

## *Ancestors of Robert Paul Gehrandt*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. Robert Paul Gehrandt**, born April 12, 1916 in Oakpark, Cook, IL; died June 09, 1995 in Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ. He was the son of **2. Paul Robert Gustav Gehrandt** and **3. Olive Roberta Hills**. He married **(1) Isabel Eileen Malin** February 18, 1939 in Evanston, Cook, IL. She was born September 16, 1916 in St Louis, MO, and died July 02, 1975 in Salisbury, Rhoadesia, Africa (now Zimbabwe). She was the daughter of David Caruth Malin and Anna May O'Donnell. He married **(3) <Unnamed>** October 01, 1981 in Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ. was born Private. He married **(4) <Unnamed>** October 01, 1983 in Scottsdale, Maricopa, AZ. was born Private. He married **(5) <Unnamed>** December 1990 in Rocky Point, Sonora, Mex. was born Private.

Notes for Robert Paul Gehrandt:

Bob was born in Oak Park IL and grew up in Evanston IL. They lived at 2657 Stewart Ave., Evanston, IL - and his parents remained there until his father's death.

He had an "sort of" adopted sister, Marion/Marietta, who married Samuel Van Pelt of Washington D.C. Bob's parents were very reserved people, never demonstrating any sort of affection to him. He had a paper route, using a red flyer wagon, when he was very young. He was always very active in sports throughout his life, even riding (and winning) in gymkanna's into his mid-seventies with his legs partly paralyzed from a major illness. He was a very big man, standing 6'2" with very large shoulders, chest and hands. He rarely lost his temper, and when he did he used a very "soft" voice, that quickly got everyone's attention.

Bob attended Evanston High School, as did Isabel, however during that time they were not going together, and didn't particular know each other. On their first date, at a country club formal dance, both were dressed in white formal clothes. While dancing Bob had one of his frequent nose bleeds - all over both of them.

Bob attended Dennison University, from Sept. 1934 and graduating June 1939 - obtaining his degree in Economics. His nickname in college was

"Bull". He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He left his fraternity ring (which he had received as a wedding ring and always wore up until the time of his death) to his only Great Grandson, Dixon Ruecker, in hopes that when Dixon attends college he will join the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. During the years of hard wear, the emblem on the ring had to be replaced several times as it had worn down to nothing.

Bob and Isabel Malin were married on 14 February 1939 at St. Mary's Church in Evanston IL.

Bob worked for Armor's Meat Packing Plant (Jun 1938-Sept. 1943) as a Supervisor of the Canned Meat Dept. Because he was necessary to the war effort (they provided C-rations for the troops) the company did not want to release him for service. However, Bob tried to enlist in every branch of the service but was turned down each time for his very poor eyesight. He finally was accepted in the Merchant Marines, but before he could report for duty the war ended.

He also worked for Signode Steel Strapping Co. of Chicago, as a cost accountant (Sept. 1943 - 1945). On 20 May 1944 he received an award: "This certifies that Robert Gehrandt has through loyal efforts and efficiency contributed greatly to the winning of the Army-Navy production award for excellence in War production."

Both Julie and Niki were born at St. Francis hospital in Evanston IL. Niki was christened at St. Norberts, Northbrook IL (10 May 1942). Bob and Isabel bought the Northbrook house on 1 Jul 1941 (2132 Oak St, Northbrook IL). They moved to Phoenix AZ about Nov of 1946, living first at Avondale, then moving to 926 W. Portland St, Phoenix, and then to 1707 W. Myrtle, Phoenix, in about 1953.

Isabel, Bob and the girls were an extremely happy family. However, their lives changed drastically when Bob and Niki were involved in a fatal car accident. A drunk driver came out of a farm road without stopping or looking and rammed into the side of Bob's Ford. Niki was killed almost immediately and Bob suffered severe head injuries and was not expected to live. Later, because they seemed unable to have more children, Bob having been exposed to Mumps several years before, they were urged to adopt a child. Josephine came to live with them but it was quickly evident that the young girl (she was in 8th grade) was more than they could handle. They were then given a young baby, Debbie, who was about six months old at the time. Debbie was a very unhappy child and had a terrible temper. She also hated to be held or touched, very

different from the happy-go-lucky Niki. It was a hard time for the family but they finally adjusted. Part of what helped was that the Carney's (Doll was Isabel's sister) came to live with them for awhile. The house again became filled with the laughter of children.

Every afternoon, while the Carney's were living there, Joe would be sent to collect Bob out of his office (which was at home) to play Bridge on the front porch. Bob always replied, "Just give me a couple more minutes Joe, I'm almost done on this tax report." When Bob was given only hours to live his daughter, Julie, came into his room and he asked her, "Where did Joe go?" She looked surprised and answered, "But Dad, Joe died years ago." "I know," Bob replied, "but he was just here telling me it was time to go. I told him I had to finish this tax return and could he give me a little bit more time. He said he would be back shortly." Apparently Joe came back about a month later, when Bob had finished that 'one last tax Return'.

Bob had his own accounting business in Phoenix for over 40 years, and was still doing taxes when the doctors had given him up for dead. He worked out of his home for many years, finally moving into office buildings when he moved into a smaller house. He also was the Controller for Luke Air Force base in the 1950's.

More About Robert Paul Gehrandt:  
Social Security Number: Issued IL - 355-10-4240

Notes for Isabel Eileen Malin:  
Isabel Malin, also known as Chavala, was quite a woman. At age 14 she was driving her father's Packard and knew every speakeasy in Chicago. She never went anyplace that within minutes she didn't seem to know everyone there.

She was born in St. Louis. The family moved to Chicago, then to Evanston IL, where she spent most of her young years.

Her First Communion was at St. Mary's Church in Evanston in 1927. By June of 1945 she was doing war work as a spot welder for Douglas Aircraft in Chicago while her mother became a "WIN", taking care of Julie and Niki.

She married Bob Gehrandt on February 18, 1939, in Evanston IL. According to a newspaper clipping, "Rich in tradition is the bridal costume which Miss Isabel Ann Malin, daughter of the David Caruth

Malin, 316 Main St., is wearing at 4:30 P.M. today for her marriage to Robert Paul Gehrandt. Miss Malin's gown was first worn by her mother in the latter's wedding....The bridal gown is a lace robe, worn over oyster taffeta. The dress is cut with full skirt, short sleeves, and small train. A brief veil attached to the rich lace cap falls over the bride's shoulders, and her flowers are white orchids, gardenias, and sweet peas....The Cape Cod room of St. Mary's parish house is the scene of the ceremony, which is being performed by the Rev. J. Ignatius Bailey of the Dominican House of Study...." Actually Isabel didn't really like her mother's wedding dress but because her older sister, Doll, had just gotten married and the middle daughter, Gin, was soon to be married, Isabel was concerned about the financial drain on the family. So to save on expenses, she declared she had always wanted to get married in her mother's gown. She never told anyone in the family until her daughter, Julie, offered to wear the dress in order to cut down on wedding expenses. She wanted her to have a new dress.

Their first home was an apartment at 709 Monroe St (February. 1938 - 1 May 1941) where they paid \$32.50/month rent. They bought a home in Northbrook IL on 1 Jul 1941, 2132 Oak St.. Joe and Doll Carney had previously moved out there.

Clipping from unknown newspaper, undated but a reference to upcoming Nov. 30 dance made in article in same clipping: "Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Gehrendt [sic] and children, Julie and Niki, moved to Phoenix, Ariz., last Friday. Their home at 2132 Oak street has been purchased by the Nelson Busby family, formerly of Wilmette."

An envelope in Isabel's scrapbook from her father, David C. Malin, was addressed to The Misses Julie and Niki Geharandt [sic - not even family could spell the name] Hotel El Portal, Mesa Ariz., dated 17 Nov 1948. There was also a receipt from the hotel for rooms 107 and 108 from 11/13 to 11/20 for \$101.43. While they were in Mesa Julie attended school at a Catholic school where only Spanish was spoken. Another incident at the hotel occurred when the two Siamese cats managed to get out of the room and onto the roof of the hotel. When the family arrived back to the hotel it was to find the fire department there attempting to capture the two "wild animals" - no one had ever seen a Siamese at that time. Since the cats had been smuggled in, along with the very large shaggy French Briard dog, Mike, the family was requested to find other quarters.

In the early 1940's, after the birth of her second and last child, the family

moved to Arizona, living first in Avondale, then moving to Phoenix (926 W. Portland St.). In 1948 her sister, Rosalie (Doll) and her family came to visit. They stayed with the Gehrandts about two years, finally moving several miles away. The two families had a wonderful time together and there was very little friction except over Bridge games - Doll and Bob were very competitive. Every afternoon they would play Bridge on the porch.

About 1953 the family moved out to 1707 W. Myrtle (at the time way north of Phoenix on a dirt road). Shortly after that Isabel's parents moved out to Phoenix, living nearby.

She and Bob got divorced in the early 1970's. At that time she was diagnosed with a heart problem, probably incurred when she and Bob were vacationing in Columbia and she slipped on a jungle path, incurring a compound fracture of her right arm.

When the doctors gave her only a few weeks to live, she took off on tramp steamers (something she had always wanted to do) and cruised around for about two years, dying in Salisbury, while on safari in Africa. She is buried there, as she requested.

More About Isabel Eileen Malin:

Baptism: October 08, 1916, St. Louis Cathedral, St. Louis MO

Marriage Notes for Robert Gehrandt and Isabel Malin:

Isabel and Bob met at a party on 31 July 1938 given by Louise Ward. They became engaged in November 1938. Isabel's sisters, Rosalie and Virginia served as her Matron of Honor and Bridesmaid, while William Morris of Wilmette served as best man and Theodore Beadle of Wilmette served as an usher.

#### *Generation No. 2*

**2. Paul Robert Gustav Gehrandt**<sup>1</sup>, born November 23, 1877 in Meyenburg, Germany<sup>2</sup>; died February 06, 1962 in Evanston, Cook, IL<sup>3,4</sup>. He was the son of **4. Friedrich Adolph Gustav Gehrandt** and **5. Christina Wilhelmine Louise Kohnke**. He married **3. Olive Roberta Hills** Bef. April 1916 in Des Plains, Cook, IL.

**3. Olive Roberta Hills**, born January 26, 1884 in Des Plains, Cook, IL; died April 26, 1963 in Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ. She was the daughter of **6. George Adelbert Hills** and **7. Louisa Augusta Burkhart**.

Notes for Paul Robert Gustav Gehrandt:

Gustav attended the University of Berlin, obtaining a degree in Civil Engineering. He served in the German Navy prior to emigrating to the US. According to the 1920 Cook Co. IL census he emigrated in 1905 (abt age 28), and was naturalized in 1919. He was living on Stewart St. in Evanston - they owned the house until after his and Olive's deaths.

From the on-line records of Ellis Island foundation:

Gehrandt, Gust,  
Germany German,  
Place of residence: Berlin  
Arrival Date: 15 Feb, 1905  
Male  
Single  
Ship: Kronprinz Wilhelm  
Port of Departure: Bremen, Germany  
Line 0019 of manifest  
Occupation: Medical Engineer(?)  
Final Destination: Hillsberg Pa (?)  
Ticket to final destination paid for by self  
In possession of: \$100 more  
In USA previously: 2 years - couldn't read where  
Joining a friend/relative, etc.: J.L.B. Taylor (?)  
Never in prison; a polygamist; Anti Christ; no health problems

United States of America - Declaration of Intention - State of Illinois,  
County of Cook - In the Circuit Court of Cook County.

I, Gustav Robert Gehrandt, aged 37 years, occupation Draftman, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion Fair, height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 140 pounds, color of hair Blonde, color of eyes Blue, other visible distinctive marks Scar over left eye. I was born in Meyerburg Germany on the 23 day of November, anno Domini 1877. I now reside at 6219 Augusta St., Oak Pk., Chicago ILL. I emigrated to the United States of America from Bremen, Germany on the vessel Kronprinz Wilhelm; my last foreign residence was Berlin Germany. It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to William II German Emperor, of whom I am now a subject. I arrived at the port of New York in the State of New York, on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of February, anno Domini 1905. I am not an anarchist. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein. SO HELP ME GOD.

Gustav Robert Gehrandt (Original signature of declarant)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of the  
Court at Chicago, Ill., this 26 day of January anno Domini 1915  
John W. Rainey, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By J Straka, Deputy Clerk

#21325 - PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

(Copy is extremely hard to read.)

Lists his wife's name as Roberta, living with him (address is impossible to read but doesn't look like the same address given in the Declaration of Intention of 1915). Names his son, Robert (rest of writing is impossible to read). Indicates arrival in US of 1905 and being in Chicago since 1906. Sworn to on 5 April 1917. Witnessed by Walter A. Kellner and Herman E. Beckman. Walter was listed as a Civil Engineer, Herman impossible to read - both lived in Chicago, but addresses impossible to read. The both swore, deposed and said that they are citizens of the USA and have personally known Gustav Robert Gehrandt, the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1st (?) day of March, anno Domini 1912, and that he has personal knowledge that the petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his values to be admitted a citizen of the United States. Signed on 5 day of April 1917.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE was taken on September 24, 1919

At one point he worked as a consultant for Universal Motors, Oskosk WI, for Mr. Fahary (the father of Merry Fahary who married Oleg Cassini). That might be how he met his future wife, Olive Hills, as they were relatives. Gustav was a small man, extremely brilliant, very soft-spoken, who retreated into his world of inventions in order to escape his wife. He also had the German upbringing that didn't permit him to show physical affection to his son.

However, he was very loving to his granddaughter, Julie, when Olive wasn't around to observe. One Christmas he came out to Phoenix alone to visit his son and he became a different man. Previously he would send Julie a Christmas check but she was never allowed to acknowledge it or Olive would make him rue the day. So, in order to say thank you, Julie would write a chatty letter, mentioning what she had 'gotten' for Christmas so he would know what the check had gone for. But this

Christmas he was on his own and having a ball. Julie was going to be attending a New Year's Eve party so he bought her a beautiful dress to wear. He was so proud of it that Julie and her Mother didn't have the heart to tell him that it was more appropriate for a 30 year old sophisticated woman than a 13 year old girl, and that it was a size 10 instead of a size 4. So Isabel set to work to alter the dress so that Julie could wear it. Gustav's smile as she set off to the party was worth any hassle the dress had caused.

According to family history, he had been invited to a party at the Hills when, to his complete surprise, Olive's father announced their engagement. He was dumb-founded as he had no plans on marrying at the time, but he was too much of a gentleman to protest - plus he was used to arranged marriages.

Gustav also had an on-going battle with the US Navy, claiming that they had stolen a design for a steam engine that he had sent them for their consideration. It was a losing battle.

They also had an orphan girl, Marietta Kline, living with them. She was listed in the 1920 IL census being 13, born in IL.

1920 Cook Co. IL census: Vol. 125, E.D. 84, Sheet 3, Line 44  
Gehrandt, Gustav  
W[hite]; age 42; birthplace Germany; citizenship: Na[turalized]  
Evanston IL - 2657 Stewart Ave.  
Gehrandt, Olive, w[ife]; age 35; birthplace Illinois  
, Robert, s[on]; age 3 8/12; birthplace, Illinois  
Kline, Marrietta; Gua[radian]; age 13; birthplace, Illinois

Death Certificate: Cook Co., IL  
Evanston IL - lived there 43 years - both IL & Evanston. 2657 Stewart Ave.  
Died at the Broadhurst Nursing Home - length of stay 3 weeks  
Gustave R Gehrandt, date of death: Feb 6, 1962  
Male; White; Married; Date of Birth Nov 23, 1877, Meyenburg, Germany  
Age at last birthday: 84  
Retired Civil Engineer - Engineering  
Father's full name: Gustav Gehrandt Mother's Full Maiden Name: Christine Unknown  
never in the US Armed Forces  
SS No. 285-07-4476

Informant: Mrs. Florence Cheney, nurse, 1840 Asbury, Evanston, relationship, Records  
Cause of death, Myocardial failure (2 days); due to Auricular Fibrillation (2 days) due to Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease (years)  
Other significant conditions contributing to death but not related to the terminal condition: Cer. vascular thrombosis - left hemiplegia (6 weeks) - no autopsy.  
Disposition: Cremation 7 Feb. 1962, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL [Note: Ashes ended up buried at his Granddaughter's grave at St. Francis Cemetery, Phoenix AZ (Nancy Jean Gehrandt).]

More About Paul Robert Gustav Gehrandt:  
Burial: Unknown, Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ  
Emigration: February 15, 1905, Ellis Island Records - Kronprinz Wilhem  
Fact 1: bur St Francis Cemt., Phoenix AZ  
Fact 2: 1919, Naturalized  
Fact 3: 1905, Emigrated to USA from Germany  
Naturalization: 1919, Cook Co., IL

Notes for Olive Roberta Hills:  
Olive was a tall, raw-boned woman. She had no pretense to beauty and kept her emotions under control at all times. She felt that any physical signs of affection were evidence of weakness. She was also one of the worse cooks in the world. Her cookies couldn't be broken with a hammer (her granddaughter, Julie and her cousin, Celeste, tried). And one Thanksgiving she announced at the table that the front of the turkey had been stuffed with dog food so that the dog could enjoy the taste of turkey too.

She was also extremely family "proud", leaving her estate to her wealthy sister rather than her only child, because his name was not "Hills". She was not an easy woman to live with. Towards the end of her life, after Gustav's death, she lived with her son and his wife, until her death. She died in Phoenix and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery., Chicago, in the Hills family plot. Gustav died in Evanston, and his ashes are buried in his granddaughter's, Nicky, grave at St Francis Cemetery., Phoenix AZ.

More About Olive Roberta Hills:  
Burial: Unknown, Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, Cook, IL

Children of Paul Gehrandt and Olive Hills are:  
1 i. Robert Paul Gehrandt, born April 12, 1916 in Oakpark, Cook, IL; died June 09, 1995 in Phoenix,

Maricopa, AZ; married (1) Isabel Eileen Malin February 18, 1939 in Evanston, Cook, IL. Abt. 1960 in Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ; married (3) <Unnamed> October 01, 1981 in Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ; married (4) <Unnamed> October 01, 1983 in Scottsdale, Maricopa, AZ; married (5) <Unnamed> December 1990 in Rocky Point, Sonora, Mex.  
ii. <Unnamed>, born Private.

### *Generation No. 3*

**4. Friedrich Adolph Gustav Gehrandt**<sup>5</sup>, born August 20, 1851 in Schmolde, Germany; died Aft. 1881 in prob Germany. He was the son of **8. <Unnamed>** and **9. <Unnamed>**. He married **5. Christina Wilhelmine Louise Kohnke** January 09, 1877 in Meyenburg, Germany.

**5. Christina Wilhelmine Louise Kohnke**<sup>5</sup>, born August 01, 1855 in Wangelin, Germany; died Dead in Germany.

Notes for Friedrich Adolph Gustav Gehrandt:

He was an officer of the Reichsbank (the National Bank of Germany). At one time his grandson, Robert, had the note that Gustav Gehrandt had issued to Napoleon. (Probably Louis Napoleon.) It is thought that the family originally came from the Alsace-Lorraine area and that the name had a different spelling.

In Chicago IL a Herman A. Gehrandt married Annie Koeppen on 24 April 1883. Herman was age 28 and Annie was 22 years old. A Christian Gehrandt also shows up in the 1850/60? Cook Co. IL census. An Auguste Gehrandt married Heinrich Theodor Meierding on 3 July 1871 at 1st Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL. Heinrich was bo. 27 June 1850, Chicago, Cook, IL. It is very possible that Christian, Herman and Auguste were all related.

Jennifer Gehrandt (pepemaus@gmx.net) sent the following info on 1 July 2000:

"Hi Julie, I'm Jennifer Gehrandt, I'm 14 and the daughter of Ulrich and Petra Gehrandt. Ulrich is a "real" Gehrandt. He was born in 17.03.1948 in Wittenberge/Germany. His Dad, Willy Gehrandt, was born in 23.09.1911 in Wittenberge, too. He died 03.04.1981. The father from Willy, Karl August Gehrand(t), was born in 17.05.1867 in Meyenburg. He died 1941. We think he is a brother of Gustav Robert Gehrandt. If you want more informations write back! Sincerely, Jennifer - from Germany.

Hi Julie,

how are you? I know much time was passing by since my last mail. But i had a hard time last year. At last september i wrote my first exam - its the final exam after four academic year. By the way, i dont know whether i have mentioned any time what i do besides of genealogy. I'am a law student or i was. Fortunately i passed my exam after the oral part in this january. After this my girlfirend and i have looked for a cheap flat. Our last (a student's hostel) we had to leave as they have canceled our registrations. It was very hard to find a nice, modern and comfortable flat in Potsdam. This city is located near Berlin and every "Berliner" who was fed up with his noisy and stinky city went to Potsdam. And therefore the rental charges are rising here. But nevertheless we found a very nice flat and then we refurnished our flat. In these student's hostel you had a bed, a wardrobe, a writing desk, chairs, a complete kitchen - simply everthing. So we had to look for furnitures and this took much time. Besides i started working for a law firm in sideline. And now I'am preparing for the second part on the road to a so called full-lawyer. During the next two and a half years i'll work more practical in contrast to the academic years. I'll work for a civil court at the first six months, for the public prosecutor's office the next three months, then for the administration six months and then for a lawyer five months. After this i'll write my second exam. And this will be very hard too. Every time at least thirty per cent fail. And only ten per cent get a mark which opens all possibilities.

And now i have some amazing news for you - cousin Julie. I took time for searching the old church records of Meyenburg. And so:

WELCOME IN MY FAMILY  
BIENVENIDO EN MI FAMILIA  
WILLKOMMEN IN MEINER FAMILIE

The full name of your great grandpa is Friedrich Adolph Gustav Gehrandt. He was born on August 20th, 1851 in Schmolde. He has worked as a miller and landlord. He has married your great grandma Christiane Wilhelmine Louise Köhnke, born on 08/01/1855 in Wangelin, on 01/09/1877 in Meyenburg.

Unfortunately the church records mention only the name and the date of birth of three children and there are no further details about the last one:

- 1) Paul Robert Gustav, male, born on 11/23/1877
- 2) Helmuth Karl Alfred, male, born on 12/25/1878

3) Elise Amande Auguste, female, born on 04/04/1881

My first guess is that their last child, Alfred, was still born in Berlin. And my second that Elise could be their daughter Leichen who was killed by the russians. And now i go back to the past or more exactly to the parents of your great grandpa. His father was the miller Christian Friedrich, born on 12/17/1816 in Schmolde and he died on 07/17/1833 in Meyenburg. He has married his wife Emma Emilie Dorothea Müller who was born on 09/04/1822 in Schmolde and died on 01/28/1908 in Meyenburg, on March 24th 1845 in Schmolde. They have had eight children and one of them was your great grandpa. His grandpa was farmer Hans Joachim Chr. Gehrandt who was born on 05/14/1779 in Schmolde and died on 02/20/1860 in Schmolde, too. On October 24th 1800 he married Catharina Elisabeth Voss who has lived in Schmolde from her birth (11/26/1780) until her death on 12/09/1839. They have had TEN children. And he was the brother of Johann Joachim Gehrandt who was the father of my triple great grandpa Johann Friedrich Ernst, born on 01/22/1818 in Schmolde. And therefore we are some kind of cousins although we belonging to different branches of OUR family tree. So far, so good. The father of Hans Joachim Chr. was also a farmer in Schmolde. [ By the way, Schmolde is located in the north of Brandenburg near Meyenburg. Its a very small village, but i guess if you enter the name in "Google" or something similar, you will find this.] His name was Hans Joachim and he has lived from 08/17/1754 until 09/24/1827 in Schmolde. His wife was Catherina Elisabeth Reihern (09/29/1753 - 12/16/1839) who had given birth to eleven children. The date of their marriage was April 26th 1776 in Schmolde.

I know that i give you a lot of information and it will be hard to take all at once. But i can imagine that you are interested in more information at the same time. And so i want present another three generations in brief:

Father of Hans Joachim was Jochim Christoph Gehrandt. He was born on 11/05/1726 in Schmolde and he died on 07/20/1781 in Schmolde. His wife was Catharina Margaretha Siggelkow.

They have had five children. His father was Joachim Christoph Geran (Our last name has changed during the time, but i'am sure that this last name is original form. I found some old manuscripts which have contained three different spellings of our last name - Geran, Gehrand(t), Gerandt - and all belonging to only one person's last name. I suppose that some administration mistake has caused the change in our last name.) He has lived from 09/05/1697 (Meyenburg) to 09/18/1771 (Schmolde). His wife Elisabeth Schmidt was born on January 22th 1726. She has

given birth to 6 children. And the latest "branch of our tree" is Joachim Geran who was born before 1661 and died on 02/23/1721 in Meyenburg. He married his wife Ilsabe Bolt who was born before 1677 in Meyenburg (1694).

At the moment i have no informations about older ancestors, but i suppose that there are some. I red a book which mention that a Geran was a city council in 1600. ....

I hope my mail makes you more than happy. I'am very glad that i have found the missing link five years after our first contact. I hope we'll stay in line.

Your COUSIN Jens  
25 August 2002  
Jens Gehrandt

Children of Friedrich Gehrandt and Christina Kohnke are:

- i. Helmuth Karl Alfred Gehrandt<sup>6,7</sup>, born November 23, 1877 in Meyenburg, Germany; died Aft. February 1939; married <Unnamed>; born Private.

Notes for Helmuth Karl Alfred Gehrandt:

When his nephew, Robert Paul Gehrandt, married Isabel Malin in Evanston IL Helmut and Emmi sent the following telegram:

17 Feb 1939  
Den jungvermaehlten sowie deren eltern herzhichste  
glueckwuensche.  
Helmut und Emmi Gehrandt

It was sent to Bob's parent's home at 2657 Stewart Ave.,  
Evanston IL  
Hi Julie and all:

The translation of the telegram is:

Heartfelt good wishes to the newly weds and also their  
parents

Erv Uecker  
Milwaukee

- ii. Elise Amande Auguste Gehrandt, born April 04, 1881 in Meyenburg, Germany; died Abt. 1945 in Berlin, Germany<sup>7</sup>

Notes for Elise Amande Auguste Gehrandt:

Leichen was suppose to have died when she ran into a burning building at the time when the Russians came into Berlin.

- iii. Alfred Gehrandt, born March 08 in Germany<sup>8</sup>; died March 07, 1963 in West Berlin, Ger<sup>8</sup>; married <Unnamed> September 17, 1912 in Prob Berlin, Germany; born Private.

Notes for Alfred Gehrandt:

Alfred probably worked at his father's bank as he sent his nephew, Robert Paul Gehrandt, a book of all the dominations of current German currency, which at the time was virtually worthless. Albert also came for a visit to his brother, Gustav, who was living in Evanston IL at the time. Alfred was a very large man. He was concerned that the USA didn't have enough food, so brought a large trunk of food. His nephew, Robert, was a young boy at the time of his visit.

The Ellis Island web site has the following:

Alfred Gehrendt, Ship Kurt, arriving NY 15 May 1924, age 23, single, male, residence Kiel Germany, departure city Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Prussia, Germany. [Note: this would be about the correct time period that his nephew, Robert Gehrandt, remembers him coming for a visit. However, the age and marital state would be incorrect. Alfred and Sophie married in 1912. And the picture of Alfred that the family has shows him in a Naval uniform in 1910 taken in Berlin. But other emigration information has been incorrect, i.e. the age of Rosalie O'Donnell when she returned from Europe in 1922 after serving in the Red Cross during WWI.]

He served in the German military.

A letter was received 17 Mar 1963 from Sophie telling of Alfred's death on 7 Mar 1963 - the day before his birthday. They were living at: (1) Berlin NW 21, Gotzkowskystr.21 Germany. On 17 Sept 1962 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

"Berlin, 17/3/1963

Dear Julie,

We have received your dear letter and the pictures, and we were so pleased about it. Thank you so much. They came just in time that uncle Alfred could still see them.

On 7 March at 10.30 hours (European time), one day before his birthday, he closed his dear eyes forever. (Meanwhile, you will have received the Announcement of Uncle's death, haven't you!) [Note: Don't recall ever receiving such an announcement.] Now I am quite alone. I can only comfort myself with the thought that uncle Alfred now is saved from his suffering, and that he will now have the eternal peace.

I have done everything which I could do for him. I have loved him my whole life since I have known him, and I think I have proved him that newly every day during all the fifty years that our Lord has allowed me to be his wife. - I don't think that I must blame myself in any way, that I should have failed on him. I have never caused him any sorrow during the long time of our matrimony. That's my comfort.

And now I shall try to continue my life in his mind. I will not despair because uncle Alfred would never have wished that. With my age (on 25 sept I shall be 81!) it is so grievous and so hard to be suddenly quite alone. But I will live on with the remembrance of my beloved husband, and the joy of my further life will be the memory of all his love, and of all his goodness and kindness, - as long as our Lord wishes me to be alive. I believe that he also will give me the strength to go on. To whom our Lord sends grief, he also gives the strength to bear it, I think.

Until his last breath uncle Alfred had his full consciousness, although he could no more move himself, and although he could not speak any more. He was so very very weak, and he really died from weakness. His doctor thought he would already die last november. Now he told me, only my good care for him has prolonged his life for a few months.

As I have told you already in december, uncle Alfred was such a wonderful patient, really full of patience, and as often as I have asked him "Alfred, have you any pain?", he always denied that. But nevertheless I think, this was no good life for my dear Alfred, just to be tied on his bed, and unable to move and to talk. No, I think he had to be saved after all. The last time he often wanted to get up and to walk in the room. But naturally he was not able to get up. And I was so very sorry for him, I was so sorry that I could not fulfill his

wish.

Now he is saved, and our dear Lord will give him the eternal peace, which he deserves so much.

I am so sorry that you all are living so very far from me. How wonderful it would be if you could come to see me once in a while, so that I should not be so very lonesome. - Our young friend who wrote to you in december as here to take part in the funeral ceremonies (uncle Alfred got cremated), and she stays with me for still five days. But then she has to go back into her office. I am so sad, but I can't help it. All my dear folks are living in the Russian Zone of Germany and no one could come to give uncle Alfred the last honour. No one can come to give me a bit company. They simply get no permission to leave the russian zone to come to Berlin or to western Germany. Isn't that terrible?

My dear Julie, I thank you once more from all my heart for your dear letter and for the nice pictures. You have really beautiful children. And your dear husband is so handsome. And you yourself are such a lovely woman. I wish you always to be very happy, - as happy as I could be with uncle Alfred. Please give also my kindest regards and my heartiest greetings to grandmother Gehrandt. - And please let me hear again from you. You must not try to find somebody to translate your dear letter, that's not necessary. You can write in English, and I shall send the letter by mail to my young friend. She will like to translate it for me, and after a few days I shall have your letter translated in German. Don't worry about it. Once more my heartiest greetings.

With love to all of you

Deine

Tante Sophie

- 2            iv. Paul Robert Gustav Gehrandt, born November 23, 1877 in Meyenburg, Germany; died February 06, 1962 in Evanston, Cook, IL; married Olive Roberta Hills Bef. April 1916 in Des Plains, Cook, IL.

**6. George Adelbert Hills**, born April 08, 1848 in Fredonia, Chautauqua, NY; died February 23, 1933 in Ft Lauderdale, Broward, FL<sup>9</sup>. He was the son of **12. Philander Hills** and **13. Celine Axy Dodge**. He married **7. Louisa Augusta Burkhardt** November 29, 1882 in Lemont, Cook, IL.

**7. Louisa Augusta Burkhardt**, born November 17, 1862 in Lemont,

Cook, IL; died April 09, 1940 in Ft Lauderdale, Broward, FL<sup>9</sup>. She was the daughter of **14. Henry Burkhardt** and **15. Frederika Dorothea Dorre**.

Notes for George Adelbert Hills:

George was a transfer agent. Moved from Lemont, to Chicago, and finally moved to Ft. Lauderdale FL. He and Louise are buried at the Rosehill Cemetery. (family plot) in Chicago IL (see notes on Celina Dodge). Henry Luce, his stepfather, died in Des Plaines IL - he was listed as an invalid for 18 years and presumably was living with George and Louise after Celina died.

See 1870 & 1880 census information under Henry Luce - Chicago IL. In both census years he was living, along with his brother, with his mother and stepfather. In 1870 he was listed as a sailor and by 1880 as working at a Brass Foundry - 1880 census had quite a few mistakes.

Chicago IL Voters Registration:

1888 - Geo. A. Hills, living at 198 La Salle Ave., born NY; white; Term of residence: in Precient 12 yr.; in county 28 yrs. State 28 yrs. [Note - in 1888 George, his brother Robert and his stepfather, Henry A. Luce were all listed at the same address. In the 1890 Voters Registration Geo. A. Hills is listed at 189 La Salle - Robert & Henry were not listed for this year. None of them were found in the 1892 registration.]

1890 - Geo. A. Hills, 189 La Salle, born NY; white; 16 yr Precient; 28 yr. county; 28 yrs State.

In the 1920 census George and Louisa were living with their son, George B. Hills' family, in Jacksonville City, Duval, FL.

In the County Judge's Court in  
and for Broward County, Florida.

In Probate

In The Matter of the

Estate of:

George A. Hills, Deceased

Comes now, George B. Hills, as executor of the Estate of George A. Hills, deceased, and respectfully shows unto the Court that he is the duly appointed, qualified and acting executor of said estate.

That in the opinion of said executor it would be for the best interest of the estate that the following described unimproved property be sold, to-

wit:

Lots fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) of Block six (6) of Riverside Addition to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, according to the amended plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, page 13, of the public records of Broward County, Florida, and

Lot thirteen (13) of Block sixteen (16) of Victoria Park, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, page 32, public records of Broward County, Florida.

Your petitioner respectfully shows unto the court that under and by the will of George A. Hills, deceased, a life estate coupled with the power of sale was granted to his surviving widow, Louise B. Hills, with remainder to his surviving children, Marion L. Hardeen, (formerly Marion L. Fahrney), and Olive R. Gehrandt, surviving daughters of said testator and a one-third interest in said real and personal property was left in trust for the use and benefit of Mace Banta Travis, nee Mace Banta Hills, Mary Ann Hills, George Burkhart Hills, Jr., John Robert Hills, and Thomas Marion Hills.

Your petitioner was, by said last will and testament, appointed as trustee for said minor grandchildren of testator and was empowered to sell said trust estate or any part thereof at the discretion of your petitioner as trustee.

Petitioner respectfully moves the court for the entry of an order authorizing and directing your petitioner, as executor of the Estate of George A. Hills, deceased, to make, execute and deliver by good and sufficient warranty deed a conveyance of the hereinbefore described property for good and valuable consideration equal to or in excess of the assessed valuations of each of said properties and that by said order your petitioner be directed to make, execute and deliver his executor's deed to the purchaser, Josephine M. Roesch, of Broward County, Florida, and your petitioner will ever pray.

George B. Hills

As executor of the Estate of

George A. Hills, deceased.

... Sworn and subscribed before me, this 28 day of June A.D. 1944 ...

#### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE A. HILLS

I, GEORGE A. HILLS, a resident of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, being of sound and disposing mind, and memory, and hereby revoking and cancelling any and all wills heretofore made by me,

do make and declare this to be my last will and testament. That is to say, after my death,

**FIRST**

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently can be done.

**SECOND**

I give, devise and bequeath all of my property, of whatever kind or nature, and wherever the same may be located, unto my wife, Louise B. Hills, if living at the time of my decease, but for and during her natural life time only.

**THIRD**

All of the property devised and bequeathed to my wife, Louise B. Hills, during her life time as set out in the second paragraph hereof, I hereby devise and bequeath at the time of her death, in the event she survives me, to the following persons, to-wit: To each of my two daughters, namely, Olive R. Gehrandt and Marion L. Fahrney, an undivided one-third interest therein. I give, devise and bequeath the other one-third interest in said property to my son, George B.H. Hills, as trustee, in trust nevertheless, for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of his children, to-wit: Mace Banta Hills, Mary Ann Hills, George Burkhart Hills, Jr., John Robert Hills, and Thomas Marion Hills, share and share alike.

**FOURTH**

In the event my wife, Louise B. Hills, survives me and it shall become necessary in the judgement or opinion of my son, George B. Hills, to sell, mortgage or dispose of any of the property devised and bequeathed in the third paragraph hereof, for the support and maintenance of my said wife, I hereby give and grant unto my said wife, full right, power and authority without the order of any court, to sell, mortgage or dispose of at public or private sale and without notice to any of the other devisees of said property or any other person, any or all of said property for such price and upon such terms and conditions as my said wife shall deem necessary provided however, that my son, George B. Hills, shall give his written consent thereto, such written consent to be endorsed upon the instrument or instruments of conveyance, mortgage or other disposal of said property.

**FIFTH**

In the event my wife, Louise B. Hills, shall die before my death, I will, devise and bequath all of my property to the persons designated in the third paragraph of this will in the manner therein set out.

**SIXTH**

I hereby devise and direct that my son, George B. Hills, shall hold, manage and dispose of the property herein devised and bequeathed to his

as trustee for the use and benefit of his said children in trust for them until the youngest of said children living shall reach the age of thirty years, at which time said trust shall terminate and the trust estate shall be thereupon divided among said children, share and share alike. My said trustee shall at all times have full power and authority without the order of any court to sell, mortgage, convey or dispose of any or all of said trust estate at public or private sale in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as said trustee in his sole judgement and discretion shall see fit, and to invest and re-invest the proceeds derived from any such sale, mortgage or disposal of any of said property in such securities and in such nanner as he shall deem [proper, and to pay out and disburse from time to time such sum or sums of money derived from the income of said trust property or from the sale, mortgatge of disposal of the same as he shall see fit for the support, maintenance and/or education of the beneficiaries of said trust or any of them, and no purchaser, mortgagee or other person acquiring any interest in or lien upon said trust property on any part thereof shall be bound or required to account for the proper application of any moneys derived from the sale, mortgage or other disposal of said property by said trustee, or in any wise helpd responsible for any default, neglect or misapplication of any of said trust estate or proceeds derived therefrom.

#### SEVENTH

For the purpose of executing or carrying into effect this, my last will and testament, I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son, George B. Hills, executor of this will, and direct that he shall not be required to give any bond as such executor nor make any inventory of said estate, nor account to any court of the disposal, management or control of any of my said estate, nor make any returns to any court of his acts or doings as executor or as trustee under this will.

#### EIGHTH

In the event of the death of my son, George B. Hills, at any time before my estate shall be fully administered or before the trusts herein created shall terminate, I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint his wife, Anna McEnerey Hills, as such trustee; and in such event I desire the probate court in which this will may be proven, to appoint such suitable person as such probate court shall deem fit as executor of this will. It is my desire, however, that said court shall appoint as such executor, such person as shall be designated in writing by my two daughters, Olive R. Gehrandt and Mrion L. Fahrney, or the survivor of them if either or both of said daughters be then living, provided the person so designated shall qualify and undretake the performance of the duties od such executor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed my seal on this the 10th day of December 1929, and have also

subscribed my name on the margin of each of the three preceding pages hereof, this last will and testament consisting in all of four typewritten pages.

George A. Hills (sea)

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sealed, published and declared by George A. Hills as and for his last will and testament in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and at his request we at the same time in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses this 10th day of December, A.D. 1929.

C.L. Chancey, address Fort Lauderdale Fla.  
Anna L. Kennedy, address Fort Lauderdale Fla.

More About George Adelbert Hills:  
Census: 1880, Chicago, Cook, IL  
Will: December 10, 1929, Fort Lauderdale, Boward, FL

Notes for Louisa Augusta Burkhart:  
In the 1920 census record (see notes for her husband) Louisa's birthplace is shown as SC.

In the Confirmation records of St. Matthew Ev. Luthern Church, Lemont IL:  
CONFIRMANDEN  
No. 44/8  
Name des Confirmanden: Susanna Louise Auguste Burkhart  
(Name)

Name des Vaters Des Confirmanden: Hernrich Burkhart  
(Father's Name)

Geburtstag w.=Drt des Confirmanden: 17 Nov. 1863, Lemont, IL  
(Birthday of the confirmed)

Confirmations = Tag u.=Drt: 14 Apr 1878, Lemont, IL  
(Confirmation day)

Confirmationspruch: Jas 23, 11

Confirmator: W. Uffenbeck  
[Pastor}  
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Also according to St. Matthew's records Louise was the Godmother to the following children:  
Heinrich Andreas Ludwig (born 29 Oct 1881 and baptised 18 Dec. 1881)  
- Parents: Friederich Schlususen and Antonia Spihr.

Louise also attended the wedding (or was part of the wedding party) of Julius A. New and Minna Rosalie Dorre, 26 Sept. 1878 - others listed under remarks: Adolph Dorre, Louise Dorre, Carl Weruen, Johann Burkhardt and katie Schannfacher.

Chicago Tribune - Thursday, April 11, 1940 - Page 20:

"HILLS - Mrs. George A. Hills (Louise B.), suddenly, April 9, at her home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Notice of funeral service later."

Louise is buried at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.

In the County Judge's Court in  
and for Broward County, Florida.  
In Probate

In Re: Estate of  
Louise B. Hills  
Deceased  
No. 2904

Petition for Probate of Will

To the Honorable Boyd H. Anderson, Judge of said court:

Your petitioner: George B. Hills

whose residence is P.O. Box 4817, Jacksonville, Florida ... would respectfully show unto this Honorable Court:

First That Louise B. Hills died at Fort Lauderdale, Florida on the 9th Day of April, A.D. 1940 and at the time of her death was domiciled at 221 S.E. 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida and was a resident of Broward county, and was 76 years of age; and at the time of her death was seized and possessed of a certain estate, situate and being in Broward County, Florida, which to the best of petitioner's knowledge consists of Real Estate in Boward County, Florida, of the approximate value of \$7100.00 and personal property described as: Household goods and personal effects, also approximately \$400.00 cash in bank, of the aggregate estimated value of \$1000.00. That the value of the estate, both real and personal, of said decedent to this petitioner known, is of the approximate amount of \$8100.00

Second: That the surviving heirs at law of the said decedent known to your petitioner are the following:  
Olive R. Gehrandt, age 56, Daughter, Evanston, Illinois  
Marion L. Hardeen, age 54, Daughter, Chicago, Illinois  
(formerly Marion L. Fahrney)  
George B. Hills (Petitioner), age 50, Son, Jacksonville, Fla.

Third: That said decedent died leaving a Last Will and Testament, dated the 10th day of December A.D. 1929 which said document was published and declared by the said decedent to be his last will and testament, when, he, the said decedent, was at least eighteen years of age in the presence of C.L. Chancey and Anna L. Kennedy as attesting witnesses, and in and by said instrument, your petitioner was nominated Executor thereof.

Fourth: And your petitioner further alleges that he verily believes that the paper writing herewith propounded for probate and record as and for the Last Will and Testament of said decedent as aforesaid, and attested and signed by said witnesses, is the true Last Will and Testament of the said decedent.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that the said paper writing herewith propounded for probate and record be admitted to probate and record as and for the Last Will and Testament of the said decedent, and that this petition be recorded among the Records of the Court and that Letters Testamentary be granted to your petitioner as executor thereof.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.  
Chancey & Chancey - Attorney George B. Hills  
.... Be it remembered, That on this 10th day of April A.D. 1940 I duly recorded the foregoing Petition for Probate of Will in the public records of said County.

Boyd H. Anderson, County Judge  
Florrie Byrd Clerk

More About Louisa Augusta Burkhart:  
Census: 1860, Lemont, Cook, IL  
Confirmation: April 14, 1878, St. Matthew Luth. Church, Lemont IL  
Probate: April 09, 1940, Fort Lauderdale, Boward, FL

Children of George Hills and Louisa Burkhart are:

- 3 i. Olive Roberta Hills, born January 26, 1884 in Des Plaines, Cook, IL; died April 26, 1963 in Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ; married Paul Robert Gustav Gehrandt Bef. April 1916 in

Des Plains, Cook, IL.

- ii. Marion L. Hills, born Abt. 1886; died Unknown; married (1) Emery Homer Fahrney Bef. 1929; born April 12, 1876; died October 07, 1935; married (2) Theodore Hardeen, Jr. Bet. 1930 - 1940<sup>10,11</sup>; died Unknown.

Notes for Marion L. Hills:

In her father's will she is listed as Marion L. Farney. By the time of Petition to sell property from his estate her brother, George B. Hills, noted that her name was now Marion L. Hardeen (formerly Marion L. Fahrney).

Notes for Emery Homer Fahrney:

from the pages of the Waukegan Daily Sun 30 July 1903  
ARRESTED ON OLD WARRANT  
Homer Farhney Arraigned Today  
on Warrant Issued in 1900  
OFFICERS HAD LONG SEARCHED  
FOR HIM.

Nabbed on His Return to Lake County for a Day's Outing.

After accidental or clever evasion of the law for over three years Homer Fahrney, son of Dr. Peter Fahrney, the wealthy Chicago man owning a big farm near Millburn, was arraigned in court in Waukegan today on a warrant made out in 1900 by Former State's Attorney Heydecker on the complaint of a young woman living near the Fahrney farm. The warrant in question had been held over Fahrney ever since and it is said that an effort was frequently made to locate him in Chicago or in Lake county, but that since it was issued the officers had been unable to find him. At all events, the young man had never been seen at his father's farm since the warrant came out until the 4th of July, when he made a visit there to look over the property. Neighbors who had heard of the failure to arrest him spread the word and soon Constable Ames heard of it. A new warrant was issued for Fahrney's arrest and he was taken in charge. The case was fixed for this afternoon at 1 o'clock before Justice Van Deusen, and when the defendant was brought in State's attorney Talcott moved that the case in question be dismissed, a course which was taken, but the defendant was immediately arrested on the old warrant of 1900. As that warrant was issued by Justice Shatswell, the case was transferred to his court, where on motion of the defense, the case was continued until Aug. 7, (bonds being fixed at \$500, furnished by a local bank.

History of the Universal Motor Company

## Part 1 - The Early Years

In 1895 E. Homer Fahrney, a Chicago industrialist who owned a summer home in Oshkosh Wisconsin, built and patented a 2 stroke single cylinder inboard marine engine that he used to power the boat he kept on Lake Winnebago near Oshkosh. The engine must have worked well, because several of his friends asked him to build similar engines for them. (This original engine is on display at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, formerly called the Julius Rosenwald Museum, 57 Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL.)

In 1898 Fahrney joined with two Oshkosh men, Louis J. Monahan and John Termatt, who owned the Termatt & Monahan Company (a partnership they had formed in 1892), to manufacture Fahrney's engine (henceforth referred to as the Model A). Monahan was the president, Termatt the vice-president, and Fahrney the chief stockholder. In 1902 the Termatt & Monahan Company was sold to West Malleable & Grey Iron Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (later the Simplicity Engine Company of Port Washington, Wisconsin). In 1903 Termatt and Monahan formed the T & M Company and continued to build Fahrney's engine, as well as larger multi-cylinder two-cycle marine engines from ranging in size from 1 to 10 hp. The T & M Company is listed as a charter member of the National Association of Engine and Boat Builders, which organised the first New York Boat Show (and the first boat show in the United States) in 1904. Traditionally held in January of each year, T & M / Universal has had an exhibit every year the show has been held. In 1906 T & M began to build engine driven farm lighting plants and pumps, as well as marine engines which won them (and therefore later the Universal Motor Company) the distinction of producing the first production gasoline engine powered generating sets in the world.

### Universal (Termatt & Monahan) Model A

Fahrney, Monahan, and Termatt sold the T & M Company in 1910, however in 1912 the same 3 men organised the Badger Motor Company and began to manufacture a 4 stroke, 4 cylinder air cooled L head (side valve engine), with a displacement of 1132 cc (65.3 mm bore X 88.9 mm stroke) producing 5.25 kW (7 hp) at 1,000 rpm, and fitted

with a magneto ignition (henceforth referred to as the Model B). This engine was originally air cooled, but was converted to water cooling in 1914. Sales of the engine increased rapidly, and in 1913 the company was reorganised and the marine engine division was incorporated as the Universal Motor Company Inc., with a factory located on Ceape St. in Oshkosh. Monahan and Termatt may have returned to the T & M Company to manufacture stationery engines for farm use, however the complicated relationships between the T & M Company, the Badger Motor Company, and the Universal Motor Company is unclear. There is a reference to the Universal Manufacturing Company of Oshkosh taking over the Badger Manufacturing Company of Oshkosh in early 1915. In any event, the basic design of the Termatt & Monahan Company / T & M Company / Badger Motor Company / Universal Motor Company Model B motor was passed on to the engines later built by the Universal Motor Company (including the Atomic Four engine released over 30 years later).

- iii. George Burkhart Hills, born May 05, 1890<sup>12</sup>; died August 1971 in Jacksonville, Duval, FL<sup>12</sup>; married <Unnamed> Bef. 1913; born Private.

Notes for George Burkhart Hills:

George and his family were living in Jacksonville FL at the time of his Uncle Robert's death. In 1983 Robert Gehrandt was in contact with either George B. Hills Sr. or Jr. and he was later sent to South America to work - I believe he was an engineer.

1920 Census:

Supplimental entered in census office Mar. 19, 1920:  
Jacksonville City, Duval, FL - Roll T625-218  
2144 Cherry

George A. HillsHead1 74 NY Scotland\* OH Retired  
Louise B. Mother 58 SC Saxony/Germany France None  
George B.Head 31 IL NY SCCivil Eng. Hydraulic Eng.  
Anna M. Wife 28 IL IRE TN None  
Mace B. Daug 6 IL IL IL None  
Mary Ann Daug 4 1/2 FL IL IL None  
McEneery, Ellen S in law 22 SM IIRE TN None  
McEneery, Winifred S in Law 18 S I LIRE TN None

From the times of birth of Mace and Mary Ann it would appear that the family moved from IL to FL sometime between 1914 and 1915.

\*The census record shows Scotland, however birth records for Philander Hills, George A. Hills' father, shows he was born in NY.

More About George Burkhart Hills:  
Census: 1920, Jacksonville, Duval, FL

Marriage Notes for George Hills and <Unnamed>:  
Probably married in Cook Co. IL where their oldest daughter, Mace Banta (Hills) Travis was born..

#### *Generation No. 4*

**8. <Unnamed>**, born Private.

**9. <Unnamed>**, born Private.

**12. Philander Hills**, born October 30, 1810 in NY; died August 30, 1849 in Nr Cleveland on Lake Erie - shipwreck. He was the son of **24. Eleazur Hills** and **25. Betsey Riddell**. He married **13. Celine Axy Dodge** Bef. February 1844 in Prob NY.

**13. Celine Axy Dodge**, born September 04, 1822 in NY<sup>13</sup>; died February 20, 1887 in Chicago, Cook, IL<sup>13</sup>.

Notes for Philander Hills:

Philander died during a shipwreck (The Commodore Lawrence) off the Vermillion River (Lake Erie) near Cleveland. Henry Luce, one of the survivors, married Celina (Dodge) Hills after Philander's death. A Luce family lived in Ripley, Chautauqua, NY, and he might have been from there. Celina and Philander were living in Ripley NY. Death notice appeared in the Fredonia Censor.

NEHG Register, Vol 115: Father Nash's Record of Baptisms - Central NY 1797-1827: Eleazer & Betsey Hills: Jane, Sidney, Philander, Christopher on 2 February 1817.

Death Notices 1819-1899 reported in the Fredonia Censor, compiled by Lois Barris, 1991, p. 273:

"HILLS, Philander - Drowned Aug 30, 1849 off Vermillion River near

Cleveland. Schooner on which he was passenger capsized, all saved by (but?) Mr. Hill ..." from Fred. Census., 9/11/1849.

In the 1849 Buffalo City Directory the following was listed:  
Com. Lawrence tonnage 50 39 page 60

Subject: Re: Com. Lawrence - Buffalo 1849  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 09:59:57 -0400  
From: lewisw@hhpl.on.ca (Walter Lewis)  
To: Bill & Julie Chitwood <chitwood@surfree.com>

References:

Bill & Julie Chitwood wrote: I found my gg grandfather's ship listed in the Buffalo directory - page 60 - is there any place I can find out more about the Commodore Lawrence? According to a letter written by his son, George A. Hills, the schooner was the Commodore Lawrence - a Henry Luce was also on board and afterwards married Philander Hills' widow - he was a ship's captain out of Chicago in late 1800's according to census reports.

I've included a number of newspaper clippings that Bill McNeil sent along on the subject of the Commodore Lawrence. Walter Lewis

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On Monday last, about noon, a sudden squall came up accompanied by thunder and lightning, and but little rain. The Schooner COMMODORE LAWRENCE, which had unloaded a part of its cargo at the wharf, and had just cleared the harbor, was struck by the wind and capsized. All articles on deck (among which was a cooking stove) were plunged into the lake. No one was drowned. The crew came up to town in the yawl for assistance. The small steam boat WATER WITCH, which had just arrived from Lower Sandusky, went out to the vessel; but was unable to render any effectual aid. The steam boat UNCLE SAM, however, yesterday morning, succeeded in righting it, and towing it into port. ---- Sandusky Clarion

Cleveland Weekly Herald  
July 13, 1833 p.2 col.6

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The schooner COM. LAWRENCE was driven upon the rocks in Barcelona Harbor, on Thursday, and will be an entire loss.

Daily National Pilot, Buffalo

Tuesday, December 2, 1845

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LAWRENCE, COMMODORE Schooner, while lying at Huron, was struck by the lightning, and both her masts shivered to pieces. Capt. Root of the BUNKER HILL says her masts had fallen when he saw her.  
Daily Herald & Gazette, Cleveland  
Tuesday, May 9, 1837

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LAWRENCE, COMMODORE Schooner, capsized off Vermilion, one man drowned. Aug. 29, 1849.  
Casualty List for 1849  
Erik Hyle's private papers

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MARINE DISASTERS AND LOSSES ON THE LAKES  
DURING THE SEASON OF 1849

Schooner COMMODORE LAWRENCE, capsized off vermilion; one life lost; vessel...\$400  
Buffalo Commercial Advertiser  
Thursday, January 3, 1850 (extracted from list)

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VESSEL CAPSIZED.---The officers of the steamer DE WITT CLINTON, inform us, that on Saturday morning they fell in with a vessel capsized off Vermilion. They lowered a boat and proceeded in the direction of the vessel, but could not make her out. She was painted white with black stripes. Her small boat was gone, which was, probably, taken by the crew. The work "Buffalo" was made out on her stern.  
Buffalo Daily Republic  
September 3, 1849

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Vessels Enrolled and Licensed in the District of Sandusky  
1854  
Schooner COM. LAWRENCE .....47.69 tons  
Tonnage on the Lakes

The Democracy (Buffalo)  
Wednesday, February 28, 1855

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Alva Bradley was born on November 27, 1814 at Ellington, Connecticut. His family moved to Brownhelm, in Lorain County, in 1823. At the age of 19, he shipped on board the schooner LIBERTY, and by 1839 took over command of the schooner COMODORE LAWRENCE. In 1841 he sank money in his first building venture, the schooner SOUTH AMERICA. This began a long association with Vermilion shipyards which lasted until 1868, at which time he shifted his shipbuilding interests to Cleveland. Captain Bradley died there on November, 1885

From Adz, Caulk, and Rivets  
By Richard J. Wright p. 73

[It would appear from the above that the Comodore Lawrence was not an especially lucky ship. JC]

More About Philander Hills:  
Census: 1845, Ripley, Chaug., NY

Notes for Celine Axy Dodge:  
In the 1840 Ripley NY census a Celina Dodge is listed - age 15 to 19. Right under her listing is Robert Riddle, a relative of her husband, Philander Hills. In the 1845 Ripley NY census Philander Hills is shown with a household of 1 Male; 2 Females (1 under age 45 and 1 unmarried age 16-45). Philander was of an age to vote. Two of the household were born in NY and 1 was born in the USA but not NY. There is no listing for Celina Dodge in the 1845 census so presumably they were married by that time and she is the female under 45.

In the 1810 Chautauqua Names the Dodges listed are: Daniel; Mercy and Robert. Robert is shown in the 1810 census and 1808: 3-12 H1C by VWB. In the 1810 Chautauqua census Robert is listed as Later of Ellery; M1F1 under 10; M1F1 26-45. The 1830 Ripley census shows a Henry Dodge F2 0-5; F1 20-30; M1 30-40.

Celina married Henry Luce second. He was one of the survivors of the shipwreck that killed her husband, Philander. There was a large Luce

family in the area and I presume that Henry Luce was connected to this family.

George A. Hills, in different documents, spelt his mother's name both as Selina and Axy Celina. The family never heard any stories about her.

1850 Huron Co., Michigan Census:  
Huron County, Michigan - 1850 Census Index

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Actual 1850 Census lists the following people at same address:  
William George, 22, Salor, \$200, England  
Celina Hills, 29, NY  
Olive Dodge, 22, NY  
Robert Hills, 4, NY

George Hills, 2, NY  
Henry Luce, 27, laborer, NY  
Frederick Randall, 48, Sailor, Finland

Information received from Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago IL:

Lot: All; No 53: Section 106 - Owner(s) Robert E. and George A. Hills -  
Perpetual Care

Int. No. Name Age Location Died

21198Luce, Celina A 64, 5 mo 16 days 8.5N; 6.0 W 2/20/1887

40310Luce, Henry A 68, 5 mo 23 day 8.4S; 6.5W 7/31/1895

93871Hills, Robert E 82 5.0N; 5.7W 10/24/1926  
(steel box)

104686Hills, George A 84 1.75S; 5.5W 2/23/1933  
(Ashes)

115667Hills, Louise B. 76 5.0S; 5.5W 4/9/1940  
(Cremated)

148507Gehrandt, Olive Hills 79 5.0S; 3.5W 4/30/1963  
(Cremated)

See 1860, 1870 & 1880 census information under Henry Luce - Chicago  
IL.

1880 Chicago IL census:  
Household Record 1880 United States Census

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Household:

| Name           | Relation | Marital Status | Gender | Race | Age | Birthplace       | Occupation             |
|----------------|----------|----------------|--------|------|-----|------------------|------------------------|
| Henry LUCE     | Self     | M              | Male   | W    | 50  | NY Lake          | Captain NY NY          |
| Celina LUCE    | Wife     | M              | Female | W    | 50  | OH               | Keeping House NY<br>MA |
| Robert E. LUCE | Son      | S              | Male   | W    | 23  | NY Brass Foundry | NY<br>OH               |

George A. LUCE Son S Male W 30 NY Brass Foundry NY  
OH  
Louisa SEEVER Other Female W 19 WI Domestic Servant  
WI WI

Source Information:

Census Place Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
Family History Library Film 1254199  
NA Film Number T9-0199  
Page Number 313B

Death Certificate #4653, Cook County, IL:

Name: Celina A. Luce  
Sex: Female Color: White  
Age: 64 years 5 months, 16 days  
Occupation: (blank)  
Date of Death: Feb. 20th [18]87 a.m.  
Married  
Nationality and place where born: Ohio  
How long resident in this State: 24 years  
Place of death: Lasalle Avenue #198 18 Ward or town  
Cause of death: Poliomyelitis (? - very faint and hard to read)  
Complications Nervious disease of reflexs (? very faint and hard to read)  
Duration of disease: 13 weeks  
Place of burial: Rosehill  
Name of Undertaker: John Lind (?)  
Dated at Feb. 20 1887 (Doctor's name difficult to read Pa.....?)

Lenght of residence in IL differ by about 10 years between Celina and Henry. Also, other then the 1880 census, all places of her birth have been given as NY.

In an email from Gina Patterson (Ginaburningsky@aol.com) 4/9/20001  
Gina wrote: "My g-g-grandfather, david Elisha Dodge had a sister Celina Dodge b. 15 Feb. 1825 Pomfret, Chautauqua Co. NY to parents David E. & Maria (Cole) Dodge. We know she later married her stepbrother, Nicholas Terrell - son of her Mom's 2nd husband, Doctor Cogsdale Terrell." (My note: It would seem likely that there is a family connection between the two Celinas being in the same area and born at about the same time - perhaps cousins?)

More About Celine Axy Dodge:

Burial: Abt. February 20, 1887, Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago IL Hills

## Family

Census: 1870, Chicago, Cook, IL

Children of Philander Hills and Celine Dodge are:

- i. Robert Elezer Hills, born February 1844 in NY; died October 23, 1926 in Everglades, FL<sup>13</sup>; married Never Married; died Unknown.

Notes for Robert Elezer Hills:

Chicago Voters Registration 1888:

R.E. Hills, res. 198 La Salle Ave; born NY, white; terms of residence in Precinct 12 yrs, county 28 yrs. State 28 yrs.

[Note: he was not found in the 1890 & 1892 registrations.

In 1888 he was living with his brother and stepfather. He

was also listed in the 1870 & 1880 Chicago IL census along with his stepfather and brother.]

Robert never married. According to his great nephew, Robert Gehrandt, he was killed during a hurricane in the Everglades (FL), tied to a palm tree. At the time he was supposed to be involved with the survey of the Everglades according to family history (although that is unlikely at the age of ~82). The hurricane started on 14 Oct. 1926 as a tropical storm - at its highest point it was listed as a Class 4 with winds up to 100 knots per hour. It is also listed as one of the deadliest hurricanes, having 709 deaths listed to its credit. Its path was over Cuba and then into Florida. Robert died intestate and his Nephew, George Burkhart Hills, was listed as his Administrator. On the court papers it was noted that his only living close relative was his brother, George A. Hills, living in Fort Lauderdale, Broward Co., Florida.

According to his death certificate he had been living in Fort Lauderdale for 5 years. His nephew, George B. Hills, gave the information, listing his age as about 82, born in February in New York. His father was listed as Peter (actually Philander) and his mother as unknown. No cause of death was given and the doctor apparently saw him on the day he died (it was not indicated if Robert was already deceased by that time, although presumably he was). Occupation was listed as unknown. It also lists him as being buried in Chicago). [Buried at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago in Hills Family Plot.]

Chicago Tribune, Sunday October 24, 1926 - Part 1 Page 12:

HILLS - Robert Eleazer Hills. Oct. 23, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., beloved brother of George A. Hills and uncle of Mrs. G.R. Gehrandt, Mrs. E.H. Fahrney, and George B. Hills of Jacksonville, Fla. Funeral notice later."

Chicago Tribune - Monday, October 25, 1926, Page 33:

"HILLS - Robert Eleazer Hills. Oct. 23, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., beloved brother of George A. Hills and uncle of Mrs. G.R. Gehrandt, Mrs. E.H. Fahrney, and George B. Hills of Jacksonville, Fla. Services from chapel at Rosehill cemetery at 3:30 Tuesday p.m."

See 1870 & 1880 census information under Henry Luce - Chicago IL. In both census years he was living, along with his brother, with his mother and stepfather. In 1870 he was listed as a Bookkeeper and by 1880 as working at a Brass Foundry - 1880 census had quite a few mistakes.

More About Robert Elezer Hills:  
Census: 1870, Chicago, Cook, IL

- 6 ii. George Adelbert Hills, born April 08, 1848 in Fredonia, Chautauqua, NY; died February 23, 1933 in Ft Lauderdale, Broward, FL; married Louisa Augusta Burkhart November 29, 1882 in Lemont, Cook, IL.

**14. Henry Burkhart**, born January 26, 1819 in Saxony, Prussia<sup>14,15</sup>; died August 05, 1909 in DuPage, Will, IL<sup>16,17</sup>. He was the son of **28. George Burkhart** and **29. <Unnamed>**. He married **15. Frederika Dorothea Dorre** October 31, 1848 in Erie Co., NY<sup>18</sup>.

**15. Frederika Dorothea Dorre**, born Abt. 1830 in Alsace-Lorraine, France; died February 04, 1886 in DuPage, Will, IL<sup>19,20</sup>. She was the daughter of **30. Dr. Dorre** and **31. <Unnamed>**.

Notes for Henry Burkhart:

Henry was a political refugee. He had been a musician to the King of Saxony. They built a house in Lemont IL after their marriage. Henry was one of several children (boys & girls). Nothing is known of his brothers. His one sister married a Mr. Fisher and another married a Dr. Wagner, a professor of Biology at the University of Minn. A Henry Burkhart arrived in Phil. PA in 1853. If the 1860 census records are correct on birth places of the children, Henry and Fredka were in IL by 1851. His daughter, Louise, was also married in Lemont in November of

1882, so it is very likely that Henry (if alive) was still living there at that time.

Julie,

The following comes from Portrait and Biographical Album of Will County, Illinois, Chapman Bros., Chicago, 1890, page 271. (Everything within the quotation marks are that of the writer, however in the first line of the last paragraph I believe the name "Susan" should be that of Fredericka, also in the line beginning with "In 1849, the father..." at the end it reads "un-1869", I believe should be until 1869; there's also the word "worldly" in the next to last sentence, I believe should be worldly.)

"JOHN D. BURKHART, Supervisor of DuPage Township, occupies a pleasant home on section 36. He is a well-informed and enterprising man, has been engaged in some form of agricultural work since boyhood and commands the respect of his fellow-men. He was born in Cook County, October 24, 1858, was educated in the public schools and finished the High School studies at Lemont. Subsequently he attended a business college in Chicago, thus fitting himself for a practical sphere of life.

In 1869, our subject removed with his parents to Will County, here growing to manhood and beginning his personal career which has not yet taken him from the paternal fireside. He is a Republican and has been called upon by his associates to fill several official stations. For two terms he was Justice of the Peace, one year Assessor, and in the spring of 1890 was elected Township Supervisor.

Henry Burkhart, father of our subject, was born in Saxony, Germany, January 26, 1819, to George and Susan C. Burkhart, also native of that kingdom. He was reared to manhood, receiving a fair education in his native tongue, to which since coming to America he has by personal effort added a knowledge of English reading and writing. In 1845 he emigrated, sailing from Bremen to New York in forty-two days, and going at once to Erie County, N. Y., where he worked as a farm hand for several years. There he was married, October 31, 1848, to Miss Fredericka Dorre, a German lady of fine character and useful knowledge. She bore her part in the cares and shared in the joys that he encountered until February 4, 1886, when she entered into rest, leaving a wealth of affectionate remembrances.

The family of Henry and Susan (sic) [Fredericka] Burkhart consisted of seven children, five of whom survive their mother. Emma is the wife of Peter Williams, living in California, John H. is at home; Charles A. lives in Stockton, Cal.; Louisa is the wife of George A. Hills, of Chicago; Amelia is at home. In 1849, the father removed from the Empire State to Cook County, Ill., where he remained un-1869. He then took up his

abode in DuPage Township, this county, on the farm that is the home of our subject. It comprises eighty acres, devoted principally of gardening, in which line of agriculture Mr. Burkhart is meeting with deserved success. He began life poor, and by economy and industry has gained all that he has of worldly goods. His political views are like those of his son, in whose public life he rejoices as a fond father will, as a field suited to his talents and indicating the reputation he bears."

"The History of Will County Illinois, 1878" does not have a Burkhart surname spelled that way. However there is a listing on page 950. It is the "Real Estate Owners of Will County" for Du Page Township. The entry is :

Burckhardt, Henry, far. (farmer); P.O. Lemont

1860 Census: Township of Lemont, Cook Co., IL, 23rd day of July 1860:  
Henry is listed in the same house along with a Chr. Phillipps, age 27,  
Shoemaker.

Henry Burkhart, age 40 (under trade it looks like Boardinghouse), value  
of real estate \$200, value of personal estate \$150, born Prussia

Fredka, age 30, born Prussia

Emma, age 9?, born Illinois

John, age 4, born Illinois

Augusta, age 1, born Illinois

1870 Census: Township of Du Page, Will Co., IL

Henry Burkhart 51 Farmer 2600 900 Prussia Prussia Prussia

Frederika 45 Keeping House Prussia Prussia Prussia

Emma 17 IL Prussia Prussia

John 13 IL Prussia Prussia

August 12 IL Prussia Prussia

George 9 IL Prussia Prussia

Louisa 6 IL Prussia Prussia

Amelia 2 IL Prussia Prussia

1880 Census: Township of Du Page, Will Co., IL

Henry Burkhart 60 Farmer Prussia Prussia Prussia

Frederika 50 Wife Prussia Prussia Prussia

John 23 Son IL Prussia Prussia

Amelia 12 Daughter IL Prussia Prussia

(Note: Louisa and George Hills were married in 1882 - perhaps she was working elsewhere or away at school?)

1900 Census: Township of Du Page, Will Co., IL  
John Burkhart 41 Head b. Oct 1858 IL Germany Germany Farmer  
Henry 81 Father b. J? 1819 Germany Germany Germany Farmer Nat.  
1858 age 42  
Herman Roth Hired Man

1920 Census: Township of Du Page, Will, IL  
John Burkhart 52 Head  
Marjorie 39 Wife WI IRE IRE  
Re the following - wonder if any connection. His daughter, Louise and  
George & Robert Hills ended up living in Fort Lauderdale.  
1891 ---

Fort Lauderdale House of Refuge moved south down beach to present  
site of Bahia Mar Yachting Center.

Post office established at Fort Lauderdale with W. C. Valentine as  
postmaster.

Henry J. Burkhardt reported building home at Hillsboro Inlet.

In the 1878 Lemont post office information a Henry Burckhardt, Farmer,  
P.O. Lemont, DuPage TWP - is listed.

#### HENRY BURKHART

The pioneer resident of Dupage township, died at his home in that town,  
Thursday, August 5th (1909), at the age of 90 years. He was a native of  
Germany, but came to America in 1845, and soon after came west and  
here has since been his residence.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilwill/Necrologist/1909Necrologist.htm>

#### More About Henry Burkhart:

Census: 1860, Lemont, Cook, IL

Occupation: Farmer

#### Notes for Frederika Dorothea Dorre:

Dorothea was sent by her father, as a young girl, to live with her brother,  
because of her health. Her brother(s) was living in Charleston, SC, at the  
time. Census records show him as a baker. Dorothea met Henry  
Burkhard, a friend of her brothers, married him in Charleston. They then  
moved to Lemont, Cook, IL. Bonnie Jean Morgan (Dorothea's GGG  
Grandchild) has an amethyst pendant, earrings and pin set that once  
belonged to Dorothea.

More About Frederika Dorothea Dorre:  
Census: 1860, Lemont, Cook, IL

Children of Henry Burkhart and Frederika Dorre are:

- i. Emma Burkhart, born Abt. 1851; died Unknown; married <Unnamed>; born Private.

Notes for Emma Burkhart:

In the 1860 census Emma was listed with her parents, age 8 or 9 (hard to read), Lemont, Cook, IL. By the 1870 census she was listed as age 18, domestic Servant, enumerated with a John Harrison Family in Lemont Township, Cook Co., IL (M593, #212, page 28). (Information supplied by Marilyn Kole)

1870 Lemont Township, Cook, IL, enumerated on 23rd day of July 1870:

Dwelling #215

Harrison, John A, 31, M, white, Jeweler, RE \$1200;

Personal \$3000, born in England

Alice M., 27, F, white, Keeping House, born in England

Ida Belle, 3, F, white, born in IL

Burkhart, Emma, 18, F, white, Dom. Servant, born in IL, both parents of foreign birth.

An Emma Burkhart is shown as being born 1858, died 1918 and married to Mr. Koretke (DuPage Co. Genealogy Society records.)

More About Emma Burkhart:

Census: 1860, Lemont, Cook, IL

- ii. John Hernerich Burkhart, born October 24, 1856; died Unknown.

Notes for John Hernerich Burkhart:

Confirmation records of Johann Hernerich Burkhardt at St. Matthew Luth. Church, Lemont IL lists his birthday as 24 Oct. 1856 and Confirmation as 19 Apr. 1874, Lemont, IL, Confirmer: H.W. Querl.

(See census records under his father's notes.)

(See Portrait and Biographical Album of Will County, Illinois notes under his father's notes - printed in 1890 and no wife listed at that time.

More About John Hernerich Burkhart:  
Census: 1860, Lemont, Cook, IL  
Confirmation: April 19, 1874, St. Matthew Luth. Church,  
Lemont IL

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- iii. Louisa Augusta Burkhart, born November 17, 1862 in Lemont, Cook, IL; died April 09, 1940 in Ft Lauderdale, Broward, FL; married George Adelbert Hills November 29, 1882 in Lemont, Cook, IL.
  - iv. Augustus Burkhart, born Abt. 1858<sup>2/</sup>; died Unknown.

Notes for Augustus Burkhart:  
An Augustus Burkhart is listed in the IL Marriage archives as having married Minnie Burkhart 2/18/1882, Cook, IL.

See census under his father's notes.

More About Augustus Burkhart:  
Census: 1870, DuPage, Will, IL

- v. George Burkhart, born Aft. April 1861; died September 18, 1880.

Notes for George Burkhart:  
George died at age 19 years, 5 months, and 19 days according to records of St. Mathew Luthern Church, Lemont IL. His father is listed as Henui u Burkhart - Pastor W. Uffenbeck.

Probably not the same George - but possibly an uncle:  
Burkhart: Found George and Viola bu at Vogt End Cemetery, Bremen Township, on page 90 of the Master Index to South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society Cemetery Census Series.

More About George Burkhart:  
Burial: September 19, 1880, St. Mathew Luth. Church,  
Lemont IL

#### *Generation No. 5*

**24. Eleazur Hills**, born Abt. 1775; died September 06, 1845 in Ripley, Chauq, NY. He was the son of **48. Oliver Hills** and **49.**

**Unknown.** He married **25. Betsey Riddell.**

**25. Betsey Riddell**, born June 12, 1781 in Coleraine, MA; died September 27, 1856 in Ripley, Chautauqua, NY. She was the daughter of **50. Robert Ridell** and **51. Jean McGee.**

Notes for Eleazur Hills:

#256 Eleazur<sup>5</sup> (Oliver<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) In 1805 Eleazur Hills was living in Springfield, Otsego Co., NY; he subsequently moved to Ripley, Chautauqua Co. in that State where he d. in 1845. He had six children. Benjamin, Christopher, Robert, Sydney, Caroline (Wells), Jane (Hayden)

Presumably #255 1/2 is the man you want? The official title here is A SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD IN CONNECTION WITH THE HILLS FAMILY IN AMERICA compiled by Thomas Hills 1908, page 9

Eleazur was christened 23 March 1728/29, East Hartford, Hartford, CT.

Cemetery data is as follows:

East Ripley Cemetery Index

Hills Eleazer d. 6 Sep 1845 age 70  
Betsey (wife) d. 27 Sep. 1856 age 76

Elezer's Inventory is listed in 1845.

1820 census, Ripley, Chautauqua, NY, page 140:  
Eleazer Hills - 2 males 0-10; 2 males 10-15; 1 male 26-44; and 1 male +45  
1 female 0-10; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 26-44

1845 census, Ripley, Chautauqua, NY  
Eleizer Hills, Ripley

Not sure who the following Eleazur Hills is but didn't want to lose Revolutionary War pension records in case someone claims him: Here are the transcripts - some areas were very dark and hard to read - hope I got most of it correctly. Now to figure out who he was? Julie

New York Hills, Eleazer Number S.5.537  
or Hill

State of New York

Cayuga County            On this 6th (written "Seventh" crossed out) day of February A.D. 1833 (1832?) personally appears before me one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and State of New York Eleazer Hills a resident of the town of Scipio in said County aged seventy six years who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 - That he entered the service under the following named officers & served as herein stated That he was born in the town of Simsbury in the State of Connecticut AD1756 as he believes (but has no record of his age) where he continued to reside until he was about fifteen years of age. From there he removed to the town of Little Hoosack now in the County of Renselaer in the State of New York where he continued to reside until the time of the Revolutionary War - That about the first of April AD 1776 he enlisted into a company of New York State troops as he believes commanded by Captain Robert Coffin, Lieutenant Joel Dixon and Ensign - - - Dean in the Regiment commanded by Col - - - Elmer - that he marched with said company to fort George where he was stationed and continued to (can't read \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_) of three months, from there he marched to Albany with said company & Regiment where he remained about twelve days and marched from there to a place called fort Dayton on the Mohawk River where he was stationed until the month of March AD 1777 when he was discharged having served a term of Eleven months from the time of said enlistment - that he was employed part of the time in building a bridge for the rescue (?) of the American Army on the South side of the Mohawk River. He futher says that soon after the aforesaid discharge he again entered said service as a volunter in the company of militia commanded by Capt William Sharp and Lieutenant Whitney and marched to fort Hankinus (?) to (can't read word) where he continued to serve fourteen days. And there joined a company of militia commanded by Captain Dixon but the names of his other officers does not remember and continued to serve therein a term of six months - that said service was performed at different places along the Mohawk (can't read word) to guard the frontiers and the inhabitants from the ravages of the Indians - that the different detachments of militia and other troops were stationed along the Mohawk at different places (can't read word) small parties for the purpose of keeping such guard, that scouting parties were frequently sent out in which parties he was some times engaged - that he was stationed part of the time at different places near said fort and part of the time in saisd fort, and at other places - that after the expiration of said six months he returned home where he remained about fourteen days - that in the month of October AD 1777 he again entered said service in a company of militia commanded by

Captain Samuel Shaw - Lieut. Munson and Ensign Doy (?) (can't read several words) in the Regiment commanded by Doy not (can't read word) under Gen. Turbrook (?) that he marched to a place called fish creek, that he was in a skirmish at a place called Moses Creek in which Lieut Munson was killed & fell directly by his side - that he was called into service to oppose the army of Gen. Buregoine and was present when said army capitulated and laid down their arms - that he continued in the service at this \_\_\_ a time of half a month or more as he believes - that his whole time of service as he verily believes was not less than one year and six months as a private soldier - that he received a written discharge from said eleven months service signed by Col. Elmer, but that the same was lost some years ago so that he cannot now produce it that he never received any other written discharge from said service and has no documentary proof thereof that he has not the testimony of any living witness to said service and cannot procure it as he believes that whilst in said service he knows of no other officers then those above stated according to his best recollection - That from the town of Little Hoosack he removed to the town of Granvill in the County of Washington State of New York where he continued to reside about twelve years and removed from there to the town of Scipio in the said County of Cayuga where he has resided ever since and where he now resides - that at the time of the capture of Gen. Burgoine he saw a number of continental & other officers but knew not their names - That John C. Rudd The (scratched out: Ausel Cluck?) is a clergyman and Alexander Weed live in his neighbourhood and can testify as to his character for truth and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That he frequently served with different militia Regiments but owing to old age & loss of memory he cannot state particularly when or where such services were performed. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or territory.  
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid Eleazer (his mark) Hills  
J.L. Nicholson (hard to read)

Monrovia (?) August 23/49

Dr.\_\_(?)

In February 1834 Eleazer Hills of Scipio in the County of Cayuga N.Y. died leaving Phebe (?) Hill his widow, him surviving. He was at the time of his death a pensioner of the United States on account of services rendered by him in the Revolutionary War. He was not married during the period of his service, but the friends of the widow understand that she is entitled to a pension on account of her husband's service & as she is very old & infirm & destitute of property they are desirous she

should obtain it provided she is entitled to it. As I have not the Pension laws I am not able to determine whether she is entitled to it or not - Will you have the kindness to inform me whether she would be entitled to a pension on proof of the above facts & if so send me the \_\_\_\_\_ forms for making the application and proof - the widow has no knowledge of when her late husbands pension certificate is or whether it has been returned to the pension office or not.

Respectfully yrs. L.O. Aikin

To Court of Pensions

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Pension Office

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in teh margin with a brace, (thus: }). You will, when your return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

Statement, shewing the sercices of Eleazur Hills (almost black)

Enlisted 1776 11 mo. Private Capt. Coffin, Col. Elmer Fort  
George  
place of abode when entered service and age at present period: 76, Rens.  
Co.  
NY  
Vol 1777 6 mo. Capt Shaft, Capt. Dixon, Capt. Shaw,  
Gen  
Turbrook, Battles engaged in: Moses' Creek & Saratoga. Evidence by  
tradition.

Not \_\_\_ there are year & 6 months " \_\_\_\_\_

I am, respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J.L. Edwards,  
Commissioner of Pensions

Certificate of Pension issued the 30th day of May 1833 (page very dark  
and hard  
to read)

Mrch 1833 \$120  
1833 30

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\$150.00

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ktbricks wrote:

Julie-

Little Hoosac became Hebron, New York. I believe my  
gggggrandfather lived in Hebron. The homestead is in the Washington  
County History of 1878. What we were never able to figure out is that  
there is a date on the barn of 1803. George did not come to Hebron until  
1825 but Hills are credited as the founding family. Part of this farm  
became Hills Hollow Cemetery, Petersburg New York. So you may have  
solved the problem of who the founders  
were.

I have other records showing that Guy Hills was nearby in Argyle.

Bonds GENEALOGIES

AND HISTORY OF WATERTOWN MA p 520. I have been unable to  
get any information

on Guy #431 THE HILLS FAMILY IN AMERICA , another 1764  
born Conn Hills. That's in

1790's. But he doesn't show in 1800 Census. I have 6 kids and a  
generation or two plus the

wife Susanna Stearns of the Emigrant Isaac Stearns.

If you could I would appreciate your transcript of the pension. There  
are just too many unaccounted for bodies at the cemetery for the Hills I  
have tracked so far. Thanks John Hills

ktbricks wrote:

Hi Julie- Stan Brookshier is e-mail

Stan1676@Yahoo.com. Check the Genforum for Hills for his

posting on Hills-Reiddel/ riddle. Supplements to HILLS FAMILY IN AMERICA - according to FHL there are at least 4. The last one dealt with Artie Hills and Wallace Gears out of Chicago. Mostly Illinois and Minnesota connections to 1983. I am still hung up in Washington and Rensselaer County. I do show connections to Chemung, Lewis, Tioga, Dutchess and Lawrence Counties as well as to Washington and Rutland Counties Vt and to Ontario and Quebec Ca. Keep us in mind. John Hills Portland, Oregon. This line is Daniel (1), John (2) William Jr. (3), William (4), Thomas (5).

In 1820 New York census page 225 Index I show Eleaazer (sic) Hills in Cayuga County 031 in Aurelius. In 1830 page 325 Index I show Eleazer Hills in Cayuga 169 Auburn, New York. Hope this is useful. John Hills Portland, Oregon

More About Eleazur Hills:

Census: 1820, Ripley, Chautauqua, NY

Christened: March 23, 1728/29, East Hartford, Hartford, CT

Notes for Betsey Riddell:

First name is also shown as Elizabeth - Betsey was probably nickname but only name used by the family.

Children of Eleazur Hills and Betsey Riddell are:

- i. Benjamin Hills, died Unknown; married Never Married; died Unknown.
- ii. Caroline Hills, died Unknown; married S.V.R. Wells; died Unknown.
- iii. Robert Hills, died Unknown; married Harriet Allison; died Unknown.
- iv. Jane Hills, born January 06, 1806; died 1863<sup>22</sup>; married Hiram Hayden Bef. 1827; died Unknown.

Notes for Jane Hills:

Dear Julie,

I got your email address from the Chautauqua County genweb site.

I'm searching for a Jane Hills. She married Hiram Hayden before 1827 and she died in 1863. They lived in Ripley for at least 10 years and had 5 children: Betsey, Rhoda, Alonzo, William and Maria. All the children except Maria were born in Ripley, Maria in Michigan. I believe Jane must've been from the Ripley area and that the Haydens

came out from Connecticut before 1790. If you have any information on Jane, I'd love to hear from you!  
I've also posted a message on the Rootsweb board for Chautauqua.  
Thank you  
Brenda Pope  
bpope@mpinet.net

- v. Sydney Hills, born August 01, 1808; died November 20, 1848 in Ripley, Chautauqua, NY; married Mary Ann 1840; died Unknown.

Notes for Sydney Hills:  
Died of Pulmonary Consumption (Deaths 1847-1851, Vital Records - Ripley NY, by Virginia W. Barden).

Estate Inventories: Sidney Hills (Mary Ann), d. by 1848; note against heirs of Elizer Hills [father, who died in 1845] due 1851; minor ch: Pamela M., Mary A., Henreitta, William W.

- 12 vi. Philander Hills, born October 30, 1810 in NY; died August 30, 1849 in Nr Cleveland on Lake Erie - shipwreck; married Celine Axy Dodge Bef. February 1844 in Prob NY.
- vii. Christopher Hills, born July 15, 1813; died Unknown; married Parthenia Forsythe 1845; died Unknown.

Notes for Christopher Hills:  
According to Andrew Young,s "HISTORY OF CHAUTAQUA COUNTY NEW YORK", Christopher was living in Westfield NY(ca. 1875).

Notes for Parthenia Forsythe:  
Charles FORSYTHE

Posted by Dee Davidson  
<jcricket@cecomet.net> on Tue, 22 Feb 2000

Surname: DURKEE, DOOLITTLE, HILLS,  
DERICKSON, DURAND, STEVENS

CHARLES FORSYTHE  
A native of CT. removed to Erie Co PA, thence 1808 to Ripley., and settled on lot 5, where he lived til his death, May 1, 1860 He had 8 children All of whom reached the age of

majority.

- 1.) Nancy, wife of Fisk DURAND, he dead, she resides Westfield
- 2.) John K. married Lavina STEVENS, and 2nd to Nancy LUDLOW he lives on the homestead.
- 3.) Sarah M. wife of Joseph DERICKSON, in Meadville, Erie Co PA.
- 4.) Charles H. died Unmarried
- 5.) Caroline, dead, wife of Willard DOOLITTLE, he lives in Wisconsin.
- 6.) Parthena, wife of Christopher HILLS in Westfield
- 7.) David B. died unmarried about age 24
- 8.) Jane A. married Martin DURKEE, lives in Mina

**28. George Burkhart**<sup>23</sup>, born in Saxony, Prussia; died Unknown.  
He married **29. <Unnamed>**.

**29. <Unnamed>**, born Private.

Notes for George Burkhart:

A William Burkhardt is listed in the 1880 Lemont, Cook, IL census - a near neighbor of Henry Dorre - and I'm guessing that he might be Henry's brother. William was listed as being born in Prussia as were his parents.:

William Burkhardt, 40 Blacksmith

William, 9 son - Taken by father to reform school

Jacob, 7 son

Catherine, 4 daughter

James, 2 son

Localin Blocsler (sp?) 21 housekeeper

Children of George Burkhart and <Unnamed> are:

- i. Unknown Burkhart, died Unknown; married Wagner; died Unknown.

Notes for Wagner:

Henry's sister married Dr. Wagner, a professor of Biology at the University of Minnesota.

- ii. Unknown Burkhart, died Unknown; married Fisher; died Unknown.

Notes for Fisher:

A 1860 Frankfort Township IL census shows a Charles Fisher (60/Saxony) married to Anna (56/Saxon).

- 14 iii. Henry Burkhart, born January 26, 1819 in Saxony, Prussia;

died August 05, 1909 in DuPage, Will, IL; married  
Frederika Dorothea Dorre October 31, 1848 in Erie Co.,  
NY.

**30. Dr. Dorre**, died Unknown. He married **31. <Unnamed>**.

**31. <Unnamed>**, born Private.

Notes for Dr. Dorre:

Dr. Dore lived and practiced medicine in Alsace-Lorraine, France. He also might have lived in Saxony as in the 1870 IL census, his son, Henry William Dore (Dorn) was listed as having been born in Saxony.

Children of Dorre and <Unnamed> are:

- i. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- ii. Henry William Dorre, born July 27, 1827 in Bellshech, Saxony; died May 08, 1892 in Chicago, Cook, IL; married Louise Biesen September 20, 1849 in Charleston, SC, St. Matthews Luthern Church; born August 24, 1821 in Minden, Prussia; died March 11, 1892 in Lemont, Cook, IL.

Notes for Henry William Dorre:

In the 1870 IL census (Lemont, Cook, IL) he was listed as being 44, b. in Saxony, and was a saloon keeper. His son, August, was listed as a bartender.

He had a double wedding with Augusta Dorre on 20 September 1849, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Charleston, SC. His name was listed as: Heinrich Carl Wilhelm Dorre and his birth place listed as Urbach, Schwarzburg, Londershausen. It appears that their Witnesses were: Ernst Fergmann and Catharina Meyer.

Henry's death certificate shows him as age 65, occupation baker, date of death 8 May 1892, resident of IL for 23 years, cause of death valvular disease of the heart complicated by Dropsey. The duration of the disease was one year and he was buried at Lemont, Cook, IL - at the time of death he was living in Chicago.

Joliet Daily News, Box 32  
12 Dec. 1891 - 9 Jun. 1892  
V15 #208 V16 #51

9 May 1892 page 3:  
Died.

DORRE - H.W., aged 64 years, 9 months and 11 days, at the residence of his son, August Dorre, 3021 Parnell avenue, Chicago.

Funeral Tuesday, May 10, at 8 a.m., from residence to C. and A. depot, thence by cars to Lemont. Services in Lemont German Evangelical church at 10 o'clock same day. Friends here take C. and A. train at 8:20 for Lemont Ill.

More About Henry William Dorre:

Name (Facts Page): Heirich Carl Wilhelm Dorre

Notes for Louise Biesen:

In the 1870 IL (Lemont, Cook) census, a Rudolph Valentine (age 73) was living with them. Rudolph had been born in Prussia.

14 March 1892, page 4

Joliet Daily News Box 32

12 Dec. 1891 - 9 June 1892

V15 #208 V16#51

DORRE - Saturday morning at her home in Lamont, Mrs. Louise Dorre, beloved mother of Charles and Henry Dorre, of this city.

The news of her death will be very sad and unexpected to her many friends here. The funeral took place in Lemont this afternoon at one o'clock.

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- iii. Frederika Dorothea Dorre, born Abt. 1830 in Alsace-Lorraine, France; died February 04, 1886 in DuPage, Will, IL; married Henry Burkhart October 31, 1848 in Erie Co., NY.
  - iv. Frederick Dorre<sup>24</sup>, born Abt. 1835 in Beltstedt, Schwarzburg, Londershausen; died Unknown; married <Unnamed> August 12, 1858 in St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Charleston, SC; born Private.

Notes for Frederick Dorre:

Frederick and Catherine were married at a double wedding with his sister, Augusta Dorre, to Johann Klein. The Kleins were Godparents to at least one of their children, Johann Friedrich, while Augusta (Dorre) Klein was the Godmother to Augusta Wilhelamina. It would appear that the children were named after Johann and Augusta and that in all likelihood the families were close.

Fritz and Catherine had hard luck with their children, having only one, Anne, survive past infancy.

They lost children in: 1859, 1860, 1863, 1865 and 1869.

It would also appear that Fritz was in Charleston during the Civil War, as well as his brother Henry. Henry and Frederica Dorothea (Dorre) had apparently moved to IL before the outbreak of the war.

1880 SC Census: Archdale St., Charleston  
Frederick, age 47, Baker, head of house, born in Prussia,  
Father & Mother born in Prussia,  
Caroline, age 47, Clerk, wife (presume name is mistake as  
Catherine was still alive in 1880), born in Wistemberg,  
Father & Mother born in Wistemberg  
Anne, age 14, daughter, attending school, born SC, Father  
born in Prussia, Mother born Wistemberg  
Nicholas Panadi, age 35, born in Greece

[Information on family given to me by Marilyn Kole.]

Census of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, For the  
Year 1861.

Illustrated by Statistical Tables. Prepared under the  
Authority of the

City Council by Frederick A. Ford  
Charleston (SC) City Council Census:  
West Side, Ward #4  
51 Archdale - 1 brick building; owner: Jacob Wienges;  
Occupant: F. Dure

More About Frederick Dorre:  
Census: 1880, SC - Charleston, 45 Archdale St.

#### *Generation No. 6*

**48. Oliver Hills**, born 1729 in prob Windsor CT; died Unknown in Otsego NY<sup>25</sup>. He was the son of **96. Benjamin Hills** and **97. Elizabeth Warren**. He married **49. Unknown** Abt. 1756.

**49. Unknown**, died Unknown.

Notes for Oliver Hills:

Oliver was of East Windsor. In Aug 1777 and Aug 1779 he conveyed land in Hartford. One of the parcels was land formerly of his grandfather, Benjamin Hills, one half of which was formerly the property of his Uncle Samuel.

1845 Census for the Town of Stockton, Chautauqua Co. NY:  
Oliver Hills - 2 people living in Stockton.

His wife is unknown. His children are: Eleazur; Benoni; Anna and an unknown child, born 23 February 1766 and who possible died young.

Passengers on the Lion - 1632, by Sandra Sutphin Olney, mentions that Oliver was Christened on 23 March 1728/9, in East Hartford CT and that he died in Otswego County NY.

The book, History of Ancient Windsor, lists an Oliver and his brother, Benoni Hills, as receiving Continental and State Bounty: "Lex. Alarm, ... was in [Capt. Simon's (Enf. & E.W.) Co. Col. E. Wolcott's Ste Reg., Boston, Jan-Mch., '76 of Capt. E. Wolcott's Mil. Co. July-Aug., '76]; was of Capt. Ichabod Wadsworth's (Ell.) Mil. Co., who certifies that Hills (with his brother Benoni) enl. for 3 yrs.; "before the time was up, deserted, then was taken up by Boston forces," carried to West Point and enlisted in the Light Horsemen, "one (Oliver) in Boston (in Mass. Line) and ye other in York forces." -- Certif. dated Apl., 1781." Oliver Hills is also listed as having taken the Oath of Fidelity to this State in East Windsor CT in 1777. [Note: These would be the son's of Oliver Hills. See information on Oliver.]

On the LDS records Oliver Hills is listed as born 1729 Hartford CT, parents Benjamin & Elizabeth (Warren) Hills. Record numbers: 1. Film 178100, p. 754, ref. # 26285 - shows birth as ca 1729; 2. #1903713; 3. #458643 and 4. #459136.

Search Terms: HILLS (17), OLIVER (48)

Database: Connecticut Soldiers in the French-Indian War, 1755-1757

Combined Matches: 1

Hills, Oliver Page #84, Regiment unknown, Independent Company

Search Terms: OLIVER (21), HILLS (33)

Database: Hartford, Connecticut Probate Records, 1729-50

Combined Matches: 1

A DIGEST OF THE EARLY CONNECTICUT PROBATE RECORDS.

1729 to 1732.

Page 284 Name: Benjamin Hills Location: Hartford  
Invt. æ243-10-08. Taken 30 March, 1733, by Nathaniel Fitch,  
Daniel Dickinson and John Benjamin.

Court Record, Page 93--3 July, 1733: Adms. to Elizabeth Hills,  
widow, and Samuel Hills, a brother, who gave bond with John Hills, a  
brother.

Page 44 (Vol. XII) 13 April, 1736: This Court appoint Samuel  
Hills to be guardian to two of the children of Benjamin Hills decd., viz.,  
Oliver, age 7 years, and John, 5 years, their mother desiring the same.

Page 6 (Vol. XV) 4 March, 1746: An account of Adms. was now  
exhibited in Court by Elizabeth Hills and Samuel Hills, Adms. Accepted.

Page 8--4 February, 1745-6: John Hills, a minor, 16 years of age,  
son of Benjamin Hills, chose Joseph Cowles of Hartford to be his  
guardian. Recog., æ200. Oliver Hills, now 18 years of age, also made  
choice of

the sd. Joseph Cowles to be his guardian. Recog., æ200. Cert:  
Ozias Pitkin, J. P.

17 Jul 2001 17:07:06 -0700

From: "ktbricks" <ktbricks@netzero.net>

Julie -

Don't know if you've ever seen this but it might give you some leads:

The Hills Family Journal (FHL6055173) Volv IV No 3 Sept 1985 page  
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Richard John Hills of Cashmere Washington and Robert Tracy Hills of  
Prinville, Oregon, twin brothers, are descendents of John Hills, one of  
three imigrant brothers. Their line starting with John 1 goes to Elizur 2 b  
1768, Tracy Hamilton 3 b 1804; Elizur Samuel 4 b 1847; Tracy John 5 b  
1882 and Richard and Robert b 1917.

The following is from a history of this family, written by Elbridge  
Romeyn Hills b 1844, a great grandson of John Hills:

"For the information of the members of the Hills family, both present  
and prospective, I, Eldbridge Romeyn Hills, have prepared this account.  
The sources concerning the older branches of the family were few and  
consist almost entirely of personal recollections; very little documentary  
evidence being obtainable.

"In a letter received from John Hills (oldest child of Norman who was the

fourth child of John and Anna (Loomis) Hills dated Oct. 23, 1872, I extract the following: Three brothers, John, Olivier and another, name unknown, came to this country, date and from where unknown, and settled at East Windsor, Connecticut. After a few years, the unknown brother started to return to the place from whence he came, but as he never reached his destination and was never heard from again, he was supposed to have been lost at sea. Oliver Hills, when a middle aged man, moved to the State of New York and died in Otsego County, date unknown. He had a son, Elizur Hills, who in 1845 lived in Chatauqua County, NY, about one mile from the "Pennsylvania Line House,; and afterwards died there; also a son named Benoni, of him nothing more is known. Elizur (Oliver's son) had a son, S. Hills and another son, Robert Hills. Of them, nothing more is known. John Hills (the immigrant) whose descendents we are, married Anna Loomis." [Note: information on 3 brothers immigrating is incorrect - Oliver's line goes back to William Hills of Hartford, one of the original settlers.]

John and Anna (Loomis) Hills had nine children: John (died while a soldier in the Army of the Revolution), Azuba (died age 77); Erastus (m. Sally Kellogg); Norman (md. Sarah Cleveland); Azuba (b 1765 md Francis Baxter); Elizur (b 1768, md. Abigail Coddington); Hezekiah (md Asenath Wheeler); Anna (md Nathaniel Crow); and Lucy (md Joseph Wolcott). The history written by Elbridge Romeyn Hills goes on to list the 52 offspring of these children.

Martha Pumphrey of Jacksonville Florida has found her earliest known Hills ancestor to be Oliver Hills, who was either the father or the grandfather of Philander Hills. Philander and his wife Salina (or Celina) Douge, had sons Robert and George Adelbert Hills. Martha's line descends from George Adelbert whose wife was Louis Burkhart. Pertinent dates are still unknown, but Martha's research recently uncovered papers indicating that Philander Hills drowned in 1849 when the vessel "Commodore Lawrence" capsized on Lake Erie, and that his son George ADELbert Hills lived in Des Plaines, Illinois.

A son of George Adelbert and his wife Louise (Burkhart) Hills was George Burkhart Hills (1890-1971) who is pictured here. George Burkhart Hills and his wife Anna (McEnery) Hills had seven children: Mace Banta (Hills) Travis (1913-1980) Martha's grandmother, Mary Ann (1915-1981), twins (1917-1917), George Burkhart (b. 1825), John Robert (1927-1980), and Tom Marlow (b 1928).

Julie- Not always sure what to make of "Three brothers" stories. This

does seem to have elements of truth. I know you have posted many of these names. Not sure if Douge should be Dodge but did doublecheck the spelling.

Hope this is useful. Beverly Margolis the editor of this Hills Family Journal still shows in the Seattle phone book.

John Hills Portland, Oregon

1800 Federal Census: Schoharie, Schoharie, NY - #1163 - Oliver Hill(s)

Could this be our Oliver:

As the turnpike enters the County at this place, we will now refer particularly to that thoroughfare. An act was passed by the Legislature on the 10th of April, 1792, for the "construction and improving a road from Isaac Truax, Jr., in the city of Albany, to Cherry Valley, and a bridge across the Schoharie creek, between the north bounds of the farm occupied by Oliver Hills, and the north bounds of the farm occupied by - Degroot, in the town of Duaneburgh." General William North, Silas Talbot and Theodorus V. W. Graham were appointed a board of commissioners to lay the road and see to the construction of the same, and the bridge. During that season the road was laid out, and the bridge built so that teams could cross, but was not finished until the season following - 1793. The road then laid out, passed near the stone church and a little north of the present path, to the west, until near Sloansville, where it was run as now. Emigration to the western counties began to be quite brisk and the road not having received any improvement except the cutting of trees, a petition was made for the construction of a substantial road-bed, but the Legislature did not exert itself to that end until the bridge at this place was swept away by the unparalleled freshet of 1798. On the 15th of March, 1799, an act was passed to establish a "turnpike corporation for improving the State road from the house of John Weaver in Watervliet to Cherry Valley." The act says -  
Whereas the bridge over the Schoharie Kill on the State road, was by reason of the force of water and ice, last spring (1798) destroyed and  
Whereas the road on which the aforesaid bridge was erected is of public utility and is one of the public routes of  
communication between the city of Albany and the western settlements of this state Therefore Resolved that William North, John Taylor, Abraham Ten Eyck, Charles R. Webster, Calvin Cheeseman, Zenas Pinneo, Ephraim Hudson, Joseph White, Elihu Phinney and Thomas Machin (Sr.) and all such persons as shall associate for the purpose of making a good road from the house where John Weaver now

lives in the town of Watervliet in the county of Albany following the State road westward to the house where John Walton now lives in the town of Cherry Valley in the county of Otsego, shall and are hereby created and made a corporation and body politic.

A bridge was built at this place in 1792 and was swept away in 1798.

A temporary bridge was constructed a little to the west of the present one in 1799, and the present one was not built till several years after. In 1809, one Burr, took the contract to build a new bridge and built the abutments a few feet high when he was called to some other place to construct a bridge, and did not return till the year 1811. The structure was finished and the first team driven over by Judge Olney Briggs on the first day of January, 1812. Sixty- nine years have rolled around and thousands after thousands of people and teams have passed over, and devastating floods beneath, yet it stands firm and is an example of honest and perfect work. Nearly forty years ago it was condemned by hungry contractors and timbers were drawn upon the spot to rebuild, but the work was deferred and they have long since decayed and a healthy contract lost, while the bridge stands to laugh at human calculations and expectations. While the temporary bridge was in use a few planks had been removed to let stone through to the abutments, and carelessly replaced. [USGENWEB.com - Schoharie Co. History of Schoharie County by William E. Roscoe CHAPTER XX.]

FROM THE RECORDS OF HENRY CADY OF SCHOHARIE, N.Y.  
from the Historical Room of the Middleburgh Library - submitted to this page by Sylvia VanHouten, Middleburgh, NY  
EARLY SETTLERS OF ESTATESCOBLESKILL - Cobleskill was formed from Schoharie Mar. 17, 1797 - Oliver Hill 1811

Children of Oliver Hills and Unknown are:

- i. Oliver Hills, born Abt. 1757 in East Windsor, CT; died Unknown.

Notes for Oliver Hills:

Oliver Hills was of Captain Charles Ellsworth's company at the Lexington Alarm of April 1775. In January 1776 he was of Captain John Simons' company, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Erastus Walcott of East Windsor, CT. This Regiment was a part of the force that occupied Boston after the evacuation of that town by the British troops on 17 March 1776. In the summer of that year he was of Captain Erastus Walcott's Company serving in New York. In 1779 he was of Captain Ichabod Wadsworth's Company, and that

officer in a certificate dated April 1781 stated that Oliver Hills and his brother Benoni had enlisted for three years. At the time of his enlistment in 1779 the records reads, Private, 22 years old; stature 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion light; hair brown or light; occupation mariner; birth place, East Windsor, Conn. [A Supplementary Record in Connection with The Hills Family in America, compiled by Thomas Hills, 1908.]

Search Terms: HILLS (86), OLIVER (2812)

Database: Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors in the War of the Revolution, 17 Vols.

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Hills, Oliver, Connecticut. Private, 4th co., Col.

Thomas Marshall's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Sept. 23, 1779, to Dec. 31, 1779; residence, Connecticut; also, Capt. Marshall's co., Col. Marshall's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780; also, descriptive list made up to Jan. 1, 1781; Capt. Christopher Marshall's (4th) co., 10th Mass. regt.; rank, Private; age, 22 (also given 21) yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion, light; hair, brown (also given light); occupation, mariner; birthplace, East Windsor, Conn.; residence, Connecticut; enlisted Sept. 23, 1779, by Capt. Marshall; enlistment, during war; also, Private, Col. Benjamin Tupper's (10th) regt.; service from Jan. 1, 1781, 24 mos.

- ii. Benoni Hills, born 1762; died Unknown in Ripley.

Notes for Benoni Hills:

Served in the Rev. War.

- iii. Anna Hills, born March 10, 1765; died Unknown.
- iv. Child Hills, born February 23, 1766; died Unknown.
- 24 v. Eleazur Hills, born Abt. 1775; died September 06, 1845 in Ripley, Chauq, NY; married Betsey Riddell.

**50. Robert Ridell**<sup>26</sup>, born May 11, 1744 in Bedford, Hillsboro, NH<sup>27</sup>; died February 20, 1822 in Ripley, Chauq, NY<sup>28</sup>. He was the son of **100. Deacon Hugh Riddell** and **101. Ann**. He married **51. Jean McGee**.

**51. Jean McGee**, born October 28, 1747 in Colrain, Franklin, MA; died April 05, 1805 in ,Otsego, NY. She was the daughter of **102. Dea.**

**Thomas McGee and 103. <Unnamed>.**

Notes for Robert Ridell:

Information about the Riddell's is mostly from the book on "Ancient Rydells". The family appeared to have moved from Coleraine to Otsego Co NY in 1781-1783.

According in information on East Ripley Cemetery index:

Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Riddle, d. 16 Mar. 1832, age 76.  
RR (stone disintegrated, foot stone with initials). Research indicates that it is the grave of Robert Riddle. He was a Patriot of the War of the Revolution from New Hampshire.

Robert must have remarried after his first wife, Jane Magee, died in 1805.

Robert's inscription is:

"All you advanced in years  
you healthy and robust,  
are tott'ring round the grave,  
and soon must turn to dust."

History of Colrain, MA:

"ROBERT RIDDELL, son of Hugh and Ann (Aiken), b. 1744; d. Feb. 20, 1822; m. Jane McGee, dau. Thomas and Ann (Stewart), b. Oct. 28, 1747; res. Colrain to 1782, Shelburne till aft. 1800, then rem[oved] to Madison Co., NY. In Colrain he owned a part of the Hubbard farm in Bernardston Gore which he sold to James Wilson 2nd in 1782." (Note: The book listed the wrong children for Robert and Ann. Also his wife's name should be Jean, not Jane.)

1820 census, Ripley, Chautauqua, NY, page 135:  
Robert Riddell, Ripley, 1 male 45+ and 1 female 45+

Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors in the War of the Revolution, 17 Vols. -  
Volume 13, page 303:

Riddel, Robert. Sergeant, Capt. Agippa Wells's co., Col. Samuel Brewer's regt.; pay abstract for travel allowance and mileage from place of discharge home, sworn to at Deerfield, Dec. 10, 1777; 140 miles travel allowed said Riddel; company served at Ticonderoga for 3 mos. from Sept. 1, 1776. [Records have been sent for on 3 July 2000.]

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Riddle, Robert. Private, Capt. Hugh McClallen's co., Col. David Field's regt.; enlisted Aug. 17, 1777; discharged Aug. 19, 1777; service, 6 days, including 3 days (60 miles) travel home; company marched from Colrain to Bennington on the alarm of Aug. 17, 1777.  
[View full context](#)

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[p.305] Riddle, Robert. Sergeant, Capt. Sylvanus Rice's co., Col. Israel Chapen's (3d) regt.; engaged Oct. 24, 1779; discharged Nov. 22, 1779; service, 1 mo. 5 days, at Claverack, including 6 days (120 miles) travel home.  
[View full context](#)

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Riddle, Robert. 1st Lieutenant, Capt. James Walsworth's (15th) co., Lieut. Col. David Wells's (5th Hampshire Co.) regt. of Mass. militia; list of officers; commissioned Nov. 18, 1779; also, descriptive list dated Deerfield, July 24, 1780, of men detached from Hampshire Co. militia, agreeable to resolve of June 22, 1780, and returned by Maj. David Dickinson as mustered by him by order of Lieut. Col. David Wells; 2d co., 5th Hampshire Co. regt.; rank, 1st Lieutenant; engaged for town of Colrain; term, 3 months; reported ordered to serve as 1st Lieutenant in the company detached from 5th regt.; also, 1st Lieutenant, Capt. Isaac Newton's co., Col. S. Murray's regt.; engaged July 4, 1780; discharged Oct. 10, 1780; service, 3 mos. 16 days, including 9 days (172 miles) travel home; regiment raised in Hampshire Co. to reinforce Continental Army for 3 months.

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Riddle, Robert. Sergeant, Capt. Oliver Shattuck's co., in a

regiment commanded by Lieut. Col. Barnabas  
Sears; engaged Aug. 12, 1781; discharged Nov. 8, 1781;  
service, 3 mos. 2 days, including 5 days (100  
miles) travel home; regiment raised from Hampshire Co.  
militia to serve for 3 months. Roll dated Deerfield.

Notes for Jean McGee:

Jean McGee also shows as a Jane Magee in various sources.

Children of Robert Riddell and Jean McGee are:

- i. Baby Riddell, died Unknown.
- ii. Mary Riddell, born October 08, 1769 in Coleraine MA; died Unknown.
- iii. Thomas Riddell, born September 19, 1771 in Coleraine MA; died November 08, 1832 in NY.
- iv. James Riddell, born December 08, 1776 in Coleraine MA; died August 29, 1777.
- v. Ann M. Riddell, born September 26, 1779 in Coleraine MA; died 1789.
- 25 vi. Betsey Riddell, born June 12, 1781 in Coleraine, MA; died September 27, 1856 in Ripley, Chautauqua, NY; married Eleazur Hills.
- vii. William McGee Riddell<sup>29</sup>, born June 20, 1783; died October 21, 1851 in Ripley, Chautauqua, NY; married Jennie Stetson June 07, 1804; born Abt. 1783; died June 16, 1839 in East Ripley, Chau., NY.

Notes for William McGee Riddell:

William had 8 children. He was a farmer in Westfield NY.

In 1817 efforts were made to revival the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, called the Chautauqua Church, and on the 25th of June the "First Presbyterian Society" was formed. William M. Riddell was named as one of the trustees. Also in that same year (7th of November), according to the minutes, new members were admitted, including Jennet Stetson. (History of Chatauqua County NY by Andrew Young).

East Ripley Cemetery:

K4

William M. 10/21/1851 age 68 yr. 4 mo. 0 days

Wife Jennet \*Stetson d. June 16, 1839 age 57 (\*Daughter of

Oliver Sr. and Jennett (Anderson) Stetson)

K10

Hugh B., son of William and Jennet d. 8/10/1831 age 6

Lucinda S., daughter of William and Jennet died 8/22/1833  
age 23

Notes for Jennie Stetson:

Jennie's name was Jennet. In the History of Chautauqua County, in the town of Ripley, Young mentions Capt. Oliver Stetson, Sr. He states that Oliver had 4 sons, William, Robert, Moses, and John; and 3 daughters (not named). In Records for East Ripley Cemetery she is listed as Jennet, daughter of Oliver Sr. and Jenett (Anderson)

Oliver Stetson, Jr., of Ripley, is also named and he had a daughter named Jennie who was married to Henry Burgess. At the time Young wrote the book, Oliver Jr. was living with his daughter, Jennie.

- viii. Jr. Robert Riddell, born June 05, 1786; died February 21, 1864 in East Ripley, Chau., NY; married Olive Tucker May 01, 1823; born Abt. 1797; died November 23, 1843 in East Ripley, Chau., NY.

Notes for Jr. Robert Riddell:

Robert had 10 children.

- ix. Jane Riddell, born June 05, 1789; died Unknown.  
x. Anne Riddell, born February 08, 1793; died Unknown.

#### *Generation No. 7*

**96. Benjamin Hills**, born Abt. 1689 in Hartford, CT; died July 03, 1733 in Hartford, CT<sup>30</sup>. He was the son of **192. Benjamin Hills** and **193. Mary Bronson**. He married **97. Elizabeth Warren**.

**97. Elizabeth Warren**<sup>31</sup>, born Abt. 1662 in E. Hartford, CT; died Unknown. She was the daughter of **194. John Warren** and **195. Mary**.

Notes for Benjamin Hills:

Administration on Benjamin's estate was granted on July 3, 1733. He married Elizabeth Warren, who was probably the daughter of John Warren. Benjamin and Elizabeth's children were: Oliver, born 1729 and died Otsego Co. NY; John, born 1731 and married Anna Loomis; Mary, Christened on 10 March 1727/8 in East Hartford CT and died before 1733; and another son named John who died young.

Children of Benjamin Hills and Elizabeth Warren are:

- i. John Hills, born Abt. July 17, 1724 in E. Hartford, CT; died Abt. 1724 in E. Hartford, CT.
- ii. Mary Hills, born Abt. March 10, 1726/27; died Unknown.
- 48 iii. Oliver Hills, born 1729 in prob Windsor CT; died Unknown in Otsego NY; married Unknown Abt. 1756.
- iv. John Hills, born 1731; died Unknown; married Anna Loomis; died Unknown.

Notes for John Hills:

Subject:

Re: Oliver Hills

Date:

Mon, 17 Jul 2000 18:04:00 -0400

From:

jkelble@accnorwalk.com (Judy Kelble)

To:

Bill & Julie Chitwood <chitwood@surf.free.com>

Hi Julie,

That's interesting, because I show that John (Oliver's brother) and Anna (Loomis) Hills had a son Elizur. "My Elizur" born 1768 in E. Windsor, CT and married Abigail Codding. He died in 1833 in Medina County, OH. I didn't track any of Oliver's children, so if he also had a son Elizur, it must have been confusing at family gatherings. <G>

**100. Deacon Hugh Riddell**, born Abt. 1691 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, Ireland; died February 25, 1775 in Coleraine, Franklin, MA. He was the son of **200. John Riddell** and **201. Janet Gordon**. He married **101. Ann** October 24, 1739 in Concord, Middlesex, MA<sup>32,33,34</sup>.

**101. Ann**<sup>35</sup>, born 1704 in Concord, Middlesex, MA<sup>36</sup>; died May 22, 1790 in Coleraine, Franklin, MA.

Notes for Deacon Hugh Riddell:

Hugh had nine children. He immigrated to America with his brothers, Gavin, Robert and John. He lived in Acton MA and moved to Londonderry NH.

According to the HISTORY OF BEDFORD, pgs 1045/46:

"Ridel, Riddell, Riddle, the latter spelling having been adopted by the Bedford branch about 1790, is an old name, derived from Ryedale, a dale or delle of rye, heads and sheafs of which appear in coats of arms of families of the name in Great Britain. Robert Burns, Scotland's bard, wrote of them:

'My goose guil too rude is to tell all your goodness,  
Bestowed on your servant the poet,  
Would to God I had one like a beam of the sun,  
And then all the world, sir, should know it.'

"Bonnie Annie Laurie's mother was Jean Riddell. Upon one of the name was bestowed the 'Star of India,' the highest gift of the British crown for meritorious civil service.

"Gawn, Hugh, Robert, John, and Margery, children of John and Janet (Gordon) Riddell, Balleyneath county, Londonderry, Ireland, came to Londonderry, NH, and from thence to Bedford (except Robert, who did not come to Bedford) about 1738, and their names appear upon the petition for the town, 1750, including John Clark the husband of Margery; Hugh removed to Colrairie, Mass., in 1763, with his children: Hugh, William, Robert, and Ann, all of whom were born in Bedford."

Information from Wanda J. Carlton:

These dates were taken from the respective gravestones. Those of Hugh and Robert are in Coleraine, MA. They both have double headstones with the inscription on one side being the wives. Hat of "Deacon Hugh" stands near the center of the yard; while that of Robert is near the northern extremity and is pretty much concealed in the rank briars.

Page 11: According to the "History of Bedford" the 3 brothers, Hugh, Gawn (sometimes spelled Gaen) and Robert came to this country about the year 1737, from Coleraine, County of Londonderry, in the north of Ireland, being descended from Scotch ancestors. They first settled in Londonderry, NH about the year 1748 and they removed to Bedford NH."

Page 135, History of Bedford: HUGH RIDDELL, b. Ballyneath, Ireland, abt. 1691; d. Colrain Feb. 25, 1775, a[ge] 83, bu[ried] Chandler Hill Cem.; m. (1) Agnes \_\_\_\_; (2) at Concord, Oct. 24, 1739, Mrs. Ann Aiken

of Concord, b. 1704; d. Colrain May 22, 1790, bu. Chandler Hill. He was 'of Colrain' in 1764 when he sold the last of his New Hampshire land, but there is no record of his owning land in Colrain.

Bedford at that time was called Soughegan East, as can be inferred from a petition to the Governor for a charter, cited in the History, dated 5/10/1750; signed among others, as quoted from the same authority, by John Riddell, Gan Riddell, and Hugh Riddell' in which case all the 3 spelled their name with double "LL"; and this I believe to be about the earliest written document we have on this continent, containing the authentic signature; and goes far to establish the true orthography of the name."

FTM Family Archives CD, Marriage Index: Massachusetts, 1633-1850, shows Hugh Riddle married to Anne Aiken, 24 October 1739, Concord, Middlesex, MA, LDS Library Film #0823762

From "A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families" by Lois McClellan Patrie, page 135: "In memory of Dea. Hugh Riddle died 25 Feb 1775, age 84 years." Hugh was "of Colrain" in 1764 when he sold the last of his New Hampshire land. No record has been found of his owning land in Colrain. McClellan Patrie quoted about Ann: "Mrs. Ann wife of Dea. Hugh Riddle who died 22 May 1790 age 86 years."

More About Deacon Hugh Riddell:

Burial: 1775, Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain, Franklin, MA<sup>37</sup>

Christened: September 20, 1692, Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland

Notes for Ann:

Information received from Wanda J. Carlton (wjclac@juno.com):

W.P. Riddell Book:

Hugh married (Mrs.) Ann Aiken, 1739 and had the following children:

Hugh 3/1740 to 6/1817

William

Robert

Ann

Mrs. Ann Aiken was from Concord, MA b. 1704 and died May 22, 1790.

Ann's name(s) were spelt several different ways in different documents:

Ann; Anne; Aiken and Akin.

More About Ann:

Burial: 1790, Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain, Franklin, MA<sup>38</sup>

Children of Hugh Riddell and Ann are:

- i. Deacon Hugh Ridell, Jr., born August 1740 in Bedford NH; died June 05, 1817; married Jane Morris February 06, 1766 in Greenfield; born Abt. 1740; died November 19, 1811 in Charlemont Village.

Notes for Deacon Hugh Ridell, Jr.:

Information on Hugh's line from Karen Meany  
(meanwood@email.msn.com) May 1998.

Following is from A History of Colrain Mass. by Patrie:  
Shay's Rebellion - was in 1786/87 in Western MA and one of the main towns involved was Colrain. The problem started when the men came home from the Rev. War and were unpaid for months - plus debts had piled up while they were off fighting for freedom - then along came the lawyers and courts and started taking everything they owned, including clothes, oxen, cows, tools, household goods, etc., for payment. Finally they had had it up to here with the courts and lawyers and large groups of men formed together and refused to let the courts have trials. Then they decided they needed some firearms and went up against the Federal arsenal in Springfield - so a sort of battle ensued, which didn't last too long when 4 of Shay's men were killed - the rest decided to go home. Anyway, Deacon Hugh Riddle (a very great uncle of ours) went to get his son, Samuel, who had marched to Springfield with Shay. He hitched his horses to a sleigh and went in pursuit of Samuel, arriving in Springfield just as the attack on the arsenal broke up. Hugh found Samuel in the melee and they started for home to Colrain. But on the way they were halted as fugitives and locked into an upstairs room in a tavern to await investigation. "The good deacon, we are told, amply proved himself a man of peace by throwing one of his captors, who had offered him a gratuitous insult, through a window, demolishing sash and glass in the process, convincing the militant Samuel that all was lost. On the strength of this demonstration father and son were shortly released and allowed to proceed upon their journey." I guess no one else wanted to get thrown through another window.

According to A History of Corain, Hugh Jr. married Jean Morris, the daughter of Deacon Thomas and Jane Morris.

Hugh Jr. bought a 50 acre lot in Colrain in the first division in 1765 and later two 2nd division lots. In the 1790 census he is recorded 3-2-3. He removed to Charlemont after 1800. Hugh Jr. and Jean (Morris) had 9 children of whom 5 died young. Thomas and Elisha were twins. Elisha never married.

Received from Paul Wallred on research he has done:

#### FIRST GENERATION

1. John RIDDELL died on 3 Jan 1737.<sup>1</sup> He was born in Ballymeath, Londonderry, Ireland. A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p.135

John and his wife Janet came to Londonderry, N.H. from Ballymeath, Londonderry County, Ireland and removed to Bedford, N.H. abt. 1738.

He was married to Janet GORDON.<sup>2</sup> John RIDDELL and Janet GORDON had the following children:

+2 i. Gawn RIDDELL.

+3 ii. Dea. Hugh RIDDELL.

4 iii. Robert RIDDELL. A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 135

Removed to Colrain, Mass.

5 iv. John RIDDELL died on 6 Sep 1687 in Bedford, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.<sup>3,4</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 135

Lived & died in Bedford, N.H.

6 v. Margery RIDDELL died in Bedford, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.<sup>5</sup>

#### SECOND GENERATION

2. Gawn RIDDELL was born on 16 May 1700 in Ballymeath, Londonderry, Ireland.<sup>6</sup> He died on 29 Dec 1779 in Bedford, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.<sup>7,8</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 135

Lived and died in Bedford, N.H.

He was married to Mary BELL.<sup>9</sup>

3. Dea. Hugh RIDDELL was born about 1691 in Ballymeath, Londonderry, Ireland.<sup>10</sup> He was christened

on 20 Sep 1692 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, Ireland.<sup>11</sup> He died on 25 Feb 1775 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>12,13</sup> He was buried in Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>14,15</sup> p. 18 - Inscritons & Epitaphs - Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain Mass. - Recorded by Frank Eddy Caldwell, M.D - 1 Aug 1904. In memory of Dea. Hugh riddle died 25 Feb 1775, age 84 years. A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 135 Hugh was "of Colrain" in 1764 when he sold the last of his New Hampshire land, but there is no record of his owning land in Colrain.

He was married to Ann on 24 Oct 1739 in Concord, Middlesex, Massachusetts.<sup>16</sup> Ann was born in 1704 in Concord, Middlesex, Massachusetts.<sup>17,18</sup> She died on 22 May 1790 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>19,20</sup> She was buried in Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>21</sup> p. 18 - Inscritons & Epitaphs - Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain Mass. - Recorded by Frank Eddy Caldwell, M.D - 1 Aug 1904.

Mrs. Ann wife of Dea. Hugh Riddle who died 22 May 1790, age 86 years. Dea. Hugh RIDDELL and Ann had the following children:

- +7 i. Hugh RIDDELL Jr..
- 8 ii. William RIDDELL died in Drown at Sea.<sup>22</sup>
- +9 iii. Robert RIDDELL.
- +10iv. Ann RIDDELL.

He was married to Agnes.<sup>23</sup>

### THIRD GENERATION

7. Hugh RIDDELL Jr. was born in Aug 1740.<sup>24</sup> He died on 5 Jun 1817.<sup>25</sup> possibly location - Rowe, Mass. He was buried in Charlemont Villiage, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>26</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 136

Hugh Jr. bought a 50 acre lot in Colrain in the first division in 1765 and later two 2nd division lots. In the 1790 census he is recorded 3-2-3. He removed to Charlemont, Mass., after 1800. He had 9 children of whom 5 died young. Also resided in Rowe, Mass.

He was married to Jean MORRIS (daughter of Dea. Thomas MORRIS and Jane (Janet)) on 6 Feb 1766 in Greenfield, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>27</sup> Jean MORRIS was born about 1740.<sup>28</sup> She died on 19 Nov 1811 in Charlemont, Franklin,

Massachusetts.<sup>29,30</sup> Hugh RIDDELL Jr. and Jean MORRIS had the following children:

- +11i. William RIDDELL.
- +12ii. Capt. Samuel RIDDELL.
- 13 iii. Jean RIDDELL was born on 23 Feb 1771 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>31</sup>
- +14iv. Thomas Morris RIDDELL.
- 15 v. Elisha (Twin) RIDDELL was born on 15 Jul 1782 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>32</sup> He died. Died unmarried
- 16 vi. Elihu RIDDELL was born about 1784 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>33</sup>

9. Robert RIDDELL was born on 11 May 1744 in Bedford, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.<sup>34</sup> He died on 20 Feb 1822.<sup>35</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 136

Resided Colrain to 1782, Shelburne till after 1800, then removed to Madison County, N.Y and removed to Ripley, Chautauqua, New York. In Colrain he owned a part of the Hubbard farm in Bernardston Gore which he sold to James Wilson 2nd in 1782

He was married to Jean MC GEE (daughter of Dea. Thomas MC GEE and Ann STEWART).<sup>36</sup> Jean MC GEE was born on 28 Oct 1747 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>37,38,39</sup> Robert RIDDELL and Jean MC GEE had the following children:

- +17i. Elizabeth (Betsey) RIDDELL.
- +18ii. Polly RIDDELL.
- +19iii. Sally RIDDELL.
- +20iv. Jemima RIDDELL.
- +21v. Martha (Patty) RIDDELL.
- +22vi. Robert RIDDELL.
- +23vii. David RIDDELL.
- 24 viii. Susanna RIDDELL was born on 15 Sep 1795 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>40</sup> She died about 1800. Died young
- 25 ix. Thompson RIDDELL was born on 2 Oct 1798 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>41</sup>

10. Ann RIDDELL was born on 20 Dec 1747 in Bedford, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.<sup>42</sup> She died on 22 May 1808 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>43,44</sup> She was buried in Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain, Franklin,

Massachusetts.45,46 p. 18 - Inscritons & Epitaphs -  
Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain Mass. - Recorded by Frank  
Eddy Caldwell, M.D - 1 Aug 1904.

Mrs. Ann Consort of Lt. Jonathan Wilson died 22 May  
1808, age 61 years.

She was married to Lt. Jonathan WILSON (son of Dea.  
James WILSON and Margaret MC GEE) on 12 Jan 1768 in  
Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.47 Lt. Jonathan  
WILSON was born on 17 Feb 1741 in Chester,  
Rockingham, New Hampshire.48 He died on 25 Aug 1830  
in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.49,50 Death recorded  
in Congregational Church Record Book, Colrain, Mass. -  
Old Age. He was buried in Chandler Hill Cemetery,  
Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.51,52 p. 18 - Inscritons  
& Epitaphs - Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain Mass. -  
Recorded by Frank Eddy Caldwell, M.D - 1 Aug 1904.

Lieut. Jonathan Wilson died 25 Aug. 1830, age 90 years.  
Ann RIDDELL and Lt. Jonathan WILSON had the  
following children:

26 i. Ann WILSON was born on 4 Oct 1769 in Colrain,  
Franklin, Massachusetts.53,54,55 She died on 22 Oct 1775  
in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.56,57

+27ii. John WILSON.

28 iii. Margaret WILSON was born on 1 Feb 1773 in  
Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.58,59,60 She died on 23  
Oct 1775 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.61,62

29 iv. Robert WILSON was born on 25 Mar 1775 in  
Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.63,64,65 He died on 17  
Oct 1775 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.66,67

+30v. Jonathan WILSON.

+31vi. James WILSON.

+32vii. Samuel WILSON.

+33viii. Hugh WILSON.

+34ix. Thomas WILSON.

+35x. Ann WILSON.

+36xi. William Riddell WILSON.

+37xii. Sarah WILSON.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

11. William RIDDELL was born on 4 Feb 1768 in Colrain,  
Franklin, Massachusetts.68 He died on 24 Oct 1845 in  
South Deerfield, Franklin, Massachusetts.69 A History of  
Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families,  
by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 136

William graduated from Dartmouth College 1793.  
He was married to Lucy HOPKINS (daughter of Rev.

Samuel HOPKINS).<sup>70</sup> Lucy HOPKINS died in 1813.<sup>71</sup>  
William RIDDELL and Lucy HOPKINS had the following children:

- +38i. Samuel Hopkins RIDDELL.
- +39ii. Jane RIDDELL.
- +40iii. Selina RIDDELL.

12. Capt. Samuel RIDDELL was born on 13 Jun 1769 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>72</sup> He died on 8 Aug 1851 in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.<sup>73</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 136  
Sameul & Jane resided Elm Grove and removed to Charlemont in 1798.

He was married to Jane DONELSON (daughter of Dea. Daniel DONELSON and Agnes CLARK) in 1794.<sup>74</sup> Jane DONELSON was born on 5 Jul 1774 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>75</sup> She died on 18 Mar 1817 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>76,77</sup> She was buried in Charlemont Villiage Cemetery, Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts. Capt. Samuel RIDDELL and Jane DONELSON had the following children:

- +41i. James Aiken RIDDELL.
- +42ii. William RIDDELL.
- +43iii. Fanny Clark RIDDELL.
- 44 iv. Jane RIDDELL was born on 29 Sep 1802 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>78,79</sup> She died on 23 Aug 1805 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>80,81</sup> She was buried in Village Cemetery, Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>82</sup>
- +45v. Antis Ross RIDDELL.
- 46 vi. Park RIDDELL was born on 9 May 1807 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>83,84</sup> He died on 2 Mar 1809 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>85,86</sup>
- +47vii. Cordelia RIDDELL.
- +48viii. Samuel RIDDELL.
- +49ix. Thomas Morris RIDDELL.

14. Thomas Morris RIDDELL was born on 15 Jul 1782 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>87</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 137  
He "kept a Hotel and faild," removed to Charlemont before 1810 and later evidently to Bennington, Vt.

He was married to Elizabeth (Betsey) PATTERSON (daughter of Adam PATTERSON and Jenny (Jane) RANKIN) on 1 Dec 1803 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>88</sup> Elizabeth (Betsey) PATTERSON was born on 5 Jan 1779 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>89</sup> Thomas Morris RIDDELL and Elizabeth (Betsey) PATTERSON had the following children:

50 i. Emily RIDDELL was born on 28 Aug 1804 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>90,91</sup>

51 ii. Jane RIDDELL was born on 20 Mar 1806 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>92,93</sup> She died on 1 Sep 1808 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>94</sup> She was buried in Village Cemetery, Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>95</sup>

+52iii. Caroline RIDDELL.

53 iv. Sarah Ann RIDDELL was born on 11 May 1810 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>96,97</sup>

54 v. Olive RIDDELL was born on 26 Nov 1812 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>98</sup>

17. Elizabeth (Betsey) RIDDELL was born on 12 Jun 1781 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>99</sup>

18. Polly RIDDELL was born on 16 Dec 1785 in Leyden, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>100</sup>

She was married to Frederick PRATT.<sup>101</sup>

19. Sally RIDDELL was born on 23 Feb 1787 in Leyden, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>102</sup>

She was married to Uriah ALDRICH.<sup>103</sup>

20. Jemima RIDDELL was born on 28 May 1788 in Leyden, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>104</sup>

She was married to Heman WILSON.<sup>105</sup>

21. Martha (Patty) RIDDELL was born on 17 Mar 1790 in Leyden, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>106</sup>

She was married to James MATTHEWS.<sup>107</sup>

22. Robert RIDDELL was born on 5 Oct 1792 in Leyden, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>108</sup> He died in 1861 in Sullivan, Madison, New York.<sup>109</sup> He was married to Phebe.<sup>110</sup>

23. David RIDDELL was born on 28 Jan 1794 in Leyden,

Franklin, Massachusetts.111 A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 136 Residing in Sullivan, N.Y. in 1880. He was married to Nancy.112

27. John WILSON was born on 21 May 1771 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.113,114,115 He died on 10 Mar 1838/39 in , Madison, New York.116 A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 156 Removed from Colrain aft 1801, 9 children.

He was married to Ann STEWART (daughter of John STEWART and Ann MC CLELLAN) about 1794 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.117 Ann STEWART was born on 15 Oct 1778 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.118 A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 184

Removed to Syracuse, N.Y., after 1801. John WILSON and Ann STEWART had the following children:

55 i. Robert WILSON was born on 21 Aug 1795 in Colrain, Franklin, MA.119,120

56 ii. John WILSON was born on 10 Sep 1798 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.121,122

57 iii. Lew Jervis WILSON was born on 23 Feb 1801 in Colrain, Franklin, MA.123,124

+58iv. Mary WILSON.

+59v. Maria WILSON.

60 vi. Arad WILSON.

61 vii. Jane WILSON.

62 viii. Jonathan WILSON.

+63ix. Sally Ann WILSON.

30. Jonathan WILSON was born on 12 Apr 1777 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.125,126,127 He died on 12 May 1868 in , Chatauqua, New York.128 A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 184 Jonathan was a Baptist minister, but apparently never preached in Colrain. In 1818 he removed to Chatauqua County, New York, where he died. He was married to Betty JACKSON in 1800.129 Betty JACKSON was born on 12 Apr 1781.130 She died on 2 Jul 1849.131 Jonathan WILSON and Betty JACKSON had the following children:

+64i. William Riddell WILSON.

+65ii. Austin C. WILSON.

31. James WILSON was born on 21 Feb 1779 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.132,133,134 He died on 5 Apr 1847 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.135

He was married to Sarah VINSON (daughter of VINSON) on 24 Mar 1803/4 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.136 Sarah VINSON was born in 1784.137 She died on 17 May 1808.138 James WILSON and Sarah VINSON had the following children:

+66i. Margaret WILSON.

67 ii. Jonathan WILSON was born on 9 Jun 1806 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.139 He died about 1809.

+68iii. Sally WILSON.

He was married to Agnes WILSON (daughter of Samuel WILSON and Mary HUNTER) on 24 Nov 1809.140 Cousin of James - 2nd wife Agnes WILSON was born on 22 Nov 1779.141 She died on 7 Apr 1836.142

He was married to Susan NEWELL on 16 Mar 1837 in Pelham, Hampshire, Massachusetts.143 Susan NEWELL was born in Nov 1788.144 She died on 9 Jan 1881.145

32. Samuel WILSON was born on 14 Feb 1781 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.146,147,148 He died on 22 Sep 1864 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.149

He was married to Nancy NEWELL on 31 Dec 1812 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.150 Nancy NEWELL was born in 1780.151 She died on 18 Nov 1862 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.152 Samuel WILSON and Nancy NEWELL had the following children:

69 i. Elvira WILSON was born in 1815 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.153 She died on 14 Aug 1824 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.154

+70ii. Harriet WILSON.

71 iii. Samuel W. WILSON was born in 1817 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.155 He died on 27 Oct 1817 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.156

72 iv. Emeline WILSON was born in 1818 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.157 She died on 19 Jul 1824.158

+73v. Sarah A. WILSON.

+74vi. Capt. Charles WILSON.

75 vii. Emeline WILSON was born in Dec 1825 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.159 She died on 29 Jun 1826 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.160  
+76viii. Samuel N. WILSON.

33. Hugh WILSON was born on 14 Apr 1783 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.161,162,163 He Int. Marriage on 8 Feb 1814 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.164 He died on 5 Feb 1883 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.165

He was married to Mary (Polly) CLARK (daughter of Ichabod CLARK and Cynthia PETERSON) in 1814 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts. Mary (Polly) CLARK was born on 6 Feb 1792 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.166 She died on 9 Feb 1863 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.167 Hugh WILSON and Mary (Polly) CLARK had the following children:

+77i. Ichabod Clark WILSON.

78 ii. Clarissa WILSON was born in 1817 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.168

34. Thomas WILSON was born on 20 Jan 1785 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.169,170,171 He died on 20 Apr 1849 in , Madison, New York.172 He was buried in Stockbridge Cemetry, Madison, New York.173

He was married to Rachel MC GEE (daughter of Dea. Jonathan MC GEE and Jane THOMPSON) on 27 Nov 1811.174 Rachel MC GEE was born on 2 Feb 1787 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.175,176,177 She died on 8 Mar 1834 in , Madison, New York.178 She was buried in Stockbridge Cemetry, Madison, New York.179

35. Ann WILSON was born on 19 Feb 1787 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.180,181,182 She died on 30 Oct 1840.183 She was married to WATSON.184

She was married to William ANDERSON (son of William ANDERSON and Abigail HITCHCOCK) on 24 Dec 1822 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.185 Ann WILSON and William ANDERSON had the following children:

79 i. William Wilson ANDERSON was born on 18 Sep 1827 in Deerfield, Franklin, Massachusetts.186

36. William Riddell WILSON was born on 17 Feb 1790 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.187,188,189 He Int.

Marriage on 6 Mar 1820 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>190</sup> He died on 20 Oct 1862 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>191</sup>

He was married to Mary LONG (daughter of Dr. John LONG and Esther HAWS) in 1820 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts. Mary LONG was born on 20 Feb 1792 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>192</sup> She died on 10 Jun 1842 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>193</sup> William Riddell WILSON and Mary LONG had the following children:

+80i. William L. WILSON.

37. Sarah WILSON was born on 20 Jun 1792 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>194,195,196</sup> She died on 14 Jul 1842.<sup>197</sup>

She was married to Samuel PECK (son of Abraham PECK and Arethusa BULLARD) on 24 Apr 1817 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>198</sup> Samuel PECK was born on 15 Jan 1793 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>199,200,201</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 120  
Birth date listed as: Jan. 15,1793 He died on 14 Jul 1842.<sup>202</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 120 & 185

Resided Blakely and Peckville, Pa. Sarah WILSON and Samuel PECK had the following children:

+81i. Samuel L. PECK.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

38. Samuel Hopkins RIDDELL was born on 2 Jan 1800.<sup>203</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 136

Resided in Boston, Mass.

He was married to Harriet A. RAYMOND.<sup>204</sup> Samuel Hopkins RIDDELL and Harriet A. RAYMOND had the following children:

82 i. Harriet F. RIDDELL was born in 1828.<sup>205</sup>

83 ii. Lucy H. RIDDELL was born in 1830.<sup>206</sup>

39. Jane RIDDELL was born on 17 Jun 1802.<sup>207</sup>

She was married to William HADLEY in 1833.208

40. Selina RIDDELL was born on 19 Jun 1807.209 She died on 2 Mar 1837 in Deerfield, Franklin, Massachusetts.210

She was married to Caleb A. COOLEY in 1832.211

41. James Aiken RIDDELL was born on 9 Jul 1795 in Elm Grove, Franklin, Massachusetts.212,213 He Int. Marriage on 22 Feb 1823 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.214,215 He died on 14 Mar 1864 in Dousman, Jefferson, Wisconsin.216

He was married to Lydia COOPER (daughter of Issac COOPER and Lydia) on 15 May 1823 in , Franklin, Massachusetts.217 Lydia COOPER was born on 12 Mar 1797 in , , Massachusetts.218 Vital Records of Charlemont, Massachusetts to the Year 1850. Published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston, Mass. 1917. p. 119

of Rowe, Mass. James Aiken RIDDELL and Lydia COOPER had the following children:

84 i. Antis RIDDELL.

42. William RIDDELL was born on 14 Apr 1798 in Elm Grove, Franklin, Massachusetts.219,220

He was married to Phebe THAYER (daughter of Ebenezer THAYER and Phebe) on 2 Dec 1830 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.221,222 Phebe THAYER was born on 6 Apr 1808 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.223 She died on 27 Dec 1841 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.224 She was buried in Village Cemetery, Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.225 William RIDDELL and Phebe THAYER had the following children:

85 i. John Wesley RIDDELL was born on 10 Aug 1834 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.226

He was married to Sally ATHERTON.227 Sally ATHERTON died on 26 Sep 1816 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.228 She was buried in Village Cemetery, Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.229

43. Fanny Clark RIDDELL was born on 17 Jul 1800 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.230,231

She was married to Isaac C. ALLIS Jr. (son of Isaac ALLIS and Phebe GREEN).232 Isaac C. ALLIS Jr. was baptized in 1791 in First Congregational Church, Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.233 He Int. Marriage on 18 Jun 1825 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.234

She was married to David MORGAN.235

45. Antis Ross RIDDELL was born on 19 Mar 1805 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.236,237

She was married to Ahaz WILLIAMS.238

47. Cordelia RIDDELL was born on 22 Aug 1809 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.239,240

She was married to Daniel BROWN in 1832.241 Daniel BROWN Int. Marriage on 12 Oct 1832 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.242,243 A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 137 of North Adams, Mass.

48. Samuel RIDDELL was born on 22 Apr 1812 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.244,245

He was married to Sarah F. HALL.246

He was married to Clarissa C. PERRY.247

49. Thomas Morris RIDDELL was born on 2 Mar 1816 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.248,249 Vital Records of Charlemont, Massachusetts to the Year 1850. Published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston, Mass. 1917. p. 108 of Milwaukie, Wis., Terr.

He was married to Adaline A. HILL on 24 Jun 1840 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.250,251

52. Caroline RIDDELL was born on 20 Mar 1808 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.252,253 She died on 11 Dec 1844 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.254

She was married to John THOMPSON (son of David

THOMPSON and Fanny CUTHBERT) in 1831 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts. John THOMPSON was born on 15 Apr 1803 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>255</sup> He Int. Marriage on 14 Feb 1831 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>256</sup> He died on 15 Apr 1885.<sup>257</sup> possibly in Colrain. Caroline RIDDELL and John THOMPSON had the following children:

86 i. Louisa Adelaide THOMPSON was born in 1832 in Colrain, Franklin, MA .<sup>258</sup>

58. Mary WILSON.

She was married to Dr. Grover GAGE.<sup>259</sup>

59. Maria WILSON.

She was married to Dexter BALDWIN.<sup>260</sup>

63. Sally Ann WILSON.

She was married to Daniel CARPENTER.<sup>261</sup>

64. William Riddell WILSON was born on 23 Feb 1801 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>262</sup> He died on 12 Apr 1877.<sup>263</sup>

He was married to Rebecca FISHER.<sup>264</sup> Rebecca FISHER was born on 7 Jun 1799 of Garafon, New Hampshire.

65. Austin C. WILSON was born on 19 Aug 1802 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>265</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 184 Resided Providence, Rhode Island

He was married to Sarah BIRCH.<sup>266</sup>

66. Margaret WILSON was born on 26 Jan 1804 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>267</sup> She died on 1 Jul 1885.<sup>268</sup>

She was married to Daniel BURRINGTON (son of Daniel BURRINGTON and Temperance BUTTS) in 1824. Daniel BURRINGTON was born on 20 Nov 1798.<sup>269</sup> He Int. Marriage on 14 Jul 1824.<sup>270</sup> He died on 12 Jan 1877 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>271</sup> Margaret WILSON and Daniel BURRINGTON had the following children:

+87i. James BURRINGTON.  
+88ii. Daniel Frank BURRINGTON.  
+89iii. Allen BURRINGTON.  
+90iv. Sarah M. BURRINGTON.  
+91v. Leafie S. BURRINGTON.  
92 vi. John BURRINGTON died. Died young  
+93vii. Horace E. BURRINGTON.  
+94viii. John H. BURRINGTON.  
+95ix. Mary Elizabeth BURRINGTON.

68. Sally WILSON was born on 15 May 1808 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>272</sup> She died on 26 Jan 1884 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>273</sup>

She was married to Henry A. EWERS (son of Henry EWERS and Lucy GOULD).<sup>274</sup> Henry A. EWERS was born in 1803.<sup>275</sup> He died on 8 Sep 1867 in Greenfield, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>276</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 184  
Resided Halifax, Vermont.

She was married to Warren SESSIONS (son of George SESSIONS and Lucena) on 8 May 1870 in Halifax, Windham, Vermont.<sup>277</sup> Warren SESSIONS was born on 29 Apr 1806 in Heath, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>278</sup> He Int. Marriage on 4 Oct 1832 in Heath, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>279</sup> A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 184 of Greenfield, Mass.

70. Harriet WILSON was born in 1817 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>280</sup> She died on 1 Jan 1865 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>281</sup>

She was married to Samuel L. PECK (son of Samuel PECK and Sarah WILSON).<sup>282</sup>

73. Sarah A. WILSON was born on 10 Jul 1820 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>283</sup> She died in 1905 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>284</sup>

She was married to Dennis WILSON (son of David WILSON and Betsey HOLLAND) on 19 Oct 1841 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>285</sup> Dennis WILSON was born on 16 Mar 1818 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.<sup>286</sup> He died on 19 Jun 1899.<sup>287</sup> Sarah A. WILSON and Dennis WILSON had the following children:

96 i. Charles E. WILSON was born on 3 Apr 1843 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.288 He died on 24 Aug 1848 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.289

97 ii. Julia Elvira WILSON was born on 12 May 1845 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.290 She died on 16 Aug 1848 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.291

+98iii. Harriet A. WILSON.

+99iv. Ellen E. WILSON.

74. Capt. Charles WILSON was born on 6 Jul 1824 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.292

He was married to Francelia M. WILSON (daughter of Oliver H. WILSON and Lucy) on 7 Oct 1857.293 Francelia M. WILSON was born on 5 Dec 1835 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.294

76. Samuel N. WILSON was born on 21 Feb 1823 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.295 He died on 12 Apr 1894.296 He was buried in North River Cemetery, Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.297

He was married to Louisa.298

77. Ichabod Clark WILSON was born in Jan 1815 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.299 He died on 16 Apr 1850 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.300

He was married to Clarissa in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.301

80. William L. WILSON was born in 1821 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.302 He died on 16 Jul 1852.303

He was married to Jane HARRIS.304 William L. WILSON and Jane HARRIS had the following children:

100i. William A. WILSON was born in 1846.305 He died in 1912.306

101ii. Mary A. WILSON was born in 1848.307

81. Samuel L. PECK. A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 185 of Blakely, Pa.

He was married to Harriet WILSON (daughter of Samuel WILSON and Nancy NEWELL).308 Harriet WILSON was

born in 1817 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.309 She died on 1 Jan 1865 in Shelburne, Franklin, Massachusetts.310

#### SOME SOURCES

1. Ancestral File - Version 4.18. Date.
2. A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families by Lois McClellan Patrie. Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 74-77176. p. 135 - Name of wife.

More About Deacon Hugh Ridell, Jr.:  
Burial: Abt. June 05, 1817, Charlemont Village

Notes for Jane Morris:

#### SECOND GENERATION

2. Jean MORRIS (Thomas-1) was born about 1740. She died on 19 Nov 1811 in Charlemont, Franklin, Massachusetts.

She was married to Hugh RIDDELL Jr. (son of Dea. Hugh RIDDELL and Ann) on 6 Feb 1766 in Greenfield, Franklin, Massachusetts. Hugh RIDDELL Jr. was born in Aug 1740. He died on 5 Jun 1817. Possibly location - Rowe, Mass. He was buried in Charlemont Villiage, Franklin, Massachusetts. A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patrie. p. 136

Hugh Jr. bought a 50 acre lot in Colrain in the first division in 1765 and later two 2nd division lots. In the 1790 census he is recorded 3-2-3. He removed to Charlemont, Mass., after 1800. He had 9 children of whom 5 died

young. Also resided in Rowe, Mass. Jean MORRIS and Hugh RIDDELL Jr. had the following children:

- +5 i. William RIDDELL (born on 4 Feb 1768).
- +6 ii. Capt. Samuel RIDDELL (born on 13 Jun 1769).
- 7 iii. Jean RIDDELL was born on 23 Feb 1771 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.
- +8 iv. Thomas Morris RIDDELL (born on 15 Jul 1782).
- 9 v. Elisha (Twin) RIDDELL was born on 15 Jul 1782 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts. He died. Died unmarried
- 10 vi. Elihu RIDDELL was born about 1784 in Colrain, Franklin, Massachusetts.

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- ii. William Ridell, born 1742 in Bedford NH; died Bef. 1763 in Lost at sea; married Unmarried; died Unknown.

Notes for William Ridell:  
Drowned at sea.

- 50 iii. Robert Ridell, born May 11, 1744 in Bedford, Hillsboro, NH; died February 20, 1822 in Ripley, Chauq, NY; married (1) Jean McGee; married (2) <Unnamed> Aft. 1805.
- iv. Ann Ridell<sup>39</sup>, born December 20, 1747 in Bedford NH<sup>39</sup>; died May 21, 1808 in Coleraine, MA; married Jonathan Wilson January 12, 1768 in Deerfield, Franklin, MA; born February 17, 1740/41 in Chester, NH; died August 02, 1830 in Coleraine, MA.

Notes for Ann Ridell:  
In the History of Colrain, MA, Ann's husband, Jonathan Wilson, is listed as the son of Deacon James and Margaret (McGee) Wilson. In 1782 Ann's brother, Robert Riddell, sold land to James Wilson, II. This James was probably the nephew of Robert, and it is very possible that Jonathan Wilson's mother, Margaret McGee, was a sister of Jane McGee, whose parents were Thomas and Ann (Stewart) McGee.

**102. Dea. Thomas McGee<sup>39</sup>**, born 1714 in Ulster Co., Ire<sup>40</sup>; died October 27, 1793 in Colrain, Franklin, MA. He was the son of **204. <Unnamed>**. He married **103. <Unnamed>** November 26, 1741 in Concord, Middlesex, MA<sup>41,42</sup>.

**103. <Unnamed>**, born Private.

Notes for Dea. Thomas McGee:

Dear Julie:

That's the same Thomas McGee I am apparently related to -- the wife matches what I have. I show they married Nov. 26, 1741. I also show Thomas came from Ireland (northern Ireland perhaps?) in 1732. Unfortunately, I'm not that good at family research. Here's where it gets pretty confusing --- please bear in mind this information was passed down so may not be totally accurate by now.

I have solid evidence that I am directly related to Walter Stafford McGee who was born in 1805... maybe in Kentucky. He spent most of his life in St. Louis but lived and died in the Kansas City area. This guy married at least 7 times ,, , Supposedly, his father was Samuel McGee who married

Martha Stafford. But

I have no evidence of this. Further, his grandfather is supposedly Thomas McGee ... but again I have no prove. Still it's strange that the information on Thomas McGee did get passed down in my family. Can you fill in any details? Thanks,

Tom Glenn

The list and birth dates of Thomas & Ann's children are from "Early Vital Recofds of Colrain, Mass..

It also states that "He [Thomas] died Oct. 27, 1793, in his 79 year."

A History of Colrain by Patrie:

THOMAS MCGEE, a weaver by trade, aged 14, came to Boston from Ulster, Ireland, in 1729. He was a member of a group which included his older sister Margaret, wife of Dea. James Wilson, Jane who became the second wife of Robert Mills, and probably Mills himself with his family. All of these people settled in Londonderry, NH and later moved to Colrain, tarrying a while in Chester NH and Concord MA.

On March 3, 1742, Thomas McGee and his father-in-law, James Stewart, Sr. bought from William Whittaker of Leicester a settlers' lot in the 3rd range of Colrain, next to Handy Lane. Both men were then of Concord. Stewart took the north part of the lot and McGee the south, and they probably took up residence in the summer of 1742. In 1748 Stewart sold his half to McGee, and McGee's descendants have lived on that same lot to this day. The present house was built shortly after 1880, only a few yards east of the one which had served the family a hundred years or more, of which a photograph may be found in the Colrain Souvenir.

Deacon Thomas did garrison duty during the Indian wars, and was a selectman in 1767, 68 and 71. His was one of three houses at which the minutemen gathered the night preceding the march of Capt. McClellan's company at the time of the Lexington Alarm.

Thomas was born in Ireland about 1715 and died in Colrain October 27, 1793 in his 79th year; married in Concord on November 26, 1741, Ann Stewart, the daughter of James Stewart Sr., who died September 21, 1807. Borth are buried in Chandler Hill Cemetery.

The Early Settlers of Colrain, Mass. an address by Charles H.

McClellan.: "Thomas McGee, (weaver,) the progenitor of all of that name in this town, [Colrain] came here with his father-in-law James Stewart, from Concord, Mass. in March, 1742. He was at that time about 28 years old, and probably had but recently married his wife. He settled on lot 53, and for several years I think, his father-in-law lived with him. He was Deacon in the church for a great many years, a staunch, reliable

man, thoroughly trusted in public and private affairs. He was above the average, I am sure, in education attainments, as indicated by his signature which I have seen. He settled many estates and held town office much of his life. He died very suddenly, October 27, 1793, aged 79 years, leaving a family of eight children, his son Jonathan succeeding to his estate, and to the public confidence which his father had enjoyed." [Continued under notes for James Stewart.]

Children of Thomas McGee and <Unnamed> are:

- i. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- 51 ii. Jean McGee, born October 28, 1747 in Colrain, Franklin, MA; died April 05, 1805 in ,Otsego, NY; married Robert Ridell.
- iii. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- iv. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- v. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- vi. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- vii. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- viii. <Unnamed>, born Private.

*Generation No. 8*

**192. Benjamin Hills**, born 1653 in Hartford, CT; died 1728 in East Hartford, CT<sup>43</sup>. He was the son of **384. William Hills** and **385. Mary Arnold**. He married **193. Mary Bronson** January 11, 1687/88 in Wethersfield, CT<sup>44</sup>.

**193. Mary Bronson**, born September 15, 1668 in Wethersfield, CT; died Unknown. She was the daughter of **386. John Bronson** and **387. Hannah Scott**.

Notes for Benjamin Hills:

(Cont. from notes on Mary Bronson)

Children of John Brownson, Bronson or Brunson, the first four certainly, and the remainder probably, by his wife Frances (Hills):

1. Mary, bapt. at Earl's Colne 12 Dec. 1627; date of death not known but after 4 Sept. 1690. She m. (1) ca. 1647 John Wyatt, an early settler of Winsor, Conn., who removed to Farmington in the 1640's, selling his land at Winsor in 1649, and later moved to Haddam, Conn., where he d. before 7 Sept. 1668 (inventory of that date amounting to £ 154-17-10), the names and ages of his eight children being stated. Administration on

this estate was granted 5 Nov. 1668 to Mary Wyatt the relict, and John and Richard Brunson (i.e., her father and uncle) were desired by the court to assist her (Manwaring, op. cit., hereafter Probates, 1:263) Mary m. (2) 20 July 1671, John Graves, son of Thomas and Sarah Graves of Hadley, Mass., as his second wife. John Graves was b. in England, perhaps ca. 1625, was freeman of Wethersfield, Conn., 18 May 1654, and was killed by Indians at Hatfield, Mass., 19 Sept. 1677, during the fighting following King Philip's War (Colonial Records of Conn., 1:256; Jacobus and Waterman, Hale, House and Related Families, cited supra, p. 577, where the date of birth of Mary is guessed as. "abt. 1631," four years too late). Mary m. (3) at Hatfield, Mass., 25 June 1678, William Allis, as his second wife. Allis was b. in England, settled in Boston and Braintree, Mass., by 1637, was freeman 18 May 1640, and deacon at Braintree; he later removed to Hadley, Mass., then to Hatfield, where he was Lieut. of the Train Band and assistant of the court in 1676; his first wife d. at Hatfield 10 Aug. 1677. Allis himself d. at Hartford 6 Sept. 1678, leaving a will dated 2 Sept. and proved at Hartford 24 Sept. 1678, in which he bequeathed to wife Mary and to the children of his first marriage. Mary married (4) 16 Mar. 1681/2, Samuel Gaylord, as his second wife. He was baptized at Crewkerne, co. Sommerset, England, 19 Dec. 1619, son of William Gaylard or Gaylord; came to New England with his father in 1630, probably on the Mary and John; the family settled at Dorchester, Mass., and later moved to Winsor, Conn. Samuel Gaylord lived many years at Winsor, but moved to Hatfield after the death of first wife, Elizabeth (Hull), 2 May 1680. Samuel d. at Hatfield late in Sept. 1689, leaving a will dated 22 Sept. 1689, in which his wife Mary and Mr. Samuel Partridge were named executors; inventory of the estate was taken 25 Oct. 1689, amounting to £ 239-08-01, and the will was proved at Hartford 4 Sept. 1690 (TAG, supra, 17:71-74, and Manwaring, Probates, 1:446) Mary survived all four husbands and, just possibly, she may have married a fifth one, and she may be lurking in a Connecticut Valley cemetery under a name no one suspects. Mary had eight children by her first husband (surname Wyatt): Mary, John, Hepzibah, Dorcus, Sarah, Joanna, Elizabeth, Isreal; she had one son by her second husband (surname Graves): Nathaniel.

2. John, bapt. at Earl's Colne 17 Feb. 1628/9; d. in infancy.

3. John, bapt. at Earl's Colne 28 Dec. 1631; bur. there 23 Mar. 1631/2

4. Dorcus, bapt. at Earl's Colne 19 Dec. 1633; d. at Hartford, Conn., 13 May 1697. She m. before 4 Mar. 1657 Stephen Hopkins of Hartford, b. ca. 1635-6, d. at Hartford between 28 Sept. and 6 Nov. 1689, son of John and Jane Hopkins of Hartford. He was a freeman of Hartford, 1657. His will, dated 28 Sept. 1689, was proved 6 Nov. 1689, and inventory taken that day amounted to £ 591-09-06. Dorcus (Brownson) Hopkins was

treated as a patient by Gov. and Dr. John Winthrop in 1657. Stephen and Dorcus (Brownson) Hopkins had five children: John, Stephen, Ebenezer, Joseph, and Dorcus. (Timothy Hopkins, Hopkins Genealogy, 1932, pp. 11-12; "Medical Journal of John Winthrop," p. 107, quoted in TAG, supra, 23:232; TAG, supra, 32:200; Manwaring, Probates, 1:470.)

5. Sarah, b. at Hartford ca. 1639, aged 18 in 1657 (Winthrop's Medical Journal, p. 62, quoted in TAG, supra, 9:58); d. at Wethersfield, Conn., 4 Dec. 1711. She m. ca. 1662, as his second wife, (Sergt.) John Kilbourn, bapt. at Wood Ditton, co. Cambridge, England, 29 Sept. 1624, d. at Wethersfield 9 Apr. 1703, son of Thomas and Frances (Moody) Kilbourn of Wood Ditton and Wethersfield. John Kilbourn came to New England with his parents on the Increase in 1635; they were at Wethersfield before 1639. John Kilbourn was Sergeant of the Wethersfield Train Band, May 1657, and Deputy from Wethersfield to the Conn. General Court, Oct. 1660, May 1661, and May 1662. His will was dated 24 Sept. 1688, and proved at Hartford 4 May 1703; inventory amounted to £ 348-10-01. Letters of the administration on the estate of Sarah Kilbourn late of Wethersfield, widow, were granted 7 Apr. 1724 to her son George Kilbourn, and

inventory was taken 14 July 1724, amounting to £ 85-15-00. John and Sarah (Brownson) Kilbourn had six children: Sarah, Ebenezer, George, Mary, Joseph, and Abraham. (Jacobus and Waterman, Hale, House, pp. 656-7; Manwaring, Probates, 2:88 and 537.)

6. Jacob, b. at Hartford ca. 1641, d. in 1708.

7. John, b. at Hartford or Farmington ca. 1643, d. in South Carolina between 11 Jan. 1711/12 and 28 Apr. 1712

8. Isaac, b. at Hartford or Farmington ca. 1645, d. at Waterbury, Conn., shortly before 29 Feb. 1719/20.

9. Abraham, b. at Hartford or Farmington ca. 1647, d. at Lyme, Conn., in 1719

(There may have been additional children between Dorcus, b. 1633, and Sarah, b. 1639, but if so they d. in infancy.)

Richard Brownson (in later life usually Bronson or Brunson), fourth son and sixth child of Roger and Mary (Underwood) Brownson, was baptized at Earl's Colne, Essex, 23 July 1615, and died at Farmington, Conn., shortly before 26 Sept. 1687, aged 72. He married, first, probably at Hartford, Conn., ca. 1642-3, \_\_\_\_\_ (whose given name is usually stated to have been Abigail) Weyborn or Wyborne, apparently youngest child of John Wyborne of Wrotham, co. Kent, England, yeoman, by an unknown wife. According to S. Fletcher Weyburn, Weyborn-Wyborn Genealogy, 1911, p. 2, her name was Abigail, and she was born about

1613; Mr. Weyburn gives the names and dates of eight of her older brothers and sisters, extracted from the Parish Registers of Wrotham, but Abigail's baptism was not recorded at Wrotham, nor were the burials of her parents, so the family apparently moved away from Wrotham before 1613 and we do not know where they went. There is, in fact, no actual proof known to the contributor that the given name of the first wife of Richard Brownson was "Abigail," though this may well be correct; so far as it is known, her name does not appear in New England records. At all events, the first wife of Richard Brownson was certainly a daughter of John Wyborne, sometime of Wrotham, Kent, and a much younger sister of Mrs. Margaret (Wyborne) Pantry. Margaret Wyborne was baptized at Wrotham 7 Jan. 1591/2, daughter of John Wyborne; she was married by Canterbury Marriage License dated 24 Nov. 1619 to William Pantry of Ashford, co. Kent, carpenter, and her father John Wyborne, tanner consented to the marriage. William and Margaret (Wyborne) Pantry settled at New Town (Cambridge), Mass., in 1634, and removed to Hartford by 1641, where William died prior to 16 Nov. 1649, leaving an estate valued at slightly more than £ 1000. His widow Margaret (Wyborne) Pantry made her will at Hartford 12 Sept. 1651, in which she devised most of her estate to her son and daughter, but also bequeathed "unto my sister Brunson her two children by Richard Brunson, John and Abigail Bronson, to each of them £ 6 sterling." From this language we deduce that Mrs. Pantry's "sister Brunson" was deceased, leaving two minor children who were remembered by their wealthy aunt. It is probable that Mrs. Pantry's sister the first wife of Richard "Brunson," came to New England with the Pantry family, and shared their peregrinations to Cambridge and then to Hartford. [Charles H. Pope, *The Pioneers of Massachusetts*, 1900, p. 311; Lillian L. M. Selleck and Donald L. Jacobus, *One Branch of the Miner Family*, 1928, p. 144; Hosea Starr Ballou, "Dr. Thomas Starr, Surgeon in the Pequot War," *NEHGR*, 96:370-1; Manwaring, *Probates*, 1:142.]

Richard Brownson (Bronson, Brunson) married secondly, perhaps ca. 1646-7, \_\_\_\_\_, whose name is completely unknown, and who probably died at the birth of her son Samuel at Farmington in 1665. He married, thirdly, ca. 1666, Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) (Carpenter) Orvis, widow of David Carpenter (d. 1652) and of George Orvis (d. 1664), and by her Richard had no issue. Richard was not as prominent in civic affairs as his older brother John. He seems to have been a landowner in Farmington in 1648. His (unnamed) wife joined the church at Farmington 19 July 1653, when three of her children were baptized; Richard joined the church there Apr. 1654. He and his third wife were listed as communicants of the

church there on 1 March 1679/80 ["Farmington Church Records, NEHGR, 11:323-6; 12:35].

The will of "Richard Brunson of Farmington" was dated 27 Feb. 1684 [1684/85]. He devised to his wife (unnamed) during her life the use of the whole homestead, the lower room of the house, "& one good cove," bedding and household implements. Son Samuel to be sole executor and to have residue, "having given my two other sons their portions"; to daughter Hannah, £ 4 more; to daughter Eddy £ 3 more; to daughter Abigail 40s. more; to daughter Mary, 40s. per annum as long as she liveth unmarried, and on her marriage a good cow; homelot to son Samuel. The inventory, amounting to £ 405-08-00. Was taken 26 Sept. 1687, and the will was proved 26 Oct. 1687. [Manwaring, Probates, 1:279.]

The will of Elizabeth Brunson of Farmington, widow, was dated 6 Apr. 1694. She bequeathed to her Carpenter and Orvis children and grandchildren, and did not mention any Brunsons. Inventory, amounting to £ 69-14-08, was taken 26 Apr. 1694. [Ibid., 1:414-415.]

Ernest R. Brownson, MD, Genealogy of One Branch of the Richard Brownson Family, Manville, North Dakota, 1951, is (sad to say) a book which should be used with great caution, for it contains a number of errors, beginning with the belief in the existence of "Old Richard" Brownson.

On 10 April 1658 the Farmington minister made a list of "The Children that were in adult [i.e. not adult], when we entered into covenant at Farmington... not being above 13 years old." The list included 34 children in nine family groups, of whom 24 were under fourteen, the other 10 between fourteen and seventeen, years of age. This list includes "Richard Bronson's Children" - "Abigail Bronson, 14 years old, abought 8th Sept 1657" and "John Bronson, 12 years old abought August 1657." Apparently this list was drawn up to show the ages of children, not yet baptized, of church members, those still under 14 being eligible for baptism in the right of their parents. Hence dates of birth may be figured from this list. The two named children of Richard "Bronson" are recorded as baptized at a somewhat later date which appear in the list. [Farmington Church Records, NEHGR 11:325-6.]

Children of Richard Brownson by his first wife:

1. Abigail, b. prob. At Hartford 8 Sept. 1643; bapt. at Farmington 30

May 1659 "aged abt. 15" (NEHGR, 11:325-6); d. at Suffield, Conn., 27 Mar. 1710, intestate. She received a bequest of £ 6 in the will of her maternal aunt, Margaret (Wyborne) Pantry, dated 12 Sept. 1651, and she received "40s. more" in the will of her father, dated 27 Feb. 1684/5. She m. at Farmington, 16 May 1666, Jonathan Winchell, then of Windsor, later of Suffield, who was b. prob. In Mass. Before 1635, and d. at Suffield 5 Mar. 1715/16, intestate, a son of Robert Winchell by his unknown wife. Jonathan Winchell was on the list of freemen of Windsor, 1659, and was an original grantee of Suffield, 16 May 1671. Jonathan and Abigail (Brunson) Winchell had four children: Jonathan, b. at Windsor in Feb. 1666/7, d. young; Jonathan, b. at Windsor 14 Feb. 1669/70; Benjamin, b. at Windsor 28 June 1674; Abigail, b. at Suffield 8 June 1679 (Newton H. Winchell and Alexander N. Winchell, *The Winchell Genealogy*, 1917, pp. 61, 67).

2. John, b. at Hartford in Aug. 1645; bapt. at Farmington 20 Feb. 1658/9 ae. abt 12 ; d. at Waterbury, Conn., in 1696.

Children of Richard Brownson by his second wife:

1. Cornelius, b. prob. At Farmington ca. 1647-8; bapt. at Farmington 20 Feb. 1658/9 ae. Abt. 5; d. at Woodbury, Conn., May 1732.

2. Hannah, b. at Farmington ca. 1649-50, bapt. there 19 July 1653 "aged abt. 3," d. shortly before 5 Feb. 1712 (New Haven Probate, 4:123);

m. (rec. at Milford, Conn.) 16 Apr. 1674 (TAG, supra, 9:111; not 16 Aug. 1674, as in Carlton E. Sanford, *Thomas Sanford Family*, 1911, p. 92, followed by D. L. Jacobus, *Old Fairfield*, 1:516), Samuel Sanford, bapt. at Milford 30 Apr. 1643, d. there 27 Nov. 1691 (TAG, 16:34), inventory dated 8 Dec. 1691, son of Thomas and Sarah Sanford, of Dorchester, Mass., and Milford, Conn. Samuel Sanford was admitted to the church at Milford 5 Nov. 1669, and his wife Hannah was admitted 31 Dec. 1674 (TAG, 16, 34, 36). Children of Samuel and Hannah (Brunson) Sanford, all b. at Milford: Hannah, b. 2 Feb. 1675/6; Thomas, b. 29 Sept. 1678, d. 3 Mar. 1678/9; Samuel, b. 12 Mar. 1679/80; Sarah, b. 10 July 1682; Mary, b. 16 Apr. 1686, d. 2 Feb. 1703; Thomas, b. 4 May 1688 (TAG, 9:112, 115, 116, 172).

3. Elizabeth, b. at Farmington ca. 1651-2; bapt. there 19 July 1653 "aged abt. 1" (NEHGR, 11:324); not mentioned in her father's will and prob. d. young.

4. Edith, bapt. at Farmington 22 Apr. 1655 as "Eade" (NEHGR, 11:324); obviously named for her father's sister Edith (Brownson) Everett; she was alive and apparently married when her father's will was made, 27 Feb. 1684/5 (in which he called her "my daughter Eddy"), but the name of her husband has eluded the writer.

5. Mary, bapt. at Farmington "abt. 12 Feb. 1658" (1658/9) (NEHGR, 11:326); unmarried when her father's will was made, 27 Feb. 1684/5. Her subsequent fate is unknown to the compiler. Ernest R. Brownson, *Gen. of One Branch of the Richard Brownson Family*, p. 20, mistakenly says that this Mary m. Benjamin Hills of Hartford; it was Mary (John-2, John-1) who married Benjamin Hills.

6. Samuel, b. prob. At Farmington in 1665: d. at Wethersfield, Conn., 23 Jan. 1741/2, aged 76.

Mary Brownson, eighth and youngest child of Roger and Mary (Underwood) Brownson, was not recorded in the baptismal registers of Earl's Colne, Essex, but was quite possibly born in March 1622/3, very shortly before her mother's death. She died, probably at Hartford, Conn., by 1670, date not recorded. Mary Brownson was a baby when her mother died; she was raised by a stepmother who was, possibly, unsympathetic, and this may well explain what happened in Mary's youthful career. Mary was a seventeenth century teen-ager when she accompanied her older brothers, John and Richard Brownson, to Hartford, and there she became almost, but not quite, a juvenile delinquent. Probably her brothers and sisters-in-law were unable to control her. Four boys, John Olmstead, Jonathan Rudd, John Pierce, and Nicholas Olmstead, got into grave trouble for what must have been strenuous petting with Mary, but there is no mention of fornication in the court records, as there certainly would have been in so straight-laced a community as Hartford if the town authorities suspected it had occurred. Instead, the phrases used by the court were "wanton dalliances, lascivious Caridge & fowle Mysdemenors at sndry times wth Mary Brunson." Mary and the first three boys were merely "corrected," but Nicholas Olmstead was given a stiff fine and ordered "to stand Vppon the Pyllery at Hartford." All this seems to have happened in the winter of 1639-40 and he early spring of 1640 ["Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663," *Coll. Conn. Hist. Soc.* 22: 10, 12]. Mary Brownson was hastily married off, at Hartford, before 2 Apr. 1640, to a safe, substantial, and somewhat older man, Nicholas Desborough (or Disborough, Disbrow).

The best account of Nicholas Desborough and his family is in Frank Farnworth Starr, *Morgan and Goodwin Ancestral Lines* (Hartford, 1915), 2:206-210. According to Starr, Nicholas was born in England about 1613, and (though Starr does not say this) it seems to the contributor quite likely that he belonged to the same family as William "Disberowe" of Walden, co. Essex, joiner, whose will was dated 30 March 1610, proved at Dunmow, Essex, 4 Oct. 1610, and mentioned wife Katherine

and appointed son Nicholas Desberowe executor [H.F. Waters, Gen. Gleanings in England, 1:244]. The "Walden" mentioned is more correctly called Saffron Walden, a parish which lies 22 miles northwest of Earl's Colne.

Nicholas Desborough (with variant spellings) was a soldier in the Pequot War, 1637, probably from Hartford, and was granted 50 acres of land for his service. He was chosen to survey chimneys in Hartford in 1646, 1654-5, 1661-2, and 1668-9; was surveyor of highways there 1664-5. His unusual occupation was that of carpenter or cabinet maker, and on 28 March 1660 he was given liberty to build a carpenter's shop on the highway next to his own fence. He was on the list of freemen of Hartford, 13 Oct. 1669, and was 22nd so named. He was "freed from traineing, watch and ward" on 6 Mar. 1672/3, having evidently reached the age of 60. After the death of his first wife Mary (Brownson), Nicholas married secondly, probably late in 1670, Elizabeth (Shepard) Strickland, daughter of Edward and Violet Shepard, of Cambridge, Mass., and widow of Thwaite Strickland, who died at Hartford shortly before 21 June 1670, on which date his inventory was taken, leaving a widow Elizabeth and five children; administration on Thwaite Strickland's estate was granted, 1 Sept. 1670, to Nicholas "Disbroe" [Manwaring, Probates, 1:243]. Nicholas himself died shortly before 31 Aug. 1683, aged about 70; administration on his estate was granted, 18 Dec. 1683, to his stepson Joseph Strickland; distribution being made to his children, "Obadiah Spencer's wife, John Kelcy's wife, and Robert Flood's wife" [ibid. 1:298]. The widow Elizabeth (Shepard) (Strickland) Desborough, by whom Nicholas had no issue, was buried at Hartford 30 March 1694.

Children of Nicholas and Mary (Brownson) Desborough, all presumably born at Hartford, Conn.:

1. Mary, b. (say 1641), d. before her husband; m. ca. 1665 Obadiah Spencer of Hartford, b. ca. 1639, d. there in May 1712, son of Thomas and Ann (Derifield) Spencer. The will of Obadiah Spencer of Hartford was dated 22 June 1709, with codicil of 2 May 1712; inventory was taken on his estate 26 May 1712 (Manwaring, Probates, 2:301-2). Seven children (surname Spencer): Obadiah, Thomas, Samuel, Ebenezer, Mary, John, Disborough, (Donald Lines Jacobus, "The Four Spencer Brothers, TAG, supra, 27:166).

2. Sarah, b. (say 1642), d. before her husband; m. ca. 1662 Samuel Eggleston, prob. B. at Dorchester, Mass., in the 1630's, d. at Middletown, Conn., before 5 March 1690/1. He was a son of Bygod Eggleston (bapt. at Settrington, co. York, England, 20 Feb. 1586/7, d. at Windsor, Conn.,

1 Sept. 1674) by his unknown wife. See Clarence Almon Torrey, "English Origin of Bygod Eggleston," TAG, supra, 10:197-8; John G. Hunt, same title, *ibid.*, 37:151-3; and Sir Anthony R. Wagner, K.C.V.O., *English Genealogy*, 1960, p. 60. The inventory of the estate of Samuel Eggleston of Middletown was undated and amounted to £ 105-15-09; administration was granted on 5 Mar. 1690/1 to his son Samuel Eggleston, Jr. The children of Samuel and Sarah Eggleston were: Samuel, Thomas (d. young), Joseph (d. young), Sarah, Susanna, Nicholas, Mercy, Mary, and Ebenezer. In the probate record the children are listed as: Samuel, age 28, Sarah, 21, Susannah, 17, Nicholas, 14, Mercy, 12, Mary, 9, and Ebenezer, 6 (Manwaring, Probates, 1:442-3).

3. Hannah, b. (say 1644), d. at Killingworth, Conn., 23 Oct. 1718; m. (prob. At Hartford, marriage not recorded) before 1668, John Kelsey, b. prob. At Cambridge, Mass., or Hartford, Conn., in the 1630's, d. at Killingworth 22 July 1709, son of William Kelsey, who moved from Cambridge to Hartford about 1636. It is not known whether his son John was then already born. It is, perhaps, likely that John was b. after 1636 rather than before, and therefore at Hartford where he grew up and presumably married. Soon after marriage, John and Hannah moved from Hartford to Killingworth, where all of their nine children were recorded in the Vital Records (TAG, supra, 12:39). John Kelsey became a Lieut. of the Killingworth Train Band, and his death was entered in the Vital Records as "Lieut. John Kelcey died 22 July 1709" and his widow's death as "Hannah Kelcey widow & relict of Lieut. John Kelcey died Oct 23 1718" (TAG, supra, 12:48, and the excellent Kelsey Genealogy by E. A. Claypool, Azalea Clizbie, and Earl Leland Kelsey, 1:45-7). Lieut. John Kelsey d. intestate; inventory on his estate was taken 17 Aug. 1709: the original papers are in file #2941, New London District, State Library, Hartford, and are abstracted in TAG, supra, 12:151-2. The will of "Hannah Kelcey, wedow & relick of John Kelcey dec. at Killingworth," dated 15 Aug. 1712, is printed in full in the Kelsey Genealogy, 1:51. These two probate records show clearly that Hannah was John Kelsey's only wife, and the mother of all his children. These children were: Hannah, William, John, Joseph, Esther, Phebe, Lydia, Stephen, and Josiah. It is necessary to stress that John Kelsey m. Hannah Desborough and not her sister Phebe, because the learned Dr. James Savage made a lamentable error in his *Gen. Dict. of New England*, 2:52 and 3:7, in assigning Phebe to John Kelsey. This was because Savage never used original records outside the Boston area, but relied correspondents who were sometimes undependable. The story that John Kelsey m. Phebe Desborough, having been printed by Savage, has, alas, been repeated endlessly by the type of people who write to the genealogical columns of newspapers, despite the fact that the original records and the fine Kelsey

Genealogy show clearly that it was Hannah and not Phebe who was John Kelsey's wife. The contributor is very grateful to Prof. George E. McCracken for his help with the Kelsey problem.

4.Phebe, bapt. at Hartford 20 Dec. 1646; not mentioned in the settlement of her father's estate, and prob. d. young.

5.Abigail, b. at Hartford 1 Feb. 1648/9; date of death not known to the contributor; m. (1) before 9 Nov. 1670, Robert Flood of Wethersfield, Conn., who d. there 16 Dec. 1689, intestate; his inventory, amounting to £ 117-14-00, was taken 6 Feb. 1689/90 (Manwaring, Probates, 1:444). Abigail m. (2) at Wethersfield, 12 Jan. 1692/3, Matthew Barnes. By her first husband, Abigail had six children (surname Flood) listed in the inventory, with ages stated as of Feb. 1689/90: Robert, 16, Abigail, 14, John, 12, Thomas, 9, Mary, 7, George, 4; their births were recorded in Wethersfield, together with that of an older child named George who d. young. The probate (ibid.) on 2 May 1695 shows that Matthew Barnes was then the husband of Abigail Flood. The first marriage of Matthew Barnes to a woman named Experience on 12 Jan. 1678/9 and his marriage to Abigail on 12 Jan.1692/3 are both recorded at Wethersfield, with the previous surname of the bride omitted in each case. One child is recorded by Abigail (surname Barnes): Matthew, b. 6 Aug. 1694.

[The End (so far)]

<http://www.nwlink.com/~pbronson/bronson.htm>

The will of Benjamin Hills, dated 4 Feb. 1726/7, was proved 2 Apr. 1729 (Manwaring, Probates, 2:526).

Heard from several of you that the letter that was attached to my email did not arrive. I've typed it rather than done it as an attachment. I enjoy this lady's genealogy bug. Sure wish her list of names was available today. John Hills, Portland, Oregon

Hartford Conn Jan 27, 1892

Mrs. Charles E. Hills

Dear Sir

Many thanks to you for your kind replies. Your second letter just received and where any one treats my inquisitive letters of fair likely as you have, it is quite proper you should have that perfectly natural curiosity gratified. I am a daughter of the late Ellery Hills who died in

Hartford. Conn in Jan 1870, age 70. He was born in East Hartford in that part of the town called Hillstown so named because prior to 1850 nearly all the landholders and voters were named Hills. He left his early home at 21 years of age and opened a small grocery store paying twenty five dollars for his stock of goods which business he followed until about 1839 when he gave up the grocery business owing to his firm temperance principles and opened a wholesale books, shoe and leather business which he did not wholly retire from until 1865. He died sincerely respected and mourned and the world was the better for his having lived. I Jane Treat Hills was born April 5, 1840 married Aug 22, 1861 to Charles H. Smith of the City. I have only one brother - we two all who survived of a family of seven. Now that's who I am.

Now what I am up to. Some two years ago my attention was attracted to the monument in our Center burying ground erected to the memory of the original settlers of Hartford and when I saw the name of William Hill I wondered if I were descended from him. I knew very little about my ancestry but soon became interested in tracing my own line with very little difficulty back to this original William. The result is I hope in some years to be able to publish a genealogy of the William Hills family though it is a very laborious undertaking. I have already between thirty five hundred and four thousand names. It is my recreation. I am never happier than when at work even if my friends make sport of me and call me a crank. I work from four to eight hours a day when well and housekeeping cares will permit. Now that's what I am up to. It is a great pleasure to get trace of Russell Hills family. Mrs. Addie Hills dau of William R Hills, the cousin who gave me your address, could not tell me anything and I could not find anybody that knew. I shall now write them and get records if possible as you have kindly given me their address.

Hoping I have reassured you. I remain

Sincerely Yours

Jane T. Hills (Mrs. Charles H. Smith)  
113 Park St.

Notes for Mary Bronson:

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THE BROWNSON, BRONSON, OR BRUNSON FAMILY OF  
EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX, ENGLAND, -

## CONNECTICUT, AND SOUTH CAROLINA

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John and Richard Brownson or Bronson or Brunson, early settlers of Hartford and then Farmington Conn., and their sister Mary (later wife of Nicholas Desborough, Disborough or Disbrow of Hartford) were three of the children of Roger Brownson (1576-1635) of Earl's Colne, co. Essex, England, by his first wife Mary Underwood.

Some dizzy "family historian" in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century invented a wholly imaginary "Old Richard Bronson" who was supposed to have come to Connecticut "early" (whatever that may mean) and to have been the father of John, Richard, and Mary. No such person as "Old Richard" appeared in any Connecticut record whatsoever, and he is entirely fictitious. "Old Richard Bronson" has, nevertheless, been given unwarranted prominence as the first ancestor of this family in America in a good many printed genealogies, compendia, and articles in genealogical columns of the late Boston Evening Transcript and the extant Hartford Times, and because of this repetition many descendants believe in his existence. They should disabuse themselves. Furthermore, no descendant should take seriously the statements in Harriet Bronson Sibley, *Bronson Lineage, 1636 - 1917* (Dallas, Oregon, 1917), p. 1, that "the name was originally 'de Braundeston' from a hamlet of this name two miles south of Burton on Trent." There is no such place as "Braundeston" in the vicinity of Burton-on-Trent, which is in co. Stafford; there is to be sure, a village named Braunstone, in co. Leichestre, about 20 miles southeast of Burton-on-Trent, but this has nothing whatever to do with the family under discussion, whose name was Brownson, clearly a patronymic and not derived from a place name. Other errors in Sibley, *Bronson Lineage*, are (opposite p. 3) the illustration of a "Bronson coat of arms", which is also imaginary, since the Brownsons were a yeoman family and not at all armigarius; and the statement (p.5) that "the first Bronson of whom we have any knowledge came to England from Scotland in May 1568 as a follower of Mary Queen of Scots." Such statements should never have been made in the first place, but, having been made, should be promptly forgotten by all descendants of the Connecticut settlers John, Richard and Mary Brownson.

Roger Brownson, the real father of the settlers in Connecticut, moved late in life from Earl's Colne to Aldham, Essex, and his will, dated 4 Aug. 1635, proved at Colchester 22 Oct. 1635, contained the clause: "To my

two sons John and John and Richard Brownson and to Mary Brownson my daughter, 12d. each if ever they come to demand the same." This phrase shows that John and Richard had left Essex and sailed for New England before 4 Aug. 1635.

The emigrants may well have sailed on the *Defence* (Edward Bostock, master), which departed from London "the last of July 1635" and arrived at Boston 8 Oct. 1635. Passengers on the *Defence* included the celebrated Mr. Thomas Shephard, who had preached at Earl's Colne in 1630, and was later to become minister at Cambridge, Mass. (The list of "such Ministers in Essex as are not conformable in opinion or practice, 25 Nov. 1630" was headed by "Mr. Thomas Shephard, Lecturer of Earl's Colne": Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, Charles I, Historical and Genealogical Register - hereafter referred to as NEHGR-61:394.) Other passengers on the *Defence* were Mr. John Wilson, future teacher of the church at Boston; Mr. Hugh Peter, former pastor of the English church at Rotterdam and future minister at Salem, Mass.; Mr. John Norton, future minister at Ipswich, Mass., and later teacher of the church at Boston; Mr. John Jones, future minister at Concord, Mass., and Fairfield, Conn., and most significantly for the Brownsons, Mr. Roger Harlakenden, aged 23, of Earl's Colne, with his wife Elizabeth (Bosvile), aged 18, and his sister Mabell aged 22, the said Roger and Mabell being younger brother and sister of Richard Harlakenden, esquire (1606-1677), lord of the manor of Earl's Colne. The passenger list of the *Defence* is incomplete, and though the Brownsons' name does not appear on it, there is no reason to believe that they did not come on that ship, and every reason to believe that they did.

[Col. Charles E. Banks, *Planters of the Commonwealth*, Boston 1930, pp. 167-171; G. Steinman Steinman, "Pedigree of Harlakenden, of Kent and Essex," *Topographer and Genealogist*, vol. 1 (1846), pp. 228-258, 395-6, especially pp. 235, 395; *The Journal of American Genealogy*, vol. 1 (1921), p.94; Meridith B. Colket, Jr., "The Harlakenden Claim of Royal Descent", *The American Genealogist* (hereafter TAG), 14:209-214; Samuel Eliot Morison, *The Founding of Harvard College*, 1935, pp. 197-8 (Harlakenden), 382 (Hooker), 385 (Jones), 394-5 (Peter), 400 (Shepard), 408 (Wilson).]

Mrs. V. Heddon, of Firlle House, Iver, Bucks, England, has very kindly examined the Parish Registers of Earl's Colne, Lamarsh, and Halstead, all in Essex, for the contributor, and has made abstracts of several wills of testators named Brownson preserved in the Essex County Record Office at Chelmsford. The Parish Register extracts are given below, followed by

a pedigree of the family in the usual form.

Parish Registers of St. Andrew's Church, Earl's Colne, Essex

BAPTISMS, 1559-1651

1560 Priscilla dau. of Cornelys Brownson, 12 May.

1576 Roger son of John Brownson, 15 Sept

1580 John son of John Brownson, 8 Oct.

1584 Alice dau. of John Brownson, 30 Aug.

1588 Joane dau. of Jaspar Brownson, 28 July.

1604 Edith dau. of Roger Brownson, 13 Jan. (1604/5).

1609 Cornelius son of Roger Brownson, 13 Jan. (1609/10).

1612 Else dau. of Roger Brownsonne, 22 Aug.

1615 Richard son of Roger Brownsonne, 23 July.

1617 Elizabeth dau. of Roger Brownsonne, 23 Mar (1617/18)

1627 Mary dau. of John Brownson junr & Francis his wife, 12 Dec.

1628 John son of John Brownson junr & Francis his wife, 17 Feb.  
(1628/29).

1631 John son of John Brownson junr & Francis his wife, 28 Dec.

1633 Dorcas dau. of John Brownson junr & Francis his wife, 19 Dec.

1634 Margaret dau. of John Brownson & Margaret his wife, 11 Nov.

1637 Marye dau. of John Brownson & Margaret his wife, 21 Dec.

MARRIAGES, 1559-1651

1563 Thomas Gore & Elizabeth Brownson were married, 30 Dec.

1603 John Brownson & Elizabeth Layer were married, 30 Jan. (1603/4).

1617 John Brownson sen. & Mathen (sic) Taylor, 19 May.

1636 Cornelius Brownson & Martha Goulson, 26 Apr.

BURIALS, 1559-1665

1560 Anne Brownson, 21 Nov.

1612 Else the dau. of Roger Brownsonne, 30 Aug.

1616 Joan wife of John Brownson senr, 11 Feb. (1616/17)

1618 Elizabeth daughter of Roger Brownson, 24 May.

1618 Mathen (sic) wife of John Brownson senr, 6 Sep.

1622 John Brownson sen., 4 Feb. (1622/3)

1622 Mary wife of Roger Brownson, 18 March (1622/3)

1631 John son of John Brownson junr, 23 March (1631/2)

1633 Elizabeth wife of John Brownson, 31 July.

1638 John Brownson, 17 Oct.

1655 Margery Brownson, 14 April.

1656 Cornelius Brownson, 8 Mar. (1656/7).

1665 Martha Brownson, 24 May.

Parish Registers of Holy Innocents' Church, Lamarsh, co. Essex

1575 Marie Underwood, dau. of John Underwood, bapt. 2 Feb. (1575/6).

1600 Roger Brownson of Earl's Colne & Mary Underwood of Lamarsh,  
married 12 May.

1601 Roger Brownson son of Roger Brownson , bapt. 12 July.

1602 John Brownson son of Roger Brownson, bapt. 21 Sept.

Parish Registers of St. Andrew's Church, Halstead, co. Essex

BAPTISMS, 1564-1615

1600 Elizabeth Hills dau. of Anthony, 25 (or 28) Jan. (1600/1).

1602 Ellen Hills dau. of Anthony, 6 March. (1602/3)

1605 William Hills son of William Hills, 30 June.

1605 John & Alexander twin sons of Anthony Hills, 23 July

1606 William Hiles (sic) son of Anthony, 20 Nov.

1610 Thomas Hyles son of Anthony, 14 July.

MARRIAGE, 1626

1626 John Brownson & Francis Hills, both single, 19 Nov.

BURIALS, 1564-1601

No Hills, Brownson, Underwood

John Brownson, of Earl's Colne, co. Essex, England, yeoman, born perhaps ca. 1540-1550, buried as "John Brownson senior" at Earl's Colne, 4 Feb 1622/3. Possibly he may have been a son of Cornelius Brownson who lived at Earl's Colne in the mid-1550's, and a brother of "Priscilla dau. of Cornelys Brownson" who was baptized at Earl's Colne 12 May 1560. The use of the given name of Cornelius was continued in this family. No will or record of administration of the estate of John Brownson has been found. He married first, by 1576, Joan \_\_\_\_\_, who was buried at Earl's Colne 11 Feb. 1616/17. He married secondly, at Earl's Colne, 19 May 1617, "Mathen" Taylor, who was buried at Earl's Colne 6 Sept. 1622.

Children by first wife, baptized at Earl's Colne:

1. Roger, bapt. 15 Sept. 1576.

2. John, bapt. 8 Oct. 1580; buried at Earl's Colne 17 Oct. 1638; m. (1) at

Earl's Colne, 30 Jan. 1603/4, Elizabeth Layer, who was buried at Earl's Colne, 31 July 1633; no issue recorded. He m. (2) at Aldham, Essex, in 1633, Margaret Coleman, and had by her Margaret, bapt. At Earl's Colne 11 Nov. 1634, and Mary, bapt. there 21 Dec. 1637. John Brownson was admitted to a croft in Earl's Colne called Birchetts in 1630 by the surrender of Mr. Cresener, about two acres, worth £ 1-06-08 per annum, and he paid for fine £ 1-15-00. In Oct. 1638, "Margaret and Marie Brownson, infants were admitted after the death of their father John Brownson to a certain croft called Chalkeney Croft, with a garden, and their mother was their Gardian and they paid for their fine butt poer, £ 2-00-00." (these two entries from the Register of Admission Fines from 1610, Colne Priory Manor. Notes of fines kept by Richard Harlakenden . D/DPr. 100, Essex County Record Office, Chelmsford.)  
3. Alice, bapt. 30 Aug. 1584. No further information.

Roger Brownson, eldest known child of John Brownson, was baptized at Earl's Colne 15 Sept. 1576, and died at Aldham, Essex, between 4 Aug. 1635 and 22 Oct 1635. He married, first, at Lamarsh, Essex, 12 May 1600, Mary Underwood, baptized at Lamarsh 2 Feb. 1575/6, buried at Earl's Colne 18 March 1622/3, having perhaps died at the birth of her daughter Mary. Mary Underwood was a daughter of John Underwood of Lamarsh, of whom no more is presently known. Roger Brownson married, secondly, at an unknown place and date, Margaret ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Brewer, widow, who survived him. Roger Brownson's second marriage is not in the Boyd Marriage Index at the Library of the Society of Genealogists, London. In 1610, Roger Brownson was admitted to a reversion of 3 acres of land called Chalkeney Crofts, and he paid a fine of £ 1-06-08. In 1619, Roger Brownson and Mary his wife were admitted to the house called "Humpherys," and the garden adjoining, and paid for fine £ 2-15-00. In 1623, Roger Brownson was admitted to "the House uppon the west in Chiffin Lane that he hath estate in only for life, then it is the Lds, and he paid for fine £ 3-00-00" [Manor of Colne Priory, Register of Admission Fines from 1610, Notes of Fines made by Richard Harlakenden, D/DPr. 100 Essex County Register Office, Chelmsford. In the 1623 entry the phrase "then it is the Lds" meant that after Roger Brownson's death, the property in Chiffin Lane would revert back to the lord of the manor, that is, Richard Harlakenden himself. How "Chalkeney Croft" was transferred from Roger Brownson to his brother John (1580-1638) is not explained in the existing manorial court rolls].

The will of "Roger Brownson of Aldham in the County of Essex, taylor," was dated 4 Aug. 1635. "To Margeret my wife, £ 6, furniture, and all that was hers before marriage. To my daughter in law [stepdaughter] Mary

Brewer, 20s. To Edith my daughter, wife of John Evered of Cogshall, £ 3. To Susan, daughter of John Evered of Cogshall [Cogshall, co. Essex], my grandchild, 20s. at her age of 21 or marriage. To my two sons John and Richard Brownson and to my daughter, 12d. each if ever they come to demand the same. Residue to Cornelius Brownson my son, he to be executor." Signed by mark. Witnesses: William Adams, John Brownson. Proved at Colchester 22 Oct. 1635 by Cornelius Brownson, the executor named [Commissary Court of London for Essex and Herts, D/ABW.53/47, Essex County Record Office, Chelmsford]. Most of Essex was deeply Puritan in religion in the 1630's, and the terms of Roger Brownson's will should not be taken to imply that he disapproved of the departure of his children John, Richard, and Mary for New England. It is highly probable that he made some financial settlement on them before they left Earl's Colne, and that this helped to pay for their passage. The bequest of 12d. to each of them was merely a legal device, to prevent dispute about the validity of the will.

Children by first wife:

1. Roger, bapt. at Lamarsh 12 July 1601; presumably died in infancy
2. John, bapt. At Lamarsh 21 Sept. 1602; d. 1680
3. Edith, bapt. At Earl's Colne 13 Jan. 1604/5, living 1 Mar. 1664/5 when the will of her sister-in-law Martha (Goulson or Gulston) Brownson was made; m. at Chappel, Essex, in 1627, John Evered or Everett, of Cognershall, Essex. They had a daughter Susan, mentioned in the will of her grandfather Roger Brownson in 1635, and in that of her uncle Cornelius. The will of Martha (Goulson or Gulston) Brownson contained bequests not only "to my sister Everitt, but also "to her two daughters." It should be noted that Richard Everett of Dedham, Mass., is supposed to have come from Essex, though no proof of this has yet been found (Edward Franklin Everett, *Descendants of Richard Everett*, Boston, 1902, p. 9)
4. Cornelius, bapt. At Earl's Colne 18 Feb. 1609/10, bur. there 8 March 1656/7. He was the executor and residuary legatee of his father in 1635. He m. at Earl's Colne, 26 Apr. 1636, Martha Goulson or Gulston, who was bur. at Earl's Colne 24 May 1665; no issue. The notes of Fines by Richard Harlakenden state that "in 1636 Cornelius Brownson was admitted after the death of his father to a House called Humfres and a croft called Chalkeney Croft, and it was worth £ 3 p. annum, and I (Harlakenden) tooke of him for his fine because a servant butt £ 3. And presently he surrendered to Martha Gulson, that should be his wife, after his decease, and I gave her the fine because she had bine a very antient servaunt" (D/DPr. 100, Essex County Record Office). The will of

Cornelius Brownson, of Earl's Colne, Essex, labourer, was dated 19 Jan. 1656 (1656/7). He appointed as trustees Richard Harlakenden the younger and Edward Elliston, gentlemen, and Ralph Josselin of Colne aforesaid, to sell within three months of 'my wife Martha's decease, my copy-hold house called Humfreys and a croft of land adjoining it called Chalkney, both held by me of the manor of Colne Priory. The moneyearising therefrom to be distributed as follows: To my brother Richard Brownson and his heirs, £ 5. To my sister Mary and her heirs, 40s. To my cosins (i.e. nieces) Susan and Martha Everitt and their heirs, 40s. each. Residue of money to my brother John Brownson and his heirs. All my goods, money, etc., to Martha my wife for her life, she to pay my debts and funerall expenses, and to be sole executrix." Signed by mark. Witnesses: Ralph Josselin, Henry Hutton, Thomas (ap) Giles Owen (by mark). Proved at Kelvedon, Essex,

13 March 1656 (1656/7) by Martha Brownson, the relict and executrix named. (Archdeaconry Court of Colchester, D/ACW. 17/56.) The will of Martha Brownson of Earl's Colne, widow, was dated 1 March 1664/5, "To William Harlakenden, Esq., of Earl's Colne, furniture. To Mrs. Owens, linen glass and furniture. To her maid, furniture. To Mr. Josseling, a screen. To cosen John Gulston, 40s., and to his brother , 40s. To cosen Christmas, 20s. and clothes to her two daughters, 10s. each. To cosen Gulston and her sister, 20s., and to her maid Ann Hutton, 40s. To my sister Everitt, 20s., and to her two daughters, 10s. each. To Goodman Peak, 5s. Executor, the aforesaid William Harlakenden. Any remainder to my cosen Gulston. Signed by mark. Proved 5 June 1665 by William Harlakenden, the executor named. (Archdeaconry Court of Colchester, D/ACW. 17/80.)

5. Alice, bapt. at Earl's Colne 22 Aug. 1612, bur. there 30 Aug. 1612.

6. Richard, bapt. at Earl's Colne 23 July 1615.

7. Elizabeth, bapt. at Earl's Colne 23 March 1617/18, bur. 24 May 1618.

8. Mary, baptism not recorded at Earl's Colne; perhaps b. in March 1622/3 just before her mother's death.

John Brownson (in later life his surname was variously spelled Brownson, Bronson, and Brunson), second but eldest surviving son of Roger and Mary (Underwood) Brownson, was baptized at Lamarsh, Essex, 21 Sept. 1602, and died at Farmington, Conn., shortly before 28 Nov. 1680, aged 78. He married at Halstead, Essex, 19 Nov. 1626, Frances Hills, whose baptism was not found in the Parish Registers of Halstead, but who may have been an unrecorded daughter of either Anthony or William Hills of Halstead, or may have been related to them in some other way. The given name of the wife of John Brownson is not

mentioned in any New England record that the contributor has seen, and it is possible that Frances (Hills) Brownson died, and the children born in Connecticut were by a subsequent wife. But the contributor is inclined to think that Frances was the only wife of John, and the mother of all his children. The name Frances is not biblical and therefore not at all in favor with Puritans. Yet Abraham Brunson, the youngest son of John Brownson, gave one of his daughters the un-Puritan name of Frances, and it is hard to see why he should have done this unless he were commemorating his mother. The widow of John Brownson survived her husband, but her death was not recorded at Farmington or elsewhere in Connecticut.

Donald Lines Jacobus and Edgar Francis Waterman's splendid *Hale, House and Related Families* (Hartford, Conn., 1952) contains a section (pp. 579-607), on the family of William Hills of Hartford, Conn., in which (p. 579) the authors quote W. S. and Thomas Hills, *Hills Family in America* (1906), pp. 658-9, to the effect that William Hills, the future settler in Hartford, was perhaps baptized at Upminster, co. Essex, 27 Dec. 1608. It seems quite possible that there may have been a relationship between the different branches of the Hills family in Essex, and that William Hills and his contemporary Frances (Hills) Brownson may have been akin. But all this is conjecture and the matter needs further study.

John Brownson was called "John Brownson junr" in the records of the baptisms and burial of his children at Earl's Colne, in order to differentiate him from his uncle John Brownson (1580-1638). John and Frances (Hills) Brownson had four children baptized at Earl's Colne, two daughters who survived and two sons who died in infancy. John Brownson was evidently a Puritan, strongly influenced by the many Puritan preachers in Essex, and, together with his wife and two small daughters, and accompanied by his younger brother Richard and younger sister Mary, he joined in the migration to New England, probably sailing on the *Defence* in 1635 as already indicated. The majority of New England settlers at this period landed in Boston, but there is no trace of the Brownsons in Massachusetts Bay records, so this family group must have removed to the new settlement at Hartford on the Connecticut River with the first settlers of that place, led by Mr. Thomas Hooker, the minister, in May and June 1636. Mr. Hooker had preached and taught for some years at Little Baddow, Essex, and was doubtless known to the Brownsons in England.

The family's surname was usually spelled "Brunson" in the early records

of Hartford, and under that name John enlisted for service in the Pequot War in 1637, and had several parcels of land assigned to him by the division of Feb. 1639/40; the lot on which his dwelling house stood abutted on the highway leading to the Neck on the east, and on Richard Church's land on the north and William Heaton's on the south ["Original Distribution of the Lands in Hartford," Coll. Conn. Hist. Soc., vol. 14, pp. 68, 91, 97, 139, 146, 152-3, 160, 162, 173-4, 182, 188, 322, 387, 405, 429, 464, 506-8]. One of the earliest references to him in Hartford is undated. It is a list of "The Names of Such Inhabitants as were Granted lotts to haue onely at the Townes Courtesie wth liberty to fetch wood & keepe Swine or Cowes by proportion on the Commons." The first name on the list is "John Brunson" [ibid., p. 501].

It is not known just when John Brownson, Bronson or Brunson moved from Hartford to Farmington. Farmington was founded by Hartford men in or about 1641, and Brownson was certainly there by 7 March 1649/50, when he served on the Grand Jury; and was grand juryman again 15 May 1650; served as Deputy from Farmington to the Connecticut General Court four times, May 1651, Oct 1655, May 1656, and Oct. 1656; was sworn Constable of Farmington for a year beginning 4 March 1651/2, and as such collected "ye rate for ye Fort at Seabrook" from his fellow-townsmen. He was one of the "seven pillars" of the church at Farmington from its foundation, 13 Oct. 1652. The Medical Journal of Gov. and Dr. John Winthrop, Jr., of Connecticut, mentions four of John "Brunson's" children as patients in 1657, Sarah, aged 18; John, aged 15; Isaac, aged 12; and Abraham, aged 10; and in 1669 referred to the son Jacob as 28 years old and still a bachelor. John Brownson was on the list of freemen of Farmington, 1659. He served on petit jury, 7 March 1660/1. On 4 Dec. 1662, "John Brunson" was freed from "traineing, watch and ward," doubtless on account of his age, for he was then 60. On 16 May 1670 Cherry and Will, the Indians, with three of the Milford Indians, were adjudged to pay John Brunson 20s. for the "sider" they had stolen from him.

The inventory of the estate of John "Brunson" was taken 28 Nov. 1680, showing that he had died intestate shortly before that date. His property was divided by the court among his seven surviving children, "Jacob Brunson, Isaac Brunson, Mary Ellis, John Brunson, Abraham Brunson, Dorcus Hopkins, and Sarah Kilbourn," who were ordered by the court to pay to his widow £ 10 a year, and if the more necessity for it should arise. The inventory amounted to £ 312-01-06. A late application for distribution was made 5 March 1727/8 by George Kilbourn, Thomas Hopkins, John Bracy, Daniel Steele, and Hezekiah Hopkins, as heirs by

marriage and descent from John Brunson. [Connecticut Colonial Records, 1:218, 278, 281, 283; "Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663," Coll. Conn. Hist. Soc., 14:576, 578; 22:10, 12, 72, 77, 82, 109, 222, 227, 256; "Farmington Church Records," NEHGR, 11: 323-336; James Shepard, Connecticut Soldiers in the Pequot War, 1913, p. 12; Charles W. Manwaring, Digest of Early Connecticut Probates, Hartford District, 1: 86, 278; Donald Lines Jacobus, List of Officials

... of Connecticut and New Haven Colonies, New Haven, 1935, p. 7.

Among early general accounts may be mentioned: Royal R. Hinman, Early Puritan Settlers in ... Connecticut, Hartford, 1852, pp. 342-347; Henry Bronson, History of Waterbury, Conn., 1926, pp. 137-139; William

F. J. Boardman, Ancestry of William Francis Joseph Boardman, Hartford, 1906, pp. 352-3. Of more recent accounts: Buell Burdette Bassette, One Bassett Family in America, New Britain, Conn., 1926, pp. 133-139; this otherwise excellent article on the Bronson family is marred by belief in the fictitious "Old Richard" Bronson as founder of the family in New England. Louis Effingham de Forest and Anne Lawrence de Forest, Our Colonial and Continental Ancestors: The Ancestry of Mr. and Mrs. Louis William Dommerich, New York, 1930, p. 57; this work was consulted by the contributor in the library of the Straatssarchiv, Bremen, 2 March 1961, while looking for something else; its account of the Bronson family is good, but marred by one error. The de Forests stated that "At a meeting at Hartford, Dec. 5 1676, 'The Councill granted to John Brunson of Farmington the sume of fiue pownds, as reparation for his wounds and damage rece'd thereby, and quartering and halfe pay to the first of the present moneth.'" The authors supposed that this reward for military service in King Philip's War, 1675-6, belonged to John Brownson. Obviously he was too old to have served in King Philip's War, and the military service in question belonged to either his son John, or to his nephew John. By far the best account of John Brownson and his immediate family is in Nathan Grier Parke II and Donald Lines Jacobus, The Ancestry of Lorenzo Ackley and his wife Emma Arabella Bosworth, Woodstock, Vt., 1960, pp. 216-219; an error here in the second generation, found also in most of the earlier accounts, will be considered when that point in the pedigree is reached.]

(Cont. under notes on Benj. Hills)

Children of Benjamin Hills and Mary Bronson are:

- i. Abigail Hills, died Unknown.

- ii. John Hills, died Unknown.
- 96 iii. Benjamin Hills, born Abt. 1689 in Hartford, CT; died July 03, 1733 in Hartford, CT; married Elizabeth Warren.
- iv. Susanna Hills, born Abt. 1692; died Aft. 1754; married John Kilbourn; died Unknown.
- v. Samuel Hills, born Abt. 1696 in Hartford, CT; died Unknown; married (1) Violet Stedman; died Unknown; married (2) Susanna Ladd; died Unknown.

**194. John Warren**, died July 31, 1722 in Watertown, ,MA. He was the son of **388. <Unnamed>** and **389. <Unnamed>**. He married **195. Mary**.

**195. Mary**, born in Eng; died November 06, 1662.

Notes for John Warren:

Unknown book lists John Warren, son of William, died July 31, 1722. Married Mary. John Warren received 2nd Ch December 17, 1699 and Mary, wife of John, received 2nd Ch February 12, 1698-9. Their children were:

Elizabeth baptized December 29, 1695 (2 Church records) married Benjamin Hills.

Mary baptized December 5, 1697 and married William Corbett.

John baptized January 21, 1699-1700, died young.

Sarah baptized March 26, 1704, married Samuel Graham.

John baptized November 10, 1706.

Hannah born about 1709.

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John Gay

Herbert Pelham??

John Stimson

Lambert Chinery

Robert Jennison

John Warren, jr

1670: John Warren

Children of John Warren and Mary are:

- 97 i. Elizabeth Warren, born Abt. 1662 in E. Hartford, CT; died

Unknown; married Benjamin Hills.

- ii. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- iii. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- iv. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- v. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- vi. <Unnamed>, born Private.

**200. John Riddell**<sup>45</sup>, born Abt. November 14, 1641 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died January 03, 1736/37. He was the son of **400. Hugh Riddell** and **401. Mary Wilson**. He married **201. Janet Gordon** June 04, 1670.

**201. Janet Gordon**, died Unknown.

Notes for John Riddell:

History of Bedford, page(s) 1045-1061:

"Ridel, Riddell, Riddle, the latter spelling having been adopted by the Bedford branch about 1790, is an old name, derived from Ryedale, a dale or delle of rye, heads and sheafs of which appear in coats of arms of families of the name in Great Britain. Robert Burns, Scotland's bard, wrote of them:

'My goose quil too rude is to tell all your goodness,  
Bestowed on your servant the poet,  
Would to God I had one like a beam of the sun,  
And then all the world, sir, should know it.'

"Bonnie Annie Laurie's mother was Jean Riddell. Upon one of the name was bestowed the 'Star of India, the highest gift of the British crown for meritorious civil service.

"Gawn, Hugh, Robert, John, and Margery, children of John and Janet Gordon Riddell, Ballymeath country, Londonderry, Ireland, came to Londonderry, NH, and from thence to Bedford (except Robert, who did not come to Bedford) about 1738, and their names appear upon the petition for the town, 1750, including John Clark the husband of Margery; Hugh removed to Colraine, Mass., in 1763 with his children: Hugh, William, Robert, and Ann, all of whom were born in Bedford. John died July 6, 1757 in Bedford, and was buried in the old graveyard: he had two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, who died unmarried and the family became extinct. Margery died about 1778 in Bedford, leaving no issue." ....

Taken from The History of Colrain, MA (Sometimes spelled Coleraine)  
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"RIDDELL (RIDDLE, RYEDALE)  
Ref.: Bedford, NH History

"JOHN RIDDELL and his wife Janet Gordon came to Londonderry, N.H. from Ballymeath, Londonderry Co., Ireland and rem[oved] to Bedford, NH abt. 1738. They had five children, Gawn, Hugh, Robert, John and Margery. Gawn, John and Margery lived and died in Bedford. Hugh and Robert rem[oved] to Colrain." - A History of Colrain, Massachusetts, with Genealogies of Early Families, by Lois McClellan Patie, page 135.

Children of John Riddell and Janet Gordon are:

- i. John Riddell, born Abt. October 18, 1686 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died September 06, 1687 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland<sup>45</sup>
- ii. Gawn Riddell<sup>46</sup>, born Abt. May 16, 1688 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died December 22, 1779 in Bedford, NH; married <Unnamed>; born Private.

Notes for Gawn Riddell:

Immigrated to America with his brothers, Hugh, Robert, John. His name was also spelt as Gavin. He lived and died in Bedford, NH.

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Riddle, Gawen (also given Gavin),

Colrain.Private, Capt. Robert Oliver's co., Col. Ephraim Doolittle's regt.;

muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted July 29, 1775; service, 3 days; also, company return dated

Charlestown, Winter Hill, Oct. 6, 1775; also,

Capt. Lawrence Kemp's co., Col. Leonard's regt.; enlisted Feb.

23, 1777; discharged April 10, 1777; service, 47 days, at Ticonderoga; also, Capt. Hugh McClallen's co.,

Col. David Field's regt.; enlisted Aug. 17, 1777; discharged Aug. 19, 1777; service, 6 days, including 3 days

(60 miles) travel home; company marched from

Colrain to Bennington on the alarm of Aug. 17, 1777; also, Capt. Hugh McClallen's co., Col. David Wells's

regt.; enlisted Sept. 22, 1777; discharged Oct. 18, 1777;

service, 1 mo. 2 days. with Northern army,

including 6 days (120 miles) travel home.  
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- iii. Mary Riddell, born Abt. August 02, 1690 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown.
  - iv. Deacon Hugh Riddell, born Abt. 1691 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, Ireland; died February 25, 1775 in Coleraine, Franklin, MA; married (1) <Unnamed>; married (2) Ann October 24, 1739 in Concord, Middlesex, MA.
  - v. James Riddell, born Abt. September 20, 1695 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown; married Elizabeth Douglas November 13, 1726; died Unknown.
  - vi. Robert Riddell, born Abt. March 14, 1697/98 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died September 14, 1787; married <Unnamed>; born Private.

Notes for Robert Riddell:

Immigrated to America with his brothers, Gavin, Hugh and John. Robert was the hero of a story of his shouldering a cannon on Muster Day. He came to Colrain MA before 1770. There is no record of his owning land in Colrain.

- vii. John Riddell, born Abt. January 02, 1700/01 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown.

Notes for John Riddell:

Immigrated to America with his brothers, Gavin, Hugh and Robert.

- viii. Janet Riddell, born Abt. September 25, 1703 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown; married Thomas Hamilton April 06, 1721; died Unknown.
- ix. Margery Riddell, born Abt. December 06, 1707 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown in Bedford, Hillsborough, NH<sup>47</sup>; married John Clark May 20, 1722; died Unknown.
- x. Samuel Riddell, born Abt. October 04, 1710 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died December 20, 1713.

**204. <Unnamed>**, born Private.

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**384. William Hills**<sup>48,49,50,51,52</sup>, born December 27, 1608 in Upminster, Essex, Eng; died Bef. December 06, 1683 in Poss. Hadley.

He was the son of **768. Thomas Hills** and **769. Jane Scarborrow**. He married **385. Mary Arnold** December 1648 in Hartford, CT.

**385. Mary Arnold**, born 1619 in Hartford, Hartford, CT; died 1664 in Hartford, CT. She was the daughter of **770. <Unnamed>** and **771. <Unnamed>**.

Notes for William Hills:

William arrived in Boston in September of 1632 on the ship "Lyon". The Lyon sailed from Bristol, England, on 24 June and entered the harbor of Boston on the 16th of September, 1632. William Pearce was the Master of the Lyon.

He was bound over to the Rev. John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians, along with his brother Thomas, in Roxbury. The Rev. John Eliot wrote, "William Hills a manservant, he came over in the year 1632, he married Phillice [sic] Lyman daughter of Richard Lyman, he removed to Hartford on Conecticott, [sic] where he lived several years, whout [sic] giving such good satisfaction to the consciences of the saints." Re. Eliot also wrote about Thomas Jr., William's brother, in much more flattering terms: "Thomas Hills, a manservant, he came in the yeare 1633, -- he lived among and left a good savor behind him, he was a very faithful & prudent servant & a good Christian, he dyed in Mr. Elliots family."

Eliot goes on to report: "Phillis Lyman the daughter of Richard Lyman, she came to the land wh her fathr ano 1631. God wrought upon her heart in this land; she grew deaf, wh disease increasing was a great affliction to her. She was married to William Hills & lived wh him at Hartford on Conecticot."

In 1640, Hartford, William was fined 4 pounds for burying a gun and breaking open the cobbler's hogshead (whisky). First Puritan Settlers, by R.R. Hinman

(History of Ancient Windsor) William Hills had land granted on 2 November 1635. In 1639 he was approved to view arms and ammunition in the towns and was on public accounts. In 1639-1641 and 1644 he was listed as a deputy and afterwards as an assistant. In 1653 he was approved to train the inhabitants on the east side of the Great River, and was exempted from training on the west side. In 1659 he was a collector of customs at Fairfield and in 1665 a clerk of the Court at Fairfield.

Further records show his home lot in 1639 was on the corner of the highways now Front and Sheldon Streets. He was a freeman in MA on

May 14, 1634; removed to Hartford; was chosen constable in 1644; removed early to Hockanum where it is a well accepted tradition that he was one of the first settlers. He was captain of the first train band on the east side of the river in 1653 and made a free man in 1669. William was shot by the Indians in the beginning of King Philips's War of 1675.

Passengers On The Lion - 1632, by Sandra Sutphin Olney: WILLIAM HILLS was baptized at Upminster, County Essex, England, 27 December 1608. William was a manservant, came over to Boston on the 1632 voyage of the Lion. His brother Thomas Jr. did not arrive until 1633. Thomas Jr. died near the end of 1634 in the home of Reverend John Eliot, in Roxbury, MA. William accumulated almost 550 acres of land in Hartford and Hockanum. When he moved across the Connecticut River to Hockanum (East Hartford), one of the first settlers, he was named Captain of the Train Band which was established in 1653 and was the first Train Band east of the River.

He went with the Rev. Thomas Hooker and came one of the founders of Hartford CT in 1635. His will was probated 6 Dec 1683, Hartford CT. He married three times: Phillis Lyman, Mary Arnold, and Mary Warner.

Phillis Lyman was the daughter of Richard and Sarah (Osborne). Richard emigrated from High Onger, Essex, England in 1631.

Mary Arnold was the widow of Richard Risley, who died prior to 17 October 1648, which was the date of the inventory of his estate. [Questionable on her maiden name.]

Mary Warner was the widow of John Steele, Jr., of Farmington MA. John died in Farmington 1653-1654. Mary was the daughter of Andrew Warner of Hadley, Hampshire County, MA, who was living in 1681. John Steele, Jr. left two sons, John and Samuel and the inventory of his estate was taken on 11 March 1654.

Further information can be found about William Hills in Hale, House and Related Families by Donald L. Jacobus and E.F. Waterman and in the booklet, The Original Proprietors, originally published by Miss Mary K. Talcott in 1886 and republished by The Society of The Descendents of the Founders of Hartford.

William Hills is listed on a plaque in Hartford CT, honoring those who founded the town of Hartford in 1635.

From R.R. Hinman's, First Puritan Settlers:

p. 254: "The first auditors of public accounts, after the Confederation, were Gov. Welles, William Hill and Andrew Ward, in 1639."

p. 165: The Proprietors of the Undivided Lands of the Town of Hartford, in 1639: William Hills - also Joseph Mygatt was mentioned among others. John Brunson was mentioned as having by the courtesy of the town, privilege of wood and keeping cows, etc. on the common.

p. 32: Hills, William, Hartford, constable of Hartford in 1644 - fined 4 pounds for burying a gun and breaking open the cobbler's hogshead [wiskey] in '40.

Immigrant Ancestors, page 38: "Hills, William (1608-83; son of Thomas, m Jane Scarborough), from Upminster, Cko. Essex, Eng., 1632; to Hartford, Conn., 1634; capt. militia; m 1632-35, Phyllis (1611-48), dau. Richard Lyman (qv)."

Date: Mon, 14 Jun 1999 08:22:38 -0700

From: "Pat R. Stiles Taritas" <pattaritas@email.msn.com>

References:

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Hi: Your data on Wm. Hills is quite complete but nothing exists to suggest he was "bound" to Eliot. If he was "bound" or indentured he would not have been able to leave Eliot's employ when he married Phyllis Lyman. That he did resign to join with the Hooker Congregation in Newtowne/Cambridge probably explains why Eliot was angered with him. Since brother Thomas did not arrive until 1633 and filled the position with Eliot that Wm. resigned we suggest the two families were well acquainted in co Essex [Eliot was from Nazing] and he sent for Thomas to replace his brother as "manservant". Again, nothing exists to uphold the suggestion that Mary Arnold was the unnamed wife of Richard Risley (also one of my line as is Mary (Warner) Steele Hills). I am also descended from Henry Arnold and John Arnold of Hartford. Neither of whom had a Mary who fits as wife of Risley.

Your data on officials of the Colony (Fairfield) pertains to William Hills, formerly of Dorchester, MA; Windsor, CT. and finally Fairfield, who died there in 1649. The probate of his estate is abstracted in Manwaring 1:127-28 with his inventory of #225:16:10 taken 16 Nov 1649 by Andrew Ward, Simon Hoite and Anthony Wilson. His goods in Windsor were inventoried by Henry Clarke & Walter Ff Tyler 24 Sep 1649. His will

dated 9 Sep 1649 names; wife Sarah, eldest daughter Sarah, eldest son William and: "I do forder will that when the invintary of my estate is made, that my estate shalbe equally devided Amongst my children, only my will is that my Sonn William being my eldest Sonn, for every to [two] parts the rest of my children have he shal have three parts." The other children were not individually named. Mr. Jones, Mr. George Hull [another of my ancestral line] and Thomas Thornton, overseeres. Thornton later testified that he heard the nuncupative will of the Fairfield Wm. Hills while Hills was on his deathbed. Thornton named the children: William, Joseph, Ignatius, Jeams [James], Elizabeth & Sarah. Thornton, in further testimony named in children: William, Joseph, Jonathan [sic not previously named] Sarah and Elizabeth. [Officials of Connecticut and New Haven Colonies, by Jacobus: Hill, William (d. 1684). Deputy (Fairfield) to Conn. Leg., Sept. 1651; May 1652, Oct. 1652, May 1653, Sept. 1654, May 1655, Oct. 1655, Oct. 1658, Oct. 1659, Oct. 1661, Oct. 1665, Oct. 1666, May 1667, Oct. 1667, May 1668, Oct. 1668, Oct. 1668, May 1669, May 1671; War Committee for Fairfield, May 1653; Judge (Fairfield) 1666 to 1677 incl.; Clerk of Fairfield County Court, May 1666, Granted 150 acres, Oct. 1672.]

It is only in Manwaring that I've found the Fairfield man called "William Hills," in every other source he is identified as "William Hill" singular. He was of Exeter, Devonshire in England's West Country and emigrated in 1633 to Dorchester, MA then with those townspeople to Windsor, CT. He earned his living as a merchant.

>From the above you can see that the only thing in common the Fairfield and Hartford men had in common were their similar names and were from distant shires in old England before emigrating. This additional data is found in Anderson's "Great Migration" 2:938-940. Hope this will help clear up the confusion between the two men.

You cited several references but do see Robert C. Anderson, author & project director of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society's "The Great Migration Begins". I have each of your named sources here at my home library and have consulted all. Do you have a fax number or send your address and I'll send you what I have on Riskey. Your Benjamin [2nd generation] m. Mary Bronson [John & Richard Bronson are both my lines] so will check on what I have on that.

Hi: Sent the previous before I read your note. Surprising that we're both in Arizona. We're now in Sun City West after coming north from St.

John, Virgin Islands where we lived 20 yrs. until my husband had to have both knees replaced [not very succesful] and then the cancers were discovered. Blah!

We're here because of the nearness of Mayo Clinic [Scottsdale] and the security and lack of upkeep needed that we chose this location. We do like it but find an awful lot of "old" people---ha ha but I've got a whole lot of grey in my hair and I discarded the bikini when the years started to seriously show. So the Sun Cities serve us well. Yes, I'm a lineal descendant from the 2nd and 3rd Marys, wives of Wm. Hills of Htfd. Susanna, dau. of Mary (----) Risley Hills m. John Kilbourn; and Hannah, dau. of Mary (Warner), m. Thomas Kilbourn. Pat Stiles

Tue, 7 Dec 1999 14:18:11 EST  
From: WHills6289@aol.com

I have the book The Hills Family In America, and that is where I got a lot of my information. I have photos of some of the gravestones of my early ancestors. Yes, I would like to know what you have found on William Hills. I went to the Mormon site on the web and found some names that go back even further than William.

William Hills, born England; lived in Hartford <---our common ancestor  
|  
Thomas m. Jane Scarborrow (1596), England  
|  
William Hills m. Lucy Ryves (1550), England  
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Roger HILL m. Margery ? (1534/24), England  
|  
William Hill (b. 1470) m. Eleanor ? (b. 1475), England

Have you ever seen this progression?

Dan Hills

Tue, 7 Dec 1999 14:22:12 EST  
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Here is an interesting list I found on the internet. The red and blue writing is mine from information I found in some books that I have. As you can see, there are a lot of connections between the earliest settlers.

ORIGINAL HARTFORD FOUNDERS - A list of those settlers who came to Hartford before February, 1640.

Jeremy Adams<----- Hartford 1636, Innkeeper, Freeman  
Matthew Allyn<-----Hartford 1637, Deputy, Ast. Commissioner to United Colonies  
Francis Andrews<----Hartford 1640  
William Andrews<----Hartford 1638, town clerk, schoolmaster  
John Arnold<-----Hartford 1635, freeman  
Andrew Bacon  
John Barnard  
Thomas Barnes<----Hartford 1637, Sergeant. First wife executed for witchcraft(?)  
Robert Bartlett<-----Hartford 1639, freeman. Came over on same ship as William Hills. Killed by Indians in Northampton 14 Mar 1676.  
John Baysey  
Thomas Beale  
Nathaniel Bearding  
Mary Betts  
John Bidwell  
Richard Billing  
Thomas Birchwood  
Peter Blachford  
Thomas Blackley  
Thomas Bliss<-----Hartford 1639, freeman  
William Blumfield  
James Bridgeman  
John Bronson<-----Hartford 1640, fought in Peqot War 1637  
Richard Bronson<-----Hartford 1640, probably John's brother, churchmember  
Thomas Bull<-----Hartford 1639  
Thomas Bunce  
Benjamin Burr  
Richard Butler<-----Hartford 1636, Deputy to the general court,deacon  
William Butler  
Clement Chaplin  
Dorothy Chester  
Richard Church  
John Clarke<-----Hartford 1636, fish merchant, deputy,soldier  
Nicholas Clarke<-----Hartford 1635, carpenter. Arrived on same ship



William Hayden<-----Hartford, 1637, Commissioner, Freeman,  
 operator of stone quarry. Deputy.  
 John Haynes<-----1633, Governor of Connecticut.  
 John Higginson  
 WILLIAM HILLS<-----OUR COMMON ANCESTOR,  
 FIRST 'HILLS' IN AMERICA  
 John Holloway  
 William Holton  
 Thomas Hooker<-----Hartford, 1636,EARLY AMERICAN  
 PREACHER, CO- FOUNDER OF EAST HARTFORD  
 Edward Hopkins  
 John Hopkins<-----Hartford, 1636, Freeman.  
 Thomas Hosmer<-----Hartford, 1636  
 George hubbard<-----Hartford, 1639, Large land owner.  
 Thomas Hungerford<-----Hartford, 1639, Miller. Constable.  
 William Hyde<-----Hartford, 1636, Proprietor,brother of  
 Jonathan. Selectman  
 Jonathan Ince  
 Thomas Judd<-----Hartford, 1636. Deputy.  
 Nathaniel Kellogg  
 Ralph Keeler<-----Hartford, 1640. Freeman.  
 William Kelsey<-----Hartford, 1636.  
 Edward Lay  
 William Lewis<-----Hartford, 1636. Deputy. On same ship as  
 W.  
 Hills.  
 Richard Lord  
 Thomas Lord<-----Hartford, 1636. Mill owner.  
 Richard Lyman<-----Father of Phyliss, William's first wife and  
 whose liniage William and founded the first church of Hartford. we are  
 from. He came over here in 1631. Went with  
 John Marsh<-----Hartford, 1640. Selectman. Clothier.  
 Matthew Marvin <-----Hartford, 1635. Deputy. Wheelwright.  
 Reinold Marvin<-----Hartford, 1638.  
 John Maynard  
 John Moody<-----Hartford, 1633. Deputy.  
 John Morris  
 Benjamin Munn  
 Thomas Munson<-----Hartford, 1637. Deputy.Captain. carpenter.  
 Treasurer. Member of War council.  
 Joseph Mygatt<-----Hartford, 1636. Representative, Deacon.  
 Thomas Olcott<-----Hartford, 1638. Merchant.  
 James Olmsted<-----Hartford, 1632. On same ship as W. Hills.

Surveyor.  
 John Olmsted  
 Richard Olmsted.<-----Hartford, 1636. Nephew of James. Captain.  
 Representative.  
 William Pantry  
 William Parker.<-----Hartford, 1636.  
 Paul Peck.<-----Hartford, 1636. Deacon. Freeman.  
 William Phillips  
 John Pierce  
 Thomas Porter  
 Stephen Post.<-----Hartford, 1635. Carpenter. Lieutenant.  
 John Pratt.<-----Hartford, 1636. Deputy.  
 William Pratt.<-----Hartford, 1636. Deputy.  
 John Purchas  
 Nathaniel Richard  
 Thomas Richards.<-----Hartford, 1638.  
 Richard Risley.<-----Hartford, 1640.Husband of William's 2nd  
 wife, who William marries after Richard dies. Thomas Root.<-----  
 -----Hartford, 1636. Weaver  
 Nathaniel Ruscoe  
 William Ruscoe.<-----Hartford, 1636.  
 John Sable  
 Thomas Scott  
 Thomas Selden.<-----Hartford, 1639. Proprietor. Freeman.  
 Richard Seymour.<-----Hartford, 1639. Proprietor.  
 John Skinner.<-----Hartford, 1636.  
 Arthur Smith  
 Giles Smith.<-----Hartford, 1639.  
 Thomas Spencer.<-----Hartford, 1636. Sergeant.  
 William Spencer.<-----Hartford, 1639. brother to William.  
 John Stanley.<-----Hartford, 1636. Captain. Father dies on  
 same passage over.  
 Thomas Stanley.<-----Hartford, 1636. brother of Tim, uncle of  
 John  
 Timothy Stanley.<-----Hartford, 1634. Platnter.  
 Thomas Stanton  
 Edward Stebbins  
 George Steele.<-----Hartford, 1639. Proprietor.  
 John Steele.<-----Hartford, 1635.1st husband of Mary  
 Warner. Secretary of the colony. Town clerk. Deputy.  
 George Stocking.<-----Hartford, 1636. Surveryor of highways.  
 John Stone  
 Samuel Stone

John Talcott.<-----Hartford, 1636. Same ship as W.  
 Hills. Comm. of colonies. Treasurers of Conn. Colony. Gov. assistant.  
 Thomas Thompson  
 Thomas Upson.<-----Hartford, 1638.  
 Robert Wade  
 William Wadsworth.<-----Hartford, 1636. Same ship as W.  
 Hills Representative.  
 Henry Wakeley  
 James Wakeley.<-----Hartford, 1640.  
 Samuel Wakeman  
 Nathaniel Ward  
 Andrew Warner.<-----Hartford, 1636.Father of William's  
 3rd wife, Mary Deacon. Freeman.  
 John Warner.<-----Hartford, 1636. Freeman.  
 Richard Watts  
 Richard Webb.<-----Hartford, 1639. Deputy. Road  
 Builder.  
 John Webster.<-----Hartford, 1636. Gov. of Conn.  
 Thomas Welles.<-----Hartford, 1637. Gov. of Conn.  
 William Westley  
 William Westwood  
 John White.<-----Hartford, 1636. Same ship as W.  
 Hills.  
 Samuel Whitehead  
 William Whiting.<-----Hartford, 1639. Major.  
 John Wilcock  
 Gregory Wolterton  
 Thomas Woodford.<-----Hartford, 1632.  
 George Wylly

Thu, 4 Jan 2001 09:28:44 -0800

From: "ktbricks" <ktbricks@netzero.net>

Hi Guys- Sharon V in Nebraska recently forwarded some notes of yours asking for corrections and whatnot:

You are probably aware-

Will Hills Sr ship - Anderson in The Great Migration says the ship was  
 "William & Francis" quoting Hotten THE ORIGINAL LIST OF  
 PERSONS OF QUALITY by John Camden Hotten ed (London 1874; rpt  
 Baltimore 1974) My understanding, however, is that Will is actually not  
 named?

Thomas Hills - Anderson says this is not Will Hills' brother.

The Rev Eliot deal - a real puzzler. If William was a freeman in 1634, how could he have been a servant. I have suspected that Richard Lyman paid Will's passage, conditioned on Will putting time in with the Rev Eliot but don't believe he was indentured or otherwise bound? I agree there must have been an early friendship in Essex- the Rev's attacks on Will are very personal and reflect a sense of betrayal.

Phillis - deafness- was this a symptom of disease rather than the disease? Isn't deafness a byproduct of mumps or one of those childhood diseases.

Where died - Records show Will Sr died in Hadley, Mass not Hoccanum. Mary Warner Steele Hills, Will's last wife, and the Warners were based in Hadley. There are also tax records from Watertown Mass showing Will had property there. It is likely the will is not a complete record of the estate and as shown by Manwaring is clearly incorrect on valuations- the largest land parcel is shown without any value at all.

Mary Arnold Bunche Risley Hills - the widow Risley - The Risley Family Association has an article reviewing all the research and concludes no historical evidence of any maiden name. You know Roy Gould don't you?

Found your collection fascinating. As you know I am chasing the Hills still in Washington and Rensselaer Counties NY. Recently found that my gggrandfather was born Jan 20, 1854 in Illinois rather than New York, the son of Charles Hills and Matilda Kellog Hills. I found Matilda's family-- daughter of Joseph Kellogg and Olive Bassett in Bennington Vt and Hoosick NY. Joseph died in Belvidere, Boone Co Ill in 1860. Haven't found any cemetery, marriage or birth record, however. Seems the migration didn't agree with at least part of the family.

I have a genealogist searching for a death certificate for Charles N. Hills b 1823 d 1893 in New York. I suspect Charles is a son of Samuel D. Hills and grandson to Guy Hills and Susanna Stearns Hills of Pittstown, Rensselaer County. Guy is a son of Samuel Hills Jr and Sarah Lillie Hills.

This line traces to Samuel Hills Jr #188 in THE HILLS FAMILY IN AMERICA part of the disputed Samuel Hills line going back to a first Marriage ? of John Hills - William Sr's second child and a Jane Bushnell. Savage and William Sanford Hills support this line - Jacobus in Hale

House etc says the attribution is an error? Do you have information on John and Jane or on this dispute?

I find it fascinating that THE HILLS FAMILY has nothing further on this line after 1780. The Line does appear in the Stearns genealogies of 1855 and 1905. Susanna Stearns is a descendent of Isaac Stearns 1631, the "Arabella" of the Winthrop Fleet. William Pitt, the English Prime Minister, is related as is Winston Churchill.

Several of Guy Hills' brothers show in central New York in Oneida and Allegany counties- Adino is in the 1810 census. His wife Chloe Lord Hills is in the Rathburn cemetery in Vernon NY, Oneida County. Elijah may be one of the Elijah Hills of Onondaga County.

How goes the search for Eleazur? Later John Hills, Portland, Oregon

Database: Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-33  
Combined Matches: 1

The Great Migration Begins  
Sketches

#### WILLIAM HILLS

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1632 on the William & Francis [Hotten 149]

FIRST RESIDENCE: Roxbury

REMOVES: Hartford 1636

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Roxbury church records: "William Hills, a man servant, he came over in the year 1632. He married Phillice Lyman, the daughter of Richard Liman. He removed to Conecticott, where he lived several years, without giving such good satisfaction to the consciences of the saints" [RChR 77].

FREEMAN: 14 May 1634 (eleventh in a sequence of twelve Roxbury men) [MBCR 1:368]. "Will[ia]m Hills Sen[io]r" was in the October 1669 list of freemen on the south side in Hartford [CCCR 2:519].

EDUCATION: Signed his will.

OFFICES: Appointed Hartford constable, 29 January 1643/4 [HaTR 69].

On 18 May 1653 Connecticut General Court ordered that the "inhabitants of the east side of the Great River are exempted from training with the towns on the west side, this present time, & are to meet on the east side as Will[iam] Hill shall appoint & train there together, and so to continue on their training days until the Court take further order: &

Will[iam] Hill is to return the names of those that do not meet according to appointment, as notice shall be given them" [CCCR 1:240-41]. ESTATE: In the Hartford land inventory of February 1639[/40] "William Hills" held nine parcels of land, six of which were granted to him: one acre and one rood with dwelling house, outhouses, yards and gardens; seven acres of upland; nine acres of upland; one acre and two roods in the South Meadow; another one acre and two roods in the South Meadow; one acre and one rood in the South Meadow; five hundred seventeen acres of upland in Hockanum "bought of Thomas Hosmore"; ten acres of meadow in Hockanum "bought of Thomas Hosmore"; and three acres, two roods and twenty-nine rods of meadow in Hockanum "bought of Frances Andrews" [HaBOP 262-64]. At the end of this list of parcels is an additional entry, undated: "W[illia]m Hill doth grant to W[illia]m Hill his son, to John Hill, Joseph Hill, Benjamin Hill & Thomas Kilborn, that they their heirs & successors shall forever have free liberty to pass through the said W[illia]m Hill's lot from the highway on the east to Hockanum Meadow on the west on the south side of W[illia]m Hill's lot, to pass with cart & horse according as they shall have occasion" [HaBOP 264].

In his will, dated 25 February 1680/1 and brought to court sometime in 1683, "William Hills Senior of Hockanum within the township of Hartford ... being weak in body through old age" made "my loving wife Mary Hills and my son Jonathan Hills" joint executors; "my wife shall have the use and improvement of the one half of my housing and lands that I now live in and upon and the one half of all my stock cattle and moveables during her natural life, which said lands are eight acres on the east side of my dwelling house and eighteen acres on the west side of my said house, also the use and improvement of one half of seventeen rods of unimproved lands and eight acres ... [at] the three mile lots during her natural life"; to "my son Jonathan Hills" the other full half "and after my wife's decease ... that land left in his hands to my son Jonathan Hills ... with all the cattle stock and moveables"; "that my son Jonathan behave himself suitably to his mother after my death, hoping she will encourage him that he may so do"; any disagreements to be settled by the overseers; two-thirds of a twenty-five rod lot to "my daughter Mary Hills"; the other third to "my daughter Hanna Kilburn"; land in the south division "which I have not yet taken up" to "my daughter Mary"; a parcel of sixscore acres near the end of the Three Mile lots to "my son William Hills, to my son John Hills, to my son Joseph Hills, and to my son Benjamin Hills, to my daughter Sarah Ward and to my daughter Suzanah Kilburn" in equal proportions; "at the death of my son William Hill, that proportion ... I give and bequeath to my grandson the eldest son of my son William who is of the same name"; "one year after the death of my wife Mary Hills, that my son

Jonathan Hills shall pay out of the estate ... £ 10 to my daughter Mary Hills"; in case of son Jonathan's death before the death of "my wife and without issue", overseers to distribute "to my surviving children according to their good and sound discretion"; "my loving friends Major John Talcott, Mr. Jonathan Gilbert and Corporal John Gilbert" overseers with power of survivorship; the revenues of the lands in Farmington "that I have right unto by and in right of my wife that it be duly demanded and received for the help of my wife" [Hartford PD Case #2724].

The inventory of the estate of William Hills Senior, deceased, was taken in July 1683 and totalled £ 274 2d. [so stated, but incorrectly summed], including real estate valued at £ 259 14s.: "the dwelling house and half the barn," £ 42; "thirty-one acres of upland fenced in & improved," £ 196; "two hundred seventeen acres of land," £ 21 14s.; and "more upland lying near the widow Andrews we are not informed how many acres," no value stated [Hartford PD Case #2724].

BIRTH: By about 1607 based on estimated date of marriage. (Jacobus suggested that he may be that William Hills baptized at Upminster, Essex, on 27 December 1598, son of Thomas Hills; the age is not far off and Upminster is near High Ongar, the home of his future wife [Ackley-Bosworth 144].)

DEATH: Hartford by July 1683 (date of inventory).

MARRIAGE: (1) By about 1638 Phyllis Lyman, daughter of RICHARD LYMAN . Eliot reports that "she came to the land with her father anno 1631. God wrought upon her heart in this Land, she grew deaf which disease increasing was a great affliction to her, she was married to William Hills & lived with him at Hartford on Conecticot" [RChR 78].

(2) Late 1648 Mary (\_\_\_\_\_) Risley, widow of Richard Risley [TAG 25:233; Manwaring 1:31]; she died about 1655, presumably at or shortly after the birth of her son Benoni.

(3) Late 1655 or early 1656 Mary (Warner) Steele, widow of John Steele (son of JOHN STEELE) and daughter of ANDREW WARNER; she died after February 1680[1] (when she is named in her husband's will).

CHILDREN:

With first wife

i SARAH, b. say 1638; m. (1) by an uncertain date John Ward; m. (2) after 1684 Stephen Davis (see COMMENTS below). (In her will of 27 March 1691 Sarah Davis bequeathed to "my son Josiah and his heirs twenty acres of land at Hockanum, which was given to me by my father's will" [Mulford Anc 261]. This matches precisely a bequest of twenty acres to "my daughter Sarah Ward" by William Hills.)

ii WILLIAM, b. about 1640 (aged seventeen and a half on 24 February 1657/8 [WMJ 88]; aged eighteen on 14 March 1658/9 [WMJ 148]); m. by about 1665 Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ ("Hill, Sarah 2½ y: daughter of Willia[m] Hill Junior of Hockanu[m]," 27 February 1667/8 [WMJ 788]).

iii JOHN, b. about 1644 (aged thirteen on 24 February 1657/8 [WMJ 88]; aged "above thirteen" on 14 March 1658/9 [WMJ 148]); m. by about 1678 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ [Hale, House 581-82; TAG 69:178].

(see second & third wife for continuation)

Notes for Mary Arnold:

One report shows her parents as John and Elizabeth Arnold.

(See William Hills notes - continued from Great Migration Report):

With second wife

iv JOSEPH, bp. 17 March 1649 [HaVR 581] (aged eight on 24 February 1657/8 [WMJ 88]; aged nine on 14 March 1658/9 [WMJ 148]); m. (1) by about 1676 Hannah Edwards [NEHGR 149:41-45]; m. (2) about 1699 Mehitable (Hinsdale) Dickinson [Hale, House 586]; m. (3) by about 1703 Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ [Hale, House 585].

v SUSANNAH, b. about 1651 (aged six on 24 February 1657/8 [WMJ 88]; aged seven on 14 March 1658/9 [WMJ 148]; d. Glastonbury 23 October 1701 in her 50th year [Hale, House 657]); m. Wethersfield 4 March 1673[4] John Kilborn [WetVR Barbour 174 (surname of bride not given); Hale, House 657].

vi BENJAMIN, b. about 1653 (aged four on 24 February 1657/8 [WMJ 88]; aged five on 14 March 1658/9 [WMJ 148]); m. Wethersfield 11 January 1688[9] Mary Bronson [TAG 39:120-21].

vii BENONI, b. about 1655 (aged two and three-quarters on 24 February 1657/8 [WMJ 88]; aged four years on 14 March 1658/9 [WMJ 148]); treated by John Winthrop Jr. on 8 July 1659 [WMJ 163]; no further record.

Children of William Hills and Mary Arnold are:

- i. Joseph Hills<sup>53</sup>, born March 17, 1649/50 in Hartford, Hartford, CT; died November 08, 1713 in Glastonbury,

Hartford, CT; married (1) Hannah Edwards; died Unknown; married (2) M. Chinsdale; died Unknown; married (3) Elizabeth Carpenter; died Unknown.

Notes for Joseph Hills:

"Joseph, son of William Hills, l bap. Mar. 17, 1649", A Part of the Early Marriages, Births, and Baptisms, in Hartford, Ct., from Record. Page 268, First Puritan Settlers, by R.R. Hinman.

- ii. Susannah Hills, born 1651; died October 23, 1701 in Glastonbury CT; married John Kilbourn March 04, 1673/74; died Unknown.
- 192 iii. Benjamin Hills, born 1653 in Hartford, CT; died 1728 in East Hartford, CT; married Mary Bronson January 11, 1687/88 in Wethersfield, CT.
- iv. Abraham Hills, born Abt. 1655; died Unknown.
- v. Hannah Hills, born Abt. 1659; died Unknown.
- vi. Mary Hills, born Abt. 1661; died Unknown.

**386. John Bronson<sup>54</sup>**, born 1642 in Hartford, CT; died January 11, 1710/11 in Charlestown, SC. He was the son of **772. <Unnamed>**. He married **387. Hannah Scott** October 25, 1664 in Wethersfield, CT.

**387. Hannah Scott**, born Abt. 1646 in CT; died 1723 in Charlestown, SC. She was the daughter of **774. <Unnamed>** and **775. <Unnamed>**.

Notes for John Bronson:

According to one report (GFCZ88A@prodigy.com) Mary's mother was Francis Hills. Mary Bronson b. c1665 possibly Farmington CT.

See Notes under his daughter, Mary (Bronson) Hills and Benj. Hills.

Subject: Re: Bronson paper

Date: Wed, 16 Feb 2000 13:13:38 -0800

From: Paul Bronson <pbronson@nwlinc.com>

To: surf/chitwood <chitwood@surf.com>

Thanks for your note. You are very welcome. There are a lot of mixed up Br-nson genealogies out there, especially at the LDS and on FTM's WFT CDs.

You and I are doubly related. I am descended from Eliza Hills and Isaac Bronson of Winchester, CT.

Eliza > Hewitt > Medad > Benoni > Joseph > William (father of your Benjamin). Isaac > Ozias > Elisha > Samuel > Samuel > Richard > Roger (great grandfather of your Mary).

I encourage people who write me to contact Dick Bronson, who is the true family historian on the Bronsons. He currently has the largest, most accurate database on the family in existence and therefore is really the #1 resource for information on the family. He has taken Enderton's work and other sources and compiled, added to, revised, and corrected most of it. He will usually share what he has on your specific line (usually in great detail) as long as you are willing share what you may have and allow him to add your branch to the big family tree. Dick is attempting to compile a database of all the descendants of Roger Brownson of Earls Colne. He will be donating his material it to the Connecticut Historical Society later this year. Afterward he will continue to compile in hopes of one day publishing it in some form.

I urge you to please contact him if nothing else to let him know your branch exists. Tell him I sent you.  
His email address is: rvbronson@aol.com

PS: Coddington also had a second article in the following TAG about the first two sons of John Brownson. I haven't gotten around to putting it on the Web:

Here an excerpt which refers to John-2. text [ it may look a bit odd some of the formatting got lost when I pasted it into this email - I tried to re-add the formatting best I could - it was mostly superscripts and underlining ] :

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John Insley Coddington, "The Brownson, Bronson, or Brunson Family of Earl's Colne, Essex, England, Connecticut & South Carolina," The American Genealogist, Vol. 39, 1963: pg. 116.

[ first section about brother Jacob omitted ]

7. John<sup>2</sup> Brownson or Brunson, fourth, but second surviving son and seventh child of John<sup>1</sup> Brownson, probably by wife Frances Hills, was born either at Hartford or at Farmington, Conn., about 1643. His name was entered in the Farmington church records among the baptized children of members, his age being 14 about 1 Jan 1657. meaning Jan 1657/8 (NEHGR, 11:325). He died in what was then Craven County,

South Carolina, between 11 Jan. 1711/12 and 28 Apr. 1712. He married at Farmington, 25 Oct 1664, Hannah Scott, whose dates of birth and death are unknown, daughter of Edmund Scott of Farmington and Waterbury, Conn., who died in 1691. She survived her husband and was named in his will.

It was perhaps inevitable that there should have been much confusion between the careers of this John and his first cousin John (No. 10 below), son of Richard<sup>1</sup> Brownson. The two Johns of the second generation were very close in age, and Connecticut documents often did not distinguish between them as "son of John" or "son of Richard." It is possible, therefore, that some of the items attributed to one John in this article actually belonged to the other. We have tried, however, to disentangle the careers of the two men. The confusion seems to have started as early as 1852, when Hinman in his *Early Puritan Settlers in ... Connecticut*, pp. 342-7, averred that John son of John moved from Farmington to Waterbury, while John son of Richard settled in South Carolina. Dr. Henry Bronson, *History of Waterbury*, 1858, pp. 137-8, was cautiously undecided as to which of the second generation Johns went to South Carolina, but seems to have felt that Hinman was probably right. William F.J. Boardman, in his *Ancestry* (1906) p. 253; Mrs. Sibley, in *Bronson Lineage* (1917); B.B. Bassett, *One Bassett Family* (1926); the de Forests, *Dommerich Ancestry* (1930); Dr. Ernest R. Brownson, *Gen. of One Branch of the Richard Brownson Family* (1951); and Mr. Parke and Mr. Jacobus, *Ackley- Bosworth Ancestry* (1960), p. 217, all followed what we may for convenience call the "Hinman theory." Though Mr. Jacobus in 1961 advised the contributor that he had come to believe the identities of the two Johns of the second generation had been reversed.

There are two manuscript genealogies of the Bronson family in the library of the Connecticut Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, and it is evident that they were compiled independently of one another. The later one, by the distinguished Hartford genealogist Homer Worthington Brainard, adheres, like so many of the books, to the "Hinman Theory" That John the settler in South Carolina was the son of Richard Brownson, while the earlier manuscript, by Julius Gay, contains what we believe to be the correct theory, namely, that John of South Carolina was the son of John<sup>1</sup> Brownson.

The proof of our view that John<sup>2</sup> of South Carolina was the son of John<sup>1</sup> (and not of Richard<sup>1</sup>) lies in a group of conveyances in the Farmington Land Records, 6:206-208 and 7:190, printed in abstract form in TAG,

supra, 11:111-113. In a series of deeds, one dated 20 May 1739, three dated 28 May, and one each dated 18 June, 21 June, and 25 June 1739, the various South Carolina heirs conveyed their rights to lands in Farmington and Wethersfield, which descended to them from their "honourd predicesor John Brounson formerly of sd Farmington deceased" to John<sup>4</sup> Brounson (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>), of Prince Frederick Parish, then in Craven Co., SC, who conveyed this property on 25 Sep. 1739 to his rather distant cousin, Aaron<sup>3</sup> Brownson (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) of Kensington, Farmington, Conn. In the meanwhile, on 5 Oct. 1736, Thomas Hart, Thomas Hopkins, Jonathan Hopkins, Ebenezer Hopkins, Hezekiah Hopkins, Stephen Hopkins, Isaac Hopkins, Daniel Steel and Mary his wife, Caleb Spencer and Sarah his wife, Jonathan Webster, Benjamin Webster, Thomas Steele and Susannah his wife, John Bracce and Mary his wife, David Bidwell and Mehitable his wife, Mary Sedgwick, Joseph Hopkins, Stephen Sedgwick and Mary his wife, Thomas Ensign, Jr., and Hannah his wife, Timothy Brounson and Dorcas his wife, Nathaniel Thomson and Ruth his wife, George Kilbourn, Josiah Kilborn, Eliphalet Dickason, and John Hopkins, all of Connecticut, "heirs or Descendants of or Hond progenitor or predecessor mr John Brounson formerly of Farmington afterwards of Hartford," conveyed to "Timothy Brounson aboue named, all rights at Belchers farm." Obadiah Dickinson signed with the others. Underneath, under date of 24 Sep. 1739, is the statement that John Brounson of Price Fredirick, Craven County, SC, one of the signers, appeared in Farmington and acknowledged. As Mr. Jacobus observed, "evidently his signature to this deed was obtained some years after it has been drawn and signed by the others." It seems clear that John<sup>4</sup> Brunson of South Carolina made a trip to Connecticut in Sept 1739, to settle the claims of his branch of the family. It is most important to note that all the parties to the deed of 5 Oct. 1736 were descendants or husbands of descendants of John<sup>1</sup> Brownson, and that only one of them descended from Richard<sup>1</sup> Brownson. Timothy<sup>3</sup> Brownson (1701-1780) of Kensington in Farmington, the grantee of the property at Belchers farm by the deed of 5 Oct. 1736, was son of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and grandson of Richard<sup>1</sup> Brownson. But he signed the deed as husband of Dorcas Hopkins, daughter of Joseph Hopkins, grand-daughter of John<sup>1</sup> Brownson.

The last deed abstracted in TAG, supra, 11:113, was one dated 26 Jan 1736/7, from most of the above-named grantors of the deed of 5 Oct. 1736, calling themselves "heires & descendants of mr John bronson formerly of Farmington afterwards Hartford decd" to Hezekiah Winchel.

Upon the above-cited evidence, we base our opinion that it was John<sup>2</sup> Brownson or Brunson, son of John<sup>1</sup>, who removed from Connecticut to South Carolina, while his first cousin John<sup>2</sup> Brownson or Bronson, son of Richard<sup>1</sup>, settled at Waterbury, Conn.

According to John Winthrop's Medical Journal, John<sup>2</sup> "Brunson," aged 15, son of John, of Farmington, was one of Winthrop's patients in 1657 (TAG, supra, 9:58).

The following records may refer to this John (No. 7) or to his cousin John (No. 10 below), though when they specifically name "John Jr.," we are inclined to believe that the reference is to this man, No. 7, as his father was living until 1678 and was, of course, "John Sr.," while the cousin, who was a little younger, should have been called "John 3rd" or "John son of Richard." "John Brunson Junr" was nominated to stand for acceptance as freeman, 13 May 1669 [One Bassett Family, p. 140, which cites Conn. General Court record, 1:273. However, on that page in the cited volume, as published in Public Recordsof the Colony of Connecticut, 2:111, the name appears merely as "Jo: Brunson," and since the editor states that the printed volume "is designed to supply a full and literally exact copy of the original records," we take it that the designation "Junr" does not appear in the original record]. In the lists of freemen of the Colony in October 1669, printed as an appendix to the second volume of the colony records, the only Brownson, under any spelling, whose name appears in any town as freeman is "John Bruouson senr." at Farmington [2:521] - and the index to this volume accidentally omits this name!

On 18 Jan. 1670/1, John Brunson senr and John Brunson junr received shares in the Great Swamp division of Farmington, the former obtaining 20 shares, the latter [Farmington Land Records, 1:15], while on 8 Jan. 1673/4 John Brunson Senr and junr were both listed among the 84 proprietors of that town [ibid., 3:366]. On 5 Dec. 1676, "the Council granted John Brunson of Farmington the sume of five pounds, as reparation for his wounds and damage reced thereby, and quarteridg and halfe pay to the first of this present moneth" [Conn. ColonialRecords, 2:482]. This was, of course, recompense for service in King Philip's War, but, though there is no real indication which of the two cousins John (No. 10 below), because by 1676 John (No. 7) was living in Wethersfield where the births of his children were recorded. We learn, indeed, from the account of land holdings prepared by Sherman W. Adams and published as the seventh chapter of H.R. Stile's History of Ancient Wethersfield [1:253] that John Brownson drew land there as a

resident householder in 1670. However, we know from his will and from the deeds of 1739 referenced to above, that John (No. 7) continued to own land in Farmington and Wehtersfield until his death. "John Brunson" had a warrant dated 28 Oct. 1685 from Governor John Archdale, for 200 acres in Craven County, South Carolina, "on account of arrival rights" [A.S. Shelly, Jr., Warrants for Lands in South Carolina, 1692-1711, p. 92]. He may have acquired other tracts in South Carolina, but since the records of the Mesne Conveyance Court at Charleston have been packed in boxes and are now reposing in the basement of the State Archives Building at Columbia, such records are in present inaccessible.

There is a very brief abstract of the will of "John Brownson" in Caroline T. Moore and Agatha Aimer Simmons, Abstracts of the Wills of the State [sic] of South Carolina, 1670-1740, Columbia, S.C., 1960, p. 49, but it seems advisable to present the full text of this will, transcribed for "Wills and Miscellaneous Records, 1711-1718," original p. 34, Charleston County Court House, Charleston, SC.

Will of John Brownson. In the Name of God Amen, I John Brownson being of perfect memory, & mindfull of my own Mortality desireing ye Peace and Welfare of those I leave behind me in the World in Order to the Settling of my wordly affairs, and disposing of the estate which God has given me in this world, that I may ye more Composedly Prepare for my Dissolution, do make Ordain and Conclude this my last will and Testament, declareing all former Wills to be null and Void. I bequeath my soul to God my faithful Creator, to be by him received to Glory for ye Merritts sake of my redeemer, ye Lord Jesus Christ; and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be therein buried Decently in hope of a Glorious Resurrection on the Last day, through ye Power and merrits of my Saviour, & my Depts and funeral Charges being Paid, I Dispose of my wordly Estate as followeth: Impremis I give and Bequeath to my true & Loveing Wife Hannah Brownson, the use, Benifit, & management of all my Estate, real & personal; for her Comfortable Subsistance after my Decease, so long as God Shall Continue her Life. Item I Give to my said wife, to be at her Disposall by her to be Given or otherwise disposed of to whomsoever Shee sees fit, all the land at farminton in New England, wch was formerly given to her by her father, whereof Entry was made in the Records of ye County of Hartford in the Colony of Connecticott & of the said town of farmington, & allso my Indian Woman named Peggy. Item I give & bequeath to my son Abraham Bronson all my land at weatherfield, in the aforesaid Colony of Connecticot in New Engalnd except one lot called Notchy sleepy plain:

which lot I do hereby give and bequeath to my Grandson John Brownson, son of my son John Brownson deceased. Item I Give and bequeath to my aforesaid son Abraham brownson all debts due to me from any person in the aforesd Colony of Connecticut. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Brownson £ 5, to be paid to him by my aforesaid son Abraham Brownson. Item, I will and bequeath to my son Isaac Brownson my new Dwelling house & all the land which I am possessed or owner of, within this province of Carolina. Item, I will to by Daughter sarah the wife of Daniel Macgregory a moveable cupboard and Ball mettall Pott. Item my will is that my wearing cloaths shall be equally divided among my three sons Abraham Joseph and Isaac. Item it is my will yt all ye moveables belonging to my estate beside wt have been already Bequeathed in this my last will & Testamt be equally divided between my daughters the aforementioned Sarah and Grace by Each of whome I Will fourty shillings to be paid to by my grand [sic] Mary the wife of Preserved ford. And further it is my will that if any of the moveables be Necessarily Spent to maintain my wife after my Decease or to Defray the Charges of her funerall or be unavoidably diminished before her Decease then my two Daughters aforesaid shall bay less than the aforesaid Summe, each of them in proportion to the said Diminution for the Discovery of which diminution I will yt appraimt be made & an inventory taken of all my moveable Estate as soon as Conveniently may be after my Decease. Finally I Do nominate and Declare my good friends my Beloved Wife Hannah Brownson and my Sons Abraham Joseph and Isaac Brownson as Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Dated 11 January 1711 (1711/12), Signed) ye mark S of John Brownson. (Witnesses:) Gershom Hawks, Thomas Ossgood Junr, Thomas Grave. Proved, 28 April 1712.

Children of John and Hannah (Scott) Brownson or Brunson, recorded at Wethersfield:

- i. John<sup>3</sup>, b. 25 Aug. 1665; d. bef 14 Apr. 1711.
- ii. Mary, b. Sept. 1668; d. before her husband; m. at Wethersfield, 11 Jan. 1688/9, Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Hills, b. at Hartford about 1653, d. at East Hartford, Conn, in 1728, son of William<sup>1</sup> and Mary ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) (Risley) Hills of Hartford. A biography of Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Hills is in Jacobus and Waterman, Hale, House and Related Families, 1952, pp. 589-91, correct in the statement of Mary's parentage, but incorrect in calling her "a granddaughter of Richard Bronson." The will of Benjamin Hills, dated 4 Feb. 1726/7, was proved 2 Apr. 1728 (Manwaring, Probates , 2:526).

Probably Mary was apprenticed to some family in Wethersfield and thus remained in Connecticut when her family migrated south about 1685. She and Benjamin had four children (surname Hills): Benjamin, Susannah, Abigail, Samuel.

iii. Sarah, b. 22 Aug. 1671; m. Daniel McGregor.

iv. Abraham, b. 26 or 28 Nov. 1673; one of the legatees and executors of his father's will, 11 Jan. 1711/12; had a warrant for 100 acres in South Carolina, 3 Aug. 1703 (Salley, *Warants, 1692-1711*, p. 181), and another warrant for 500 acres in Dorchester Co., S. C., 1. Dec. 1704 (*ibid.*, p. 198). He and his brothers were among the petitioners "to the King's Most Excellent Majesty by the Representatives of the Inhabitants of South Carolina, " 24 Feb. 1717/18 (Records in the British Public Record Office Relating to South Carolina, vol. 7, 1717-1720, p. 88; Ms. copy in State Archives, Columbia, S.C). There is no record of Abraham's estate, and it is not known if he left issue.

v. Joseph, b. 19 May 1677; d. in St. George's parish, Berkeley, S.C., 1739.

vi. Grace, b. 7 Sept. 1679; living, a widow, in Colleton Co, S.C., 25 June 1739, when she conveyed to her nephew John<sup>4</sup> Brunson her rights to the lands in Farmington and Wethersfield (TAG, *supra*, 11:112); date of death unknown. She m. Moses Martin, planter, of Colleton County, who was also on of the petitioners to the Crown on 24 Feb. 1717/18. The will of Moses Martin of "Colenton" County, weak in body was dated 10 July 1732. He directed that his beloved wife Grace should have full use and enjoyment of the house and tract of land on which he lived, and all personal estate. To son Moses Martin a tract of land in said county, on the west side of Pon Pon River, containing 320 acres, also the home tract after decease of wife, as well as slaves Morice and Cuffey. To sons John Martin and Isaac Martin, another tract in said county containing 530 acres, also on west side of Pon Pon River, to be equally divided between them; also personal estate after wife's death. To daughter Mary Miles, £ 5. To daughter Martha Badger, £ 5. Loving wife grace, son Moses, and son-in-law William Miles to be executors. (Signed) Moses Martin. (Witnesses) Thomas Meluen, Thomas Ferguson, Jno Bee Junr. Proved, 25 March 1734 (Charleston Wills, 1732-1737, original p. 73). The son Moses Martin Jr., of St. Bartholomew's parish, Colleton Co., S.C., made his will 26 Dec. 1745, proved 26 Mar. 1746. He left a wife Mary and minor children Moses and Sarah, and made his brother Isaac Martin and friend William

Little executors (Charleston Wills, 1740-1747, original p. 307). Isaac Martin of St. Bartholomew's parish, Colleton Co., planter weak of body, made his will 22 Feb. 1748/9, proved 12 May 1749. He mentioned beloved wife Martha Martin, well beloved daughter Mary Martin (under 21), loving sister Martha Smith, niece Sarah Martin (under 13), daughter of brother Moses Martin deceased, and he made wife Martha, father-in-law John Mitchell, and friends Colonel Lawrence Sanders and James Sherving, esq., executors (Charleston Wills, 1747-1752, original p. 137).  
vii. Issac, b. ca. 1681, not recorded at Wethersfield; d. before 1739.

Children of John Bronson and Hannah Scott are:

- i. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- 193 ii. Mary Bronson, born September 15, 1668 in Wethersfield, CT; died Unknown; married Benjamin Hills January 11, 1687/88 in Wethersfield, CT.
- iii. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- iv. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- v. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- vi. <Unnamed>, born Private.
- vii. <Unnamed>, born Private.

**388.** <Unnamed>, born Private.

**389.** <Unnamed>, born Private.

**400. Hugh Riddell**, born in liv. Londonderry, Ireland; died Unknown. He married **401. Mary Wilson**.

**401. Mary Wilson**, died Unknown.

Children of Hugh Riddell and Mary Wilson are:

- i. Hugh Riddell, born Abt. October 16, 1631 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown; married Margery Campbell May 05, 1658; died Unknown.

Notes for Hugh Riddell:

Had 7 children.

- ii. Robert Riddell, born Abt. May 22, 1633 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown; married Mary Henderson September 12; died Unknown.

Notes for Robert Riddell:

7 children.

- iii. Janet Riddell, born April 04, 1635 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died August 16, 1657; married James Wilson; died Unknown.
- iv. James Riddell, born Abt. May 10, 1637 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died November 03, 1674; married Elizabeth Maudit December 04, 1658; died Unknown.
- v. Andrew Riddell, born Abt. August 02, 1639 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown.
- 200 vi. John Riddell, born Abt. November 14, 1641 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died January 03, 1736/37; married Janet Gordon June 04, 1670.
- vii. Mary Riddell, born Abt. January 24, 1641/42 in Londonderry, Ballymeath, Ireland; died Unknown; married Alexander Wilson May 10, 1659; died Unknown.
- viii. Gavin Riddell, born Abt. September 20, 1644; died Unknown.

*Generation No. 10*

**768. Thomas Hills**, born Abt. 1566 in Eng; died Unknown. He was the son of **1536. <Unnamed>**. He married **769. Jane Scarborough** October 16, 1596 in Upminster, Essex, Eng.

**769. Jane Scarborough**, born Abt. 1570; died Unknown.

Notes for Thomas Hills:

Thomas Hills was a church warden at Upminster, Essex, England. He married Jane Scarborough on 16 October 1596 at Upminster and he listed the baptisms of his children in the parish records. The dates listed as births of his children are actually their baptism dates.

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This de Helles is rather intriguing. The name would be Norman in origin. In Hills Family In America there is a section on heraldry- coat of arms- Appendix A. Anyway, one of the coats of arms is for a Gilbert de Helles of Hells Court in Ash, Kent. This Gilbert was sheriff of Kent under Edward the 111. Gilbert's coat of arms is carved on Canterbury Cathedral, I frankly don't understand all the rigamarol about coats of arms etc but Hills Families does concluded that the original ancestor was probably a Thomas de Helles who was issued a coats of arms by Edward I back in the 1180's. Far as I can tell from what was said the manor of St. Margaret de Helles passed from the family due to lack of a male heir about 1480 but that the families of Upminster, Great Burstead and Wye are connected. Far as I can tell no effort has been made to locate the origins of Hells or de Helles in Normandy.

You know it doesn't matter to me where the name comes from or whether there are royal pretenses or not. All this does seem to indicate, however, that de Helles were part of the invading normans and maintained some kind of social status for many years. There is some kind of claim to relationship to Thomas A Becket and to others. One Hills was apparently Lord Mayor of London. Somewhere along the line this landed family went into "trade" with records of merchants, goldsmiths and tanners? I do know the name de Helles is not on the 'LIST OF BROMPTON' which is the record of the barons who came with William the Conqueror.

That's the most I make of this chapter. Maybe you know someone more able to make sense of this chapter.

John Hills, Portland, Oregon  
Madaline-

Bear with me if you would. As you can probably tell, I have very little, none, expertise in this area and no ear for language. If I understand you correctly, you are saying de Helles of Hells court would not be Hills based on language patterns and developments alone.

The theory from HILLS FAMILY IN AMERICA is that coats of arms awarded to certain Hills can be traced back to a Thomas de Helles of Hells court. On pages 647- 655 of HILLS FAMILY there is discussion

between William Sanford Hills, Gordon P.G. Hills, Esq. of London and Herald's College by Dr. George W. Marshall, York Herald. There were studies made of 395 coat of arms entries for Hill or Hills. This list was then pared down to 190 by eliminating any that were absent the final (s). Among these 190 coats included coats of arms in current use by a number of know Hills families as well as names including Hilles, Hyllys, Hulles, Hillies alias Hills. The report notes the often careless use of the name where in the same reference the name would be variously Hulles, Heills, Hill or Hills or even another variation. This report seemed to use several techniques. One, it traced the grant of arms held by a current person named Hills back to the source of the grant. Second, it traced certain coats of arms of known historic Hills - the Lord Mayor of London- Sir Thomas 1485. Richard Hills master of the Guild of Merchant Tailors of London for 1561 and others including a certain Bishop Hills. Third comparison was made seeking common elements in all these coats of arms and in the various grants of them. Fourth various other records including genealogical records, chancery records etc were brought into play because some of the coat of arms were clearly older than the Herald's college records. The result of all this is a statement on page 655

"Of the eleven coats carried by those clearly born Hills that are in use or recognized by standard works (report issued) but four were granted by the Herald's college; two were recognized by its officers as properly borne; one was disclosed as one of six quarterings of the shield of Lucas; and four--those of Gilbert de Helles."

In other words, four were too recent to be relevant but had a past; two were recent grants without a past; one belonged to the Lucas family and that left four of any significance, all with a common source.

However, the coat of arms for Gilbert de Helles were not registered with the Herald's College which itself did not exist until 1483. Richard Hills, by chancery records, the last person of the name Hills to occupy (the now named in Chancery records) the Manor of St, Margaret Hills died about 1485. A search was made of records related to Richard Hills and his ancestors tracing him back to this Gilbert de Helles of Helles Court in Ash Kent and Saint Helles in Darant whose coat of arms was recorded by Haasted, the historian of Kent. This coat of arms is carved into the cloisters at Canterbury Cathedral. There is discussion of how and why that might have happened including a marriage by a Thomas Fitzthebald de Heili and Agnes, his wife, the sister of Thomas Becket. This Thomas was said "were linked in most neere alliance unto Saint

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury" in early records including Stowe's SURVEY OF LONDON referring to replacement of a hospital in Cheapside founded by this Thomas Fitzthebald de Heili.

There is discussion of the rise of coats of arms and their purpose and the source of such designs. Gilbert de Helles's coat was said to contain elements indicating participation by an ancestor in the crusades. The last of which began in 1271 under King Edward I. The manor of St Helles was said to have first been occupied in the 17th year of the reign of King Edward I and to have been in continuous occupation by the same family until 1485. Among Edward I's retainers was a Thomas de Helles who was the first lord of St, Margaret de Helles and Hells court under charter granted by King Edward I. The comment is made that coats of arms originated about 100 years earlier.

While I can follow the logic of the argument about these coats of arms and their symbols, I am not sure I fully understand the substance itself. I surely do not know of any Saint Hells or a St. Margaret de Helles. I do wonder from my own experience whether the ability to write, clearly enunciate, health - did the speaker have teeth and good hearing-- play a role in the evolution of the name Hills, along with changes in language itself. I do know I am forever having to have deeds, stock certificates and the like corrected today to reflect my actual name. I insist much less in the case of bills. I do recall that Savage says of William Hills the emigrant that "he insisted on the S in his name". I have seen in my research in New York, the dutch name Hiltz, Hiltz changed to Hills. I have seen Hillstrom become Hills and have found that Hills was a translation of an original name that was Russian, Finnish or Swedish. So the problem is hardly my own.

I also research the Haviland Family. My 4xgrandmother was Asenath Haviland. Josephine Frost wrote THE HAVILAND GENEALOGY published in 1904. According to that book, the current Haviland family descends from a fellow listed on "The List of Brompton" which is a record of the "barons" who accompanied William the Conqueror in 1066. The name Haviland has variously been recorded de Havellan, de Havilland, Havillands, de Havelle and other variations and possibly traces back to a specific location (d'valle) in Normandy in the 900's. The de Hevellen of 1066 received part of the Island of Guernsey from William the Conqueror. Anneville Manor has been occupied since the 1200's. There are records of this family as Seurats - King's Judges for nearly 800 years under variations of the name de Haviland. There is record of a Sieur de Havillan who won a victory over the French in 1467

taking and holding the fortress of Mont Orgeuil Castle. Even more important to the family, this victory resulted in the grant of a trade patent that became the Haviland Trading Company - de Haviland china etc. This seems to me to provide proof that language changes fairly quickly.

I mention all this to get a handle on your argument that 800 years is too short for there to have been so significant a change in the name de Helles to Hills. It is my understanding that the Normans spoke a language different from modern English and modern French or German. Even today Guernsey for example has a language that I am told is closer to the language of Brittany than to English. I understand the ruling folks in England spoke an early French rather than the English of the time for many years. I do know we celebrate Chaucer for making English a common tongue but do know that I don't understand Chaucer when read in the actual language it was written. I've had the same problem with Beowulf and the Song of Roland. I don't recall when or how but do agree that German certainly is part of modern English but then again so are other languages.

If you would, can you go into your argument further. I wonder if linguistics alone can provide a different proof from this argument of coats of arms stuff which at first blush seems silly to me. Afterall, how do we know our Hills are related to these others with the coat of arms. Hills Family talks about a strong inference, based on geographic proximity by people carrying the name and generally not found elsewhere, but that is hardly proof.

John Hills, Portland, Oregon  
Hi All-

I recently made contact with Thomas Derrill Hills of Atlanta, Ga. Thomas D. Hills is a descendent of Elijah Hills #191 in The Hills Family In America. He was a former member of the Hills Family Association and has done some Hills family research. In November 1992, he and his wife went to England and visited Upminister. He went through the church records of St. Lawrence Church and provided the following in hand written notes.

| Name         | Baptism Date      |
|--------------|-------------------|
| George Hills | November 20, 1578 |
| ----- Hills  | November 29, 1583 |

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| Anne Hills  | March 6, 1586      |
| William Hills   | May 1589           |
| Jane Hills  | September 17, 1598 |
| Robarge Hills   | October 12, 1600   |
| Elizabeth Hills   | April 6, 1602      |
| Marye Hills   | March 4, 1603      |
| Thomas Hills, son of Thomas and Jane                                    | June 1, 1606       |
| William Hills, son of Thomas and Jane                                   | December 27, 1608  |
| Anthony Hill, son of Thomas   | March 1, 1610      |
| Richard Hills, son of Thomas  | September 13, 1612 |
| Joanne Hill, daughter of Thomas   | October 29, 1615   |
| Margaret Hills, daughter of Thomas                                      | August 3, 1617     |
| Margerette Hills, daughter of Thomas                                    | February 1, 1618   |
| James Hills, base born of Sarah   | 1770               |
| Susanna Hills, daughter of Thomas and Rachel                            | July 27, 1777      |
| Esther Hills, daughter of John & Mary                                   | July 26, 1778      |
| Mary Hills, daughter of John & Mary                                     | February 10, 1782  |
| Marriage Records  |                    |
| John Hills and Jhon Aslie   | July 10, 1579      |
| Thomas Hills and Jane Clark   | October 16, 1597   |
| Thomas D. Hills notes that St. Lawrence Church dates back to the 680's. |                    |

The current church had portions constructed in 1200 AD. He took note of a stain glass window installed in 1630 and various brass plates on the church walls dating to the 14th century.

It is pretty clear from these records that the Hills family were fairly recent to Upminster at the time William left to come to Roxbury in 1632. HILLS FAMILY IN AMERICA suggests that the Hills were probably localized in the parish of St, Margaret de Helles in Kent England. There is suggestion that the Upminster family and Joseph Hills of Great Burstead had a common ancestor John Hyllys some 200 years before in the parish of St, Margaret de Helles.

Also ought to remark in passing, the quaint English custom, now gone where younger sons of well to do families were allowed or assisted in the purchase of a "living". That is the right to be the minister of a particular church would be sold to the highest bidder. The tithes of a church parish belonged to the rector for his personal support. I don't know how our Thomas became rector but it might offer some hint for his ancestry. From my little research, it is clear that Thomas took his religious obligations seriously and was part of the religious reformation of the times. It would be interest to see what "living" St. Lawrence provided. Would it have been enough to have paid William's passage to Roxbury - never have been satisfied as to what kind of a servant he was. These records would seem to support the GREAT MIGRATION argument that William's brother Thomas never came to Roxbury and was never the Rev. John Eliot's servant.

Would be interested in thoughts from any of you as to what these records might mean.

My thanks to Cindy for providing Thomas D. Hills address.

John Hills, Portland, Oregon

Notes for Jane Scarborough:

Jane was baptized September 17, 1598, Upminster, Essex, England.

Children of Thomas Hills and Jane Scarborough are:

- i. Robarge Hills, born October 12, 1600; died Unknown.
- ii. Elizabeth Hills, born April 06, 1602; died Unknown.

- iii. Blanch Hills, born April 08, 1603; died Unknown.
- iv. Mary E. Hills, born March 04, 1603/04; died Unknown.
- v. Thomas Hills, born June 01, 1608; died Abt. 1632 in Roxbury MA.

Notes for Thomas Hills:

Thomas, along with his brother William, was bound to Rev. John Eliot. Thomas went to Mass. Colony first, dying soon after his arrival at Roxbury. The Rev. Eliot had a much higher regard for Thomas than William.

- 384 vi. William Hills, born December 27, 1608 in Upminster, Essex, Eng; died Bef. December 06, 1683 in Poss. Hadley; married (1) Phyllis Lyman 1632 in Prob Roxbury MA; married (2) Mary Arnold December 1648 in Hartford, CT; married (3) Mary Warner 1664 in Hartford, CT.
- vii. Anthony Hills, born March 01, 1609/10; died Unknown.

**770.** <Unnamed>, born Private.

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**774.** <Unnamed>, born Private.

**775.** <Unnamed>, born Private.

*Generation No. 11*

**1536.** <Unnamed>, born Private.

*Endnotes*

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3. *Death Certificate*.
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