remain my Widow.” Jesse’s remaining real and personal property was devised to his siblings, primarily to his brother and executor Seth Hait.<sup>29</sup> In his own will, Seth Hait includes the following:

“I order and devise the remainder of my real estate, not otherwise given, to be equally divided between all my children, at the decease of Lucy Ann now the wife of Seth Weed. And it is my Will that my landed property be under the care and direction of my son Nehemiah, untill the death of said Lucy Ann Weed, to pay the yearly rent which I am obligated to pay said Lucy Ann, and for the support and education of my children; and then divided as above written.”<sup>30</sup>

This document establishes Lucy Ann’s first and second marriages, but does not prove the assertion that she was a daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush. However, Lucy Ann left evidence that defines this Brush family and firmly places Lorinah (Brush) (Hait) Olmsted within it.

Lucy Ann died childless but with property, and her original will shows her close family relationships with descendants of Benjamin<sup>4</sup>:<sup>31</sup>

- Item I give unto my brother Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Brush one hundred Dollars<sup>32</sup>

26 Edith M. Wicks and Virginia H. Olson, *Stamford’s Soldiers: Genealogical Biographies of Revolutionary Patriots from Stamford, Connecticut* (Stamford, Ct.: Stamford Genealogical Society and Ferguson Library, 1976), 333. No sources were cited for these assertions.

27 Blair C. Scofield and Robert W. Spiers, “Descendants of Daniel Scofield, Part 6 and Corrections,” *Connecticut Ancestry* 42 (2000): 162.

28 David W. Hoyt, *A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families: with Some Account of the Earlier Hyatt Families* (Boston: Henry Hoyt, 1871), 357.

29 Jesse Hait original will, dated 6 Sept. 1803, proved 14 Oct. 1803, Stamford estate records, Box 97, RG 4, Series 135, Conn. State Library, Hartford.

30 Seth Hait will, dated 20 Apr. 1815, proved 29 Aug. 1815, Stamford probate records, 11:302–4 (FHL 5,566, item 2).

31 Lucy Ann Weed original will, dated 15 July 1816, proved 12 Aug. 1818, in Lucy Ann Weed probate file, Stamford estate records, Box 326, RG 4, Series 135, Conn. State Library, Hartford; copy recorded in Stamford Probate Records 11:538–40 (FHL 5,566). The copy omitted at least one bequest in the original will and included other minor discrepancies. Others were named in the will whose relationships have not been determined: Elihu Smith, Hannah Ann Knapp (“daughter of jona Knapp”), Sarah Cowdrey Hoyt, and Genet Ann Hoyt. Sarah Cowdry Hoyt may actually be Sally Hait, daughter of David Hait and sister of Aaron, who married Jonathan Cowdrey, Jr. (David Hait original will and estate records, Stamford estate records, Box 97, RG 4, Series 135, Conn. State Library, Hartford; copy recorded in Stamford probate records 10:98–99 [FHL 5,566]).

32 Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Brush was identified as the brother of Lucy Ann Brush in the wills of their maternal grandfather Rev. Benjamin Strong and their father Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush (Benjamin Brush original will [note 9]; Benjamin Strong original will [note 10]).

- Item I give Lucy ann olmsted one hundred Dollars<sup>33</sup>
- Item I give Henry Hoyt thirty Dollars<sup>34</sup>
- Item I give Lucy ann Down twenty Dollars
- Item I give to the widow ann Smith thirty Dollars
- Item I give to Rachel Brush the wife of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Brush ten dollars<sup>35</sup>
- Item I give unto Polly abit & abigail Bishop my Sisters Daughters<sup>36</sup> the Remainder of my cloathing my bed Linning, bedding & household furniture to be divided among them<sub>i,j</sub><sup>37</sup>

Figure 1 outlines the Brush family relationships, with those named in Lucy Ann's will indicated in bold type. Lucy Ann's will ties her directly to her brother Benjamin and indirectly to her sister Lorinah. Though Lorinah does not appear by name, identifying several of the named individuals provides evidence necessary to connect Lucy Ann, and therefore Lorinah, to the Brush, Hait, and Olmsted families.

Besides these bequests, Lucy Ann's probate file also contains a prenuptial jointure agreement signed 1 February 1811 between "Seth Weed of Stamford Fairfield County and State of Connecticut" and "Lucy Ann Hoyt of Pound Ridge Westchester County and State of New York." Significantly, this document was witnessed by Nathan Olmsted, widower of her sister Lorinah.<sup>38</sup>

33 See the sketch of Polly (Olmsted) Abbott in the genealogical summary below for the relationship of Lucy Ann Olmsted to Benjamin Brush.

34 Lucy Ann Weed's estate file includes a note due from Henry "Hoyt 3<sup>d</sup>" ("List of notes due the Estate of Lucy Ann Weed of Stamford Dec<sup>d</sup>," undated, in Lucy Ann Weed probate file [note 31]). Though there were other Henry Hoyts/Haits in the Stamford area at this time, the designation as "3<sup>d</sup>" provides confirmation that the will indeed referred to Henry Hait, son of Aaron and Lorinah Hait. For full discussion of the identification of Henry Hoyt 3<sup>rd</sup> as Henry Hait, son of Aaron and Lorina, see Hait, "The Ancestry of Elder Henry Hait," (note 5), 27n10.

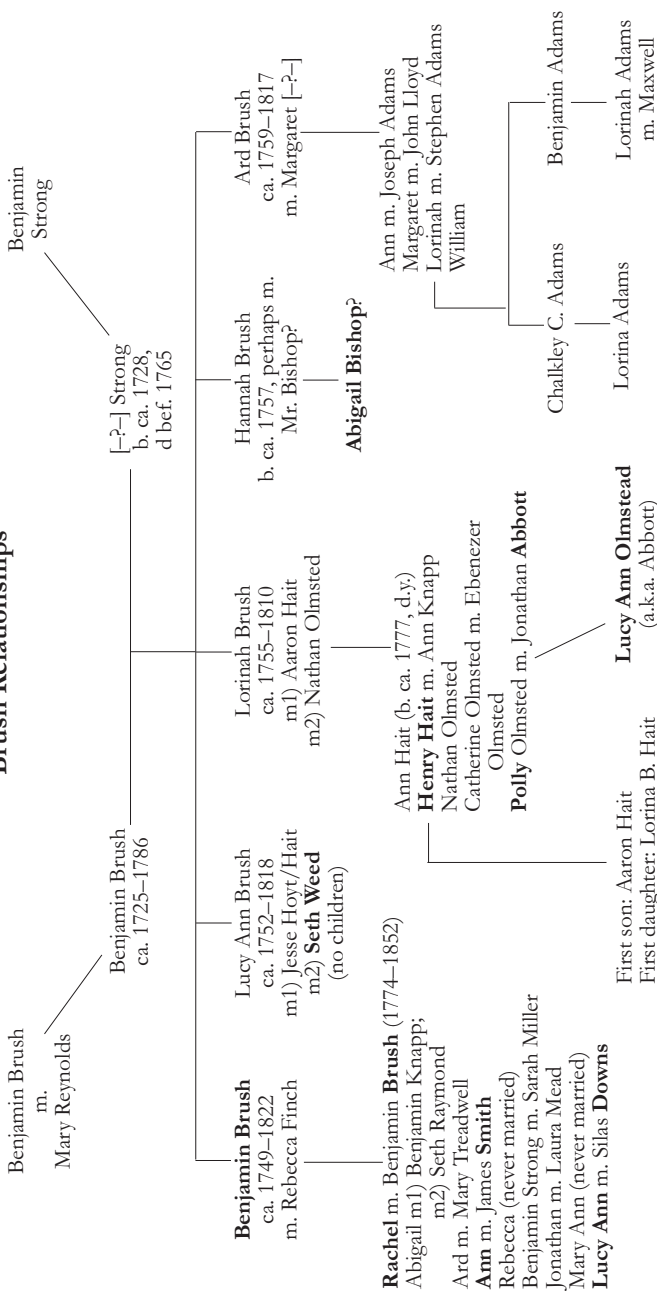
35 Lucy Ann's brother Benjamin's will named sons Benjamin S.<sup>6</sup> Brush, Ard Brush, and Jonathan Brush, and daughters Rebekah Brush, Rachel Brush, Abigail Knapp, Ann Smith, Mary Ann Brush, and Lucy Ann Downs (Benjamin Brush Jr. original will, dated 19 Feb. 1820, proved 6 Jan. 1823, Stamford estate records, Box 32, RG 4, Series 135, Conn. State Library, Hartford; copy recorded in Stamford probate records, 12:275–76 [FHL 5,567]). Benjamin's daughters "Lucy [A]nn Down," "the widow [A]nn Smith," and "Rachel Brush the wife of Benjamin Brush" were named in Lucy Ann Weed's will.

36 Lucy Ann's will does not name her sisters, the mother (or mothers) of legatees Polly "Abit" and Abigail Bishop. Lucy Ann's estate file includes a note due from Jonathan "Abbit" ("List of notes due the Estate of Lucy Ann Weed of Stamford Dec<sup>d</sup>," undated, in Lucy Ann Weed probate file [note 31]). Jonathan Abbott's second wife was "Polly Olmstead of Pound Ridge" (Charles M. Selleck, *Norwalk* [Norwalk, Conn.: the author, 1896], 346, in which he named the children of this couple, citing one of them, Rev. Charles Riley Abbott, PhD, of Brooklyn, as the source of the information about his nuclear family). Henry King Olmsted stated, without documentation, that Mary Olmsted, daughter of Nathan Olmsted and his second wife, was born 19 Oct. 1786, and on 30 Sept. 1810 married Jonathan Abbott (Olmsted, *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family* [note 6], 210). The omission of additional detailed information for this Mary and her children suggests that its source was not Charles Riley Abbott. Abigail Bishop's mother has not been identified, but was one of Lucy Ann's sisters, most likely Hannah, unless Abigail is the same as Lorinah's daughter Ann about whom nothing further is known.

37 Lucy Ann Weed original will (note 31).

38 Seth Weed and Lucy Ann Hoyt, jointure agreement, dated 1 Feb. 1811, in Lucy Ann Weed probate file (note 31).

Figure 1  
**Brush Relationships**



See text for documentation. **Bold font** indicates individuals mentioned in Lucy Ann (Brush) (Hait) Weed's will.

In addition, the distribution of Lucy Ann's estate led to a lawsuit eventually heard by the Supreme Court of Errors of the State of Connecticut. Hannah Ann Knapp, one of Lucy Ann's legatees, had brought suit against Seth Weed's executors to receive her legacy. Lucy Ann's nephew "Henry Hoyt, jun.,"<sup>39</sup> her brother Benjamin Brush, and her brother-in-law Nathan Olmsted appeared in court to testify in the case, showing a strong connection between Lorinah, Lucy Ann, and their brother Benjamin.<sup>40</sup>

#### BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> BRUSH, BROTHER OF LORINAH AND LUCY ANN

Besides Benjamin's associations with his sisters that have been noted above, he appears to have known and associated with Lorinah's first husband Aaron Hait and his family:

- Benjamin Brush was listed as an ensign and Aaron Hait as a private on a pay roll of Captain Smith's Company of Colonel John Mead's Regiment [the 9th Regiment of Connecticut Militia], dated 10 November 1776 in Greenwich, Connecticut. Benjamin was discharged on 11 January 1777, Aaron on 28 November 1776.<sup>41</sup>
- On 3 May 1783 Benjamin Brush, Aaron's father David Hait, and Aaron's brother Frederick Hait were among fifty-four inhabitants of Stanwich Society who signed a petition. Jesse Hait, probably Benjamin's sister Lucy Ann's first husband, also signed.<sup>42</sup>

#### ONOMASTIC EVIDENCE

The descendants of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush demonstrated a tendency to repeat given names such as *Benjamin* and *Lucy Ann* and the uncommon names *Lorinah* and *Ard*. Examples of each of these names can be found in each generation through at least the early twentieth century.

The name Lorinah/Lorana/Lorina/Lurena/Laura Ann/Luraney was not common in this time and place. No other females named variants of Lorinah have been found in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries in Westchester County, New York, or Fairfield County, Connecticut, yet the name was repeated in families associated with Lorinah (Brush) (Hait) Olmsted (see figure 1). Her brother Ard Brush "of the township of Washington County of Burlington and State of New Jersey," wrote his will 15 January 1817, naming a

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39 Henry Hait was called "Henry Hoyt 3d" in earlier records, but was here called "Henry Hoyt, jun.," due to the death or removal of an older Henry Hait in the area. See note 34 above. See also Henry Hait Jr. to Daniel Lockwood, mortgage, Stamford land records U:459 (FHL 5,581, item 1), dated and recorded 14 Oct. 1825. Henry also appears as "Jr." in instruments recorded in Stamford land records U:461, 462, 646, 899-900; V:26, 115 (FHL 5,581, item 2).

40 Thomas Day, *Reports of Cases, Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Errors of the State of Connecticut; Prepared and Published in Pursuance of a Statute Law of the State*, 2nd ed., 21 vols. (New York: Banks, Gould, 1848-1856), 6:170-75, 7:132-39.

41 "A Pay Roll of Capt. Charles Smith's Company of Militia in Colonel John Mead's Regiment under the Command of General Wooster," 9th Regiment of Militia, 10 Nov. 1776, Aaron Hait (rank not reported), "Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783" (National Archives and Records Administration [NARA] M246, roll 26). Also *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I. War of the Revolution, II. War of 1812, III. Mexican War* (Hartford, Conn.: State of Conn., 1889), 489.

42 Petition to the General Assembly of the State of Conn., dated 3 May 1783, Revolutionary War Records, Series 1, vol. 24, document #278, Conn. Archives, Papers of the Conn. General Assembly (FHL 3,557).

daughter Lorinah.<sup>43</sup> This Lorinah, born about 1800–1801, married Stephen Adams in 1832.<sup>44</sup> Their son Chalkley C. Adams also named a daughter, born about 1872–1873, “Lorina.”<sup>45</sup> Another Lorinah Adams, born about 1858–1859, was in her apparent grandmother Lorinah Adams’s household in 1860, likely a child of Chalkley’s brother Benjamin.<sup>46</sup>

Perhaps most significantly, according to family tradition, Henry Hait, son of Lorina (Brush) (Hait) Olmsted, named his eldest daughter Lorina B. Hait. The middle initial “B” likely represents Henry’s mother’s maiden surname, Brush. No contemporary records have been located to support the name and initial of this child, but Henry did name other children after family members. His eldest son was named Aaron, presumably for his father; the second son was Jeremiah K., surely for his father-in-law, Jeremiah Knapp; and the second daughter was Lucy A. Hait, likely for his maternal aunt.<sup>47</sup>

### CONCLUSION

Nine points of evidence show that Lorinah the daughter of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Brush, Lorinah the wife of Aaron Hait, and Lorinah the wife of Nathan Olmsted were the same woman:

- The 1786 will of Benjamin Brush of New Jersey named her as a daughter and as a sibling of Benjamin and “Ann.”
- The 1773 will of Benjamin Strong of Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, named her as a granddaughter and a sibling of Benjamin and “Luceann.” The will also placed Lorana and Luceann in or near Stamford, where they might plausibly encounter their future Hait husbands.
- The 1778 and 1780 Westchester County, New York, baptisms of Ann Hait and Henry Hait named their mother as Lorina and father as Aaron. Westchester and Fairfield counties are adjacent.
- Henry Hait’s narrative of his childhood stated that after his father’s death in 1780, his mother returned to her father-in-law’s place in Stamford, and that she remarried in 1784.
- Lorina Hait married Nathan Olmsted 19 January 1783 in Westchester County. A woman of her age appeared in his household in 1790 and 1800; “Lorinah” was named as his wife

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43 Ard Brush will, Burlington Co., N.J., Wills B:279–82, proved 20 May 1817 (FHL 832,912).

44 Stephen Adams–Lorina Brush marriage, Burlington Co., N.J., Marriages C:240 (FHL 848,873). Lorina Adams, age 49, in Stephen Adams household, 1850 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 513 [*verso*], dw. 45, fam. 48.

45 Chalkley C. Adams household for Lorinah age 7, 1880 U.S. census, Randolph Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., Enumeration District [ED] 37, p. 7, dw. 68, fam. 73.

46 Lorinah Adams household for Lorinah Adams, age 1, with an apparent mother Sarah A. and apparent sisters Rebecca and Sarah J., 1860 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 35, dw. 258, fam. 267. Benjamin was not in that household, but was in 1870, along with Sarah, Rebecca, “Jane” (likely Sarah J.) and 11-year-old Elizabeth, likely Lorinah (Larina Adams household, 1870 U.S. census, Randolph Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 7, dw./fam. 50). Lorinah E. Adams, age 20, married John F. Maxwell 2 Dec. 1878 in Egg Harbor City, Atlantic Co., N.J. (Index to New Jersey Marriages, 1670–1980, database [familysearch.org]; the original has not been examined). Lorina E. and John Maxwell named their first apparent child Benjamin (John F. Benjamin household, 1880 U.S. census, Randolph Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., ED 37, p. 3, dw./fam. 23).

47 Hait, “Ancestry of Elder Henry Hait” (note 5), 31, 150–54, 202–6. Henry Hait household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk Co., p. 232 [*verso*], dw. 649, fam. 737.

in mortgages dated 1807 and 1808; and her name appeared on her 1810 grave marker as his wife.

- Lorina's sister Lucy Ann's 1816 will named brother Benjamin. She also made bequests to Lorina's children "Henry Hoyt" and "Polly abit." The will did not name Lorina, who had died in 1810.
- Lucy Ann's 1811 prenuptial agreement was witnessed by "Nathan Olmsted," her deceased sister's widower.
- Lorina's brother Benjamin served during the Revolution in the same unit as Aaron Hait, Lorina's first husband, in 1776–1777.
- Lorina and its variants were extremely rare in this time and place, making it unlikely that Aaron Hait or Nathan Olmsted married other women of that name.

Although Lorinah (Brush) (Hait) Olmsted appears in few records herself, connections among numerous members of her birth family and her two married families illuminate the history of this woman.

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. **BENJAMIN**<sup>4</sup> **BRUSH** (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)<sup>48</sup> was born probably in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, say 1725 (first-known child), and died probably in Galloway Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, between 30 May and 29 December 1786.<sup>49</sup> He married first, about 1747–1748 (first-known child) [–?–] **STRONG**, a daughter of Rev. Benjamin Strong. Her death date is unknown, but was certainly before her father wrote his will in July 1773.<sup>50</sup> Brush married second in Gloucester County, between say 1765 and 13 January 1775, **MARY REID**, daughter of William Reid.<sup>51</sup>

Benjamin Brush was taxed on seven acres and a one-half interest in a sawmill in Great Egg Harbor Township in 1773. William Reid, likely his father-in-law, was in the same township. Benjamin was not found in that township's lists for

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48 Mann identifies Benjamin's ancestry through Thomas (Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" [note 2], 67:26). Brush added John as Thomas's father, but nothing has been found to support that connection (Brush, *Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington* [note 3], 10, 41).

49 Benjamin Brush original will (note 9).

50 Rev. Benjamin Strong named his Brush grandchildren in his 1765 will, but called his daughter Sarah Ferris "my only surviving child" (Benjamin Strong original will [note 10]). Rev. Strong was the first clergyman of the Parish of Starwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., and served there 1735–1767. See William Cothren, ed., *Second Centennial Celebration of the Exploration of Ancient Woodbury, and the Reception of the First Indian Deed, Held at Woodbury, Conn., July 4 and 5, 1859* (Woodbury, Conn.: The General Committee, 1859), 201. Also Harriet Scofield, "The Six Ferris Brothers and Their Families," Record 98 (1967): 73–74.

51 Abstracts of William Reid's estate records are found in *Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Administrations, etc., 1761–1770* (note 12), 4:349 (citing original libers 12:291, 299; 15:537), which notes a legacy paid to Benjamin Brush from William Reid's estate on 13 Jan. 1775. The will, written in 1761, named his "daughter Mary Reid," but not her husband, if indeed she was married. In May 1767, after the named executor, son Jonathan Reid, died, William's sons Obadiah and William took his place. The final accounting named legatees Benjamin Brush, Obadiah Reid, Dinah Reid (relationship unclear), and Samuel Disosmey, perhaps also a son-in-law. No evidence has been found regarding Mary's probable birth year or their probable marriage date. Their eldest child might have been born as early as 1765, based on average age at marriage.



1778, 1780, or 1781.<sup>52</sup> In 1780, the first year of neighboring Galloway Township's extant tax records, Benjamin was assessed for 600 acres and a tavern. He appeared in Galloway records—with varying amounts of land, but no tavern—from 1780 until 1785.<sup>53</sup>

Children of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and [–?] (Strong) Brush, all likely born in Greenwich:<sup>54</sup>

2. i. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> BRUSH was born about 1748–1749 and died in Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, 22 November 1822, aged 73. He married REBECCA FINCH.
- ii. LUCY ANN<sup>5</sup> BRUSH was born about 1752–1753 (age at death) and died in Stamford 31 July 1818, aged 65 years.<sup>55</sup> She married first JESSE HOYT/HAIT, son of Nehemiah and Ruth (Peck) Hoyt,<sup>56</sup> and married second in Stamford, after 1 February 1811, as his second wife, SETH WEED,<sup>57</sup> who was born about 1754 and died in Stamford 26 December 1822.<sup>58</sup> Lucy Ann did not have children.
3. iii. LORINAH<sup>5</sup> BRUSH was born about 1755–1756 (age at death) and died 26 February 1810, aged 54. She married first AARON HAIT and second NATHAN OLMSTED.
- iv. HANNAH<sup>5</sup> BRUSH was born about 1757–1758.<sup>59</sup> Hannah may have married a MR. BISHOP.<sup>60</sup>
4. v. ARD<sup>5</sup> BRUSH was born about 1759–1760 and died in Burlington County, New Jersey, between 15 January and 20 May 1817. He married MARGARET [–?].

Children of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Mary (Reid) Brush, likely born in Gloucester County, New Jersey:<sup>61</sup>

- vi. BASHTI<sup>5</sup> or VASHTY BRUSH was born perhaps about 1765–1770 (based on average age at marriage), if she were the Vashty Brush who married at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 21 December 1788, SAMUEL RINKER. Samuel, termed a widower, married second, at the same church, 20 December 1795 Cathrine [sic] Seyfert.<sup>62</sup>

52 Great Egg Harbor Township, Gloucester Co., N.J., tax records, 1773, pp. 1 (Reid), 8 (Brush) (FHL 865,473, item 5).

53 Galloway Township, Gloucester Co., N.J., tax records, 1780, p. 7; Aug. 1781, p. 7; Feb. 1782, p. 9; July 1782, p. 1; July 1784, p. 4; July 1785, p. 4 (FHL 865,473, item 3). His property varied: 1781, 290 acres; July 1782, 440 acres; July 1784, 250 acres, a sawmill, one slave; July 1785, 300 acres, one slave.

54 Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 2), 67:26–27. Both the will of their father and of their grandfather Strong lists the children in this order, presumably the order of birth (Benjamin Brush original will [note 9]; Benjamin Strong original will [note 10]).

55 Charles R. Hale, "Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford, Connecticut" (typescript prepared by Kenneth Larkum, 31 Oct. 1934), North Stamford Cemetery, p. 144; digital image (findagrave.com), Lucy Weed, wife of Seth.

56 Hoyt, *A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families* (note 28), 357. Jesse Hait named his wife Lucy Ann in his will, and appointed his brother Seth Hait his executor (Jesse Hait original will [note 29]). Seth Hait devised property to Lucy Ann "now the wife of Seth Weed" in his own will [Seth Hait will [note 30]].

57 Seth Weed (of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn.)–Lucy Ann Hoyt (of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co.) in Lucy Ann Weed probate file (note 31).

58 Hale, "Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford" (note 55), p. 144, Seth Weed.

59 Mann writes that Hannah was born "say 1756" ("Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 2), 67:27), but given her sister's birth 1755–1756, Hannah was probably born slightly later.

60 See note 36.

61 Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 2), 67:27, lists these two children without documentation. Both were named in their father's will (note 9).

62 Samuel Rinker–Vashty Brush marriage and Samuel Rinker–Cathrine Seyfert marriage, "Marriage Record of the Swedes' Church (Gloria Dei), 1750–1810," *Record of Pennsylvania Marriages, Prior to 1810*, John B. Linn and Wm. H. Egle, eds., *Pennsylvania Archives*, 2nd series, vol. 8, vol. (part) 1 (Harrisburg, Pa.: State of Pa., 1895), 326.

- vii. EDWARD<sup>5</sup> BRUSH was born about 1770–1775,<sup>63</sup> and died probably before the 1840 census was enumerated, likely in Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio, where he had been living.<sup>64</sup> He and MARGARET WOOLEY, both of Galloway Township, Gloucester County, married there 25 February 1808.<sup>65</sup> She reportedly was born in New Jersey 23 January 1786, died in Champaign County 12 October 1864, and was buried in Oak Dale Cemetery, Urbana.<sup>66</sup> She may have been daughter of Stephen Wooley of Egg Harbor, Gloucester County, New Jersey, and Champaign County, Ohio.<sup>67</sup>

Edward, a single man, was first taxed in Gloucester County in 1795, and appeared on 1796, 1797, and 1802 lists, in each as a single man with no property.<sup>68</sup> As a resident of Urbana, Edward testified on 1 August 1832 in support of the Revolutionary War pension applications of William Wooley and Stephen Wooley, brothers who were born in Gloucester County, the latter of whom was likely his father-in-law.<sup>69</sup>

Edward was enumerated on the 1820 and 1830 censuses of Champaign County. His probable son Ard, age 20–29, was there in 1840, but Edward and Margaret were not found. Margaret was enumerated there in 1850, with son Stephen, age 23.<sup>70</sup>

2. **BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> BRUSH** (Benjamin<sup>4-3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was born in Stamford about 1748–1749 (age at death), died in Stamford 22 November 1822, aged 73, and was buried in Brush Cemetery, Stamford.<sup>71</sup> On 22 February 1775 in Stamford, by Rev. William Seward, he married **REBECCA FINCH**.<sup>72</sup> She was born

63 Edward was over age 45 in 1820 and age 50–60 in 1830 (Edward Brush households: 1820 U.S. census, Salem Twp., Champaign Co., Ohio, p. 449; 1830 U.S. census, Urbana Twp., Champaign Co., fol. 52). He first appeared in N.J. tax records in 1795 (note 68), when he was age 20–25, which seems old for a man's first entry into tax records. He may have been exempt on some basis (see note 171). Mann gave the undocumented estimate of 1760–1765 for his birth ("Thomas and Richard Brush" [note 2], 67:27).

64 Neither Edward nor Margaret were found in the 1840 census, but may have been subsumed in another household. By 1850 Margaret was an apparent widow, living with her son Stephen (Margaret Brush household, 1850 U.S. census, Urbana Twp., Champaign Co., Ohio, p. 379, dw. 81, fam. 82).

65 Edward Brush–Margaret Wooley marriage, Gloucester Co., N.J., Marriages A:136 (FHL 846,905, item 1). John Daily, deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, officiated.

66 Margaret Brush entry, Oak Dale Cemetery, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ohio, memorial 36,301,712, no digital image (findagrave.com), which includes the undocumented birth and death dates.

67 According to pension records of William and Stephen Wooley (note 69), William had a daughter Margaret born about 1809–1810, but Stephen's children were not listed in his papers. Margaret's cemetery entry (note 66) names her son, Stephen W. Brush (1827–1872). She was living with apparent son Stephen in 1850 (note 64).

68 Galloway Township, Gloucester Co., N.J., tax records, 1795, p. 7; 1796, p. 7; Sept. 1796 (a second 1796 list), p. 8; 1797, p. 7; 1802, p. 1 (FHL 865,473, item 3).

69 Edward Brush, et al., deposition, 1 Aug. 1832, in Sophia Wooley's widow's pension application W2505 (service of William Wooley, private, Capt. Joseph Estel's Co., Col. Clark's Reg., N.J. Militia, Revolutionary War); digital image (fold3.com). Same in Jane Wooley's widow's pension application, W11,880 (service of Stephen Wooley, private, Capts. Steelman's and Estel's Cos., Col. Clark's Reg., N.J. Militia, Revolutionary War); digital image (fold3.com).

70 Edward Brush households: 1820 U.S. census, Champaign Co., Ohio (note 63); 1830 U.S. census, Champaign Co. (note 63). Ard Brush household, 1840 U.S. census, Urbana Twp., Champaign Co., fol. 375. Margaret Brush household, 1850 U.S. census, Champaign Co. (note 64).

71 Benjamin Brush marker, Brush Cemetery, Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., memorial 33,303,367, digital image by Stamford Historical Society (findagrave.com). Hale, "Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford" (note 55), p. 172, Benjamin Brush.

72 Lucius Barnes Barbour, compiler, "Connecticut Vital Records to 1870," vol. 109, Stamford (typescript, 1928, Connecticut State Library), 29, citing original Stamford vital records 2:52.

about October 1752 (calculated) and died in Stamford 15 May 1826, aged 73 years, 7 months.<sup>73</sup>

Benjamin Brush of Stamford wrote his will 19 February 1820; it was proved 6 January 1823. He named his wife “Rebekah”; daughter Rebekah; sons Benjamin S., Ard, and Jonathan; and daughters Rachel Brush, Abigail Knapp, Ann Smith, Mary Ann Brush, and Lucy Ann Downs.<sup>74</sup>

Children of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> and Rebecca (Finch) Brush, all likely born in Stamford:

- i. RACHEL<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born 26 September 1778<sup>75</sup> and died in Stamford, 28 March 1853.<sup>76</sup> She married in Stamford 23 June 1799 BENJAMIN BRUSH, son of Shubel and Ruth (Rundle) Brush,<sup>77</sup> who was born about April 1774 (calculated), and died in Stamford 29 September 1852, aged 78 years, 5 months.<sup>78</sup> Benjamin and Rachel were in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut in 1850.<sup>79</sup>
- ii. ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born about 25 July 1780, died in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, 19 November 1852, aged 72 years, 3 months, 25 days, and was buried in Knapp Cemetery, Greenwich. She married BENJAMIN KNAPP, who was born about 31 December 1771 (calculated) and died 14 January 1866, aged 94 years, 14 days.<sup>80</sup>
- iii. ARD<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born 2 February 1782,<sup>81</sup> died in Harmony Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, 26 May 1828, and was buried in McKune Cemetery there.<sup>82</sup> He married MARY TREADWELL, who married second John Doyle.<sup>83</sup>
- iv. ANN<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born 2 January 1784.<sup>84</sup> She married JAMES SMITH.<sup>85</sup> In Lucy Ann (Brush) Weed’s will dated 15 July 1816 she was bequeathed thirty dollars as “Widow Ann Smith.” As “W[idow] Anna Smith” her note for ten dollars was listed as due Lucy Ann’s estate.<sup>86</sup> In her father’s will she did not receive a separate bequest, but received an equal portion of “all the rest and residue of [his] landed property,” to be divided among her and her siblings.<sup>87</sup> She may be the “Ann

73 Hale, “Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford” (note 55), p. 172, Rebecca Brush, wife of Benjamin. Rebecca’s memorial on findagrave (memorial 33,303,338) does not include an image.

74 Benjamin Brush Jr. original will (note 35).

75 Barbour, Stamford (note 72), 109:29, citing original Stamford vital records 2:52.

76 Hale, “Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford” (note 55), p. 13, Rachel Brush, wife of Benjamin.

77 Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 2), 67:330, 332–33. Brush, *Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington* (note 3), 87, 90–91.

78 Hale, “Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford” (note 55), p. 13, Benjamin Brush Jr.

79 Benj<sup>n</sup> Brush household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 233, dw. 616, fam. 658.

80 Barbour, Stamford (note 72), 109:29, citing original Stamford vital records 2:52. “Abigail Brush, wife of Benjamin Knapp,” marker, Knapp Cemetery, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., memorial 30,856,789, digital image (findagrave.com). Benjamin Knapp marker, Knapp Cemetery, Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, memorial 27,968,566, digital image (findagrave.com). Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 2), 67:330. Brush, *Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington* (note 3), 87.

81 Barbour, Stamford (note 72), 109:29, citing original Stamford vital records 2:52.

82 Ard Brush marker, McKune Cemetery, Oakland, Susquehanna Co., Pa., memorial 53,221,006, digital image (findagrave.com).

83 Brush, *Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington* (note 3), 190–91. Rhamanthus M. Stocker, *Centennial History of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck, 1887), 558, 829–30.

84 Barbour, Stamford (note 72), 109:29, citing original Stamford vital records 2:52.

85 Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 2), 67:330. Brush, *Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington* (note 3), 87.

86 Lucy Ann Weed original will and lists of debts due estate (note 31).

87 Benjamin Brush Jr. original will (note 35).

- Smith,” age 65, in the household of Nathan Lockwood in New Canaan, Fairfield County, Connecticut, in 1850.<sup>88</sup>
- v. REBECCA<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born 15 December 1786<sup>89</sup> and died 15 June 1828, aged 41 years, 6 months.<sup>90</sup> Never married.
  - vi. BENJAMIN STRONG<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born about 28 March 1789 (calculated) and died in Lorain County, Ohio, 15 February 1860, aged 70 years, 10 months, 18 days. He reportedly married SARAH MILLER.<sup>91</sup>
  - vii. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born about 1790<sup>92</sup> and died in Harmony Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, before 26 December 1842, when his wife and Mortimore Lindsey were granted the administration of his estate.<sup>93</sup> He was buried in McKune Cemetery there.<sup>94</sup> He married 29 November 1814 LAURA MEAD, born 17 March 1796, died 30 October 1863, daughter of Edmund and Rebecca (Knapp) Mead. Laura married second “General Root.”<sup>95</sup>
  - viii. MARY ANN<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born 23 February 1794 and died in Stamford, 27 August 1881, unmarried.<sup>96</sup> Mary A. Brush, called “aunt,” was single and residing with her nephew William Brush in Greenwich in 1880.<sup>97</sup>
  - ix. LUCY ANN<sup>7</sup> BRUSH was born about 1797–1798,<sup>98</sup> and died, probably in Cayuga County, New York, after 8 July 1880, when as Lucy Downs, age 83, she was included on a list of citizens of the Town of Genoa who had passed the age of seventy years.<sup>99</sup> She married about 1815 (first-known child) SILAS SMITH DOWNES, who was born about 3 August 1794 (calculated), and died in Stamford 18 July 1822, aged 27 years, 11 months, 15 days.<sup>100</sup>

Lucy Ann was named in her aunt Lucy Ann’s will.<sup>101</sup> In 1850 Lucy Ann Downes, age 52, lived in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, with her probable son, Benj<sup>n</sup> Downes, next door to her older sister Rachel (Brush) Brush. Lucy’s daughter Sarah Downs also lived in Rachel’s household.<sup>102</sup> In 1860 Lucy A. Brush [*sic*], age

88 Ann Smith in Nathan Lockwood household, 1850 U.S. census, New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 343 [*verso*], dw. 189, fam. 207. Her relationship to Lockwood is unknown.

89 Barbour, Stamford (note 72), 109:29, citing original Stamford vital records 2:52.

90 Hale, “Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford” (note 55), p.172, Rebecca Brush, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca. The calculated date of birth is also 15 Dec. 1786.

91 Benjamin S. Brush marker, Butternut Ridge Cemetery, Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, memorial 74,690,481, digital image (findagrave.com). Also Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 2), 67:330.

92 Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 2), 67:331. Brush, *Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington* (note 3), 87. He was born after the 1790 census, as he was not included in the count of males under 16 (Benjamin Brush household, 1790 U.S. census, Norwalk and Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 314).

93 Jonathan Brush estate, letters of administration granted, Susquehanna Co., Pa., Wills and Administrations 1:345 (FHL 1,287,076).

94 Jonathan Brush entry, McKune Cemetery, Oakland, Susquehanna Co., Pa., memorial 145,561,796, no digital image (findagrave.com). His tombstone reportedly states that he died aged 56, which does not agree with the estimate of Mann and Brush (see note 92 and associated text).

95 Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 2), 67:331. Brush, *Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington* (note 3), 87. Spencer P. Mead, *History and Genealogy of the Mead Family of Fairfield County, Connecticut, Eastern New York, Western Vermont and Western Pennsylvania from A.D. 1180 to 1900* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1901), 287. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania . . .* (Chicago: J. H. Beers, 1900), 1805.

96 Hale, “Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford” (note 55), p. 13, Mary Ann Brush.

97 Mary A. Brush in William Brush household, 1880 U.S. census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 158, p. 409, dw. 3, fam. 3.

98 Lucy Ann, age 52, in Benj<sup>n</sup> Downes household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 233, dw. 615, fam. 657.

99 “Three Score Years and Ten,” *Evening Auburnian* (Auburn, N.Y.), 8 July 1880, p. 1, col. 6.

100 Hale, “Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford” (note 55), p. 172, Silas S. Downes.

101 Lucy Ann Weed original will (note 31).

102 Benj<sup>n</sup> Downes household, 1850 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn. (note 98); Benj<sup>n</sup> Brush household, dw. 616, fam. 658 (note 79).

62, she resided with her nephew William Brush, Rachel's son, in the same neighborhood.<sup>103</sup> In 1870 Lucy A. Downs, age 73, lived in the Town of Genoa, Cayuga County, in the household of her son-in-law and daughter, Irvin and Sarah (Downes) Mead. She was not with Irvin and Sarah in the 1875 New York state census, and has not been located elsewhere in this census. In 1880 "mother" [*sic*] Lucy A. Downs, age 83, lived in Irvin and Sarah Mead's household in Genoa.<sup>104</sup>

Children of Silas Smith and Lucy Ann<sup>6</sup> (Brush) Downes:

- a. SETH BRUSH<sup>7</sup> DOWNES was born 28 September 1816 (calculated), and died in Greenwich, 31 October 1876, age 60 years, 1 month, 3 days.<sup>105</sup> Seth married before about 1835 (first-known child) AMY [-?-], who was born in Connecticut about 23 September 1814 (calculated) and died 21 October 1893, aged 79 yrs, 28 days.<sup>106</sup>

Seth's will was presented for probate 7 November 1876 with a petition listing his heirs as his widow Amy R. Downes; his children Silas S., David C., Timothy W., Ruth M. Purdy (wife of Elias Purdy), Rhoda P. Toms (wife of George Toms), Sarah M. Bailey (wife of [Esinhart?] Bailey); and grandson Richard E. Willcox, son of his daughter Mary Emily and Joseph P. Willcox, both deceased.<sup>107</sup> Seth and family were in Greenwich in 1860 and 1870. In 1880 Amy, called "mother," was with son Silas S. Downes.<sup>108</sup>

- b. SARAH<sup>7</sup> DOWNES was born 18 February 1818, probably in Greenwich or Stamford, died in Cayuga County, New York, 7 September 1910, and was buried in West Genoa Cemetery, King Ferry, Cayuga County.<sup>109</sup> She married, probably in Greenwich, about 1852 (first-known child), IRVIN MEAD, probable son of Edmond Mead.<sup>110</sup> Irvin was born 11 June 1818 and died in Genoa, Cayuga County, 1 January 1890.<sup>111</sup> Their children were Rebecca Knapp Mead, born in October 1852; Edmund Smith Mead, born about 1853–1855; Josephine Mead, born in July 1856, died before 6 September 1904; and Albert Mead, born about 1858–1859.<sup>112</sup>

103 William Brush household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 81, dw. 526, fam. 645.

104 Irving Meach [*sic*] household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Genoa, Cayuga Co., p. 50, dw. 464, fam. 472. Irvin Mead household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Genoa, Election District [Elec. Dist.] 1, Cayuga Co., p. 15, dw. 147, fam. 153. Lucy A. Downs in Irvin Mead household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Genoa, Cayuga Co., ED 21, p. 18, dw. 184, fam. 189.

105 Charles R. Hale, "Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Greenwich, Connecticut" (typescript prepared by Philip Palmer, 21 Dec. 1934), North Greenwich Congregational Church Cemetery, p. 142; digital image (ancestry.com), Seth B. Downes.

106 For probable marriage year see 1850 census (note 107). Hale, "Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Greenwich" (note 105), p. 142, Amy Downes.

107 Seth B. Downes estate file, 7 Nov. 1876, Probate Court, District of Greenwich, digital images, "Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records 1609–1999" (ancestry.com). For more information on these children see Jett B. Denn [*sic*; Seth B. Downs] household, 1850 U.S. census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 210, dw. 288, fam. 307; Seth B. Downs household, 1860 U.S. census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 110–11, dw. 732, fam. 879; Seth B. Downes household, 1870 U.S. census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 564, dw. 611, fam. 713.

108 Seth B. Downs households: 1860 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn. and 1870 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn. (both note 107). Silas S. Downs household, 1880 U.S. census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 158, p. 19, dw. 156, fam. 164.

109 Irvin Mead and Sarah Downes "his wife" marker, West Genoa Cemetery, King Ferry, Cayuga Co., memorial 105,415,439, digital image (findagrave.com). Sarah D. Mead household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Genoa, Cayuga Co., ED 28, sheet 6B, dw. 159, fam. 160.

110 Edmond Mead household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 226, dw. 515, fam. 536.

111 Irvin Mead and Sarah Downes "his wife" marker (note 109). Also Irvin Mead will, Cayuga Co., Will Book 33B:45–47, dated 23 Dec. 1889, proved 1 Mar. 1890 (FHL 853,236).

112 For more information on these children see Irvin Mead will (note 111). Also the 1870, 1875, and 1880 censuses (note 104). Also Sarah D. Mead household, 1900 U.S. census, Cayuga Co. (note

- c. [POSSIBLE SON] BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> DOWNES was born about 1819–1820, probably in Greenwich or Stamford. The widow Lucy Downs was in his household in 1850.<sup>113</sup> He has not been identified with certainty in any other record.

3. **LORINAH<sup>5</sup> BRUSH** (Benjamin<sup>4-3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1755–1756 (calculated) and died in Pound Ridge, Westchester County, 26 February 1810, aged 54 years.<sup>114</sup> She married first about 1777 **AARON HAIT**, son of David and Hannah (Crissey) Hait. He was born about 1751–1756 (first-known child) and died in 1780.<sup>115</sup> She married second, as his second wife, in Salem, Westchester County, 19 January 1783, Captain **NATHAN OLMSTED**,<sup>116</sup> born 8 May 1744, and died in Pound Ridge, 7 December 1827, son of Deacon Nathan and Millicent (Goodrich) Olmsted.<sup>117</sup>

Children of Aaron and Lorinah<sup>5</sup> (Brush) Hait:

- i. ANN<sup>6</sup> HAIT was born possibly in Bedford, Westchester County, date unknown,<sup>118</sup> and was baptized in St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, 6 May 1778.<sup>119</sup> She may have died before her grandfather David Hait's will was written.<sup>120</sup>
- ii. HENRY<sup>6</sup> HAIT was born in Bedford 1 October 1779 and was baptized in St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, 5 April 1780. He died in Montgomery, Orange County, 25 June 1864. He married, probably in Stamford, say 1800–1801 (first-known child) ANN/ANNA KNAPP, born in Greenwich, Fairfield County, 9 March 1781, died in Coram, Suffolk County, 28 or 29 June 1859, aged 78 years, 3 months, 20 days, daughter of Jeremiah Knapp and possibly Elizabeth [–?–].<sup>121</sup>

Children of Nathan and Lorinah<sup>5</sup> (Brush) (Hait) Olmsted, all likely born in Pound Ridge, Westchester County:<sup>122</sup>

- iii. NATHAN<sup>6</sup> OLMSTED was born 12 November 1783 and died 4 May 1852. He married 10 May 1801 ELIZABETH LOCKWOOD, born 21 November 1782, daughter of Henry Lockwood.<sup>123</sup>
- iv. CATHERINE<sup>6</sup> OLMSTED was born 6 September 1784 and died 22 October 1865. She married first EBENEZER ROCKWELL OLMSTED “of Fairfield, Vt.,” who died 25 September 1804. She married second 12 July 1809 BENJAMIN HOYT, born 4 July 1775.<sup>124</sup>

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109). Josephine's date of death from “A Contest Probable,” *Auburn [N.Y.] Bulletin*, 6 Sept. 1904, p. 4, col. 2, which calls her deceased.

113 Benj<sup>n</sup> Downes household, 1850 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn. (note 98).

114 “Lorinah wife of Nathan Olmstead Esq.” marker (note 7).

115 Elder Henry Hait to “Brother Beebe,” letter (note 15).

116 Nathan Olmsted–Lorina Hait marriage (note 19).

117 Olmsted, *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family* (note 6), 197, 210.

118 Henry Hait said that he was born there; his sister may have been as well (Elder Henry Hait to “Brother Beebe,” letter [note 15]).

119 Ann Hait baptism, St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, Conn. (note 16), 66.

120 She was not mentioned in his will, but no granddaughters were named in that document even though David had granddaughters living at the time (David Hait original will and estate file [note 31]).

121 For biographical detail and children, see Hait, “Ancestry of Elder Henry Hait” (note 5), 150–54.

122 Olmsted, *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family* (note 6), 237, which includes detailed information on the descent from son Nathan Olmsted (1783–1852) and daughter Catherine (Olmsted) (Olmsted) Hoyt (1784–1865). That has not been repeated in this article. Of Mary, Olmsted records only her birth and her marriage to Jonathan Abbott. Additional information on Mary and her family is included here.

123 For more information on this family, see Olmsted, *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family* (note 6), 237.

124 *Ibid.*

- v. MARY “POLLY”<sup>6</sup> OLMSTED was born about October 1786 (calculated), probably in Westchester County. Polly Abbott, “wife of Jonathan,” died 2 June 1860, aged 73 years, 8 months, and is buried in Church Hill Cemetery in New Canaan, Fairfield County, Connecticut.<sup>125</sup> She married, as his second wife, JONATHAN ABBOTT,<sup>126</sup> son of Jonathan and Jemima (Rusco) Abbott. He was born in Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, 14 April 1770,<sup>127</sup> and died 10 August 1847, “aged 77,” in New Canaan.<sup>128</sup>

Jonathan Abbott headed a household in New Canaan from 1820 through 1840.<sup>129</sup> Rev. Charles M. Selleck wrote of Jonathan in 1886, “Jonathan Abbott was a strong churchman. His house still stands, about a half mile above Smith Ridge, New Canaan. His son Charles has been superintendent of public instruction, in Brooklyn, New York.”<sup>130</sup> In 1850, after Jonathan’s death, Polly headed a household in New Canaan containing several grandchildren.<sup>131</sup> In 1860 Polly lived with her daughter Mary E. DeForest in New Canaan.<sup>132</sup>

Probable child of Mary<sup>6</sup> Olmstead and unknown:<sup>133</sup>

- a. LUCY ANN<sup>7</sup> OLMSTED (A.K.A. ABBOTT) was born in Pound Ridge, Westchester County, 11 April 1807,<sup>134</sup> and died after the 1880 census.<sup>135</sup> She married 19 October 1826 AMOS N. RAYMOND,<sup>136</sup> who was born in Salem, Westchester County, New York, 31 May 1801, son of Asa and Sally (Northrup) Raymond.<sup>137</sup>

125 “Deaths,” *Columbia Weekly Register* (New Haven, Conn.), 16 June 1860, p. 3, col. 6. Charles R. Hale, “Headstone Inscriptions, Town of New Canaan, Connecticut” (typescript prepared by Archibald Carier, 5 Dec. 1934), Church Hill Cemetery, p. 128; digital image (ancestry.com), Polly Abbott, wife of Jonathan.

126 Selleck, *Norwalk* (note 36), 346, which does not name the first wife, but lists her children as Harvey, Hazor, and Cynthia.

127 Jonathan, son of Jonathan Abbott and Jemima Resco, birth, 14 Apr. 1770, Norwalk, Conn., Deed Book 17:218 (FHL 5,008, item 2). This volume consists mostly of deeds, but the final two pages are births, marriages, and deaths copied after 1797 (based on the latest dates on the page).

128 “Died,” *Republican Farmer* (Bridgeport, Conn.), 24 Aug. 1847, p. 3, col. 3.

129 Jonathan Abbott households, all in New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn.: 1820 U.S. census, p. 286; 1830 U.S. census, p. 234; 1840 U.S. census, p. 368.

130 Charles M. Selleck, *Address by Rev. Charles M. Selleck, A.M., at the Centenary of St. Paul’s Church, Norwalk, Conn., July 15, 1886* (Norwalk: The Hour Printing Office, 1886), 54.

131 Polly Abbott household, 1850 U.S. census, New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 344 [verso], dw. 205, fam. 233.

132 Mary E. DeForest household, 1860 U.S. census, New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 203, dw. 1199, fam. 1538.

133 Selleck, who received his Abbott family information from Charles Riley Abbott, stated that Charles’s father, Jonathan, “married, second, Polly Olmstead of Pound Ridge (the mother of Lucy Ann—Mrs. Amos N. Raymond) and had, by his Olmstead wife, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Edward DeForest); Nathan B.; Eliza; Lydia Ann; and Charles Riley” (Selleck, *Norwalk* [note 36], 34). A genealogy including one of Lucy Ann’s Abbott daughters, Maria (Abbott) Kellogg, provided exact dates of birth for her parents, and called her mother “Lucy Ann Olmstead, b. in Pound Ridge, N.Y.” (Timothy Hopkins, *The Kelloggs in the Old World and the New*, 3 vols. [San Francisco, Calif.: privately printed, 1903], 1:762).

134 Hopkins, *The Kelloggs in the Old World and the New* (note 133), 1:762. Selleck, *Norwalk* (note 36), 346.

135 Amos N. and Lucy Ann Raymond marker, South Salem Cemetery, South Salem, Westchester Co., memorial 21,141,342, digital image (findagrave.com). The image is difficult to read; Lucy Ann’s day and month of death (20 June) are legible, but her death year, Amos’s day of death, and their ages at death are not. Lucy A. Raymond in Charles Raymond household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., ED 106, p. 14, dw. 161, fam. 179.

136 Selleck, *Norwalk* (note 36), 346. Selleck gives only her name and her husband’s name.

137 Samuel Edward Raymond and Louvera Horn Raymond, *Raymond Genealogy*, 4 vols. (Seattle: privately printed, 1969–1972), 3:149–51, 4:108–9. *Encyclopedia of Connecticut Biography: Genealogical—Memorial, Representative Citizens*, 11 vols. (New York: American Historical Society, 1917–1923), 11:319. Selleck, *Norwalk* (note 36), 346, which mistakenly has Amos’s given name as Asa, same as his father’s, but is otherwise apparently correct.

Amos died 2 or 7 March 1860, aged 58, as a result of a saw mill accident in the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County. Both Amos and Lucy Ann were buried in South Salem Cemetery, South Salem, Westchester County.<sup>138</sup>

Amos and Lucy Ann's children, as listed in Amos's will, included Ann Augusta (married Stephen Keeler of New Canaan), Polly (married Thomas Cole of Troy, New York), Sarah Jane (married William Lockwood of New Canaan), Ward (married Melissa Jane Austin), Sophia (married Selah Brown of New York City), Maria, Charles Asa (married Mary Denman), Amos, and Seth.<sup>139</sup> Maria later married Jason Gardiner Kellogg.<sup>140</sup>

Children of Jonathan and Mary<sup>6</sup> (Olmsted) Abbott, probably all born at New Canaan, Fairfield County, Connecticut:

- b. NATHAN BRUSH<sup>7</sup> ABBOTT was born 1 July 1811<sup>141</sup> and died of old age in Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, 2 October 1894, aged 83.<sup>142</sup> He married, probably in New Canaan say 1841 (first-known child) DINAH FANCHER, who was born May 1815,<sup>143</sup> or 18 April 1816, and died in Battle Creek, 25 July 1900, aged 84, daughter of Reuben and Catherine (Brown) Fancher.<sup>144</sup>

In 1850 Nathan B. Abbot, carriage maker, headed a household in New Canaan, which included his wife Dinah and their four oldest children.<sup>145</sup> Two of their children, Elbert M. and Mary Katherine, were born in Lewisboro, Westchester County, in 1852 and 1854 respectively.<sup>146</sup> From 1860 through 1880 the family lived in Johnstown, Barry County, Michigan.<sup>147</sup> Nathan and Dinah's children were Florence P. (never married), Ezra C., Lucy A., Cornelia Polly (married Willbur), Elbert M., Mary Katherine (married Brown), and Charles R.<sup>148</sup>

<sup>138</sup> Amos N. and Lucy Ann Raymond marker (note 135). Amos N. Raymond, 1860 U.S. census, mortality schedule, Town of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., p. 4, p. 662, line 13. *Encyclopedia of Connecticut Biography* (note 137), 319, says 2 Mar. 1860.

<sup>139</sup> Amos Raymond will, Westchester Co. Wills 41: 546–54, written 21 Feb. 1856, presented 16 Mar. 1860. Also Amos N. Raymond household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., p. 139, dw. 1776, fam. 1952. Also Selleck, *Normale* (note 36), 346, listing the sons' wives.

<sup>140</sup> Hopkins, *The Kelloggs in the Old World and the New* (note 133), 1:762.

<sup>141</sup> Nathan B. Abbott and "Dinah his wife" marker, Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., memorial 15,636,166, digital image (findagrave.com).

<sup>142</sup> Nathan B. Abbott death record, Calhoun Co., Mich. Deaths, 1894, p. 146, #130 (FHL 2,342,775), which records his parents as "Jonathan" and Polly Abbott.

<sup>143</sup> Braeton Brown household, 1900 U.S. census, Battle Creek City, Ward 2, Calhoun Co., Mich., ED 32, sheet 2B, dw. 41, fam. 51, which includes Dinah Abbott, born May 1815, as m[other]-in-law.

<sup>144</sup> Nathan B. Abbott and Dinah his wife marker (note 141). Dinah Abbott death record, Calhoun Co., Mich., Deaths, 3:22, #479 (FHL 1,009,293).

<sup>145</sup> Nathan B. Abbot household, 1850 U.S. census, New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., p.343, dw. 182, fam. 200.

<sup>146</sup> Elbert M. Abbott, 1 Oct. 1930, Village of Augusta, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., Deaths, p. 6 (FHL 2,075,001). Mary Katherine Brown death cert., Mich. Deaths, 10 June 1944, #14,151 (FHL 1,973,206). There is no extant 1855 state census for Westchester Co.

<sup>147</sup> Nathan/Nathan B. Abbot/Abbott households, all in Johnstown, Barry Co., Mich.: 1860 U.S. census, p. 70, dw. 579, fam. 528; 1870 U.S. census, p. 5, dw./fam. 37; 1880 U.S. census, ED 49, p. 10, dw. 98, fam. 99.

<sup>148</sup> For more on these children see Michigan death records for Florence P. Abbott death cert., 16 Oct. 1933, #39-3971 (FHL 1,972,778); Ezra C. Abbott death cert., 7 Feb. 1933, #13-4380 and Cornelia P Willbur death cert., 17 Jul. 1935, #13-5302 (FHL 1,973,199); Emory A. Wilbur death cert., 29 Dec. 1926, #13-1934 (FHL 1,973,198); and Mary Katherine Brown death cert., 10 June 1944, #21,314,151 (FHL 1,973,206). See Michigan Marriages for Enos [sic] A. Wilbur–Cornelia Abbott marriage, 1877, fol. 140, #3,193 (FHL 2,342,461); and Elbert M. Abbott–Cora E. Wicks marriage, 1876, fol. 142, #2,713 (FHL 2,342,459). See Village of Augusta, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., return of deaths, for Elbert M. Abbott death record, 1 Oct. 1930, p. 6 (FHL 2,075,001); and Cora Ellen Abbott death record, 24 Sep. 1933, p. 3 (FHL 2,075,002). See also Braeton J. and Katherine Brown marker, Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., memorial 16,502,216, digital image (findagrave.com). Also Charles



- c. ELIZA<sup>7</sup> ABBOTT.<sup>149</sup>
- d. MARY ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> ABBOTT was about June 1817,<sup>150</sup> died in New Canaan in 1911, and was buried in DeForest Cemetery, Wilton, Fairfield County.<sup>151</sup> She married EDWARD DEFOREST, who was born in 1806 and died in 1856,<sup>152</sup> son of Eliud and Isabel (Hoyt) DeForest.<sup>153</sup>

In 1850 the household of Edward Deforest in New Canaan included Mary E., Charles, Agnes, Samuel, Lydia, and Isabelle Deforest (his mother), age 81.<sup>154</sup> Mary E. Deforest, age 48, headed a household in New Canaan in 1860, including Samuel A., Lidia A., Edward, Henry Buroskey (age 14), Sarah Lockwood (age 52), and Polly Abbott (her mother), age 73.<sup>155</sup> Edward and Mary's children were Charles Eliud, Agnes Maria, Samuel Edgar, Lydia Ann, and Jonathan Edwards Deforest.<sup>156</sup>

- e. LYDIA ANN<sup>7</sup> ABBOTT was born about 1819–1820, probably in New Canaan, died in Midland, Midland County, Michigan, 6 May 1884, and was buried in Prairie Home Cemetery, Richland, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.<sup>157</sup> She married about 1837 (first-known child) THEODORE CRISSEY, in Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, or Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He was born about 1 September 1812 (calculated), and died in Richland 12 December 1867, aged 55 years, 3 months, 11 days.<sup>158</sup>

In 1840 “Theo Crissey” headed a household in Lewisboro, Westchester County.<sup>159</sup> He was postmaster of Vista, Westchester County, until 30 June

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R. Abbott Sr. death cert., Chicago, Ill., Deaths, 17 Feb. 1944, #5,208 (FHL 1,953,896); and Charles R. Abbott–Mary A. Wilson marriage, Kenosha Co., Wis., 1 Nov. 1892, #1,367 (FHL 1,276,053).

149 Selleck, *Norwalk* (note 36), 346, which names her, but gives no further information.

150 Cha<sup>s</sup> E. Deforest household, 1900 U.S. census, New Canaan Town, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 79, sheet 3B, dw./fam. 51.

151 Edward and Mary E. Abbot DeForest marker, DeForest Cemetery, Wilton, Fairfield Co., Conn., memorial 81,702,828, digital image (findagrave.com), inscribed with only birth and death years.

152 Edward and Mary E. Abbot DeForest marker (note 151).

153 Eliud DeForest married Isabel Hoyt at Norwalk, Conn., 29 Apr. 1791 (Eliud Deforest–Isabel Hoyt marriage, 29 Apr. 1791, Norwalk, Conn., Deed Book 18:47a [FHL 5,009], which contains births, marriages, and deaths copied on 7 Dec. 1798, separately paginated starting from the back of the book). Eliud's will names wife Isabel DeForest and, among his other legatees, son Edward, and grandson Charles Eliud DeForest, son of Edward (Eliud DeForest will, dated 19 June 1848, proved 12 Jan. 1850, Norwalk, Conn., Probate Record 8:194–196 [FHL 4,998]).

154 Edward Deforest household, 1850 U.S. census, New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., p. 355, dw. 369, fam. 398.

155 Mary E. Deforest household, 1860 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn. (note 132).

156 For more on these children see censuses in notes 154 and 155. Also digital images at FindAGrave for markers at DeForest Cemetery, Wilton, Fairfield Co., Conn.: Charles E. DeForest marker, memorial 81,703,040; Samuel E. DeForest marker, memorial 81,702,156; Lydia A., daughter of Edward and Mary E. DeForest, marker, memorial 81,702,929. Also J. Edward DeForest and Sara E. Kitchell, his wife, marker, Hanover Cemetery, East Hanover, Morris Co., N.J., memorial 23,174,102. Also Eliud DeForest will (note 153).

157 Theodoret W. Cressey petition, 15 Mar. 1886, in Lydia A. Cressey/Crissey probate file, Box #68E, Midland Co., Mich.; digital images (ancestry.com). Lydia Ann, wife of Theodore Crissey, marker, Prairie Home Cemetery, Richland, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., memorial 46,781,963, digital image (findagrave.com), on which the age at death is illegible. Also Ewing Cockrell, *History of Johnson County, Missouri*, vol. 2 (Topeka, Kans.: Historical Publishing, 1918), 448, provides Feb. 1819 as date of birth. See censuses (notes 161 and 162), which support the 1819–1820 estimate.

158 Theodore Crissey marker, Prairie Home Cemetery, Richland, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., memorial 46,781,966, digital image (findagrave.com). Also, Cockrell, *History of Johnson County, Missouri* (note 157) 2:448, provides 1812 as date of birth. His son's death cert. reports Norwalk, Conn., for his father's birthplace (Theodoret W. Crissey death cert., Chicago, Ill., Deaths, 1928, #18,362 [FHL 1,892,133]).

159 Theo. Chrissey household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., fol. 230.

1842.<sup>160</sup> By 1850 the young family was in Johnstown, Barry County, Michigan, where they were also enumerated in 1860.<sup>161</sup> In 1870, after Theodore's death, Lydia headed a household in Comstock Township, Kalamazoo County. Lydia lived with her son Theodore Crissey, school superintendent, in Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, in 1880.<sup>162</sup> Lydia and Theodore's children were Edward S., William E., Theodore Warren, Samuel Newton, and Mary E.<sup>163</sup>

- f. CHARLES RILEY<sup>7</sup> ABBOTT was born about 31 December 1824 (calculated), died in Brooklyn, Kings County, 18 January 1901, aged 76 years, 18 days, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, New Canaan.<sup>164</sup> He married first before 1875 JANE ANNE HUMPHREY,<sup>165</sup> who was born in Delaware County about 26 May 1827 (calculated), daughter of Alexander and Nancy Humphrey, both natives of Ireland. Jane died of typhoid pneumonia at 253 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, 19 April 1894, aged 66 years, 10 months, 24 days, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery.<sup>166</sup> Charles, age 71, married second in Brooklyn 7 July 1896 ALICE DAY, age 37, daughter of Edward and Mary Anne (Baster/Buster) Day.<sup>167</sup>

Charles was a school teacher.<sup>168</sup> His will was written 7 July 1896 and proved 13 May 1901 in Brooklyn, Kings County.<sup>169</sup> He had no children, but when his widow, Alice Day Abbott, applied for letters of administration she identified numerous relatives as his next of kin and heirs at law.<sup>170</sup>

160 *Register of All Officers and Agents, Civil, Military, and Naval, in the Service of the United States, from the Thirtieth September, 1841, to the Thirtieth September, 1843 . . .*, 2 vols. (Washington D.C.: J. and G. S. Gideon, 1843), 2:146; digital images, U.S. Government Publishing Office ([www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov)).

161 Theodore Crissey household, 1850 U.S. census, Johnstown, Barry Co., Mich., p. 86, dw. 316, fam. 324. Theodore Cressy household, 1860 U.S. census, Johnstown, Barry Co., Mich., p. 72, dw. 589, fam. 538.

162 Lydia A. Crissey household, 1870 U.S. census, Comstock Twp., Kalamazoo Co., Mich., p. 21, dw. 170, fam. 169. Theodoret W. Crissey household, 1880 U.S. census, City of Flint, Ward 3, Genesee Co., Mich., ED 74, p. 7, dw. 72, fam. 76.

163 For more on these children see digital images ([findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)) of Edward S. Crissey marker, Prairie Home Cemetery, Richland, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., memorial 46,781,962; and William E. and Mary E. Doty Crissey marker, Sunset Hill Cemetery, Warrensburg, Johnson Co., Mo., memorial 83,961,164. Also see questionnaires dated 6 Feb. 1907 and 27 Apr. 1915 in William E. Crissey (Cpl., Co. H, 2nd Mo. Cav., Civil War) pension file, #1,130,630, Civil War and Later Pension Files, RG 15, Records of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs; NARA, Washington, D.C. William E. Crissey–Mary E. Doty marriage, Johnstown, Barry Co., Mich., 1 May 1866 (FHL 1,738,537). Theodoret W. Crissey death cert. (note 158). Theodore W. Crissey–Maria J. Williams marriage, Michigan Marriages, 1873, fol. 67, #1,919 (FHL 2,342,455). “The Late Samuel N. Crissey, Postmaster at Galesburg,” *Kalamazoo* [Mich.] *Daily Telegraph*, 16 Jan. 1883, p. 4, col. 4. Samuel N. Crissey–Elida S. Towsley marriage, Kalamazoo, Barry Co., Michigan Marriages, 4:80, 1880, #4,023 (FHL 984,141).

164 Charles R. Abbot death cert., New York City, Brooklyn Borough, Deaths, 1901, #1,442 (FHL 1,324,034).

165 Jane Anne Humphrey Abbot death cert., New York City, Brooklyn Borough Deaths, 1894, #5,693 (FHL 1,323,916), indicating her maiden name. Charles R. Abbot appears without a wife in 1850 (Charles R. Abbott in George Cooper household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Westchester, Westchester Co., p. 340 [verso], dw. 255, fam. 312). Jane was not with her parents in 1855 (Alexander Humphries household, Town of Kortright, Elec. Dist. 1, Delaware Co., unpaginated, dw. 87, fam. 88), but was listed as Charles's wife Jane in 1875 (Charles Abbot household, 1875 N.Y. census, Brooklyn, Ward 11, Elec. Dist. 9, Kings Co., p. 18, dw. 120, fam. 125). Charles and Jane have not been located in the 1860 or 1870 federal censuses, or in the 1855 or 1865 N.Y. state censuses.

166 Jane Anne Humphrey Abbot death cert. (note 165), which notes her birthplace as Delaware Co. and her parents' as Ireland. Alexander Humphry household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Kortright, Delaware Co., p. 205 [verso], dw. 689, fam. 715.

167 Charles Riley Abbot–Alice Day marriage cert., New York City, Brooklyn Borough, 1896, #3,598 (FHL 1,562,043), which records his parents as Jonathan Abbot and Polly Olmstead.

168 Charles R. Abbot death cert. (note 164). Also see censuses (note 165).

169 Charles R. Abbot will, Kings Co., Wills 285:269–273, dated 7 Jul. 1896, proved 13 May 1901 (FHL 1,839,936).

170 Petition of Alice Day Abbot, 20 Mar. 1901, in Charles Riley Abbot estate file (13 May 1901), Kings County Surrogate's Court; digital images, “New York, Kings County Estate Files, 1866–1923”

4. **ARD<sup>5</sup> BRUSH** (Benjamin<sup>4-3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was born perhaps about 1759–1760,<sup>171</sup> and died in Washington Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, between 15 January 1817 and 20 May 1817. He married about 1796 (first-known child) **MARGARET [-?-]**.<sup>172</sup> She died in Washington Township before 22 August 1844.<sup>173</sup>

Ard Brush was first listed in Gloucester County, New Jersey, tax lists in July 1784, as a single man. In July 1786 Ard was taxed on 300 acres, probably his inheritance from his father. In July 1789 he had no land; in August 1790, he had 125 acres; and in 1791 through 1794, he was listed with 425 acres. Ard was assessed in two lists in 1796, one for 125 acres and the other for 250 acres. In 1797 and 1802, he paid tax on 250 acres.<sup>174</sup>

Children of Ard<sup>5</sup> and Margaret [-?-] Brush, all likely born in Gloucester or Burlington counties, New Jersey:<sup>175</sup>

- i. **ANN<sup>6</sup> BRUSH** (twin) was born about 1797–1798, died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of “Debility from Old Age” 18 February 1882, aged 84, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, New Jersey.<sup>176</sup> She married in Burlington County 8 August 1822 **JOSEPH ADAMS**.<sup>177</sup>

From 1840 through 1860 Joseph and Ann headed a household in Washington Township, Burlington County. In 1870 they lived in the city of Camden, Camden

(familysearch.com). The list of heirs included Alice Day Abbot, widow; Mary E. DeForest, New Canaan, Conn., sister; Florence Abbot, Bellevue, Mich., nephew [*sic*]; Ezra Abbot, Battle Creek, Mich., nephew; Cornelia A. Wilbur, Battle Creek, niece; Elbert Abbot, Augusta, Mich., nephew; Kate A. Brown, Battle Creek, niece; Charles Abbot, Chicago, Ill., nephew; William E. Crissey, Warrensburg, Mo., nephew; Theodore W. Crissey, Midland, Mich., nephew; Mrs. Kate de W. Weir, Newark, N.J., niece; Mrs. M. W. Titus, Newark, niece; Mrs. Mary E. Lane, Watkins, N.Y., niece; Samuel S. Johnson, Watkins, nephew; Susan M. Meek, Watkins, niece; Charles R. Johnson, Toledo, Ohio, nephew; Frank Johnson, San Francisco, Calif., nephew. Alice also deposed “[t]hat in addition to the foregoing, your petitioner learned from said decedent, her deceased husband, that he had brothers and sisters of the half blood by a previous marriage of his father.”

171 Mann wrote that Ard was born “say 1758” (“Thomas and Richard Brush” [note 2], 67:27), but given his sister’s birth 1757–1758, he was likely born later. Brush repeated the 1758 estimate (*Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntingdon* [note 3], 88). Ard first appeared in N.J. tax lists as a single man in 1784 (note 174), implying a much later birth year. However, N.J. laws concerning assessing taxes to fund the Revolutionary War state that tax was to be assessed on “all such as are exempted from actual Service in the Militia.” No military records have been located for Ard, but his contribution to the war effort prior to 1784 may have been in another form. See Kenn Stryker-Rodda’s introduction to “New Jersey Rateables, 1778–1780,” *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, 41 (1966): 19–22. No other age-related sources have been found for Ard.

172 Ard Brush will (note 43), which names Margaret as his wife.

173 Stephen Adams administrator’s bond, dated 22 Aug. 1844, in Margaret Brush estate file, Burlington Co., N.J., miscellaneous probate records, file B7 (FHL 836,633); digital image, “New Jersey, Probate Records, 1678–1980” (familysearch.org), images 1045–1048.

174 Galloway Township, Gloucester Co., N.J., Tax records, [no lists for 1783]; July 1784, p. 8; [no Ard listed in 1785]; July 1786, p. 4; July 1789, p. 4; Aug. 1790, p. 9; 1791, p. 5; 1792, p. 5; 1793, p. 5; 1794, p. 6; 1796, p. 7; Sept. 1796, p. 8; 1797, p. 7; 1802, p. 1 (FHL 865,473, item 3).

175 All four children were named in Ard Brush’s will (note 43). Margaret was listed as the mother of Ann, the eldest child, on the latter’s death cert. and was likely mother of all the children (Ann Adams death cert., Philadelphia, Pa., 1882 [FHL 2,057,162]; digital image [familysearch.org]).

176 Their father called Ann and Margaret “my twin daughters” in his will (note 43). Joseph Adams household, 1850 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 514 [*verso*], dw. 57, fam. 61. Ann Adams death cert. (note 175).

177 Joseph Adams–Ann Brush marriage, Burlington Co., N.J., Marriages C:47 (FHL 848,873).

- County, New Jersey. In 1880 Ann, identified as “mother-in-law,” was in the household of her daughter Julia A., wife of Levi French, in Bass River Twp., Burlington County.<sup>178</sup>
- ii. MARGARET<sup>6</sup> BRUSH (twin) was born about 1797–1798. A record of her death has not been located. She married, probably in Burlington County, JOHN LLOYD,<sup>179</sup> who was born about 1794–1795. In 1840 and 1850 John “Lloyd” headed a household in Washington Township, Burlington County.<sup>180</sup>
  - iii. LORINAH<sup>6</sup> BRUSH was born about 1800–1801 (age at death), and died of “old age” in Randolph Township, Burlington County, 22 August 1888, “in her 88th year.”<sup>181</sup> She married in Burlington County, 14 December 1832, STEPHEN ADAMS,<sup>182</sup> who was born about 1807 and died in Washington Township about July 1851.<sup>183</sup> In 1840 and 1850 Stephen Adams was in Washington Township.<sup>184</sup> Lorinah continued to reside there after Stephen’s death, and was a hotel keeper in 1860.<sup>185</sup> In 1870 and 1880 Lorinah headed a household in Randolph Township, Burlington County.<sup>186</sup> Stephen and Lorinah’s apparent children were Benjamin B., Chalkley C., Margaret E., Stephen Henry, Joseph M., and Ann Eliza Adams.<sup>187</sup>
  - iv. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> BRUSH died before 18 December 1847, when his estate was settled.<sup>188</sup>

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178 Joseph Adams households: 1840 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 330; 1850 U.S. census, Burlington Co., N.J. (note 176); 1860 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 34, dw. 251, fam. 259; 1870 U.S. census, City of Camden, North Ward, Camden Co., N.J., p. 110–11, dw. 792, fam. 847. Ann Adams in Levi French household, 1880 U.S. census, Bass River Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., ED 10, p. 6–7, fam. 61.

179 Depositions of witnesses in application of Joseph Adams and Ann his wife and John Loyd and Margaret his wife, 11 May 1847, in Margaret Brush estate file (note 173, image 1071), in which Augustus Johnson deposes that “Joseph Adams married Ann Brush. John Loyd married Margaret Brush. They were both daughters of Margaret Brush lately decd.”

180 John Loyd households: 1840 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 331; John Loyd household, 1850 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 512, dw. 51, fam. 55.

181 Lorina Adams death record, Burlington Co., N.J., Deaths 24:55 (FHL 589,312). “Lorinah, Wife of Stephen Adams” marker, Adams Burying Ground, Lower Bank, Burlington Co., N.J., memorial 71,957,684, digital image (findagrave.com).

182 Stephen Adams–Lorinah Brush marriage, Burlington Co., N.J., Marriages C:240 (FHL 848,873).

183 Stephen Adams household, 1850 U.S. census, Burlington Co., N.J. (note 44). “Death of Stephen Adams,” *New Jersey Mirror* [Mount Holly, N.J.], 21 Aug. 1851, p. 3, col. 1, transcript, “New Jersey Mirror,” *Burlington County Library System* (bcls.lib.nj.us/newspapers/newjerseymirror). Attempts to obtain a copy of this obituary from the library have failed.

184 Stephen Adams household, 1840 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., p. 331. Also Stephen Adams household, 1850 U.S. census, Burlington Co., N.J. (note 44).

185 Lorinah Adams household, 1860 U.S. census, Burlington Co., N.J. (note 46).

186 Larina Adams household, 1870 U.S. census, Burlington Co., N.J. (note 46). Also Lorina Adams household, 1880 U.S. census, Randolph Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., ED 37, p. 6, dw. 64, fam. 68.

187 See censuses in notes 44, 185, and 186. Benjamin B. Adams in Lewis A. Adams household, 1900 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., ED 37, p. 6B, dw. 142, fam. 145. Chalkley C. Adams (age 45) household, 1880 U.S. census, Burlington Co., N.J. (note 45). Chalkley C. Adams in Stephen Adams household, 1900 U.S. census, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., ED 27, p. 6B–7A, dw. 143, fam. 146. Stephen H. Adams–Francis E. Cramer marriage, Washington Twp., Burlington Co., N.J. Marriages BG:91 (FHL 494,145, item 2), which names Stephen’s parents as “Steph & Lorano Adams.” Joseph Adams death, Burlington Co., N.J., Deaths, C:780, #8 (FHL 493,705, item 1).

188 Mann listed him as their child, with no further information (“Thomas and Richard Brush” [note 2], 67:330, 332–33). John Hall administration bond, William Brush estate, Burlington Co., N.J., miscellaneous probate records, file B7 (FHL 836,633); digital image, “New Jersey, Probate Records, 1678–1980” (familysearch.org), image 984.

**THE GERMAN ORIGINS OF MICHAEL RICHTER AND HIS WIFE,  
ANNA DOROTHEA WEINING,  
OF SCHENECTADY AND SCHOHARIE COUNTIES, NEW YORK:  
ANCESTORS OF THE RECTOR FAMILY**

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**PART 1  
ORIGINS OF MICHAEL RICHTER**

Michael Richter (Richter), ancestor of many of the Rectors of New York and elsewhere, died on 19 May 1804 and was buried in Duanesburg, Albany (now Schenectady) County, New York. A transcription of his gravestone in Clarence Foote's *A Memorial Census for Duanesburgh*, published in 1935, states that Michael was born in "Rambols in the town of Fulmerts."<sup>1</sup> This has confused his descendants for generations, as no such place could be found in Germany. However, Michael's well-preserved epitaph should be transcribed as follows:

In Memory of  
Michael Richter  
who was born in  
Ramhols Town of Ful-  
merts in Germony  
on the 18th of May 1718  
and departed this life  
at Duanesburgh on  
the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1804  
aged 86 years and 1 day<sup>2</sup>

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1 Clarence Foote, *A Memorial Census for Duanesburgh* (Delanson, N.Y.: the author, 1935), 46. The name of this town is currently spelled Duanesburg, but it was historically known as Duanesburgh.

2 Michael Richter marker, Duanesburg Village Cemetery, Duanesburg, Schenectady Co., memorial 20,573,686, digital image by Thomas Dunne (findagrave.com).

Rather than Rambols, Michael's birthplace is clearly Ramhols, and "Ramhols Town of Fulmerts" most likely refers to the villages of *Rambolz* and *Vollmerz*, which stand about a mile and a half apart, a few miles east of Schlüchtern in the modern state of Hessen.<sup>3</sup> Today Ramholz is a hamlet in the district of Vollmerz, and city of Schlüchtern. The Lutheran church in Ramholz served both villages. It is not difficult to imagine the confusion Michael's American descendants might have had regarding the orthography and geography of their ancestral home in Germany when they erected his gravestone.

New York sources provided another important clue. Schenectady Reformed Church registers include the baptismal entry of Johannes, son of Michel Rigter and Dorothea Weynigen, on 9 February 1755.<sup>4</sup> The search of German sources commenced with Michael Richter's tentative date of birth, birthplace, and wife's maiden surname.

Clemens Schreiber of Schlüchtern, Germany, was commissioned in 2011 to search for the Righter/Richter/Rector family in Ramholz and surrounding towns. Schreiber found the birth entry for Johann Michael Richter, son of Adam Richter and his wife Anna Catharina of Vollmerz, in the registers of the Ramholz Lutheran church, dated 22 July 1716. The birth date is a poor match with the gravestone inscription. However, the discovery of his marriage record in the same parish proved helpful. Michael Richter, son of Adam Richter of Vollmerz, and Anna Dorothea Weining, daughter of Johann Weining of Vollmerz, were married on 17 February 1741.<sup>5</sup> The name of Michael's wife is a very close match to the Schenectady Reformed Church record, where she is called Dorothea Weynigen. Michael and Dorothea were last of record in Ramholz church records in 1751, when their son Johann Nikolaus was buried.<sup>6</sup> They appear in Schenectady in 1755.<sup>7</sup>

The ancestors of Johann Michael Richter and his wife Anna Maria Weining will be examined in this article, beginning with genealogical summaries for the

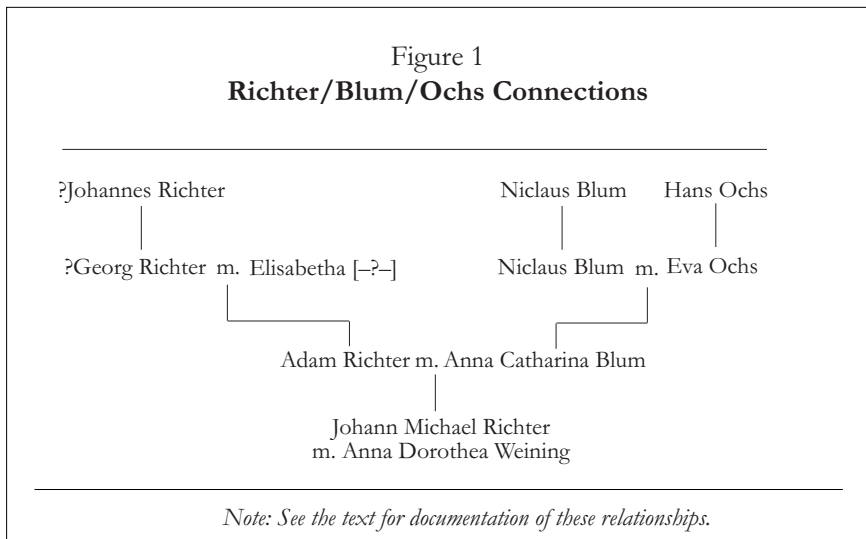
3 All of the villages mentioned in this article—Ramholz, Vollmerz, Zeitlofs, Oberzell, Mottgers, Elm, Gundhelm, Hutten, Schlüchterin, Steinau, Hattenhof, Wallroth, Oberkalbach, Altgronau, and Hohenzell—are located within a twenty-five-mile radius.

4 Johannes Rigter baptism, Schenectady First Reformed Church records, vol. 2, part 1 (1728–1785), p. 69 (FHL 534,207).

5 Ramholz church records are now available in digital form: Johann Michael Richter baptism and Michael Richter–Anna Dorothea Weining marriage, Ramholz Evangelische Kirchenbüchern (Protestant Church Books), arranged chronologically; digital image ([www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de)). All events from Ramholz were drawn from this source (hereafter Ramholz KB1, KB2, or KB3). The first volume of Ramholz KB [KB1] includes births and marriages for the period 1660–1717; the second KB [KB2] covers 1700–1735 and includes deaths. The overlapping years of 1700–1717 includes duplicate entries for some events. A comparison of these entries revealed several discrepancies in dates and additional information in the second book (KB2). It is clear that one is not a copy of the other, nor do the discrepancies in dates represent the difference between birth and baptismal dates. The third volume of Ramholz church books [KB3], including births, marriages, and deaths, covers 1735–1801. Original church books for all mentioned in this article are held by the Landeskirchliches Archiv (Evangelical Church archives), Kassel, Hessen, except where noted.

6 Johann Nikolaus Richter burial, Ramholz KB3 (note 5).

7 Johannes Rigter baptism (note 4).



families of Richter, Blum, and Ochs, and, in Part 2, with summaries for the Weining, Kress, and Lamb families. Figures 1 and 2 provide visual representations of these relationships.

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY<sup>8</sup>

##### RICHTER FAMILY OF ALTENGRONAU, RAMHOLZ, VOLLMERZ, AND NEW YORK

1. **?GEORG<sup>B</sup> RICHTER** was born say 1630, possibly the son of Johannes Richter (1604–1674) of Oberzell, about five miles east of Ramholz.<sup>9</sup> Georg’s wife in 1666, when their daughter Anna was baptized, was **ELISABETHA [–?–]**, but given the large number of children in Georg’s family, she was perhaps not his

8 The following pedigree was originally constructed from Clemens Schreiber’s research. Follow-up searches were conducted by correspondence with Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelischen Kirche von Kurhessen-Waldeck in Kassel. More recently, all the original church records were reexamined on the subscription website [www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de). These searches confirmed Schreiber’s original pedigree with some additions and corrections.

9 Johannes Richter of Oberzell was a schultheiss, a resident commoner tasked by the ruling nobleman to oversee things like the local council and the collection of taxes and tithes for the town. He died in Oberzell 3 Aug. 1674, aged 70 (Mottgers Evangelische Kirchenbüchern [Mottgers KB], vol. 1 [1650–1661] and vol. 2 [1650–1764], arranged chronologically, which includes Oberzell and begins in 1650; digital image [[www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de)]). In 1649 and 1652 he received Holy Communion in Zeitlofs (Zeitlofs Evangelische Kirchenbüchern [Zeitlofs KB], vol. 1 [1638–1691] and vol. 2 [1687–1701], arranged chronologically; digital image [[www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de)]), original Zeitlofs church books in Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Bayern, Nürnberg, Germany).

His known and suspected children (all events in Mottgers KB) included 1) Johannes, born about 1629, who served as godparent to Johannes Rudiger of Oberzell 16 Jan. 1655 as Hans Richter’s “adolescente,” died in Oberzell 12 Jan. 1677, aged 48, married Martha [–?–] by 1665; 2) Barbara, born say 1635, married in Oberzell 20 May 1656 to Curth Müller, as daughter of Hans Richter; 3) (probably) Hans Curth, born say 1647, married in Oberzell 13 Feb. 1672 Anna Sabina Lins; 4) Margreta, baptized at Oberzell 24 June 1651; 5) Adam, baptized at Oberzell 10 May 1652, married Oberzell 15 May 1677, Catharina Zol.

first wife. She was the mother listed for all Georg's children from 1666 through 1679. The mother of his earlier children is not evident in the records. Georg was a shepherd of Altengronau between 1658 and 1664. By 1666 he had removed to Ramholz, nine miles to the north, where he continued as a shepherd. No death or burial record has been found for Georg or Elisabeth. Ramholz death records begin in 1700.<sup>10</sup>

Children of Georg<sup>B</sup> Richter and (possibly) Elisabetha:<sup>11</sup>

- i. CATHARINA RICHTER was born about 1649–1654 (based on average age at marriage) and died at Vollmerz 3 December 1723. She married, as daughter of Jörg Richter, in Ramholz 13 February 1677 ANDREAS WEINING, son of Jacob and Gela Weining.
- ii. JOHANNES RICHTER was born about 1654–1658 (based on earliest probable age as a baptismal sponsor). As Jörg Richter's son Johannes, he was godfather of Johannes Weining, son of his sister Catharina, baptized in Ramholz 12 September 1679.<sup>12</sup> Catharina was Johannes's sister (see i.).
- iii. (Possibly) HANS HENRICH RICHTER, who was born about 1654–1657 (based on probable age at confirmation). He was confirmed in Ramholz 1670, but his father was not named.<sup>13</sup>
- iv. HENRICH RICHTER was baptized at Altengronau 21 November 1658; Moyses Straten of Schwartzenfels was godfather. Henrich died at Altengronau 20 January 1659.<sup>14</sup>
- v. ANNA ELISABETH RICHTER was baptized at Altengronau 18 November 1659. Her godmother was Catharina, wife of Hans Henrich Eckhardt. Anna Elisabeth died there 21 December 1659.
- vi. BARBARA RICHTER was baptized at Altengronau 31 July 1660. Barbara, daughter of Georg Eyssell, was her godmother.
- vii. MARGRETA RICHTER was baptized at Altengronau 21 June 1661. The wife of Hans Hertzoch was Margreta's godmother. She was confirmed in Ramholz in 1677, daughter of Georg.
- viii. HANS GEORG RICHTER was baptized at Altengronau. 31 January 1664, with godfather Hans Georg Fuss. Richter was confirmed in Ramholz in 1679.

Known children of Georg<sup>B</sup> Richter and Elisabetha:<sup>15</sup>

- ix. ANNA RICHTER was baptized at Ramholz 17 February 1666. The baptism was recorded at Zeitlofs, Bayern: daughter of "Dem Schäfer zu Ramholz Georg Richter und Elisabeth [the shepherd of Ramholz Georg Richter and Elisabeth]."

10 All records from Ramholz KB (note 5) and Altengronau Evangelische Kirchenbüchern [Altengronau KB], 1650–1759, arranged chronologically; digital image ([www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de)).

11 Births of the oldest three children are estimated. Baptisms for children iv–viii are recorded in Altengronau KB (note 10). All other data is from Ramholz KB (note 5), except as noted.

12 Johannes Weining baptism, Ramholz KB1 (note 5).

13 Hans Henrich Richter confirmation, Ramholz KB1 (note 5). Although a typical age for confirmation is 13–14, some of his siblings were confirmed at ages 15–16.

14 Henrich Richter baptism and burial, Altengronau KB (note 10). The custom of naming a child after a godparent was not followed as precisely in Altengronau as in other nearby towns. Henrich and his sister Anna Elisabeth were the only two children known to be not named after a godparent among the families presented in this article.

15 All events are recorded in Ramholz KB, except as noted. Ramholz KB1 consistently gave the child's date of birth and the godparents, but did not provide the date of baptism; dates given here are birth dates. Ramholz KB2 has some dates of baptism recorded, which are included here.



No godparents were mentioned.<sup>16</sup> A Catharina Richter was confirmed at Ramholz in 1679, father not named. Given the typical confirmation age of 13–14, she was perhaps identical to Anna.

- x. VALTEN [VALENTIN] RICHTER was born in Ramholz 27 February 1668. His godfather was Valten Kirchner. Valentin died at Ramholz 7 March 1668.
- xi. EVA RICHTER was born in Ramholz 13 April 1669. Valentin Kirchner's wife was Eva's godmother.
- xii. URSULA HELENA RICHTER was born in Ramholz 16 February 1671. Her godmother was the wife of Friederich May of Schlüchtern.
- xiii. ANNA RICHTER was born 21 March 1673 in Ramholz (no godparents were given) and died 4 September 1682.
- xiv. (DAUGHTER) RICHTER was born 14 December 1674 in Ramholz (no godparents were given) and died 6 April 1676.<sup>17</sup>
2. xv. (Probably) ADAM<sup>A</sup> RICHTER was reportedly born about 2 September 1675 [*sic*; see discussion below] and died 6 December 1751. He married first ANNA EVA KIRCHNER and second ANNA CATHARINA BLUM.
- xvi. ELISABETHA RICHTER was born in Ramholz 25 August 1677. Her godmother was the wife of Hans Jörg Fuss.
- xvii. HELENA RICHTER was born in Ramholz 23 March 1679. Her godmother was daughter of Franz Zips of Schlüchtern.

2. **ADAM<sup>A</sup> RICHTER** (?Georg<sup>B</sup>). No birth or baptismal record has been found for Adam. A birth date of 2 September 1675 can be calculated from his reported age at his death in Vollmerz on 6 December 1751, aged 76 years, 3 months, 4 days.<sup>18</sup> If the age is correctly stated, and he is the son of Georg Richter, Adam's birth is uncomfortably close to that of his next older sibling (eight and one-half months). However, ages on death records are often unreliable. This seems to have been especially problematic in Ramholz, where there are several examples of inaccurate ages among the families explored in this article.<sup>19</sup> Moreover, the troublesome short interval between Adam's calculated birth date and that of his older sister is not unprecedented in this family. The registers of Altengronau show that Georg Richter had extraordinarily short intervals between his children's baptisms, including eight and one-half months between Anna Elisabeth and Barbara, and just over ten months between Barbara and Margreta. Some of this inconsistency could be explained by delayed baptism or unrecorded infant burials.

Although direct evidence of Adam's parentage has not been found, there are reasons to suspect he is the son of Georg, who headed the only Richter

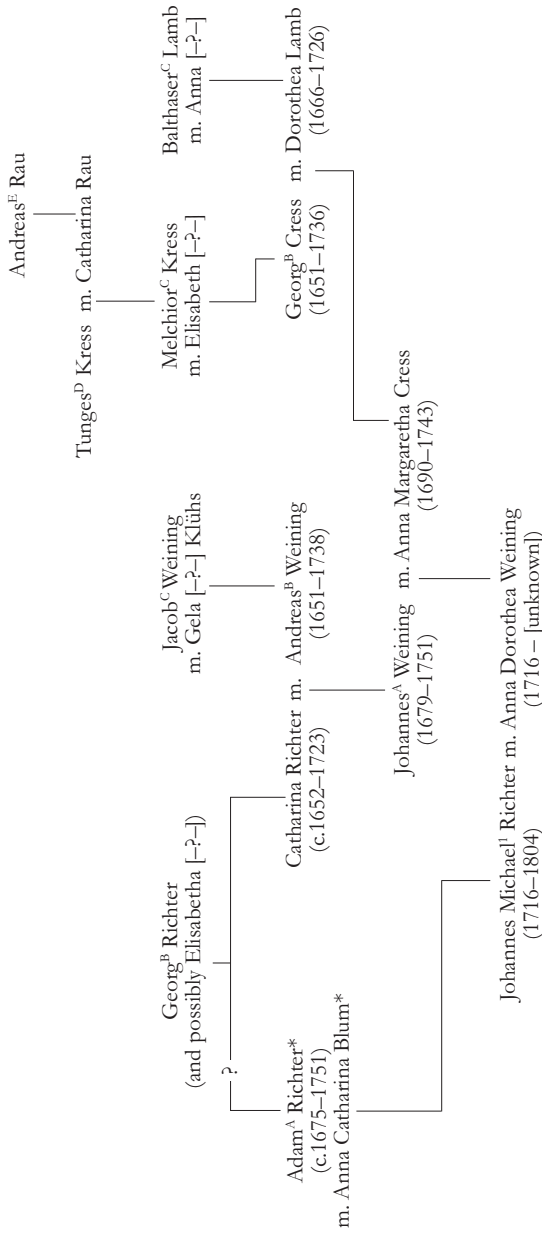
16 Anna Richter baptism, Zeitlofs KB1 (note 9), which includes some Ramholz baptisms at the end of the book, under the heading "Priesterliche verrichtungen (v.a. Taufen und Trauungen) zu Ramholz und Sannerz 1664–1681."

17 The baptism did not include her name; her death date was written in the margin.

18 Adam Richter death, Ramholz KB3 (note 5).

19 Among others, inaccuracies were found in the recorded ages of Adam's second wife, Anna Catharina, and Adam's son Valentin. In the Weining family, Anna Catharina Cress, wife of Johannes Weining, has a discrepancy of eleven months between her date of baptism and the birth date calculated from her death record. These inaccuracies will be discussed below in this summary.

Figure 2  
Weining/Kress/Lamb Connections



See the text for documentation of these relationships. The uncertainties expressed in the chart are explained in the Genealogical Summary.  
\*See figure 1 for ancestors of Adam Richter and Anna Catharina Blum.

family evident in Ramholz church records at this time. Searches in extant Protestant registers of the Schlüchtern district found no christening entry for Adam in any Richter family. Besides Georg Richter of Ramholz, only one other Richter was found having children during the alleged period of Adam's birth, but Adam was not among them.<sup>20</sup>

Adam is circumstantially associated with Georg Richter through their connections to the Kirchner and Weining families. Adam's first wife was a daughter of Valentin Kirchner. Before Adam's marriage to Anna Eva Kirchner, her parents, Valentin and Eva Kirchner, were twice godparents to children of Georg Richter. Secondly, Adam's son Johann Michael married Anna Dorothea Weining, the granddaughter of Catharina Richter, one of the proven daughters of Georg Richter (see figure 2). Georg's association with the Weining family dates back to 1679, when his son Johannes Richter was godfather to Johannes Weining, the father of Anna Dorothea, wife of Johann Michael Richter.<sup>21</sup>

Adam married first in Ramholz on 28 September 1697 to **ANNA EVA (KIRCHNER) ROTH**, widow of Martin Roth and daughter of Valentin and Eva Kirchner. She was born in Ramholz 5 April 1672 and had married Martin Roth there on 4 May 1693. No death record was found for her. Adam married second in Ramholz on 29 July 1710 **ANNA CATHARINA BLUM**, who was baptized in Hutten on 25 November 1679, daughter of Niclaus Blum and Eva Ochs. She died in Vollmerz on 3 December 1751, aged 72 years less one day. Her age at death results in a calculated birth date of 5 December 1679, which is not accurate considering her baptismal date ten days earlier.<sup>22</sup>

Adam was a farmer in Vollmerz when he died, but he was apparently living in Oberzell when his daughter Anna Catharina was born in 1713.

Children of Adam<sup>A</sup> Richter and his first wife, Anna Eva Kirchner, probably all born in Vollmerz:<sup>23</sup>

- i. ANNA DOROTHEA RICHTER was born about 1697–1698. Adam Richter's daughter Anna Dorothea was godmother of Anna Dorothea, daughter of Michael Weining and his wife Anna Catharina in Ramholz 4 January 1717.

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20 Searches included Ramholz, Altengronau, Elm, Gundhelm, Heubach, Hintersteinau, Hutten, Kressenbach, Marjoss, Mottgers, Neuengronau, Sterbfritz, Züntersbach, Uttrichshausen, Breunings, Swarzenfels, Weichersbach, Schlüchtern, Zeitlofs, and Wallroth, many of which are included within Mottgers KB (note 9). The only other Richter family found having children during this period was that of Hans Curth Richter and his wife Anna Sabina Lins. They had children at Oberzell as follows: Melchior, baptized 3 Jan. 1673; Johann Henrich, baptized 5 Oct. 1674; Anna, baptized 2 Feb. 1677.

21 Johannes Weining baptism, Ramholz KB1 (note 5).

22 All events are found in Ramholz KB (note 5), except for the baptism of Anna Catharina Blum (Gundhelm und Hutten Evangelische Kirchenbüchern [Gundhelm/Hutten KB], vol. 1 [1653–1705] and vol. 2 [1705–1778], arranged chronologically; digital image [www.archion.de]); Hutten registers were kept separately after 1778). Anna Catharina was called Catharina on her marriage record and Anna Catharina on her baptism and death records.

23 See note 5. All data (including Vollmerz events) are from Ramholz KB1 or KB2 except as noted. The more detailed (and probably more accurate) KB2 was followed below except for the daughter Anna (baptized 1702), who is found only in KB1. Discrepancies in KB1 are noted.

- ii. VALENTIN RICHTER was born 24 August 1699 (baptism record). His godfather was Valentin Kirchner. He died at Hohenzell 6 February 1758, aged 58 years, 6 months, 12 days.<sup>24</sup> Valentin Richter “of Vollmerz” married at Hohenzell 23 January 1721, ANNA MARGARETHA STOSS.<sup>25</sup> She was born at Hohenzell 10 April 1698, daughter of Georg Stoss and Gertraud Heynbuch.<sup>26</sup>
- iii. JOHANN VALENTIN RICHTER was born 1 October 1701. His godfather was Valentin Kirchner’s son Johann Valentin.<sup>27</sup> He was apparently “Adam Richters Söhnlein” who died 19 October 1701.
- iv. ANNA RICHTER was born 28 October 1702, with Conrad Kirchner’s wife, Anna, as her godmother. Anna Richter died at Vollmerz 17 December 1759, aged 57 years, 7 “wochen” [weeks], 2 days [*siz*].<sup>28</sup> She married at Ramholz 19 May 1733 JOHANNES MÜLLER, who died at Vollmerz 7 February 1786, aged 80 years.
- v. MICHAEL RICHTER was born at Vollmerz 14 May 1704. Michael Lang was his godfather.
- vi. EVA RICHTER was born 14 May 1706.<sup>29</sup> Her grandmother Eva Kirchner was her godmother. She died aged one week, 21 May 1706.
- vii. JOHANNES RICHTER was born 25 August 1707,<sup>30</sup> with Johannes Müller as godfather. He died at Hutten 22 April 1755, aged 47.<sup>31</sup> Johannes married GERTRAUDA HOFMANN. She married second, as widow of Johannes Richter, late of Hutten, 1 August 1756 Johannes Stoppel.<sup>32</sup> Gertrauda, wife of Johannes Stoppel, died at Hutten 31 December 1771, aged 43 years, 6 months, 13 days.

Children of Adam<sup>A</sup> Richter and his second wife Anna Catharina Blum:

- viii. NICLAUS RICHTER was born 3 August 1711.<sup>33</sup> His godfather was Niclaus Müller the older. Niclaus Richter married at Ramholz 30 June 1735 ANNA MARIA ([–?–]) PULWEYSS, widow of Johann Walther Pulweyss.
- ix. ANNA CATHARINA RICHTER (called Anna) was born 26 December 1713,<sup>34</sup> daughter of Adam Richter living in Oberzell. Her godmother was “des Wirts Magd von Oberzell” [the host maid from Oberzell]. Anna died at Vollmerz 28 December 1790 and was buried the 30th, aged 77. She married at Ramholz 30 October 1738 JOHANN CASPAR KÖHLER. He died at Vollmerz 28 October 1786.
- 3. x. JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup> RICHTER was born at Vollmerz 22 July 1716 and died in Duanesburg, Albany (now Schenectady) County, 19 May 1804. He married ANNA DOROTHEA WEINING.

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24 Steinau Evangelische Kirchenbüchern [Steinau KB], vol. 1 (1650–1753) and vol. 2 (1753–1811), arranged chronologically; digital image ([www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de)), which includes entries for Hohenzell. The calculated birthdate (25 July 1699), does not match the baptism, which clearly says “geboren” 24 August.

25 Steinau KB (note 24).

26 Schlüchtern Evangelische Kirchenbüchern [Schlüchtern KB], three vols. (vol. 1, 1577–1677; vol. 2, 1677–1683; vol. 3, 1684–1775), arranged chronologically; digital image ([www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de)).

27 The first given name, Johannes, is given only in Ramholz KB1. See note 23.

28 Ramholz KB3 (note 5). Her birthdate calculated from her age at death is 1 Nov. 1702, another example of a mistaken age at death in the Ramholz records.

29 The date was written 15 May 1706 in Ramholz KB1. See note 23.

30 The date was written 24 Aug. 1707 in Ramholz KB1. See note 23.

31 Johannes Richter burial, Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22).

32 Steinau KB (note 24).

33 The date was written 2 Aug. 1711 in Ramholz KB1. See note 23.

34 The date was written 25 Dec. 1713 in Ramholz KB1. See note 23.

3. **JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup> RICHTER** (Adam<sup>A</sup>, ?Georg<sup>B</sup>) was born in Vollmerz 22 July 1716, and was baptized the Sunday following. His godfather was Ludwig Zinckhahn's eldest son, Johann Michael.<sup>35</sup> He died in Duanesburg, Albany (now Schenectady) County, on 19 May 1804 and was buried in Duanesburg Village Cemetery.<sup>36</sup> He was married in Ramholz on 17 February 1741 to **ANNA DOROTHEA WEINING**. She was born, probably in Vollmerz, 1 March 1716, daughter of Johannes Weining and Anna Margretha Cress.<sup>37</sup> Anna probably died before 18 May 1804, when her husband's will did not mention her.

The family immigrated to New York between 1751, when their son Johann Nikolaus died in Vollmerz, and 1755, when their son Johannes was baptized in Schenectady.<sup>38</sup> Michael was naturalized in New York on 20 May 1769 as John Michael Richers.<sup>39</sup> He was in Duanesburg in 1790; he was not found in 1800, but was probably not a head of household at age 84.<sup>40</sup> The will of Michael Richter of Duanesburg, dated 18 May 1804 and proved the following 13 July, is transcribed as follows:

In the name of God Amen, I Michael Richter of Duanesburgh in the County of Albany and State of New York, being weak in Body but of Sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be almighty God for the Same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first I give and bequeath to my eldest son Henry Richter two hundred and eight dollars and thirty three and an half cents, I also give and Bequeath unto Michael Richter my Second Son, two hundred and eight dollars and thirty three and an half cents, I also give and Bequeath to my youngest son Nicholas Richter, two hundred and eight dollars and thirty three and an half cents. I also give and Bequeath to my eldest daughter Anna Shraden two hundred and eight dollars and thirty three and an half cents, I also give and Bequeath to my second daughters Heirs two hundred and eight dollars and thirty three and an half cents, to be equally divided between them her three daughter, Dorothy Myers, Polly Myers, and Christiana Myers. I also give and Bequeath to my Youngest daughter Dorothy Longenheath, two hundred and eight dollars and thirty three and an half cents, which said Several Sums I will and order to be paid to the before mentioned Legatees in manner following, that is to say in one year after my decease, I will and order two hundred and eight dollars and thirty three and an half cents, to be paid and equally divided between the before mentioned Legatees and the remaining Sums to be paid in yearly payments and to be divided amongst the Legatees and before directed, til the whole of the Sums bequeathed is paid to the before named Legatees, I also give and bequeath to my son Johannes Reghter his heirs and assigns forever all that my messuage or tenement of lands both freehold and leased, situated lying and being in Duanesburgh, in the County of Albany, and State of New York together with all other freehold estate whatsoever, to hold to

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35 The 22 is written over an 11 in Ramholz KB2. The date is given as 10 July 1716 in Ramholz KB1, which is generally the less accurate of the two overlapping books. KB1 also omits the given name Johann and the family residence of Vollmerz. See note 23.

36 Michael Richter marker, Duanesburg Village Cemetery (note 2).

37 Anna Dorothea Weining baptism, Ramholz KB1 (note 5). See Part 2 for information on her Weining family.

38 Johann Nikolaus Richter burial, Ramholz KB3 (note 5). Johannes Rigtter baptism (note 4).

39 Henry Z Jones and Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, *Even More Palatine Families*, 3 vols. (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 2002), 1:540–41.

40 Michael Richter household, 1790 U.S. census, Duanesburg, Albany Co., p. 95.

him the said Johannes Righter, his heirs and assigns forever. And lastly I will and order that the residue and remainder of my personal estate Goods & Chattles of what kind or nature whatsoever together with a note I let Longenheath have against Mortimore Gage of twenty pounds & twenty pounds in money I let Michael have, which is to be divided, I give and bequeath to the whole of the foregoing Legatees to be equally divided amongst them. And I hereby appoint Charles Shaver, and George Scaffold executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal at Duanesburgh, this eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.<sup>41</sup>

Michael died the day after executing his will, according to his gravestone inscription. Curiously, the now disproved birth date from the gravestone, 18 May 1718, is the same day and month Michael's will was executed, suggesting that a possible misreading or misunderstanding of the family records may have contributed to the incorrect inscription.

Children of Michael<sup>1</sup> Richter and his wife Dorothea Weining:<sup>42</sup>

- i. ANNA MARGARETHA<sup>2</sup> RICHTER was born in Vollmerz 21 October 1742 and was baptized at Ramholz on the 23rd. Her godmother was Anna Margaretha, wife of Kaspar Köhler of Vollmerz, the child's father's sister.<sup>43</sup>
- ii. HENRY<sup>2</sup> RICHTER/RECTOR, called the "eldest son" in his father's will, was born say 1743–1748 (based on average marriage age), probably in Vollmerz.<sup>44</sup> He died in Duanesburg between 8 October 1829 and 5 April 1830, the dates of the execution and probate of his will.<sup>45</sup> He married in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Schoharie District, 26 August 1769 ANNA CATHARINA SCHELL.<sup>46</sup> Henry was one of six men who applied for a grant of three thousand acres adjoining the manor of Rensselaerwick in 1771.<sup>47</sup> Henry and Catharina's eleven children are of record in his will, and in the baptismal records of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Schoharie Reformed Church.<sup>48</sup>
- iii. ANNA<sup>2</sup> RICHTER, called his "eldest daughter," in her father's will, was born say 1743–1747 (based on average marriage age), probably in Vollmerz. She married first, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Schoharie, 7 April 1765 JOHANNES KRAFT, and second, at Schoharie Reformed Church, 1 May 1768 SEBASTIAN SCHROEDER.<sup>49</sup> They had children baptized in Schenectady Reformed Church in 1780 and 1782.<sup>50</sup>

41 Michael Righter will, Albany Co., N.Y., wills, 3:122–26 (FHL 468,004).

42 No baptismal records were found for three of their first five children. Birth years have been estimated from marriage and confirmation dates.

43 Anna Margaretha Richter baptism, Ramholz KB3 (note 5).

44 His older sister, Anna Margaretha, and younger brother, Johann Nikolaus, were both born in Vollmerz.

45 Henry Rector will, Schenectady Co. Wills B:275 (FHL 506,456).

46 Arthur C. M. Kelly, *Marriage Record of Two Early Schoharie, New York, Churches: Reformed Church, 1732–1892, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1743–1899* (Rhinebeck, N.Y.: privately printed, 1978), 53.

47 *Calendar of N.Y. Colonial Manuscripts: Indorsed Land Papers in the Office of the Secretary of State of New York* (Albany: Weed, Parsons, 1864), 516.

48 Arthur C. M. Kelly, *Baptism Record, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Schoharie, New York* (Rhinebeck, N.Y.: privately printed, 1977), 52, 59, 62, 81, 90, 104, 115; Arthur C. M. Kelly, *Baptism Record of the Reformed Church, Schoharie, New York* (Rhinebeck, N.Y.: privately printed, 1977), 55.

49 Kelly, *Marriage Record of Two Early Schoharie Churches* (note 46), 8, 50.

50 Arthur C. M. Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church, 1694–1811* (Rhinebeck, N.Y.: privately printed, 1987), 213, 231.

- iv. JOHANN NIKOLAUS RICHTER was born in Vollmerz 31 July 1750 and was baptized at Ramholz 2 August 1750. His godfather was Johann Nickolaus Marburger, shoemaker of Vollmerz. He died in Vollmerz 26 January 1751.<sup>51</sup>
- v. MICHAEL<sup>2</sup> RICHTER, called his “second son” in his father’s will, was born before 1755,<sup>52</sup> in Vollmerz or New York, and was confirmed at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Schoharie, in 1773.<sup>53</sup> Michael married first ELIZABETH WELLER and had children baptized from 1783 to 1788 at Schenectady Reformed Church<sup>54</sup> and two children baptized at Duaneburg in 1797 and 1800.<sup>55</sup> He married second PHEBE ([–?–]) MILLER, who is mentioned in his will, along with her son, Henry Miller.<sup>56</sup>
- Michael was in the Town of Rensselaerville in 1790 and ten years later in its daughter town, formed in 1795, the Town of Berne.<sup>57</sup> He was in the Town of Sharon, Schoharie County, when he executed his will 27 April 1827, proved 8 May 1827, leaving wife Phebe and six married daughters.<sup>58</sup>
- vi. JOHANNES<sup>2</sup> RICHTER was baptized 9 February 1755 in Schenectady Reformed Church. He was confirmed in St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Schoharie, in 1773.<sup>59</sup> John married first at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Schoharie, 27 December 1778 MARIA MERCKEL.<sup>60</sup> They had a son Johan Jost, born in Schoharie 1 June 1779.<sup>61</sup> Johannes married second MARIA DIETZ.<sup>62</sup> They had a daughter Christina born in Schoharie 4 June 1781,<sup>63</sup> a son John baptized in Schenectady 26 February 1784,<sup>64</sup> and a son David baptized in Schoharie Reformed Church 12 March 1786.<sup>65</sup> Johannes was living in 1804, when his father wrote his will.
- vii. NICHOLAS<sup>2</sup> RICHTER, called his “youngest son” in his father’s will, was born say 1757–1760 (probable age at confirmation) and died after his father wrote his will in 1804. Nicholas was confirmed in St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Schoharie in 1773.<sup>66</sup> He married CATRINA COONOK/COOK. They had children

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51 Johann Nikolaus Richter baptism, Ramholz KB3 (note 5).

52 Michael was over age 45 in 1800 (Michael Richter [indexed Ruhter] household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Berne, Albany Co., p. 130).

53 Arthur C. M. Kelly, *Schoharie County, New York, Early Records, 1703–1904* (Rhinebeck, N.Y.: Kinship Press, 2001), 19. “Michel jr” and his siblings—Johannes, Nicolas, and Maria—were all confirmed the same day. Only Maria was a typical confirmation age.

54 Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church* (note 50), 235, 254, 282.

55 Records of Christ’s Church (Episcopal), Duaneburg, N.Y., vol. 1, p. 67 (Catherine), p. 36 (Dorrides) (FHL 17,543, item 2).

56 Michael Rector will, Schoharie Co. Wills, C:271–75.

57 Michael Richter households: 1790 U.S. census, Town of Rensselaerville, Albany Co., p. 77; 1800 U.S. census, Albany Co. (note 52).

58 Michael Rector will (note 56).

59 Kelly, *Schoharie County, New York, Early Records* (note 53), 19.

60 Kelly, *Marriage Record of Two Early Schoharie Churches* (note 46), 56.

61 Kelly, *Baptism Record, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church* (note 48), 73.

62 Maria’s surname is written Dietz and Tits in two of her childrens’ baptisms (notes 64 and 65). It was interpreted as “Tidd” in Jonathan Pearson, *Contributions for the Genealogies of the Descendants of the First Settlers of the Patent and City of Schenectady, from 1662 to 1800* (Albany, N.Y.: J. Munsell, 1873), 151.

63 Kelly, *Baptism Record, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church* (note 48), 79.

64 Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church* (note 50), 244.

65 Kelly, *Baptism Record of the Reformed Church, Schoharie* (note 48), 67.

66 Kelly, *Schoharie County, New York, Early Records* (note 53), 19.

baptized in Schenectady in 1784 and 1788,<sup>67</sup> and in Schoharie in 1785, 1787, and 1791.<sup>68</sup> Nicholas was in Duaneburg in 1790.<sup>69</sup>

- viii. ANNA MARIA<sup>2</sup> RICHTER, called his “second daughter” in her father’s will, was born at “Normans Kill” 22 June 1760.<sup>70</sup> She was confirmed in St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Schoharie, in 1773.<sup>71</sup> She married about 1779 (first-known child) to JOHANNES MEYER/MYERS. They had three daughters baptized in Schenectady Reformed Church in 1780, 1782, and 1784.<sup>72</sup> She was deceased by 1804, when her daughters were named in her father’s will.
- ix. DOROTHY<sup>2</sup> RICHTER, called his “youngest daughter” in her father’s 1804 will, was born about 1762–1767 (average age at marriage). Dorethea Richter of Duaneburg married in Schenectady Reformed Church 5 Apr. 1785 GEORG LONGENHEALT, born in “Eysenach, Saxony.”<sup>73</sup>

#### BLUM FAMILY OF HUTTEN<sup>74</sup>

1. **NICLAUS<sup>C</sup> BLUM** was born in January 1610 (age on burial record). He was buried in Hutten 26 February 1690, aged 80 years, 4 weeks. His unnamed wife was buried in Hutten 21 September 1661.<sup>75</sup>

Children of Niclaus<sup>C</sup> Blum:<sup>76</sup>

- i. ANNA BLUM was born at Hutten 13 August 1639, baptized at Schlüchtern,<sup>77</sup> and was buried at Hutten 15 October 1707 as wife of Niclaus Müller. She married first at Hutten 27 February 1666 NICLAUS WEYGANDT, widower, and second at Hutten 26 October 1680 NICLAUS MÜLLER, son of Hans.
2. ii. NICLAUS<sup>B</sup> BLUM,<sup>78</sup> was born 1640–1645 and died at Hutten 27 November 1691. He married EVA OCHS.
- iii. HENN [HENRICH] BLUM was buried at Hutten 31 May 1669, son of Niclaus Blum.
- iv. ANNA BLUM, daughter of Niclaus Blum, married at Hutten 23 October 1690 HANS MÜLLER, widower.
- v. ADAM BLUM was born about 1650–1651 (age at death) and was buried at Hutten 29 October 1715, aged 64. He married at Hutten 2 November 1680, as son of Niclaus Blum, MARGRETHA MÜLLER, daughter of Hans Müller.
- vi. DOROTHEA BLUM was baptized at Hutten 22 January 1654, with the wife of Jost Kesselring as godmother. Dorothea died there 26 November 1703 and was buried the 28th. She married at Hutten 23 June 1674, NICLAUS MÜLLER.

67 Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church* (note 50), 244, 284. In the former record her surname was Conook, with a John Cnook as witness, and in the latter it was Cook.

68 Kelly, *Baptism Record, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church*, 94, 99. The sponsors at daughter Dorodea’s baptism (p. 99) were “John Couck and wife.” The mother was named only as Catharina. Kelly, *Baptism Record of the Reformed Church, Schoharie* (note 48), 81.

69 Nicholas Richter household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of Duaneburg, Albany Co., p. 91.

70 Kelly, *Baptism Record, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church* (note 48), 24.

71 Kelly, *Schoharie County, New York, Early Records* (note 53), 19.

72 Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church* (note 50), 211, 233, and 246.

73 Arthur C. M. Kelly and Donald A. Keefer, *Marriage Record of Schenectady Reformed Church, 1694–1852* (Rhinebeck, N.Y.: privately printed, 1988), 36.

74 See figure 1.

75 All from Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22).

76 Except as noted, all evidence for this family is from Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22).

77 Anna Blum baptism, Schlüchtern KB (note 26).

78 Niclaus’s parents are established by his children’s godparents identified as his own siblings, Anna, Adam, and Johannes, as shown in the summary of his own family, below.



- vii. JOHANNES BLUM was baptized at Hutten 20 January 1656 as Hans Blum, with Hans Zinkann as godfather. Johannes was buried at Hutten 16 July 1699, aged 43. He married at Hutten 1 November 1698, MAGDALENA ([?–]) LÖFFERT, widow of Georg Löfert.

2. **NICLAUS<sup>B</sup> BLUM** (Niclaus<sup>C</sup>) was born about 1640–1645 (probable age at marriage). He was buried in Hutten 27 November 1691, aged 40 [*sic*; probably aged 50]. He married in Hutten 4 October 1666 **EVA OCHS**, daughter of Hans Ochs (see Ochs section below).<sup>79</sup> Eva was buried in Hutten 27 November 1694.<sup>80</sup>

Children of Niclaus<sup>B</sup> Blum and Eva Ochs (all baptized in Hutten):<sup>81</sup>

- i. GEORG BLUM was baptized 27 October 1668, with Conrad Löffert's young son as godfather. He was buried in Hutten 31 March 1712. Georg married at Hutten 19 February 1693, MARGARETHA LAMB, daughter of Henn [Henrich] Lamb.
- ii. MARGARETA BLUM was baptized 26 December 1670, with Hans Blum's daughter as godmother. She married, as daughter of Claus Blum, deceased, in Ramholz, 29 September 1696, CLAUS MÜLLER.<sup>82</sup>
- iii. ANNA BLUM was baptized 6 May 1673, with the wife of Niclaus Weÿgandt, his father's sister, as godmother. She died in Hutten 27 June 1740, aged 67. Anna married first, as daughter of Niclaus Blum, in Hutten 23 October 1690 HANS MÜLLER, widower. He was buried in Hutten 27 April 1692, aged 44. She married second, as widow Anna Müller, 6 April 1697 CONRAD EYFFERT.<sup>83</sup>
- iv. ANNA MARGRETHA BLUM was baptized 12 March 1676, with Conrad Ochs's wife, Anna, as godmother.<sup>84</sup> As Anna Margareta, daughter of Claus Blum, deceased, she married at Ramholz 29 September 1696 (at the same time and place as her sister Margareta) HANS LAMB.<sup>85</sup>
- v. ANNA CATHARINA BLUM was baptized 25 November 1679, with Conrad Löffert's stepdaughter Anna Catharina as godmother. She married ADAM<sup>A</sup> RICHTER (see above).
- vi. JOHANNES BLUM was baptized 20 December 1682, with the father's brother Johannes Blum as godfather. He was buried Hutten 6 June 1689, aged 7.
- vii. JOHANN ADAM BLUM was baptized 24 June 1688, with the father's brother Adam Blum as godfather.

#### OCHS FAMILY OF HUTTEN<sup>86</sup>

**HANS<sup>C</sup> OCHS** was born about 24 March 1611 (calculated). He died aged 66 years, 4 months, 10 days, and was buried in Hutten on 3 August 1677. Hans married, probably second, **ANNA** [?–], who was born about 1609 (age on burial record). She was buried as Hans Ochs' wife in Hutten 18 August 1688,

79 She was referred to as Hans Ochs's daughter on marriage record.

80 All events are recorded in Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22), except as noted.

81 Except as noted, all evidence from Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22).

82 Claus Müller–Margareta Blum marriage, Ramholz KB1 (note 5).

83 Marriage is recorded in Hutten entries found in Steinau KB (note 24).

84 She was baptized as Anna; married as Anna Margaretha, daughter of Claus Blum, deceased.

85 Hans Lamb–Anna Margartha Blum marriage, Ramholz KB1 (note 5). The marriage entries of the two Blum sisters were written consecutively on the same page.

86 See figure 1.

aged 79, making her probably too old to have had a child in 1660 and thus likely not the mother of Hans's children.

Children of Hans<sup>C</sup> Ochs:<sup>87</sup>

- i. CONRADT OCHS was born about 1640–1641 (age at burial) and was buried in Hutten 9 March 1696, aged 55. He married at Hutten 5 May 1663, as son of Hans Ochs, ANNA SCHMIDT, daughter of Lorentz.
- ii. HEINRICH OCHS was born about 16 July 1641 (calculated) and was buried at Hutten 23 August 1706, aged 65 years, 1 month, 7 days. He married at Hutten 28 April 1659, as son of Hans Ochs, ANNA KESSELRING, daughter of Henn Kesselring.
- iii. EVA OCHS was born about 1643–1648 (probable age at marriage), and was buried in Hutten 27 November 1694. She married at Hutten 4 October 1666, as daughter of Hans Ochs, NICLAUS<sup>B</sup> BLUM (see above).
- iv. DOROTHEA OCHS was born about 1648–1653 (probable age at marriage). She married at Ramholz 28 November 1671, as daughter of Hans Ochs of Hutten, HANS KNAUFT.
- v. ENGEL OCHS was baptized at Hutten 7 February 1654, with Engel, wife of Michel am Ende, shepherd, as godmother.<sup>88</sup>
- vi. ANNA OCHS was baptized at Hutten 31 August 1660, with Lorentz Schmidt's daughter as godmother. She was buried at Hutten 11 February 1661, aged 20 weeks.

## PART 2

### ORIGINS OF ANNA DOROTHEA WEINING

The marriage of Michael Richter and Anna Dorothea Weining on 17 February 1741 in the Lutheran parish of Ramholz, Hessen, confirmed that she was a daughter of Johann Weining of Vollmerz, a nearby town that was served by the church in Ramholz. Continued investigation in the records of Ramholz and surrounding towns establishes the following pedigree for Anna Dorothea:<sup>89</sup> The Weining, Cress, and Lamb families (see figure 2) will be treated in separate summaries, as follows.

#### WEINING FAMILY OF VOLLMERZ<sup>90</sup>

1. **JACOB<sup>C</sup> WEINING** was born say 1618–1623 (based on average age at marriage). No death or burial record has been found for him. Ramholz death records begin in 1700. Jacob was living in Hattenhof when he married first in Schlüchtern 24 June 1644 **GELA ([–?–]) KLÜHS**, widow of Hans Klühs of Vollmerz.<sup>91</sup> Jacob apparently married secondly an unknown wife with whom he had a daughter Elisabeth and perhaps a son Michael.

<sup>87</sup> Except as noted, all events are recorded in Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22).

<sup>88</sup> The record reads “Engel, Michel am Ende, des schäfers hausfrau daselbster [sic],” which has been interpreted as above.

<sup>89</sup> See notes 5 and 8, and associated text.

<sup>90</sup> See figure 2.

<sup>91</sup> Schlüchtern KB (note 26). Hattenhof is thirteen miles north of Schlüchtern.

Children of Jacob<sup>C</sup> Weining and Gela [–?–]:<sup>92</sup>

- i. LAURENTZ WEINING was baptized at Schlüchtern 7 March 1645, son of Jacob Wehning of Vollmerz, with Laurentz [no surname given], mason from the same place, as godfather.<sup>93</sup>
  - ii. HANS WEINING was born about 1641–1646 (average age at marriage)<sup>94</sup> and married in Ramholz 19 May 1667 ELISABETH BAUS of Mittelkalbach. Hans was godfather for his brother Andreas Weining's son Hans in 1685.
  - iii. (Probably) JACOB WEINING,<sup>95</sup> who married first at Ramholz 4 May 1668 CATHARINA [–?–] of Gundhelm,<sup>96</sup> and married second at Ramholz 6 July 1675 AGNES SCH[–?–].<sup>97</sup>
  - iv. (Probably) CONRAD WEINING,<sup>98</sup> who married at Ramholz 4 May 1668 ANNA DREITZEN, daughter of Curt Dreitzen.
2. v. ANDREAS<sup>B</sup> WEINING was baptized at Mottgers 9 March 1651, son of Jacobus Weinen of Vollmerz, with Andreas, son of the “Villici Nobilis” in Ramholz, as his godfather.<sup>99</sup> He married CATHARINA RICHTER (see Richter above).
  - vi. BARBARA WEINING was baptized at Mottgers 20 November 1654, daughter of Jakob Weinan of Vollmerz, with Jacob Weining's maid Barbara as her godmother.<sup>100</sup>

Children of Jacob<sup>C</sup> Weining and unknown wife:<sup>101</sup>

- vii. ELISABETH WEINING. Termed his stepsister, she was godmother to Andreas<sup>B</sup> Weining's daughter Elisabeth 22 December 1687.
- viii. (possibly) MICHAEL WEINING who married ANNA KUNIGUNDA [–?–]. Anna Kunigunda was godmother to Andreas<sup>B</sup> Weining's daughter Anna Kunigunda in 1699.<sup>102</sup>

2. **ANDREAS<sup>B</sup> WEINING** (Jacob<sup>C</sup>), born in Vollmerz and baptized at Mottgers 9 March 1651. He died in Vollmerz 7 October 1738 and was buried on the 9th. He married in Ramholz 13 February 1677 **CATHARINA RICHTER**, daughter of Georg Richter. She died, probably at Vollmerz, 23 December 1723, as “Andreas Weinings frau.”<sup>103</sup> Catharina was both the probable aunt of Michael<sup>1</sup> Richter, the immigrant to New York, and the grandmother of the immigrant's wife, Anna Dorothea Weining.

92 Except as noted, all events were documented in Ramholz KB (note 5).

93 Laurentz Weining baptism, Schlüchtern KB (note 26).

94 The earliest known Ramholz baptismal records are included in Mottgers KB (note 9) and begin in 1650. Ramholz registers commence in 1660.

95 Married same day as probable brother Conrad. However, these might be second or third marriages of the father Jacob<sup>C</sup> Weining.

96 Catharina's surname is lost in the tight binding.

97 The balance of Agnes's surname is lost in the tight binding.

98 Jacob Weining's daughter Barbara was a godmother to one of Conrad's children, suggesting relationship.

99 Mottgers KB (note 9). “Villici Nobilis,” the Latin equivalent of “schultheiss” (see note 9), was a resident commoner, who was tasked by the ruling nobleman to oversee things like the local council and the collection of taxes and tithes for the town.

100 Ramholz entries in Mottgers KB (note 9).

101 Except as noted, all events were documented in Ramholz KB (note 5).

102 Anna Kunigunda Weining baptism, Ramholz KB1 (note 5).

103 Catharina Weining death, Ramholz KB2 (note 5).

Children of Andreas<sup>B</sup> Weining and Catharina Richter, all recorded in Ramholz:<sup>104</sup>

- i. BARBARA WEINING was born 15 March 1678, with the wife of Hans Heinrich Mayenschein, shepherd of Altengronau, as godmother.
3. ii. JOHANNES<sup>A</sup> WEINING was born 12 September 1679, with Jörg Richter's son Johannes as godfather. He married ANNA MARGRETHA CRESS.
- iii. MARGARETA WEINING was born 20 September 1681, with Georg Richter's daughter as her godmother.
- iv. MARGRETA WEINING was born 25 March 1683, with Erasmus Jockel's daughter Margretha as her godmother. She married at Ramholz 10 January 1702, as daughter of Andreas Weining of Vollmerz, HEINRICH ROTH, son of Johannes.
- v. HANS WEINING was born 28 September 1685, with the father's brother Hans Weining as his godfather.
- vi. ELISABETH WEINING was born 22 December 1687, with Jacob Weining's daughter Elisabeth, Andreas's stepsister, as her godmother.
- vii. CONRAD WEINING was born 18 March 1690, with Valtin Kirchner's son Conrad as his godfather.
- viii. CHRISTIAN WEINING was born 29 April 1693, with Christian Mayenschein, shepherd of Schwarzenfels, as his godfather.
- ix. CATHARINA WEINING was born 1 May 1696, with his brother Hans Weining's daughter Catharina, as her godmother.
- x. ANNA KUNIGUNDA WEINING was born 20 May 1699, with the wife of Michael Weining of Sannerz, as her godmother.

3. **JOHANNES<sup>A</sup> WEINING** (Andreas<sup>B</sup>, Jacob<sup>C</sup>) was born on 12 September 1679, probably in Vollmerz. He died in Vollmerz on 5 January 1751, aged 71 years and 15 weeks [*sic*] and was buried on the 7th, being called "gerichtsschöffe" [juryman] on the entry.<sup>105</sup> He married in Ramholz 13 February 1714, **ANNA MARGRETHA CRESS**, who was baptized in Elm on 25 June 1690, daughter of Georg Cress and Dorothea Lamb. She died in Vollmerz on 17 April 1743, aged 54 years less 2 months and 27 days [*sic*], and was buried on the 19th.<sup>106</sup>

Children of Johannes<sup>A</sup> Weining and Anna Margretha Cress, probably all born in Vollmerz:<sup>107</sup>

- i. ANNA KUNIGUNDA WEINING was born 20 December 1714, with her father's youngest sister Anna Kunigunda as her godmother.<sup>108</sup>
- ii. ANNA DOROTHEA<sup>1</sup> WEINING was born in Vollmerz 1 March 1716, with the daughter of Melchior Kress of Elm as her godmother. She married at Ramholz 17 February 1741 JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup> RICHTER (see Richter sketch above) and immigrated to New York between 1751 and 1755.
- iii. GEORG WEINING was born in Vollmerz 10 February 1719, with Georg Knauf as his godfather.

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104 All references to this family are from Ramholz KB, unless otherwise noted.

105 Ramholz KB3 (note 5). The calculated birth date is 22 September 1679.

106 All events are found in Ramholz KB (note 5), except her baptism, found in Elm Evangelische Kirchenbüchern [Elm KB], vol. 1 (1577–1800), transcripts of Elm events recorded in Schlüchtern KB [note 26]), vol. 2 (1598–1694), and vol. 3 (1693–1718), arranged chronologically; digital image ([www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de)). The age at death yields a birth date of 14 July 1690.

107 All references to this family are from Ramholz KB, unless otherwise noted.

108 This entry is from the second volume of Ramholz KB. A duplicate entry in the first volume places this birth on 10 Dec. 1714 and omits the family residence in Vollmerz.

- iv. JOHANN HEINRICH WEINING was born 25 December 1719 and baptized the 26th, with Heinrich Paulus as his godfather. Johann Heinrich died at Vollmerz 6 June 1802, aged 82 years, 5 months, 11 days,<sup>109</sup> and was buried the 8th. He married 24 February 1743 EVA BARBARA BINDRIEMEN, daughter of Adam.
- v. JOHANN JACOB WEINING was born 6 March 1723, and baptized the 7th, with Jacob Knauff as godfather.
- vi. MICHAEL WEINING was born at Vollmerz 16 March 1725 and baptized the 17th, with Michael Gertner of Weiperz as godfather. He died 20 June 1725.
- vii. JOHANNES WEINING was born 5 September 1728 and was baptized the 7th, with his mother's brother Johannes as godfather.

#### KRESS FAMILY OF WALLROTH AND ELM<sup>110</sup>

1. **TÜNGES [ANTON]<sup>D</sup> KRESS** of Wallroth was born say 1576–1581 (average age at marriage). He married in Wallroth 21 February 1602 to **CATAREIN RAU**, daughter of Endres Rau.

Children of Tünges<sup>D</sup> Kress and Catarein Rau, all recorded in Wallroth:<sup>111</sup>

- i. HANS KRESS was baptized 31 December 1602, with Hans Rüb as his godfather.
  - ii. LENTZ KRESS was baptized 12 January 1606, with Lentz Frischkorn as his godfather.
  - iii. GERTRAUD KRESS was baptized 2 March 1609, with Gertraud, wife of Henrich Nixten, as her godmother.
  - iv. MARGRETH KRESS was baptized 22 July 1612, with Margreth, wife of Jörg Spilmann as her godmother.
  - v. JÖRG KRESS was baptized 15 March 1615, with Jörg Freund, son of Lentz Freund as his godfather.
  - vi. LORENTZ KRESS was baptized 26 May 1616, with Lorentz Gertz, son of Jörg Gertz as his godfather.
  - vii. JOX [JODUCUS] KRESS was baptized 6 March 1620. His godfather was Jox Denhardt of Schlüchtern, farmer and butcher.
2. viii. **MELCHIOR KRESS** was baptized 26 February 1623, with Melchior Kress, “des alten schefers sohn” (the old shepherd's son), as his godfather. He married **ELISABETH [-?-]**.

2. **MELCHIOR<sup>C</sup> KRESS** (Tünges<sup>D</sup>) was baptized in Wallroth 26 February 1623. He died in Elm as Melchior Cress of Breitenbach 13 June 1682, aged 60.<sup>112</sup> Melchior married first in Schlüchtern on 13 November 1644 to **ELISABETH [-?-]**, widow of Conrad Beist. He married second in Elm on 14 January 1666 to **ELISABETHA [-?-]**, widow of Georg Rau. She was buried in Elm 23 March 1691.<sup>113</sup>

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<sup>109</sup> This age at death calculates to a birth date of 26 Dec. 1719, one day after that reported in his baptism.

<sup>110</sup> See figure 2.

<sup>111</sup> Wallroth Evangelische Kirchenbüchern [Wallroth KB], 1596–1670, arranged chronologically; digital image ([www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de)). Wallroth records are bound with Hintersteinau and other parish records, and catalogued under Hintersteinau on archion.de.

<sup>112</sup> Melchior Kress baptism, Wallroth KB (note 111). Burial recorded in Elm KB (note 106).

<sup>113</sup> Melchior Kress–Elisabeth Beist marriage, Schlüchtern KB (note 26). Melchior Kress–Elisabetha Rau marriage, Elm KB (note 106).

Children of Melchior<sup>C</sup> Kress and his first wife Elisabeth [-?-], all baptized in Elm:<sup>114</sup>

- i. ELISABETHA KRESS was baptized 5 November 1645, with Elisabetha, wife of Velten Peters, as godmother. Elisabetha married at Guldhelm 9 June 1668 VALENTIN LAMB, son of Balthasar Lamb.<sup>115</sup>
- ii. (Possibly) GEORG KRESS was baptized in 1650 (day and month not noted), with Georg Rau as godfather.<sup>116</sup>
3. iii. GEORG KRESS was baptized 10 January 1651, with Georg Rau of Elm as godfather. Georg married first GERTRAUD RAU and second DOROTHEA LAMB.
- iv. CHRISTOPH KRESS was baptized 24 October 1655, with Stoffel Börner of Elm as his godfather.

3. **GEORG<sup>B</sup> KRESS/CRESS** (Melchior<sup>C</sup>, Tunges<sup>D</sup>) was baptized in Elm on 17 January 1651. He died there on 26 April 1736, aged 86 years, and was buried on the 29th. Georg married first at Elm on 5 February 1674 to **GERTRAUD RAU**, his stepsister. Gertraud was baptized in Elm 5 May 1646, daughter of Georg and Elisabetha Rau. She was buried in Elm on 16 November 1687, aged 41 years, 6 months. Georg married second in Elm 12 September 1689 **DOROTHEA LAMB**, who was baptized in Gundhelm 26 March 1666, daughter of Balthasar Lamb. She died in Elm on 5 December 1726, aged 61, and was buried on the 7th.<sup>117</sup>

Children of Georg<sup>B</sup> Kress/Cress and his first wife, Gertraud Rau, all baptized in Elm:<sup>118</sup>

- i. JOHANN MELCHIOR CRESS was baptized 27 December 1675, with his grandfather Melchior Cress as his godfather. Johann Melchior married at Elm 30 June 1703 ANNA SABINA SCHMITT, daughter of Hans Schmitt.
- ii. VALENTIN KRESS was baptized 31 May 1679, with Valentin Lamp as godfather.
- iii. JOHANNES "GRESS" [CRESS] was baptized 7 April 1682, with Johannes Mook as his godfather.
- iv. ADAM CRESS was baptized 17 November 1684, with Adam Tauch[?] as his godfather.

Child of Georg<sup>B</sup> Kress/Cress and his second wife, Dorothea Lamb:

- v. ANNA MARGRETHA CRESS was baptized at Elm 25 June 1690, with the daughter of Valentin Lang[?] as her godmother. Anna married JOHANNES<sup>A</sup> WEINING (see above).

#### LAMB FAMILY OF GUNDHELM<sup>119</sup>

**BALTHASAR<sup>C</sup> LAMB** was born about 1614 (based on age at burial). He was buried in Gundhelm on 13 February 1674, aged 60 years, and was called

114 All events referenced on this family are from Elm KB (note 106), except where noted.

115 Valentin Lamb–Elisabetha Kress marriage, Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22).

116 This Georg may be the same as the Georg baptized in January 1651. The first Georg was recorded in Elm KB2 (note 106), as one of three undated baptisms inserted at the end of the 1650 entries. The Georg baptized in 1651 was recorded in Elm KB1, comprised of transcriptions of Elm events taken from Schlüchtern and Steinau church books (notes 24 and 26). Because Steinau KB does not begin that early, the corresponding event should have been found, but was not, in the Schlüchtern books.

117 All events recorded in either Elm KB (note 106) or Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22).

118 All references to this family are from Elm KB (note 106).

119 See figure 2.

“Gerichtsshöffe” [juryman] on his burial entry. He married ANNA [–?–], who was godmother to Anna Herbert on 16 July 1657, as wife of Balthasar Lamb. She was buried in Gundhelm 18 April 1666. The range of years between Balthasar’s children suggest there was at least one earlier wife. It is likely that Balthasar was a brother of Hans Lamb, whose wife Margretha was godmother to Balthasar’s daughter Margretha in 1655.<sup>120</sup>

Children of Balthasar<sup>C</sup> Lamb by unknown wife or wives:<sup>121</sup>

- i. VALENTIN LAMB was born about 1637 (age at death). He was buried at Gundhelm 26 November 1720, aged 83. Valentin, son of Balthasar Lamb, married at Gundhelm 9 June 1668 ELISABETHA KRESS, daughter of Melchior Kress (see above).
- ii. CONRAD LAMB was born about 1646–1647 (age at death). He was buried at Gundhelm 30 June 1707, aged 60. Conrad, son of Balthasar Lamb, married at Gundhelm 21 May 1680 KATHARINA BÖRNER, daughter of Stoffel Börner.

Children of Bathasar<sup>C</sup> Lamb and wife Anna:

- iii. MARGRETHA LAMB was baptized at Gundhelm 26 August 1655, with Margretha, wife of Hans Kress, as godmother. Margaretha died at Gundhelm 22 December 1700, aged 45 years, 4 months.
- iv. JOHANNES LAMB was baptized at Gundhelm 28 November 1658, with Hans, son of Hans Baus of Oberkalbach, as godfather. Johannes probably died before 1662, when younger brother Hans was baptized.<sup>122</sup>
- v. HANS LAMB was baptized at Gundhelm 18 April 1662, with Hans Lamb, brother of the child’s father, as godfather. Hans the younger died at Oberkalbach 30 October 1728, aged 66 years, 6 months, 13 days, and was buried on 2 November. He married at Oberkalbach 23 July 1696 GELA (BERNINGER) KOCH, daughter of Pancraz Berninger and widow of Andreas Koch. She married first at Oberkalbach 24 April 1688 Andreas Koch.<sup>123</sup>
- vi. DOROTHEA LAMB was baptized at Gundhelm 26 March 1666, with Dorothea, daughter of Hans Jahn as godmother. Dorothea married GEORG<sup>B</sup> CRESS (see above).

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120 Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22).

121 All references to this family are from Gundhelm/Hutten KB (note 22), unless otherwise noted.

122 There appears to be a deficiency in Gundhelm burial records between 1658 and 1661, during which only one burial was recorded.

123 Hans Lamb–Gela Koch marriage, Oberkalbach Evangelische Kirchenbüchern, 1653–1710, arranged chronologically; digital image (www.archion.de).

## ADOLPH DEGROVE, 1720–1796, OF NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

BY WILLIAM M. DEGROVE

(Continued from THE RECORD 147:288)

### FOURTH GENERATION

16. **ELIZA/ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> DEGROVE** (Adolph L.<sup>6</sup>, Adolph Jr.<sup>5</sup>, Adolph<sup>4</sup>, Adolph/Adolphus<sup>3</sup>, Pieter<sup>2</sup>, Adolph<sup>1</sup>) was born in New York City about 31 March 1796 (calculated), died there at 159 East 49th Street on 17 April 1889, aged 93 years, 17 days, and was buried next to her husband two days later in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn.<sup>411</sup> She married in 1820, probably in New York City, **DR. WOOSTER BEACH SR.**, who was born in Trumbull, Fairfield County, Connecticut, about 1796–1797 (age at death), died of cirrhosis in New York City 28 January 1868, aged 71, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, in the same lot as his wife. He was son of Lewis and Penelope (Burton) Beach.<sup>412</sup>

Eliza was admitted by confession of faith to the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York in December 1811, and baptized as an adult on the 6th.<sup>413</sup> Wooster, a physician, and Eliza, keeping house, were in New York City in 1850, but by 1860 had moved to Westchester County, where their daughter's Cox family were in the next household. Eliza and daughter Maria were back in New York City in 1870, listed in the same household as daughter Caroline Cox. In 1880 as a widow Eliza was on East 89th Street, with her son Wooster and family and her unmarried daughter, Maria.<sup>414</sup>

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411 Eliza Beach death cert., New York City, 1889, #12,677. Eliza Beach death notice, *New York Times*, 19 Apr. 1889, p. 5, col. 7, which states “Died—Beach—On Wednesday, April 17, at 159 East 49th St., Eliza, widow of Dr. Wooster Beach, aged 93 years 17 days.” As to burial date and place, see Eliza Beach entry, 1889-04-19, Green-Wood Cemetery index ([green-wood.com/burial\\_search](http://green-wood.com/burial_search)), which shows her burial in lot 1456, section 60.

412 *Beach Family Magazine* 1 (1926): 336. Wooster Beach, Sr. death cert., New York City, 1868, #1,999 (FHL 1,324,521). As to date and place of burial, see Wooster Beach entry 1868-1-31, Green-Wood Cemetery index ([green-wood.com/burial\\_search](http://green-wood.com/burial_search)).

413 Shepherd Knapp, ed., *Personal Records of the Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, 1809–1908* (New York: Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church, 1909), 4, 62. Entry for Eliza DeGrove reads “mem. Dec., 1811, conf., to be bpt.”; another entry for Eliza Degrove reads “(adult), bpt. Dec. 6, 1811,” likely the same person. (“Conf.” refers to confession of faith, not confirmation.)

414 Wooster Beach household, 1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 17, New York Co., p. 46, dw. 159, fam. 334. Wooster Beach household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Westchester, Westchester Co., pp. 567–68, dw. 3823, fam. 4216; Albert Cox household, p. 568, dw. 3824, fam. 4217. Eliza Beach in Hanah Goodell household, 1870 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 12, New York Co., p. 28, dw. 148, fams. [2–3]. Eliza Beach, “mother,” and Maria, “sister,” in Wooster Beach household, 1880 U.S. census, New York, New York Co., Enumeration District [ED] 600, p. 175 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 85, fam. 138.



Dr. Beach Sr. was a pioneer of the “eclectic school” of medicine, which among other things opposed the “heroic school” of bleeding and purging. His three-volume work, *The American Practice of Medicine*, published in 1833, was a textbook for the eclectics.<sup>415</sup> Eliza’s will dated 13 September 1875 and codicil dated 18 June 1885, named her three surviving children: Wooster Beach, Caroline Elizabeth Cocks, and Maria Amelia Beach.<sup>416</sup>

Children of Dr. Wooster Beach, Sr. and Eliza/Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> (Degrove) Beach, all born in New York City:<sup>417</sup>

- i. LEWIS<sup>8</sup> BEACH was born about 1823–1824 (age at death) and drowned in the East River, New York City, 20 August 1846, aged 22. His body was removed from the city for burial.<sup>418</sup>
  - ii. CAROLINE ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> BEACH was born 1 August 1827, died of acute tuberculosis in New York City 11 June 1893, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery.<sup>419</sup> She married 22 May 1848, probably in New York City, ALBERT HENRY COCKS, who was born in New York City 23 July 1825, died there of heart disease 30 April 1893, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery. He was son of Andrew Lewis and Elisabeth (Nicholson) Cock.
- Albert and Caroline were members of the Brick Presbyterian Church; he was a volunteer fireman, railroad station superintendent, and real-estate agent.<sup>420</sup> In 1855 he was a 31-year-old “H.W. [hardware?] merchant.”<sup>421</sup> In 1870 he was clerk in a customs house and the family lived with her brother Wooster in Westchester.<sup>422</sup>
- iii. WOOSTER<sup>8</sup> BEACH reportedly died young.<sup>423</sup>
  - iv. CLARA J.<sup>8</sup> BEACH was born about 1829–1832 (death and census ages)<sup>424</sup> and died 24 December 1860, aged 29, probably in Westchester County.<sup>425</sup> Clara married 12

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415 W. Beach, *The American Practice of Medicine* (New York: privately printed, 1833). For one survey view, see [doctorschar.com/eclectic-school-of-medicine-2](http://doctorschar.com/eclectic-school-of-medicine-2). See also “Lexington Foundation of American Medical School,” *Lexington* [Ky.] *Herald*, 3 May 1908, p. 8, cols. 1–5; “The Medico-Legal Society,” *New York Times*, 18 Sept. 1880, p. 10, col. 2; “Tummyache Described as Novel Disease Peculiar to West in Health Book Written by Doctor Rated Authority in 1866,” *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, 17 Aug 1936, p. 17, cols. 1–4.

416 Eliza Beach petition and will, New York Co. Wills 401:202–8, proved 23 May 1889.

417 *Beach Family Magazine* (note 412), 336.

418 Lewis Beach death notice, *Evening Post* [New York City], 21 Aug. 1846, p. 2, col. 2, which gives an account of his death and names his father, Dr. Wooster Beach. His death record says he died 23 Aug. 1846, but that is likely his date of burial or a mistake as his death notice appeared in the paper on 21 Aug. (Lewis Beach death record, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 15, 1846 [FHL 447,551]).

419 Caroline E. Cox death cert., New York City, 1893, #21,718 (FHL 1,322,860). The attending physician was Wooster Beach, M.D.

420 Albert H. Cocks death cert., New York City, 1893, #16,622 (FHL 1,322,858). The attending physician was Wooster Beach, M.D. George William Cocks and John Cox, Jr., *History and Genealogy of the Cocks-Cocks-Cox Family*, 2nd Ed. (New York: privately printed, 1914), 197. For birthplace, see Albert Cox, “son-in-law,” in Eliza Beach household, 1855 N.Y. state census, New York City, Ward 15, Election District [Elec. Dist.] 1, unpaginated, dw. 335, fam. 680.

421 Albert Cox in Eliza Beach household, 1855 N.Y. state census, New York City (note 420).

422 Wooster Beach household for Cocks family, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Westchester, Westchester Co., pp. 102–3, dw. 458, fam. 489.

423 *Beach Family Magazine* (note 412), 336. No death record has been located.

424 Clara Beach age 20 in Wooster Beach household, 1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 17, New York Co., p. 404 (*verso*), dw. 159, fam. 334; Clara Beach age 24 in Eliza Beach household, 1855 N.Y. state census, New York City (note 420); Clara Beach age 28 in Jno. Beach household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Westchester, Westchester Co., p. 568, dw. 3,825, fam. 4,218.

425 Clara J. Beach death notice, *New York Times*, 26 Dec. 1860, p. 5, col. 4, which states: “On Monday, Dec. 24, after a short illness, Clara J., wife of Dr. John Beach in the 30th year of her age.”

March 1858, DR. JOHN BEACH.<sup>426</sup> He was born about 1829–1834 (marriage, death, and census ages), probably in London, England,<sup>427</sup> and died at White Plains, Westchester County, 6 July 1892, aged 60.<sup>428</sup> He married second before 1870 Margaret Rebecca West, who was born in New York City about 1839–1840, died in childbirth of puerperal eclampsia in New York City 26 October 1872, aged 32, and was buried in an unnamed cemetery in Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey. She was daughter of William West.<sup>429</sup> John married third between 1873 and 1880, probably in Westchester County, Clara's cousin Anna "Annie" M. Tompkins.<sup>430</sup>

John and Clara were in Westchester County in 1860, with their two sons.<sup>431</sup> In the late 1860s and early 1870s he was a deputy coroner and his name appeared in a number of sensational newspaper articles.<sup>432</sup> In 1870 John, a physician, and Margaret were in New York City.<sup>433</sup> In 1872 he lived at 111 West 45th Street, New York City, with an office at 11 City Hall.<sup>434</sup> By 1880 he was in Brooklyn with his third wife.<sup>435</sup>

- v. DR. WOOSTER B.<sup>8</sup> BEACH was born in New York City 2 September 1832,<sup>436</sup> died of cancer and arteriosclerosis in the Bronx 6 August 1916, and was buried in Green-

Her death record has not been found, but they had moved to Westchester Co. before the census was taken the year she died (Clara in Jno. Beach household, 1860 U.S. census, Westchester Co. [note 424]).

426 John Beach–Clara Beach marriage, New York City Register of Marriages, 21 Jan. 1857 (FHL 1,671,673, item 2). "Married . . . In this City, on Friday, March 12. John Beach, M.D. to Clara, second daughter of Wooster Beach M.D., all of this City" (*New York Times*, 15 Mar. 1858, p. 5, col. 4). Their kinship, if any, is unknown.

427 John Beach–Clara Beach marriage (note 426), which gives his age as 24. His son's death cert. gives his father's birthplace as London, England (Clarence Wooster Beach death cert., New York City, Bronx Borough, 1940, #9,287 [FHL 2,195,621]). Jno. Beach (born in England) household, 1860 U.S. census, Westchester Co. (note 424). *Beach Family Magazine* (note 412), 336, which says he was "of England." He was listed as born in New York in 1870 and 1880 (John Beach household, 1870 U.S. census [second enumeration], New York City, Ward 9, New York Co., p. 586, dw. 142, no fam. number; John Beach household, 1880 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 59, p. 325B [stamped, verso], dw. 131, fam. 183).

428 John Beach death notice, *The Eastern State Journal* [White Plains, N.Y.], 9 July 1892, p. 3, col. 1. He died at Mrs. Isaac Van Warts in Greenburgh, reportedly age 60, with "interment at Woodlawn."

429 Margaret R. Beach death record, New York City Register of Deaths, 1872, #132,701 (FHL 1,324,582). Margaret Rebecca West Beach obituary, "Died . . . Beach," *New York Herald*, 28 Oct. 1872, p. 9, col. 2. No marriage record has been found. Margaret in John Beach household, 1870 U.S. census [second enumeration], New York City, New York Co., Ward 9, p. 586, dw. 142, no fam. number.

430 No marriage record has been found. A third-marriage date of 1873–1880 is based on the fact that Dr. John Beach's second wife, Margaret Rebecca (West) Beach died 26 Oct. 1872 (note 429). In 1870 Anna, age 27, lived in Westchester Co. with her father, a farmer with \$15,000 in real estate (Noah Tompkins household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Rye, Westchester Co., p. 131, dw. 873, fam. 976). John and Anna were married by census time in 1880 (Anna Beach, age 45, in John Beach household, 1880 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Kings Co., ED 59, p. 325B [verso], dw. 131, fam. 183). The household included John, Anna, and John's sons from his first marriage to Clara: Willard Beach, age 21, medical student, and Clarence Beach, age 19, in the "button business." Clara's and Annie's mothers were DeGrove sisters (see Tompkins section below).

431 Jno. Beach household, 1860 U.S. census, Westchester Co. (note 424), which includes Jno. Beach, physician, Clara Beach, Wm. P. Beach, and Edwin R. Degrove, age 12.

432 For example: "The Eleventh Street Supposed Poisoning Case," *New York Evening Express*, 21 July 1868, p. 5, col. 5.

433 John Beach household, 1870 U.S. census [second enumeration], New York City (note 427). He has not been located in 1865 or 1875.

434 *Trow's New York City Directory 1872–73 for the Year Ending May 1, 1873* (New York: Trow City Directory Co., 1872), 76.

435 John Beach household, 1880 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Kings Co. (note 430).

436 Wooster and Caroline Buckley (Andrews) Beach passport application, #326, 12 Nov. 1906, "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925," digital image (ancestry.com). Wooster Beach household, 1900 U.S. census, Westport, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 112, sheet 251B, dw. 444, fam. 467, which says he was born in Sept. 1832.

Wood Cemetery.<sup>437</sup> He married first in 1867 ROSINA FAMARIS, who was born in New York City about 4 June 1840 (calculated), died of diabetes at 52 East 52nd Street, New York City, after only three months of marriage, 9 April 1867, aged 26 years, 10 months, 5 days, and was buried two days later in Green-Wood Cemetery.<sup>438</sup> He married second 30 November 1869 in Westport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, CAROLINE BUCKLEY ANDREWS.<sup>439</sup> She was born 11 November 1844 in New York City,<sup>440</sup> died in White Plains, Westchester County, 4 January 1930, and was buried 7 January in Green-Wood Cemetery next to her husband.<sup>441</sup> She might be the daughter of Robert and Martha ([--?]) Andrews.<sup>442</sup>

Dr. Beach was the founder and first president of the Medico-Legal Society.<sup>443</sup> The family relocated frequently around the metropolitan area. In 1870 the newlyweds were in Westchester along with various members of the Cocks family. In 1880 Wooster and Caroline, daughter Clara, mother Eliza, and sister Maria were living on East 89th Street, New York City. The first three were in Westport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, in 1900 (by which time Wooster was retired), and in the Bronx at different addresses in 1910 and 1915. In 1920 the widow Caroline lived in White Plains with daughter Clara, who taught music.<sup>444</sup> Her daughter Clara was “executrix and sole beneficiary” of Caroline’s estate.<sup>445</sup>

- vi. MARIA<sup>8</sup> BEACH was born about October 1834 (age at death), died of “Pneumonia Typhoid” in New York City 22 December 1835, aged 1 year, 2 months, and was buried in Brick Church Cemetery.<sup>446</sup>

437 Wooster Beach death cert., New York City, Bronx Borough, 1916, #4,986 (FHL 1,322,778). Wooster Beach will and estate, probate file #335, Bronx County Surrogate’s Court, digital image (ancestry.com), which records his death date. Dr. Wooster Beach entry, “Obituary Notes,” *New York Times*, 8 Aug. 1916, p. 9, col. 6. As to burial date and place, see Green-Wood Cemetery Index for Wooster Beach 1916-08-09 (green-wood.com/burial\_search), showing his burial in Sec. 60, lot 1,456.

438 Rosina Beach death cert., New York City Register of Deaths, 9 Apr. 1867, [cert. no. hidden in binding] (FHL 1,324,511), which adds her parents were both born in England; Dr. Wooster Beach Jr. signed the certificate. As to specific burial place and date, see Green-Wood Cemetery index for Rosina Beach entry 1867–4–11 (green-wood.com/burial\_search), showing she was buried in Sec. 60, lot 1,457. Neither Wooster nor Rosina were found in 1850, 1855, 1860 or 1865. *Beach Family Magazine* (note 412), 336.

439 “Married: Beach–Andrews,” *New York World* [New York City], 7 Dec. 1869, p. 8, col. 5. Rev. J. Eaton Smith officiated. Also Dr. Wooster Beach–Caroline B. Andrews marriage notice, *New York Times*, 3 Dec. 1869, p. 5, col. 6, which states: “Dr. Wooster Beach married, November 30, 1869, Caroline B. Andrews, Westport, Conn.”

440 For middle name, maiden name, and her exact birth date and birth place, see Wooster and Caroline Buckley (Andrews) Beach passport application (note 436).

441 Caroline B. Beach entry, Index to New York State Deaths, citing cert. #3,284, 4 Jan. 1930, White Plains, Westchester Co. The original cert. has not been examined. As to specific burial place and date, see Green-Wood Cemetery index for Caroline Buckley Beach entry 1930-01-07 (green-wood.com/burial\_search). No obituary has been found.

442 Caroline B., age 5, in Robert Andrews household, 1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 9, New York Co., p. 299 (*verso*), dw. 859, fam. 1906. Neither Caroline nor the family has been found in 1855 or 1860.

443 Dr. Wooster Beach entry, “Obituary Notes” (note 437). Also *First Annual Dinner of the Medico-Legal Society of the City of New York* (New York: Henry E. Thompson, 1873), 9.

444 Wooster Beach household for Cocks family, 1870 U.S. census, Westchester Co. (note 422). Wooster Beach household, 1880 U.S. census, New York Co. (note 414). Wooster Beach household, 1900 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn. (note 436). Wooster Beach household, 1910 U.S. census, Bronx Borough, Precinct 28, New York City, ED 1455, sheet 3B, dw. 7, fam. 61. Wooster Beach household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Bronx Borough, Elec. Dist. 54, p. 16. Mrs. Caroline Beach household, 1920 U.S. census, White Plains, Westchester Co., ED 196, sheet 10A, dw. 172, fam. 210.

445 Caroline Beach probate legal notice, *Daily Argus* [Vernon, N.Y.], 11 Jan. 1930, p. 19, col. 1. Caroline’s probate file has not been examined.

446 Maria Beach death record, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 9, 22 Dec. 1835 (FHL 447,548), which gives her address as 95 Eldridge, the same as Wooster Beach’s residence in 1835

- vii. MARIA AMELIA<sup>8</sup> BEACH was born about 1834–1835 (age at death), probably after 22 December 1835, when her older sister Maria died. The younger Maria died of myocarditis in the Bronx 16 May 1929, aged 94, and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn. She never married.<sup>447</sup> In 1900, living alone at 159 East 49th Street, she was reported as born September 1839.<sup>448</sup>

17. **EDWARD WEEKS<sup>7</sup> DEGROVE** (Adolph L.<sup>6</sup>, Adolph Jr.<sup>5</sup>, Adolph<sup>4</sup>, Adolph/Adolphus<sup>3</sup>, Pieter<sup>2</sup>, Adolph<sup>1</sup>) was born in New York City 4 December 1799, died of old age there at 72 East 55th Street 29 July 1886, aged 86 years, 7 months, 25 days, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx.<sup>449</sup> He married 27 October 1841, in New York City, **HESTER ANN ELIZA STRACHAN**.<sup>450</sup> She was born in Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence County, about 1820–1821 (age at death), died of cardiac dilatation and pulmonary edema in Manhattan 19 April 1903, aged 82, and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery. She was daughter of David R. and Hester (Frazier) Strachan, born in New York and France, respectively.<sup>451</sup> Hester and Edward divorced 28 April 1860, and Hester married second 3 December 1861 Dr. W. H. Dwinelle.<sup>452</sup>

In 1821 Edward joined the New York Fire Department.<sup>453</sup> In September 1826 while at the Fireman's Hall in Fulton Street, Edward saved nine-year-old Jeremiah Sutphen, son of John, from drowning in a cistern. Edward was described as “well informed and a young man of steady habits, modest, unassuming, and of retired manners.”<sup>454</sup>

In 1827 Edward became a journalist for the *Courier and Enquirer* and sailed a yacht out into the bay to gather news from arriving ships in advance of their docking.<sup>455</sup> In about 1832 Edward and other Degrove family members undertook the fight—begun by Edward's great-grandfather in 1784—to recover

(*Longworth's American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory* [New York: Thomas Longworth, 1835], 84). *Beach Family Magazine* (note 412), 336.

447 Maria A. Beach death cert., New York City, Bronx Borough, 1929, #4489 (FHL 2,148,744). Also Maria Beach death notice, “Beach—Suddenly, Maria A., daughter of Wooster Beach, M.D. and Eliza Beach” (*New York Times*, 17 May 1929, p. 27, col. 5). *Beach Family Magazine* (note 412), 336, spells her middle name Amalie, but her mother's will named her as Amelia (Eliza Beach petition and will [note 416]).

448 Maria Beach household, 1900 U.S. census, Manhattan Borough, New York City, ED 597, sheet 9B, dw. 54, fam. 183.

449 Edward Weeks Degrove death cert., New York City, 1886, #571,413 (FHL 1,373,991). Edward Weeks Degrove marker, Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, North Part Lot 5768, Sec. 22, Crown Grove North; photograph supplied by Susan Olsen of the cemetery.

450 Edward W. Degrove—Hester Strachan marriage notice, *New York Tribune*, 17 Nov. 1841, p. 3, col. 3, which states “Edw. W. De Grove, of this city, to Miss Hester Ann Eliza, daughter of David R. Strachan of Williamsburg.”

451 Hester S. Dwinelle death cert., New York City, Manhattan Borough, 1903, #12,371 (FHL 1,323,021). Hester S. Dwinelle marker, Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, North Part Lot 5768, Sec. 22, Crown Grove North; photograph supplied by Susan Olsen of the cemetery.

452 For divorce see New York Co. Clerk Matrimonial Actions Index, 1784–1910, A–D, Serial File 6A-157, D-1 (FHL 1,017,465, item 1); the divorce record was not examined. For remarriage, W. H. Dwinelle, M.D.—Hester S. DeGrove marriage notice, *New York Evening Express*, 9 Dec. 1861, p. 3, col. 4.

453 Edward W. Degrove obituary, “In and About the City—Fifty Years in One Work,” *New York Times*, 31 July 1886, p. 8, col. 3. George W. Sheldon, *The Story of the Volunteer Fire Department of the City of New York* (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1882), 408, 488–89.

454 *Spectator* [New York City], 26 Sept. 1826, p. 2, col. 3–4; *Evening Post*, 23 Sept. 1826, p. 2, col. 4.

455 Edward W. Degrove obituary (note 453).

family property known as “33 Wall Street.” That effort failed.<sup>456</sup> About 1834 Edward entered the Registrar’s Office as a “Searcher,” an independent professional who located deed and mortgage information for clients for negotiated fees.<sup>457</sup> In 1882 Edward, then a “veteran searcher,” earned more than \$7,000 annually at this task.<sup>458</sup> In 1850 and 1860 he had been described as a clerk. Ten-year-old Hellen Fowler, born in New York, was in his household in 1850.<sup>459</sup> In 1855 he was a “gentleman,” and his household included fifteen-year-old Ellen, identified as “child,” born in New York City. She was listed after seven-year-old Edward R.<sup>460</sup>

Child of Edward<sup>7</sup> Weeks and Hester (Strachan) Degrove:

- i. EDWARD RITZEMA<sup>8</sup> DEGROVE was born in New York City 5 May 1848 and died on vacation in Lake Placid, Essex County, 17 July 1911, aged 63. His residence at the time was 72 East 55th Street, New York City.<sup>461</sup> He married in the city 18 October 1882, as her second husband, HENRIETTE (CARDOZE) WATERS, who was born 18 December 1854 and died in Paris 4 August 1913, daughter of Henry and Evangelia (Savage) Cardoze. Edward and his wife Henriette were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx.<sup>462</sup>

Edward graduated from Yale University in the class of 1869. He received the Bachelor of Laws in 1871 from Columbia University Law School and the Master of Arts from Yale in 1872. Edward practiced law in the firm of J. H. and S. Riker, which became Degrove and Riker, concentrating primarily in real estate law.<sup>463</sup> Edward and Henriette were at 72 East 55th Street in 1890, with seventeen-year-old Georgetta.<sup>464</sup>

- i. [UNKNOWN SON]<sup>8</sup> DEGROVE, who likely died young.<sup>465</sup>

456 This effort is described in more detail in Harold Henderson’s “‘A continual claim and struggle’: DeGrove Gleanings from the Appellate Court,” in this issue of THE RECORD.

457 Edward W. Degrove obituary (note 453).

458 “From the Metropolis: Building Matters,” *Utica* [N.Y.] *Weekly Herald*, 16 May 1882, p. 6, col. 1.

459 Ed W. De Grove household, 1850 U.S. census, Ward 13, New York City, New York Co., p. 382, dw. 591, fam. 1543. Both his and Hester’s ages are understated by about five years compared to their ages at death. The residence was a two-family dwelling, the other half (fam. 1544) being occupied by Cath. De Grove, age 76; Adolphus De Grove, “gent.,” age 41; Sarah De Grove, age 30; Sarah Jane De Grove, age 15; and Ann Conway, age 36. Also, Edwd. W. De Grove in Alfred L. Searing household, 1860 U.S. census, Ward 17, New York City, New York Co., p. 4, dw. 10, fam. 12.

460 Edward Degrove household, 1855 N.Y. state census, New York City, Ward 18, Elec. Dist. 1, New York Co., unpaginated, dw. 471, fam. 568. Ellen may be the same as Hellen Fowler, who was in the household in 1850 (note 459). Her status remains undetermined.

461 Edward R. Degrove death notice, “Died: De Grove,” *New York Times*, 19 July 1911, p. 9, col. 6. Edward Ritzema Degrove marker, Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, North Part Lot 5768, Sec. 22, Crown Grove North; photograph supplied to the author by Susan Olsen of the cemetery.

462 Edward Ritzama Degrove–Henriette Waters marriage, New York City Marriages, 1882, #17600 (FHL 1,570,103), with officiant George H. Houghton, Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, New York City, and witnesses Ernest G. Stedman and Henry de Rererria. Edward Ritzema Degrove and Henriette Degrove marker, Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx; photograph supplied to the author by Susan Olsen of the cemetery. Henriette’s first marriage has not been located.

463 *Obituary Record of Yale Graduates, 1911–1912, Eighth Series, No. 9* (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University, 1912), 229–30. See David McAdam et al., eds., *History of the Bench and Bar of New York*, 2 vols. (New York: New York History Co., 1897), 2:126–27.

464 Ritzeme DeGrove household, New York City 1890 Police Census, Precinct 23, Elec. Dist. 13, unpaginated (FHL 1,309,856, item 3).

465 Edward Manning Ruttenber, *History of the County of Orange: With a History of the Town and City of Newburgh* (Newburgh, N.Y.: Ruttenber and Sons, 1875), 383, states that Edward had two sons. As Edward is believed to be the source of Ruttenber’s material on the Degrove family, this should be accepted; however, this second son has not been identified.

18. **CHARLES HENRY<sup>7</sup> DEGROVE** (Adolph L.<sup>6</sup>, Adolph Jr.<sup>5</sup>, Adolph<sup>4</sup>, Adolph/Adolphus<sup>3</sup>, Pieter<sup>2</sup>, Adolph<sup>1</sup>) was born in New York City about 1804–1805 (age at death), died on board a steamboat between New York City and Albany 23 April 1840, aged 35, and was buried in Brick Church Cemetery.<sup>466</sup> He married say 1827 (first known child) **MARY ANN [–?–]**, who was born about 1805–1807 (age at death), died of consumption in New York City 22 June 1837, aged 30 or 31, and was buried in Methodist Society Cemetery.<sup>467</sup>

In 1835 Charles was at 81 Forsyth Street in New York City, working as a lamplighter.<sup>468</sup> He was killed in a bizarre accident on the Hudson River. He was standing on the bow of the steamboat *Napoleon* proceeding toward Albany when “the steamboat struck the bows of a sloop” coming down the river. The bowsprit struck Charles, and it is reported that he “died almost instantly.”<sup>469</sup>

Children of Charles H.<sup>7</sup> and Mary Ann ([–?–]) Degrove, all born in New York City:<sup>470</sup>

- i. **WILLIAM C.<sup>8</sup> DEGROVE** was born 20 November 1828, died of phthisis in New York City 23 or 25 March 1851, and was buried in Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye, Westchester County.<sup>471</sup> He has not been found in 1850.
- ii. **ADALINE<sup>8</sup> DEGROVE** was born 18 October 1830, died in Rye, Westchester County, 4 February 1855, and was buried in Greenwood Union Cemetery.<sup>472</sup> After her father’s death, Adaline went to live with her uncle Noah Tompkins and aunt Catharine in Rye.<sup>473</sup>
- iii. **CATHARINE<sup>8</sup> DEGROVE** was born 10 January 1833, died in Rye 20 May 1856, aged 23, and was buried in Greenwood Union Cemetery.<sup>474</sup> She has not been found in 1855.
- iv. **SARAH JANE<sup>8</sup> DEGROVE** was born 8 April 1835, died 26 November 1867, and was buried in Greenwood Union Cemetery.<sup>475</sup> After the death of her father, Sarah Jane

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466 Charles’s death record says he died 25 Apr., but a newspaper article published on 25 Apr. describes the accident two days before. They may not have recovered the body until 25 Apr. (Charles Henry Degraw death record, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 11, 25 Apr. 1840 [FHL 1,328,435]). Charles H. Degrove funeral notice, *Spectator* [New York City], 30 Apr. 1840, p. 1, col. 7; also, *The Schenectady New York Cabinet*, 5 May 1840, p. 1, col. 3; also, “Chapter of Accidents,” *Commercial Advertiser* [New York City], 25 Apr. 1840, p. 1, col. 8.

467 Mary A. Degrove death record, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 11, 24 June 1837 [FHL 447,549]), which shows her burial 24 June. *Spectator* [New York City], Mon., 26 June 1837, p. 2, col. 5), says she died “last Thursday” (22 June), aged 30.

468 *Longworth’s Directory, City Register, and Almanac 1835–6* (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1835), 207. Charles is absent from the 1834–1835 edition.

469 See note 466 and associated text.

470 Birth and death dates are included in a list of gravestone inscriptions at Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye, Westchester Co., photocopy provided by the Westchester Co. Historical Society, 16 Aug. 2011. DeGrove-Tompkins family members are listed as nos. 343 through 352.

471 William Degrove death record, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 18, 23 Mar. 1851 (FHL 447,554), which records 23 Mar. as the death date. Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye (note 470), for William C. DeGrove #349, which gives 25 Mar. No obituary has been found for William.

472 Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye (note 470), for Adaline DeGrove #348.

473 Adaline Degrose [Degrove], age 19, in Noah Tompkins household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Rye, Westchester Co., p. 81 [*recto* and *verso*], dw. 97, fam. 67.

474 Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye (note 470), for Catharine DeGrove #345. *New York Daily Tribune*, 21 May 1856, p. 8, col. 2. “Died: At Rye, Westchester Co., on Tuesday 20 May Catharine De Grove, aged 23 years. The funeral will take place at the house of her uncle, Noah Tompkins. Ohio papers please copy.” The Ohio connection has not been determined.

475 Sarah Ann DeGrove death notice, *New York Tribune*, 27 Nov. 1867, p. 5, col. 4. Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye (note 470), for Sarah Ann [*sic*] DeGrove #350. No death record was found in New York City, where she had been living.

went to live with her grandmother Catharine in New York City.<sup>476</sup> Sarah Jane became a school teacher and taught the girls' division of School #13 on Houston Street between Essex and Norfolk in Ward 17.<sup>477</sup> Never married.

19. **CATHARINE M.<sup>7</sup> DEGROVE** (Adolph L.<sup>6</sup>, Adolph Jr.<sup>5</sup> Adolph<sup>4</sup>, Adolph/Adolphus<sup>3</sup>, Pieter<sup>2</sup>, Adolph<sup>1</sup>) was born in New York City 24 August 1809 and died in Rye, Westchester County, 4 March 1864.<sup>478</sup> She was confirmed in the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York in December 1824,<sup>479</sup> and married in 1832, probably in New York City, **NOAH TOMPKINS**. He was born at home on Weaver Street, Rye Neck, Westchester County, in 1809, died there 5 March 1891, aged 81, and was buried in Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye. After Catherine died, Noah married second Abbie Sexton and had two more children with her (Eleanor and Samuel C.).<sup>480</sup>

Raised by his eldest brother Elijah after their father's death, Noah went to New York City and was apprenticed to a carpenter. After his apprenticeship was served, he "built a shop of his own in Ludlow Street, near Essex Street, and became one of the most extensive contractors of his day. He erected many of those plain, substantial, old-fashioned warehouses in Pearl, Front, and Water Streets, and also a large number of other structures in the First Ward." Having "accumulated a fortune," he retired in 1841 to a one-hundred-acre farm in Westchester County. "The village of Rye Neck now stands on a portion of the farm, which was cut up into building lots and sold at a large profit."<sup>481</sup>

In 1850 and 1860 the family was in the Town of Rye, Westchester County, where Noah owned \$12,000 worth of real estate in 1860.<sup>482</sup> Although raised a Quaker, he was not strictly observant, serving as justice of the peace and on the school board, and campaigning ardently for Republicans—"one of the best political managers this end of the town ever saw."<sup>483</sup>

476 Cathn (Catharine) Degrove household, 1840 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 13, New York Co., p. 229. Sarah Jane is probably the female under age 5 in the household. She was still in that household in 1850, along with an aunt and uncle (Sarah Jane, age 15, in Cath. DeGrove household, 1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 13, New York Co., p. 382, dw. 591, fam. 1544).

477 *Twentieth Annual Report of the Board of Education of the City and County of New-York for the Year Ending December 31, 1861* (New York: C. S. Westcott, 1862), 125.

478 Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye (note 470), for Catharine M. Tompkins #351. Catharine M. Tompkins, "wife of Noah Tompkins," death notice, *New York Tribune*, 8 Mar. 1864, p. 5, col. 4; also *New York Times*, 8 Mar. 1864, p. 5, col. 3.

479 Knapp, *Personal Records of the Brick Presbyterian Church* (note 413), 62.

480 Noah Tompkins death notice, *New York Tribune*, 9 Mar. 1891, p. 7, col. 6; also "Obituary: Noah Tompkins," *New York Times*, 7 Mar. 1891, p. 4, col. 7. A local obituary places his birth in Mamaroneck, the town immediately south of Rye ("Rye Neck . . . Noah Tompkins Dead," *Port Chester [N.Y.] Journal*, 12 Mar. 1891, p. 4, cols. 3-4). His birthplace and year, marriage date, second wife, and children are found in an undated clipping from an unidentified newspaper in "Alvah French Scrapbook," vol. 5, p. 28, Westchester Co. Historical Society Library, Elmsford, which is a collection of obituaries, mostly undated and without an identified source.

481 "Obituary: Noah Tompkins" (note 480).

482 Noah Tompkins household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Rye, Westchester Co., p. 81 [*recto* and *verso*], dw. 97, fam. 67. Similarly in 1860, p. 92, dw. 1860, fam. 2092.

483 "Rye Neck . . . Noah Tompkins Dead" (note 480).

Children of Noah and Catharine M.<sup>7</sup> (Degrove) Tompkins:<sup>484</sup>

- i. SUSAN<sup>8</sup> TOMPKINS was born in New York City about 15 February 1835 (calculated), died of catarrhal pneumonia in the Bronx 20 July 1903, aged 68 years, 5 months, 5 days, and was buried in Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye, Westchester County. She never married.<sup>485</sup>

Susan lived with her father, Noah Tompkins, in Rye in 1860,<sup>486</sup> and was still with him in 1891, when he died.<sup>487</sup> In 1900 she was with her sister, Annie (Tompkins) Beach, in Brooklyn.<sup>488</sup>

- ii. NOAH DEGROVE<sup>8</sup> TOMPKINS was born in New York City about 4 October 1837 (calculated), died of "omental carcinoma" at 399 Pulaski Street, Brooklyn, 5 October 1900, aged 63 years and 1 day, and was buried at "Rey, N.Y."<sup>489</sup> Noah, an accountant, married 19 June 1872 MARGARET E. "MAGGIE" PERRY, daughter of James and Margarete (Valentine) Perry. Maggie was born in New York City in June 1846 and died 18 April 1902 in Brooklyn.<sup>490</sup>

Noah was a "hatter" in 1880,<sup>491</sup> and was still in New York City when his father died in 1891.<sup>492</sup> There were no children listed as next of kin in Noah D.'s probate file, which did include his wife, Margaret, and his siblings: Edwin C. Tompkins of Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa; Susan Tompkins of Brooklyn; Anna M. Beach of Brooklyn; Samuel C. Tompkins, "a brother of the half blood [half-brother]," of Lake View, Riverside County, California; and Eleanor Tompkins, "a sister of the half blood," also of Lake View.<sup>493</sup> He was a bookkeeper at the time of his death.<sup>494</sup>

- iii. ANNA "ANNIE" M.<sup>8</sup> TOMPKINS was born in Westchester County in November 1842 and died 8 January 1911, in Mamaroneck, Westchester County.<sup>495</sup> She married

484 Noah Tompkins estate file, 1891, #536, Westchester Co. Surrogate's Court; digital images (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9HY-QL35), schedule "I" contains the child list (image 840).

485 Susan Tompkins death cert., New York City, Bronx Borough, 1903, #2,703 (FHL 1,322,713). Attending physician was Willard P. Beach, M.D. Her birth month and year are confirmed in the 1900 census (note 488 below).

486 Susan Tompkins, age 25, in Noah Tompkins household, 1860 U.S. census, Westchester Co. (note 482).

487 "Alvah French Scrapbook" (note 480).

488 Annie M. Beach household, 1900 U.S. census, Brooklyn, Ward 7, Kings Co., ED 89, sheet 12B, dw. 185, fam. 237, which included Susan Tompkins, sister, born Feb. 1835 in New York, Annie M. Beach, widow, born Nov. 1842 in New York, and Willard P. Beach, son, born June 1859 in New York. Willard P. Beach was Annie's stepson, the son of Clara Beach and Dr. John Beach (John Beach household for one-year-old "Wm. P.," 1860 U.S. census, Westchester, Westchester Co., N.Y., p. 568, dw. 3825, fam. 4218). "Alvah French Scrapbook" (note 480).

489 Noah Degrove Tompkins death cert., New York City, Brooklyn Borough, 1900, #18,841 (FHL 1,324,031). The attending physician was Willard P. Beach, M.D. Noah was likely buried at Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye, Westchester Co., but no record has been found.

490 Noah Tompkins-Maggie E. Perry marriage cert., New York City, 1872, #4,385 (FHL 1,561,851), by E. T. Hiscox, "Minister" (no church listed); witnesses E. W. Farquhar and Lucy D. Shier. Noah D. Tompkins household, 1900 U.S. census, New York City, Brooklyn Borough, Ward 21, ED 344, p. 281A, dw. 17, fam. 27. Margaret Tompkins death cert., New York City, Brooklyn Borough, 1902, #1016 (FHL 1,435,713).

491 Noah D. Tompkins household, 1880 U.S. census, New York City, New York Co., ED 215, p. 246, dw. 64, fam. 2 [family numbers restarted each dwelling].

492 "Alvah French Scrapbook" (note 480).

493 Petition of Margaret E. Tompkins, dated 23 Oct. 1900, in Noah D. Tompkins probate file, 15 Nov. 1900, Kings Co. Surrogate's Court; digital images (ancestry.com).

494 Noah Degrove Tompkins death cert. (note 489).

495 The 1900 census gives her month and year of birth (Annie M. Beach household, 1900 U.S. census, Kings Co. [note 488]). Anna M. Beach death notice, *New York Times*, 10 Jan. 1911, p. 11, col. 7, which states "Beach—Anna M., Mamaroneck, Jan. 8, aged 69. Funeral notice later."



1873–1880, probably in Westchester County, DR. JOHN BEACH, widower of her first cousin Clara Beach.<sup>496</sup> Dr. Beach died at White Plains, Westchester County, 6 July 1892.<sup>497</sup>

“Mrs. John Beach” was living in Brooklyn when her father died in 1891 and when her brother died in 1900.<sup>498</sup> In 1910 Annie M. Beach, age 70, was living in a Mamaroneck boarding house at 130 Prospect Avenue, listed next to a 34-year-old kindergarten teacher “Elanore” Tompkins, probably the above-mentioned half-sister.<sup>499</sup> John left his estate to his widow, Anna M. Beach, and his sons by his first wife, Willard P. and Clarence W. Beach.<sup>500</sup>

- iv. EDWIN COLES<sup>8</sup> TOMPKINS was born in Mamaroneck, Westchester County, 6 March 1845, died in Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, 2 August 1926, aged 81, and was buried there in Logan Park Cemetery.<sup>501</sup> He married in Sioux City 22 May 1876 MATILDA C. “TILLIE” SCHUSTER, who was born in Iowa 22 May 1859, daughter of George H. and Adeline (Maritz) Schuster. Matilda died in Sioux City 4 August 1948 and was buried beside her husband.<sup>502</sup>

In 1873 Edwin left New York City for Sioux City, where he sold dry goods until 1897, when he went to work in the post office, rising to postmaster 1911–1915. He also served two terms on the city council.<sup>503</sup>

Edwin served in the 5th New York Infantry (Duryea’s Tornados) and in the 146th New York Infantry during the Civil War, receiving a pension beginning in 1890 and continuing for his widow after his death.<sup>504</sup> He was “of Sioux City, Iowa,” when his father died in 1891,<sup>505</sup> and Edwin and Matilda were still there in 1925, with “sister” (actually half-sister) Eleanor Tompkins in the household.<sup>506</sup> He was a “retired merchant” when he died.<sup>507</sup>

- v. (Possibly) ALIDA<sup>8</sup> TOMPKINS was born between April and July 1850.<sup>508</sup>

496 See note 430 and associated text.

497 John Beach, M.D. death notice (note 428).

498 “Alvah French Scrapbook” (note 480). Also Petition of Margaret E. Tompkins (note 493).

499 Annie M. Beach and Lizzora [Elanore] Tompkins in Annie E. Aldrich household, 1910 U.S. census, Mamaroneck, Westchester Co., ED 44, sheet 29B, dw. 34, fam. 37. For Eleanor Tompkins, see note 480 and associated text. Her parents are named in the 1925 Iowa state census (note 502).

500 John Beach estate, Kings Co. Decrees L 28, p. 334–337, dated 2 Nov. 1893, digital images 707–8 (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-899T-N74F), stating that his only sons were Willard P. and Clarence H. His will has not been found.

501 Edwin Coles Tompkins death cert., Woodbury Co., Iowa, p. 272, #4,853 (FHL 1,451,572). E. C. Tompkins obituary, *Sioux City [Iowa] Journal*, 4 Aug. 1926, p. 11, col. 1. Edwin C. Tompkins marker (Logan Park Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa, memorial 104,008,192, digital image [findagrave.com]) is inscribed with 3 Aug. 1926 as his death date, but the death cert. (recorded 5 Aug. 1926) says 2 Aug.

502 E. C. Tompkins–Matilda C. Schuster marriage, Woodbury Co., Iowa, Marriages, A:526 (FHL 1,451,556), in which Geo. H. Schuster gave his consent for his daughter to marry. Edwin C. Tompkins household, 1900 U.S. census, Sioux City, Ward 2, Woodbury Co., Iowa, ED 165, sheet 10A, dw. 182, fam. 618, gives May 1859. Matilda C. Tompkins marker, Logan Park Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa, memorial 139,081,186, digital image (findagrave.com), which is inscribed with her full birth and death dates. No obituary or death cert. has been found. Matilda’s mother’s maiden name is noted in the Edwin C. Tompkins household, 1925 Iowa state census, Sioux City, Woodbury Co., unpaginated, where Edwin is person #84 and Matilda #85; digital image (ancestry.com).

503 E. C. Tompkins obituary, *Sioux City Journal* (note 501).

504 Edwin C. Thompson pension index card, “U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934” (ancestry.com). The original file has not been examined. Regimental nickname from E. C. Tompkins obituary, *Sioux City Journal* (note 501).

505 His place of birth is deduced from Noah Tompkins’ obituary in “Alvah French Scrapbook” (note 480).

506 Edwin C. Tompkins household, 1925 Iowa state census, Woodbury Co. (note 502).

507 Edwin Coles Tompkins death cert. (note 501).

508 Noah Tompkins household for Alida, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Rye, Westchester Co., N.Y. (note 482). Her presence in the household suggests, but does not establish, her parentage.

20. **REBECCA JANE<sup>7</sup> DEGROVE** (Adolph L.<sup>6</sup>, Adolph Jr.<sup>5</sup>, Adolph<sup>4</sup>, Adolph/Adolphus<sup>3</sup>, Pieter<sup>2</sup>, Adolph<sup>1</sup>) was born in New York in January 1819, died in White Plains, Westchester County, 10 June 1902, aged 83, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx.<sup>509</sup> She married about 1844–1845 **WILLIAM CLARKE**, who was born in England 29 June 1822, died of acute dementia and asthenia in the Bronx 22 January 1899, aged 76 years, 6 months, 27 days, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery there. William, a merchant, was son of Robert and Susannah ([–?–]) Clarke, both born in England.<sup>510</sup> Rebecca was confirmed in the Brick Presbyterian Church in October 1834.<sup>511</sup> In 1900 she was living with son-in-law Frederick Sherman and daughter Nellie.<sup>512</sup>

Children of William and Rebecca Jane<sup>7</sup> (Degrove) Clarke:

- i. **WILLIAM D.<sup>8</sup> CLARKE** was born in New York City in May 1849, died of endocarditis in the Bronx 17 March 1923, aged 73, and was buried in Cemetery of the Gate of Heaven, Town of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County.<sup>513</sup> He married about 1874–1875 **ELIZABETH KENNY**, who was born in New York in about February 1858, died in the Bronx 27 February 1937, aged 82, and was also buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. She was daughter of Patrick and Annie (Morris) Kenny, born in Ireland and England, respectively.<sup>514</sup> In 1900 William was a plumber and the family lived at 2062 Ryer Avenue in the Bronx; ten years later they were still there and he was a tenement inspector.<sup>515</sup>
- ii. **SUSAN E.<sup>8</sup> CLARKE** was born about 16 November 1855 (calculated), probably in New York City. She died in White Plains, Westchester County, 29 November 1942, aged 87 years, 13 days, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx.<sup>516</sup> She married in New York City 31 December 1879 **GEORGE MELVILLE POTTER**, born about 1854–1855 (age at marriage), died 5 May 1895, aged 39, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, 7 May. He was son of John and Anna (Randolph) Potter.<sup>517</sup>

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509 “Rebecca, mother-in-law,” born in N.Y., Jan. 1819, in Frederick Sherman household, 1900 U.S. census, Bronx Borough, Ward 24, New York City, ED 1037, sheet 9B, dw. 136, fam. 157. For date and place of death, see Rebecca Jane Clarke entry, #61,069, Register of Interments, Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx; photocopy of interment card held by author. There is no grave marker.

510 William Clarke death cert., New York City, Bronx Borough, 1899, #271 (FHL 1,322,703). William Clarke entry, #54,627, Register of Interments, Woodlawn Cemetery (note 509). There is no grave marker. The date of birth calculated from his age at death is 28 June 1822, one day off from that on his death cert.

511 Knapp, *Personal Records of the Brick Presbyterian Church* (note 413), 62.

512 Frederick Sherman household 1900 U.S. census, Bronx Borough, New York City (note 509).

513 William Clarke (born May 1849) household, 1900 U.S. census, Bronx Borough, New York City, ED 1031, sheet 25A, dw. 372, fam. 501. Also William D. Clarke death cert., New York City, Bronx Borough, 1923, #2,324 (FHL 2,168,087).

514 No marriage record has been found for this couple. He and Elizabeth had been married 25 years in 1900 (William Clarke household, 1900 U.S. census, New York Co. [note 513]). Also Elizabeth M. Clarke death cert., New York City, Bronx Borough, 1937, #2,411 (FHL 2,188,891), in which she was called the widow of William D. Clarke.

515 William D. Clarke household, 1900 U.S. census, New York Co. (note 513). William D. Clarke household, 1910 U.S. census, Bronx Borough, New York City, ED 1621, sheets 10B–11A, dw. 95, fam. 228.

516 Susan E. Potter entry, #168,943, Register of Interments, Woodlawn Cemetery (note 509), which gives her age as 87 years, 0 months, 13 days; thus she was born 16 Nov. 1855. There is no grave marker. Her death certificate has not been examined.

517 George Melville Potter–Susie E. Clarke marriage, New York City Marriages, 1879, #8,354 (FHL 1,562,355), by officiant Rev. George Nixon, First Presbyterian Church, Tremont, and witnesses Nellie L. Clarke and Clarence W. Beach. George M. Potter entry, #47,317, Register of Interments,

George was a manager of hotels before his death, including the Hotel Normandie in New York City and the Lake Kushaqua Hotel, Franklin County.<sup>518</sup> In 1900 Susan, a widowed sister-in-law, was in Frederick Sherman's household in the Bronx.<sup>519</sup>

- iii. NELLIE LOUISE<sup>8</sup> CLARKE was born in New York City about 1854–1855 or in February 1858,<sup>520</sup> died in White Plains 9 April 1934, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.<sup>521</sup> She married in New York City 11 February 1884 FREDERICK J. SHERMAN, who was born in Tremont (then in the Town of West Farms, Westchester County, now in the Bronx), about 1857–1858 (age at marriage), died 30 July 1934, aged 77, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. He was son of Peter and Elizabeth (Hagar) Sherman.<sup>522</sup> In 1905 the family was living at 85 Rockledge Avenue in White Plains with sister Susan's family; Frederick was a clerk. Frederick was keeping the books at a plumbing supply store there in 1920. Ten years later Frederick and Nellie were at 104 Park Avenue with son-in-law electrician Chas. Hughes and daughter Genevieve.<sup>523</sup>

21. **JOHN D.**<sup>7</sup> **CROLIUS** (Jane<sup>6</sup> Degrove, John<sup>5</sup>, Adolph<sup>4</sup>, Adolph/Adolphus<sup>3</sup>, Pieter<sup>2</sup>, Adolph<sup>1</sup>) was born about April or May 1804 (age at death) in New York and died of pleurisy and “haemophylis” in Philadelphia 2 July 1849, aged 45 years, 3 months.<sup>524</sup> He married in New York City 8 December 1825 **ARMENIA RENODE**.<sup>525</sup> Armenia was born about 22 February 1804 (calculated),

Woodlawn Cemetery (note 509). There is no grave marker. No death record has been found for George.

518 *New York World*, 23 Nov. 1890, p. 10, col. 7; *New York Times*, 3 Sept. 1893, p. 12, cols. 1–2.

519 Frederick Sherman household 1900 U.S. census, Bronx Borough, New York City (note 509).

520 Nellie was age 29 when she married (Frederick Sherman–Nellie Clarke marriage, New York City, 1884, #42,489 [FHL 1,570,312]). Nellie L. Sherman, born in Feb. 1858, in Frederick Sherman household, 1900 U.S. census, Bronx Borough (note 509).

521 For Nellie's date and place of death, see Nellie Louise Sherman entry, #146,081, Register of Interments, Woodlawn Cemetery (note 509). There is no grave marker. Her death certificate has not been examined.

522 Frederick Sherman–Nellie Clarke marriage, New York City, 1884, #42,489 (FHL 1,570,312), with officiant Francis Lobdell, Rector of St. Andrew's, and witnesses [Alwina?] Lobdell and Julia G. Lobdell. For his date and place of death, see Frederick J. Sherman entry, #146,971, Register of Interments, Woodlawn Cemetery (note 509). There is no grave marker. No death record has been found for Frederick; his last known residence was Island Falls, Aroostook Co., Maine.

523 Frederick J. Sherman household, 1905 N.Y. state census, White Plains, Westchester Co., Elec. Dist. 1, p. 25. Frederick Sherman household, 1920 U.S. census, White Plains, Westchester Co., ED 196, sheet 10A, dw. 171, fam. 209. Chas. Hughes household, 1930 U.S. census, White Plains, Westchester Co., ED 362, sheet 4B, dw. 2, fam. 67.

524 Three accounts of John D.'s death differ slightly. His death record says he died of haemoptisis (coughing up blood) (John Crolsius death record, Philadelphia Register of Deaths, 2 July 1849, p. 260 [FHL 381,246, item 2]). John D. Crolsius burial record, American Mechanics Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Burial Records 1849–1950, p. 1, burial #49-A; Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania microfilm; digital images (ancestry.com), which says he died of haemophylis. John D. Crolsius death notice, *New York Evening Post*, 6 July 1849, p. 3, col. 4, calls him a bookbinder formerly of New York City, who died 2 July aged 45 years, 3 months. The 1850 mortality schedule calls him a N.Y.-born “turner,” age 44, who died after suffering 20 days with “pleurisy” (John Crolus entry, 1850 U.S. census, mortality schedule, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., p. 145). Haemophilis causes pleurisy, an inflammation of the lung cavity.

525 John D. Crolsius–Miss Armenia Renode marriage notice, *New York Evening Post*, 10 Dec. 1825, p. 3, col. 1. Also Armenia Crolsius mother's pension file, WC #3686 (service of her son John D. Crolsius [Crolsius] Jr., Co. I, 71st Pa. Vols., Civil War), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications . . . , 1861–1934, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Record Group (RG), 15, National Archives, Washington, DC, which includes a “Family Register” apparently torn from a Bible. Painter David Renoud at 295 Bowery is the only person of this surname in the 1825 directory (*Longworth's*

died of enteritis in Philadelphia 26 September 1892, aged “88 yrs. 22nd last Feb.,” and was buried next to her son in Lot 4, Section 22, Division B of the American Mechanics Cemetery, Chester County, Pennsylvania.<sup>526</sup>

John D. Crolius, bookbinder, first appeared in New York directories in 1826, the year after his mother died, living at 39 Cheapside,<sup>527</sup> he was still in the city in 1830.<sup>528</sup> In 1844 J. D. Crolius was a bookbinder at 21 North Fourth Street, Philadelphia, and when he died he was a bookbinder there, “formerly of New York City.”<sup>529</sup> In 1850, following John Sr.’s death, Armenia and the five surviving children remained in Philadelphia, where John Jr. was employed as a clerk.<sup>530</sup>

As Armenia Crolius, on 2 June 1863 she claimed a pension based on the service of her son, John D. Crolius Jr., who died of typhoid fever 26 September 1862 in a Civil War hospital in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, leaving no wife or children, but a dependent mother.<sup>531</sup> In 1880 she was living in daughter Mary J. Eddowes’s family; her father was reportedly born in Pennsylvania and her mother in New York.<sup>532</sup>

Children of John D.<sup>7</sup> and Armenia (Renode) Crolius:<sup>533</sup>

- i. CORDELIA<sup>8</sup> CROLIUS was born 21 December 1826, died of an infection of the lungs 2 August 1827, aged 9 months, and was buried in Middle Dutch Reformed Church cemetery.<sup>534</sup>
- ii. MARY JANE<sup>8</sup> CROLIUS was born in New York City 21 April 1831, died in Philadelphia of myocarditis and acute nephritis 6 May 1911, and was buried in Mt. Peace

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*American Almanac, New York Register and City Directory* [New York: Thomas Longworth, 1825], 355). While he was too young (born about 1794–1804) to have been her father, his 1820 household includes two females age 16–25 and two females 26–45, possibly sisters and his wife (David Renaud household, 1820 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 10, New York Co., p. 963; David Renaud, painter age 55, household, 1850 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 15 eastern half, p. 194 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 521, fam. 825).

526 Armenia Crolius death cert., Philadelphia, Pa., 1892, #7457 (FHL 1,901,922). Armenia Crolius burial permit, Odd Fellows American Mechanics Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa., emailed to the author 16 June 2016 by Dan Lindley, Chester Co. [Pennsylvania] Historical Society, which indicates that Armenia (and a son) were buried in Lot 4, Section 6, Division B. American Mechanics Cemetery was originally located in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pa., near the present intersection of W. Glenwood Ave. and 5th St.. The city bought the cemetery in 1950 and many graves were removed in 1951 to Philadelphia Memorial Park Cemetery, Frazer, Pa. Armenia Crolius entry (with errors), Philadelphia Memorial Park, Frazer, Chester Co., Pa., memorial 95,953,766, no digital image (findagrave.com).

527 *Longworth’s American Almanac, New York Register and City Directory* (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1826), 149.

528 John D. Cevlius [Crolius] household, 1830 U.S. census, New York City, Ward 8, New York Co., p. 202.

529 *M’Elroy’s Philadelphia Directory, for the Year 1844* (Philadelphia: Edward C. Biddle, 1844), 67.

530 Armenia Croles [Armenia Crolius] household, 1850 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Ward 7, p. 495 (stamped, *verso*), dw. 663, fam. 816. Some children have inaccurate ages; the clerking job may have been assigned to the wrong child, as John would have been about 14 with two older brothers.

531 Armenia Crolius mother’s pension file (note 525).

532 Armenia [Armenia] Crolius in Thomas J. Eddowes household, 1880 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., ED 628, p. 235, dw. 104, fam. 109.

533 “Family Register” in Armenia Crolius mother’s pension file (note 525), p. 7. The birth, marriage, and death information in this printed family register may have been written at the same time. All names, birth dates, and death dates are from this record unless otherwise referenced.

534 Cordelia A. Crolius death record, New York City Register of Deaths, Liber 6, 2 Aug. 1827, unpaginated, arranged chronologically by first letter of surname (FHL 447,546). The “Family Register” has born 21 Dec. 1826 and died Aug. 1826, another indication that the record was not created at the time of the event.

Cemetery there.<sup>535</sup> She married 30 March 1855 THOMAS JEFFERSON EDDOWES,<sup>536</sup> who was born to Ralph Jr. and Louisa (Thornton) Eddowes 3 September 1826.<sup>537</sup> He died of “La Grippe” 12 January 1893 and was buried in Mt. Peace Cemetery.<sup>538</sup>

In the Civil War Thomas served in Company K, 118th Pennsylvania Infantry and in Company D, 29th U.S.C. Infantry. He filed for a pension 30 October 1876, and after his death, his widow continued to receive the pension.<sup>539</sup> In 1870 the family was in Monroe Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and Thomas was farming.<sup>540</sup> In 1880 they were back in Philadelphia at 1617 North 21st Street, where he was a retail grocer, two sons were bookbinders, and mother-in-law Armenia was in the household.<sup>541</sup> In 1908 the widow Mary was living at 1412 Asbury in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey.<sup>542</sup>

- iii. WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>8</sup> CROLIUS was born 16 December 1832, died of heart disease in Philadelphia 3 December 1875, aged 43 [*sic*], and was buried in Mt. Peace Cemetery there 5 December.<sup>543</sup> He married before 1870 SUSAN SMITH, who was born about 1837–1838 (age in 1870 and at death), died of “disease of heart” 5 December 1891 in Philadelphia, and was buried with her husband on the 13th.<sup>544</sup>

William was a produce dealer in 1875.<sup>545</sup> On 23 September 1875 he bequeathed two pictures to two friends, his Odd Fellows badge to another, \$300 to his “dear mother” Armenia, and everything else, including the business “in which I have so long been engaged at Banks and America streets,” to “my beloved wife Susan Smith Crolius.”<sup>546</sup>

- iv. ARMENIA<sup>8</sup> CROLIUS was born in New York 26 February 1835, died 24 or 25 April 1902 in Philadelphia of heart disease, and was buried in American Mechanics

535 Mary J. Crolius Eddowes death cert., Philadelphia, Pa., 1911, #52,394 (FHL 1,405,426), naming her parents. It gives her birth date as 21 Apr. 1829, inconsistent with family records and the 1830 census, where no child appears (John D. Cevlius [Crolius] household, 1830 U.S. census, New York Co. [note 528]). Thomas J. and Mary J. Eddowes burial entries, lot 157, deed 2610, Mt. Peace Cemetery records, “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1708–1985,” digital image (ancestry.com).

536 Thomas J. Eddowes–Mary J. Crolius marriage, Union Methodist Episcopal Church marriage records, Philadelphia, unpaginated, arranged chronologically; Pa. Historical Society microfilm, digital images in “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1708–1985” (ancestry.com).

537 John Inasley Coddington, “The Eddowes Bible Records,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 141 (Oct. 1987): 310. See John Inasley Coddington, “My Umbilical or Matrilinial Line: Hoopes, Beakes, Bowne, Moon, Thornton, Eddowes, O’Driscoll, Magevney, Coddington,” *The American Genealogist* 50 (1974): 172–76, for more information on this family and Thomas’s Eddowes ancestors.

538 Thomas J. and Mary J. Eddowes burial entries (note 535).

539 The pension index includes Thomas J. Eddowes pension file, #160,707, and Mary J. Eddowes widow’s pension file, #400,572 (Thomas J. Eddowes pension index card, “Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served between 1861 and 1900” [fold3.com/image/249/14627575]). The pension file has not been examined.

540 T. J. Eddowes household, 1870 U.S. census, Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., Pa., p. 579 [*verso*], dw. 262, fam. 263.

541 Thomas J. Eddowes household, 1880 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa. (note 532).

542 Mary J. Eddowes entry, *Gopsill’s Atlantic City Directory . . . for 1908* (Philadelphia: James Gopsill’s Sons, 1908), 658.

543 Wm. E. Crolius death record, Philadelphia, Pa., Death Register, fol. 180, 3 Dec. 1875 (FHL 1,003,701). William E. Crolius burial entry, lot 203, deed 191, Mt. Peace Cemetery records, “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1708–1985,” digital image (ancestry.com). William purchased the lot 8 Feb. 1869.

544 Wm. Crolius household, 1870 U.S. census, Second Enumeration, Philadelphia, Ward 19, Pa., Dist. 57, p. 189, no dwelling or family numbers; all entries on the page are extraordinarily sketchy. Susan J. Crolius burial entry, p. 203, Mt. Peace Cemetery records (note 543). Her surname is in William E. Crolius’s original will #179, Philadelphia, Pa., Probate Records, loose papers, digital images, “Pennsylvania, Wills and Probate Records, 1683–1993” (ancestry.com); copy recorded in Philadelphia, Pa., Wills 86:420. Her death cert. has not been found.

545 Wm. E. Crolius death record (note 543).

546 William E. Crolius original will (note 544).

- Cemetery there.<sup>547</sup> She married SAMSON KEITH 30 October 1853.<sup>548</sup> He was born about 1825–1826 (age at death) in Pennsylvania, died of Bright’s disease in Philadelphia 21 January 1893, and was buried on the 23rd in American Mechanics Cemetery.<sup>549</sup> In 1860 he was a confectioner in Philadelphia.<sup>550</sup>
- v. JOHN D.<sup>8</sup> CROLIUS [JR.] was born 19 February 1836<sup>551</sup> in Philadelphia, died of typhoid fever at U.S. (probably Union Satterlee) Hospital, Philadelphia, Ward 4, 26 September 1862, and was buried on the 29th in Mechanics Cemetery, Philadelphia. He was a bookbinder and a soldier in Company I, 71st Pennsylvania Infantry.<sup>552</sup>
- vi. HARRIET CATHARINE<sup>8</sup> CROLIUS was born 17 January 1840, and died of scarlet fever in Philadelphia 5 March 1842.<sup>553</sup>
- vii. CLARKSON<sup>8</sup> CROLIUS was born 17 April 1842 in Philadelphia, died of nephritis in Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia 22 February 1916, and was buried in Northwood Cemetery there.<sup>554</sup> He married about 1868–1869 RACHEL BELL,<sup>555</sup> who was born in Philadelphia 17 September 1847, died there of nephritis 18 July 1918, and was buried in Northwood Cemetery on the 22nd.<sup>556</sup> In 1850, Rachel, apparent daughter of Israel and Mary [–?–] Bell, was living in the 7th Ward of Philadelphia, as was Clarkson’s family.<sup>557</sup> In 1880 and beyond Clarkson was a house painter.<sup>558</sup>
- viii. ELIZABETH ANN<sup>8</sup> CROLIUS was born 27 January 1847 and died 31 July 1847, “aged 6 months 4 days.”<sup>559</sup>

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547 Armenia Keith burial entry #444, Episcopal Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, pp. 334–35, “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1708–1985,” digital image (ancestry.com). This is an improvised burial record (converted from another list), and it indicates (using ditto marks) Armenia’s burial place as “W. Laurel Hill.” Three other records, at least two of them independent, place her elsewhere. The Mechanics Cemetery burial record, p. 276, shows Armenia in Div. 6, Sec. 20, Lot 12, along with her husband (ancestry.com). Both her death cert. and the death register give 24 Apr. with burial in American Mechanics’ Cemetery (Armenia Keith death cert., Philadelphia, Pa., 1902, #24,017 [FHL 1,853,470]; Armenia Keith entry, Philadelphia, Pa., Register of Deaths, fol. 238 [FHL 1,011,831]).

548 Armenia Crolius mother’s pension file (note 525).

549 Samson Keith burial entry, American Mechanics Cemetery (note 547). Samson Keith death cert., Philadelphia, Pa., 1873, #15,732 (FHL 1,902,110).

550 Samson Keith household, 1860 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Ward 12, p. 142, dw. 677, fam. 874.

551 Armenia Crolius mother’s pension file (note 525).

552 John D. Crolius death cert., Philadelphia, Pa., 26 Sept. 1862, digital image (familysearch.org), citing FHL 1,977,917. John D. Crolius service record index, Civil War, Co. I, 71st Pa. Infantry, digital images (fold3.com). His file has not been examined. Union Satterlee Hospital there was used to treat Civil War soldiers during that period.

553 Harriett Catharine Crolis [Crolius] death cert., Philadelphia, Pa., 5 Mar. 1842, loose papers, digital image (familysearch.org), citing FHL 1,905,885. Armenia Crolius mother’s pension file (note 525).

554 Clarkson Crolius death cert., State of Pennsylvania, 22 Feb. 1916, #23,708; “Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906–1964” (ancestry.com).

555 Florence May Crolius [Crolius] index entry, “U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” digital image (ancestry.com), naming her parents as Clarkson Crolius and Rachel Bell. Clarkson Crolius household, 1900 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., ED 777, Ward 31, sheet 4A, dw. 69, fam. 76, in which Rachel’s birth was given as Sept. 1846 and their marriage thirty-one years ago.

556 Rachel Crolius death cert., State of Pennsylvania, 1918, #73,192; “Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906–1964” (ancestry.com), which does not give her parents’ names or her maiden name.

557 Rachel Bell, age 4, in Israel Bell household, 1850 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Kensington Ward 7, Philadelphia Co., Pa., p. 511, dw. 390, fam. 458.

558 Clarson [Clarkson] Crolius household, 1880 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., ED 334, p. 129A, dw. 164, fam. 201.

559 Armenia Crolius mother’s pension file (note 525).

## “A CONTINUAL CLAIM AND STRUGGLE”: DEGROVE GLEANINGS FROM THE APPELLATE COURT

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In real life, people prefer happy families, but genealogists know that a quarrelsome or embattled one can produce wonderfully detailed records. Members of the DeGrove family—currently being chronicled in *THE RECORD*—were long convinced that the property at 33 Wall Street, New York City, had been finagled away from them in the 1770s and 1780s. For more than half a century, they instigated a variety of petitions and lawsuits as part of “a continual claim and struggle to obtain this land ever since the Revolution.”<sup>1</sup> When these disputes succeeded in reaching the appellate courts and the state legislature, reports of the cases—and the genealogical clues therein—were more likely to be published in bound volumes than relegated to musty basements.

From the printed appellate court records we learn that Catharine (Gallow) DeGrove, about sixty years old in 1835 and the widow of Adolph L. DeGrove, was called to testify in a New York City ejectment case, “The People vs. The Fulton Fire Insurance Company.” The state of New York was trying to wrest 33 Wall Street from a defunct insurance company, which according to the DeGroves did not rightfully hold the property in the first place. Catherine outlined the family relationships for the court, explained that “John Anderson was the husband of Rachel De Grove, and that Rachel [Anderson] White, who married Thomas White, was their daughter.”<sup>2</sup> Rachel DeGrove was Catharine’s late husband’s grandfather’s sister.<sup>3</sup>

The story begins in the eighteenth century with Peter and Rebecca DeGrove and their children Rachel, Rebecca, Peter, and Adolph (the progenitor in *THE RECORD*’s current series). Peter and Rebecca owned 33 Wall Street, a not-quite-rectangular lot measuring thirty feet on its north side (facing Wall Street), thirty-seven and one-half feet on the east, thirty-one feet on the south

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1 “The People vs. The Fulton Fire Insurance Company” in John Lansing Wendell, ed., *Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Judicature and in the Court for the Correction of Errors of the State of New York*, 2nd ed. (New York: The Reporter, 1850), 25:204–23.

2 Wendell, *Reports of Cases* (note 1), 205. A succinct history of the case is found at “Circuit Court before Judge Edwards, March 22nd & 23rd 1837,” *The New York Morning Courier*, 25 Mar. 1837, p. 2, col. 4.

3 William M. DeGrove, “Adolph DeGrove, 1720–1796, of Newburgh, New York, and Some of His Descendants,” *RECORD* 147 (2016): 208.

(back) side, and forty-four feet on the west. Their daughter Rachel married John Anderson before 1743, and in 1746 the Andersons bought 33 Wall Street from her parents for £180.<sup>4</sup> John Anderson died in January 1749, leaving a widow and daughter (his only heir at law) both named Rachel. The younger Rachel married Capt. Thomas White; they left no children.<sup>5</sup>

Here the stories begin to diverge. One story is that Rachel (Anderson) White died about 1776 (“about the commencement of the American revolution”),<sup>6</sup> leaving open the possibility that she might have deeded the property to her husband. The other story says that she died “in child bed, before of age, [and therefore] could not have conveyed the estate to her husband White.”<sup>7</sup> Since her father died in 1749, she could not possibly have come of age later than 1770. Either way, by the late 1770s, Rachel (Anderson) White’s mother Rachel (DeGrove) Anderson, having buried her husband and only child, was living at 33 Wall Street with her son-in-law Thomas White, his second wife Ann, and their children.<sup>8</sup>

In 1779, in the fog of war, everything went awry. Rachel (DeGrove) Anderson died, and in October Thomas White was “attainted” of “adhering to the enemies of this State”—that is of being a Loyalist.<sup>9</sup> His estate was forfeited to the state, including 33 Wall Street, because the commissioners of forfeitures “suppose[d] White to be the owner.” One of the state’s many creditors, Charles M’Knight, then “located” it as potential compensation, and it was appraised according to the usual procedure.

Meanwhile Thomas White died and his widow Ann got the attention of the forfeiture commissioners. They investigated and in 1786 concluded that Thomas White never owned the place:

- After careful examination of all his bonds, deeds, and conveyances, his executors swore in July 1784 that they had found no deed to 33 Wall Street, “nor do they know or believe that the said Thomas White ever had any deed or conveyance for the same.”
- His widow Ann added in her 12 November 1784 memorial to the legislature that “several persons well attached to the American cause, have heard Mr. White declare, . . . even before the late war, that the house in which he lived was not his own.”<sup>10</sup>

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4 This deed has not been located in either the manuscript grantor-grantee indexes (or the 1858 printed version of those indexes) for New York County on FamilySearch.

5 “Reports of Commissioners of the Land-Office, on the application of Edward W. De Grove for certain escheated land in the city of New-York,” in *Documents of the Assembly of the State of New-York, Fifty-Eighth Session, 1835*, 5 vols. (Albany: State of New York, 1835), Vol. 4, Document no. 342, internal pp. 1–4, arranged by document no., paginated by document, no overall page numbers.

6 “Commissioners of the Land-Office on the application of Edward W. De Grove . . .” (note 5), Document no. 342, internal p. 2.

7 “Report of the committee on the judiciary, on the report of the Commissioners of the Land-Office, on the petition Edward W. De Grove and others,” in *Documents of the Assembly of the State of New-York, Fifty-Eighth Session, 1835*, 5 vols. (Albany: State of New York, 1835), Vol. 4, Document no. 371, internal p. 6.

8 “Commissioners of the Land-Office on the application of Edward W. De Grove . . .” (note 5), Document no. 342, internal p. 4, citing a report of the commissioners of forfeitures 19 Apr. 1786.

9 While White was “attainted” as a Loyalist in 1779, no action could have been enforced at that time because New York City was under Loyalist control. After the British evacuated the city in November 1783, the Commissioners of Forfeitures acted to seize the property.

10 “Commissioners of the Land-Office on the application of Edward W. De Grove . . .” (note 5), Document no. 342, internal pp. 3–4, citing Ann White’s memorial to the legislature 12 Nov. 1784.



As a result, on 1 May 1786 the assembly passed a law staying the sale of “said house and lot” until further legislative action.<sup>11</sup>

No action was forthcoming. The White family remained on the property. When Ann White died in 1828, the Fulton Fire Insurance company bought the property, paying a total of \$42,100 to her estate and her children and grandchildren.<sup>12</sup>

At this point or soon after, another generation of DeGroves renewed the claim, which now included the theory that Rachel (DeGrove) Anderson had purchased 33 Wall Street “with money belonging to her, sent to her from Holland,”<sup>13</sup> and therefore the property belonged to the descendants of her siblings Rebecca, Peter, and Adolph.

When Catharine testified in 1835, the attorney general followed up by asking whether John Anderson had any heirs other than his daughter Rachel. The insurance company objected that the De Groves were in no position to testify about John Anderson’s relatives, because the De Groves were only in-laws, and because they had an interest in the outcome of the case.

Most of the appellate record of this case consists of extended argument over these two points and whether Catharine’s testimony could be heard. The appeal from the trial court in 1835 went to the Supreme Court in 1839, and finally to the Court for the Trial of Impeachments and Correction of Errors (actually a committee of the state legislature), which agreed with the insurance company’s position. We will never know what Catharine would have said—or will we?

Meanwhile the Land Office Commissioners received Edward DeGrove’s petition sympathetically 1 April 1835, but two weeks later the Committee on the Judiciary reversed the commissioners, due in part to changes in inheritance law since the 1780s, and in part to the statute of limitations.<sup>14</sup>

On the good side (from a genealogical perspective), legal proceedings of all kinds can multiply and include additional information. On the bad side, the original records can disappear:

- Ann White’s 1784 memorial petitioned “in behalf of the [true] proprietors,” who were said to be scattered too far “to assert their rights in person,” but she named none of them.<sup>15</sup> This petition was destroyed in the 1911 fire in the state library.<sup>16</sup>

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11 *Laws of the State of New York Passed . . . in the Years 1785, 1786, 1787 and 1788, Inclusive* (Albany: State of New York, 1886), Ch. 58, Sec. 24, p. 315. The book is called “Volume 2” but Volume 1 encompasses other years.

12 “Commissioners of the Land-Office on the application of Edward W. De Grove . . .” (note 5), Document no. 342, internal p. 2.

13 Hopper Striker Mott, “Some DeGrove Posterity,” *RECORD* 37 (1906): 224. Wendell, *Reports of Cases* (note 1), 205, 214.

14 “Report of the committee on the judiciary, on the report of the Commissioners of the Land-Office, on the petition Edward W. De Grove and others” (note 7), Document no. 371, internal pp. 4–5 and 7–8.

15 Wendell, *Reports of Cases* (note 1), 205. For more information on New York State’s complicated appellate processes, see James D. Folts, “*Duely & constantly kept*”: *A History of the New York Supreme Court, 1691–1847 and an Inventory of Its Records (Albany, Utica, and Geneva Offices), 1797–1847* (Albany: New York State Court of Appeals and the New York State Archives and Records Administration, 1991), especially 22–26, 105, which includes an excellent bibliography of New York court records is at pp. 115–25.

- Adolph DeGrove's 1784 petition claimed ownership of the property, but the legislature ruled he should seek a remedy in court instead. Like the above petition, this one was destroyed in the 1911 fire.<sup>17</sup>
- Mary Smith, a niece of Rachel DeGrove (daughter of Rachel's brother Adolph), was the plaintiff "in an action of ejectment brought against these same defendants" tried in 1832. That suit was also unsuccessful,<sup>18</sup> but it may have produced additional testimony at some level.
- A 110-year-old RECORD article refers to the 1835 petition brought by Catherine's son Edward W. Degrove to the state land commissioners. That petition and subsequent action were summarized in a publication of the New York State Assembly.<sup>19</sup> No original petition or related material has been located, which is a pity, as "thirty others" representing many potential heirs are said to have united in support of Edward's petition.<sup>20</sup>

Conflict and its resolution are at the heart of genealogists' interest in court records: everyone has to be heard and the proceedings and results documented. When serious quarrels are appealed to higher courts, some facts are preserved and the additional records created are more likely to survive than lower court records. Nevertheless, these records are not always sought by genealogists:

- They can be hard to find. New York appellate processes have changed over the years and have rarely been simple.<sup>21</sup>
- They can be difficult to understand, being replete with arcane terminology and convoluted arguments.
- The original records may have been lost or destroyed. Printed summaries must be used to fill the gap even though they rarely include all the details a researcher might wish.

Despite these obstacles, the testimony in this case helped establish four generations of relationships over one hundred years. DeGrove descendants need not expect any real-estate windfall, but their ancestors' combativeness created a genealogical treasure trove.

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16 James D. Folts to Karen Mauer Jones, email, 26 Jan. 2017, copy in author's possession.

17 "Commissioners of the Land-Office on the application of Edward W. De Grove . . ." (note 5), Document no. 342, internal p. 7.

18 DeGrove, "Adolph DeGrove, 1720–1796" (note 3), 115–16. Wendell, *Reports of Cases* (note 1), 206. "Commissioners of the Land-Office on the application of Edward W. De Grove . . ." (note 5).

19 Mott, "Some DeGrove Posterity" (note 13). "Commissioners of the Land-Office on the application of Edward W. De Grove . . ." (note 5), Document no. 342, internal pp. 7–8. For these relationships, see DeGrove, "Adolph DeGrove, 1720–1796" (note 3), 115–16.

20 "Commissioners of the Land-Office on the application of Edward W. De Grove . . ." (note 5), Document no. 342, internal p. 8.

21 For more information on New York State's complicated appellate processes, see Folts, "*Duely & constantly kept*" (note 15), especially 22–26, 105.

**APPRENTICESHIPS IN  
EARLY DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK**

BY FRANK J. DOHERTY

(Continued from THE RECORD 147:298)

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,

As an apprentice to the Printing Business,

A smart and active boy, between 15 and 17 years of age. To a lad of this description, who can come suitably recommended, good encouragement will be given. Apply at this office.

A JOURNEYMAN PRINTER

Will find steady employment and good wages, at this Office.

[*Political Barometer* (Poughkeepsie), 6 March 1811, p. 3, col. 3]

C. B. SWARTWOUT & CO.

Boot & Shoe Makers,

Take this method to inform their friends, and the public, that they expect to continue their business in the old stand, in Market Street; also, that they have opened a new store, formerly occupied by M. & E. Bailey, opposite Tallmadge and Bloom's office, in Main Street. . . . A Large and General assortment of LADIES, GENTLEMEN, & CHILDREN'S SHOES & BOOTS, constantly for sale on reasonable terms. Past favours are acknowledged and a continuation requested.

Three or four Journeymen wanted immediately, and two apprentices that can come well recommended at the above business. . . .

Po'keepsie, May 18, 1814.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican*,  
13 July 1814, p. 1, col. 4]

ISAAC WARNER,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public in general, that he has taken the building formerly occupied as a store, by Nathan Conklin, in Main street, Po'keepsie, where he intends carrying on the tayloring business in the most fashionable manner.

All orders in his line will be punctually attended to.

WANTED,

Immediately, two or three good journeymen at the above business. Likewise a boy, as an apprentice. Dec. 27, 1814.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican*,  
29 March 1815, p. 1, col. 4]

RUN-away from the subscriber, living at Fishkills [*sic*], Dutchess County, the 11th of May, an apprentice lad named David Berkins, about 16 years of age; had on when he went away, a brown serge coat, a striped red and white silk waistcoat, a pair of buckskin breeches, a pair of blue yarn stockings, an old beaver hat: He is about 5 feet high, well featur'd, dark eyes and black hair, and commonly wears it club'd; has a smooth fair skin. The said lad understands the taylors trade, and it is supposed he will apply for work . . . and commanders of vessels are desired not to carry him off at their peril. A reward of TEN DOLLARS, and all reasonable charges, will be given to any person who will take up and secure the said lad, so that the subscriber may have him again.

STEPHEN BATES

[*New-York Gazette; and the Weekly Mercury*,  
8 June 1772, p. 1, col. 3]

RUN away from the Subscriber, on Saturday the 27th Instant, an Apprentice Lad named Abijah Clark, slender built, thin, smooth Face, light brown Hair tied behind; He is about five Feet, four or five Inches high, a Blacksmith by Trade, had on when he went away a claret coloured over Jacket; a Pair of Plush Breeches or Oznabrig<sup>17</sup> Trowsers, plated Buckles in his Shoes; is supposed to have gone towards New York, or inlisted into some Company. Whoever takes up said Apprentice, and will bring him to the Continental Ship Yard, at Poughkeepsie, shall have THIRTY SHILLINGS Reward, and reasonable Charges paid by me[.]

JAMES ODELL

Poughkeepsie. 30th July, 1776.

The Subscriber is under Contract to Work for the Public, his Apprentice's absence causes Delay; every Friend to his County is desired to stop him.

[*New-York Gazette; and the Weekly Mercury*,  
26 August 1776, p. 2, col. 4]

#### SIX PENCE REWARD

RUNAWAY from the Subscriber the 27th of this instant, an apprentice boy named Ebenezer Lattimer, a short chunked [*sic*] boy, with red curled hair; whoever will take up said runaway and return him to the Subscriber, shall have the above reward, and no charges paid by WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

Sharon [Litchfield County, Connecticut], the 27th of April, 1786.

[*Country Journal, and Poughkeepsie Advertiser*,  
6 June 1787, p. 4, col. 4]

#### SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN-AWAY on the night of the 26th of July ult. from the subscriber, living in the county of Dutchess, a NEGRO MAN named Paul, about 21 years of age, five feet ten or eleven inches high. Had on when he went away, a white shirt and fustian trowsers,<sup>18</sup> a long sky blue coat, a black wool hat . . . it is supposed

17 Osnaburg fabric is a coarse, heavy linen or cotton often used for furnishings and sacks.

18 Fustian is a short-napped, thick twill cloth.

he went northward. Any person securing said negro, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges.

Aug. 10, 1789.

ISRAEL LEWIS

P. S. The negro went away with two white men, who were both thieves; the one was my apprentice and the other a hired man; their names John Jarmon and Noediah Johnston.— Four dollars will be given for apprehending my apprentice, John Jarmon.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 1 September 1789, p. 4, col. 3]

#### SIX-PENCE REWARD.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber the 12th inst. an apprentice boy named Jonas Reynolds. Had on when he went away, a brown surtout,<sup>19</sup> striped jacket and velvet breeches. Whoever takes up said Run-away, shall be entitled to the above reward, but no charges, paid by  
STEPHEN REYNOLDS  
Amenia, April 15, 1790

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 12 June 1790, p. 4, col. 2]

#### ONE SHILLING REWARD.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber the 18th inst. an apprentice Boy named William Hays. Had on when he went away a short bearskin coat, a brown homespun vest, and striped overalls. Whoever takes up said Run-away, shall be entitled to the above reward, but no charges, paid by SAMUEL MATTHEWS.  
Poughkeepsie, June 22, 1790.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 17 July 1790, p. 4, col. 2]

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber about the beginning of last month, an apprentice boy named Stephen Horton. He has since been convicted of stealing, whipped at the public post in this town. All persons are therefore forwarned [*sic*] trusting or harbouring him on my account—he having broke his indentures, I have thought proper to discharge him from my employ.

Poughkeepsie, July 10, 1790.

JAMES ROGERS

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 31 July 1790, p. 4, col. 4]

#### FORTY SHILLINGS REWARD.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, an Apprentice Boy named Tertulles Jones, about five feet six inches high, well set. Had on when he went away (and took with him) a suit of mixed black & white clothes, blue coat and olive velvet breeches, with sundry other clothing. Any person that will take up said boy, and deliver him to me the subscriber, shall be entitled to the above reward.  
Frederick town,<sup>20</sup> Aug. 19, 1790.

JAMES COLWELL

<sup>19</sup> A surtout is a greatcoat worn by a man that resembles a frock coat (a knee-length man's coat).

<sup>20</sup> Frederick was a town in Dutchess County at the time of the ad. The name was changed to Frederickstown in 1812, when it became a town in newly formed Putnam County (*New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* [New York: The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2014], 381, 578).

N.B. All persons are hereby forwarned [*sic*] not to keep or harbour the above-said Tertulles Jones, as they may expect to answer the same in a court of Justice.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 4 September 1790, p. 3, col. 3]

Six-Pence Reward.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber on Sunday last, an apprentice boy, about 18 years old, shoemaker by trade. Any person apprehending said apprentice, and returning him to the subscriber, shall be entitled to the above reward, but no charges—

And all persons are forbid harboring or entertaining said apprentice at their peril.

ELIAS MULFORD

Washington [Dutchess County], Feb. 26th, 1791.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 2 April 1791, p. 3, col. 4]

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber on the 11th of March last, an apprentice boy named Abraham Prosser, about 16 years old. He took away with him two deeds of land, instead of his indentures. Twenty shillings reward will be given for the deeds, and Sixpence for the said apprentice.

JOEL D. SUTHERLAND

N.B. All persons are forbid harbouring or trusting said apprentice at their peril. July 3d, 1792.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 15 August 1792, p. 4, col. 2]

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

RUN AWAY from the subscribers, two APPRENTICE BOYS, on Monday the first inst. one aged nineteen years, had on when he went away a bottle green coat, corduroy jacket and breeches, is about five feet and a half high, sometimes wears false tail bound to Abraham Van Gaasbeek, jun. and is a good workman at the nailing and blacksmith's business. The other aged twenty years and ten months, about the same size as the first, bound to Hendrick Schoonmaker [*sic*], a farmer—they are both brothers, the first is named Peter Joy, and the other Martin Joy. They have taken with them a Sorrel Mare, with a blaze in her forehead, three-years old, and about 14 hands and an [*sic*] half high, the property of said Schoonmaker. Also, a new saddle and bridle, together with three coats, and sundry other articles. Fifteen Dollars reward will be paid to any person that will take up the said apprentices, and the mare and other articles, and secure them that their masters may get them again, with all reasonable charges.

ABRAHAM VAN GAASBEEK, jun.

HENDRICK SCHOONMAKER

Kingston April 4th, 1793.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 24 April 1793, p. 4, col. 1]

## Twenty Shillings Reward.

ABSCONDED from the subscriber on the 24th inst. an indented apprentice to the Hatting trade named Samuel Leavens, 18 years old; of middle size, light complexion and light hair. Had on when he went away, a pair of velvet breeches, drab coat and vest, and is supposed he took with him several other articles of clothing. Whoever will take up and secure the said run-away, or return him to the suscriber, shall receive the above reward and reasonable charges, of

WALTER ALLEN

Clinton town, 3d mo. 31st, 1794.

N.B. All persons are forbid employing or harbouring said apprentice at their peril.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 9 April 1794, p. 3, col. 3]

## Fifteen Dollars Reward.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber on the night of the 26th of July instant, an APPRENTICE BOY by the name of Anthony Abbott, between 17 and 18 years of age, about five feet 7 or 8 inches high, of a light complexion, stout built, with very large hands and feet; is very slow of speech, had a sore on his right little finger, occasioned by the cut of a scythe; had on when he went away a tow<sup>21</sup> and linen shirt, frock and trwusers [*sic*], all new, a felt hat almost new, a pair of calf skin shoes; he also took with him a coat, jacket and overalls of grey bear-skin, almost new, and one new pair of nankenet<sup>22</sup> overalls. Whoever will return said apprentice to the subscriber, shall be entitled to the above reward, paid by me.

JOSEPH POTTER.

Beekman town, July 27, 1794

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 9 September 1795, p. 2, col. 4]

## Nine Shillings Reward.

RUN away from the subscriber on the 30th August last, an apprentice to the Shoe-Making business, named John Kittney, between 18 and 19 years old, dark complexion, had on when he went away, a fustian coat, vest and overalls, round hat. Therefore this is to forwarn all persons against harboring or employing him at their peril. Any person taking up said apprentice and returning him to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward and all reasonable charges.

PETER PRICE

Paulings town, Sept. 11, 1795.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 21 October 1795, p. 3, col. 5]

<sup>21</sup> A fabric made of unspun short or broken flax or hemp fibers.

<sup>22</sup> Perhaps nankeen, which is a historic term for a type of pale yellow cloth made of cotton.

## Sixpence Reward.

RUN-AWAY from his master, Albro Willcox, in his 8th year. Whoever will return him to his master in Beekman town, shall have the above reward.

Nov. 4th, 1795.

DANIEL STARK

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 18 November 1795, p. 3, col. 3]

## Six Pence Reward.

RUN AWAY from the subscriber the 14th December last, an apprentice boy, named EZRA MEAD, about 17 years old, had on when he went away, a brown Coat and vest, about 5 feet 6 inches high. All persons are forbid harboring, trusting, or employing him at their peril.

FREDERICK TOWNSEND

January 12, 1796.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 3 February 1796, p. 4, col. 1]

Runaway from the subscriber on the night of the 11th instant, an apprentice boy named Billins Button, near twenty years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high. Whoever takes up said apprentice and returns him to this master, shall have sixpence reward, but no charges paid.

JOHN F. LOSEE

Beekman town, Jan. 26, 1796.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 27 January 1796, p. 3, col. 2]

## Five Dollars Reward.

Run away from the subscriber, on the 16th of May last, an apprentice boy named James Vandervoort, commonly called James McKildo, a Cooper by trade, 17 years old, about four feet 9 or 10 inches high, thick set. Had on when he went away, a short brown sagothee[?] coat, a white hat green under, a white linen trowsers fringed at the bottom, a summer vest. Any person securing and delivering said boy to the subscriber in New-York, No. 78, Murray street, or to Peter B. VanKleeck or James Mills, in Poughkeepsie, shall receive five dollars reward, and all reasonable charges, paid by SAMUEL BROWN.

June 4th, 1796.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 15 June 1796, p. 4, col. 1]

## Three Dollars Reward.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber in the town of Fishkill on Sunday last, an apprentice boy to the Coopering business, named James West, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, between 18 and 19 years old, thick set, light complexion and hair. Had on when he went away a tow trowsers, old tow shirt, striped under jacket, bearskin coat, and half worn hat. Whoever will return said boy to the subscriber, shall have the above reward and reasonable charges.

July 5, 1796

WILLIAM LIGHT

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 13 July 1796, p. 3, col. 4]

## 20 Dollars Reward.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber on the 21st inst. an apprentice to the Clothing business, Joseph Woodhouse, about 19 years of age. He took with him a snuff-coloured cloth coat, a jean vest and overalls, one pair striped and one pair tow cloth trowsers, several other articles of clothing and a new hat, the



upper side lead colour, and under green. The above reward and reasonable charges will be paid to any person who will deliver him to the subscriber.

Beekman town, August 28, 1796.

THOMAS DOUGHTY

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 21 Sept. 1796, p. 3, col. 5]

#### ONE CENT REWARD.

Run-away from the subscriber on the 22d instant, Martha Green, an indented apprentice girl, about 14 years of age, dark brown hair, dark blue eyes, short built and thick set. Whoever will take up said girl and return her to her master, shall have the above reward and no charges, paid by

Their humble Servant,

Sept. 27, 1796

LATHROP ALLEN

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 12 Oct. 1796, p. 3, col. 3]

Absconded from the service of the subscriber on the 24th of December last, an indebted [*sic*] apprentice to the farming business, named Gerardus Downe, aged about nineteen years, about 5 feet 10 inches high, black hair—had on when he went away, a new suit of bearskin clothes, a pair of ribbed stockings, and new shoes with strings, a new round hat; is supposed to have gone northward. Whoever will return said apprentice, shall receive Twenty Shillings reward, and reasonable charges, paid by the subscriber, at New-Hackinsack, in Fishkill town.

January 13, 1797.

JOSEPH JACKSON

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 8 February 1797, p. 3, col. 2]

#### One Penny Reward!

RAN-AWAY, from the subscriber, on Monday, May 22, 1797, an indented Apprentice, named ISAAC FANTINE; about 20 years old, five feet eight or nine inches high, dark hair, and spare complexion [*sic*].<sup>23</sup> He took away with him, a dark-brown broadcloth coat, pattern jacket, a pair of thickset overalls, and one fine shirt; two home-spun linen shirts, and one woollen shirt: besides his every day wearing apparel—Whoever will secure the said apprentice shall receive the above reward, but no charges paid.—I hereby forewarn all persons from harbouring, or employing the said apprentice.

NEHEMIAH OAKLEY

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 13 June 1797, p. 3, col. 5]

Absconded from the subscriber in June 1796, DAVID HERRING, Carpenter, an apprentice 18 years of age, about five feet six inches high, full fac'd [*sic*], stout built, is well known in Poughkeepsie, being formerly an apprentice there. Any person apprehending the said David Herring, so that he shall be delivered to the subscriber, shall receive a reward of Thirty Dollars.

New-York, July 10, 1797.

GEORGE PECK, Carpenter

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 25 July 1797, p. 3, col. 4]

23 A "spare" complexion is thin and lacking fat.

## ONE CENT REWARD.

Runaway from the subscriber, an indented apprentice named John Clark, jun. about 17 years of age, five feet four inches high. Any person that shall return said apprentice . . . shall receive the above reward, and no charges, paid by Pawling town, Aug. 29, 1797.

URIEL SHERMAN

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 19 Sept. 1797, p. 3, col. 4]

## ABSCONDED,

From the subscriber, on the 18th inst.

AN indented APPRENTICE, to the Hatting business, by the name of Samuel Godfrey, about 17 years of age rather small, but very active. Whoever will return the said apprentice to the owner shall be entitled to one cent, and no charges.—All persons are forbid trusting or harbouring him on may [*sic*] account.

Washington, Sept. 27, 1798.

MATTHEW COMSTOCK

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 16 October 1798, p. 3, col. 5]

## SIX-PENCE REWARD.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, an apprentice boy named Gabriel Right, about 17 years old, light complexion, brown hair, had on when he went away a bear skin coat and nankeen overalls [*sic*], and a new furred hat. Whoever will return him to his master, shall receive the above reward, and no charges. All persons are forbidden against harbouring, trusting or employing said apprentice at their peril.

Oswego, October 12. [1798].

JAMES LEAKE, jun.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 16 October 1798, p. 3, col. 4]

## ONE CENT REWARD.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. an apprentice lad by name of William Drew, in the 18th year of his age—had on when he went away, a wool hat, tow trousers, shirt, and without a jacket; as none of his other clothes has yet been missed it is supposed he has not taken any others with him. Whoever will return the said boy to his master shall receive the above reward, without any charges.

New-Marlborough, Sept. 24, '98.

GRIFFEN RANSOM

N.B. All persons are forbid harbouring or concealing him, as they will be dealt with as the law directs.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 23 October 1798, p. 3, col. 4]

Runaway from the subscriber, an apprentice boy, named JOHN HUGHES, about 17 years of age, by trade a blacksmith.—Whoever will take up said boy and return him to his master, shall have sixpence reward, but no charges. And all persons are hereby strictly forbid harbouring or keeping him on my account at their peril.

New paltz [*sic*], Ulster county, April 4, 1799.

TIMOTHY JAYN

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 14 May 1799, p. 3, col. 2]

## Ten Dollars Reward.

RUN away from the subscribers, two apprentice boys, named Josiah Ingham and Stephen Bennet. Ingham is 18 years old, light complexion, a little freckled, sandy hair, short of stature, and pretty stocky. Had on a dark mixed broad cloth coat and waistcoat, nankeen trowsers; took with him a pair tow cloth trowsers and thickset vest. Bennet is 16 years old, pretty large of his age, blue eyes & brown hair; wore away a fustian coat, and a square low crowned napped hat. Whoever will return said boys to thier masters, or secure them in any gaol, and give information thereof shall received the above reward, or 5 dolls. for either and reasonable charges, by

Albert Seaman & Joseph Wooly

Washington, Dutchess county, Sept. 2[?].

N.B. All persons are forbid harbouring said boys as they will be dealt with according to law.

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 8 October 1799, p. 4, col. 3]

## Two Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, on Friday the 22d instant, an apprentice boy to the Masons business, named George Soul, aged 14 years, about five feet high, blue eyes, short brown hair, light complexion; had on when he went away a snuff coloured short coat and vest, tow trousers and new shoes. Any person taking up said runaway shall have the above reward and no charges paid. All persons are forbid harboring him at their peril as they will be prosecuted as the law directs. Washington, Aug. 26, 1800.

MOSES PLATT

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 9 September 1800, p. 1, col. 4]

Runaway from the subscriber on the 1st instant an apprentice boy named Asa White, jun. he [*sic*] had on when he went away, blue coat and trowsers, and swandown underjacket; about nineteen years old, stocky built, with short hair, sheared close on the foretop, he walks some like a raw Irishman. Whoever will return said runaway to his master shall have the reward of one cent, and no charges paid: Likewise, this is to forbid all persons harboring or trusting him on their peril.

Franklin,<sup>24</sup> Jan. 6, 1802.

ASA BENNET

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 9 September 1800, p. 1, col. 4]

## ADVERTISEMENT.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber on or about the 7th inst. an indented apprentice, named or called Isaac Cowen, whoever will return said apprentice to the subscriber shall receive three Mills,<sup>25</sup> but no charges. All persons are hereby

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24 Franklin was a town in Dutchess County at the time of the ad. The name was changed to Patterson in 1808 and it became part of the new Putnam County in 1812 (*New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* [note 20], 381, 578).

25 One mille is one-thousandth part of a U.S. dollar.

forbid harbouring, trus[t]ing or imploying said apprentice under the penalty of the law.

Southeast,<sup>26</sup> Feb. 16, 1802.

DAVID JACKSON

[*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 23 March 1802, p. 3, col. 4]

FIVE CENTS REWARD.

RANAWAY from the subscriber on the 1st of April, 1802, an apprentice boy, named Thomas Thompson, aged nineteen years, five feet nine inches high, dark eyes, with a saucy look. Whoever will return said apprentice to his master, shall receive the above reward, but no charges paid.

May 24, 1802.

JOSEPH DENNIS

[*Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican*,  
8 June 1802, p. 3, col. 3]

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber on the night of the 19th inst. two indented apprentices to the Tanning and Shoemaking business; one by the name of Edward Betts, 20 years of age, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, light complexion, short brown hair, and dark eyes. . . . The other named Abraham Jewel, aged about 18 years, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, light complexion, sandy hair, light eyes and freckled, slight built. . . . Whoever will return said apprentices to the subscriber, or secure them in any jail so that he may get them again, shall be entitled to the above reward, or five dollars for either of them.

It is to be hoped that all well wishers to society, will lend their aid for the suppression of so injurious a practice, both to master and apprentice.

Poughkeepsie, June 21, 1802.

EBENEZER BADGER

N.B. Matters of vesssels and all other persons, are forbid trusting, harboring or employing said apprentices, on the penalty of the law.<sup>[1]</sup>

[*Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican*,  
29 June 1802, p. 3, col. 4]

RUNAWAY.

ON Sunday the 13th inst. Allen Cooper, an apprentice to the Hatting Business, about nineteen years of age, 5 feet 8½ inches high, slender built, raw boned, light short brown hair; had on when he went away, a brownish coattee [*sic*], striped swansdown waistcoat, striped Nankeen trowsers, and an old hat—he may alter his dress. This is to forwarn all masters of vessels and others, not to harbour or employ him at their peril. Whoever will secure him in any goal or return him to his master, shall have five dollard reward, by

Poughkeepsie, June 21, 1802.

TEUNIS VAN KLEECK

[*The Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican*,  
29 June 1802, p. 3, col. 4]

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<sup>26</sup> The Town of Southeast was in Dutchess Co. in 1807, but in 1812 was transferred to Putnam Co. (*New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* [New York: The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2014], 381, 577).

## One Cent Reward.

RAN away from the Subscriber, on the night of the 26th inst. an apprentice boy named Joshua Palen.—He is about twenty years old, small in stature, and has red hair. Whoever will return said apprentice, to the subscriber in the village of Poughkeepsie, shall be entitled to the above reward; but no allowance for charges. All persons are hereby forbid harbouring said apprentice under the penalty of the law.

Sept. 28. [1802]

JOHN E. PELLIS  
*[Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican,*  
 12 October 1802, p. 3, col. 5]

## One Cent Reward.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber on the 25th of March, an apprentice to the Shoemaking business, a lad by the name of Ferdinand Cadwell, he is about twenty years of age, about five feet eight inches high, slim built, a saucy impudent fellow. Whoever will return said boy, shall have one cent reward, but no charges paid.

Poughkeepsie, April 29, 1803.

ABIEL THOMPSON

N.B. All persons are forbid harbouring[,] trusting or employing said boy on penalty of the law.

*[Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican,*  
 17 May 1803, p. 3, col. 4]

## Five Dollars Reward.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber on the 22d ult. an Apprentice Boy, named James Little, about eighteen years old, about five feet eight inches high— had on an old bearskin coat, wool hat, tow and linen shirt and trowsers, the latter new. Whoever will take up said boy, and deliver him to the subscriber, in the town of Washington, or secure him so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and all reasonable charges.

June 4, 1803.

WILLIAM MCDOWELL

N.B. All persons are forbid harboring or employing said boy at their peril.

*[Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican,*  
 7 June 1803, p. 2, col. 4]

## 5 Dollars Reward.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber on the 8th inst. an Apprentice Boy named John Drinkwater, about five feet six inches high, dark complexion. Any person who will take up said runaway, and deliver him to the subscriber in Pawling Town, shall be entitled to the above reward, but no charges.

August 26, 1803.

BENJAMIN AMY

*[Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican,*  
 13 September 1803, p. 1, col. 2]

## One Cent Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 20th August, an indented apprentice to the Sail-Making business, by the name of Abraham Lewis, about fourteen years

of age. Whoever will apprehend and secure him, so that his maser can have him, shall be entitled to the above reward, but no charges paid. All persons are forbid trusting, harboring or employing said apprentice on penalty of the law. Albany, 9th Sept. 1803.

ABRAHAM EIGHTS

[*Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican*,  
27 September 1803, p. 3, col. 4]

25 Cents Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber on the twentieth of September last, an Indented apprentice to the Taning [*sic*] & Shoemaking Business, named Elias Van Bunschoten Roe, aged about 19 years, is much given to liquor, and somewhat light-fingered.

He went off in company with one David Primer, a Journeyman Shoemaker, who says he is an Englishman. They both took passage in a Lighter for Lansingburgh, Capt. Gillasby, master. Whoever will return said apprentice to his master, shall be entitled to the above reward, but no charges paid.

All persons are forbid harbouring, trusting or employing said apprentice at their peril.

Poughkeepsie, Oct. 17, 1803.

EBENEZER BADGER

[*Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican*,  
18 October 1803, p. 3, col. 2]

Six Cents Reward.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, an apprentice boy, named Wm. Pettit, about 16 years old, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; had on when he went away an old felt hat, a lead coloured old coat, with new sleeves nearly the same colour, an old under jacket of shag velvet, of a yellowish colour, dark coloured new trowsers, and new double soled shoes, but no stockings, with gold rings in his ears, a stoppage in his speech. The above reward will be paid, but no charges. All persons are forewarned harboring or employing said run-away at their peril.

Washington town, Oct. 20, 1803.

ABSOLOM SMITH

[*Poughkeepsie Journal, and Constitutional Republican*,  
8 November 1803, p. 1, col. 2]

(*To be continued*)

## REVIEWS

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*Heaven's Ditch: God, Gold, and Murder on the Erie Canal*, by Jack Kelly. 2016. Hardbound, Paperback, and Kindle. 6.5×9.4, xiv + 305 pp., index. Price: \$27.99/\$17.99/\$14.99, plus shipping. Macmillan Publishers (us.macmillan.com).

With the approaching 2017 bicentennial of the groundbreaking of the Erie Canal—New York State's "technological marvel"—a wide array of canal-related literature has appeared on publishers' lists of new releases. Among them, Jack Kelly's book, aptly titled *Heaven's Ditch*, has garnered a top spot. Rich in historical content, characters, and facts, Kelly tells the story of the Erie Canal's construction side-by-side with a companion narrative of the "second" religious awakening that occurred in New York State in the early-to-mid-nineteenth century.

Kelly brings the proponents of the Erie Canal to life and provides a much-needed temporal and socio-economic context of the canal's beginnings, highlighting the gravity of the task in front of the builders of the original canal. He also gives the reader background information on the canal's early champions such as Jesse Hawley—a man whose name is not as synonymous with the Erie Canal as that of DeWitt Clinton, but who is deserving of credit nonetheless.

The author approaches the subject of religious revival with objectivity and care, allowing the reader to comprehend the internal struggles of its leaders, who found new faith during post-Revolutionary War strife. He presents the stark reality of his historical subjects' financial hardships. The story of Mormon leader Joseph Smith's fears of debtors' prison is told in parallel with the harsh adversity endured by canal proponent Jesse Hawley. The engineers of a "spiritual channel"—Joseph Smith, Charles Grandison Finney, and William Miller—are juxtaposed with the engineers of a great man-made waterway, Benjamin Wright and James Geddes.

As Joseph Smith makes his way through central New York toward Palmyra, his determination to "start again" is clear, as is the conversion of William Miller from deist to religious visionary. Despite DeWitt Clinton's many challenges (the loss of his 1812 presidential bid, the aftermath of the War of 1812, and the Canal Commission stripped of its spending authority), he remained determined to carve a 363-mile waterway through the central New York wilderness. We sympathize with the Herculean efforts of Smith, Hawley, Clinton, and the Commissioners, whose experiences are particularly powerful. Kelly cleverly pulls the two story lines together.

To aid the reader's understanding of the terrain along the canal's path, Kelly includes a drawing of the elevation profile of the state from west to east, based on the original 1832 "Profile of the Grand Erie Canal." Canal enthusiasts may also want to

refer to David H Burr's original color "Map of New York State and the Surrounding Country," which includes an inset of this canal profile.

Genealogists familiar with the term "circuit ministers" in nineteenth-century New York will be fascinated by Kelly's details of "Methodist preachers roaming the backlands." Kelly vividly describes how ministers attracted followers. Pioneers were looking for a heightened religious experience—"manifestations of divine rapture"—that could stir their souls and excite their minds.

In his attempt to include all pertinent facts on the construction of the canal, Kelly leaves no relevant subject unexamined, including the topic of "waterproof cement." The place of discovery is credited to Syracuse and Onondaga County, where there was an abundance of hydraulic limestone. Impressively, Kelly does devote a few paragraphs to Andrew Bartow, an early scientist whose work is rarely mentioned in regards to this lynchpin of the canal's construction. Dr. Bartow deserves a place alongside the man who received the most credit: Canvass White.

Though there are few photos and drawings, Kelly's descriptions enable us to visualize the packet boats floating quietly and slowly across the state, carrying families, clergymen, suffragists, abolitionists, and statesmen. Through Kelly's eyes, we meet the people whose lives were completely enveloped in the canal's existence—its boatmen, builders, masons, millers, carpenters, blacksmiths, farmers, merchants, and all who traveled this "psychic highway" from 1825 through the 1840s, from Albany to the Oneida Community, to Palmyra and to the Midwest. We also encounter the subplots of murder, treasure, intoxication, and fistfighting among canal boatmen in the days before central and western New York evolved—as Finney called it—into the "Burned-Over District." Kelly also discusses some of the era's colorful characters such as "daredevil jumper" Sam Patch and circus showman P. T. Barnum, as well as novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne and English author Frances Trollope (both of whom wrote critical accounts of their canal journeys).

Though Kelly relies heavily on authored works, this does not negatively impact his work. He intersperses many quotes from relevant historical figures and provides additional sources in chapter endnotes and the bibliography. Kelly's thorough research is apparent in the chronology of the canal's construction, the difficulties encountered in building its locks, and its many facts, figures, and dimensions. Historians, genealogists, and canal aficionados will find this book a welcome addition to the literature.

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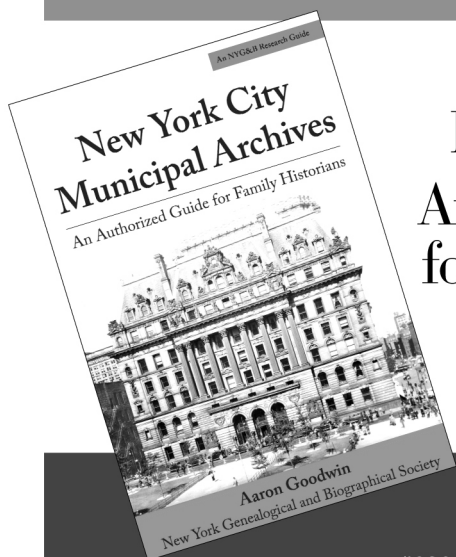
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