ANCESTORS OF HIRAM SMITH AND HIS WIFE SARAH JANE BULL

COMPILED FOR THEIR GRAND DAUGHTER

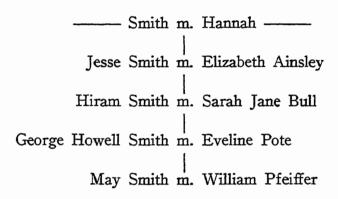
MAY (SMITH) PFEIFFER

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SMITH-BULL GENEALOGY

SMITH



1. HANNAH SMITH, widow, of Ulster Co., N. Y., made her will August 16, 1770, which was proven October 16, 1770. (N. Y. Wills, Vol. 7, p. 379.) She states in it that the place where she lives shall be a home for her children, Jesse, Phebe and Joshua, until they are of age and names her other children, William, George, Tabitha, Ann, and bequeaths her son Daniel her negro woman Dinah. She names her executors, son George and William Denn. The witnesses are Thomas and Mary Bull and Agnes Umphrey.

Just who Hannah Smith was widow of has proved a perplexing problem, but for the use of some future student of the family and because the research for her has been so exhaustive and extensive, the compiler feels that the result should be here given, if only to use in the process of elimination.

There are two Hannah Smiths who figure in the real estate records of the territory wherein she and her children resided and, unfortunately, both Hannahs are wives of a Thomas Smith.

One Thomas is definitely connected with William Hooker Smith of White Plains, who on October 10, 1768, quit claimed to Thomas (probably his brother) all his right in certain land in Orange County "releasing so much as Thomas had conveyed to John Earll" and states that said Thomas resided in Woodbury Clove.

Under date of August 10, 1764, Thomas Smith, his wife Hannah and John and Thomas Smith, Jr., sold 100 acres of land to John Earll. (Deeds, Goshen, Liber C, pp. 270, 273.) Both of these deeds were acknowledged March 27, 1770. On January 4, 1753, Thomas Smith of Woodbury Clove and his wife Hannah conveyed to John Shanghen 100 acres, being part of a survey of Thomas Smith's patent of 1750. The

Land Papers of New York, pp. 252, 255, state that on October 8, 1748, one Thomas Smith petitioned for 2,000 acres of land in Orange County, which was surveyed for him March 14, 1750. As one of the above deeds shows conclusively that Thomas had sons John and Thomas, proves that he and his wife Hannah were not the parents of Jesse Smith as the will of Hannah Smith, given above, fails to name sons John and Thomas.

The other Thomas Smith, with wife Hannah, was of Goshen, when on June 13, 1762, he conveyed land to James Lewis, which had been granted to him by Nathaniel Hazard. This was recorded November 12, 1763, in Liber C of Deeds, p. 271.

Nathaniel Hazard was born in Newtown, L. I., and in about 1722 removed to New York City, and on November 25, 1727, he, with Joseph Sacket, petitioned for over 3,000 acres of land in Orange and Ulster Counties. (Land Papers of N. Y. State, p. 186.) This tract (p. 187) was surveyed and certified to them and on December 2, 1731 (p. 202) Nathaniel petitioned for 2,000 more acres.

Nathaniel Hazard had a sister Elizabeth, the wife of Edward Hunt of Newtown, L. I., who made her will there September 3, 1747, which was proven June 4, 1748. (N. Y. Wills, Vol. 11, p. 176.) She names in it her daughter Hannah, wife of Thomas Smith of New Jersey, and mentions Hannah's children, but does not name them. She bequeaths her "my negro wench Dinah" and in the will above of Hannah, the mother of Jesse, is mentioned her negro woman Dinah. Thomas Smith was of Maidenhead, N. J. (which was settled mainly by Newtown, L. I., people) when, on May 3, 1760, he sold a dwelling house in Newtown to Capt. Samuel Renne (Town Records of Newtown). That he and his family about that time removed to the neighborhood of Goshen, where the records state he had land from Nathaniel Hazard, is the belief of the compiler, but nothing has been found in New Jersey or Orange County to show when or where Thomas Smith died, but the above will proves it was prior to August 16, 1770, providing he was the father of Jesse Smith.

2. JESSE SMITH, son of Hannah Smith, was born October 17, 1758, and married, March 14, 1782, Elizabeth Ainsley, born July 19, 1764, died June 25, 1819. He died from a fall according to the Presbyterian Church records in Goshen, N. Y., January 6, 1829. They are buried in the Wallkill Cemetery in Philipsburg, N. Y.

That Jesse Smith and his wife Elizabeth were living in Minisink prior to their removal to the neighborhood of Goshen is evidenced by a mortgage dated April 20, 1814, on his home in that place (Mortgages, Goshen, K. p. 412).

The baptismal record of the Presbyterian Church in Goshen, N. Y., shows August 5, 1814, the following statement: Baptized, Dolly, Jesse, Horace, Hiram, Bradner, children of Jesse and Elizabeth Smith, also Elizabeth Bull, their adopted daughter and grandchild of Jesse and Abigail Smith, on September 4, 1814.

On November 21, 1818, Jesse Smith and his wife Elizabeth, of Goshen, conveyed to Joshua Smith, of Goshen, part of their farm, which was on the road leading from Goshen to the homes of Joshua Goldsmith and Nehemiah Denton (Goshen Deeds, Liber T, p. 282). On August 28, 1824, he conveyed land to John A. Smith, next to that of Joshua Smith, on the road leading to Joshua Goldsmith's. (Deeds Goshen, Liber Y, p. 551.) On January 20, 1825, he conveyed to his youngest daughter Elizabeth the place where he lived (Goshen Deeds, Liber Z, p. 80.)

Jesse Smith served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting March 11, 1777; captured at Fort Montgomery October 6, 1777, escaped and made Sergeant April 1, 1780, and in 1781 was transferred to Capt. Pawling's 2nd N. Y. Regt. (Archives of the State of New York in the Revolution, p. 225.) This service has been accepted by the D. A. R. as per their publications, Vol. 8, p. 37, and Vol. 9, p. 53.

He may also have been the Jesse Smith who as a private belonged, on March 18, 1776, to the Orangetown Regt. under Capt. Benjamin Egbert. (Archives of the State of N. Y. in the Revolution, p. 87.)

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 27, pp. 209, 211, show that one Jesse Smith, on June 10, 1777, was at Fort Montgomery, as per Philip Du Bois Bevier's Book.

Jesse Smith of Goshen, N. Y., made his will there August 28, 1824, which was proven December 8, 1829. (Wills at Goshen, Liber I, p. 92.) He names his children John A., Horace, Hiram, Bradner, Miriam, Dolly, Elizabeth, Jesse, Gabriel, Joshua and gave his son Jesse land in Romulus, Seneca County, N. Y. He made his son John A. Smith and Charles Smith, with Joshua Sayer, his executors.

Daniel Smith, brother of Jesse Smith, made his will in Wallkill, N. Y., November 10, 1809, which was proven, October 27, 1810. (Wills at Goshen, N. Y., Liber D, p. 341.) He names the following heirs: Nephews, Gabriel, John and Jesse Smith, Jr.; Jesse Smith, Jr., not 21 years of age; nephew Daniel Sayer, not 21 years; niece Anne Sayer and her daughter Rosetta Sayer, not 18 years; Joshua Smith, not 21 years, son of Charles Smith; Lizeanna Slawson, not 18 years, and her mother Elizabeth Slawson; brother Jesse; executors, Stephen

and Joshua Sayer; in a codicil dated October 10, 1810, he names sister Anne Sayer, now deceased; niece Prudence Sayer.

The Sayer Genealogy, p. 133, states that Anna Smith, born April 17, 1751, died April 17, 1810, married Stephen Sayre and had Joshua, who married Prudence Slawson; Jonathan, Hannah, Martha, Anna, Stephen; Elizabeth, who married David H. Slawson; Prudence, William A.

3. HIRAM SMITH, son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Ainsley) Smith, was born February 25, 1804, and died October 10, 1866, in Goshen, N. Y. He was baptized in the Presbyterian Church there August 5, 1814, and his marriage on May 5, 1827, to Sarah Jane Bull is recorded in the records of the same church. She was born May 18, 1808, and died November 26, 1885. They are buried in the Mt. Walkill Cemetery just outside of Goshen.

Hiram Smith of Goshen, N. Y., made his will there October 9, 1866, which was proven, December 4, 1866. (Goshen Wills, Liber 30, p. 286). He names his wife Sally Jane and mentions his daughter Sarah J., not married. Citations were served on the following heirs: William S. Smith, Lydia Ann Bennett, Bradner Smith, Sarah J. Smith, John A. Smith, Andrew J. Smith, George Howell Smith, all of Goshen; Jerome Smith of Wellsboro, Tioga County, Penn.; Hiram H. Smith of New York City; James B. Rawlins, Jane Louisa Rawlins, Emily Rawlins, children of John A. Rawlins, of Georgetown, D. C.

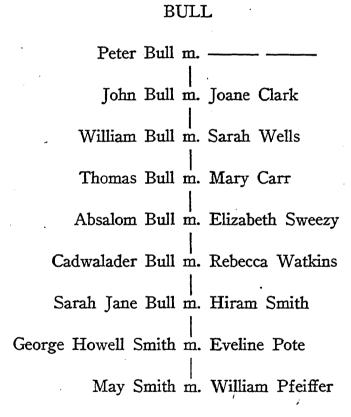
4. GEORGE HOWELL SMITH, son of Hiram and Sarah Jane (Bull) Smith, died in Goshen, N. Y., August 22, 1892, aged 42 years and 3 months, and is buried in the Mt. Walkill Cemetery a few miles from Goshen center. He married, May 19, 1880, Eveline Pote, born in New York City, May 28, 1854, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 28, 1917, daughter of Robert Pagan Pote and his wife Mary Jane Crissey, who were married in the 16th St. Baptist Church, New York City, on May 2, 1844. She was the granddaughter of Benjamin and Susannah (Gillen) Crissey and of Jeremiah and Sabra (Jackman) Pote. The said Jeremiah Pote was born in Falmouth, Maine, February 28, 1790, and died in New York March 4, 1842; his wife Sabra was born April 7, 1792, and died August 30, 1873, at 363 East 49th Street, New York City.

Benjamin Crissey died March 19, 1870, aged 85 years, 1 month and 3 days and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., whose records state that he was born in New Hampshire.

Issue: May Smith; George Howell Smith, deceased; Horton Smith, deceased.

5. MAY SMITH, daughter of George Howell and Eveline (Pote) Smith, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17, 1881, and married there, June 4, 1907, William Pfeiffer, born July 6, 1874, in Philadelphia, Penn., son of George and Elizabeth (Leupold) Pfeiffer: He is a practicing physician and they reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Issue: Helen Pfeiffer, Ruth Pfeiffer.



- 1. PETER BULL, according to the Bull manuscript in the old home in Hamptonburg, Orange County, N. Y., was born in Wolverhampton, Stafford County, England, in 1619, and the baptismal register of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter in that place gives the baptisms of his children as follows: Mary, November 8, 1640; Elizabeth, April 23, 1643; John, May 4, 1645; Joan, March 4, 1647. The name of his wife is not given.
- 2. JOHN BULL, son of Peter Bull, was baptized in Wolverhampton, England, May 4, 1645, and married there, July 7, 1672, Joane Clark, the marriage being recorded in the Collegiate Church of St.

Peter in that place, and the following children were baptized there: Peter, July 19, 1675; John, September 8, 1677; Humphrey, November 9, 1679; Ellenor, October 28, 1681, buried September 19, 1684; Sarah, January 25, 1683; Ann, March 8, 1688; William, born February, 1689, baptized September 2, 1689, and died February 17, 1775.

3. WILLIAM BULL, son of John and Joane (Clark) Bull, was born in Wolverhampton, England, in February, 1689, and in 1718 married, in Orange County, N. Y., Sarah Wells, by whom he had the following children: Thomas, born December 27, 1727, died June 16, 1801, married Mary Carr; Isaac, born November 27, 1729, died August 11, 1794, married Sarah Mulliner; Esther, born May 29, 1731, died August 11, 1794, married John Miller; Mary, born February 3, 1733, died October 26, 1819, married Benjamin Booth; Margaret, born May 1, 1736, died June 28, 1818, married Silas Horton; Catherine, born May 24, 1738, married James Faulkner; Anne, born November 4, 1740, died April 13, 1813, married William Eager; Richard, born May 29, 1743, married Jemima Budd; Eleanor, born March 4, 1745, married William Weller.

The History of Orange County, N. Y., p. 650, states that William Bull was the second settler of the Goshen neighborhood and his wife was the first white woman to appear there.

When a young man his father left England and settled in Dublin, Ireland, and from there William emigrated to America. Being a mason and stone cutter, he went with Daniel Cromeline to help make a settlement in the Wawayanda Patent and aided in building the house which has 1716 cut in its chimney, known as the "Old Gray Court House," now located in Chester about five miles southeast from the Denne home in Hamptonburgh.

Sarah Wells, his wife, was an orphan girl of unknown ancestry, born April 6, 1694, died April 21, 1796. She was living on Staten Island with Christopher Denne and his wife Elizabeth before 1714, the year he decided to make a home for himself and family in Orange County, N. Y., and after his exploration there he returned to New York, bringing three Indians with him to assist in his removal. With these Indians and several carpenters, this orphan girl was placed on board a sloop on the Hudson River, to eventually reach the new location. They spent one night on the river, one in New Windsor, and one on the banks of the Otterkill River, but finally arrived at where the new home was to be, and there found Denne and his wife, who had travelled overland through New Jersey. By tradition, her marriage

to William Bull was the first to take place within the limits of the old town of Goshen.

Their home in Hamptonburgh, built about 1722 of neighborhood stone, is still standing, apparently as good as it was when first constructed. In it are many relics of the past and the Bull Manuscript above referred to and it is owned by the Bull Family Association. Not far away on the hillside, William Bull and his wife are buried, a modest stone marking their resting place.

In 1723, William Bull and one Gerard secured a patent for 2,600 acres of land just east of the 100 acres he owned and on which he built his home.

His will, made in Goshen, February 20, 1755, proved June 19, 1756, names wife Sarah, daughters Mary, Margaret, Catharine, Anne, Elinor and sons John, William, Thomas, Isaac and Richard. (Calendar of Wills, p. 22.)

His widow married Johannes Miller, who died in 1782.

4. THOMAS BULL, son of William and Sarah (Wells) Bull, was born in Hamptonburgh, N. Y., December 27, 1727, and died there June 16, 1801. He married, first, Mary, daughter of George Carr, who died before September 3, 1786, for Sarah Gale then became his wife. He made his will July 12, 1799, which was proven August 4, 1801. It is filed in Goshen, N. Y., Liber B, p. 211, and in it he calls himself of Wallkill, N. Y., and gives his son Daniel land in Montgomery. He names his sons as George, Cadwalader, to whom he gives his farm, and Absalom; states that the latter is deceased and names his children as Cadwalader, Thomas, and Jane; mentions wife Sarah; daughter Jane, wife of William Miller; daughter Sally, wife of James Bull; Thomas, of son Daniel; Easter, daughter of son Cadwalader, and property which may be received from England or from Dr. William Gale.

His children named in the Bull Manuscript are: David, born September 6, 1752; Absalom, born January 1, 1754; George, born June 27, 1756, died October 18, 1836, married Nancy McKeen of Woodstock, N. S.; Thomas, born June 15, 1758, died young; Thomas, born October 11, 1760; Daniel, born August 11, 1762, died November 14, 1849, married Catharine Miller; Abner, born January 24, 1765, died young; Jane, born March 25, 1767, married William, son of John and Esther (Bull) Miller; Isaac, born April 22, 1769; Abner, born May 13, 1771; Cadwalader, born September 23, 1773, married Submit Watkins; Sarah, born April 1, 1775, died February 19, 1865, married James, son of William and Anne (Booth) Bull.

When his son Abner Bull made his will in Wallkill, June 16, 1799, which was proven in July of that year, he states that he had a step-mother Sarah, and names Absalom not 21 years, son of Cadwalader Bull, and Abner, not 21 years, son of Daniel Bull, and divides the bulk of his estate between Cadwalader, Thomas and Jane Bull, children of his deceased brother Absalom Bull. This will is filed in Goshen, Liber B, p. 98.

Thomas Bull served as Ensign in the French and Indian Wars of 1756. (Hist. of Orange Co., p. 489.)

The Independent Republican of Goshen, in its issues of May 24 and June 21, 1904, under its articles headed "Revolutionary Events," shows that on March 5, 1779, Sheriff Nicholl had an order to remove Thomas Bull, then a prisoner ,to Albany, and on April 13, 1779, Sheriff Nichols wrote Governor Clinton that Mrs. Bull, wife of Thomas, requests his liberty and his return to Goshen because of his illness. Her request was granted.

5. ABSALOM BULL, son of Thomas and Mary (Carr) Bull, was born in Hamptonburgh, N. Y., January 1, 1754, and died in Savannah, Ga., September 20, 1791, according to the Bull Manuscript.

He married Elizabeth Sweezy, whose ancestry has been diligently sought for and not found. His children were Cadwalader, born August 9, 1784, married Rebecca Watkins; Jane, born April 5, 1786, died March 1, 1825, married Peter Mulliner Bull and John A. Smith; Thomas, born September 8, 1788.

- 6. CADWALADER BULL, son of Absalom and Elizabeth (Sweezy) Bull, was born August 9, 1785, and married February 22, 1806, Rebecca Watkins, born May 18, 1786, died April 12, 1821. The date of his death has not been found. Issue: Sarah Jane, born May 18, 1808; Mary Elizabeth, born December 26, 1811; Lydia Ann, born May 2, 1815; Thomas Watkins, born August 4, 1817; George Manduell (?), born April 12, 1819.
- 7. SARAH JANE BULL, daughter of Cadwalader and Rebecca (Watkins) Bull, was born May 18, 1808, and was married in Goshen, N. Y., May 5, 1827, by Rev. George Stebbins, to Hiram Smith, who died October 10, 1866, aged 62 years, 7 months and 14 days, and she died November 26, 1885, aged 77 years and 9 months. They are buried in Mt. Wallkill Cemetery, a few miles from Goshen Centre. Their marriage is recorded in the Presbyterian Church in Goshen.

BIRDSEY

John Birdsey m. Phillipa Smith

John Birdsey m. Phebe Wilcockson

Abel Birdsey m. Comfort Welles

Joanna Birdsey m. Ephraim Watkins

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- 1. JOHN BIRDSEY, known as Deacon Birdsey, was from Reading, County Berkshire, England, and came to New England in 1636 and settled in Wethersfield, Conn., where he married Phillipa, daughter of Rev. Henry Smith. He removed to Milford, Conn., before 1641 and was in Stratford by 1649, where in 1669 he served as one of the Selectmen. (Colonial Records of Conn., 1665-1677, p. 522.) When his wife died has not been found, but it was before October 8, 1688, for on that date he made a marriage agreement with Alice, widow of Henry Tomlinson. He died April 4, 1690, aged 74 years, and his inventory filed in Fairfield, Conn., June 12, 1690, mentions wife Alice, son John and daughter Joanna, wife of Timothy Wilcockson.
- 2. JOHN BIRDSEY, son of John and Phillipa (Smith) Birdsey, was born in 1642, probably in Milford, Conn., and married December 11, 1669, in Stratford, Conn., Phebe Wilcockson, who died September 20, 1743, aged 92 years. He died January 9, 1697, aged 55 years.

Issue: Hannah, Mary, Sarah, Abel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Dinah.

3. ABEL BIRDSEY, son of John and Phebe (Wilcockson) Birdsey, was born in Stratford, Conn., in November, 1679, and married

there, June 8, 1704, Comfort Welles, who died June 1, 1717, daughter of John and Mary (Hollister) Welles. He died in Stratford, May 14, 1747. The Colonial Records of Connecticut, 1717-1725, state, p. 554, that he was Deputy to the General Assembly at New Haven, October 14, 1725, and the volume of 1726-1735, p. 94, shows that the General Assembly held at Hartford, May 11, 1727, appointed him Lieutenant of the South Company in Stratford (p. 293). He served as Deputy to the General Assembly at New Haven, October 8, 1730; p. 349, the same, October 14, 1731; p. 363, Deputy to the Assembly at Hartford, May 11, 1732; p. 403, Deputy to the Assembly at New Haven, October 12, 1732; p. 420, Deputy to the Assembly at Hartford, February 15, 1733, and p. 464, Deputy to the Assembly at New Haven, October 11, 1733.

He married second, February 25, 1718, Mrs. Mercy Denton of Hempstead, L. I., who died February 6, 1763.

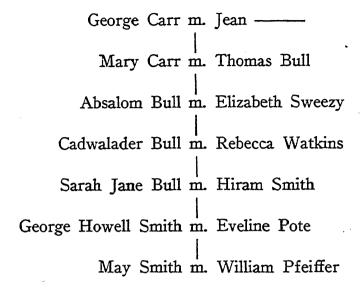
Issue by first wife: Mary, Elizabeth, Joanna, Phebe, John, Eunice, Eunice, Comfort, Samuel; by second wife: William, Sarah, Abel, and Thomas.

4. JOANNA BIRDSEY, daughter of Abel and Comfort (Welles) Birdsey, was born in Stratford, Conn., October 17, 1708, and died there February 17, 1758, as the wife of Ephraim Watkins, whose will was proven May 6, 1751.

See Watkins.

References: Colonial Records of Connecticut as given above; History of Stratford, Conn., pp. 127, 1149; Fairfield, Conn., Wills in Long Island Historical Society, pp. 33, 48.

CARR



1. GEORGE CARR was in Goshen, N. Y., before February 9, 1739, when he was named overseer by the will of John Thomson of that place, which was witnessed by William and David Carr. This establishes the fact that he must have been over twenty-one years of age at that time. The History of Orange County, N. Y., states under Warwick, that he settled in Amity, six miles from Warwick, 'near the New Jersey line, and that in 1755 he owned a negro slave.

He made his will in Florida, Orange County, N. Y., July 30, 1759, which was proven April 7, 1760. He bequeathed his son George the land "wherein I now live, and my negro man Jack," and mentions grandson George Smith. If his son George should die, his estate to belong to his daughters, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary Bull, Anna, Margaret Howell, Phebe, Sarah and Jean. He also mentions a grand-daughter Elizabeth Jackson and makes his wife, Jean, and his sons-in-law, Matthew Howell and Thomas Bull, his executors. The will was witnessed by George Bloom, John Martin and William Denn.

2. MARY CARR, daughter of George and Jean Carr, married Thomas Bull, born December 27, 1727, died June 16, 1801. She died before September 3, 1786, for on that date he married second, Sarah Gale, who died September 4, 1806.

See Bull.

References: History of Orange County, N. Y., pp. 560, 579; New York Wills, Vol. 3, p. 286; Vol. 5, p. 396; Calendar of Wills, p. 68.

EAGER

William Eager m. Elsa McGrada

Thomas Eager m. Martha McNeall

Lydia Eager m. Thomas Watkins

Rebecca Watkins m. Cadwalader Bull

Sarah Jane Bull m. Hiram Smith

George Howell Smith m. Eveline Pote

May Smith m. William Pfeiffer

1. WILLIAM EAGER and his wife, Elsa McGrada, with two children, Mary and Thomas, came to America about 1728 from Monaghan, Ireland, and tradition states that they first located in West-chester County, N. Y., staying there about thirteen years, when they removed to Orange County, locating at Neelytown. The McGrada family were Scotch, but had resided in Ireland over one hundred years prior to 1728.

William Eager lived and died on the farm he purchased in Neelytown and which was also the home of his son William and his grandson Thomas.

Issue: Mary, Thomas, William, Elizabeth, Ann, Jane.

2. THOMAS EAGER, son of William and Elsa (McGrada) Eager, was born in Monaghan, Ireland, about 1725, and married in Wallkill, N. Y., Martha, daughter of John and Martha McNeall of that place.

Thomas Eager made his will in Wallkill, June 24, 1789, which was proven June 26, 1792, and in 1906 the original was in Box 12 of Wills in Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y.

He names his wife Martha, amply providing for her as long as she is his widow, but if she remarried she was to have "no more than a good riding horse, saddle and bridle, a good feather bed and the furniture, and leave the premises."

He names his children as John, Thomas, Martha, Lydia, wife of Thomas Watkins; Miriam, wife of John Bowhanon; Jane, William, James and Edward, and appoints his wife and Thomas Watkins his executors.

3. LYDIA EAGER, daughter of Thomas and Martha (McNeall) Eager, married Thomas Watkins, whose will was proven in Goshen, N. Y., January 29, 1806.

Their marriage, December 20, 1781, is recorded in the Presbyterian Church in Goshen.

See Watkins.

References: Ulster County, N. Y., Wills, Vol. 2, pp. 94, 95; Presbyterian Church Records, Goshen, N. Y.; Eager's History of Orange County, N. Y., p. 302.

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1. JOHN HOLLISTER, who was made a freeman of Weymouth, Mass., May 10, 1643, could not have been the John of Wethersfield, Conn., as stated in the history of the latter place, for on March 2, 1642, he served on a jury which met in Hartford, according to the Colonial Records of Connecticut, 1636-1665, p. 81, and on November 15, 1644,

he was a member of the General Court which also met in Hartford (p. 114). It is quite unlikely that he went to Weymouth to be made a freeman in 1643.

He is named in the same records serving as Deputy to the General Court of Connecticut, December 1, 1645 (p. 133); February 5, 1645 (p. 117); April 10, 1645 (p. 124); September 11, 1645 (p. 130); October 8, 1645 (p. 132); December 1, 1645 (p. 133); May 16, 1650 (p. 207); May 21, 1650 (p. 208); October 21, 1653 (p. 248); October 29, 1653 (p. 248); November 23, 1653 (p. 249); November 30, 1653 (p. 250); April 6, 1654 (p. 252); May 18, 1654 (p. 256); July 11, 1854 (p. 261); September 14, 1654 (p. 264); March 7, 1654/1655 (p. 272); May 17, 1655 (p. 274); October 2, 1656 (p. 282); April 9, 1657, when he is first styled Lieutenant (p. 293); October 1, 1657 (p. 306); March 11, 1658 (p. 308); March 24, 1658 (p. 313); May 20, 1658 (p. 315); August 18, 1658 (p. 318); October 7, 1658 (p. 323); May 19, 1659 (p. 334).

On October 3, 1654, John Hollister of Wethersfield was appointed by the General Court of Connecticut to be one of a small committee to press men and necessaries in each town for an expedition against the Indians (p. 264), and on February 26, 1656, he was appointed by the same court "to give best and safest advice to the Indians if they agreed to meet and crave advice." (p. 288.)

The History of Wethersfield states he was appointed Lieutenant of the Train Band March 7, 1649/50, but in the Colonial Records he is first mentioned bearing that title April 9, 1657, as above stated.

A considerable portion of his farm in Wethersfield was in possession of his descendants until 1884, the old red house, built about 1675, being pleasantly located on the west bank of Roaring Brook.

He was born in England in 1612 and died in Wethersfield, Conn., in April, 1665. He married Joanna, daughter of Richard and Alice Treat and sister of Governor Robert Treat. She died in October, 1694.

Issue: John, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Thomas, Joseph, Lazarus, Stephen.

2. MARY HOLLISTER, daughter of John and Joanna (Treat) Hollister, married John Welles, born 1648, died March 24, 1713/14, grandson of Governor Thomas Welles of Connecticut.

See Welles.

References: History of Wethersfield, Conn., Vol. 2, pp. 428, 429; Hollister Genealogy, p. 35; Colonial Records of Connecticut.

McNEALL

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1. JOHN McNEALL, calling himself Junior, made his will in Wallkill, Orange County, N. Y., August 10, 1767, which was proven January 14, 1768. He bequeathed his farm of 400 acres to his eldest sons, Thomas and John, reserving the use of one-third of it to his wife Martha, as long as she was his widow. He stated that his son Edward was not 16 years of age and left provision for his clothes and schooling; named his unmarried daughters not 18 years of age as Susanah, Martha, Anne, Rebecca, Mary, Lydia, and gave his married daughter, Jane Butterfield, a young horse. He made his brother-in-law, William Boreland, and his son-in-law, Daniel Butterfield, his executors.

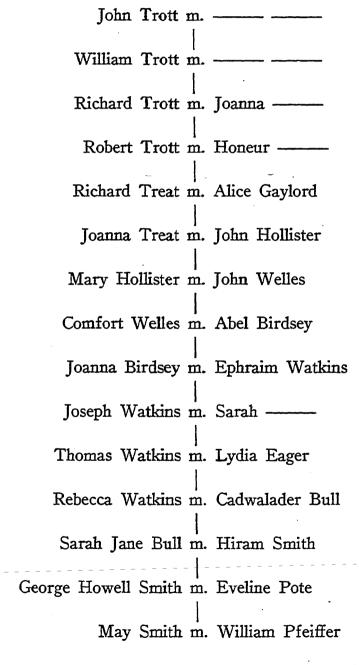
The ancestry of his wife has not been found. Her brother, William Boreland, left quite a large family in Wallkill in the 1770's.

On a farm once owned by Stephen Harlow in Wallkill, was an ancient flour mill, and when the town was organized in 1743 it was owned by John McNeall, who was connected with the Boreland family, both being original settlers from Ireland and in Wallkill by 1741. (History of Orange County, pp. 430, 431.)

^{2.} MARTHA McNEALL, daughter of John and Martha (Boreland) McNeall, married Thomas Eager, born about 1725, died in 1792 in Wallkill, N. Y. The date of her death has not been found.

References: History of Orange County, N. Y., by Eager, p. 302; Ulster County, N. Y., Wills, Vol. 2, p. 94; New York Wills, Vol. 7, p. 132.

TROTT-TREAT



1. JOHN TROTT of Staplegrove, near Taunton, England, was probably the father of Wm. Trott, as his name appears in the calendar of the Taunton Manor Rolls, 1458, 1463, 1473 and 1479.

- 2. WILLIAM TROTT, son of John Trott, appears in the same parish and hundred of Staplegrove, 1503, 1504, 1510. His children were William, Richard, Joanna, Lucy, Alice, John.
- 3. RICHARD TROTT, son of William Trott, died about 1571. He married Joanna, who was probably the Joanna who was buried in Otterford, August 14, 1577.

Issue: John, John, Robert, William, Tamsen.

4. ROBERT TROTT, son of Richard Trott, was buried in Pitminster, February 16, 1599. He married Honeur, who was buried there September 17, 1627.

Issue: Alice, John, Mary, Agnes, Tamsen, Richard.

5. RICHARD TREAT, son of Robert and Honeur Treat, was baptized in Pitminster, now the parish of Trull, Somerset, England, on August 26, 1584, and died in Wethersfield, Conn., late in 1669 or early in 1670, as he was living October 11, 1669, and his inventory was presented to the court March 3, 1669/70. He married in Pitminster, England, April 27, 1615, Alice Gaylord, who was baptized there May 10, 1594, daughter of Hugh Gaylord, who was buried there October 21, 1614. When she died is not known, but she survived her husband.

Richard Treat was in Wethersfield, Conn., before 1643, and served as Deputy to the General Court, 1644-1657; Magistrate and Assistant of Connecticut, 1658-1664; Corporator named in Connecticut Charter of Charles II, 1662.

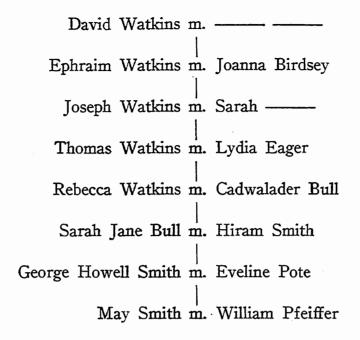
Issue, all born in England: Honor, Joanna, Sarah, Richard, Robert, Elizabeth, Susanne, Alice, James, Katharine.

6. JOANNA TREAT, daughter of Richard and Alice (Gaylord) Treat, was baptized in Pitminster, England, May 24, 1618, and died in Wethersfield, Conn., in October, 1694, as the wife of John Hollister.

See Hollister.

References: Treat Genealogy, pp. 13-33; Colonial Dames of New York, 1926.

WATKINS



1. DAVID WATKINS is first noted in Stratford, Conn., where he died and his estate distributed on February 8, 1714/15, to his heirs, David, the eldest son, the other children being named Samuel, Joseph, Benjamin, Ephraim, Hezekiah, Johannah and Elizabeth.

There have been found some suggestive evidences that he was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Watkins of Boston, Mass., but the proof of it is lacking. There was a David Watkins of Stratford, whose inventory was filed July 20, 1688, who had wife, Sarah Judson, and one child, Mary, named, which shows the family were early in that locality.

2. EPHRAIM WATKINS, son of David Watkins, married in Stratford, Conn., November 21, 1727, Joanna, born October 17, 1708, died February 17, 1758, daughter of Abel and Comfort (Welles) Birdsey.

He resided in Stratford until between 1738 and 1745, for on October 3, 1738, he was present there upon the division of some common land, but on March 17, 1745/46, he, of what was then Ulster County, N. Y., deeded Peter View of Stratford, Conn., what was known as "Toby's Wharf."

He made his will March 3, 1749, calling himself of Ulster County, N. Y., which was proven May 6, 1751, stating he was a carpenter and desired that his wife, Joanna, should have his negro girl, Flora, and names his children Joseph, Abel, Samuel, Ephraim, Hezekiah, Tabitha, Eunice, Joanna and Bridget.

He bequeaths his three youngest daughters, Eunice, Joanna and Bridget, one hundred acres of land in Orange County, which he had purchased from William Mapes, and named his wife, Joanna, and his brother, Hezekiah, executors.

Where he was buried has not been found, but his wife lies near her son Joseph in St. David's Cemetery, at Lincolndale in Hamptonburg, Orange County, N. Y., this cemetery formerly belonging to the St. David's Episcopal Church.

3. JOSEPH WATKINS, son of Ephraim and Joanna (Birdsey) Watkins, was baptized in Stratford, Conn., in October, 1732, and died in Hamptonburg, N. Y., December 16, 1774, aged 43 years, where he is buried. On April 16, 1770, he signed a petition as Church Warden and Vestryman of St. David's Episcopal Church, asking that a charter be granted.

He made his will as a resident of Wallkill, N. Y., December 7, 1774, which was proven January 17, 1775. He gave his wife, Sarah, whose maiden name has not been found, a negro woman and the use of one-half of his house and certain household utensils, the remainder of which he gave to his daughters, Sarah, Dolle and Deborah. To his son Thomas he devised one hundred acres of land in Orange County, which he had purchased from Daniel Reeve, and to his son Joseph, land and buildings in Ulster County, and to his youngest son, Abel, the remainder of his lands in Orange County, viz.: one hundred acres "that my father purchased of Wm. Mapes and thirty-three and three-quarters acres I purchased of Daniel Reeve and thirteen acres purchased of Daniel Reeve."

In a codicil, dated December 7, 1774, he instructs his executors to sell his lands in Connecticut. The executors were his brother Samuel and Stephen Harlow.

4. THOMAS WATKINS, son of Joseph and Sarah Watkins, was born November 19, 1759, and died January 4, 1806, and is buried in the Neelytown graveyard in Hamptonburg, Orange County, N. Y. He married in the Presbyterian Church in Goshen, N. Y., December 20, 1781, Lydia, daughter of Thomas and Martha (McNeall) Eager. Her date of death has not been found. He made his will in Wallkill, N. Y., January 21, 1806, which was proven January 29, 1806, and which is recorded in Liber 6, p. 302, of Wills, in Goshen, N. Y.

He does not name nor mention his wife nor his children, with the exception of his eldest daughter Rebecca, but states that he has two sons and three other daughters. He made his brother, Abel B. Wat-

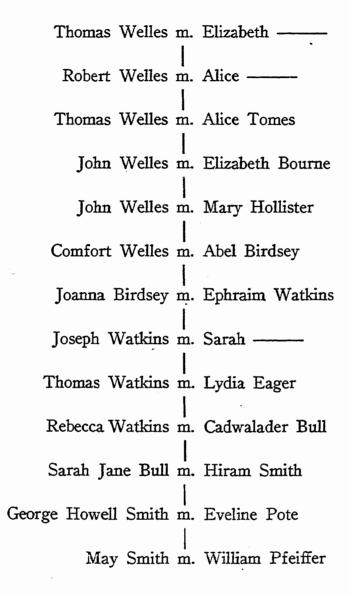
kins, and his brother-in-law, Jesse Booth, and his friend, Stephen Harlow, his executors. The Presbyterian Church Records of Goshen show that his daughter Rebecca was baptized August 13, 1786, and that he had twin daughters, Else and Sarah, baptized June 7, 1795, and Lydia Eager, baptized May 20, 1796, born May 18, 1796. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War in the Orange County Militia, under Col. John Hathorn. (N. Y. in the Revolution, p. 174.)

5. REBECCA WATKINS, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Eager) Watkins, was born May 18, 1786, baptized as above stated, and died April 12, 1821, as the wife of Cadwalader Bull, born August 9, 1785, whom she married February 22, 1806.

See Bull.

References: History of Stratford, Conn., pp. 285, 587, 1324; Independent Republican, Goshen, N. Y., of January 20, 1925; July 1, 1902; December 9, 1902; December 16, 1902; Calendar of Wills, pp. 459, 468; N. Y. Wills, Vol. 4, p. 335; Vol. 8, p. 242; Collections of Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and The Highlands, Vol. 9, p. 24; Wills, Fairfield, Conn., in Long Island Historical Society, pp. 197, 201, 202, 260, 466; Historical Mss. of New York, Part 2, English, p. 784.

WELLES



1. THOMAS WELLES of Stourton in Whichford, County Warwick, England, was buried there August 30, 1558, and was perhaps son of the Robert Wellys who was taxed in that place in 1523. Thomas Welles probably married first, Elizabeth, maiden name not known, who was buried in Whichford, January 11, 1552/53, and second, in Whichford, October 28, 1553, Elizabeth Bryan, who probably was the Elizabeth buried there October 4, 1558.

Issue by first wife: Ann, Robert.

2. ROBERT WELLES, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Welles, was baptized in Stourton, November 6, 1540, and died about 1619. He married Alice, who was living July 5, 1615, maiden name not known. His

uncle, Walter Welles, in his will of December 1, 1577, made him his residuary legatee and sole executor.

Issue: Robert, Thomas.

3. THOMAS WELLES, son of Robert and Alice Welles, married in England, soon after July 5, 1615, Alice, daughter of John Tomes. She died in Wethersfield, Conn., about 1640, certainly before 1646, for about the latter time he married second, Elizabeth, sister of John Deming, and widow of Nathaniel Foote. She died in Wethersfield, July 28, 1683, aged about 88 years.

On July 5, 1615, shortly before his first marriage, his father and older brother settled on him a house and lands in Burmington, County Warwick, and on February 7, 1627/28, he proved his brother's will as one of the executors. He owned, probably before he left England, one share in the Piscataqua patent of lands in what is now Dover, Durham, Stratham and parts of Newington and Greenland, N. H., and among the other owners were at least three other well known Connecticut settlers.

Thomas Welles, with his wife and six children, emigrated to New England before April 5, 1636, and after August 20, 1635. On June 9, 1636, he was in Boston, but he became one of the original proprietors of Hartford, Conn., and his home was on what is now the east side of Governor Street.

His name first appears in the Connecticut Colonial Records, March 28, 1636/37, when war was declared against the Pequot Indians, he being a member of the Court of Magistrates, a position he filled until his death.

He was elected Treasurer of the Colony, April 11, 1639, held the office two years, was re-elected May 17, 1649, and served three years; from 1640 to 1648 he was Secretary to the Colony, and Alternate Commissioner of the United Colonies in 1649, doing conspicuous work between that year and 1659 in effecting the union of the Connecticut and New Haven Colonies. In 1654 he was elected Deputy-Governor and in the absence of Governor Hopkins in England, he presided at all the meetings of the General Court for a year. He was re-elected Deputy-Governor in 1656, 1657, 1659 and Governor in 1655 and 1658.

Sometime between May 16 and October 10, 1646, he removed to Wethersfield, Conn., and the Connecticut State Prison in that place is built on the land once owned by him, and the house used as the warden's residence was built by Solomon Welles (1721-1802), his great-grandson. He died January 14, 1659/60, in Wethersfield, "very

suddenly," and Governor Winthrop wrote that he "was very well at supper but dead at midnight."

Issue by first wife: John, Thomas, Samuel, Mary, Ann, Sarah.

4. JOHN WELLES, son of Thomas and Alice (Tomes) Welles, was born in England and died in Stratford, Conn., between August 7 and 18, 1659. He married Elizabeth Bourne, who survived him and married second, March 19, 1662/63, John Wilcockson. He was made a freeman at the Connecticut General Court, April 10, 1645. His father gave him one-half of a house and lands in Farmington, Conn., but he had removed to Stratford, Conn., before April 2, 1652, when he sold his one-half share to his brother-in-law, John Thompson. He was Deputy to the General Court in May and October, 1656, and May and October, 1657. In 1658 he was elected Magistrate, and also in May, 1659.

On August 18/19, 1659, John Davenport, Jr., wrote Governor John Winthrop, "Sr we have lately heard yt Mr. Wells ye Majistreate at Stratford, is dead, of this disease, he complayned of a great burning in his stomach etc."

Issue: John, Thomas, Robert, Temperance, Samuel, Sarah.

5. JOHN WELLES, son of John and Elizabeth (Bourne) Welles, was born in 1648, and in the Colonial Records of Connecticut, 1678-1689, pp. 231, 246, he is called Srgt. John Welles, and in book 1689-1706, p. 141, the same; on p. 2 he is listed as a Deputy from Stratford, in September, 1689, and on p. 104, Deputy to the General Court, held October 12, 1693.

He married Mary, daughter of John and Joanna (Treat) Hollister, and died in Stratford, Conn., March 24, 1713/14.

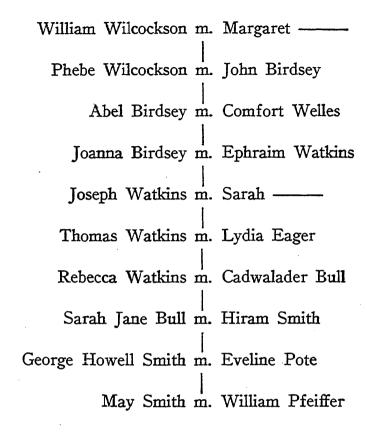
Issue: Mary, Thomas, Sarah, John, Comfort, Joseph, Elizabeth, Robert.

6. COMFORT WELLES, daughter of John and Mary (Hollister) Welles, was born about 1677, and married June 8, 1704, Abel Birdsey, born November, 1679, died May 14, 1747. She died June 1, 1717.

See Birdsey.

References: New England Register for 1926; Welles Family, p. 98; History of Wethersfield, Conn., Vol. 2, pp. 760, 762; Hollister Genealogy, p. 35; History of Stratford, Conn., p. 1149.

WILCOCKSON



1. WILLIAM WILCOCKSON was born in St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, in 1601. In 1636 he was a freeman of Massachusetts and lived some time in Concord, but removed to Stratford, Conn., in 1639, where he made his will in 1651, leaving a legacy to the Church in Concord, Mass. He was Deputy to Hartford on May 20, 1647 (Colonial Records of Connecticut, 1636-1665, p. 149). He married Margaret, maiden name not known, who, after his death, married William Hayden, and died in 1665.

Issue: John, Joseph, Samuel, Obadiah, Timothy, Elizabeth, Hannah, Sarah, Phebe.

2. PHEBE WILCOCKSON, daughter of William and Margaret Wilcockson, was born in 1651 and died in Stratford, Conn., September 20, 1743, aged 92 years, as the widow of John Birdsey, who died there January 9, 1697, aged 55 years, and whom she married there December 11, 1669.

See Birdsey.

References: Descendants of William Wilcoxson, pp. 5, 6; History of Stratford, Conn., p. 1346.

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