## DAN AND JEMIMA (ALEXANDER) FREEMAN OF MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS

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In the George Willis Freeman Collection at the New England Historic Genealogical Society are family group sheets on many descendants of Ralph<sup>1</sup> and Katherine (Lion) Freeman of Dedham and Attleborough, Massachusetts. There appears to be no published genealogy for this family. This article expands on the Freeman Collection, treating one branch for several generations.

**1. DAN<sup>4</sup> FREEMAN** (*Ralph*<sup>3-2-1</sup>), son of Ralph and Sarah (Capron) Freeman, was born at Attleborough, Massachusetts, on 16 June 1745<sup>[1]</sup> and died at Wendell, Massachusetts, on 6 March 1834 at age 87.<sup>[2]</sup> He was married by John Dexter, Justice, at Cumberland, Rhode Island, on 7 September 1769 to **JEMIMA ALEXANDER**.<sup>[3]</sup> She was born at Cumberland on 23 December 1752, daughter of Richard and Mary (Fuller) Alexander.<sup>[4]</sup> Jemima probably died between the 1800 and 1810 censuses.

Evidently they lived at first at Cumberland; Dan was on Otis Whipple's road repair district list as of 25 June 1770.<sup>[5]</sup> But they were not there long, as on 1 January 1771 "Dan Freeman & Jemima Freeman His Wife & Levina Freeman Daughter to Said Dan and Jemima" were warned out of the town of Winchester, New Hampshire.<sup>[6]</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vital Records of Attleborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1934), 123 (birth), 426 (parents' marriage). Philip Capron, in his 1817 account of the family transcribed in Frederic A. Holden, *Genealogy of Banfield Capron* (Boston: Geo. C. Rand & Avery, 1859), 11, lists Dan among the children of Sarah Capron and Ralph Freeman.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wendell Vital Records (FHL 0,770,463), 276.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636–1850*, 21 vols. (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912), vol. 3, part 5, pp. 6, 32, from the original 1:39. This record says Dan was son of Ralph of Winchester, N.H., and Jemima was daughter of Richard of Cumberland, deceased.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island* [note 3], vol. 3, part 5, p. 73, from the original 1:6 (Jemima's birth); *Vital Records of Newton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1905), 231 (marriage of Richard Alexander of Cumberland and Mary Fuller 19 December 1750).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cumberland Town Records, Town Council No. 2, 1758–79 (FHL 955,481, item 2), 136. Dan was not on Otis Whipple's 1771 list (*ibid.*, 151).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Warnings Out of Town," records at the New Hampshire Records and Archives Center (FHL 0,983,570), 5:161.

Dan signed the Association Test at Richmond, New Hampshire, on 30 August 1776.<sup>[7]</sup> He enlisted as a private in Captain William Humphrey's company, Colonel Wingate's regiment, in the New Hampshire militia<sup>[8]</sup> commanded by General John Stark, for six months, from 1 June to 30 November 1776, serving from Richmond. The company

marched from Richmond to Keene, thence to Charleston thence west through the State of Vermont to Lake Champlain. We arrived at the shore of the Lake about three miles below Mount Independence, & we were carried thence in Boats to Mt. Independence, where we remained till the last of November when we were marched home. We reached home just 2 days before the month of November expired & consequently just two days before our term of enlistment was out.<sup>[9]</sup>

According to Bassett's history of Richmond, "Dan. Freeman, son of Ralph Freeman and Sarah Capron, lived near the Aaron Kelton place [in Richmond], b. June 16, 1745. He removed quite early to Winchester," [10] but no trace of him there has been found.

In 1790 Dan Freeman was enumerated at Northfield, Massachusetts, with three males under 16 and five females.<sup>[11]</sup> There was a *Daniel* Freeman at Plainfield, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, with four males over 16, three under and five females.<sup>[12]</sup> However, this latter man would be the Daniel Freeman of Preston, Connecticut, who bought land in Plainfield on 12 September 1768.<sup>[13]</sup>

Sometime, apparently in the 1790s during an overturn in town government, the new selectmen at Northfield "missed no opportunity to cast reproach upon their predecessors . . . Dan Freeman had been over-taxed" and was given an order for "one dolar forty six cents . . . for one poll overcharged." The 1798 Direct Tax includes Dan Freeman at Northfield in the only house where no owner is listed. It was a single dwelling house on two acres valued at \$150 and revised to \$165. [15]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> William Bassett, *History of the Town of Richmond, Cheshire County, New Hampshire* (Boston: C.W. Calkins, 1884), 62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Isaac W. Hammond, ed., *Rolls and Documents Relating to Soldiers in the Revolutionary War*, vol. 14 of *New Hampshire State Papers* (Concord, N.H.: Cogswell, 1885), Part I, 355–57.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Revolutionary War pension file, Dan Freeman, S30427.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Bassett, *History of Richmond* [note 7], 389.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 1790 U.S. Census, Northfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 4, p. 119.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 1790 U.S. Census, Plainfield, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, roll 5, p. 21. Dan and Daniel are distinct names in the Bible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Cheshire County Deeds, 2:170. Daniel Freeman served in the Revolution in 1776 from Preston, Connecticut, and was imprisoned by the British at New York. In 1818 at age 65 and 1820 at age 67 he was living at Orford, New Hampshire, when he deposed concerning his pension (Revolutionary War pension file, Daniel Freeman, S45543).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Herbert Collins Parsons, A Puritan Outpost: A History of the Town and People of Northfield, Massachusetts (New York: MacMillan Co., 1937), 211.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> 1798 Massachusetts Direct Tax, 16:594, on microfilm at NEHGS.

In 1800 Dan was listed at Northfield with a male under 10, one 10-16, himself over 45, a female under 10, and one over 45. Daniel Freeman was still at Plainfield, New Hampshire, in 1800. In 1810 Dan Freeman was listed at Northfield with a male 16–26 and one over 45 plus a female 10–16, and one 26–45. A tax list of 1811 at Northfield included Dan Freeman but said he was a "male poll not rateable, not supported by the town. Although he was not a head of household in either 1820 or 1830, Dan Freeman was taxed at Northfield \$2.03 on his poll and personal estate in 1832.

Without presenting proof, Dan claimed he was age 88 and a resident of Northfield when he made his mark on his declaration on 19 September 1832, describing his Revolutionary War service. His pension was issued on 1 July 1833 with arrears to 4 March 1831 when he had been inscribed on the roll at \$20 per year. [21]

Children of Dan and Jemima (Alexander) Freeman: [22]

- i. LAVINA<sup>5</sup> or LEVINA FREEMAN, b. Cumberland, R.I., 2 May 1770; m. Northfield, Mass., 5 April 1796, DANIEL MILLER.<sup>[23]</sup> In 1800 they were at Northfield with three males under 10, one 26–45, one over 45, and a female 26–45.<sup>[24]</sup> In 1820 a Daniel Miller was at Hardwick, Mass., a male over 45 with a male under 10, a female under 10, and one 16–26.<sup>[25]</sup> If this last is the same Daniel Miller, Levina had probably died.
- ii. SARAH FREEMAN, b. Richmond 10 Feb. 1772; bur. Richmond 12 Feb. 1772.
- iii. CYNTHIA FREEMAN, recorded as "Senthee," b. Richmond 7 March 1773; d. Vershire, Vt., 19 May 1858, age 85 years, 2 months, 12 days, of palsy; [26] m. 25 Dec. 1799, [27] EBENEZER SPENCER of Vershire, b., probably at Somers, Conn., ca. 1774, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Whitaker) Spencer of Somers and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Northfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 15, p. 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Plainfield, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, roll 20, p. 720.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Northfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 233.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Massachusetts General Court (Committees) Valuations, 1811 (FHL 0,959,903).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Assessors Records of Northfield, 1827–1832 (FHL 0,886,795).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Revolutionary War pension file, Dan Freeman, S30427.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The first five children and the burial of the child Sarah were recorded at Richmond, New Hampshire (Richmond town records as transcribed and indexed at the New Hampshire State Library, 1:379 [FHL 0,015,296]); all but the first Sarah and Lucretia are listed in Josiah Howard Temple, George Sheldon, and Mary T. Stratton, *A History of the Town of Northfield for 150 Years* (Albany, N.Y.: J. Munsell, 1875), 452.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Walter E. Corbin Collection, Sub-group III, Franklin County, Series I, Northfield, part c, Vital Records, Marriages 1768–1841, 225; intentions on 26 March 1796 (Intentions, 204).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Northfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 15, p. 29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, Hardwick, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 55, p. 84.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Vermont State Vital Records, from Vershire records, which say she was born in Winchester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Flora S. Clark, "Descendants of Obadiah<sup>3</sup> Spencer, son of Thomas Spencer of Hartford, Ct.," vol. 5 of 7 vols. on the Spencer family, typescript (Elkins Park, Pa., 1963), 53, at NEHGS; Donald Lines Jacobus, "The Four Spencer Brothers: Their Ancestors and Descendants," *The American Genealogist* 28 (1952):120.

Vershire, [28] d. Vershire 7 March 1862 age 87 of lung fever. [29] In 1800 at Vershire, Ebenezer Spencer, Jr., had in his household a male 16–26, himself 26– 45, a female under 10, and another 16–26. [30] In 1810 he had two males under 10, himself 26–45, a female 10–16, and another 26–45. [31] In 1820 at Vershire he had a male 16-18, two males 16-26, one over 45, a female 16-26, and one over 45.<sup>[32]</sup> In 1830 Ebenezer was 50–60 with a female 10–15 and one 50–60.<sup>[33]</sup> In 1840 at Vershire, Ebenezer and a female were both 60-70. [34] Finally, in 1850 at Vershire, Ebenezer was 75, b. Conn., a physician with real estate worth \$400, with Cynthia 77, b. N.H., [daughter] Lydia S. Brown, 50, and [grandson] Cyrus H. Brown, 15, farmer, both b. Vt. [35]

Children of Ebenezer and Cynthia (Freeman) Spencer, born Vershire: [36]

- Brown, who d. probably 1. Lydia Spencer, b. 24 July 1800; m. before the 1850 census. Child: Cyrus H. Brown, b. ca. 1835.
- 2. Ebenezer Spencer, b. 6 Oct. 1801. In 1830 an Ebenezer Spencer Jr. was living next door to his father at Vershire with a male under 5, one 5–10, himself 20–30, a female 15–20, and another 20–30.<sup>[37]</sup>
  3. *Stephen Freeman Spencer*, <sup>[38]</sup> b. 13 Dec. 1803; m. (1) *Sarah W*. \_\_\_\_\_\_,
- d. 24 March 1834 age 26, bur. Vershire Cemetery. [39] He was of Keeseville, Vt. [possibly Keeseville, N.Y., was intended] when he m. (2) in 1835 Eunice Rood (Trowbridge) Phillips, b. Shelburne, Vt., 12 May 1804, daughter of Rufus and Lydia (Tracy) Trowbridge, and widow of Elijah Phillips. [40]
- iv. Lydia Freeman, b. Richmond 6 March 1775.
- v. Lucretia Freeman, b. Richmond 19 March 1779.
- vi. JEMIMA FREEMAN, b. ca. 1781; m. (int.) Northfield 3 March 1798, SYLVESTER FIELD, [41] b. 13 July 1770, bp. 15 July 1770, son of Rufus and Elizabeth (Field)

<sup>29</sup> Vermont State Vital Records, from Vershire records, which say he was a physician, born in Conn., his parents Ebenezer and "Anna." The 1863 Manual of the Congregational Church at Vershire includes deceased members Dr. Ebenezer Spencer and Mrs. Cynthia Spencer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Clark, "Obadiah Spencer" [note 27], 5:53.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Heads of Families at the Second Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1800: Vermont (Montpelier, Vt.: Vermont Historical Society, 1938; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1972), 98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, roll 64, p. 431B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, roll 127, p. 235.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> 1830 U.S. Census, Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, roll 185, p. 99.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, roll 593, p. 195.

<sup>35 1850</sup> U.S. Census, Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, roll 926, p. 59.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Vermont State Vital Records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> 1830 U.S. Census, Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, roll 185, p. 99.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Stephen's middle name from Francis Bacon Trowbridge, *The Trowbridge Genealogy* (New Haven: the author, 1908), 168.

Vermont State Vital Records; Clark, "Obadiah Spencer" [note 27], 5:53.
 Clark, "Obadiah Spencer" [note 27], 5:53; Trowbridge, Trowbridge Genealogy [note 38], 168.
<sup>41</sup> Corbin Collection [note 23], Northfield Vital Records, Intentions, 204.

Field, [42] d. probably in 1847. [43] On 18 April 1822 Sylvester and other heirs of Rufus Field, "late of Ervin's Grant," sold 3½ acres in Erving's Grant. Sylvester made his mark. [44] In 1810 in the "Plantation of Erving's Gore" Sylvester had in his household four males under 10, himself 26–45, and a female 26–45. [45] In 1820 at Northfield he had two males under 10, three 10–16, one 16–18, and one over 45 plus two females under 10 and one 26–45. [46] On 14 March 1833 Sylvester was of Northfield when he sold six acres in Erving's Grant to Sylvanus Field, bounded west on the county road from Ervings Grant to Northfield, and on 24 June 1834 Sylvester and "Jemimi" Field made their marks on another deed to Sylvanus for six acres in Erving's Grant. [47] Erving apparently had no town government until 1838 when it was incorporated. Residents may have called themselves "of Northfield." In 1840 Sylvester and Jemima were probably both living in their son Sylvanus' household. In 1850 Jemima, age 69, was living with son Sylvanus at Northfield, but she was not there in 1855.

Children of Sylvester and Jemima (Freeman) Field:

1. *Thomas Jefferson Field*, b. Northfield 6 Jan. 1804; [48] d. Petersham, Mass., 1 Oct. 1872, age 68 years, 9 months, of kidney disease; [49] m. Montague, Mass., 6 Jan. 1829, *Maria Durkee*, [50] daughter of Thomas and Susannah (Stebbins) Durkee of Northfield, b., probably Northfield, 18 Sep. 1805, [51] d. Petersham 9 May 1883, age 77 years, 8 months, of pneumonia. [52] In 1850 this Thomas Field was age 46 at Conway, Mass.,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Temple et al., *History of Northfield* [note 22], 445, 448; Frederick Clifton Pierce, *Field Genealogy*, 2 vols. (Chicago: the author, 1901), 1:304, 457; Corbin Collection [note 23], part a, Northfield First Church.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 1:457; Sylvester Field's death is not in the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 56:256.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Erving's Gore, Hampshire, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 226.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 50, p. 76.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 83:28; 86:257. The only other Franklin County deed for Sylvester Field as grantor was for the widow Milicent Field's thirds on 24 February 1834 (86:191). She was apparently the widow of Sylvester's father Rufus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Corbin Collection [note 23], Northfield Vital Records 1715–1842, 6; Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:737, supplies his middle name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 249:351; Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:737, says 5 October.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Vital Records of Montague, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Salem: Essex Institute, 1934), 72, both of Montague.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:737; the place from the death record; Temple et al., *History of Northfield* [note 22], 435, has the marriage of Thomas Durkee and Susanna Stebbins 31 Jan. 1805. But Ralph Stebbins Greenlee and Robert Lemuel Greenlee, *The Stebbins Genealogy*, 2 vols. (Chicago: the authors, 1904), 1:333, says they married 31 January 1800 and does not treat them further.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 348:443, which confirms her mother's given name; Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:737.

- with wife Maria, age 46, and many children.<sup>[53]</sup> He settled in Petersham, <sup>[54]</sup> but no children are recorded either there or at Conway.
- 2. *Ahaz Field*, b., probably at Northfield, 13 Oct. 1805; <sup>[55]</sup> d. Canton, St. Lawrence, N.Y., 17 Sept. 1843; <sup>[56]</sup> m. Vernon, Vt., in May 1828 *Mary Ann Brown*, <sup>[57]</sup> b. Gill, Franklin Co., Mass., 27 Dec. 1807, daughter of Walter and Mary Ann (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Brown. <sup>[58]</sup> He removed to Canton in 1831. <sup>[59]</sup>
- 3. *Josiah Field*, b. Northfield 2 April 1807; d. Hamilton, Madison Co., N.Y., 19 Jan. 1877; m. 31 Oct. 1840, *Lydia Carrier*, b., perhaps 6 Sept. 1807, daughter of Alfred and Luna (Lee) Carrier of Madison Co. <sup>[60]</sup> On 5 Oct. 1836 Josiah Field of Erving's Grant sold three acres and 54 rods on the west side of the county road there to Henry Benjamin. <sup>[61]</sup> He removed in 1840 to Hamilton; no issue. <sup>[62]</sup>
- 4. *Sylvanus Field*, b. Northfield 11 Dec. 1809; [63] d. there 28 Aug. 1886, age 76 years, 8 months, 17 days, of heart disease; [64] m. (1) Erving, Mass., 9 March 1837 *Deborah Bonney*, [65] b. Middleborough, Mass., 6 June 1804, [66] d. Northfield 28 May 1867, age 62 years, 11 months, 22 days, of paralysis, [67] bur. Old Cemetery in Northfield, [68] daughter of Seth and Deborah (Weston) Bonney; [69] m. (2) by H. B. Collar,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 316, p. 172. The children listed are the same as those in Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:737.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:737.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 1:457; 2:738.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Pierce, Field Genealogy [note 42], 2:738.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Vernon, Vermont, Vital Records, 4:520 (FHL 0,029,031), courtesy of Joan A. Hunter, CG, of Eugene, Oregon, who is transcribing Vernon marriages, some of which are not included in the Vermont State Vital Records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:738; *Vital Records of Gill, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 14 (birth of "Maryan").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Pierce, Field Genealogy [note 42], 2:738.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Pierce, Field Genealogy [note 42], 1:457; 2:738. However, George S. May, Some Descendants of Thomas Carrier of Andover and Billerica, Massachusetts (Fair Oaks, Calif: the author, 1978), 19, says Lydia, daughter of Alfred and Luna (Lee) Carrier of Madison County, was born 8 September 1817 and married 31 October 1840 Joseph Field.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 96:249.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Pierce, *Field* [note 42], 2:738. No probate record was found in Madison County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Pierce, *Field* [note 42], 1:457; the place is from his death record.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Massachusetts Registry, 373:343; Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:737, which includes an abstract of Sylvanus Field's probate in Franklin County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 1:457; 2:737.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Barbara Lambert Merrick and Alicia Crane Williams, eds., *Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, 2 vols. (Boston: Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1986), 1:324; *Vital Records of Pembroke, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 40, from P.R. 158, the Bible record of Daniel Bonney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 202:252, which says Deborah was born at Middleboro, daughter of Seth Bonney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Corbin Collection [note 23], Northfield, part d. Old Cemetery, 33; Temple et al., *History of Northfield* [note 22], 581.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Pierce, Field Genealogy [note 42], 2:737; Seth Bonney married Deborah Weston, with intentions at Kingston, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, 30 November 1797 (Vital Records of

Methodist clergyman, at Northfield 4 May 1872, Lurana (Parkman) Robbins, [70] b. Athol, Mass., 12 Oct. 1824, daughter of Chauncey and Harriet (Wilkinson) Parkman of North Brookfield, Mass., and widow of Ezra Robbins of Northfield.<sup>[71]</sup> In 1832 Sylvanus was on the town and county tax list at Northfield and in 1845 on a list of voters at Northfield.<sup>[72]</sup> In 1840 at Northfield, Sylvanus had in his household a male and a female under 5, himself and wife 30-40, and a male and female 60–70. [73] probably his parents. In 1850 at Northfield, Sylvanus, 40, a farmer with \$1500 in real estate, had Deborah 45, Lymon [Seymour?] 12, Gertrude 10, Isadore 7, Duane 5 and Jemima 69, all b. Mass. [74] In 1855 at Northfield "Sylvenus" was 45, a farmer. Deborah was 50, Seymour 17, Gertrude 15, Isadore 12 and Duane 10, all b. Mass. [75] In 1860 Sylvenas was 50, a farmer with real estate worth \$1500 and personal estate of \$350, with Deborah 55, Gertrude 19, Isadore 17 and Duane 14.<sup>[76]</sup> Duane d. 14 April 1864, age 18 years, 9 months, bur. in Northfield Old Cemetery. [77] In 1870 at Northfield, Sylvanus was age 60, a farm laborer with \$2500 in real estate, living with the family of Daniel Kinney. [78] In 1880 Sylvanus was at Northfield, age 70, with wife Laura and three others including Charles Robbins, stepson, and Harriet Parkman, mother-in-law. [79] On 28 May 1888 Seymour and Adaline Field of Ouincy, Norfolk Co., Mass., Albert B. and Nellie G. Hastings of Meriden, Conn., George D. Clark and wife Fanny L., and George F. Root of Brattleboro, Vt., sold to Lurania Field of Northfield all their right to the 160-acre "Sylvanus Field farm" in Northfield. [80]

5. *Jemima Field*, b. Erving, Mass., 14 March 1811<sup>[81]</sup> or, more likely, 1812; d. Vernon, Vt., 15 Sept. 1880, age 68 years, 6 months, 1 day, of consumption; m. Northfield 9 April 1838, *Evander G. Marsh*, both of Erving's Grant. He was b. Mass, ca. Nov. 1813, d. Vernon 19 July

Kingston, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 [Boston: NEHGS, 1911], 178); Richard Whiting Bonney, The Thomas Bonney Genealogy (n.p.: the author, 1984), 65.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 244:358, names Lurana's father; Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:737, says 7 May.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Pierce, Field Genealogy [note 42], 2:737; Vital Records of Athol, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Worcester: Franklin P. Rice, 1910), 69 (her birth). The record of Lurana's marriage to Sylvanus says she was born at Brookfield; Temple et al., History of Northfield [note 22], 527, says Ezra Robbins m. Parkman.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Northfield Town Records, no page number (FHL 886,785).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 183, p. 113.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 317, p. 346.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> 1855 Massachusetts State Census, Northfield, Franklin County, family 186.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 501, p. 478.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Corbin Collection [note 23], Northfield, part d. Inscriptions from the Old Cemetery, 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 615, p. 323.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 533, ED 256, sheet 16, line 22.

<sup>80</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 390:334.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Pierce, Field Genealogy [note 42], 1:457; the place is from Jemima Marsh's death record.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Vermont State Vital Records.

<sup>83</sup> Northfield Vital Records at the Town Clerk's office, B:193.

- 1885, age 71 years, 8 months, of paralysis; a cooper. [84] In 1840 at Erving, Evander G. had in his household a male 10–15, himself 20–30, and a female 20–30. [85] In 1850 at Erving, Evander J. was 38, a laborer, and Jemima was 38. [86] In 1870 at Vernon, Vt., Evander Marsh was 56, a farmer, with \$600 in real and \$100 in personal estate, and Jemima was 57, both b. Mass. [87] In 1880 they were at Vernon, Evander G. 66, and "Jeminia F." 68, her parents b. Mass. and N.H. [88]
- 6 Horatio Field, b. Northfield 21 April 1814; [89] d. Springfield, Mass., 9 Dec. 1896 age 82 of albumenuria; a bridge builder, [90] m. (1) Lucinda Brigham, b. ca. 1813, d. Erving 21 March 1845 age 32 of consumption; a weaver, [91] daughter of Sardis Brigham of Erving; [92] m. (2) Frances Maria Mason, b. 21 Sep. 1821, d. Springfield 23 March 1873, daughter of George and Hannah ( ) Mason of Warwick, Mass. [93] He was living at Athol in 1850, age 36, a carpenter, with Frances Field 28, both born in Mass. [94] In 1855 at Athol, Horatio was 41, a bridge carpenter, with Frances 33 and Ralph 2. [95] In 1870 at Springfield, Horatio was 40, a carpenter with \$5500 in real and \$800 in personal estate, with "Francis M." 48 and Ralph 16, all b. Mass. [96] Horatio Field, age 65, bridgebuilder, was living with an Eldridge family at Springfield in 1880.<sup>[97]</sup>
- 7. Hollis Field, b. Northfield 8 Dec. 1816. [98] Not found in the 1850 or 1880 censuses in Mass., but in 1870 Hollis Field, age 53, was a farm laborer owning \$200 in real estate, living with the family of Myron Chapin in Northfield. [99] On 9 April 1866 Sylvanus Field and his wife Deborah, of Northfield, sold land on the road from Erving to Northfield to Hollis Field for \$200, which Hollis sold 20 Jan. 1873. [100]
- 8. Lydia Field, b. Northfield 8 Nov. 1819. [101]
- 9. Francis Field, b. Northfield 11 May 1822; d. Orange, Mass., 3 April 1893, age 71 years, 10 months, 22 days, of heart disease; a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Vermont State Vital Records.

<sup>85 1840</sup> U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 183, p. 37.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 317, p. 310.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Vernon, Windham County, Vermont, roll 1627, p. 146.

<sup>88 1880</sup> U.S. Census, Vernon, Windham County, Vermont, roll 1349, sheet 4, line 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> Corbin Collection [note 23], Northfield Vital Records 1715–1842, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 463:810.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 14:116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Pierce, Field Genealogy [note 42], 2:737.

<sup>93</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 257:37; Pierce, Field Genealogy [note 42], 1:457; 2:737.

94 1850 U.S. Census, Athol, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 340, p. 235.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> 1855 Massachusetts State Census, Athol, Worcester County, household 34/35.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Springfield, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, Hampden County, Massachusetts, roll 618, p. 14.

<sup>97 1880</sup> U.S. Census, Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, roll 536, sheet 34, line

<sup>98</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield Vital Records 1715–1842, 6.

<sup>99 1870</sup> U.S. Census, Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 615, p. 310.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 259:189; 302:197

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield Vital Records 1715–1842, 6.

mechanic when he m. at Orange 23 March 1848, *Harriet A. Deming*, <sup>[104]</sup> b. 16 Feb. 1824, daughter of James and Catherine (Freeland) Deming of Orange. <sup>[105]</sup> In 1880 at Orange, Francis Field was age 56, with Harriet A. 54, and son Hermon D. 14, all b. Mass. <sup>[106]</sup>

- 2 vii. Dan Freeman, b. ca. 1783; m. (1) Sally Mason; m. (2) Betsey Clark.
- 3 viii. John Freeman, b. ca. 1785; m. (1) Eleanor Green; m. (2) Lucinda Stevens.
  - ix. OLIVER FREEMAN, b. ca. 1789.
- 4 x. RICHARD ALEXANDER FREEMAN, b. ca. 1791; m. EUNICE REED.
  - xi. SALLY FREEMAN, b. probably ca. 1795 as she was almost certainly the Sally Freeman age 21 who d. with her infant at Greenwich, Mass., in July 1816. [107]
- **2. Dan<sup>5</sup> Freeman** (Dan<sup>4</sup>, Ralph<sup>3-2-1</sup>), son of Dan and Jemima (Alexander) Freeman, was born at Richmond or Winchester, New Hampshire, about 1783. He may have died at Otsego, Otsego County, New York (see below), but probably he had left there and died somewhere else. Dan and Sally already had a two-year-old child when Dan was married first by Stephen Johnson, J.P., at Dana, Massachusetts (now under the Quabbin Reservoir), on 15 September 1812, to **SALLY MASON**, both being of Hardwick, Massachusetts. She was born at Greenwich, Massachusetts, on 9 June 1788, daughter of Solomon and Margaret (Harris) Mason, and died at Dana on 14 July 1870, age 82 years, 1 month, 9 days, of "infirm old age." On 28 May 1841 the Barre [Massachusetts] Gazette

<sup>102</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 1:457; 2:738; the place from Francis Field's death record.

record.

103 Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 436:629; Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:738.

<sup>104</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 1:457; 2:738; Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records 30:140.

<sup>105</sup> Pierce, *Field Genealogy* [note 42], 2:738; the marriage record says James and Catherine Deming.

1880 U.S. Census, Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 533, sheet 1, line 36.

<sup>107</sup> Greenwich, Massachusetts, Congregational Church Records, 1:128 (FHL 1,871,030). Her brother, Richard Alexander Freeman of Greenwich, had an infant who died 30 March 1817 (1:128), thus indicating the family's presence in that town.

<sup>108</sup> The 1850 census (see note 122) says New Hampshire. His son Mason's death record says Hardwick, Massachusetts, but the informant probably only knew of a later residence.

<sup>109</sup> Vital Records of Dana, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: NEHGS, 1925), 31; intentions at Hardwick 10 September 1812 (Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850, [Boston: NEHGS, 1917], 176); original Dana vital records in Massachusetts Vital Records: Dana, 1801–1890 (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1984), Book 6 (Ref File 8), p. 27, on microfiche 1.

N.S.D.A.R. by the Massachusetts State Society," typescript, copy at NEHGS (1962), 18 (birth and parents' intentions of marriage). Her parents were also named on her death record, which says she was born at Dana. Several of the children's death records say she was born at Hardwick. In fact her parents and several of her siblings were married or published their intentions there (*Vital Records of Hardwick* [note 109], 209).

Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 231:250.

carried the notice, "Whereas, My wife Sally has left my bed and board without sufficient cause, this is to forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date. Dan Freeman, Dana." No divorce has been found in Worcester County, but Dan Freeman married second, probably at Otsego about 1844, **Betsey Clark**, born, probably at Otsego about 1811, daughter of Peter and Ruth (\_\_\_\_\_) Clark. [112]

On 10 April 1816 Sally Freeman of Northfield, weaver, bought from Abner Field 22½ acres which was part of a farm formerly owned by Paul Dudley. On 24 December 1816 Dan and Sally, both of Northfield, laborers, sold (or mortgaged) this same land back to Field. At the 1820 census for Northfield, Dan had two males under 10, himself 26–45, two females under 10, one 10–16 and one 26–45.

In 1830, still at Northfield, "Dann Freeman" had a male under 5, one 5–10, one 10–15, one 15–20 and himself 40–50 plus a female under 5, one 5–10, one 10–15, one 15–20, one 20–30 and one 40–50. Dan, Jr., was taxed 99¢ on one poll, 30¢ for highway taxes and 35¢ for schools in 1830 and in 1831 on one poll and personal estate. Dan in 1831 on one poll

On 3 September 1838 Dan Freeman of Dana, yeoman, mortgaged to James S. Brown of Dana for \$24.32 "all the corn now on the ground of the farm occupied by me also all the potatoes and buckwheat that I have raised or caused to be raised on said farm also all the Hay now in my enclosure also all the corn fodder and straw derived from said crops also the . . . [sow?] owned by me." [118] Then on 18 December the sheriffs of Hampshire and Worcester County or constable of Dana were ordered to take possession of four acres and sixteen rods of land with buildings held by Dan "in right of his wife" because Ira Haskell of Greenwich, trader, had recovered judgment against Dan Freeman of Dana, laborer, for \$24.76 plus costs. Ira was awarded the use of the land for two years four months and a 13th [of a month?], but apparently Sally was to retain title. [119]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> See below for the 1850 census and a deed relating to the estate of Peter Clark. Peter died 30 December 1838, age 69 years, 2 months, and his wife Ruth on 20 May 1842, age 78 years, 6 months. They were buried at the "Oldest Cemetery at Fly Creek" in the town of Otsego, along with Hannah Clark (see the discussion of deeds) who died 1 January 1851 age 56 (New York DAR, "Unpublished Cemetery, Church and Town Records" [FHL 0,836,783], 92:80). Three children of Peter and Ruth Clarke (Asahel, Hannah, and Polly), were baptized at the Presbyterian Church in Cooperstown, Otsego County, on 6 October 1801 (IGI, extracted from FHL 0,534,225, records of the Presbyterian Church).

<sup>113</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 36:281.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 54:328.

<sup>115 1820</sup> U.S. Census, Northfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 50, p. 76.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> 1830 U.S. Census, Northfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 62, p. 175.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> Northfield Assessors Records, 1827-1832 (FHL 0,886,785).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> Dana Town Records, vol. 1824–1845, p. 8, at the Swift River Historical Society, New Salem, Massachusetts.

Worcester County Deeds, 341:155. The case appears in Hampshire County Court Records, 28:122 (FHL 0,893,028). No record has been found whereby Sally acquired the land in Dana.

In 1840 at Dana, Dan had a male 5–10, one 10–15, himself 50–60, a female 10–15, one 15–20, one 20–30, one 30–40 and one 50–60. On 8 August 1840 at Dana, Dan mortgaged one red cow to Reuben Sibley for \$4.50.

Neither Dan or Sally has been found in the 1850 census in Massachusetts, but Dan Freeman, age 67, born in New Hampshire, was living at Otsego, Otsego County, New York, with Betsy 39, Polly M. 5, Hannah L. 4 and Dennis 1, all born in New York. Also with them were Hannah Clark 56 and Asahel Clark 41, a farmer, both born in New York. Dan's brothers John and Richard A. also lived in Otsego (see below). Thus it was Dan who left Sally and married again in New York. Sally remained in Dana where daughter Philurian married in 1851, but the census taker must have missed them in 1850. An 1870 map of North Dana shows the house of a Mrs. Freeman just northeast of a cemetery. [123]

Land records reveal that Dan Freeman of Otsego was indeed married to Betsy, her maiden name Clark. On 10 August 1846 Betsey Freeman of Otsego bought a lot of ten acres and twelve rods from James and Maria Crosby of Otsego. [124] On 19 February 1847 George A. Starkweather and Elizabeth his wife quitclaimed to Betsey Freeman and Hannah Clark 28 acres of land in Otsego "being the residue of the land owned by Peter Clark in his lifetime and not sold or conveyed by parties of the first part." [125] On 16 January 1851 Dan and Betsey Freeman and Asahel Clark of Otsego and Milow and Achsah Clark of Turin, Lewis County, New York, sold "the west part of the Peater Clarke farm," and on 15 March 1851 "Betsey Freeman together with her husband Dan Freeman of Otsego" sold the first piece. [126] No further record of them at Otsego has been found; nor have they been found elsewhere in New York in the 1860 census.

In 1855 Sally Freeman was living at Dana, age 66, with Adeline P. Gibbs 18, both born in Massachusetts. <sup>[127]</sup> In 1860 at Dana, Sally was alone, age 72, with land worth \$200 and personal estate of \$50. <sup>[128]</sup> In 1865 at Dana, Sally Freeman, age 77, was called "W[idow]." <sup>[129]</sup> In 1870 at Dana, Sally was living alone at age 82, with real estate worth \$300, born in Massachusetts. <sup>[130]</sup>

The petition for probate dated 29 July 1870 on Sally's estate named the children, and a paper dated 8 August 1870 gave their residences: Mason Freeman was of North New Salem; Tirzah Holt, wife of William Holt, was of Dana; Luthera Simonds, wife of Martin Simonds, was of Erving; Lindal Freeman was of Charleton; Stillman Freeman was of Michigan (the "town not known"); Philura

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 202, p. 255.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> Dana Town Records, 1824-45 [note 118], 39.

<sup>122 1850</sup> U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 579, p. 256.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> Atlas of Worcester County, Massachusetts (New York: F.W. Beers, 1870), 31.

<sup>124</sup> Otsego County Deeds, 90:510.

<sup>125</sup> Otsego County Deeds, 80:342.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> Otsego County Deeds, 94:167; 90:512.

<sup>127 1855</sup> Massachusetts State Census, Dana, Worcester County, p. 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 533, p. 341.

<sup>129 1865</sup> Massachusetts State Census, Dana, Worcester County, household 20/26.

<sup>130 1870</sup> U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 652, p. 617.

Wheeler, wife of Artemus Wheeler, was of Wheaton, Illinois; Cynthia S. Stevens, wife of Thomas Stevens, was of Dana; and Elias Freeman was of Whitinsville, Massachusetts. Sally's inventory included a dwelling house and lot, valued at \$300, which needed to be sold to pay debts. [131] On 10 June 1871 Mason Freeman, administrator of the estate of Sally Freeman, late of Dana, was to pay debts to Ira and Stephen Witt of Dana concerning the land and house in the village of North Dana. [132]

Children of Dan and Sally (Mason) Freeman:[133]

- i. ADELINE W.<sup>6</sup> FREEMAN, b. Hardwick 14 Jan. 1810; [134] d. Dana 9 Oct. 1860 age 50 of dysentery; [135] bur. Dana Center Cemetery; [136] was age 38, living at Dana, when she m. there 22 March 1853 THOMAS STEVENS, age 37, a farmer, b. Trenton, N.J. [sic, N.Y.?], son of James and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Stevens, as his second wife. [137] He m. (3) Adeline's sister Cynthia. In 1860 at Dana, Thomas Stevens was 43, a farmer, Adalin 49, Ephraim Stevens 21, and Ellen Mason 15, all b. Mass. [138] See Adaline's sister Cynthia (viii below) for more on Thomas Stevens
- ii. Child, d. Hardwick 27 Jan. 1813. [139]
- iii. MASON D. FREEMAN, b. Northfield, Shutesbury, or Hardwick, Mass., ca. 17 Dec. 1813;<sup>[140]</sup> d. Dana 6 March 1892, age 78 years, 2 months, 17 days, of heart failure;<sup>[141]</sup> bur. North New Salem Cemetery;<sup>[142]</sup> m. 1836 SALLY LINCOLN WOODWARD, b. Athol, Mass., 5 Nov. 1818, daughter of Bartholomew and Sally

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> Worcester County Probate, Sally Freeman, file 22406.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> Worcester County Deeds, 845:424.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> Children v.-xi. are listed in Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield* [note 22], 452, with some slight variations in names and dates from the original vital records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup> The place from her marriage and death records; the date from a letter from Lilla W. Brown to Helen Christine (Olsen) Schatvet, dated 18 July 1934, in possession of the author. Lilla was a granddaughter of Lutheria (Freeman) Simonds (v. below). She referred to a Bible record, but its present location is unknown. Helen (Olsen) Schatvet, the author's grandmother, was the greatgranddaughter of Mason D. Freeman (iii. below).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 140:178, which names her parents as Dan and Sally Freeman.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> Jay Mack Holbrook, "Massachusetts Cemetery Records: Quabbin Park, 1741–1984," Book 8, "Misc. Belchertown, et al," fiche 79, lot 173, with her brothers Harrison B. and Luther J.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 71:205.

<sup>138 1860</sup> U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 533, p. 135.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> Vital Records of Hardwick [note 109], 295, from church records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> His death record (Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 429:549) says Northfield. The 1865 state census says Shutesbury (New Salem, Franklin County, household 95/105), and daughter Jane's death record says Hardwick (Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 292:304). The date is from his age at death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 429:549.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>142</sup> Cemetery visit by the author in the 1970s; "North New Salem Cemetery, New Salem, Mass., 1955," *The Reunion Banner* (New Salem, Mass.: New Salem Academy, 1956), 43.

(Morton) Woodward, [143] d. New Salem, 20 Nov. 1883, age 64 years, 15 days, of consumption, [144] bur. with Mason. [145]

Dana town records include a list of able-bodied white male citizens age 18–45, dated probably about 1839. This included Mason Freeman. He is also on a list of Dana soldiers 1841–45. In 1843 he was surveyor of highways. [146] In 1840 at Dana, Mason had a male 10–15, himself 20–30, two females under 5 and one 20–30 in his household. [147]

On 7 Aug. 1840, Mason Freeman of Dana mortgaged to Aaron Brooks, Jr., of Petersham "the farm whereon I now live" in the northerly part of Dana, 100 acres. [148] But on 22 Nov. 1841 he again mortgaged the "farm I now live on" this time said to be 70 acres and buildings, to Ebenezer Ameden of Dana for \$100. [149] On 6 June 1843 Mason offered two cows as security for a loan of \$26.58 from G.S. and W.A. Williams of Petersham, and on 8 Aug. 1843 he borrowed another \$52.47 from Brown & Meacham of Dana offering a yoke of three-year-old steers. [150]

Among many other land transactions, on 8 Jan. 1846 Mason and Sally L. Freeman were of New Salem when they bought from and sold [mortgaged?] to George W. Woodworth of Dana 80 acres and buildings and a sawmill in the northerly part of Dana for \$925. [151] Again Mason was on an 1846 list of soldiers at Dana, but was not on the next list in 1851. [152]

In 1850 Mason Freeman was listed at Athol, Mass., age 36, a farmer with \$300 in real estate. Sally was 31, Jane 12, Emily 10, Dwight 8, Delia 5, and Lucretia 2. In 1855 at Athol, Mason was 41, a miller. Sally was 36, Jane 17, Emily 15, Dwight 13, Delia 10, Lucretia 7, and Lizzie E. 3. In 1857 Mason Freeman of Athol paid \$1000 to Samuel of New Salem for 75 acres and a piece two rods square in New Salem and then mortgaged it back to Samuel for \$650. In 1859 This must be the house and land where Mason Freeman's name appears in North New Salem on an 1871 map. Mason and Sally mortgaged the New Salem land again on 21 May 1866 to James S. Brown of Dana who released the mortgage on 4 Aug. 1893. In 1859.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> Helen S. Ullmann, "Our Woodward Lines in Massachusetts and Vermont," typescript, copies at NEHGS and on FHL 1,697,932 item 8 (Acton, Mass., 1992), 29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 346:331, which incorrectly names her father as Solomon Woodward.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> Cemetery visit [note 142]; Reunion Banner [note 142], 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> Dana Town Records, 1824–45 [note 118], 253, 273, 310.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 202, p. 258.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> Worcester County Deeds, 350:632.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>149</sup> Worcester County Deeds, 364:439.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>150</sup> Dana Town Records, 1824-45 [note 118], 121, 127.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> Worcester County Deeds, 406:499; 426:411.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>152</sup> Dana Town Records [note 118], vol. 3.

<sup>153 1850</sup> U.S. Census, Athol, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 340, p. 251.

<sup>154 1855</sup> Massachusetts State Census, Athol, Worcester County, household 113/132.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>155</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 209:231; 208:123.

<sup>156</sup> F.W. Beers, Atlas of Franklin County (New York: F.W. Beers & Co., 1871), 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>157</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 257:202; see also 328:359.

In 1860 Mason was at New Salem, age 46, a farmer with land worth \$1000 and \$300 in personal estate. Sally L. was 41, Emily 20, Dwight 18, Delia 15, Lucretia 12, and Lissie 8. The 1865 state census includes at New Salem, Mason Freeman, 51, b. Shutesbury, a sawyer, Sally, 46, b. Athol, Dwight 23, a teamster, and Delia 20, both b. Dana, Lucretia 17, b. New Salem, and Lizzie W. 13, no birthplace given. Delia and Lucretia were palm leaf weavers. As a separate family living in the same house were Jane Adams 27, b. Dana, a widow, and her children Jennie M. 6, b. Erving, and Lilla L. 4, b. New Salem. [159]

In 1870 at New Salem, Mason was 55, a farmer, "Polly" 51, Lizzie E. 18, and Lucretia 22. [160] On 23 March 1875 some of Mason's land was taken for non-payment of taxes, but he redeemed it as of 23 March 1877. [161] On the next day, 24 March 1877, Mason sold the land to Sarah E. Freeman, wife of his son Dwight, for \$700. [162]

In 1880 at New Salem, Mason was 65, a farmer, and Sally L. was 60. Their daughter Delia Huntley was 37, with no occupation. [163] Mason also appears in this census at Dana as a boarder and laborer, age 66, in the family of John N. Grover. [164] On 4 Dec. 1888 Mason Freeman of New Salem bought from Frank S. Grover of Dana, residuary legatee of John N. Grover, for \$125, two undivided third parts of meadow in the easterly part of Dana. [165]

Children of Mason and Sally Lincoln (Woodward) Freeman:

1. *Jane Lauretta Freeman*, b. Dana ca. 11 April 1838; d. Orange, Mass., 6 Jan. 1877, age 38 years, 8 months, 26 days, of dropsy; [166] m. (1) New Salem 4 Nov. 1855 *Adin Townsend Adams*, b. New Salem 31 Oct. 1829, d. Fitchburg, Mass., 12 June 1863, son of Asa Sibley and Laura Ann (Blodgett) Adams; m. (2) Orange 9 Sept. 1866 *Otis Washburn*, b. Orange Sept. 1829, son of Joseph and Electa (Johnson) Washburn, possibly divorced; m. (3) Orange 21 Nov. 1874 *Lemuel Henry Rawson*, b. Orange 24 Dec. 1833, son of Lemuel and Rebecca (King) Rawson. [167]

<sup>158 1860</sup> U.S. Census, New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 501, p. 76.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>159</sup> 1865 Massachusetts State Census, New Salem, Franklin County, households 95/105 and 106.

<sup>160 1870</sup> U.S. Census, New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 615, p. 131.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>161</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 315:323; 329:124.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>162</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 329:125.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>163</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 533, ED 255, sheet 4, line 22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>164</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 563, ED 806, sheet 10, line 48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>165</sup> Worcester County Deeds, 1292:525.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>166</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 292:304; the birthplace corroborated by the 1865 census.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> Helen S. Ullmann, CG, "Our Adams Line, Through Henry Adams of Braintree," typescript at NEHGS and on FHL 1,425,185 item 5 (Acton, Mass., 1998), 44–45 (erroneously gives Otis Washburn's birth date as 26 August 1810 which was his parents' marriage date).

- 2. *Emily T. Freeman*, b. Dana ca. 1 March 1840; d. New Salem 20 Dec. 1863, age 23 years, 9 months, 20 days, of heart disease; [168] bur. North New Salem in an unmarked grave. [169]
- 3. Dwight Freeman, b. Dana ca. Jan. 1842. d. Swanzey, N.H., 5 June 1895, age 54 years, 5 months [sic], of typhoid pneumonia, a teamster; [171] bur. North New Salem Cemetery. [172] He was age 25 when he was m. by Beriah W. Fay, J.P., at New Salem 1 Sept. 1867 to Sarah E. Blodgett, age 25, daughter of Dexter and Mary (Hanks) Blodgett, [173] b. New Salem ca. 14 April 1842, d. New Salem 15 Feb. 1888, age 45 years, 10 months, 1 day, of heart disease, [174] bur. with Dwight. [175] Dwight was a private in Co. B. of the 27<sup>th</sup> Mass. Regiment from 18 Sept. 1861 to 26 Sept. 1864. [176] In 1870 at New Salem, Dwight Freeman was 28, a farm laborer, with Sarah E. 29. [177] On 24 March 1877 Sarah E. Freeman, wife of Dwight, purchased her father-in-law's land and mortgaged it to Mary A. Brown, wife of Hosea M. Brown of New Salem. Dwight concurred. The mortgage was released on 4 Aug. 1893. [178] In 1880 at New Salem, Dwight was 35, a farmer, and Sarah E. was 38, with no children. [179] Franklin County deeds include Dwight's many land transactions. The 1890 special veteran's census includes Dwight Freeman at the House of Correction in Greenfield, but his P.O. address was North New Salem. [180] On 24 June 1895 Thomas L. Fowler with James Marsh and Willard Field, posted bond on the estate of Dwight Freeman late of Swanzey. His sisters Delia Leland and Lizzie E. Hill of North New Salem, Mass., petitioned, saying he left no widow. The estate was insolvent.[181]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>168</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 163:299.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>169</sup> *Reunion Banner* [note 142], 46.

The place from his marriage and death records and the 1865 census; the date based on his age of death (for the month) and age at marriage and in census records (for the year).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>171</sup> New Hampshire Bureau of Vital Statistics. This record names his parents. Given census records, his age at death is probably a year too high; the month of birth from his age at death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>172</sup> *Reunion Banner* [note 142], 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>173</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 199:317; Helen S. Ullmann, CG, "Our Blodgett Line: Especially Descendants of Levi<sup>6</sup> Blodgett" (Acton, 1999), typescript at NEHGS and FHL 1,425,068, item 13, 55–56.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>174</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 391:371.

<sup>175</sup> Reunion Banner [note 142], 46, the grave unmarked.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>176</sup> Massachusetts Adjutant General, *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War*, 8 vols. (Norwood, Mass.: Norwood Press, 1931–35), 3:131.

<sup>177 1870</sup> U.S. Census, New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 615, p. 120.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>178</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 329:125; 328:359.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>179</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 533, ED 255, sheet 4, line 19, just above his parents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>180</sup> 1890 U.S. Special Veterans Census, Greenfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, Supervisors District 67, ED 286, a single page between EDs 155 and 302 (FHL microfilm 0.338 172)

<sup>181</sup> Cheshire County Probate, Dwight Freeman file.

- 4. *Delia Freeman*, b. Dana 3 Oct. 1844; [182] d. Athol 26 Jan. 1904, age 59 years, 3 months, 23 days, of heart disease and cirrhosis of the liver; bur. North New Salem 30 Jan. 1904. [183] She was age 25, living at Warwick, Mass., when she m. (1) Warwick 14 Sept. 1874 *Adelbert Russell Huntley* of Warwick, age 24, a bootsider, son of Luman and Eliza (Hodgman) Huntley, [184] b. Winchester, N.H., 25 April 1850. [185] Delia m. (2) Greenfield, Mass., 2 Dec. 1887 *Franklin A. Leland* of New Salem, a shoemaker, age 41, [186] b. Grafton, Mass., 14 Jan. 1846, son of Luke and Submit (Buxton) Leland. [187] In 1880 Delia was living with her parents as Delia Huntley age 37, and Franklin age 33 was with his parents at Warwick, Mass. [188] They were not found in the 1900 census, but Mrs. Delia Leland worked and boarded at 463 Chestnut Hill Ave. in Athol in 1902. [189]
- 5. ?Frank Henry Freeman, b. 18 Dec. 1847 [1846?]. [190] If 1847, the birthdate is too close to the child recorded at New Salem 5 April 1848. If this is a child in this family, he must have died before the 1850 census.
- 6. Lucretia A. Freeman, b. New Salem between 1 June 1847 and 1 June 1848. This must be the "s. Mason, farmer, and Sally" b. New Salem 5 April 1848; probably died before 24 June 1895 when two sisters were involved with their brother Dwight's probate; m. by Samuel Giles,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>182</sup> Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 12. Her marriage record says born New Salem and her death record says born Athol, but the 1865 census says born Dana.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>183</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 1904:2:422.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>184</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 262:347, names his parents as L. and Eliza; Virgil W. Huntley, *John Huntley of Boston & Roxbury, Massachusetts, and Lyme, Connecticut, 1647-1996, and some of His Descendants, Book III, Aaron Line* (Mystic, Conn.: the author, 1996), 81, gives their full names and his middle name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>185</sup> Huntley, *Huntley* [note 184], 81, 268.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>186</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 379:403, which gives his birthplace and parents' names.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>187</sup> Huntley, *Huntley* [note 184], 268 (marriage); *Vital Records of Grafton, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester: Franklin P. Rice, 1906), 83 (birth), 243 (parents' intentions of marriage).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>188</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Warwick, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 533, ED 262, sheet 14, line 42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>189</sup> Athol Directory, 1902 (New Haven, Conn.: Price & Lee Co., 1902), 55.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>190</sup> Miscellaneous records collected by Pearl B. Care of Erving, Massachusetts (visit by the author on 18 February 1981). She was Pearl Luthera Walkup Brown, daughter of William W. and Lilla L. (Walkup) Brown, baptized at the First Evangelical Congregational Church in Erving on 27 March 1910 (church records on FHL 0,854,301). Some dates in her records are off by a year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>191</sup> Age 2 in 1850 census; age 17 at marriage.

<sup>192</sup> Vital Records of New Salem, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1927), 20; Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 28:181. The 1865 census also says born at New Salem. Pearl Care said that "Dwight Mason Freeman" was born New Salem 5 April 1848 and married "Experience Cole?" but if it was a twin, it seems odd Lucretia was not also recorded. I do not think this male child exists. No marriage for Experience Cole appears in the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records. Probably Pearl Care thought the son born in New Salem on that date must be Dwight.

J.P., at New Salem 19 Jan. 1864 to *Alonzo A. Washburn*, a farmer, b. New Salem or Orange, ca. 12 March 1835, son of Joseph and Electa (Johnson) Washburn, d. Athol 12 Nov. 1887, age 52 years, 8 months, 0 days, of heart disease, a mechanic. Alonzo, a grocer of New Salem, age 29, enlisted as a private on 30 Sept. 1862 in Co. A, 52<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Infantry, was mustered on 2 Oct. 1862, and was discharged at New Orleans, La., on 24 May 1863 for disability. Alonzo and Lucretia have not been found in Massachusetts in the 1880 census, although there was a Lucretia Washburn, age 32, dressmaker, living in Boston along with Annie M. Washburn, 36, music teacher.

- 7. ?*Harry Freeman*, b. 21 Oct. 1849;<sup>[197]</sup> d. before the 1850 census, or was perhaps b. Oct. 1850 and d. before the 1855 state census.
- 8. *Lizzie Eudora Freeman*, b. Athol 3 March 1852; [198] d. New Salem 23 Oct. 1920, age 68 years, 7 months, 20 days; bur. North New Salem. [199] She was of Shutesbury, age 26, when she m. there 11 Nov. 1878 *Charles H. Hill* of Shutesbury, age 38, a farmer b. Athol, son of Johnathan and Hannah (\_\_\_\_\_) Hill, [200] living as of Lizzie's death in 1920. Or, perhaps more likely, he was b. Athol 26 Sept. 1840, son of William and Eliza (\_\_\_\_\_) Hill. [201] In 1850 at Athol there was a Charles H., age 10, in William and Eliza's family but Jonathan and Hannah's three children did not include a Charles. [202] In 1900 at New Salem, Charles H. Hill, b. Sept. 1850, age 49 [*sic*], was a marker in a saw mill, with Elizabeth E., b. March 1852, mother of one, and son Harry K., b. July 1881, all b. Mass. and their parents also b. Mass. [203] They were not found at New Salem in 1910, perhaps because many pages of the film are illegible. They were there in 1920 as Charles H. age 69 and Lizzie E. age 67. [204] Child: *Harry K. Hill*, b. Mass. July 1881 but his birth not found.
- iv. TIRZAH FREEMAN, b. Hardwick or Northfield 13 Aug. 1815;<sup>[205]</sup> d. 18 Miller Ave., Holyoke, Mass., 2 June 1899, age 83 years, 4 months, 20 or 24 days, of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>193</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 171:282 (marriage, which says born at Orange). His birth date is calculated from his age at death; his parents also named on his death record, which gave his birthplace as New Salem. For his mother's maiden name see Ullmann, "Adams" [note 167], 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>194</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 384:429.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>195</sup> Massachusetts Soldiers. . . Civil War [note 176], 4:588.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>196</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, roll 555, p. 456C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>197</sup> Pearl Care's records [note 190].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>198</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 65:130.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>199</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 1920:78:278, of lobar pneumonia and senile dementia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>200</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 298:308.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>201</sup> Vital Records of Athol [note 71], 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>202</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Athol, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 340, pp. 253-54.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>203</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 649, ED 491, sheet 6, line 82.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>204</sup> 1920 U.S. Census, New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts, ED 122, sheet 4, line 55.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>205</sup> Letter from Lilla W. Brown [note 134].

hemiplagia; bur. North Dana; m. Northfield, probably 21 Oct. 1832, WILLIAM HOLT, b. Montpelier, Vt., ca. 1810, d. Dana, Mass., 7 Aug. 1886 age 76, a mechanic, son of William and Betsey Holt. [208] This was the William Holt, minor, only heir of William Holt "who was a soldier in the late war with Great Britain [i.e., the War of 1812], was killed in said service" and was "late of Massena, N.Y." His widow Betsy, of Northfield, posted bond as guardian on 5 Feb. 1823, and on 20 Dec. 1825, William being now above 14, chose Jonathan Robbins of Northfield as his guardian. [209] Thus Tirzah's husband William was the son of William and Elizabeth (Collock) Holt of Lunenburg and New Salem, Mass., Barre, Vt. [just southeast of Montpelier], and Massena, N.Y. [210] This may be the William Holt family at Uxbridge, Mass., in 1840, but that seems rather far from their usual area. [211] In 1850 they were at Belchertown, Mass., William age 40, a miller, b. Vt., with \$1500 in real estate. Tirza D. was 35, Henry W. 14, Marietta 12, and Cynthia 8, all b. Mass. [212] In 1860 they were at Erving, William age 50, a farmer with \$2100 in real and \$800 in personal estate. b. Vt.. Tirzah was 54, Francis M. Walkup 24, farm laborer with \$75 in personal estate, and Cynthia Walkup 18, all b. Mass. [213] In 1870 they were at Dana, William 60, a millwright, and "Tirsah" 55. [214] The 1870 map of North Dana shows "W. Holt" just across the road from "Mrs. Freeman." [215] William made his will on 18 Sept. 1866. He gave all his property to his wife Tirzah except \$40 to daughter Cynthia Walkup and named two other children, Henry W. Holt and Maryetta Hunter. On 14 Feb. 1887 Tirzah said that William had died aged and infirm, and she had only a small house as a means of support. [216]

Children of William and Tirzah (Freeman) Holt:

1. *Henry W. Holt*, b., probably Petersham, Mass., ca. 1836. He was a saloonkeeper at Worcester, age 22, when he m. there 28 Jan. 1858 *Laura M. Drury* of Worcester, age 19, b. Holden, Mass., daughter of William E. Drury.<sup>[217]</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>206</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 493:107. This age at death suggests a birth date of 13 January 1816. The death record says she was born at Northfield, her parents "Daniel" and Sally Freeman.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>207</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, Marriages, 1768–1841 [note 23]; original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), B:194. The date may be the date of recording.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>208</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 375:393, his parents born at New Salem and Northfield, Massachusetts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>209</sup> Franklin County Probate, William Holt, file 2479.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>210</sup> Daniel S. Durrie, A Genealogical History of the Holt Family in the United States, More Particularly the Descendants of Nicholas Holt of Newbury and Andover, Mass. (Albany: J. Munsell, 1864), 72, 127. On the latter page it says the son William was born at New Salem and lived at Northfield.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>211</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 201, p. 79.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>212</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 321, p. 436.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>213</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 501, p. 254.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>214</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 652, p. 610.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>215</sup> Atlas of Worcester County [note 123], 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>216</sup> Worcester County Probate, William Holt, Series B, #5794.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>217</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 119:219.

- 2. Maryetta Holt, b. ca. 1838; m. Hunter. [218]
  3. Cynthia Holt, b., probably Dana ca. 1841; m. Erving 5 Jan. 1860 Francis Milo Walkup, b. Montague, Mass., 30 Dec. 1833, son of Francis and Lydia (Pierce) Walkup. [219] They were divorced. [220] Cynthia might be the Cynthia Walkup, age 32, a dressmaker, living at Northampton in 1870. [221] Otherwise they are not found in Massachusetts censuses in 1860, 1880 or 1900. Cynthia had "snappy black eyes that looked right through you."[222]
- 4. Eunice W.F. Holt, b. Enfield, Mass., ca. Jan. 1848; d. Belchertown 27 May 1849 age 16 months; [223] bur. South Center (Old) Cemetery, Belchertown. [224]
- v. LUTHERIA FREEMAN, b. Northfield 21 Nov. 1817; [225] d. Erving 27 Nov. 1903, age 86 years, 0 months, 6 days; bur. Erving Cemetery 29 Nov. 1903; [226] m. by Cyrus Washburn, J.P., Vernon, Vt., 6 Oct. 1845 to MARTIN SIMONDS of Ware, Mass., [227] b. Ware 2 Dec. 1821, son of John and Relief (Croft) Simonds, [228] d. Prospect St., Erving, 21 Sept. 1912, age 91 years, 9 months, 13 days, bur. Erving. [229] In 1850 they were living with Martin's parents at Ware, Martin age 28, Luthera 30, and Ella L. 3. [230] In 1865 at Erving Martin Simonds was 44, b. Mass., a mechanic, "Rutheria" was 47, and Ella L. 18. [231] Erving is not on the 1870 census microfilm, but an 1871 map of Erving Centre shows M. Simonds

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>218</sup> She was called Maryetta Hunter in her father's will; the marriage not found in the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records 1851-70 or in the Vermont or New Hampshire State Vital Records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>219</sup> Pearl Care [note 190], who knew his middle name; Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 135:270. His birth date is from Frederick Clifton Pierce, Peirce Genealogy: being the Record of the Posterity of John Pers, an Early Inhabitant of Watertown in New England..... (Worcester, Mass.: C. Hamilton, 1880), 99.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>220</sup> Pearl Care's records [note 190].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>221</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Northampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 621, p. 321.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>222</sup> Pearl Care's records [note 190].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>223</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 40:93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>224</sup> William E. Corbin Collection, Sub-group I, Hampshire County, Series B, Belchertown, Part d. Inscriptions of the South Center (Old) Cemetery, card [20] 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>225</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, Book B [note 23], 57; original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), 57.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>226</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 1903:18:283.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>227</sup> Marriage certificate in possession of Pearl Care [note 190]; Vernon Town Records, 4:465, courtesy of Joan A. Hunter, CG.

Walter E. Corbin Collection, Sub-group I. Hampshire County, Series V. Ware, d. vital records 1732-1905, 231 (Martin's birth); 56 (parents' marriage 30 July 1819). The birthplace, date and parents are also on his death record.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>229</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 1912:35:360, of "anemia of old age and collapse" due to lost vitality."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>230</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 321, p. 397.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>231</sup> 1865 Massachusetts State Census, Erving, Franklin County, family 32/38. When the daughter Ella died the record says she had lived at Erving for 60 years, suggesting that they had moved there just before the 1865 census was taken.

just east of W.G. Walkup.<sup>[232]</sup> In 1880 Martin Simonds, 62, "works in chair shop," and Luthera Simonds 63, were living in the household of [her nephew] Jacob Blackmer, age 30, at Erving.<sup>[233]</sup> In 1900 they were still at Erving, Martin born in Dec. 1820, Luthera, b. "Nov. 1811" but age 82, and had one child who was living.<sup>[234]</sup>

Child of Martin and Lutheria (Freeman) Simonds:

- 1. Ella Louise Simonds, b. Ware ca. 14 April 1847; [235] d. 1 Prospect St., Erving, 8 April 1925, age 78 years, 11 months, 25 days, having been burned when her clothes caught fire in a brush fire; [236] m. Erving 29 Nov. 1865 William G. Walkup of Erving, age 27, a mechanic, b. Montague, Mass., 4 Sept. 1838, [237] son of Francis and Lydia (Pierce) Walkup and thus brother of Francis Milo Walkup who married Ella's first cousin Cynthia Holt (see above), d. Erving 3 Nov. 1904 age 66, bur. Erving. [238] In 1900 they were at Erving with daughter Lilla L., b. Dec. 1868, and William W. Brown, b. 1856 in Vt. [239] Lilla Lydia Walkup was b. Erving 28 Dec. 1868; [240] m. Erving 25 July 1900 William W. Brown of Erving, age 44, a mechanic, b. Manchester, Vt., son of Harvey D. and Jerusha (Little) Brown. [241] Lilla L.W. Brown served as clerk of the First Evangelical Congregational Church in Erving for many years and died ca. 1946–47. [242]
- vi. LINDALL WHIPPLE FREEMAN, b. Northfield 24 Jan. 1820; <sup>[243]</sup> d. Charlton, Mass., 25 Aug. 1882, age 67 years, 7 months, of enteritis. <sup>[244]</sup> He was age 26 when he m. Northbridge, Mass., 10 Jan. 1847 ELLEN LOCKWOOD, age 18, daughter of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>232</sup> Atlas of Franklin County [note 156], 31. Pearl Care lived in the same house at the west end of Prospect Street (note from Pearl Care to the author, dated 22 January 1981).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>233</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 533, ED 248, sheet 19, line 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>234</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 648, ED 477, sheet 1, line 80.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>235</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 649, ED 499, sheet 1, line 76. Her age at death suggests she was born in 1846, but all census records suggest 1847. The birthplace is from her death record.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>236</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 1925:20:25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>237</sup> His birth is not found in Montague vital records, but the place is from his marriage and death records. The birth date is from Pierce, *Peirce Genealogy* [note 219], 99.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>238</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 1904:37:158.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>239</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 649, ED 499, sheet 1, line

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>240</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 205:308.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>241</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 501:15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>242</sup> First Evangelical Congregational Church records, no page numbers (FHL 0,854,301).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>243</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, B:57 [note 23]; original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), 57. He was probably named for a friend. Lindall Whipple was born at Hardwick, Massachusetts, 14 December 1795 and died there 21 November 1817 (*Vital Records of Hardwick* [note 109], 123, 334).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>244</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 339:367.

Amasa and Henrietta (Wescott) Lockwood, [245] b. Springfield, Vt., 29 July 1828. [246] In 1860 Lindall Freeman, age 40, a painter with \$1500 in real and \$200 in personal estate was living in the 5th ward of Worcester with Ellen, 32, b. Vt. [247] On 11 Nov. 1685 "Ellen Freeman in her own right" and Lindall Freeman her husband, both of Worcester, sold land in Worcester and three days later, on 14 Nov. 1865, Ellen, wife of Lindall, purchased a farm in Charlton and mortgaged it to Sarah M. Robinson. [248] In 1870 at Charlton, "Lendall" Freeman was 50, a farmer with \$3000 in real and \$1000 in personal estate. Ellen was 42, b. Vt., and Lillie 10 was b. Mass. [249] "L. Freeman" appears on an 1870 map of Charlton to the southeast of "Charlton P.O." In 1880 at Charlton, Lindal was 60, Ellen 52, b. Vt., and daughter Lillian, 19, was a schoolteacher. [251] On 5 Sept. 1882 widow Ellen Freeman of Charlton posted bond on Lindall's estate. [252]

Child of Lindall Whipple and Ellen (Lockwood) Freeman:

- 1. Lillian G. Freeman, b. Worcester 17 June 1860, a "foundling, adopted by Lindall and Ellen L. Freeman"; [253] d. Charlton 3 April 1881, age 20
- years, 10 months, of consumption, a teacher. [254] vii. STILLMAN TENNY FREEMAN, [255] b. Northfield 4 Aug. 1821. [256] He was of Hamlin, Mich., when he died of the "bursting of an artery running from heart to ear" at Leslie, Mich., where he was on business, 20 Oct. 1892 age 70; [257] m. 24 April 1844 EMELINE FULLER, [258] b. N.Y. ca. 1821. He was a blacksmith from age 15. In 1843 he opened a shop in Erie Co., N.Y. In 1856 he moved to Hamlin where he lived on a farm but until 1870 also ran a blacksmith shop. He also bred sheep and was "scrupulous to the last degree in all his dealings." He had one son and three daughters, two of whom survived him. His funeral was at the M.E. Church. [259] In 1850 at Lancaster, Erie Co., N.Y., Stillman was 32, a blacksmith with \$100 in real estate, b. Mass., Emeline was 29, Stanley 5, Luthera 3, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>245</sup> Vital Records of Northbridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: NEHGS, 1916), 127; Henrietta's maiden name is from C. Horace Hubbard and Justus Dartt, History of the Town of Springfield, Vermont, with a Genealogical Record (Boston: Geo H. Walker, 1895), 376.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Hubbard and Dartt, *Springfield* [note 245], 376.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>247</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 532, p. 455.

248 Worcester County Deeds, 713:148, 713.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>249</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Charlton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 651, p. 526.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>250</sup> Atlas of Worcester County [note 123], 76.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>251</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Charlton, Worcester County, Mass., roll 562, ED 805, sheet 13, line 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>252</sup> Worcester County Probate, Lindall Freeman, 1222.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>253</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 134:291.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>254</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 330:343.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>255</sup> Probably named for Stillman Tenney, born 5 February 1799, son of Capt Gideon and Betsey (Childs) Tenny (M.J. Tenney, Tenney Family, Descendants of Thomas of Rowley, Massachusetts (Concord, N.H.: Rumford Press, 1904), 85.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>256</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, B:57 [note 23]; original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), 57.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>257</sup> Obituary from a Michigan newspaper in possession of Pearl Care [note 190]. This says he was born 4 August 1822 at Northville, Massachusetts.

<sup>258</sup> Stillman T. Freeman obituary, in possession of Pearl Care [note 190].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>259</sup> *Ibid*.

Sarah Freeman 21. [260] In 1855 Stillman Freeman, aged 36, a blacksmith, had been in Lancaster, Erie Co., for nine years; Emeline 34, and children, Stanley 10, Luthera 8, and Rosalie 1, were all b. Erie Co. [261] In 1860 at Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., Mich., Stillman was 37, a blacksmith, b. Mass., Emiline was 39, Stanley 15, Luthera 13, and Rosalia 6, all b. N.Y. [262] In 1870 at Eaton Rapids, "Stilman" was 45, a farmer with \$600 in real and \$1400 in personal estate, b. Mass., Emiline 49 and Rose 17 were b. N.Y. and Estelle 8 b. Mich. [263] In 1880 Stillman was at Hamlin, Eaton Co., Mich., age 57, a farmer, with "Emline" 59, b. N.Y., daughter Estella Freeman 18, b. Mich., and "son" Milton Underwood, 11, b. Ohio, his father b. Ohio and mother b. Penn. [264]

Children of Stillman Tenny and Emeline (Fuller) Freeman:

- 1. Stanley Freeman, b. Lancaster, N.Y., March 1845; [265] m. ca. 1868 Sarah J. (\_\_\_\_\_) Berber, b. Mich. Jan. 1843. [266] In 1880 at Hamlin, Stanley was 35, b. N.Y., Sarah J. 37, son Albert 9, and stepson Hosmer Berber 15, all b. Mich. [267]
- 2. Luthera Freeman, b. Lancaster ca. 1847.
- 3. Rosalia Freeman, b. Lancaster ca. 1853.
- 4. Estelle Freeman, b. Mich., ca. 1862; living 1880.
- viii. CYNTHIA SPENCER FREEMAN, b. Northfield 23 June 1824, named for her father's sister, Cynthia (Freeman) Spencer; [268] d. Dana 17 Dec. 1893, age 68 years, 5 months, 22 days, of chronic rheumatism; [269] bur. Brown's Cemetery, Dana; [270] m. (1) Dana (int.) 8 May 1843 SOLOMON BLACKMER, [271] b. Dana ca. 1799, son of James S. and Julia Ann (Chamberlain) Blackmer, d. Dana 26 June 1853 age 54 years, [272] 11 months, bur. Pine Grove Cemetery, North Dana. [273] Cynthia m. (2) Dana 1 Jan. 1856 HOSEA BLACKMER, age 47, a mason, b. Dana, son of Solomon and Mary ( ) Blackmer, [274] d. Dana 20 March 1858, age 50 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>260</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Lancaster, Erie County, New York, roll 499, p. 190. Sarah Freeman is unidentified. The census definitely says she was 21, but one wonders if this could be Stillman's mother who has not been found elsewhere in 1850. However, she would be age 61, not 21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>261</sup> 1855 New York State Census, Lancaster, Erie County, 2<sup>nd</sup> Election District, dwelling 79 (FHL 0,825,682).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>262</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan, roll 542, p. 549.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>263</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan, roll 670, p. 204.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>264</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Hamlin, Eaton County, Michigan, roll 578, ED 78, sheet 14, line 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>265</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Hamlin, Eaton County, Michigan, roll 709, ED 74, sheet 7, line 80.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>266</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Hamlin, Eaton County, Michigan, roll 709, ED 74, sheet 7, line 80, her father born in Ohio and her mother's birthplace unknown. Stanley and Sarah were said to have been married for 32 years. She had had two children, probably Hosmer and Albert.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>267</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Hamlin, Eaton County, Michigan, roll 578, ED 78, sheet 14, line 30. Albert's mother was said to have been born in New York, but, considering the 1900 census, that is probably an error.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>268</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, B:57 [note 23]; original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), 57.

<sup>269</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 438:595.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>270</sup> Holbrook, "Quabbin Park" [note 136], Book 8, "Misc. Belchertown, et al," fiche 78, lot 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>271</sup> Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>272</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 77:120.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>273</sup> Holbrook, "Quabbin Park" [note 136], Book 5, lot 228.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>274</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 101:177.

9 months, of lung fever, a mason and joiner, <sup>[275]</sup> bur. Pine Grove Cemetery. <sup>[276]</sup> She m. (3) Dana 5 April 1861, as his third wife, THOMAS STEVENS, widower of her sister Adeline, age 42, b. N.Y., son of James and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Stevens, <sup>[277]</sup> d. Dana 1 May 1874 age 56 of lung fever, a farmer, <sup>[278]</sup> bur. with Cynthia. In 1850 at Dana, Solomon Blackmer was 49, a farmer, Cynthia S. was 25, Lauriston E. 21, a mason, Lorenzo P. 19, a farmer, Harrison R. 6, Lewis W. 3, Jacob S. 6 months, listed next to Hosea Blackmer, age 42, and his family. <sup>[279]</sup> In 1855 at Dana, Cynthia Blackmer was 29, Harrison R. 11, Lewis W. 8, and Jacob S. 5. <sup>[280]</sup> In 1860 at Dana, Cynthia Blackmer was 35, Lewis W. 13, and Jacob S. 10. <sup>[281]</sup> In 1865 at Dana, Thomas Stevens was 45, b. N.Y., a farmer, Cynthia S. 39, and John E. 10 months, both b. Mass. <sup>[282]</sup> In 1870 at Dana, Thomas Stevens was 50, a farmer with \$1500 in real and \$600 in personal estate, b. N.Y., Cynthia was 44 and John E. 5, and Jacob S. Blackmer was 20, clerk in a store. <sup>[283]</sup> A "T. Stevens" appears on the north side of Dana Centre on an 1870 map. <sup>[284]</sup> In 1880 Cynthia was at Dana, age 55, with son John E. Stevens, age 15. <sup>[285]</sup>

Children of Solomon and Cynthia Spencer (Freeman) Blackmer:

- 1. William N. Blackmer, b. ca. 16 Aug. 1843; d. 30 Sept. 1843, age 6 weeks, 3 days; bur. Pine Grove Cemetery, Dana. [286]
- 2. *Harrison Ranslea Blackmer*, b. Dana 27 April 1844;<sup>[287]</sup> d. Norfolk, Va., 29 Jan. 1864 of smallpox; enlisted at Athol, Mass., 14 Aug. 1862 in Co. B, 27<sup>th</sup> Mass. Volunteer Infantry.<sup>[288]</sup>
- 3. *George* or *William Nelson Blackmer*, b. Dana 16 Aug. 1845; d. Dana 30 Sept. 1845, age 1 year, 14 days. [289]
- 4. *Lewis W. Blackmer*, b. Dana 27 April 1847;<sup>[290]</sup> was wounded in the Civil War and refused to have his leg amputated;<sup>[291]</sup> m. Prescott, Mass.,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>275</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 122:112, his birthplace and parents not given.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>276</sup> Holbrook, "Quabbin Park" [note 136], Book 5, lot 186.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>277</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 146:153.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>278</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 267:321, which says he was born at Warren, his parents Joseph and Mary but their birthplaces not known. This data is in conflict with the information he himself gave at his two marriages.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>279</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 343, p. 329.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>280</sup> 1855 Massachusetts Census, Dana, Worcester County, family 33/37.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>281</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 533, p. 128.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>282</sup> 1865 Massachusetts Census, Dana, Worcester County, household 124/141.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>283</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 652, p. 613.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>284</sup> Atlas of Worcester County [note 123], 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>285</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Mass., roll 563, ED 806, sheet 10, line 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>286</sup> Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 56; Holbrook, "Quabbin Park" [note 136], Book 5, lot 228

<sup>228.

287</sup> Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 9, unnamed. The 1850 and 1855 censuses call him Harrison R., but one affidavit in his Civil War pension file says "his name was Harry Ranslea Blackmer, not Henry or Harvy" (Civil War pension file, National Archives and Records Administration, certificate #362904, Box 39661, bundle 21).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>288</sup> Civil War pension file [note 287].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>289</sup> Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 9 [birth as "George"], 56 [death, as "William"].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>290</sup> Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>291</sup> Pearl Care's records [note 190]; not found in *Massachusetts Soldiers* . . . *Civil War* [note 176], but he did serve as a private in Co. B., 3<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Infantry, enlisted 22 July 1863,

- 15 June 1885 Mattie A. Hanson of Prescott, b. Sept. 1862, daughter of Asahel G. and Lizetta (\_\_\_\_\_) Hanson. [292] In 1880 Lewis was living with his brother Jacob at Erving, age 33, a clerk in a store. [293] From 1888 to at least 1893 Lewis and his wife lived on his mother's land in Dana and cared for her. [294] In 1900 at Dana, Lewis W. was 53, married 15 years, a farmer, Mattie M. was 37, Roy L. b. Fla. Feb. 1886, Clayton A. Sept. 1887, Mattie E. Oct. 1888, Ruby C. May 1892, Lorenzo R. Oct. 1894 and Fanny Dec. 1898, the last five b. Mass. [295] Son Clayton was living in 1981 at age 92. [296]
- 5. Jacob Spooner Blackmer, b. ca. 22 Dec. 1849; [297] d. Church St., Erving, Mass., 3 July 1918, age 38 years, 4 months, 13 days, a woodturner at the Washburn & Heywood Chair Co., bur. Central Cemetery, Erving; [298] m. Greenwich 29 Oct. 1871 Ella F. Fuller, daughter of Nelson and Siphrana ( ) Fuller, [299] b. Greenwich 30 May 1852. [300] In 1880 at Erving, Jacob was 30, in "dry goods and grocery," Ella F. 28, Harry 7, Nellie 4, May 2, brother Lewis 33, next door to Martin and Luthera Simonds. [301] In 1900 at Erving, Jacob S. was married 28 years, a chairmaker; Ella had had five children, all living; Nellie C. was b. March 1876, knitter in a mill, Florence M. Jan. 1878, school teacher, Jessie S. Sept. 1881, knitter in a mill, and Arthur W. Aug. 1889. [302]

Child of Thomas and Cynthia Spencer (Freeman) (Blackmer) (Blackmer) Stevens:

- 6. John E. Stevens, b. Dana 4 July 1864, [303] d. Dana 14 Nov. 1884, age 20 years, 4 months, 8 days, of consumption; bur. Brown's Cemeterv. Dana. [304]
- ix. PHILURIAN FREEMAN, b. Northfield 23 April 1826;<sup>[305]</sup> m. Dana 9 June 1851 ARTEMAS WHEELER, son of Elijah and Lydia (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Wheeler,<sup>[306]</sup> b. Vt. ca.

discharged 1 June 1865. As of 1890 he had no disability (1890 Special Veterans Census, Dana, Worcester County, Massachusetts, Supervisors District 67, ED 990, House 38).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>292</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 362:29; her birth month and year from the 1900

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>293</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Mass., roll 533, ED 248, sheet 19, line 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>294</sup> Affidavit dated 20 August 1892 in Harry Blackmer's Civil War pension file [note 287].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>295</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Dana, Worcester County, Mass., roll 649, ED 1602, sheet 6, line 93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>296</sup> Pearl Care's records [note 190].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>297</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 649, ED 477, sheet 2, line 77; age 6 months in 1850; age 10 in 1860.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>298</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 1918:26:213, of "mitral stenosis, history of heart trouble."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>299</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 236:78.

<sup>300</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 64:13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>301</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 533, ED 248, sheet 19,

line 8.  $^{302}$  1900 U.S. Census, Erving, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 649, ED 477, sheet 2, line 77.
303 Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 170:149.

Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 357:389; Holbrook, "Quabbin Park" [note 136], Book 8, "Misc. Belchertown, et al," fiche 78, lot 3.

1826 (based on federal censuses). They went to Wheaton, Illinois, [307] where they were living in 1860, Artemas age 34, a carpenter b. Vt., with \$800 in real and \$200 in personal estate, Philena was 33, b. Mass., "Cana" 7 (a female) and Elijah 5, b. Vt., and "Chas." 3, b. Ill. [308] In 1880 they were at Big Creek, Russell Co., Kansas, "Artmas" age 54, b. Vt., and Philura 53, b. Mass., their parents all b. Mass. [309] They have not been found in the 1870 census indexes for Illinois or Kansas or in the 1900 census for Kansas.

x. ELIAS HARRIS or HENRY FREEMAN, b. Northfield 4 June 1828; d. Spencer, Mass., 25 Nov. 1897, age 69 years, 5 months, 21 days, of apoplexy, a painter; [311] m. as "Elias Henry Freeman," a painter of Northbridge, Mass., at Sutton, Mass., 19 Sept. 1866 SARAH AMANDA MELLEN, daughter of Michael H. and Nancy (Paine) Mellen, b. Hopkinton, Mass., [312] 19 May 1849. [313] In 1870 at Sutton, "Henry" Freeman was 39, a painter with \$175 in personal estate, with Amanda 21, both b. Mass. [314] In 1890 Elias H. Freeman was at Spencer, listed as having served as a private in Co. K, 36th Mass. Infantry, enlisted 11 Aug. 1862, discharged 8 June 1865. He had been living at Douglas, Mass., when he enlisted at age 29, a shoemaker. [315]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>305</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, B:57 [note 23]; original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), 57, say "Philurian."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>306</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 56:195. Artemas' father was probably the Elijah D. Wheeler who died 22 March 1869 at age 78 and was buried at Wilson Cemetery in Barre, Vermont, along with his wife Lydia who died 16 March 1871 age 78. The town death record said he was a farmer, born Grafton, Massachusetts, son of Gardner and Elizabeth Wheeler (Vermont State Vital Records Index). Elijah was born at Grafton on 27 February 1791 (Vital Records of Grafton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 [Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1906], 139). His full name was Elijah Dorency Wheeler (Albert Gallatin Wheeler, Genealogical and Encyclopedic History of the Wheeler Family in America [Boston: American College of Genealogy, 1914], 64).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>307</sup> Pearl Care's records [note 190].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>308</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Wheaton, Du Page County, Illinois, roll 175, p. 194. According to the IGI daughter "Carrie" was born at Barre, Washington County, Vermont, 13 April 1853.

<sup>309 1880</sup> U.S. Census, Big Creek, Russell County, Kansas, roll 395, ED 287, sheet 16, line 44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>310</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield vital records, B:57 [note 23], and original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), 57, say "Elias Harris." Perhaps he was named for Elias Harris who, along with Oliver Harris, Jr., witnessed a deed for land in Dana from Caleb Stevens to Dan Freeman's brother, John Freeman, on 19 January 1818 (Worcester County Deeds, 209:457). Elias and Oliver Jr. were probably first cousins of Sally (Mason) Freeman, sons of her uncle Oliver Harris (Helen Schatvet Ullmann, "Nicholas<sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Blake) Harris of Wrentham, Massachusetts," The Genealogist 15 [2001]:201–18; 16 [2002]:99–122, at 16:102).

Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 474:719, says "Elias H.," born at Greenfield.

<sup>312</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 191:267, says born at Sutton; 191:242 says born at Northbridge, crossed out.

<sup>313</sup> Vital Records of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: NEHGS, 1911).

<sup>134.
314 1870</sup> U.S. Census, Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 656, p. 83. <sup>315</sup> 1890 Special Veterans Census, Spencer, Worcester Co., Mass., Supervisors District 67, ED 1044 and 1045, house 51; Massachusetts Soldiers . . . Civil War [note 176], 3:762, adds his residence, age and occupation.

Child of Elias Harris and Sarah Amanda (Mellen) Freeman:

- 1. *Ida Estella Freeman*, b. Northbridge 27 Oct. 1867; [316] d. Sutton 12 Feb. 1870 age 2, of scarlet fever. [317]
- xi. LUTHER JUTSON FREEMAN, b. Northfield 7 Dec. 1830; d. Northbridge 5 Aug. 1849, age 18 years, 8 months, of dysentery, a painter; [319] bur. Dana Center Cemetery. [320]
- xii. HARRISON B. FREEMAN, b. 21 June 1833; d. 22 Oct. 1839 age 6; bur. Dana Center Cemetery.[321]

3. JOHN<sup>5</sup> FREEMAN (Dan<sup>4</sup>, Ralph<sup>3-1</sup>), son of Dan and Jemima (Alexander) Freeman, was born, perhaps at Northfield, Massachusetts, probably about 1785. He married first at Northfield on 18 December 1803, ELEANOR GREEN<sup>[322]</sup> who died at Northfield on 21 March 1809. [323] Her ancestry has so far eluded discovery. John was of Northfield when he married second at Dana, Massachusetts, on 4 July 1810, LUCINDA STEPHENS, [324] daughter of Thomas and Prudence ( ) Stephens of Taunton, Hardwick, and Dana, Massachusetts. She was born at Taunton, probably between 1777 and 1784. [325] Thomas Stephens made his will on 1 January 1817 mentioning his daughter Lucinda Freeman. [326]

Descendants of John and Lucinda's daughter Julia have long believed that Lucinda's maiden name was "Thayer," based on Julia's death certificate which names her parents as John Freeman and Lucinda Thayer. A 1901 D.A.R. application by Ella McEwan Hale also claims the name "Thayer," saying that

<sup>316</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 198:225.

<sup>317</sup> Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 231:322.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>318</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, B:57 [note 23]; original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), 57; Temple and Sheldon, History of Northfield [note 22], 452, mistakenly calls him "Lyther Intoon"!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>319</sup> Vital Records of Northbridge [note 245], 185; 1850 Mortality Schedule, New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts (FHL 1,421,015), 412, which says he was born at Northfield.

<sup>320</sup> Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 59, which also gives his death as 20 September, probably a date of record; Holbrook, "Quabbin Park" [note 136], Book 8, "Misc. Belchertown, et al," fiche 79, lot 173.

<sup>321</sup> Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 59; Holbrook, "Quabbin Park" [note 136], Book 8, "Misc. Belchertown, et al," fiche 79, lot 173.

<sup>322</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, Marriages 1768–1841 [note 23], no page number, intentions on 19 November 1803 (Intentions, 208).

<sup>323</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, B:89 [note 23], 89; original vital records (FHL 0,886,783), 89.

324 Vital Records of Dana [note 109], 31.

Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, "Thomas and Prudence (\_\_\_\_\_) Stephens of Taunton and Hardwick, Massachusetts," MASSOG: A Genealogical Magazine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 27 (2003):7-12 at 10.

Worcester County Probate, file 56029, the will recorded at 52:68, proved on 19 June 1819. Nothing in the file reveals Lucinda's residence.

Lucinda was the daughter of James and Molly (Butterfield) Thayer. [327] However, Lucinda Stephens' sister Polly/Mary Stephens married at Hardwick, Massachusetts, on 28 November 1793, William Thayer. [328] They in turn had a daughter Lucinda Thayer, born, probably at Dana, Massachusetts, on 7 May 1802. [329] By 1820 the family was at Otsego, Otsego County, New York, not far from John Freeman. [330] Lucinda Thayer married Erastus Brockway and lived at Otsego. [331] They had a daughter Turessa Brockway who died on 19 November 1848 at age 11 and was buried in the same cemetery in Otsego where John Freeman's brother, Richard Alexander Freeman, was buried. [332] Thus the Freeman family and a closely related Thayer family lived in the same neighborhood in Otsego. In addition, Lucinda and Polly's brother, Caleb Stevens, is listed next to William Thayer in the 1830 census of Otsego. [333] Since no further trace of John and Lucinda (Stephens) Freeman has been found after 1821, it may be that their daughter Julia was orphaned and raised by the Thayers or the Brockways. The informant on Julia's death certificate apparently simply assumed that Julia's mother was a Thayer.

On 28 May 1806 John Freeman of Northfield bought twenty-nine acres, part of a farm, from Oliver Watruss of Northfield, blacksmith. On 16 February 1807 the Hampshire County county court issued a writ summoning John Freeman of Northfield for debt. He defaulted, and Moses Smith of Warwick was to recover \$24.33 and costs of \$8.87.

John was listed at Northfield in 1810 with a male under 10, himself 16–26, a female under 10, and one 16–26. [336] The official census date for that year was 6 August, thus after his marriage to Lucinda. On 22 February 1812 John Freeman bought six acres in the third division of common land at Northfield from William

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>327</sup> "Membership application of Ella McEwan Hale on John Thayer (1725–1775, Massachusetts)," National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Office of the Registrar General, Washington, D.C., 3 April 1901.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>328</sup> Vital Records of Hardwick [note 109], 247; Thomas Stephens' will (see note 326) also mentions daughter Polly Thayer; Ullmann, "Thomas Stephens," [note 325], MASSOG 27:10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>329</sup> Bezaleel Thayer, *Memorial of the Thayer Name* (Oswego, N.Y.: R.J. Oliphant, 1874), 207. This book is confused, first saying that it was a James Thayer who married Polly Stevens and later in the same family section calling him William three times. It lists ten children, most with birth dates, and says the family lived at Dana, which was formed from Hardwick in 1801. Dana has no surviving birth or death records until the 1840s. Waldo C. Sprague, "Thomas Thayer (1596–1665) Genealogy," in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS (SG SPR 17, volume 2, unpaged), identifies William's lineage as *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Phillip*<sup>4</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>3</sup>, *Shadrach*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>, and lists William's children.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>330</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 74, pp. 103–04.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>331</sup> Thayer, *Thayer* [note 329], 209; 1850 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 579, p. 243.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>332</sup> Cemetery visit by John B. Black and Peter M. Black on 24 July 2001.

<sup>333 1830</sup> U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 102, p. 56. See also Ullmann, "Stephens" [note 325], *MASSOG* 27:10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>334</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 32:341.

<sup>335</sup> Hampshire County Court Records, 10:52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>336</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Northfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 19, p. 233.

Wright for \$18. [337] John was of Greenwich when he sold six acres in Northfield to Samuel Alexander on 4 January 1813. [338]

On 20 June 1815 John Freeman bought sixty acres in Northfield from Adam Jeseph, [339] and on 9 September 1815 John bought an acre of land in Northfield from Elmer Wait. [340] On 1 April 1816 John bought 10½ acres from William Wright. [341] On 6 August 1816 John was of Northfield when he mortgaged for \$170 to Hezekiah Mattoon, Gentleman, the southeast part of the land he had bought from Oliver Watruss, bounding on fifty acres he had bought from Adam Jeseph. Then three days later, on 9 August Lucinda released her right of dower on the same mortgage. [342] On 12 April 1817 John Freeman of Northfield, carpenter, and Lucinda (by mark) sold to Calvin Priest 100½ acres, "being three pieces I purchased of Adam Joseph, Oliver Watriss and William Wright" with buildings for \$850. Dan Freeman made his mark as witness. [343] Two days later, on 14 April Hezekiah Mattoon quitclaimed to John on the same land that John had mortgaged to him earlier. [344]

On 17 April 1816 Bernard Hale of Dana, cooper, sold to John Freeman of Northfield, yeoman, for \$700, two pieces of land in Dana, one of fifty-eight acres on the "Old Hardwick line" and one of ten acres. Then on 18 April 1817 or sometime previously, probably also on 17 April 1816, John Freeman (said to be of "North Brookfield in the County of Franklin" but that is probably a scribal error) mortgaged these same lands for \$400 back to Barnard Hale, promising to support Abigail, wife of Thomas Stephens, and to pay Hale \$200 after her decease. On 15 April 1818 John and Lucinda sold to Francis Thomas of Dana, yeoman, the same two pieces, providing that Francis would meet the same terms on which John had mortgaged the land to Hale, i.e., support of Abigail and payment of \$200 after her decease. Abigail was Lucinda's stepmother and Barnard Hale her son by a former husband.

For a short time John owned another contiguous piece of land in Dana, described as a farm beginning at the southeast corner which was also the northeast corner of John Freeman's farm on the old Hardwick and Greenwich line. On 19 January 1818 Caleb [Lucinda's brother] and Susannah Stevens of Dana quitclaimed on this to John Freeman of Dana. [349] Only a few months later, on 15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>337</sup> Franklin County Deeds, 42:289.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>338</sup> *Ibid.*, 41:243.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>339</sup> *Ibid.*, 36:260, Dan Freeman being a witness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>340</sup> *Ibid.*, 36:259.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>341</sup> *Ibid.*, 36:262.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>342</sup> *Ibid.*, 35:504; 36:263.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>343</sup> *Ibid.*, 37:305.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>344</sup> *Ibid.*, 37:449.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>345</sup> Worcester County Deeds, 209:456.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>346</sup> *Ibid.*, 208:220. There is no date on the deed, but John acknowledged it on 18 April 1817.

<sup>347</sup> *Ibid.*, 209:454.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>348</sup> Ullmann, "Thomas Stephens" [note 325], MASSOG 27:7.

Worcester County Deeds, 209:457.

April 1818, John and Lucinda sold this twenty-three acres and ninety-four rods in Dana to Francis Thomas. [350]

On the same day that his father-in-law's will was proved, 19 June 1819, John Freeman borrowed \$21.10 from Sardis Brigham. A year later, Sardis sued and won judgment for a total of \$39.19 on 10 April 1820.<sup>[351]</sup> On 25 May 1820 Sardis Brigham of Northfield, having recovered judgment against John Freeman, carpenter, who was recently of Northfield but now "out of this commonwealth," received two acres of land in Northfield.<sup>[352]</sup>

On 26 January 1819 John Freeman of Otsego mortgaged to Samuel Pickins fifty acres, the northeast half of lot no. 50, "formerly called the Miner lot" in Low's Tract on the west side of Lake Otsego. This was discharged on 6 March 1829. At the 1820 census, John was at Otsego with a male under 10, one 10–16, himself 26–45, four females under 10, one 10–16, and one 26–45. He was in manufacturing. He was still in Otsego when he placed a notice in the *Freeman's Journal* of 12 March 1821, evidently regarding his oldest son:

Stop the Runaway. Absconded from my service, on the 3d inst. Francis Freeman, aged about 16 years. The public are cautioned against harboring or trusting said boy on my account, as I shall not pay any debts of his contracting. JOHN FREEMAN. Otsego, March 12, 1821.

That seems to be the last trace of John in Otsego. The mortgage discharged in 1829 could well have been assumed by someone else by an unrecorded deed.

There is a deed dated 23 February 1833 from Lemuel and Sarah Todd of Hartwick, Otsego County, to John Freeman of Otsego for an acre of land in Hartwick. On the same day John and his wife Nancy mortgaged the land back to Lemuel Todd, but no release appears in the record book. Since he had a different wife, this may well refer to a completely different John Freeman. However, no John Freeman appears in the 1830 census of Otsego County.

Children of John and Eleanor (Green) Freeman: [358]

i. FRANCIS<sup>6</sup> FREEMAN, b. Northfield 18 Oct. 1804. [359] He may have been at Richfield, Otsego Co., N.Y., age 20–30, in the 1830 census, with another male 5–10, a female under 5, one 5–10, and one 20–30. [360]

<sup>351</sup> Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, April Term, 1820, vol. 3, pp. 333–34 (FHL 0,854,390), research by Gordon L. Remington, FASG, FUGA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>350</sup> *Ibid.*, 209:455.

<sup>352</sup> Franklin County Deeds, Executions, 4:64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>353</sup> Otsego County Mortgages, H:5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>354</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 74, p. 103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>355</sup> Freeman's Journal, issue of 12 March 1821, p. 3, col. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>356</sup> Otsego County Deeds, XX:432.

<sup>357</sup> Otsego County Mortgages, R:159.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>358</sup> Listed in Temple & Sheldon, *History of Northfield* [note 22], 452.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>359</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, B:89 [note 23], 89; original vital records (FHL 0.886,783), 89.

ii. Lydia Freeman, b. Northfield 5 Aug. 1807. [361]

The only known child of John and Lucinda (Stephens) Freeman: [362]

iii. JULIA FREEMAN, b. Otsego 22 Dec. 1821; [363] d. Oneonta, N.Y., 11 Aug. 1902 age 82: bur. Poolville in Hamilton, Madison Co., N.Y.: [364] married at "New Lisburn" [New Lisbon], Otsego Co., 22 Sept. 1839 WILLIAM FLETCHER, [365] b. Penn. [366] 4 Nov. 1817, d. South Hamilton, N.Y., 26 Feb. 1894, age 76 years, 3 months, 22 days, [367] son of Gideon and Nancy (May) Fletcher. [368] Julia was perhaps orphaned at an early age and possibly raised by her mother's sister and husband, William and Polly (Stephens) Thaver, who lived at Otsego and nearby Springfield. At age 16 Julia joined the First Baptist Church at Cooperstown [which was in the Town of Otsego]. [369] In 1850 William Fletcher age 30, laborer, Julia age 28, and five children, all b. N.Y., were living at Otsego. [370] In 1855 at Otsego, William was 37, a sawyer who had lived in town for 14 years, b. Penn.; Julia was 38 and had lived in Otsego for 38 years. However, the listing of the children reveals that the family had been living in Chenango Co. about 1841, moved back to Otsego about 1842, went to Herkimer Co. by 1848, and returned to Otsego the next year. [371] In 1860 they were still at Otsego, William 42, a laborer with \$50 in personal estate, b. Penn., Julia 38 and three children, all b. N.Y. [372] By 1870 they had moved to Hamilton, Madison Co., N.Y., where William was 52, a farm laborer, now owning land worth \$500, and Julia was 48. [373] In 1880 at Hamilton, William was 66, b. Penn., his parents b. Mass.. and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>360</sup> 1830 U.S. Census, Richfield, Otsego County, New York, roll 102, page 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>361</sup> Corbin Collection, Northfield town records, B:89 [note 23], 89; original vital records (FHL 0.886.783), 89

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>362</sup> The 1820 census suggests that John and Lucinda had had five children, a son and four daughters, by 1 June of that year. However, they could have been caring for the children of others.

Family Bible of William Fletcher, in possession of John B. Black of Mansfield, Ohio; the place from her death certificate and the family's known residence as in census and land records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>364</sup> Fletcher Family Bible [note 363]; death certificate, photocopy in possession of John B. Black; obituary in *The Otsego Farmer* of 15 August 1902.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>365</sup> Fletcher Family Bible [note 363].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>366</sup> See census detail below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>367</sup> Fletcher Family Bible [note 363].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>368</sup> Vital Records of Washington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 33. Entries in the Fletcher Family Bible indicate William was the son of Gidon and Nancy. Bible entries include the deaths of Gideon Fletcher and his two wives as well as the deaths of Gideon's parents, John and Silence (Curtice) Fletcher (for whom see Harlow Dunham, Richard Curtice, Master Mariner [Manlius, N.Y.: Curtis Society, 1955], 19).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>369</sup> Julia's obituary in the *Freeman's Journal* of 15 August 1902 [note 364].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>370</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 579, p. 244.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>371</sup> 1855 New York State Census, 2<sup>nd</sup> Election District, Otsego, Otsego County, family 92 (FHL 0,869,024). Nancy L. was 14, born Chenango County, William H. 11, and Sarilla D. 9, born Otsego County, Josephina A. 7, born Herkimer County, Mianda A. 6, and John F. 3, both born Otsego County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>372</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 654, p. 615.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>373</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Hamilton, Madison County, New York, roll 967, p. 253. They were not found at either Otsego or Hamilton in the 1865 state census.

Julia was 59, b. N.Y., her parents b. Mass. [374] Finally, in 1900 Julia was living with her son William at Mohawk, Herkimer Co., N.Y., a widow, mother of six [*sic*] children, of whom five were living. [375]

Children of William and Julia (Freeman) Fletcher: [376]

- 1. *Nancy Lucinda Fletcher*, b. Chenango Co. 5 Jan. 1841; d. Dec. 1923; m. Otsego 25 Dec. 1863 John McEwan; living at Cooperstown in 1902.
- 2. Savilla Fletcher, b. 22 July 1842; d. 3 Sept. 1842.
- 3. *William Henry Fletcher*, b. Otsego Co. 9 Aug. 1843; m. Otsego 1 Jan. 1866 Jane \_\_\_\_\_, b. N.Y. Dec. 1842;<sup>[379]</sup> living at Mohawk in 1902.
- 4. Savilla Deatte Fletcher, b. Otsego Co. 10 Dec. 1845; m. Otsego 12 March 1863 \_\_\_\_\_; living at Sherburne, Chenango Co., in 1902.
- 5. Josephine Annett Fletcher, b. Herkimer Co. 13 Aug. 1847; d. South Hamilton 11 May 1900 age 53; m. 1 Oct. 1865 George W. Loomis, b. East Hamilton, N.Y., 20 Dec., 1846, son of Earl and Eunice (Wickware) Loomis. [380]
- 6. *Myanda Adaline Fletcher*, b. Otsego Co. 21 May 1849; m. "Colavill[?]" 21 March 1870 Norton; living at Oneonta in 1902.
- 7. *John Franklin Fletcher*, b. Otsego Co. 21 Oct. 1851; m. Sherburne 12 Jan. 1894 ; living at East Hamilton in 1902.
- **4. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> ALEXANDER FREEMAN** ( $Dan^4$ ,  $Ralph^{3-1}$ ), son of Dan and Jemima (Alexander) Freeman, was born, surely at Northfield, Massachusetts, about 1791. He died at Otsego, Otsego County, New York, on 20 September 1854 age 64, and was buried in a cemetery on what some maps call Red House Hill Road in Otsego. He was of Greenwich, Massachusetts, when he was married by Elder

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>374</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Hamilton, Madison County, New York, roll 860, ED 59, sheet 1, line

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>375</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Mohawk, Herkimer County, New York, roll 1039, ED 46, sheet 7, line

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>376</sup> Unless otherwise cited, all information is from the Fletcher Family Bible [note 363]. Strangely, the marriage entries for most of the children give the date of marriage but not the name of the spouse. The 1902 residences are from Julia's obituary (see note 364).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>377</sup> Letter from John B. Black (who often heard it discussed as part of a series of difficult events in his family at the time) to the author, 16 October 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>378</sup> The date from the Fletcher Family Bible [note 363]; DAR Application of Ella McEwan Hale [note 327].

Hale [note 327].

379 1900 U.S. Census, Mohawk, Herkimer County, New York, roll 1039, ED 46, sheet 6, line

<sup>380</sup> Elias Loomis, *The Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America* (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1875; revised by Elisha S. Loomis, Berea, Ohio: the reviser, 1909), 309, 451

<sup>451.

381</sup> Gertrude A. Barber, A Collection of Abstracts from Otsego County, New York, Newspaper Obituaries, 1808–1875, Martha and William Reamy, eds. (Waipahu, Hawaii: the editors, 1993), 107

<sup>107.

382</sup> Cemetery visit by John B. and Peter M. Black [note 332]; Mrs. Zillah Bull, "Cemetery in woods on dirt road on hill just above Hickory Grove on Otsego Lake," *New York DAR* 

David Goddard at Wendell, Massachusetts, in March 1815 to **EUNICE REED** of Wendell. She was born on 24 February 1790, daughter of Samuel and Matilda (Doty) Reed. Eunice died in 1856 in her 66<sup>th</sup> year and was buried with Richard. Daughter Eunice Freeman of Otsego, New York, was named in her father's probate record in depositions by her brother-in-law, Thomas J. Powers, and the administrator, Daniel Wilder, in 1853. [386]

Sometime between 1821 and 1825 Richard and his family moved to Otsego, Otsego County, New York. Although several family members are listed in the 1855 census, which tells the number of years each person had lived in town, the data is not consistent. Eunice was said to have been there for thirty-four years, but her son Oliver said thirty-two and son Otis said thirty. The daughter Cynthia was not found in 1855 but according to other censuses (see below) she was born in Massachusetts about 1823. An 1825 census of Otsego is extant, but does not include any Freemans. Only heads of households were named, so the Freemans could have been living with another family. No record has yet been found for Richard's acquisition of land there.

In 1830 at Otsego, Richard A. Freeman had a male 5–10, two 10–15, and himself 30–40 plus two females under 5, one 5–10, and one 40–50 in his household. In 1840 at Otsego, Richard had a male 5–10, himself 50–60, a female 5–10, two females 10–15, and one 50–60. In 15 July 1842 "Alexander Freeman" sold to Oliver Freeman for \$90 part of lot 46 in "Low's Tract or Cary's Patent," about six acres. The acknowledgment gives his name as "Richard A.

Genealogical Records Committee Report: Unpublished Cemetery Records, Series 1 (New York Cemetery, Church & Town Records), v. 122 (1939–40), 403.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>383</sup> Wendell Vital Records (FHL 0,770,463), 9 (which does not give the day), called "Alexander Freeman (of Greenwich)"; intentions at Wendell 13 March 1815, called "Richard Freeman of Greenwich" (*ibid.*, 185); intentions at Greenwich 23 February 1815, called "Richard A. Freeman of Greenwich and Eunice Reed of Wendal" ("Greenwich, Massachusetts, Vital Records" [note 110], 114).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>384</sup> Wendell Vital Records (FHL 0,770,463), 30. Her father was a Revolutionary War pensioner, and a letter in his file from a descendant, Mrs. Florence S. Whelen, says his wife was Matilda Doty (Revolutionary War pension, Samuel Reed, S33551). Samuel Reed of Cummington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, married at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 7 March 1786 Matilda Doty (*Vital Records of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. [Boston: NEHGS, 1916], 2:111), with intentions dated 26 June 1785 at Cummington (William W. Streeter and Daphne H. Morris, *The Vital Records of Cummington, Massachusetts, 1762–1900* [Hartford, Conn.: the compilers, 1979], 147). In 1850 at Wendell, Samuel Reed was 89 and Matilda 87 (1850 U.S. Census, Wendell, Franklin County, Massachusetts, roll 317, p. 284). Samuel Reed died at Wendell 1 September 1853, age 92 years, 9 months, 1 day, born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, son of Benjamin and Eunice Reed (Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records, 75:198).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>385</sup> Cemetery visit by John B. and Peter M. Black [note 332].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>386</sup> Franklin County Probate, Samuel Reed, file 3836 (FHL 1,822,640).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>387</sup> 1855 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County, dwellings 266, 268, 291.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>388</sup> 1825 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County (FHL 0,869,023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>389</sup> 1830 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 102, p. 61.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>390</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 327, p. 67.

Freeman." [391] This is the only recorded deed for Richard. Although it was dated five years after Richard's death, a deed from Otis Freeman and his wife Harriet, dated 28 May 1859, for part of lot 46 of "Low's Patent or Cary's Patent" refers to a boundary on Alexander Freeman without using the word deceased. [392] Possibly the unidentified son listed below was named Alexander, and Richard had transferred land to him, the deed not being recorded, but there was no Alexander Freeman in the 1860 census of Otsego.

Richard and Eunice must have been at Otsego in 1850, but they do not appear in the census there. However, their abutters do appear and in the neighborhood is an Amelia Freeman, age 23, born in New York, listed in the family of George McRorie. [393] Possibly Richard's family was dropped in copying and Amelia was actually in his family. There is no probate for Richard in Otsego County. In 1855 at Otsego, Eunice was living with Samuel and "Remilla" Lent at Otsego, age 64, called "mother," a widow, born in Massachusetts, having lived in town for 34 years.[394]

Children of Richard Alexander and Eunice (Reed) Freeman:

- i. Child, d. Greenwich 30 March 1817. [395]
- ii. OLIVER<sup>6</sup> FREEMAN, b. Mass. ca. 1818; d. Otsego 27 Aug. 1875 age 57 years<sup>[396]</sup> 6 months 22 days; bur. in the same cemetery as his parents; [397] m. Otsego 2 Feb. 1845 MARY JANE PICKINS, [398] b. Otsego ca. 1835. In 1850 at Otsego, Oliver was 32, a farmer, with Mary J. 25, Helen 3, both b. N.Y., Cynthia 27, b. Mass. and Lathrop Tanner, 40, b. N.Y. [399] On 26 Nov. 1853 Oliver Freeman of Otsego and Mary Jane his wife sold what was probably the land deeded to him by his father in 1842 to Elisha P. Gardner. [400] In 1855 at Otsego, Oliver was 37, b. Mass., 32 years in town. Wife M.J. was 30, having lived in town for 30 years. J.O. was 5, J.D. 3, and Samuel Freeman, 22, was a laborer. [401] In 1860 at Otsego, Oliver was 42, a farmer with \$2500 in real and \$800 in personal estate: Mary was 35, Oliver 9, John 8, Mary 4 and Samuel Freeman, 27, farm laborer, was still with them. [402] In 1865 at Otsego, Oliver's age was unclear, probably

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>391</sup> Otsego County Deeds, 71:149.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>392</sup> *Ibid.*, 115:553.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>393</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 579, p. 243.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>394</sup> 1855 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County, dwelling 266.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>395</sup> Greenwich, Massachusetts, Church Records [note 107], 1:128, "an infant child of Alexander Freeman departed this life."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>396</sup> Barber, Otsego County Obituaries [note 381], 178.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>397</sup> Cemetery visit by John B. and Peter M. Black [note 332]; New York DAR [note 382],

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>398</sup> Gertrude A. Barber, comp., "Marriages Taken from the Otsego Herald and Western Advertiser and the Freeman's Journal, Otsego Co., N.Y. Newspapers, Volume Two (Jan. 4, 1841 to July 9, 1852)," typescript (FHL 0,860,319 item 2), 38 (issue of 3 March 1845, the newspaper not specified). 399 1850 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 579, p. 277.

<sup>400</sup> Otsego County Deeds, 115:535.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>401</sup> 1855 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County, dwelling 291.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>402</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 841, p. 597.

46. Mary J. was 40, Albert 4, Louisa B. 1 year 2 months, and Polly Pickins, mother-in-law, was 60, mother of twelve children. In 1870 at Otsego, Oliver was 52, a farmer with \$5500 in real and \$2300 in personal estate; Mary J. was 45, Elbert 9, and Louise 6. Boarding with them was Jemimah Van Horn, age 85. In 1875 at Otsego, Oliver was 57, Mary J. 50, and Polly Pickens, mother-in-law, was 70; Albert Freeman was 14 and Louise B. was 11. Apparently Oliver's widow Mary was at Parish, Oswego Co., N.Y., in 1880, age 55, with Albert 20 and "Louisea" 16 and "Polly, Mother in Law," age 75, all b. N.Y. Polly's surname was blank which implies it was "Freeman," but that was probably an error.

Children of Oliver and Mary Jane (Pickins) Freeman:

- 1. *Hellen L. Freeman*, b. ca. 4 Oct. 1846; d. 19 Feb 1851, age 4 years, 4 months, 15 days; bur. with her father. [407]
- 2. *James Oliver Freeman*, b. ca. 19 June 1849; d. Otsego 12 July 1864, age 14 years, [408] 23 days; bur. with his father. [409]
- 3. *John D. Freeman*, b. ca. 31 March 1852; d. Otsego 24 Feb. 1863, age 10 years, [410] 10 months, 24 days; bur. with his father. [411]
- 4. *Mary Jane Freeman*, b. ca. Oct. 1855; d. Otsego 25 Jan. 1863, age 7 years, [412] 3 months; bur. with her father. [413]
- 5. Albert Freeman, b. ca. 1861.
- 6. Louisa B. Freeman, b. ca. March 1864. [414]
- iii. OTIS FREEMAN, b. Mass. ca. 1820; m. HARRIET \_\_\_\_\_\_, perhaps RICHARDS, [415] b. Otsego Co. ca. 1826. In 1850 at Otsego, near his brother Oliver, Otis was age 30, a farmer, with Hariet 24, Martha M. 1, and Mary 1 month. [416] In 1855 at Otsego, Otis was 34, a farmer, 30 years in town [sic], with Harriet 28, Martha 7, Mary 5, Jane 5 [sic], and "Geo" 1. [417] In 1860 at Springfield, Otsego Co., Otis was 40, a farmer, b. Conn. [sic], owning no real or personal property; Harriet was 34, "Isadorn," a female, 8, George 6, Levi 4, and Daniel 6 months. [418] On 28 March 1862 Otis bought a half acre of land on the street running from Cooperstown to Springfield, and with Harriet sold it again on 23 Aug. 1862, both being "of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>403</sup> 1865 New York State Census, 1<sup>st</sup> election district, Otsego, Otsego County, dwelling 323.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>404</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 1076, p. 424.

<sup>405 1875</sup> New York State Census, 1<sup>st</sup> election district, Otsego, Otsego County, dwelling 38.

<sup>406 1880</sup> U.S. Census, Parish, Oswego County, New York, roll 915, ED 260, sheet 7, line 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>407</sup> Cemetery visit by John B. and Peter M. Black [note 332]; John Black could read only "... 1851"; *New York DAR* [note 381], 122:403 (the transcription, made in 1938, gives the full date and age).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>408</sup> Barber, Otsego County Obituaries [note 381], 136.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>409</sup> Cemetery visit by John B. and Peter M. Black [note 332].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>410</sup> Barber, Otsego County Obituaries [note 381], 130.

<sup>411</sup> Cemetery visit by John B. and Peter M. Black [note 332].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>412</sup> Barber, Otsego County Obituaries [note 381], 129.

<sup>413</sup> Cemetery visit by John B. and Peter M. Black [note 332].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>414</sup> Age 1 year 2 months as of the 1 June 1865 census.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>415</sup> In the 1880 census Otis's mother-in-law, Nancy Richards, was with them (see below).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>416</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 579, p. 277.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>417</sup> 1855 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County, dwelling 268.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>418</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Springfield, Otsego County, New York, roll 841, p. 75.

Otsego."<sup>[419]</sup> In 1865 they were at Otsego, Otis 46, b. Otsego Co. [*sic*], Harriet 38, mother of seven children, Jane 13, "Gerwill" [? George] 10, Don 7, and Richard 2.<sup>[420]</sup> In 1870 at Otsego, Otis was 51, a farm laborer, b. Mass., Harriet 44, Donn 10, Richard 7, and Imogen 4.<sup>[421]</sup> In 1875 Otis was living at Tompkins, Delaware Co., N.Y., age 56, again said to be b. Conn. Harriet was 48, mother-in-law Nancy Richards was 79, Don 17, Richard 12, and Emma E. 10.<sup>[422]</sup> In 1880 Otis was still at Tompkins, age 50, b. Mass., his parents b. Mass. Harriet was 53, D. Don was 20, Richard 16, and Emogene 14.<sup>[423]</sup> Mother-in-law Nancy Richards, age 84, had a broken hip.

Children of Otis and Harriet (Richards?) Freeman, from census records:

- 1. *Martha M. Freeman*, b. ca. 1849; probably the Martha Freeman, age 12, servant, living in the family of James and Elizabeth Wedderspoon at Otsego in 1860. [424]
- 2. *Mary Freeman*, b. ca. May 1850; probably the Mary Freeman, age 9, living in the family of Richard and Georgianna Van Horne at Otsego, next door to the family where her sister Martha was living in 1860.<sup>[425]</sup>
- 3. Jane Freeman, b. ca. 1852.
- 4. George Freeman, b. ca. 1854.
- 5. Levi Freeman, b. ca. 1856; probably died before the 1865 census.
- 6. Daniel or Don Freeman, b. ca. Dec. 1859.
- 7. Richard Freeman, b. ca. 1863.
- 8. Imogen or Emma E. Freeman, b. ca. 1866.
- iv. CYNTHIA FREEMAN b. Mass. ca. 1823; [426] m. by 1870 NELSON CAULKINS, widower of Huldah Wheeler, and probably son of Hezekiah Ca[u]lkins. [427] In 1865 Cynthia Freeman, age 42, b. Otsego Co., unmarried, was living in the family of James and Elizabeth Wedderspoon at Otsego. [428] In 1870 at Burlington, Otsego Co., Nelson Caulkins was 62, Cynthia 47, two children (probably by Nelson's earlier wife) were 23 and 20, and Cynthia's sister, Permelia Lent was 42. [429] In 1880 at Otsego Nelson Caulkins was 71 and Cynthia 56, b. Mass. (her parents also b. Mass.), were running a boarding house for workers in a cotton mill. [430]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>419</sup> Otsego County Deeds, 123:409, 410.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>420</sup> 1865 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County, 1<sup>st</sup> election district, dwelling 343.

<sup>421 1870</sup> U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 1076, p. 417.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>422</sup> 1875 New York State Census, Tompkins, Delaware County, 3<sup>rd</sup> election district, dwelling

<sup>423 1880</sup> U.S. Census, Tompkins, Delaware County, New York, roll 823, ED 82, sheet 26, line 43

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>424</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 841, p. 596.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>425</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>426</sup> Age 27 in 1850, living with her brother Oliver Freeman at Otsego (1850 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 579, p. 277).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>427</sup> Kenneth W. Calkins, ed., *Calkins Family in America* (Golden, Col.: Calkins Family Association, 2000), 163.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>428</sup> 1865 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County, 1<sup>st</sup> election district, dwelling 325.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>429</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Burlington, Otsego County, New York, roll 1075, p. 5.

<sup>430 1880</sup> U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 916, E.D. 114, p. 5, line 32.

- v. Son, b. 1820–25 (age 5–10 in 1830), probably the RICH FREEMAN age 27 [sic], b. Otsego Co., listed in the household of Erastus Brockway at Otsego in 1855. [431] A Richard Freeman m. Cooperstown 24 Sept. 1872 Hattie Walradt. [432]
- vi. MATILDA FREEMAN, b. ca. 1826; d. Otsego 17 Sept. 1853 age 27; [433] bur. with her parents. [434]
- vii. PERMELIA FREEMAN, b. Otsego ca. 1828; m. SAMUEL LENT, b. Otsego Co. ca. 1819, d. Otsego 27 April 1856 age 38, [435] bur. in the same cemetery as his wife's parents. [436] This Samuel Lent, age 32, was living in another family but near the James Lent family who appear in the same area as the abutters of the Mills lands in the 1850 [437] and other censuses. In 1855 at Otsego, Samuel was 36, b. Otsego Co., a blacksmith; "Remilla" was 26, Abram 2, and Ida 10 months, all b. Otsego Co. With them were their mother Eunice Freeman and Samuel Freeman, age 22, a "boarder." [438] In 1860 at Otsego, Permilla Lent, 32, Abram 8, and Ida 3 were living in the family of J.M. and Jenette Whipple. [439] In 1870 Permelia Lent, 42, was living at Burlington, Otsego Co., in the family of Nelson and Cynthia Caulkins, surely her sister. [440]

Children of Samuel and Permelia (Freeman) Lent:

- 1. Abram Lent, b. Otsego ca. 1852.
- 2. *Ida A. Lent*, b. Otsego ca. 1854; d. 30 Jan. 1861 age 6; bur. with her father. [441]
- viii. Daughter, b. say 1831 (age 5–10 in 1840). Possibly this was the Amelia Freeman age 23, mentioned above as in the 1850 census in the Mills neighborhood. But Matilda would also have been about 23.
- ix. SAMUEL FREEMAN, b. Otsego ca. 1834; m. by 1864 CAROLINE \_\_\_\_\_\_, b. N.Y. ca. 1840. In 1855 he was living in his sister Permelia's family, age 22, a farmer, 22 years in town, and was also listed in his brother Oliver's family as age 22, a laborer, 20 years in town. [442] In 1860 he was still living with his brother Oliver at Otsego. [443] In 1870 at Warren, Herkimer Co., N.Y., were Samuel 37, farm laborer, Caroline 30, Nettie E. 6, James 4, and Charles [age unclear], all b. in N.Y. [444] They do not appear in the 1865 or 1875 state censuses at either Otsego

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>431</sup> 1855 New York State Census, dwelling 265. Erastus Brockway's wife Lucinda was the daughter of Polly (Stephens) Thayer, sister of Richard Alexander Freeman's brother John's wife (Ullmann, "Thomas Stephens" [note 325], *MASSOG* 27:10).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>432</sup> Gertrude A. Barber, comp., "Marriages Taken from the *Otsego Herald and Western Advertiser* and the *Freeman's Journal*, Otsego Co., N.Y. Newspapers, Volume Three (Aug. 19, 1853 to Dec. 20, 1875)," typescript (FHL 0,860,319 item 3), 104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>433</sup> Barber, Otsego County Obituaries [note 381], 104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>434</sup> New York DAR [note 382], 122:403, which says 17 September 1853; John Black could read only "... 1853 in her 27<sup>th</sup> year."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>435</sup> Barber, Otsego County Obituaries [note 381], 110.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>436</sup> New York DAR [note 382], 122:403.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>437</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 579, p. 243.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>438</sup> 1855 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County, dwelling 266.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>439</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 841, p. 591.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>440</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Burlington, Otsego County, New York, roll 1075, p. 5

<sup>441</sup> New York DAR [note 382], 122:403.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>442</sup> 1855 New York State Census, Otsego, Otsego County, dwellings 266, 291.

<sup>443 1860</sup> U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 841, p. 597.

<sup>444 1870</sup> U.S. Census, Warren, Herkimer County, New York, roll 943, p. 484.

or Warren. In 1880 at Otsego, Samuel was 46, b. N.Y., his parents b. Mass. His wife Caroline was 40 and children were Nettie E. 16, James C. 14, and Charlie 11, all b. N.Y. [445]

Children of Samuel and Caroline ( ) Freeman, from census records:

- 1. Nettie E. Freeman, b. ca. 1864.
- 2. James C. Freeman, b. ca. 1866.
- 3. Charles Freeman, b. ca. 1869.

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 $<sup>^{445}</sup>$  1880 U.S. Census, Otsego, Otsego County, New York, roll 916, ED 114, p. 12, line 5.