

**THE VERITY FAMILY
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THE VERITY FAMILY OF LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

The origin of the Verity family (or families) that settled on Long Island, New York,¹ is not clearly established at this time, although the evidence tends to favor England as the country of emigration in the middle 1600s with northern France as the probable ancestral country of origin of this family.²

Ferguson³ states, "Verity represents the stem, 'Werot,' from the Anglo-Saxon 'weorod,' meaning 'troop.'" Reaney⁴ says that the family name was derived from the French, Vérité, "truth," and is also spelled Varty; he and others also give Verty as a variation. Reaney shows the name to be an ancient one by referring to Richard le Veritie, on the tax rolls in Worcester, England, in 1275, and Thomas Verty, in 1379. Although firm documentation is lacking, Pelletreau⁵ indicated that at least one branch on Long Island had French connections. The closely related name of Verty (also as Virtie, Vertie, and Vertue) is recorded by Black⁶ in Scotland: Thomas Verty witnessed the proving of a deed of Dun, in Angus, 1473, and a William Verty was admitted burgess of Aberdeen, in 1485.⁷

The Verity family is also represented in South Wales and although Bardsley⁸ stated that he could not classify the origin of the name, recorded the earliest form found in Yorkshire, England, as one Agnes Verty, a widow, living there in 1379.

When did a member of the Verity family first come to the United States and, more specifically, to Long Island? By 20 May 1676, a John Verity was one of ten transported by a certain Samuel Raspin to Charles County, Maryland, "to inhabite."⁹ Pieter Veritie, a member of the New Utrecht Church, New Utrecht, NY, in 1677, removed to Staten Island, NY, where neither he nor his descendants, if any, appear in the records after that date.¹⁰

There is no record of any Verity family in the Towns of Hempstead or North Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, NY, where several families later settled, on the 1673 list of proprietors and freeholders, a similar list of 11 July 1691, or on the 31 August

1698 Census of Hempstead.

On 17 July 1701, a "W^m Verety," then a resident of East New Jersey, signed a petition asking to be taken under the government of the King (of England).¹¹

A James Vertû, Wiam Vertû and a J. Verité are found on a list of inhabitants of New York City in 1701 and 1702.¹² In a census of New York City taken about 1703, there is no Verity nor any name that might be considered a variation.¹³

Although it may cause a "twinge" to some family members, it is possible that some early Verity family members arrived in the American colonies from England as convicted criminals! Between 1615 and 1775, some 50,000 men, women and children were despatched to the American colonies. Most were sentenced for crimes which today might incur a small fine or, more likely, probation.¹⁴

In 1726, one John Verity, alias West, was reprieved from capital punishment (hanging) on condition of transportation to the American colonies for seven years for stealing a horse.¹⁵

Some time in September 1754, another John Verity was sentenced to the American colonies for seven years for stealing one mug.¹⁶

A certain Robert Verity¹⁷ was sentenced to be transported to the colonies from Warwickshire, England, in 1773. The reason for the (usual) seven year sentence is not given.

Perhaps the most colorful explanation of the settling of the Verity family on Long Island are two accounts by Banker¹⁸ who states that the Veritys are descendants of a James Verity who came to Long Island in the time of Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658). Born in the north of France, James Verity was in the French army in the confines of Turkey during the reign of Louis XIV of France (1643-1715) and was captured by the Turks. While a prisoner, he met and became attached to a Turkish woman by whose aid he escaped and, with her, returned to France, where they were married. Soon after this, he came to Long Island. According to Banker, one of his descendants was James Verity, born in Queens County, Long Island, in 1760, married, 1781, Hannah Gritman, said to be of German descent and had, among other children, James Gritman Verity, born 20 January 1786.

A second account, slightly different from the preceding, was told to Banker by Mrs.

Ruth (Verity) Davis, the **second** oldest child of James Gritman Verity (1786-1840). In this version, James Verity, father of James Gritman Verity, was born in France and came to this country (presumably the Long Island area), in 1776, as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married, by this account, Rebecca Gritman, a woman of Dutch descent and had five children: Rebecca, Charity, James, William, and Oliver.

While reserving judgment on the accuracy of either of the two foregoing versions of the Verity family on Long Island, there is a record of a marriage in St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Long Island, on 27 November 1780, of a "James Verity and Rebecca Grittman."

The earliest record of a Verity who is an ancestor of a Long Island branch may be that of the baptism on 19 October 1702, of Edward, son of William and Susanah (Sanson) Verity (see elsewhere), in the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, Long Island.

After 1720, the Verity name becomes more frequent on lists of marriages and baptisms on Long Island, although an examination of printed Long Island town records reveal little concerning this family.¹⁹ The parish register of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, contains many of these early records²⁰ and is one of the chief sources for the reconstruction of several early Verity family lines.

Another excellent source of early Verity family marriages are the notes of Capt. Evelyn Briggs Baldwin at the Huntington Historical Society, 209 Main Street, Huntington, NY, 11743.

Captain Evelyn Briggs Baldwin, a native of **Springfield, Missouri, 1862-1933**, Arctic explorer, was a meteorologist on Admiral Robert Peary's expedition to Greenland, 1893-1894. A descendant of George Baldwin, Sr., c. 1615-c. 1680, of Huntington (Eaton's Neck, 1663), he visited Long Island in 1903-1904, collecting records pertaining to the earlier generations of the Baldwin family in Gravesend, Huntington, and Hempstead. Since there were many Baldwin-Verity marriages, especially in the Town of Hempstead, his notes (in the Huntington Historical Society) have been used extensively in this work.

At his death, Baldwin's records were unpublished and Dr. Herbert F. Seversmith, 1904-1967, also a descendant of George Baldwin, Sr., a biologist with the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, and a contributing editor of *The American*

Genealogist, added to Baldwin's notes and included (some of) them in his *Colonial Families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut*. This work, privately mimeographed and circulated in 1949, uncompleted at his death, was in four volumes (only twenty-five copies were produced) and had limited circulation. Copies may be found at the Huntington Historical Society and another containing additions and corrections at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library, Long Island Collection. The Suffolk County Historical Society, Riverhead, NY, has volume I, only.

At the time of the first Federal population census in 1790, there were only eight Verity families on Long Island consisting of 39 individuals; six families in the Town of Hempstead and two families in the Town of Huntington.²¹ The 1800 Federal Census lists ten Verity families.²²

Although the most common form of the family name today is Verity, the following variations are found in records: Varety, Variety, Varite, Varitie, Varity, Varyte, Vearity, Vereity, Verety, Verita, Veritie, Veritty, Verrety, Verrity, Vertiy, Verty, Veryty, and Virity.

Unless indicated otherwise, all births, marriages, and deaths occurred on Long Island, New York. Seaford,²³ a village in the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, is considered by many to be the "seat" of the Long Island branch of the Verity family.

ENDNOTES

¹Matthew Verity, born 17 February 1794, Yorkshire, England, settled in the Springfield, OH, area in 1831, and died 1875, New Carlisle, OH. A descendant, C. William Verity, headed the Commerce Department during the latter years of President Reagan's administration. There appears to be no connection between this family and any Long Island Verity families.

²Early in 1974, by a fortuitous combination of circumstances, I was put in contact with Mr. Graham Verity, Egham, Surrey, England, a retired army career veteran (born 1915, Wales), who had spent the previous twenty-years gathering information about the Verity family in the United Kingdom and France. His completed history consisted of two typewritten volumes that had a total weight of fourteen pounds! Mr. Verity claimed that, "The history is unique, as it records the full history of a middle class family through the ages and is, as far as I know, the only such record in the world." The two indexed volumes are deposited in the National Library of Wales; the originals are located at the Public Record Office, Cardiff, Glamorganshire, Wales.

Mr. Verity died suddenly in November of 1975, and we had not been able, before his death, to "mesh" the two families on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean. No one has continued his research. However, in a letter of 27 March 1975, Mr. Verity hypothesized on a possible connection between the English and American branches and suggested the following:

There was a John Verity (Verty, in England) who was born about 1554, Sowerby, Yorkshire. His will was dated 18 February 1604, proved 13 May 1606. Married Anne _____ and had:

1. Anne Verity, died 15 September 1619. Had known issue.
2. Robert Verity, died 6 November 1623. Had known issue.
3. **PERHAPS**, according to Mr. Verity, a son, born about 1585, married, about 1611, who might have had a son, John Verity, the same who was in the United States (Maryland), by 1676.
4. Probably, according to Mr. Verity, other children.

[The relationship(s) suggested above to the John Verity of Maryland, is so tenuous that it should be entertained only in that light.]

Mr. Verity's letter continues: "Today the name Verity may be found in all of the counties of the U.K., but about 1600 the name of Verity was largely to be found in Yorkshire and Lancashire where the name was fairly 'common' (like the name Jones in Wales). Persecution (some English Veritys were Quakers) and in later years the Industrial Revolution caused many Verity families to move into other counties. I agree the Verity family today is very 'clannish,' each family keeping completely to itself, and holding on to any information they may have like 'limpets.' There is a branch of my family (outside the U.K.) to whom I have supplied history and many 'trees' of the family, and in return have received NOTHING." This author can certainly sympathize with Mr. Verity.

Again, I quote liberally from Mr. Graham Verity's letter of 27 March 1975: "A form of will in Latin dated August, 1367, is the earliest reference to any recorded Verity (in England), the will being that of William Vertyte, but I have been informed that there was an Adam Verity at an even earlier date, in one of the eastern counties.

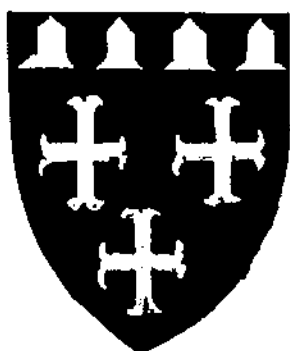
There is no doubt that the Veritys came to the United Kingdom on or after the Norman conquest and were of high French standing, bearing the name of de Verité, and largely came from Flanders and Picardy, and, in France, bore such names as: Roger de Verité (1239) who endowed the church of Notre Dame at Biarch; Jehan de Verité (1260) made prisoner by the English in a naval battle at L'Ecluse, in 1343 (an old man); Guillaume Cognier Perrinet Vertyté (1263); Raul Vertyté (1388) rendered service to the Order of St. John, at Jerusalem; Jean Verité (1422), a captain at Chateau de Londinieres, who was made Chevalier, in 1436.

The following are variations in the spelling of the name Verity in the United Kingdom: Vertyte, Veridee, Verty, Verly, Verody, Veritee, Vertyee, Veritie, and Vertie."

³Robert Ferguson, *Surnames As A Science* (New York: Heraldic Publishing Company, 1967), 116.

⁴P. H. Reaney, *A Dictionary of British Surnames* (London: Routledge and K. Paul, 1958), 335.

Reaney ascribes a coat-of-arms (below) to a family of Verity or Varty, which in heraldic terms, is described as: Gules three crosses moline or, a chief vair sable and ermine. (Three gold crosses of the type called moline on a red background with the top of the shield bordered by the white and black ermine pattern used in heraldry).



A coat-of-arms of a Verité family of Flanders, France, (below) is described as: D'azur au chevron d'argent, acc. on chef de deux croiss d'or et en d'un soleil même. (On the top of the shield two gold crescents on a blue background above a silver chevron. In the lower middle section, on a blue background, a gold sun with rays from its surface is shown with the surface of the sun containing a mimic of a face). J. B. Rietstap, *Armorial General* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company., 1965, reprint of 1950 edition). Vol. II, 990. An illustration of this device is shown in V. & H. V. Rolland's *Illustrations to the Armorial General*, by J.-B. Rietstap (London: Heraldry Today, 1967), Vol. VI, plate XCVI.



That either (or any) coats-of-arms were given to an ancestor of any Verity family on Long Island is certainly not to be assumed. The foregoing is inserted for those who may be interested in this ancient system of (family) recognition.

⁵William S. Pelletreau, *A History of Long Island, New York* (New York: Lewis Publishing Company, 1903), vol. III, 133-134. In the biography of William Verity Duryee, the author writes the following about his mother: "Elizabeth Verity was the daughter of William G. and Hope (Willet) Verity, of New Utrecht, L.I., being of French Huguenot extraction on her father's side."

⁶George F. Black, *The Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning and History* (New York: The New York Public Library, 1946), 794.

⁷Mr. Wilfred Verity, 3935 South Street, Seaford, NY, stated in a letter dated 8 January 1952, that, "My grandfather (Melvin Verity) believed his father's people came from Scotland."

⁸Charles W. Bardsley, *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1967), 781.

⁹Gust Skordas, *The Early Settlers of Maryland* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1986) Book Folio 357 (new pagination Folio 484).

"May 20, 1676. Came Samuella Raspin of Charles County and proved his right to five hundred acres of land for transporting Daniell Hust, Tim: Bancroft, Willm Skelton, Wm Thompson, Willm Esherick, **John Verity**, Nathl. Peirson, George Hodson, Ruth Grey, and Ann Wright into this province to inhabite: Warrant then granted to Samuella Raspin for five hundred acres of land due to him as abovesaid."

The date of 20 May 1676, is the date when Samuel Raspin entered his claim for the land "due to him" - the persons listed could have been transported some time before that date.

By the system of indentured service, any person over the age of 15 could bind himself or herself over to a shipping merchant who, in return for giving free passage to America, could sell him (or her) into servitude in the "plantations" for a period of two to seven years.

If, say, John Verity was fifteen in 1676, he would have been born in 1661; however, if older than fifteen, his birthdate would have been previous to 1661. There is no internal evidence in this document to make any assumptions about his age. It is probably safe to say that this John Verity did not come to America as a convicted criminal, however.

Since the Provincial Court Naturalization Index does not contain the name of a John Verity, there is all the more reason to assume that he was probably English. His "shipmates" appear to have English names. There is no further record of any Verity on land records or wills (in Maryland) nor does the name of John Verity appear in *Maryland Marriages, 1634-1777*, compiled by Robert Barnes, in 1975.

One can only guess that this John Verity served his indenture of two to seven years and perhaps left Maryland. If he stayed after his indenture time, there is no record of him there - nor of any other Veritys.

There is no documentary evidence, at this time, to assume that the John Verity of Maryland was an ancestor of any Veritys on Long Island

¹⁰Teunis Bergen, *Register of the Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island* (New York: S. W. Green's Sons, 1881), 369.

Perhaps far-fetched, but given here as a possible variation of the name Verity, there was a certain Peter Vereyde, a privateer who captained the ship "Raven," which "... came here in New Netherland, before the city of New Amsterdam, in the year 1654, in or about October, loaded with mahagony, copper, and some canella ..."

Where does this fit? From Peter Steven Gannon, ed., *Huguenot Refugees In The Settling Of Colonial America* (New York: The Huguenot Society of America, 1985), 412 (South Carolina): Elizabeth Veritty (also as Verdity) had 840 acres in Berkeley County, 8 December 1744; 200 acres, Santee River, 22 February 1745; and 300 acres, Craven (no date).

¹¹*Calendar of New Jersey Records 1664-1703*, New Jersey Archives, First Series, Vol. II, 394-397.

William (as W^m) Verety's signature was one of about 234 on a "Petition of the inhabitants of East Jersey asking to be taken under the government of the King, should the Proprietors not appoint a suitable person as Governor. We humbly pray (if it may be for your Majtys Service) That East and West New Jersey's may be one distinct Government." The petition was transmitted in a letter of Mr. R. Yard, Secretary of the Lords Justices on 17 July 1701.

As a possible aid in the identification of this William Verety (sic), his wife's sister was Mrs. Charles Gamberton. Notes on Verity family collected by Marguerite Verity Doggett, Queens Borough Public Library, Long Island Division, unpaged, undated, under "William Verity, petition of NJ, 1701." This author has not pursued this information.

¹²The following is inserted with many reservations although the surnames seem to be variations of Verity. The names, James and William, occur frequently in two of the early Verity lines on Long Island. The information is found in John R. Brodhead's *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New-York*, edited by E. B. O'Callaghan (Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company, 1854), Vol. IV:

- a. "Petition of the Protestants of New York to King William III, Citty of New-York, 30 December 1701," Wiam Vertue, James Vertu and J. Verité de

- b. "Address of the Inhabitants of the Province of New-York to Lord Cornbury. October 2, 1702 . . . the names of the Cheifest Inhabitants and Freeholders of the City and County of New-York who have put their hands and signed ye originall's addresse." Among others were James Vertû and J. Verité de Sorsoliel. Vol. IV, 1007.

*de Sorsoliel may mean, "of the sun's coming out" - as from behind a cloud. Since there is no village of that name in France, it may be the name of the family property - similar to John Jones, of "The Oaks," in our country.

¹³Ibid. In a census of New York City taken about 1703, there is no Verity nor any name that might be considered a variation.

¹⁴Peter Wilson Coldham, *Bonded Passengers To America* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), Vol. I, 9.

¹⁵Ibid., Vol. 9, pp. 58-59. This sentence was imposed on John Varity (sic) in Derbyshire, England, during the summer of 1726. It is possible that he sailed on the ship, "Forward," bound for Virginia with 129 others; sixteen died during the voyage. I have found no further record of this John Varity in America.

¹⁶Ibid., Vol. 3, p. 153. The detailed record of the trial was obtained from English records through correspondence with Mr. S. B. Lipscomb, a professional record searcher, of London, England, March, 1978.

John Verity was indicted for "stealing one silver quart mug, value £7, the property of Peter Mixter in the dwelling house of the said Peter, August 10, 1754." During the testimony, John Verity was described variously as a servant for nine months in the home of a Mr. Walker and as one who had "kept a publick house near Smithfield."

The very detailed record of the trial makes interesting reading and although a Thomas More sent a letter to Verity from France (read into the record) - "... that I, Thomas More, was the man that took the tankard from the Green-Dragon, Fleetstreet (home of Peter Mixter), and you are innocent of it, && . . .," the Judge found Verity guilty, fined him 39s and ordered him transported to America for seven years. Verity probably sailed on the "Ruby," port of destination not recorded but probably Virginia or Maryland.

I have found no further record of this John Verity in America. See Bernard Bailyn's, *Voyagers To The West* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1986) 292-295.

¹⁷Ibid., Vol. 9, 41.

¹⁸Howard Banker, *Banker or Banker Families of America* (Rutland, Vermont: The Tuttle Company, 1909), 185.

¹⁹*Oyster Bay Town Records* (New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1916); *Records of the Town of North Hempstead and South Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y.* (Jamaica: Long Island Farmer Print, 1897); *Huntington Town Records, Including Babylon, Long Island, N.Y.* (Huntington: The "Long Islander" Print, 1887).

- a. 1765, April 2. At a town meeting of this date, "it was Voted that No fish shall be Caught with a Seyne [seine net] this Year Within this Township . . . Immediately after the Town Meeting was over the undersigned persons came and protested Against the above Mentioned Vote about fishing." Among the eighteen who protested were James Verety, James Verety, Jr., and E'd Verety. *Hempstead Town Records*, Vol. 5, 4.
- b. 1769, November 3. Joseph Verity signed a petition against new roads that would " . . . Not Benefit the Publick." *Oyster Bay Town Records*, Vol. 6, 531.
- c. 1774, _____. A list of ear marks for cattle. "James Vereity (sic) - a half penny Each side the Near & a hole in the same & a Swallow fork in the off Ear." *Hempstead Town Records*, Vol. 6, 171.
- d. 1784, April 2. Edward Varity appears on "A list of the Poor Belonging to South Hempstead." *Hempstead Town Records*, Vol 6, 156.
- e. 1784, October 26. Joseph Verity, a blacksmith, sold cows and horses to David Jones, of Cold Spring. " . . . I Joseph Verity of Oysterbay South [Massapequa] . . . Blacksmith . . . for . . . the sum of Forty Nine Pounds Six Shillings & four pence . . . to me in Hand paid by David Jones . . . sell . . . All my Three cows and one gelding and one mare . . ." On this document, the mark of Joseph Verity appears as a small circle with a crude profile within. *Oyster Bay Town Records*, Vol. 6, 683.
- f. 1790, _____. An "Obediah Verrity" is listed on a census in Huntington as the head of a household consisting of five males and two females. For some reason this Obediah is not listed on the 1790 Federal Census in Huntington. *Huntington Town Records*. Vol. 3, 151.

²⁰John Sylvanus Haight, *Adventures For God: A History of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Long Island* (Binghamton, New York: Vail-Ballou Press, 1932), 151-278.

²¹*Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: New York* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1966), 155-157, 165. An entry shows the name of the head of the family; the first number indicates the number of

free white males of 16 years and upward, including the head of the family; the second is the number of free white males under 16 years of age; and the last the number of free white females:

Varity, Gilbert	South Hempstead	1, 0, 1
, James	"	1, 1, 3
, James, Jr.	"	2, 1, 1
, James, 3rd.	"	1, 2, 2
, John	"	1, 3, 2
, Joseph	"	1, 0, 3
, Samuel	Huntington	2, 3, 1
Verrity, Obediah*	"	- - -

*As stated previously, this family only appears on a census in the Town of Huntington with five males and two females; no age distribution given.

²²1800 Federal Census of Queens County, N.Y., microfilm M-32, Reel #25:

Verita, William*	Huntington
Verity, Ezekiel	South Hempstead
, James	"
, James	"
, James, Jr.	"
, John	"
, James	Oyster Bay
, Obadiah	"
, Samuel	South Hempstead
Verrily, James**	"

*I believe this to be the census taker's error and that Verity was meant.

**I believe this to be "Verrity; the "t" was not crossed.

²³Many members of the Verity family settled in the area of present-day Seaford. On 16 March 1838, a post office was established there as Jerusalem South. Shortly after that it became Atlanticville but this name was never recognized by the Federal Government since there was another Atlanticville further east (present-day East Quogue). It then became known as Veritytown and, finally, on 7 January 1868, the name was changed to Seaford. Augusta Walsh, "The Seaford Post Office," *Seaford Historical Quarterly*, Seaford, New York, Winter, 1982, Vol. XIII, No. 4, 3.

According to George L. Weeks, Jr., then Seaford Village Historian, Hempstead South was the earliest name for Seaford. George L. Weeks, Jr., "Facts About Seaford," *Seaford Chamber of Commerce, Seaford, New York*, 1935, p. 3. This statement does not agree with a similar statement in Proehl and Shupe, following:

Jerusalem was the area of present-day Wantagh. Hempstead South [and earlier Raynortown] applied to present-day Freeport while South Oyster Bay [or Oyster Bay South] was an earlier name for the Massapequa area. Karl H. Proehl and Barbara Shupe, *Long Island Gazetteer* (New York: LSA Publishers, 1984), various pages.

WILLIAM and SUSANAH (SANSON) VERITY

William Verity,¹ born about 1677, ancestry and place of birth unknown.² Married, about 1700/1, Susanah Sanson,³ born about 1680, ancestry and place of birth unknown.

They had, at least:

1. Ada Corts (sic) Verety (sic), hereafter Edward Verity, baptized 19 October 1702, as "Ada C(?)orts,"⁴ [child of] William Verety and Susanah Sanson," in the First Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica, NY. I believe this to be the same Edward Verity⁵ who married, 25 August 1728,⁶ St George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, hereafter SGH, Hannah Seaman,⁷ both of Hempstead. They had, at least:

- a. Edward Verity, Jr.,⁸ born about 1732, married, c. 1757, Hannah _____. They had, at least:

- i. Martha Verity, baptized 3 February 1762, SGH, as "daughter of Edward and Hannah Verity." She is probably the same who married, 27 July 1777, Gilbert Johnson at the same church, he baptized SGH, 8 June 1759, died 19 February 1850, the son of William Johnston (sic) and Mary _____. The father was baptized SGH 23 July 1736, as William Johnson (sic). Both Gilbert and Martha are buried in the Rockville Centre Cemetery, #102. A footstone next to Gilbert reads, "M J," with no dates. Gilbert and Martha (Verity) Johnson had:

- (1). Gilbert Johnson, Jr., baptized SGH, 19 August 1782.
- (2). Isaac Johnson, baptized SGH, 8 January 1786.
- (3). Silvanus Johnson, baptized SGH, 17 July 1791, died 1 May 1858.

Married, 29 October 1812, Rosetta Langdon.

[The above line of Gilbert and Martha (Verity) Johnson was contributed by Diane (Verity) Joseph, McLean, VA, March, 1992.]

- ii. Probably others.

- b. James Verity, born about 1738.⁹ Married ____ June 1761, SGH, Mary Johnson, his

first cousin, she baptized SGH, 13 June 1740, daughter of John and Sarah (Verity) Johnston (the Johnson/Johnston name is not consistent). They had, at least:

- i. Gilbert Verity,¹⁰ born about 1762, died before 11 February 1821, when he is called "deceased" on his widow's will of that date.¹¹ He married Mary _____. Children, if any, unknown.
- ii. Probably others.
- c. Perhaps William Verity.¹²
- d. Probably others.

The following is speculative and the names listed below as other children of William and Susanah (Sanson) Verity are based on the correspondence of birth dates, similarity of given names, place of marriage and a probable relationship of the marriage partners of Edward Verity and Martha Verity. Therefore, perhaps William and Susanah Verity also had:

2. Elizabeth Varitie (sic),¹³ born about 1703/4, married Roelof Van Vleck. They had, at least:
 - a. Grietje Van Vleck, baptized 24 July 1723, Dutch Reformed Church, New York City, Jan Cannon and Rachel Barkëyt, sponsors.
 - b. Daniel Van Vleck married Vrouwtje Jercks.¹⁴
3. Martha Verity, born about 1705, married, 13 October 1728, SGH, John Seaman.¹⁵
4. Sarah Verity,¹⁶ born about 1707, married, 19 January 1728/9, Old First Presyterian Church, Huntington, John Johnston, born about 1704, son of John and grandson of Henry Johnston.¹⁷ John and Sarah (Verity) Johnston had:
 - a. John Johnston, baptized SGH, 23 July 1736. Married, SGH, _ January 1750, Sarah Thurston. They had, birth order unknown:
 - i. Jacob Johnson (sic) baptized SGH, 7 October 1759, as "son of John and Sarah Johnson."¹⁸
 - ii. Samuel Johnson, baptized SGH, 7 May 1788.
 - iii. Richard Johnson, baptized SGH, 7 May 1788. Married SGH. 15 December 1796, Susanna Hulse, no doubt the same who was baptized with two sisters as

the children of Flower and Elisabeth Hulce (sic), SGH, 19 August 1782. They had (birth order unknown, but probably):

- (1). Sarah Johnson, baptized SGH, 16 July 1797.
- (2). Richard Johnson, baptized SGH, 28 May 1801.
- (3). Samuel Johnson, baptized SGH, 30 October 1808.
- (4). Jackson Johnson, baptized SGH, 22 February 1811.

iv. John Johnson, baptized SGH, 7 May 1788, died 9 August 1856, buried SGH.

Married SGH, 7 March 1798, Elizabeth Hulse, born about 1778, died 4 August 1849, buried SGH, daughter of Flower Hulse. They had:

- (1). Charles Johnson, baptized SGH, 13 August 1802. Married, 1833, Malitta(?) Southard.
- (2). Anna Johnson, baptized SGH, 1 March 1805.
- (3). Stephen Johnson, twin to Anna, baptized SGH, 1 March 1805. Married, 24 August 1826, Bethiah Gritman.
- (4). Jarvis Johnson, baptized SGH, 21 April 1808, buried SGH.
- (5). Margaret Johnson, baptized SGH, 24 February 1810, died 20 February 1887. Married SGH, 26 February 1826, she then of Hicks North, Richard Verity, a farmer, born 22 September 1803, probably in or near Baldwin, died 8 October 1859, the son of Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity. See the line of Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity, elsewhere, for the descendants of Richard and Margaret (Johnson) Verity. Richard and Margaret (Johnson) are buried in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Freeport.
- (6.). Hewlett Johnson, baptized, SGH, 26 July 1812. Married, 15 December 1832, Mary Ann Morton.
- (7). Rebecca Johnson, twin to Hewlett, baptized SGH, 26 July 1812. Married 1 September 1830(?), Treadwell Smith.

v. Jarvis Johnson, baptized SGH, 7 May 1788.

b. Sarah Johnston, baptized SGH, 23 July 1736.

c. Jacob Johnston, baptized SGH, 23 July 1736.

- d. William Johnston, baptized SGH, (as William Johnson) 23 July 1736. Married Mary _____. They had, at least:**
- i. Gilbert Johnson, baptized SGH, 8 June 1759, died 19 February 1850. Married, SGH, 27 July 1777, Martha Verity, (see #1,a,i this line) probably the same baptized SGH, 3 February 1762, daughter of Edward, Jr., and Hannah (_____) Verity. They had:**
 - (1). Gilbert Johnson, Jr., baptized SGH, 19 August 1782.**
 - (2). Isaac Johnson, baptized SGH, 8 January 1786, died September, 1829.**
 - (3). Silvanus Johnson, baptized SGH, 17 July 1791, died 1 May 1858. Married, 29 October 1812, Rosetta Langdon.**
 - e. Ruben, "son of John and Sarah Johnston," baptized SGH, 13 November 1737.**
 - f. Mary, "daughter of John and Sarah Johnston," baptized SGH, 13 June 1740**
Married SGH, June 1761, James Verity, perhaps the same born c. 1739, possibly the son of William and Jane (Wright) Verity, she of Oyster Bay, daughter of Andrew and Mary(_____) Wright. No data on family, if any.
 - g. Joseph Johnson (sic), baptized SGH, 16 June 1751.**
 - h. Samuel Johnson (sic), baptized SGH, 5 July 1754. Married Sarah or Martha _____.**
 - i. Uriah Johnson, "son of John and Sarah Johnson," baptized SGH, 2 December 1756.**
- 5. William Verity, born about 1714, married, 30 March 1740, SGH, Jane Wright, of Oyster Bay. Since the placement of this William and Jane (Wright) Verity here is somewhat uncertain, their descendants are treated (as a separate family line) elsewhere.**
- 6. James Verity, born about 1720, married 22 July 1744, SGH, Abigail Wood. Since the placement of this James and Abigail (Wood) here is somewhat uncertain, their descendants are treated (as a separate family line) elsewhere.**

ENDNOTES

¹Could this be the same "Wm Verety," one of about 234 who signed a petition in East New Jersey on 17 July 1701, "... asking to be taken under the government of the King, should the Proprietors not appoint a suitable person as Governor?" *Calendar of New Jersey Records 1664-1703*, New Jersey Archives, First Series, Vol. II, 394-397.

²Is there a possibility that William Verety (Verity) was the son of the John Verity who was in Maryland by 20 May 1676?

³Susanah's surname was recorded as Lanson in Josephine Frost's records, c. 1930s. "When Dr. Stryker-Rodda checked this record in the original books prior to publication of these records in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, hereafter NYGBR, Vol. 105, 10-17, he corrected the wife's name to Susanah Sanson and found the name of the child as I have given it [AdaCorts]." Correspondence, Mrs. Kenneth (Harriet) Stryker-Rodda, 27 March 1979.

Although no connection is assumed, there was a Sanson family in France, originally from the area of Dieppe. One Charles Sanson was born in Abbeville, France, in 1635. A brother, Jean-Baptiste Sanson, born 1624, removed to Quebec, Canada. No further investigation done.

The Sanson family were the hereditary executioners of France. See Henri Sanson, *Executioners All; Memoirs of the Sanson Family, 1688-1847* (London: Neville Spearman Ltd., 1962).

⁴Following is an enlarged photocopy of a baptismal record from the Dutch Reformed Church, Jamaica, NY, written and transcribed from the original, in 1805, by Dingman Versteeg, for many years the official translator of the Holland Society of New York, from the files of the Holland Society of New York, 122 East 58th Street, New York, NY, 10022. Correspondence, 9 February 1988.

October 19, 1702

child

parents

Ada Corts. William Verety.
Susanah Sanson.

It is the interpretation of this entry that is troublesome.

Is it "Verety" or "Veriety?" Examination of other transcriptions (same page) shows that Versteeg was precise in his dotting of an "i" - note his "i's" in William. There appears to be no dotting of an "i" in Variety. Therefore, hereafter, the form Verety or Verity will be used.

In Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda's transcription of the same record (above), "Records of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, Long Island," NYGBR, Vol. 105, No. 1, January, 1974, 10-17, this entry appears (p. 13) as:

William Verety
Susanah Sanson

Adacorts

The interpretation of "Ada Corts" or "Adacorts" is also troublesome. What name, if any, is the modern equivalent? Dr. Stryker-Rodda (correspondence, 23 February 1988) wrote, "Although I made my transcriptions of the Jamaica records more than 15 years ago, I do recall having puzzled over the entry you mention. The Dutch had trouble with English names: witness 't Jarels for Charles. The baptismal name might have been meant for Edward, and the confusion of letters and a space between parts (as shown by Versteeg) might have resulted from an attempt to make a w-sound in the middle of a word."

What appears to be a "C" in "Corts" cannot be confused with an "E" since an Elizabeth Muncy is clearly written immediately preceeding the "Ada Corts" entry and a "C" is clearly shown as such in other transcriptions by Versteeg on the same page. The unusual "C" in the transcription is unique and might have been the scribe's attempt to insert an "E" at that position. I have rendered the name as "Ada Eorts."

Perhaps the scribe (for the original entry) heard the name Edward as "Ad-a-worts" and spelled it phonetically with the unusual looking "C" in an attempt to put a "w" sound in the middle of the name as Stryker-Rodda suggests. I believe this to be a plausible explanation of this entry and am convinced that "Ada Corts" or "Adacorts" was meant to be "Edward."

Mrs. Isabel Egan, Consulting Genealogist, The Holland Society of New York (correspondence, 9 February 1988), in answer to a suggestion that "Ada Corts/Adacorts" might be a Dutch attempt at spelling Edward, stated: "Edward is not a modern version of that name. I could find no Dutch equivalent of Edward . . . Adda is Adeline."

⁵I have assumed, for reasons given above, that the Edward Verity married on that date is the same as the "Ada Corts/Adacorts/Ada Eorts" of the baptism record.

⁶John Sylvanus Haight, *Adventures For God: A History of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Long Island* (Binghampton, New York: Vail-Ballou Press, Inc., 1932), 153.

⁷Hannah Seaman may have been the daughter of Jonathan and Jane (____) Seaman and the granddaughter of Capt. John and first wife, Elizabeth (Strickland) Seaman. See Mary Thomas Seaman, *Links in Genealogy: Memorial of Samuel Hicks Seaman and His Wife Hannah Richardson Husband* (New York: Tobias A. Wright, Inc., 1927), chart, p. 12.

⁸An Edward veryty (sic) was taxed three shillings on the Hempstead tax list of 1746-1747. *NYG&BR*, John R. Sprague, 3rd, J.D., "Hempstead Tax List 1746-1747," 221. This was Edward Verity, Sr.

There was an Edward Verity on the list of the poor of the Town of Hempstead, 12 April 1784. If Edward, Jr., he would have been about 52 years of age; if Edward, Sr., 81 years of age. It is more likely that it refers to Edward, Sr. *Hempstead Town Records*, Vol. 6, 156.

The following appears, about 1753, in the Town of Hempstead's parish records: "Ed Verity for keeping Peagrone [Pigeon's] gule [girl] since mother's death 14s." Quoted in Bernice Marshall, *Colonial Hempstead*, second edition (Port Washington, New York: Ira J. Friedman, 1962), 121. Probably Edward, Sr.

An Edward Verity (as Veryty) appears on a c. 1760 militia list of Capt. John Birdsall's Company. This was probably Edward, Jr. A William Veryty (sic) is also on the same list. Family records of Mr. William Carman, of FL, formerly of Islip hamlet, donated, 1993, to the Long Island Studies Institute, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. These papers are an untapped source of unpublished records from about 1700 to 1840, of Queens County events.

There is no Edward Verity on the 1790 Federal Census.

⁹The following militia records *may* pertain to (this) James Verity. If not, they are the records of an unidentified James Verity. *The Second Annual Report and Third Annual Report of the State Historian of the State of New York*, Albany, New York, 1897, 551, 856, 861, 907:

On _____ 1758, a James Verrity (also as Veritie) was a member of the Queens County Militia commanded by "Capt. Richard Hewlet." Born in Queens County, he enlisted at age 19 [therefore born about 1739] on 10 April 1758, and was then 5 feet 5 inches tall, a cordwainer [shoemaker], who had a "fair complexion."

On 31 March 1759, age 20, he reenlisted in Capt. Richard Huletts (sic) company out of Capt. Birdsall's Company [Birdsall's Company was made up of men from the Massapequa, Wantagh, Seaford areas]. He had grey eyes, brown hair, a ruddy complexion and "a mole on y^e left side of his nose."

On 14 April 1760, he reenlisted in Capt. Wright's Company out of Capt. [John] Birdsall's Company. He was now five feet eight and one-half inches tall, now had blue eyes and a fair complexion.

There is no further record of this James Verity in the Queens County Militia.

The following record of a James Verity is not genealogically clear. This name appears on a "Declaration signed by Sundry Inhabitants of Queens County, New York," on 19 January 1776. Frederick G. Mather, *The Refugees of 1776 From Long Island to Connecticut* (Albany: J. B. Lyon Company, 1913), 1052-1053.

¹⁰This may be the same Gilbert Varity (sic) of the 1790 Census of South Hempstead who was, by that census, married but no issue indicated. A Gilbert Verity does not appear on the 1800 census.

This may be the same Gilbert Verrity (sic) of the following record:

A Gilbert Verrity served as a private in Capt. Henry DeBois' Company, 2nd New York Regiment of Foot commanded Colonel Philip Cortland. This company was also designated at various times as Capt. Henry Dubois' 7th and 8th Company.

Gilbert Verrity served from January, 1781 until December, 1783. The following data is from the company muster and pay roll:

January-May, 1781, muster at Schoharie, rate of pay was \$6.00 per month.

June-December, 1781, muster at Hutts Pomplon.

January-May, 1782, muster at Hutts Pomplon.

June 18, 1782, under "Casualties" on muster roll: "Comma(nd? not clear) Smiths Cleve."

July-December, 1782, No location listed on muster roll.

January-May, 1782, No location listed on muster roll. This is the last entry - apparently Gilbert Verity was discharged about May of 1783.

Gilbert Verrity was issued Bounty Land Warrant Number 7918 for 100 acres on 179_ (sic). On that date the 100 acres was assigned to Abel Henry Smith.

In the *Balloting Book, and Other Documents Relating to the Military Bounty Lands in the State of New York* (Albany, N.Y., 1825), the following is found:

p. 45. Gilbert Verrity, 2nd New York Regt., Company of Capt. Henry Pawling, Lot 21, Town of Hector, 21,600 acres, 8 July 1790.

p. 135. Gilbert Verrity, lot 21, Town of Hector [located in the northern part of Schuyler County bordering the SE shore of Seneca Lake and part of the military tract].

p. 181. Gilbert Verrity, 2nd [NY Regt.] patentee, delivered to Jacob Clingman.

Gilbert is a seldom used Verity given name. It does appear several times in the Greenport branch of this family. See descendants of Gilbert? and Dorothy Verity elsewhere in this work..

¹¹On 15 May 1821, the will of Mary (____) Verity made 11 February 1821, was proved: "Mary Verity, Hempstead, widow of Gilbert Verity deceased. To Ruth, wife of Henry

Mott of Hempstead all real and personal estate.” Executors were Henry Mott (son of Ruth) and Stephen Pettit. Mary Verity made her mark. Witnesses were Joseph, Amelia and Richard Bedell. John Ewell Wilson, *An Index of Administrations of Queens County, New York, 1787-1908*, Long Island Collection, The Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, New York, 1938, Lib. D: 363, 67.

What can be inferred from the above document? It would seem that Gilbert and Mary were childless. Ruth Mott might have been her sister. Would the three Bedell witnesses suggest that Mary’s maiden name was Bedell?

¹²Inserted here as a possibility. He may have been the William Verity (sic) on the militia list of c. 1760, with Edward Verity, a presumed brother. See endnote number 8.

¹³See “Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New - Baptism” *NYGBR*, Vol. 19, 165-172. Although “Varitie” seems to be a variation of Verity, this entry should be viewed with some skepticism until more substantial documentation is forthcoming.

¹⁴*Ibid.* On __ November 1749, “Elizabet Varyte,” widow of Roelof Van Vleck, was a witness to the baptism of Elizabet, the daughter of Daniel and Wrouwtje (Jercks) Van Vleck.

¹⁵Was John Seaman related to Hannah Seaman, she who married Edward Verity, the presumed brother of Martha Verity?

¹⁶Mrs. Robert (Diane Verity) Joseph, 6515 Deidre Terrace, McLean VA, correspondence, 1985-1994, postulates that William Verity and Susanah Sanson were the parents of Sarah Verity based on the following: On 23 July 1736, a “William Verity and Sarah Johnston, adults,” were baptized at SGH (Haight, 225). The suggestion here is that William Verity was the father of Sarah Johnston. Furthermore, on the same date, at the same place, four children of John and Sarah (Verity) Johnston were baptized: John, Sarah, Jacob and William (my emphasis). Haight, 226.

Assuming that the foregoing relationship is correct, **Mrs. Joseph presents a Johnston (Johnson) line** shown here. The author reserves judgment although accepting the possibility of its accuracy.

¹⁷On the Hempstead Census of 1698, Henery (sic) and Martha Johnson (sic) had children Susanah, Martha and John. Edward D. Harris, “The Hempstead Census of 1698,” *NYGBR*, Vol. XLV, January, 1914, 54-68.

¹⁸From this date on, Johnston and Johnson become interchangeable in the SGH records.

WILLIAM and JANE (WRIGHT) VERITY

William Verity, perhaps the son of William and Susan (Sanson) Verity, was born about 1714 and may have died before 1790 since a William Verity is not listed on the census of that year. He may have been the same "Will Verity" on a militia list of 1738.¹ If the same, a William Verity married, 30 March 1740, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead (SGH) Jane Wright of Oyster Bay, daughter of Andrew Wright,² a school teacher of Staten Island, and his wife, Mary _____.

It is assumed that William established the Oyster Bay branch of the Verity family.

William and Jane (Wright) Verity may have had:³

1. William Verity (perhaps the 3rd), born about 1741, probably died before 1783.

Married, 1 August 1762, SGH, Margaret Gritman, who was baptized there

___ March 1745, probably the daughter of John and Anne (Valentine) Gritman.⁴

Did she as "widow Margaret Verity (sic)" marry, 28 February 1783, SGH, Joseph Burgess? William and Margaret (Gritman) Verity may have had:

- i. Samuel Verity, born about 1763, married 8 August 1784, SGH, Zipporah

Wilson, both of Oyster Bay. See line of Samuel and Zipporah elsewhere.

- ii. Hannah Verity, born about 1764, married 13 February 1782, SGH, William Wood, she of Oyster Bay.

- iii. Mary Verity, born about 1766, married, 28 September 1788, SGH, Lawrence Haff, she of Oyster Bay South.

- iv. Joseph Verity, born about 1770, married 19 March 1796, SGH, Millicent Baldwin, he of Oyster Bay, she of North Hempstead.

- v. Ruth Verity, born about 1773, married 4 August 1793, SGH, James Verity, her second cousin, son of James Verity, Sr., and first wife, Sarah Smith.

See line of James and Ruth (Verity) Verity elsewhere.

2. Perhaps a child born about 1743.⁵

3. Perhaps a child born about 1746.

4. Perhaps a child born about 1750.

5. Perhaps a child born about 1755.

6. Perhaps a child born about 1760.

ENDNOTES

¹In 1738 (no further date identification), a "Will Verity" appears on the roll of militia as a member of a Queen's County Company, commanded by Capt. Jacob Hicks. Since this Will[iam] must have been at least sixteen years old in this year to have been in the militia, I am reasonably certain that this is the same Will[iam]. *Second Annual Report of the Historian of the State of New York* (Albany: 1897) 576-7.

²Correspondence with the Staten Island Historical Society has failed to further identify Andrew Wright and he cannot, at this time, be shown to be a member of the Wright family that was early associated with the Oyster Bay area. The will of Andrew Wright was dated 5 December 1749, proved 16 March 1748/9, Liber 16, page 232 1/2, New York City Surrogate's Court.

³Suggested, in part, by Arthur S. Wardwell, Brooklyn, NY. Correspondence, 8 February 1950.

⁴See Addendum, "The Gritman Family."

⁵Although there is no documentary evidence, I suggest that there was a Joseph Verity born to William and Jane (Wright) Verity in this or the following four (or more) positions. Perhaps William and Margaret (Gritman) Verity, who named a son Joseph, was the brother and sister-in-law of this postulated Joseph and named their son after him.

Whether or not the above is correct, there are records of a Joseph Verity who must have been born some time in the 1740s. See Addendum, "A Joseph Verity."

JAMES and RUTH (VERITY) VERITY

James Verity, 3rd, son of James, Jr., and first wife, Sarah (Smith) Verity, was born about 1773. He married, 4 August 1793, SGH, his second cousin, Ruth Verity, the daughter of William and Margaret (Gritman) Verity, of Oyster Bay. They had twelve children all born in Oyster Bay.¹

1. Phebe Verity, born 8 February 1794.
2. James Verity, 4th, born 14 June 1796.
3. William Verity, born 11 October 1798.
4. Abigail Verity, born 28 February 1801.
5. Joseph Verity, born 22 June 1803, died 11 September 1882, Roslyn. A ship carpenter, he was living in South Hempstead, in 1850, Roslyn in 1860, and Port Washington, in 1870. Married, 1st, _____, who died in 1844. They had:
 - a. James Verity, born 30 October 1830. A boatman, he married Susan Clark Hults, born 1840, probably the daughter of Jacob and Mary A. Hults, of Roslyn. They had:
 - i. Fanny E. Verity, born 1859, died before 1870?
 - ii. Robert S(eaman?) Verity, born 1862, called "Seaman" on 1870 Census.
 - iii. Louise Verity, born 1867, married _____ Blankmeyer and had:
 - (1). Jane Elizabeth Blankmeyer, born 9 November 1890, living in 1967, unmarried, when she supplied the Bible records of the dates of birth of the children of James and Ruth (Verity) Verity.
 - iv. Eugene Verity, born 1870.
 - v. Joseph Verity, born 1872.
- b. Fanny Verity, born 1839.
- c. John Verity, born 1842, a boatman.
- d. Phineas Verity, born 1843 or 1844, a boatman, died 23 September 1890. Married, 28 August 1861, Susan Cornwell, both residents of Roslyn, Town of Hempstead. Phineas was a Civil War veteran of Company C, 15th N.Y. Engineers.



BALDWIN PHOTO COLLECTION

Amy Verity

1811-1895

Daughter of James and Ruth (Verity) Verity

Married Jesse Baldwin, 1802-1871, son of
Abraham and Rebecca (Stratton) Baldwin

Joseph Verity married, 2nd, Jane _____, born 1821, who was by the 1860 Census of Roslyn, a tailoress. They had:

a. Emily Verity, born 23 December 1847, died 4 April 1938. Married, 31 December 1864, Charles B. Seaman.

b. Abby Ann Verity, born 1860.

c. Julia Verity, born 1862.

6. Mary Verity, born 18 January 1806.

7. Stratton Verity, born 19 June 1808.

8. Amy Verity, born 1 January 1811, died 18 February 1895. Married Jesse Baldwin, born 1802, Wantagh, and died there before 20 June 1871, when his will was proved. Surrogate Court, Queens County, "Index of Wills, Queens County," Vol. I, Liber 17, 440. A farmer, Jesse Baldwin was the son of Abraham and Rebecca (Stratton) Baldwin. They had (all children born in Wantagh):

a. William Baldwin, born 1828, died about 1912. Married Elizabeth Dennis, born 1830, the daughter of Jones and Elizabeth Dennis, of Farmingdale. They had:

i. William Baldwin, Jr., born 1853.

ii. Phoebe Jane Baldwin, born 1856, married Frank Hubbs.

iii. James Baldwin, born 1856, married Liza Denton.

iv. Charles L. Baldwin, born 1857, married Nellie _____

v. Gilbert Baldwin, born 1859, never married.

vi. Katherine Baldwin.

vii. Georgianna Baldwin married Charles Johnson.

viii. Elizabeth Baldwin married Leonard Poff (or Paff).

ix. Isabell Baldwin married Otto Schneider.

b. Benjamin Smith Baldwin, born 31 August 1830, died 23 July 1904, Islip.

Married, 10 February 1850, Anna Maria Pullis, born 7 July 1830, Williamsburgh, N.Y., died 31 October 1914, Islip, the daughter of Peter and Charlotte (Hallock) Pullis, of Bay Shore.² They had:

i. Julia Ann Baldwin, born 4 December 1850, Bay Shore, died 20 May 1944, Islip. Married 8 January 1870, by Rev. J. V. Saunders, ME minister, John O.

Hubbard, "... all of this village (Babylon)." *South Side Signal*, Vol. III, No. 27. John O. Hubbard was born 6 October 1838 (Bible record) and died 12 January 1907, Bay Shore, the son of John and first wife, Emeline Wells. They had:

- (1). Emma Amelia Hubbard, died young.
- (2). Ida Louise Hubbard married George Boyce. Both died 1904.
- (3). Fred F. Hubbard, born 2 May 1874, died 23 September 1876.
- (4). John Edward Hubbard married Leila Sweezey.
- (5). Anna May Hubbard, born 1880, died 28 April 1969, Islip. Married, 11 July 1898, Charles Heeber, of Brooklyn. They had:
 - (a). Edward Heeber married _____ Lukas and had Edward Heeber, Jr.
 - (b). Everett Heeber, born 1903, died 13 June 1984, Islip. Married Lillian Marshall. They had:
 - (i). Everett Heeber, Jr.
 - (ii). Eleanor Heeber married George Murdock
 - (iii). Joan Heeber married _____ Ruchin.

ii. Clarissa Adaline (known as Adaline) Baldwin, born 7 September 1852, Bay Shore, died there 8 December 1929, buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Bay Shore. Married 5 (or 7) 1871, George Henry Sprague ("Sprague" was used although the marriage record at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Islip, has "Spragg." Other branches of the family used "Spragg"). George H. Sprague was born 12 July 1848, Amityville, died 15 August 1907. Buried Oakwood, Cemetery, Bay Shore, son of Zebulon and Louisa (Place) Spragg. They had:

- (1). Nellie Frances Sprague, born 20 January 1871, Amityville. Married Charles Nichols. They had:
 - (a). Mabel Nichols.
 - (b). Sarah Nichols.
 - (c). Raymond Nichols.
 - (d). Charles Nichols.

- (2). Irving Sprague, said to have been born in 1874. No record. Not on censuses of 1880 and 1900. Died young?
- (3). Anna Louise Sprague, born 1875, Amityville? Married Robert Brush, a farmer, born 1862, Commack, died 20 July 1933, Southside Hospital, Bay Shore, buried Oakwood, son of Robert. They had:
- (a). Lillian Margaret Brush, born 7 October 1908, Bay Shore, died there 28 December 1908.
 - (b). female Brush, died 25 July 1910, two hours old.
 - (c). Phebe Jane Brush, born 5 February 1892, died 28 January 1975. Married Robert H. Stone. They had:
 - (i). Robert Stone
 - (ii). George Stone.
 - (iii). Thomas Stone.
 - (iv). Herbert Stone.
 - (v). Phebe Stone, born 22 September 1923, died 9 May 1987. Married ____ DeFord.
 - (vi). Gladys Stone.
- (4). Ernest Henry Sprague, born June 1881. Married Lucy Reeves, of Bridgeport, CT.
- (5). Delia (Della) Maria Sprague, born 12 May 1886. Married Frank Albertina. Lived in Patchogue. They had, at least:
- (a). Mary H. Albertina, born June 1904, interred 17 October 1904, Oakwood Cemetery, Bay Shore, N.Y.
 - (b). Anna L. Albertina, born 31 July 1905, died 23 August 1905. Interred Oakwood.
- (6). Harvey Clarence Sprague, born 1892, Amityville, died 7 October 1946. Married Elsie Peterson, of Galveston, TX. They had, at least:
- (a). Harvey C. Sprague, Jr., died 7 September 1946.
 - (b). George Lewis Sprague, born 21 September 1917, died 18 January 1918.

- iii. Frederick Forest Baldwin, born 22 September 1854, Bay Shore, died 27 September 1929, Islip. Married, 1st, 9 June 1878, Elizabeth A. Verity, born 7 April 1856, Islip, died there 8 August 1921, daughter of Obadiah and Sarah (Cossetbaun) Verity, of Islip. Frederick married, 2nd, Nellie Bedell, a cousin, born 1877, died 4 February 1960, daughter of Carman and Catherine (Baldwin) Bedell. No children from either marriage.
- iv. Jesse Peter Baldwin, born 27 October 1856, Bay Shore, died 28 February 1940, Islip. Married, 1876, Harriet Etta Verity, born 14 April 1858, Islip, died there 27 December 1928, daughter of Joshua and Nancy (Hallett) Verity. See section, JOSHUA and MARY (VERITY) VERITY, for descendants.
- v. Jane Louisa Baldwin, born 10 March 1857, Bay Shore, died 1 February 1905, Islip. Married, 8 June 1879, Jehiel Frisby Penny, born 1850, Islip, died 29 September 1930, Brookhaven hamlet, son of Jonathan R. and Julia A. () Penny. No children.
- vi. Charlotte (Lottie) Baldwin, born 1860, married John Hallock. They had:
- (1). Maud Hallock married, 1st, Arthur Furseman. They had:
 - (a). Elizabeth Furseman, born __ November 1907. Married Leo Burns.
 - (2). ____ Hallock, twin to Maud, died infant.
- Charlotte married, 2nd, George E. Smith. They had:
- (1). Walter J. Smith born __ December 1911. Married Frances R. Griffing, born 1914, died 13 February 1977, daughter of Ray and Clara Griffing. They had:
 - (i). Walter J. Smith, Jr.
 - (ii). Frances Smith married ____ Saidler.
 - (2). Charlotte Hallock.
 - (3). Charles Hallock married ____.
- vii. Phoebe Alice Baldwin, born 22 October 1862, Babylon, died 29 September 1945, Islip. Married, 1st, Joseph H. Clock. They had:
- (1). Joseph H. Clock, Jr., born June 1883, died 20 October 1955. Married

Ella E. Bayles, born 1883, died 1972. They had:

i. Edna E. Clock, born 1905, died 1986, Boxford, Ma. Married, 1st Charles Konchilik, 2nd, Gardner W. Starrett, he born 1906.

ii. Harold W. Clock, born 1907, died 1973. Resided in Port Jefferson.

Phoebe Alice Baldwin married, 2nd, Richard Willett Sprague, born July 1861, died 1907. They had:

(1). Jesse Sprague, died young.

(2). Richard Willett Sprague, Jr., died young.

(3). Estella Ruby (Stella) Sprague, born 1891, died 16 July 1900, Islip.

Tombstone, Oakwood Cemetery, Bay Shore: "Stella, daughter of W. & Phebe Spragg (sic), died 16 July 1900, ae 9 yrs."

viii. Jacob F. Baldwin, born __ April 1865, Amityville, died young.

ix. Matilda (Mattie) Anne Baldwin, born 27 September 1867, Amityville, died 5 September 1934, Islip. Married, 14 October 1883, Samuel Prior Smith, born 12 November 1865, Islip, died there 4 January 1946, son of Andrew J. and Nancy M. Smith, of Islip. They had:

(1). Prior Smith, died young.

x. Anna M(aria?) Baldwin, born 1868, died young.

xi. Henrietta (Doxsee?) Baldwin, born 27 May 1872, Babylon, died 17 January 1956, Islip. Married, 18 August 1889, Methodist Church, Islip, Frank Louis Schwerdtfeger, born 17 October 1864, near Hanover, Germany, died __ July 1955, Islip. They had:

(1). Ida May Schwerdtfeger, died 9 June 1962. Married, 1st, 23 June 1907, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Islip, Charles Yontz, 2nd, William Wilson.

(2). Alice Laura Schwerdtfeger, born 17 February 1894, Islip. Married 8 May 1913, Albert Hein, of Bay Shore. They had:

(a). Alberta P. Hein married William H. Hruska. They had:

(i). Barbara A. Hruska married ____ Paglia.

(ii). William A. Hruska.

(iii). Karl. F. Hruska.

- (iv). Frank J. Hruska.
- (b). Lillian E. Hein, married ____ Gray.
- (c). Carl B. Hein married _____. They had:
 - (i). Carl A. Hein.
- (d) Onnalee Hein, born 1935, died 5 January 1976. Married William Eckhardt. No children.
- (3). Helen Schwerdtfeger, born November 1899, died 4 March 1902.
- (4). Charlotte Amy Schwerdtfeger, died 1918. Married ____ Banks.
- (5). Ralph Beekman Schwerdtfeger married Bessie Krsnak. No children.
- c. Rebecca Baldwin, born 22 March 1832. Married, 1st, 15 June 1848, by James M. Seaman, Justice of the Peace, Hempstead, Lawrence Haff, Jr., born 1827, son of Lawrence Haff, he who married, 28 September 1788, Mary Verity, daughter of William and Margaret (Gritman) Verity. Rebecca Baldwin married, 2nd, John Dayton.
- d. Ruth Baldwin, born 14 February 1836. Married, 1st, ____ Golder, 2nd, James Bedell.
- e. Stephen Baldwin,³ born 1839, died 3 March 1906, Islip. Married, 1st, Barbara Wagenhauser, who died __ January 1866, then a resident of Smithville (Bellmore area), 2nd, Phoebe Jane (Darby) Sprague, 3rd, 14 February 1904, Sayville, Marie Fisher, widow of Ludwig Fisher, of Sayville.
- f. Sarah Jane Baldwin, born 1842, married, 1st, George Heed, 2nd, Henry L. Lane.⁴
- g. Phoebe Ann Baldwin, born 1845, died 8 March 1925, Patchogue. Married Samuel Dayton, born 1844, died 25 February 1937, Patchogue, son of George and Harriet Dayton, of Patchogue.
- h. Jacob Baldwin,⁵ born 31 July 1847, died 21 September 1913, Rocky Point, a tailor. Married Ruth Dayton, daughter of George and Harriet Dayton, of Patchogue.
- i. Maria Baldwin, born about 1851, married Daniel Swezey, of Patchogue.
- j. Catherine Baldwin, born about 1853, married Carman Bedell, of Larchmont, N.Y.

9. Jackson Verity, born 11 May 1814, of Glen Cove (1860 Census). Married Caroline Cornelius, born about 1823, daughter of Henry and _____ Cornelius, of Seaford. On various censuses, Jackson is described as carpenter, farm laborer and, in 1880, boat builder. They had:

a. Mary Ann Verity, born 9 February 1839, died 1 July 1910. Married Selah Baldwin, born 17 April 1833, died 22 September 1925, son of Samuel and Mary (Verity) Baldwin. Selah was a captain at the Seaford U. S. Life Saving Station. They had, at least:

i. Mary Alice Baldwin, born 9 June 1856, died 18 July 18___. Married John Henry Southard, son of John Southard. They had, at least:

(1). William Henry Southard.

ii. Phebe Maria Baldwin, born 1858, married George Ackerly.

iii. Jacob Jackson Baldwin, born 4 January 1851. Married Ann Eliza Hendrickson, daughter of Newbury and Eliza (Baldwin, daughter of William) Hendrickson.

They had, at least:

(1). Wilbur Franklin Baldwin, born ___ December 1904.

b. Ruth Verity, born 1841.

c. Henry Verity, born 1843.

d. Jane Verity, born 1845(6?).

e. Martha Verity, born 11 October 1848.*

f. Samuel Verity, born 18 April 1851.*

g. Stratton Verity, born 19 June 1854.*

h. Elizabeth Verity, born 1857. Unmarried in 1880.

i. Cornelius Verity, born 1863.

(* Baptized 12 December 1856, Grace Episcopal Church South Oyster Bay, now Massapequa. Sponsors: Ruth Verity and Maria Wandsor. Birthdates are from church records. Lori Rogers, Bay Shore, June, 1992.)

10. Kaziah Verity, twin to Jackson, born 11 May 1814. Married David Doty Jackson, born 8 January 1808. They had:

a. Mary Elizabeth Jackson, born 9 August 1833, died 20 January 1922.

- b. William S. Jackson, born 2 September 1835.
 - c. Fanny Jackson, born 6 August 1837. Died infant?
 - d. Samuel Jackson, born 18 January 1840. Died infant?
 - e. John C. Jackson, born 25 May 1842.
 - f. Abbie Jane Jackson, born 28 September 1844. Died infant?
 - g. Benjamin Jackson, born 25 May 1848.
 - h. Susan A. Jackson, born 23 December 1850.
 - i. Andrew Lester Jackson, born 11 November 1856.
11. Henry Verity, born 14 July 1816.
12. Elizabeth Verity, twin to Henry, born 14 July 1816, died 17 January 1891, Long Island City, N.Y. Married William Baldwin, born 30 November 1813, died 30 July 1890, Long Island City, son of Samuel Baldwin and _____. They had:
- a. Adelia Baldwin, born 1836.
 - b. Samuel Baldwin, born 1839.
 - c. Charles S. Baldwin, born 1841.
 - d. Malaida Baldwin, born 1843.
 - e. Mary Baldwin, born 1847, married _____ Ammerman, and had:
 - i. Charles H. Ammerman, born 1874.
 - ii. Estella Ammerman, born 1878.
 - f. Chauncey E. Baldwin, born 1850.
 - g. George Edgar Baldwin, born 22 March 1853, Newtown, NY (or Laurel Hill, NY), died 6 October 1933, Whitestone, NY. Married, 1st, Alice Lawrence, born 14 January 1854, Manhattan, NY, died 17 May 1915, Whitestone, NY, daughter of Ellard and Harriet (Anderton) Lawrence, both from England. They had:
 - i. Minnie Baldwin, born 31 December 1874, died 5 June 1930. Married, 14 February 1892, Francis J. O'Rourke, born 5 July 1869. They had:
 - (1). Marion O'Rourke, born 16 March 1893, died 31 July 1893.
 - (2). Margaret O'Rourke, born 5 May 1894. Married, 4 September 1912, Francis John Cassidy.

- (3). Francis Lawrence O'Rourke, born 6 January 1897, died 28 July 1901.
- (4). Eugene O'Rourke, born 9 August 1897 (sic). Birthdate?
- (5). William F. O'Rourke, born 9 December 1900.
- (6). Raymond O'Rourke, born 11 December 1907.
- (7). Robert O'Rourke, twin, born 11 December 1907.
- ii. Eliza ("Lyde") Baldwin, born 17 November 1876, died 21 September 1953.
Married Frederick W. Schneeman.
- iii. Ethel Maud Baldwin, born 11 September 1878, died 22 September 1889.
- iv. Arthur Baldwin, born 23 October 1880, died 9 November 1880.
- v. Edwin Baldwin, born 10 December 1881, Corona, NY, died 21 November 1965, Whitestone, NY. Married, 19 October 1904, Whitestone, Emma Mary Lynch, born 31 July 1884, Manhattan, died 11 July 1974, Whitestone, daughter of Patrick Henry and Mary Louise (Hester) Lynch. They had.
 - (1). Francis Lawrence Baldwin, born 15 August 1905, Whitestone, died 16 June 1981, East Hampton. Married, Flushing, Marion Weber. They had:
 - (a). Claire Baldwin, born 27 January 1932, married Frank Poscillo.
 - (b). Lawrence Baldwin, born 31 December 1943, married Lucille Bristian.
 - (c). Barbara Baldwin, born 19 December 1946, married Lawrence Kazor.
 - (d). Thomas Baldwin, born 29 December 1949.
 - (2). Alice May Baldwin, born 13 May 1908, Whitestone, died 18 December 1979, Whitestone. Married, 29 September 1928, Whitestone, George W. Fowler, born 21 June 1905, died 21 December 1968, Bronx, son of Charles and Dorothy (Noble) Fowler. They had:
 - (a). Jane Fowler, born 9 June 1930, Whitestone, died there 3 April 1935.
 - (b). Carolyn Fowler, born November, 1934, Whitestone, married, 30 January 1954, Salvatore Caruso.
 - (c). Maryjane Fowler, born 5 April 1936, Whitestone.

- (d). Janet Fowler, born 18 September 1937, Whitestone. Married, 11 February 1962, Flushing, Vincent Ferrone. They had:
 - (i). Paul Ferrone,⁷ born 31 March 1964, Flushing.
 - (e). Donald Gerard Fowler, born 15 August 1940, Whitestone, died 11 March 1977, Port Huron, MI. Married, 14 September 1963, Dolores Corcoran.
- (3). Arthur Edwin Baldwin, born 20 May 1910, Whitestone, died 21 April 1976, Hicksville. Married Grace Fowler. They had:
- (a). Arthur Edwin Baldwin, Jr., born 25 October 1931, Whitestone, died 13 September 1991, Hicksville. Married, 15 May 1954, Blanche Donlon.
 - (b). David Jude Baldwin, born 17 September 1938, Whitestone. Married, 1st, 1960, Germany, Isle Geisler, died 197_, 2nd, Janet _____, 197_.
 - (c). Peter John Baldwin, born 16 November 1944, Whitestone. Married and divorced.
 - (d). Stanley Paul Baldwin, born 24 April 1946. Married and divorced.
 - (e). Jonathan Baldwin, born 31 August 1948. Married and divorced.
 - (f). Timothy Martin Baldwin, born 19 February 1950. Married and divorced Denise McGrannahan.
- (4). Edwin Baldwin, Jr., born 9 June 1917, Whitestone. Married, College Point, Rita Brogan. They had:
- (a). Rita Marie Baldwin, born 18 September 1944. Married Richard Smith.
 - (b). James Baldwin, born 24 February 1946. Married and divorced Kathryn Fleming.
 - (c). Michael Baldwin, born 25 October 1953. Married Theresa Cozeline.
 - (d). Nancy Baldwin, born 10 November 1955. Married George Kost.
 - (e). Robert Edwin Baldwin, born 30 April 1959.

- (5). James Baldwin, born 11 March 1921, Whitestone, died 30 September 1921, Whitestone.
- vi. Ira Baldwin, born 31 July 1885, died 196_, Boulder, CO.
- vii. George Baldwin, born 18 June 1890, died 29 August 1961, Whitestone.
Married Margaret _____, died 198_.
- viii. Florence Baldwin, born 7 December 1892, died 11 June 1894.
- ix. Charles Baldwin, born 1 March 1896, died c. 1976, Whitestone.
- h. Herbert Baldwin, born 1862.

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¹Bible records of the children of James and Ruth Verity are from Mrs. James McGunnigle, 186 Park Avenue, Roosevelt, NY (correspondance, 2 April and 5 May 1964), and Miss Jane Blankmeyer, Mineola, NY (correspondence, 17 April 1967).

²See Richard P. Baldwin, *The Pullis Family of Long Island, New York* (Patchogue, N.Y.: Author, 1988), 14-18. Benjamin Smith Baldwin was the great-great grandfather of the author.

³Stephen Baldwin enlisted in the Civil War on 15 August 1862, at Hempstead, age twenty-three years, in Company H, 119th Infantry Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers. After serving as a teamster usually assigned to the ammunition train, he was honorably discharged and mustered out of service on 7 June 1865, at New York City.

⁴James H. Lewis, *alias* Henry L. Lane, born 1843, Brookhaven, enlisted in the Civil War, age twenty-one, a carpenter, then of Goshen, N.Y., in Company A, 1st New York Engineers, on 28 January 1864. His enlistment papers (National Archives, SC-661-060) indicate that he had blue eyes, black hair, a dark complexion and that he was 5'5 3/4" tall. He was mustered out as sergeant on 19 July 1865, Hilton Head, SC, and. died 11 March 1898, Port Jefferson. The author has his Civil War sword.

When the widow Sarah Jane (Baldwin) Heed Lane applied for a widow's pension on 21 October 1898, the reason for the "alias" was revealed. In this declaration, Sarah stated: "That she was married under the name of Sarah Jane Baldwin to said Henry L. Lane, by an Episcopal minister named Moore, at Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y., there being no legal barrier to such marriage, said Henry L. Lane was a married man when he enlisted in the Army in 1864, but on account of infidelity on her part he refused to have anything more to do with her and married me as above stated and ever after lived with me as his lawful wife. The former wife has been dead about fourteen years."

⁵Jacob Baldwin, then age sixteen, enlisted in the Civil War one week after his brother, Stephen, on 22 August 1862, Hempstead, Company H, 119th Infantry Regiment, N.Y.

Volunteers, claiming that he was 18.

In December of 1862, he suffered a broken leg when thrown against a stump when the baggage wagon that he was driving overturned. Sent to a convalescent camp in Alexandria, VA, Jacob deserted. Somehow he returned to Long Island and, according to his niece, Phoebe Alice (Baldwin) Sprague, 1862-1945, of Islip (personal conversation, 1942), he "lived" in the Massapequa swamps and with the help of his family eluded government investigators. On 1 November 1886, Jacob applied for removal of the charge of desertion against him but was refused by the War Department.

⁶Information on Kaziah Verity and family from Miss Jane Elizabeth Blankmeyer, Mineola (correspondence, 17 April 1967).

⁷Provided information on the family of William and Elizabeth (Verity, 1816-1891) Baldwin (correspondence June 1995, and May 1996).

WILLIAM G. and HOPE (WILLETT) VERITY

William G. Verity,¹ born 22 May 1788, probably in the Town of Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, NY, died 11 May 1876, New Utrecht,² Kings County, NY, a large property owner at Bath Beach, L.I., NY. Married, 19 November 1810,³ Hope B. Willett,⁴ born 10 April 1790, New Jersey, died 7 November 1870. William G. Verity served in the War of 1812.⁵ They had:

1. Jane Verity,⁶ born 3 October 1811, died 24 June 1888. Married, 6 February 1838, New Utrecht [RAM], Cornelius Van Sicklen (also as Van Sicken), born Gravesend Kings County, NY, 15 June 1810, died 13 October 1843, son of Court and Catherine (Johnson) Van Sicklen.⁷ They had:

- a. William Verity Van Sicklen, born 1839, died 23 January 1870. Buried Reformed Dutch Church Cemetery, New Utrecht.
- b. Cornelius Van Sicklen, Jr., born 1841.
- c. James M. Van Sicklen, born 1843.

2. George Verity, born 5 November 1815, died 6 January 1817.

3. Margaret Verity, born 1818, married, 21 November 1837 [RAM], Jacobus [RAM] or James Voorhis Van Sicklen, born 23 December 1812, Gravesend⁸ died 6 August 1882, son of Court and Catherine (Johnson) Van Sicklen. They had:

- a. Hope M. Van Sicklen, born 29 July 1839, married, 1861, James W. Voorhees, son of William J. and Matilda (Stillwell) Vorhees [RAM]
- b. Court J. Van Sicklen, born 4 May 1841, died before 1903. Married, 22 October 1873, Gravesend, Anna E. Sammis, daughter of Lawrence S. and Jane M. (Dorlan or Dorland) Sammis. They had:
 - i. Harvey (or Harry [RAM]) S. Van Sicklen, born 8 April 1876, died August, 1877.
 - ii. Nettie Louise Van Sicklen, born 10 December 1878, died 29 January 1904. Never married [RAM].
 - iii. George Voorhees Van Sicklen, born 5 September 1881. Married,

11 December 1912, spouse unknown [RAM].

iv. Margaret E. (or "V" [RAM]) Van Sicklen, born 4 May 1883, died 14 January 1907 [RAM]. Married George Stillwagon.

4 George Verity, born 14 October 1821, died 9 July 1874. No further information.⁹

5. Elizabeth Taylor [RAM] Verity, born 1828, married, New Utrecht Reformed Dutch Church, 20 October 1853 [RAM], John Wyckoff [RAM] Duryee, born 1827, died 14 June 1885, Mattituck, Long Island, son of Peter and Maria (Wyckoff) Duryee. John W. Duryee was a First Lieutenant in the Kings County Troop, Fourteenth Regiment, National Guard, New York State. John and Elizabeth moved to Mattituck in 1867. They had:

a. Clara L. Duryee, born 15 July 1854 [RAM], christened as "Clare Leffert Duryee, 15 July 1854, New Utrecht Dutch Church [RAM]." Married Samuel H. Brown, of Poughkeepsie, NY. They lived first in Millerton, NY, and later Poughkeepsie [RAM]. Children, if any, unknown [RAM].

b. Peter Harvey Duryee¹⁰ born 19 January 1861 [RAM], married, 1889, Beulah Amanda Hallock, daughter of Silas Milton and Mary (____) Hallock.¹¹ Peter H. Duryee was a merchant in Mattituck. They had:

i. Vivian Hallock Duryee, born 20 March 1892.

ii. Clara Elizabeth Duryee, born 16 July 1898, married Cedric M. Luce.

iii. Mary Hope Duryee, born 7 October 1900, married ____ Furnival [RAM].

iv. John Wyckoff Duryee, born 9 February 1902, married Marian Greene [RAM].

c. William Verity Duryee, born 20 August 1865. Lived in Mattituck where he was a farmer and florist. William was a member of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution.¹²

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¹Parents unknown. Census returns provide no clear clue to parentage. On the 1790 U.S. Census (William G. Verity would have been two years old), there are five Verity head of families who had one or more sons under sixteen years of age: James, James, Jr., James, 3rd, and John, all of the Town of Hempstead and Samuel of the Town of Huntington.



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Perhaps the parents of William G. Verity were the James Verity, Jr., of the 1790 Census who married, 27 November 1780, St. George's Episcopal Church, as his second wife, Rebecca Gritman, daughter of William and Mary (Doxsee) Gritman. If so, William G. Verity may have been brother to James Gritman Verity, born 20 January 1786.

William's middle initial "G" may have been for "George". Note that William named his only surviving son George - after the early death of the first of that name.

The photographs of William G. and Hope (Willet) Verity shown here are from the archival collection (#180.101) of the Suffolk County Historical Society, 300 West Main Street, Riverhead, NY, 11901, and used with their permission.

Mr. Verity's death is recorded, locally, in *The Long Island Traveler* [Southold], 25 May 1876. "Died in Bath, Kings, Co., May 11, 1876, William G. Verity father of Mrs. Elizabeth Duryea of Mattituck, and a veteran of the War of 1812, ae 87y11m19d."

Tombstone dates for William G. Verity, Hope B. (Willet) Verity, George Verity, Jane (Verity) Van Siclen and William Verity Van Siclen are from Josephine C. Frost, *Cemetery Inscriptions from St. John's Lutheran Church Yard, New Utrecht, Long Island, Brooklyn, N.Y., "Dutch Reformed Cemetery,"* 1913, Vol. 9, 113, 120. One entry (Frost, p. 113) is unidentified: Jane Verity Thompson, died 18 July 1908, aged 70 years [born 1838].

²Harriet Mott Stryker-Rodda, *Deaths and Transportations 1870-1890 from the Records of A.E. Stillwell, Funeral Director, Gravesend, L.I.*, 1953:

p. 8. (1876) William G. Verity died in New Utrecht of old age May 11 age 87 years, 11 months, 21 days. Buried 14 May in New Utrecht. Paid for by C. Van Sicklyn (sic).

p. 16. (1879) I removed the body of Mrs. Verity, put in grave with her husband in New Utrecht on October 7 for Cornelius Van Sicklen. Paid by Mrs. Jane Van Sicklen.

My thanks to Mr. Richard A. McCool, Van Alst Court, B6, 44-73 21st Street, Long Island City, NY, 11101, who not only provided the above (correspondence, 2 January 1995), but also provided middle names, variations in family name spellings (Van Sicklen/Van Siclen) death dates, etc., that I have used throughout this family genealogy (correspondence 31 January 1995) and have cited, hereafter, as [RAM].

Mr. McCool stated that the branch of the family from New Lots, Brooklyn dropped the "k" and went with Van Siclen; another branch took back the "k" when they moved to the Hempstead area.

³From William G. Verity's War of 1812 Pension Application, No. 52,492, National Archives, Washington, DC.

⁴She was a descendant of the Willet(t)s family of Long Island and the Taylor family of New Jersey.

⁵A Pioneer in Captain Joseph Dean's Company of Consolidated Militia, 64th and 93rd Regiment, New York State Militia, William G. Verity "... was ordered into said service at said town of New Utrecht on the second day of September 1814 ... and was honorably discharged at the city of Brooklyn ... on the second day of December 1814."

His pension application dated 21 March 1871, stated "That he was stationed at Fort Green three months Genl Jeremiah Johnson in command. Was employed in throwing up breast works and digging intrenchments and in distributing rations."

Mr. Verity's signature appears on the application and "... his domicile or place of abode is in Bath village, Town of New Utrecht, County of Kings, State of New York."

⁶On the 1850 Census, New Utrecht, Kings County, page 50, family 277, widow Jane (Verity) Van Sicklen, age 38, and her three children were living with her parents.

⁷Peter Ross, *A History of Long Island, New York* (New York: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1903), Vol. III, 135-137. Court Van Sicklen, born Poughkeepsie, NY, 9 May 1782, died 17 August 1868. Married Catherine Johnson, a native of Gravesend, who died 11 May 1859. At an early age Court settled in Gravesend where he conducted an inn and grocery store. He subsequently moved to Coney Island where he established the first hotel in that section.

⁸*Ibid.* Vol. III, 135. James V. Van Sicklen resided in Gravesend until 1848, a farmer. In 1848, he moved to Coney Island and assumed control of the hotel that had been previously established by his father.

⁹On the 1870 Census of Flatbush (M593, Roll 963, page 22), the following is found: George Verity, aged 48, a farmer, wife, Jane, aged 29 and son, George, aged 5. Is this the same?

¹⁰Henry A. Stoutenburgh, *A Documentary History of the Dutch Congregation at Oyster Bay, Queens County, L.I., N.Y.* (New York: author, 1902), 219.

¹¹Lucius H. Hallock, *A Hallock Genealogy* (Orient, N.Y.: author, 1926), 198.

¹²William S. Pelletreau, *A History of Long Island* (New York: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1903) Vol. III, 133-134.

OBEDIAH and ELIZABETH (STRATTON) VERITY

Obediah Verrity (sic), place of birth and parents unknown, was born c. 1750, married 5 July 1776, by Joshua Hartt, Presbyterian minister of Smithtown,¹ Elizabeth Stratton, born c. 1755, place of birth and parents unknown.

The 1790 census, Town of Huntington,² shows that there were five children: four sons and one daughter. The family consisted of two sons and four daughters on the 1800 census of Oyster Bay.³

The following is a suggested family based on the 1790 and 1800 censuses although birth order, birth dates and names are unknown:

1. Son, born say about 1778.
2. Son, born say about 1781.
3. Son, born say about 1784.
4. Son, born say about 1787.
5. Daughter, born say about 1789.
6. Daughter, born say 1792.
7. Daughter, born say 1795.
8. Daughter, born say 1798.

Obediah and Elizabeth (Stratton) Verity are certainly the source of many Veritys on Long Island. If records of this family could be found, it would fill in many gaps in this (and other) Long Island genealogies.

The author feels certain that many of the unnamed sons in this family are the progenitors of some of the Verity family lines found in this work.

ENDNOTES

¹Mr. Evelyn Briggs Baldwin, "Marriages and Baptisms Performed by the Rev. Joshua Hartt, of Smithtown, Long Island, With A Sketch Of His Life," *NYGBR*, Vol. XLII, No. 2, April, 1911, 131.

²Charles R. Street, compiler, *Huntington Town Records, Including Babylon, Long Island, N.Y., 1776-1873* (Huntington, N.Y.: The Towns of Huntington and Babylon, New York, 1889), Vol. III, 151. The Town of Huntington census does not show age distribution of the children.

For reasons unknown, this Obediah and family do not appear on the 1790 Federal Census.

³1800 Census, Queens County, South Oyster Bay (Massapequa area):
males: 1 under 10, 1 between 10-16, 1 45 or older (Obediah).
females: 2 under 10, 2 between 10-16, 1 45 or older (Elizabeth).

GILBERT? and DOROTHY (?) VERITY

On the death certificate of Gilbert Verity (Village of Greenport, 22 December 1883), his mother's name is given as "Dorothy Verity," born N.Y.; his father's name was not given but N.Y. was listed as birthplace. Ross¹ states that Gilbert Verity "... was born at Jerusalem South [now Seaford area, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County], in 1820. He was of Quaker descent in his maternal line. When he was seven years old his father died [1827], and he was thus left in early childhood to make his own way in the world. From that time until the age of fourteen, he lived with Stephen and Frances Huff [relationship, if any, undetermined] at Oyster Bay. Learning the mason's trade, he pursued that business until his death. After his marriage he came to Greenport (1844), where the remainder of his life was spent. His death occurred in 1884 [sic], from accidental drowning."

Who were the parents of this Gilbert Verity born in 1820?

A Dorothy Verity appears as the head of a family on the 1820 Queens County Census² aged between 26 and 45. By this record she had three sons (two under ten, one between ten and sixteen) and one daughter under ten years of age. Where was the husband and what was his given name? If Ross' account is correct, Gilbert's father,³ who Ross stated died in 1827, would have been living in 1820 although there is no Gilbert listed as a family head on any census in 1820. Dorothy does not appear as family head on the 1810 or the 1830 censuses; just 1820. Was Ross incorrect in stating that the father died in 1827? Could that date be that of the mother's death, thereby causing Gilbert, then seven years old, to live with the Huff family? Or was Gilbert's father estranged from the family in 1820 - or possibly in a maritime profession and away at sea?

By the 1820 Queens County Census (no township listed but think Hempstead), Dorothy Verity had a son between ten and sixteen years old who would most likely have appeared on the 1810 census. As has been noted, there was no Dorothy as family head on the 1810 Queens County Census, so this son (between ten and sixteen) must have been in an unknown household with some male head of family on that date.. The names of the Verity male family heads on the 1810 census from Queens County were: James,

John, Samuel, and Walter; William in New York County; Christopher Varrity (sic) in Albany County and a Gilbert Verrity (sic), in Ulster County, N.Y. A Joshua, Ezekiel and Obadiah Verity listed on the 1810 Queens County Census as the heads of families can be ruled out as the father of the Gilbert born in 1820 based on the author's research.

At this time, the maiden name of Dorothy Verity is unknown as is the given name of her Verity husband. Based on the 1820 Queens County Census and family correspondence,⁴ the children of Gilbert? and Dorothy (_____) Verity probably were (birth order unknown):

1. Female Verity, under the age of ten on the 1820 census. No further record.
2. John Verity. No further record.
3. Seaford Verity. No one of this name **ever** appears on any census as the head of a family. Did he use the name Samuel? No further record.
4. William Verity. Think he is the same William born 1818, died 8 May 1875, age 57 (tombstone), buried Old Yard Cemetery, Cutchogue (12th row, north end), according to the records of this cemetery in the Suffolk County Historical Society. No further record.
5. Gilbert Verity,⁶ born 2 April 1820, Jerusalem South (now Seaford area, Nassau County), died 19 December 1883, Greenport. Married, about 1841, Amanda I. Beebe, born June, 1819, died 1904, daughter of Captain Benjamin and Bethiah (Conklin) Beebe. Learning the mason's trade as a youth, Gilbert Verity, after his marriage, lived in Oyster Bay, moving to Greenport about 1844 where he pursued that business until his death. On the Chace map of 1858, Gilbert's house is located on the west side of Second Street between North and Center Streets. They had:
 - a. Dorothy A. Verity, born 6 April 1842, Oyster Bay, died 28 July 1910, Greenport. Married Daniel Conklin, born 23 June 1833, died 11 August 1884, Greenport, son of Elam Conklin, of Greenport. They had (birth order unknown):
 - i. Thomas Conklin, born 1865, died 6 February 1887.
 - ii Helen M. Conklin, died 20 February 1930. Married, 1st, Charles W. Hendrickson, born 1861, died 1892, 2nd, John Bartlett.
 - iii. Lillian Conklin, born 1873.



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THOMAS J. VERITY

1844-1824

Son of Gilbert and
Amanda (Beebe) Verity

iv. Effie E. Conklin married John Thompson. They had:

(1). Helen J. Thompson, died young.

(2). Dorothy A. Thompson.

b. Thomas J. Verity, born February, 1844, died 1924, Greenport. Married, 1st, Augusta Michell, a widow with two children: Augusta and George W. Although Thomas never legally adopted the children, they used the Verity family name.

Thomas J. Verity married, 2nd, Bertha Conklin, born August, 1848, died 1922.

They had (birth order of some of the children uncertain):

i. Thomas I. Verity, born 8 February 1871, died 8 March 1875, Arshomomaque
Republican Watchman, 13 March 1875.

ii. Stella Verity, born 1874, died 1916. Married 4 October 1894, Riverhead,
George W. McAvoy, both of Greenport. *The Long Island Traveler*
19 October 1894.

iii. Thomas Tilton Verity, born 1876. Married, 1st, 20 November 1897, Green-
port, Emma D. Kanause, of Southold. *The Long Island Traveler*, 3 December
1897. No children. Thomas T. Verity married, 2nd, Mary Elizabeth
Marston, born 14 May 1889, she who later married Lloyd Blydenburgh.

Thomas T. and Mary E. (Marston) Verity had:

(1). Evelyn Estelle ("Stella") Verity, born 1 March 1906, died 25 April 1988.

Married, 1st, Herbert Edward Francis, born 29 July 1905. They had:

(a). Herbert Edward Francis, Jr., born 11 January 1924.

(b). Raymond Franklin Francis, born 12 July 1926.

Evelyn married, 2nd, Edward Morrissey, 3rd, John W. Phaneuf.

(2). James Dickinson Schuyler Cummings Verity born 15 June 1909,
Greenport. Married, 24 May 1937, Brooklyn, NY, Dorothy Marion
Kujawski, born 21 October 1909. They had:

(a). Ward Carl Verity, born 24 April 1938. Married, 27 November 1968,

Sheila Ann Smyth, born 24 December 1943 They had:

i. James C. Verity, born 17 May 1970.

(b). June Verity, born 4 August 1943, died young.

- (3). Daniel Llewellyn Verity, unmarried. Drowned in Plum Gut.
- (4). William Verity married Katherine _____, of Rhode Island. They had:
- (a). Thomas Verity.
 - (b). Russell Verity.
 - (c). Marie Verity.
- (5). Jarvis Decameron Verity, born 1914, Greenport, died there 21 May 1984, married Katherine Marie Kujawski, born 25 November 1916, Peconic died 5 April 1983, Greenport, daughter of Joseph E. and Katherine (Porebna) Kujawski. Jarvis, a life time resident of Greenport, was a self-employed bayman and house painter and the President of a local Bayman's Association. They had:
- (a). Jarvis Jerome Verity, born 14 January 1945, Greenport. Married as her second husband, Mary Jo Bailey, born 4 November 1942, Staten Island. Jarvis adopted the two children of his wife's first marriage, Susan Herbert, born 17 January 1963, Cutchogue and John Herbert, born 24 June 1965, Cutchogue, and names changed to Verity. Jarvis and Mary (Bailey) Verity had Keith Jarvis Verity, born 5 August 1971, Cutchogue.
 - (b). Joseph Daniel Verity.
 - (c). Patricia Cecile Verity.
 - (d). Marcy Anne Verity married _____ Bruck.
 - (e). Katherine-Jean Verity married, 1st, Douglas Dorber and had:
 - Carin Justine Dorber, who married _____ Odom.
 - Katherine-Jean Verity married, 2nd, _____ Wharff.
- (6). Ellsworth Verity, died infant.
- (7). Dorothy Verity, died infant.
- (8). Myrtle Verity married Eugene Batt, of Buffalo.
- (9). Irma Verity married Vincent Raynor, of Greenport, and had:
- (a). Vincent Raynor, Jr.
 - (b). Dennis Raynor.

- (10). Gladys Verity, died young.
- iv. Daniel L. Verity, born 1879, married 13 October 1897, by Rev. William S Morgan, Greenport, Mary Price. *Long Island Traveler*, 22 October 1897.
- v. Gilbert Garfield Verity, born October 1880, on Prudence Island, Rhode Island, married 4 July 1902, Mary Frances Livingston, of Manhattan, at the P. E. Parsonage, Greenport, by Rev. C. M. Jessup. *Republican Watchman*, 12 July 1902. They had:
- (1). John Gilbert Verity, of "Laughing Waters," Southold, married Helen Marie Zukas.
- (2). Joseph Verity.
- (3). Bertha Verity.
- vi. Arthur Verity, twin to Gilbert, born October 1880, married Bessie _____.
- vii. Amanda I. Verity born 1882. Married 7 August 1898, Lloyd Blydenburgh, of Stony Brook. *Long Island Traveler*, 19 August 1898. Lloyd later married Mary E. (Marston) Verity, the second wife of Thomas Tilton Verity.
- viii. Phoebe Emma Verity,⁷ born April 1884. Married John Otis Terry.
- ix. William Johnson Verity, born 3 September 1886, died 29 July 1887.
- x. Bertha A. Verity, born April 1894. Married, 1st, Vernon Clifford. They had:
- (1). Thelma E. Clifford married _____ Maloney.
- (2). Norma G. Clifford married Harry Lewis. They had Harry, Arlene and Valarie Lewis.
- (3). Vernon V. Clifford married _____ Streich. They had Georgianna, Barbara and Vernon G. Clifford.
- (4). Bertha E. Clifford married _____ Berry. They had Clifford Berry.
- Bertha A. Verity married, 2nd, Albert Spicer. No children.
- c. John Gilbert Verity (called Gilbert Verity, Jr. in his obituary), a mason, born either 1846 (1870 Census, Town of Southold, East Marion P.O.) or 1849 (Obituary, *Long Island Traveler*, 23 January 1879, "aged about 30 years"), died 20 January 1870, Arshamomaque. Married, 24 September 1864, Azalia (also as

Ada and Adelia) Baker, of Cutchogue. They had (by 1870 census):

- i. Leroy Verity, born 1867.
- ii. Mary Ann Verity, born 1869, died 29 April 1871, East Marion.
- d. Emeline H. Verity, born 1847, died 1933, married William Walker Wetmore, Jr.,⁸ born 1839, died 1909. They had:
 - i. Blanche Wetmore, born 1867, died 1949, married William Wenk, born 1868, died 1918.
 - ii. Bryon Wetmore, born 1869, died 1931.

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¹Peter Ross, *History of Long Island* (New York: Lewis Publishing Company, 1903), Vol. III, 71.

²1820 Census, Queens County, National Archives, Microfilm M33, Roll 78, 205.

³Because of the consistent use of the name Gilbert in this line, I propose that the father of the Gilbert born in 1820, was also Gilbert. Is it possible that one of the following could be that Gilbert?

a. A Gilbert Verrity (sic) entered the 5th Regiment, 8th Company, New York Line, on 1 January 1781, and mustered to January 1782. Berthold Fernow, ed., *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, Vol. XV (State Archives, Vol. I), Albany, N.Y., 1887, 232. Gilbert also served as a Private in Capt. Henry DuBois' Company, 2nd New York Regiment of Foot. He was discharged about May of 1783 and granted bounty land (Warrant #7918) for 100 acres, Lot 21, on 3 May 1790, in the town of Hector, NY, (located in the northern part of Schuyler County). He later "delivered" this land to a Jacob Clingman.

b. A Gilbert Varity (sic) is listed on the 1790 Census, Town of South Hempstead, married with no children.

c. A Gilbert Verrity (sic) is listed on the 1810 Census of Ulster County, NY, aged 45+.

d. The will of a Mary Verity, widow of a Gilbert Verity was proved 15 May 1821 (W. A. Eardeley, *Queens County Surrogate Records*, Vol. I, 32. Also in Alice Meigs, *Wills of Real Estate, Queens County, New York*, Liber D: 363). This document states that Gilbert was deceased by 1821 which does not agree with the statement by Ross that a Gilbert (the name of the presumed father of the Gilbert, born 1820, later of Greenport), died about 1827. Was Gilbert married twice? I cite the document (following) for further investigation:

Feb 11, 1821

Mary Verity

Hempstead

Widow of Gilbert Verity deceased. To Ruth wife of Henry Mott of Hempstead all real & personal estate. Executors Henry Mott & Stephen Pettit son of Ruth Mott.

Mary (x) Verity

Witness: Joseph Bedell, Amelia Bedell, Richard Bedell

Surrogate John W. Seaman

Proved May 15, 1821

⁴Mr. John Gilbert Verity, of "Laughing Waters," Southold, NY, correspondence, June 28 and August 17, 1952. "My great-grandfather's name was Gilbert Verity, born April 2, 1820, died Dec. 19, 1883. His brothers were John, Seaford, and William Verity." Note (1) that a possible sister to Gilbert was not mentioned by Mr. Verity and, (2) the number of children that I have ascribed to Gilbert? and Dorothy Verity does not agree with the 1820 census!

Other contributors of genealogical information on the Gilbert Verity line were Mrs. Albert Spicer, (1954), of Greenport, and Mr. Ward C. Verity, (1970), then of Holtsville.

⁵This William should not be confused with the William Verity, born 1819, Shelter Island, died 14 May 1875, son of Ezekiel Verity. Married, 19 October 1869, Elizabeth M. Congdon, born October 1823, Shelter Island, died 3 May 1893, daughter of William D. and Lucinda (Havens) Congdon. No Children. Both are buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery, East Quogue.

⁶A Gilbert Verity died 24 June 1881, age 69 [born 1812], at Red Creek, Town of Southampton *Long Island Traveler*, 8 July 1881. His death record is not on file at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Southampton. Correspondence, November, 1996. Where does he fit in?

⁷The following is from an undated, unidentified newspaper pasted in "Aunt Ida's Scrap Book," #2, from the Archives of the Suffolk County Historical Society, Riverhead, NY.

"JOHNNY OTIS" TAKES A WIFE

When On a Third Trip For a Minister His Auto Broke Down And
He Then Secured A Horse

"John Otis Terry, 'Auto Doctor' and general genius and Miss Phoebe Emma Verity, daughter of Thomas Verity, of Greeport, were married by the Rev. Robert J. Weeks, of this village last Friday. The couple made three trips to Riverhead for the purpose of getting married, but not until the third trip did they find a minister at home. Mr. Terry thinks that Riverhead needs more ministers. The couple started out in their automobile and the first night they went to the rectory of Grace church to meet disappointment because Mr. Wasson was not in; next they went to look for a ring determined to get

married any way. Both jewelry stores were closed and so they went to Meyer's. Mr. Meyer suddenly remembered that he had a ring in his safe and he let the couple have it. They visited several ministers' homes to find them all out. The next day their trip to Riverhead failed to find a minister. The next night they started out and the automobile broke down when a few rods from the garage and refused to budge an inch, even on a wedding trip. Charles Downs, seeing the trouble of the would-be groom, kindly offered the loan of his horse and carriage and the couple drove to Riverhead, where they located the Rev. Mr. Weeks, who tied the knot and they went away happy."

⁸1880 Census, Town of Southold, Plum Island, family #187: Wm. W. Wetmore, age 73, keeper of lighthouse, widower, Wm. W. Wetmore, Jr., age 41, assistant keeper of lighthouse, married.

TOWNSEND and CYNTHIA (PHELPS) VERITY

Townsend Verity, a bayman, parents unknown, was probably born in the Town of Hempstead although a descendant states that he is "said to have been born in Patchogue, NY,"¹ in 1816. Married, 9 January 1848,² Cynthia Elizabeth Phelps born in Mayville, Chatauqua County, NY, 29 July 1833, said to be the daughter of Luke and Lucinda (Page) Phelps. She was "of Brookhaven" when married, in 1848.

Both Townsend and Cynthia Verity died in a purposely set house fire on 11 July 1909, after having been first murdered by the owner-boarder of a "small cottage on Silver Street, just east of Medford Avenue, [now Route 112] Patchogue, NY."³ They were buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Jennings Avenue, Patchogue, 13 July 1909; the tombstone of Townsend reading 1816-1909, Cynthia's 1834-1909.⁴

Townsend and Cynthia (Phelps) Verity had:

1. Thomas H. Verity, born 10 November 1849, died before the date of the 1850 census.
2. Ann E. Verity, born 1850, died 16 April 1927. Married, 29 November 1869, Methodist Church, Patchogue, by Rev. J. H. Stanberg, Edward Gerrodette.⁵ They had:
 - a. Edward Gerrodette, born 1872, died 1952, unmarried.
 - b. Robert Gerrodette, born 1874, died 1913, unmarried.⁶
 - c. Clara Gerrodette, born 1877, died 1955, unmarried.
 - d. Forrest Gerrodette, born 1881, died 1960. Married Jeanette Tucker. They had:
 - i. Beatrice Gerrodette.
 - e. Anna Gerrodette, born 3 June 1884, Patchogue, died 3 May 1981, buried Cedar Grove Cemetery, Patchogue. Married, first, 26 November 1904, Ernest Leon Whitman, born 17 May 1877, died 4 April 1924,⁷ buried Cedar Grove Cemetery. They had:
 - i. Lloyd Whitman, born 9 September 1906, died 29 July 1909.
 - ii. Eleanor Whitman, born January, 1912, died 17 June 1985. Married John Linehan, of Bay Shore, NY. They had:

(1). James Ernest Linehan, married, 1st, Patricia Bolster and had two children; 2nd, Alice Peale. No children.

(2). Kathleen Cecelia Linehan, married James Cunningham, III. No children.

(3). Maureen Linehan, married Steven Kietzman.

iii. Muriel Whitman, born 6 October 1913, died 29 July 1990, Patchogue.

Married, 25 November 1935, New York City, Francis William Schenck, of Hempstead, who died 1987. They started a travel club in the 1950s in Patchogue and led group tours nationwide and overseas. They had:

(1). Patricia Ann Schenck, married, 1st, Harry Jerome Payne and had two children; 2nd, Francis William Walsh and had one child.

(2). Judith Frances Schenck, married Robert Welsh, M.D., and had two children. Resides in Coconut Grove, FL.

Anna (Gerrodette) Whitman married, 2nd, Patrick John Needham.

f. Nellian Gerrodette, born 1 June 1886, died 24 June 1969. Married Earl Holmes. They had:

i. Vera Holmes who married Theodore Walters. They had:

(1). Geraldine Walters.

(2). Theodore Walters.

g. Maude Gerrodette, born 4 May 1892, died 24 September 1972. Married Frank Monsell. They had:

(i). June Monsell married Robert Rosenblatt, of Patchogue. They had:

(1). Jan Rosenblatt.

(2). Lisa Rosenblatt.

(3). Beth Rosenblatt.

3. Joseph Verity, born 1853.

4. Edward Verity, born 1856, died before 1870.

5. Francis (later Frank) Verity, born 185(6?)⁸.

6. Townsend Verity, Jr., born 1858, a bayman, died 19 February 1928, a resident of Patchogue.

7. Forrest Verity, born 1860.
8. Augustus Verity, born 1866, married Mary A. Jayne, born 13 November 1862, daughter of Thomas E. and Margaret K. (Smack) Jayne.⁹ They had:
 - a. Ida M. Verity, born 9 November 1892, married Ernest Ceely.
 - b. Muriel M. Verity, born 21 June 1895.
 - c. Augustus F. Verity, born 20 July 1897.
 - d. Gladys E. Verity, born 23 August 1900. Married, 16 September 1924, _____ Talbot.
9. Lillian Verity, born 1873. Married J. W. Williams, of Richmond Hill, NY. They had:
 - a. Howard Williams.
10. William S. Verity, born 1875.

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¹Much of the genealogical data about the family of Townsend and Cynthia Verity was contributed (correspondence and personal conversation between September, 1988 and July, 1990) by Patricia Schenck, then of Palm Coast, FL, and her sister, Judith (Schenck) Welsh, then of Coconut Grove, FL, descendants of Townsend and Cynthia Verity.

²Marriage performed by Nathaniel Hawkins, of Brookhaven, NY. By this record, Townsend was 24 years of age (born 1824), of Hempstead and Cynthia was 20 years of age (born 1828), of Brookhaven. The only Phelps family in the Brookhaven (hamlet) area at the date of Cynthia's marriage was a Roderick Phelps who appears on the censuses there in 1830 and 1840. The same Roderick was on the 1820 Census of the Town of Islip, probably Bayport area. The relationship, if any, of Luke (supposed father of Cynthia) and Roderick Phelps is unknown.

There are (the usual) discrepancies in the birth, but not the death, dates of Townsend and Cynthia. A descendant gives the date of 1816 for Townsend's birth and 1833 for Cynthia's; their tombstones (Cedar Grove Cemetery, Jennings Avenue, Patchogue) 1816 and 1834, respectively. By their marriage record, Townsend was born 1824, Cynthia 1828. The (derived) birth dates from the 1850 Census of South Brookhaven (Brookhaven hamlet area) has Townsend, then 24, born in 1824, an oysterman and Cynthia, then 19, born 1831. There were no children listed on this census. The newspaper account of their deaths give Townsend's age as 93 (born 1816, the same as his death certificate) and Cynthia, 84 (born 1825). Based on the marriage record and the 1850 census record, I believe that Townsend was not born in 1816, but more probably about 1824.

³*Patchogue Advance*, Patchogue, NY, 16 July 1909, 1,4. "Old People Murdered and House Burned - Man Suspected of Crime [Peter Bakalveitch] in Custody." Microfilm, Patchogue-Medford Public Library, Main Street, Patchogue, NY.

⁴Census records of the family of Townsend and Cynthia (Phelps) Verity: (Note the variations in the ages as given to the census taker(s) during the ten year intervals between censuses!).

1850, Town of [South] Brookhaven (Brookhaven hamlet area):

Verity, Townsend, 24, oysterman (born 1824)

, Cynthia, 19 (born 1831, although birth records says 1833)

1860, Town of Islip (think Bayport area):

Verity, Townsend, 40, fisherman (born 1830)

, Sally (sic), 35, (born 1825)

, Ann E., 10, (born 1850)

, Joseph, 7, (born 1853)

, Edward, 4, (born 1856)

, Townsend, 2, (born 1858)

, Infant, 6/12, (born 1860) - (Forrest)

1870, Town of Brookhaven (Port Jefferson), Family #61:

Verity, Townsend, 40, fisherman, (born 1830. Note that he is the same age as he was on the 1860 census!)

, Cynthia, 36, (born 1834. Note that she gained only 1 year in age since 1860!)

, Joseph, 19, (born 1851)

, Francis (later Frank), 14, (born 1856)

, Townsend, 12, (born 1858)

, Forrest, 10, (born 1860)

, Augustus, 4, (born 1866)

1880, Town of Brookhaven (think Patchogue area):

Verity, Townsend, 55, (born 1825 - here a gain of 15 years between censuses)

, Chithy (sic), 44, (born 1836 - here a gain of only 8 years since 1870)

, Joseph, 23, (born 1857)

, Francis, 21, (born 1859)

, Townsend, 19, (born 1861)

, Forrest, 17, (born 1863)

, Augustus, 13, (born 1867)

, Lily (Lillian), 7, (born 1873)

, Willy (William), 5, (born 1875)

⁵It was Mr. Gerrodette who was the informant for the data on the death certificates of Townsend and Cynthia Verity. Both of the death records stated that the name of the father and maiden name of the mother were "unknown."

⁶An artist, he fell out of a tree as a child resulting in paralysis which caused him to paint while sitting in a wheelchair.

⁷Ernest L. Whitman, a bond salesman, entered a bank in Bellmore, Long Island, NY, on 4 April 1924. Several men, in the act of holding up the bank, shot and killed Mr. Whitman on their way out and escaped in a sedan which had been waiting for them. The men were later apprehended.

⁸By the 1870 Census, he was born in 1856; by the 1880 Census, 1859.

⁹Thomas E. Jayne(Charles⁵Wm⁴James³Stephen²Wm¹), was born 18 June 1836, NYC, died 27 September 1869, Waterbury, CT. Married, 24 April 1854, Margaret K. Smack, born 18 April 1839, NYC, died there 15 August 1866, daughter of Capt. Elijah Smack and Mary Vincent of NY. They had: (1) Edward H. Jayne, died 1937, author of the *Ancestry of Jayne Family of Long Island and Smack Family of New York* (Mt. Vernon, N.Y.: author, 1926), (2) Chester H. Jayne and, (3) Mary A. Jayne, of this record, who married, per her brother's book, page 23, "... Augustus Verity, of Patchogue, L.I."

JAMES and REBECCA (GRITMAN) VERITY

James Verity,¹ parents unknown, was born about 1760, in or near Seaford and married, 27 November 1780, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead (SGH), Rebecca Gritman (sic)² born c. 1764, parents unknown, but probably William and Mary (Bedell?) Gritman. They had:³

1. Perhaps a daughter, born about 1783, died young, after 1790?

2. James Gritman Verity, born 20 January 1786, probably in the Seaford area.

Married, 1 February 1812, Eunice Banker, born in Rensselaer County, NY, 27 June 1788, daughter of Adolph and Ruth (Oakley) Banker or Bancker. When fourteen years old, James G. Verity was apprenticed to a Quaker weaver living at Nine Partners Patent, Dutchess County, NY. At twenty-one he went to Schaghticoke Point, NY, and worked in the cotton factories for several years. About 1830, he went west with his family and lived at Wasco, Cayuga County, NY, later moving to Lysander, Onondaga County, NY, where he bought a farm and lived there until his death on 8 May 1840. Eunice died in Lysander, 22 August 1834. James and Eunice (Banker) Verity are buried in Plainville Cemetery, village of Baldwinsville, Town of Van Buren, Onondaga County, NY.⁴ They had:

a. Oliver Banker Verity,⁵ born 8 January 1815, Pittstown, Rensselaer County, NY, died 9 November 1889, Ottokee, Fulton County, OH. Married, 28 February 1838, Plainville, Celome Scofield, born 26 September 1818, Lysander, died 2 May 1896, Bay City, MI, daughter of Amasa Banks and Polly (Lee) Scofield.

b. Ruth Verity, born 21 January 1816, either Pittstown or Schaghticoke, NY. Married, 27 March 1847, William Davis, born 1 April 1821, died 6 April 1862, at the battle of Shiloh.

c. Caroline Verity, born 15 April 1817, Schaghticoke, died 17 September 1889. Married, 21 October 1837, Ezekiel Lewis Barnes, born 29 April 1816, died 1 June 1887.

d. William Banker Verity,⁶ born 20 July 1819, Schaghticoke, died 28 June 1872, Kalamazoo County, MI. Married, 3 November 1841, Lysander, Maria Louisa

- Adams, born 23 September 1820, St. Clair County, MI, died 19 October 1871, Kalamazoo County, MI, daughter of John and Hannah (Birdsall) Adams.
- e. Mary Ann Verity, born 6 April 1823, Schaghticoke, died 29 June 1851. Married, 2 February 1843, Austin W. Wilson, born 18 October 1821, died 3 April 1858. Lived in Plainville, NY.
- f. Nancy Verity, born 4 December 1824, Schaghticoke. Married, 28 February 1853, Cornelius Van Liew, born New Jersey, 23 January 1820, died 27 September 1897.
- g. Hope Jane Verity, born 5 March 1826, Schaghticoke. Married, 1854, Jacob Wright.
- h. James Henry Verity, born 4 April 1828, Schaghticoke, died c. 1905, St. Paul, MN. Married, 1st, 28 September 1851, Juliana How, born 1 September 1835, Lysander, daughter of Cyril and Candace (Howe) How, died March, 1873. Married, 2nd, 24 January 1874, Martha Burnett, born 3 March 1851, Litchfield, MN, died 19 November 1892, Red Wing, MN.
3. Rebecca Verity, birth date unknown. Is this the same "Rebecah Variety," who married, 13 July 1807, Thomas DeMott, per "Marriages Performed by Justice William Mott," of the Town of Hempstead, NY, 1793-1827, *NYGBR*, Vol. 55, 175?
4. Charity Verity, birth date unknown. Is this the same, of South Hempstead, who married, 2 May 1812, William Roe, of Flushing, NY, per marriage record of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, NY?
5. William Verity, birth date unknown. Is this the same who married, 20 August 1814, Amy Seaman, per "Marriages, New York Dutch Church, Success, now Manhasset, L.I., N.Y., 1785-1878," *NYGBR*, Vol. 53, 19, 72?
6. Oliver Verity,⁷ birth date unknown. Is this the same who married, 15 May 1816, Elizabeth Smith, of Hempstead, per marriage records of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, NY?

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¹This may be the same James Verity listed on the 1790 Census of South Hempstead who had, on that date, a son under 16 years of age and two daughters, ages not given. See, "Sorting Out The James Veritys," elsewhere in this work.

²This Rebecca presents a problem. In the two versions of an early Verity family on Long Island (see "The Verity Family of Long Island, New York," elsewhere in this work), both Hannah and Rebecca Gritman are given as the wife of a James Verity. For some reason Banker favors Hannah although there is firm documentation for Rebecca as the wife in the marriage records of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead. To confuse the issue, it may be that Rebecca Gritman was the second wife of James.

Dr. June Berry, now of Salt Lake City, UT, who has done much research on the Gritman family favors Rebecca as the wife of James (correspondence, April, 1985). If so, Dr. Berry's records show that her parents were the William and Mary (Bedell?) Gritman who were married, St. George's Church, Hempstead, on 4 April 1758.

³Most of the records of this branch are from the family group sheets in the archives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon), Salt Lake City, UT (supplied by Dr. Berry) and Howard James Banker, *The Bancker or Banker Families* (Rutland, VT: The Tuttle Company, 1909), 185-202. A (rare) copy of Banker's book may be found in the Queens Borough Public Library, Merrick Blvd., Jamaica, NY. The author has a photocopy of pages 185-202.

⁴Lesley E. Vorhees, *The Lesley E. Vorhees Records* (Syracuse: History's People, Inc.), Vol. I, 138.

⁵An Oliver E. Verity is listed on the 1840 Census, Lysander Township, Onondaga County, NY, page 345.

⁶A William B. Verity is listed on the 1840 Census, Lysander Township, Onondaga County, NY, page 344.

⁷Is he the same who signed (made mark) as witness to a will of William Gritmon, of Hempstead, 8 July 1817, per record Surrogate's Court, Queens County, NY, Liber D, at 103? Was this William Gritmon (Gritman) his grandfather?

WALTER and AMY (HULSE) VERITY

Walter Verity, born 1806,¹ an oysterman, parents and place of birth unknown.

Married, 31 January 1833, Amy Hulse, born 1817, of Great Neck. They had:

1. Walter H(ulse?) Verrity,² a carpenter, born 15 June 1834, Manhasset, died there December, 1906. Married, 12 August 1855, Methodist Church, Roslyn, by Rev. Hatfield, Alice _____, born 1843, died prior to 21 November 1893.

They had, at least (by 1880 census):

- a. Ada Verity, born 1867, died prior to 21 November 1893.
- b. Annie Verity, born 1872, died prior to 21 November 1893.
2. Sarah E. Verity, born 1836.
3. William Henry Verity,³ a carpenter and later an oyster boat owner and captain, born 26 April 1842, Manhasset, died 13 May 1920, West Norwalk, CT, a veteran of the Civil War.⁴ William is said to have lived in Boston, MA, as a young man, moved to the Stamford and Norwalk, CT, area, lived in Oyster Bay, NY, c. 1880-1887, and then moved back to Norwalk. William is also said to have had the first steam boat, the "Addie V" on Long Island Sound.

William married three times. First, 13 September 1868, Catherine Hutchings, born 21 August 1848, North Hempstead, died 6 September 1900, Norwalk, CT, daughter of Abraham. They had:

- a. William Henry Verity, Jr., born 1870, lived in Oyster Bay, NY. Married Rose _____. They had:

- i. William Lawless Verity.

- ii. Rose Marie Verity married _____ McGrath.

- b. Charles E. Verity, born 1872, lived in Glen Cove, NY, died in the early 1950s.

Married _____ and had several daughters.

- c. Isabell Verity, born 1874, died before 1917.

- d. Frank C. Verity, born 1876, lived in Oyster Bay. Married _____. They had, at least:

i. Frank C. Verity, Jr., born 1906, Oyster Bay, died there 8 July 1983. Married Cora M. _____. Stepchildren:

(1). Constance Ludwig.

(2). Virginia Slutter.

(3). Beatrice Zarifis.

e. Annie W. Verity, born 1878.

f. Addie Verity, born c. 1880.

g. Kate Verity, born c. 1882.

h. Theodore Verity, born c. 1884.

i. Harold Walter Verity, born 16 August 1889, Norwalk, CT, died there 6 October 1957, buried St. Mary's Cemetery, Norwalk. Married, 18 October 1911, St. Mary's Church, Norwalk, Catherine Agnes Kindilien, born 6 July 1887, West Norwalk, died there on 27 November 1945. She was the daughter of Matthew Francis Kindilien, born 1853, married, 28 November 1877, St. Mary's Church, Norwalk, Catherine Agnes Flynn, born 1857, Westchester, NY. Harold and Catherine (Kindilien) Verity had:

(1). Harold Verity, Jr., born 25 June 1921, died 14 December 1954.

(2). Margaret Verity, born 23 January 1925, died 5 October 1976. Married Joseph Pinaia. They had:

(a). Kathleen Margaret Pinaia. Married _____ and had children.

(3). Marie Verity, born 15 July 1928, married, 27 September 1958, St. Adalbert's Church, Enfield, CT, John Michael Guminiak, born 13 May 1918, Thompsonville, CT, son of Michael and Sophia (Ciak) Guminiak, born born in Kamien, Poland. John and Marie (Verity) Guminiak had:

(a). Gary John Guminiak, born 14 December 1959, Springfield, MA. Holds a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master's degree in Engineering Management both from Western New England College. Married, 9 April 1988, Holy Cross Church, New Britain, CT, Bozena (Lipnicki) Jerman, born 29 January 1959, Elblag, Poland. They had:

(i). Alexander Gary Guminiak, born 2 March 1990.

- (ii). Stephanie Bozena Guminiak, born 18 May 1993.
- (b). John Michael Guminiak, Jr., born 4 July 1961.
- (c). Glen Anthony Guminiak, twin, born 4 July 1961.
- (4). Kathleen Rose Verity, born 6 August 1930, Norwalk, CT. Married,
10 August 1950, Norwalk, Clarence Raymond Parsons, born 23 November
1914, Danbury Ct, son of Alfred⁵ E., born 20 April 1877, Danbury, and
Nettie (Taylor)⁶ Parsons, born 16 December 1871, Danbury, died 1933.
Clarence and Kathleen (Verity) Parsons had:
 - (a). Clarence James ("Skip") Parsons, born 18 November 1952, Norwalk, CT.
Married, 1st, Cynthia Ross, of St. Paul, MN. They had:
 - (i). Maegan Kathleen Parsons, born 3 February 1979, Willimantic, CT.
Married, 2nd, 18 June 1983, Kathleen Marie Vaughan. They had:
 - (i). Ashley Marie Parsons, born 17 September 1986, St. Paul, MN.
 - (ii). Briana Kathleen Parsons, born 30 July 1989, St. Paul, MN.
 - (iii). Kalina Christine Parsons, born 31 October 1992, St. John's
Hospital, Maplewood, MN.
 - (b). Marie B. Parsons, born 25 August 1951, Norwalk. Married, as his
second wife, Robert Wilbur, of Sharon, CT. They had:
 - (i). Michael Wilbur.
 - (ii). Jonathan Wilbur.
 - (iii). Nikki Wilbur.
 - (c). David Michael Parsons, born 23 July 1954, New Milton, CT. Married
Susan Vanicky, of Sharon, CT. They had:
 - (i). Shawn Parsons, died infant.
 - (d). Heidi Anne Parsons, born 10 January 1956, Sharon, CT. Married, first,
Robert Senk. They had:
 - (i) Joshua Senk.
 Heidi married, 2nd, David R. Euart, of Rockwell, NC.
 - (e). Christopher James Parsons, born 9 January 1958, Sharon, CT. Married
Lori Leach, of South Berwick, ME. They had:

(i). Christopher James Parsons, II.

(f). Kathleen Sharon Parsons, born 3 August 1965, Sharon, CT. Married, Oberlin, OH, John Meridith. They had:

(i). Rebekah Kathleen Meridith, born 19 December 1992.

William Henry Verity married, 2nd, 2 August 1903, Ruth Magee, born 4 September 1879, Roslyn, NY, died 4 January 1905, Norwalk, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hutchins) Magee. No children.

William Henry Verity married, 3rd, 18 December 1906, by Rev. E. Cunningham, Norwalk (CT) Methodist Episcopal Church, Edna Frances Ayres, born 1875, Norwalk, daughter of Jesse and Emily A. (Weed) Ayres, and the widow of Albert Feiner, he who died 27 July 1902. William and Edna (Ayres) Feiner Verity had:

a. Martha Elizabeth Verity, born 3 September 1908, West Norwalk, CT.

4. Margaret A. Verity, born 1845.

5. Charles E. Verity, born 1848.

6. Susan Jane Verity, born 1850. Did she die young? Not on 1860 census.

7. Ella T. Verity, born 1857.⁷

8. Townsend Verity, born 1860.⁷ Married Laura De La Mare. They had:

a. Churchill De La Mare Verity.

b. Walter Edgar Verity.

c. Gladys Verity

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¹By various census records, he was born either 1797, 1804, 1806, or 1810. On the 1870 Census, Port Washington Post Office, family #360, page 283, his occupation was oysterman, then aged 64 (born 1806, the date used here); his wife, Amy was aged 53.

²On all of the pension documents relating to his service in the Civil War, Walter always signed his name, William H. Verrity; while his brother, William, used Verity. On William's 1917 deposition (see note #3, following), he stated that his brother's name was Walter A. Verity.

Except for the 1880 Census (Walter was living at 100 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn), all of the vital information was taken from Walter's Civil War pension application, #1,122,992, dated 21 November 1893, (then living at 15 Davis Street, Long Island City, Queens County) in which he stated that he had been married "... but my Wife (unnamed) is dead." He also stated that he had no living children on that date.

On a "Declaration for Invalid Pension," dated 26 July 1892, Walter declared that he "was enrolled on the 13th day of August, 1862, as a Private in Co. E., 5th New York Heavy Artillery ..." He was honorably discharged at "Hart's Island, New York Harbor on the 31st day of July 1865." Walter enlisted one day before his brother, William, in the same unit.

³The following notarized deposition was submitted to the U.S. Pension Office, Washington, DC, by William H. Verity when he was seeking an adjustment on his Civil War pension and is the basis for some of the genealogical information contained herein:

State of Connecticut,)

) ss.: Norwalk, October 17, 1917

County of Fairfield)

WILLIAM H. VERITY, of said Norwalk, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he was born at Manhasset, Long Island, New York, on April 26th 1842: that the leaf attached to this affidavit is from his family bible; that it was torn from the bible a number of years ago and forwarded to the Bureau of Pensions at Washington as proof of his age and that it was afterwards returned to him; that the bible from which it was taken has been lost [the bible record was not included with the information from the National Archives]; that his father's name was Walter Verity, and that his mother's name was Amy Verity, and that he lived in the summer of 1850 with his parents at or near Manhasset, Queens County, Long Island, New York; that in the summer of 1860 he was living with James

L'Hommedieu at said Manhasset, and was learning the carpenter's trade; that at the best of his recollection, his brothers, Walter A. Verity and Charles E. Verity, and his sisters, Sarah E. Verity, Susan Jane Verity, and Margaret A. Verity, were living in June 1850 and in June 1860.

William H. Verity

(signature)

⁴William Henry Verity enrolled as a volunteer in the New York City on 14 August 1862, as a private in Company E, 5th Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery. He was captured near Newton, VA, 26 October 1864; confined at Richmond, VA, 29 October 1864; paroled at Cox's wharf, VA, 5 February 1865; reported at College Green Barracks, MD, 7 February 1865; sent to Camp Parole, MD, 13 February 1865, where he arrived the same day. Furloughed 17 February 1865, for 30 days; returned 31 March 1865; and was mustered out of service at Annapolis, MD. Pension records, National Archives, Washington, DC.

⁵Son of Alfred Parsons, born 1847, Danbury, CT, a mason, and Sarah Curtis, born 1849, Brookfield, CT.

⁶Daughter of Charles Taylor, born 1841, Danbury, CT, a carpenter, and Lotta Hadden, born 1844, Port Chester, CT.

⁷Although Ella T. and Townsend Verity are not listed as a brother and sister by William H. Verity on the deposition of 1917 (see note #2), they are listed on the 1860 and 1870 censuses in the household of Walter and Amy (Hulse) Verity.

JAMES and JANE (VERITY) MCGREGOR

[Information on this line is from correspondence with Rob Roy Macgregor, 139 Hagstrom Road, Woodstock, CT, 06281, (hereafter RRM), Judith Field, a descendant of Jane (Verity) McGregor, 317 Livingston Avenue, Missoula, MT, 59801-8007, (hereafter JF), and Verity family research by the author.]

Jane¹ Verity, parents unknown, born 12 June 1793, probably Oyster Bay, died 27 May 1875 Woodbury. Married James McGregor (some family branches use Macgregor), born 18 April 1791, Queens County, baptized 27 June 1793, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, died 4 February 1874, Woodbury, Queens County, NY, son of Alexander² and Mary (Drummond) McGregor. They had:³

1. Nancy McGregor, born 2 January 1814, Woodbury, died 17 December, 1898, Comac (now Commack). Then of Oyster Bay, she married, 7 February 1838,⁴ Platt R. Burr,⁵ born 26 February 1811, probably Commack, died there 5 October 1879, a brick mason, son of Samuel and his first wife, Betsy (Ruland, daughter of Joseph) Burr, of Commack. Platt R. Burr was a member of the Commack Methodist Episcopal Church and held the offices of Trustee, Stewart, and Treasurer for many years. Nancy (Macgregor) and Platt R. Burr had:

- a. Charles M. Burr, a mason, born 9 September 1839. Married, 25 February 1878, Anna E. Thompson, of Monroe, Orange County, NY. They had, at least:

- i. Arminda P. Burr, born 1 June 1881.

- b. Alfred J. Burr, born 25 October 1841. Married, 12 May 1867, Euphemia Terrill, of Smithtown. They had, at least:

- i. Alfred Henry Burr, born 23 May 1876, a blacksmith and carriage manufacturer of Port Jefferson.

- c. Franklin Pierce Burr, a brick mason, born 11 April 1851. Married 24 September 1874, Hannah May Terrill, of Smithtown. They had, at least:

- i. Wilson Platt Burr, born 12 May 1879.
- ii. Charles Mortimer Burr, born 20 October 1889.

2. David McGregor, born c. 1817, Oyster Bay, died 11 June 1867, Savannah, GA, buried Laurel Grove cemetery. Married, 2 August 1839, NY, Ann McCoun (JF).
3. Phebe McGregor, , born 1819/1820, Oyster Bay, died 1898. Married, c. 1840, Peter Shotwell. Mother of David Shotwell, of Northport (JF).
4. Ruth McGregor, born 28 January 1823, Oyster Bay, died there 13 September 1840 (JF).
5. Henry McGregor, "Capt. Harry," born c. 1826, Oyster Bay, died 1868, buried Huntington. Married, 25 April 1851, Huntington, Elizabeth "Mary E." Conklin (JF).
6. James Nelson McGregor, born 1830, Oyster Bay, died 20 January 1894, Branford, New Haven, CT. Married, c. 1858, CT, Lucy _____ (JF).
7. John McGregor, born 10 October 1831, Oyster Bay, died 16 January 1910, Hartford, CT. Married 25 November 1857, New Haven, CT, Jennie B. Ronald (JF).
8. Andrew Jackson McGregor, born 3 February 1834, Oyster Bay, died 15 October 1886, Northport and buried Northport cemetery. Married, 24 December 1864, Centerport, Effelinda Conklin, daughter of Joseph L. and Hannah J. (Enick) Conklin. They lived in Northport (JF).
9. Robert Roy McGregor, born 9 December 1836, Manetto Hill, Oyster Bay Town, died 19 March 1919, Springfield, Hampden, MA. Married, 13 November Greenville, NC, Lucy S. Graves, born 1840, died 1928. Served in Civil War⁶ with 27th Massachusetts Regiment, Company K. Wounded at the battle of Roanoke Island, he was discharged 1 June 1863 (JF).

ENDNOTES

¹RRM, 5 August 1996. The gravestones of James and Jane McGregor are "... in the cemetery of the little church at Woodbury Commons - corner of Jericho Turnpike and Woodbury Road. Their birth and death dates are from the gravestone."

²RRM, 5 August 1996. "Family tradition also says that Alexander Macgregor came to America in 1775 in a British regiment, and deserted to the American cause at Astoria,

Long Island. Alexander Macgregor married Mary Drummond. *Names of Persons for Whom Marriage Licenses Were Issued by the Secretary of the Province of New York Previous to 1784*, page 284: "23 Dec. 1780 - Macgregor (sic) Alexander and Mary Drummond"

JF, 5 December 1998. According to the Oyster Bay Town Records, Alexander McGregor had a farm in that township (probably Massapequa area) in 1792 and 1812. From census records, Alexander had 3 sons and possibly 6 daughters. According to Darling Whitney's Account Book "Elexander McGregor" died 24 Dec. 1838.

³RRM In a letter from RRM to JF (then to the author), he included a letter written in May 1909, from Springfield, MA, - "Jane McGregor Armstrong wrote that this letter was written to her grandmother by her uncle Rob Roy McGregor (Jane's gm was Jennie Duncan Carswell McGregor. From the 'Dear Niece Mollie' perhaps it was actually written to her g-gm Mary Eliz. Squire McGregor (d. 1924) who was married to Rob Roy's nephew Amos Bacon McGregor?)." The letter ends, "I will try & give you the MacGregor family - Father James MacGregor lacked 3 months of being 83, Mother Jane MacGregor lacked 2 months of 82." Nine children are listed and the author assumes that they were given in birth order.

⁴Marriage date of Nancy and Platt R. Burr from a Burr family Bible in the possession, (copied c.1980 by the author) of the now defunct W. K. Vanderbilt Historical Society, Oakdale. The present location of the Bible is unknown. Other than the marriage date, there were no other family records.

The same marriage date is also given in Charles Burr Todd, *A General History of the Burr Family* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1902), 399, #838, "Platt R. Burr." In the same book (p.399), the name of the wife of Platt R. Burr is incorrectly given as "Nancy Verity, of Oyster Bay." The author and RRM believe that some informant confused Nancy McGregor with her mother, Jane Verity.

The confusion in (maiden) names might have arisen from another document that also perhaps contains a serious error. The death certificate of Nancy Burr (#1382, Town of Smithtown, 1898) states that her parents were Charles and Mary Verity. The name of the informant is not given on the death certificate. Perhaps Charles Burr Todd used this erroneous information when gathering information for his book. At the present time, the inconsistency re the parents of Nancy (McGregor) Burr has not been resolved.

⁵Charles Burr Todd, *A General History of the Burr Family* (New York: The Knickerbocker Press, 1902), 399, 436.

⁶RRM, 19 December 1998. A rewrite from the "New England Clan Gregor" Newsletter, which appeared originally in *The Springfield [MA] Union* newspaper of Thursday Morning, March 10, 1919:

"Rob Roy McGregor, aged 82 years, a Civil War veteran, one of the oldest members of E. K. Wilcox Post, of which he was chaplain for many years, former member of the City Council, for a long time connected with the local postoffice as superintendent of boxes, died yesterday after a long illness in his home, 869 Worthington Street.

Mr. McGregor was born in Manetto Hill, L.I., Dec. 9, 1836, the son of James and Jane McGregor, one of a family of nine children, none of whom now survives. At the age of 15 he went to New Haven, Conn., where he learned the trade of blacksmithing and carriage making in the firm of Cox & Gower. At the end of six years he went to Greenville, S.C., and worked at his trade with his brother. While in Greenville he married, Nov. 13, 1859, Miss Lucie S. Graves, a Northern woman, who lived in Greenville at the time.

The youngest of his family, . . . besides his wife leaves two children, Robert S. McGregor and Mrs. William I. Weeks, both of this city."

SAMUEL AND ABIGAIL (HAFF) VERITY

Samuel Verity, parents unknown, a farmer and wheelwright, was born 1785, Jerusalem, and died there 18 January 1879, ae 94 (tombstone). Married, about 1811, Abigail Haff, born 1793, died, Atlanticville (Seaford), 29 January 29, 1853, daughter of Jacob and _____ (Dean) Haff, they residents of Jerusalem South. Samuel and Abigail were members of the Society of Friends. Quaker records of the Jericho, Long Island, "Monthly Meetings" contain information about Samuel and his family.¹ They (and several of their children) are buried in Friends Burial Ground, Jerusalem. They had:

1. Jacob J(ackson?) Verity, born 7 January 1812, died 14 May 1901. A shoemaker and farmer, he married Ann Maria _____, born 22 May 1817, died 20 October 1884.

Both are buried in Friends Burial Ground, Jerusalem. They had:

- a. Mary E. Verity, born 1839. Died infant.
- b. Mary E. Verity, born 1842, died 29 October 1856.
- c. Antonette (Annette on 1880 census) Verity born 1843. Married _____ Hawkes and had, at least:
 - i. Evelin Hawkes, born 1873.
- d. Edward Verity, born 1846, died 1928, of Seaford.. Married, 25 December 1868, Parsonage, Hempstead (*Hempstead Inquirer*), Sarah Frances Wanser, born 1848, died 1940. On the 1870 Census of Huntington Village, Edward, 20, was a farm laborer; Sarah, 21, was a domestic servant in the home of James Bennett, 53, a farmer. On the 1880 census (Codex), Edward, 35 (sic) is a boatman living in Oyster Bay Village; Sarah F., is 32. By that census, they had:
 - i. Carrie A. Verity, born 1871.
- e. Jackson Verity, born 1852, bayman. Married Ellen _____, born 1851. They had:
 - i. Cora Verity, born 1873.
 - ii. Walter Verity, born 1875.
 - iii. Edward Verity, born 1879.

2. Elbert V. Verity, born 1818, Seaford, died 9 November 1896, a carriage-maker who

later had a lumber business². He married, 1st, 1840, Mary S. Fleet, who died in 1855. They had:

a. Nelson H. Verity, born 1845. Married, 6 December 1867, Mary D. Ashmond, at home of bride's parents, Hempstead. They had:

i. Ada Verity, died 10 August 1870, Hempstead, ae 5 weeks.

ii. Louise Verity, died 2 February 1874, ae 3 1/2 years.

iii. Nelson H. Verity, Jr., died 15 July 1881, ae 3 months.

Elbert Verity married, 2nd, 18 December 1855, Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Edmondson) Hart, born 1833, the daughter of Scottish-born Alexander Edmondson. Elizabeth had a son by first husband, Alexander R. Hart, a resident of Brooklyn. Elbert and Elizabeth (Edmondson) Hart Verity were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had:

a. Alexander H. Verity, born 1860, died before 1870?

b. Elberta ("Ella") Verity, born 1857. Married M. H. Mullenneaux and resided in Albany, NY.

c. Elbert W. Verity, born 1863, of Freeport.

d. William E.(or C.) Verity, born 1865, of Brooklyn, a bookkeeper, in 1880. Did he marry, as her second husband, R. Edna Oakley, daughter of David Oakley?

3. Cornelia Ann Verity, born 1819, married Nathaniel Smith, born 1813, died 1897.

4. Stephen Haff Verity, born 15 September 1821, died 22 September 1901. Married, 27 July 1849, Parsonage, Old First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, Hannah Ketcham,³ born 1826, died 1868, both of Jerusalem South. They both buried Friends Burial Ground, Jerusalem. They had:

a. Oakley Ketcham Verity, born 1855. Married Carrie Augusta Steers and had:

i. Juliette (Julia) Verity married Frank W. Raynor, son of Joseph and Mary Ella (Verity, daughter of Lawrence and Caroline (Buck) Verity) Raynor. Mrs.

Ansel P. Verity, following, stated in a letter (27 January 1952), that these two Verity families were not related.

ii. Alvah (or Alvin?) H. Verity, born 1880, unmarried.

iii. Ansel Powell Verity,⁴ born 1882, died 12 March 1955. Married, Brooklyn,

2 October 1915, Effie Isabel McCreery, daughter of Alexander and Margaret Jane (Bingham) McCreery. They resided in Garden City. No children.

b. Samuel C. Verity, born 8 November 1859, died 8 September 1883. Buried Friends Burial Ground, Jerusalem Meeting House.

c. Ansel P. Verity, born 1862, wheelwright.

d. Edward F. Verity, born 1865, listed as a carriage maker on the 1892-1897 Business Directory of Seaford.

5. Richard Verity, born 1825.

6. Martha Verity, born 1829.

7. Phebe Verity, born 1831.

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¹William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, Vol. III, 503, 511. Hinshaw gives Samuel's date of birth as 1785; the 1850 census lists his age at 67 (born 1783). In 1860, Samuel, then 76 (born 1784), "gentleman," is listed on the census of that year living with his son Stephen in the village of Hempstead.

Samuel was "Received by Request," 4-16-1829, Jericho Monthly Meeting; Abigail on 3-19-1835. Hinshaw, 503.

²*Portrait and Biographical Record of Queens County, (Long Island), New York* (New York: Chapman Publishing Co., 1896), 230. "Learned carriage-making with his father which he worked with . . . for about five years, and then alone for a like period. At the end of this time he embarked in the general mercantile business in Seaford and followed this occupation and millwrighting and carpentering until December 1864, when he gave them all up and went to Brooklyn, where he obtained a position in a lumber yard. Later the owner of this yard died, and after managing the business for six years Mr. Verity started in the same line for himself. After following this with marked success, until 1887, failing health caused him to dispose of his stock, since which time he has lived retired. In 1886, Mr. Verity took up residence in Freeport."

³On the 1850 Census of Hempstead (family #1030, Stephen and Hannah are living with his parents. On the 1860 Census of Hempstead Village (family #672), Hannah becomes Cornelia A., but is Hannah once again on the 1870 Census of Hempstead (family #634). In 1860, the census-taker might have misinterpreted the information re the daughter, Cornelia A. born 1819, who married Nathaniel Smith.

5. John Verity, born about 1755. Married, SGH, 2 February 1776, Margaret Smith. A John Verity on the 1790 Census, if the same, had three sons under sixteen and one daughter, age unknown.
6. Sarah Verity, born about 1757. Married, SGH, 4 June 1776, Joseph Pearsall.
7. Anne (B.?) Verity, born about 1760. Married, SGH, 11 December 1780, Samuel Griswold.
8. Daughter, born about 1763. Living with father in 1790.
9. Ezekiel Verity,⁷ born about 1766, baptized SGH, 17 January 1771. Married there 12 February 1791, Abigail Gritman, daughter of William and Mary (Doxsee or Bedell) Gritman. They had, at least (birth order unknown):
 - a. Lavina Verity, baptized SGH 12 June 1795.
 - b. Ezekiel Verity, Jr., baptized SGH 12 June 1795. Married Anna Terry, of Manorville. See elsewhere in this work for the family line of Ezekiel, Jr., and Anna (Terry) Verity.
 - c. Probably others.
10. Miriam Verity, born about 1769, baptized SGH 17 January 1771. Living with father in 1790.

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JAMES and ABIGAIL (WOOD) VERITY

James Verity, *perhaps* the son of William and Susanah (Sanson) Verity, was born about 1720 and probably died after 1790, assuming that he was the one of that name on the 1790 Town of Hempstead Census. He married, 22 July 1744, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, hereafter SCH, Abigail Wood, not further identified. James and Abigail with three of their children - unfortunately not named nor ages given - were baptized in the same church as "children of James and Abigail Verity," June 1753. Two other children, Miriam and Ezekiel were baptized there, in 1771.

James and Abigail (Wood) Verity probably established the Hempstead branch of the Verity family.

James and Abigail may have had the following children (birth order unknown):¹

1. James Verity, Jr.,² assumed to be one of the unnamed baptized children, was born about 1745 and was probably the one by that name on the 1790 Town of Hempstead Census. He married, 1st, 5 March 1769, SGH, Sarah Smith.³ They had, at least:
 - a. James Verity, 3rd, born about 1770. Married, 4 August 1793, SGH, his second cousin, Ruth Verity, daughter of William and Margaret (Gritman) Verity, she of Oyster Bay. See elsewhere in this work for the family line of James and Ruth (Verity) Verity.
 - b. Probably others.
- James Verity, Jr., married, 2nd, 27 November 1780, SGH, Rebecca Gritman, daughter of William and Mary (Doxsee⁴) Gritman. If there were any children, the names are unknown.
2. Symonds Verity,⁵ assumed to be one of the unnamed baptized children, was born 1748. Married, 31 January 1772, SGH, as "Symmons" Verity, Mary Carman.
3. Martha Verity,⁶ assumed to be one of the unnamed baptized children, was born c. 1751. Married, 27 January 1769, SGH, David Jackson.
4. Abigail Verity, born about 1753. Married, 10 October 1774, SGH, Samuel Smith.

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⁵The name Symond(s) in Old English was the same as Seaman. It also appears as Symmons and, more rarely, as Simmons. A Simmons Verity signed against deputies for Congress at Jamaica, Queens County, 7 November 1775. This list also contained the following Veritys: William, James and James, Jr. *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts Relating to the War of the Revolution*, 1868, Vol. 1, 184-186. A Symonds Verity is on a list of those "Inhabitants of Queens County, New York," who signed the Oath of Allegiance, 19 January 1776. Mather's *Refugees*, 1053.

⁶There is nothing certain about this Martha Verity in this position. In fact, another Martha Verity may be considered. The records of the following two Martha Veritys are confusing - were they the same person or did the Martha, born c. 1750, marry twice to men by the name of Doughty?

. Martha Verity, born c. 1750, married, c. 1770, George Doughty, son of Isaiah and and Peggy (Clover). Ethan Allen Doty, "The Doughty Family of Long Island," *NYGBR*, Vol. XLIII, No. 4, October 1912, 321.

. Martha Verity, born c. 1750, married, c. 1770, Isaiah Doughty, son of Jacob and and Elizabeth (Ismond) Doughty. *Marriages Performed by Justice Wm Mott, Hempstead*, 76.

⁷An Ezekiel Verity, Sr., appears on a petition list (c. 1794) with 185 others from the Towns of Hempstead and Oyster Bay claiming their right to fish in Great South Bay. See Suffolk County Historical Society *REGISTER*, Vol. 13, No. 3, Winter 1987, 89-92. Also appearing on this petition are the names of James Verity and William Gritman, the latter possibly the father-in-law of Ezekiel Verity.

This Ezekiel Verity, Sr., is probably the same enumerated on the 1800 Town of Hempstead census with his wife and two children: a son and a daughter both under ten years of age.

EZEKIEL and ANNA (TERRY) VERITY

Ezekiel Verity,¹ parents unknown,² was born some time prior to 1795.³ His death date and burial site are unknown although he probably died before 1840, since he is not listed on the census of that year. Ezekiel married, c. 1812, Anna Terry, born Beaver Dam (Westhampton), May 1792, died 8 January 1888, Manorville, daughter of William and Mary (Horton) Terry, of Manorville. William Terry lived and died in Manorville; Mary Horton was from Aquebogue. Anna married, 2nd, 10 May 1844, Westhampton Presbyterian Church, Westhampton, as her second husband and his second wife, Nathaniel Corwin,⁴ born 1771, died 16 December 1857, son of Daniel and Temperance (Baily) Corwin. Ezekiel and Anna (Terry) Verity had:⁵

1. William Verity, a farmer, born c. 1814, probably in the Town of Hempstead, died 14 May 1875, buried United Methodist Church Cemetery, Montauk Highway, East Quogue.⁶ His will, dated 8 May 1872, was probated 30 July 1883. William married, first, c. 1839, Hannah Hubbard, born 1822, died c. 1868, daughter of Elias. The will of Elias Hubbard, dated 28 September (?) 1867, mentions Hannah and son-in-law William Verity. William and an adult female, presumably Hannah, appear on the 1840 census, Town of Southampton, p. 144, as Verrity (sic), both between 20 and 30 years old with no children. In 1850 William and Hannah lived in Red Creek, Town of Southampton, p. 380, and in Good Ground (Hampton Bays), Town of Southampton in 1860 (as Verrity, p. 633). On the 1865 New York State census, (Good Ground, family #39), they stated that it was the "only marriage" for both. There were no children.

William married, 2nd, 9 October 1869, probably Shelter Island, Elizabeth M. Congdon, born Octobr 1823, Shelter Island, died 1893. "Verity, Elizabeth M., wife of William Verity. Died East Quogue, 4 May 1893, ae 69 y.6m." [tombstone says 7 months]. *The Long Island Traveler* of 12 May 1893. Elizabeth is also buried in the Methodist Cemetery, East Quogue and was the daughter of William D. Congdon, 1785-1862, of Shelter Island, who married, 11 June 1808, Lucinda Havens of Shelter Island, 1792-1840. William and Elizabeth had no children.

2. Samuel Verity, farmer and laborer, born 1817, probably in the Town of Hempstead, died after 1880. Married Arminda _____, born 1818, died 5 September 1868, Town of Southampton. Her will, 5 February 1868, Liber 10, 130, mentions her two daughters and leaves to her husband, Samuel, the "... dwelling house and land, one bed and bedding and cooking utensils." They were living in Good Ground (Hampton Bays), in 1880 and had:

a. Rosilla (or Rosella) Verity, born either 1839 (per 1850 census) or 1841 (1870 census). Married Phineas Lane, born 1835, a laborer. Rosilla was mentioned in her mother's will but was left nothing. Rosilla and Phineas were living in Riverhead, Town of Southampton, in 1870, and by the census of that year had:

- i. Evilina C. Lane, born 1861.
- ii. Frances (Francis on census but sex listed as "F") T. Lane, born 1864.
- iii. Della M. Lane, born 1868.
- iv. Carrie B. Lane, born May 1870.

b. Ruth Augusta Verity, born 1848, died 1927, married Clement Miner Hempstead (*Republican Watchman*, 2 October 1867), of Riverhead, born 10 November 1840, died 10 January 1892, son of Clement M. and Sarah _____. Clement's single tombstone (Riverhead cemetery) has the following inscription: "Clement M. Hempstead, Private Co. (C or G), 127 Regt, N.Y. Vol, enlisted Aug 27 1862 Discharged June 20 1865. Died Jan 10 1892, ae 51 Yrs and 2 Mos." Ruth's single stone in the same cemetery has the following inscription: "Ruth A. Verity, wife of Clement M. Hempstead, 1848-1927." Clement Hempstead, a (house) painter, lived in the village of Riverhead. They had:

- i. Arminda Hempstead, born 1869.
- ii. Grace Hempstead, born 1871.
- iii. Child, born say 1875, died before 1900.
- iv. Maria T.? Hempstead, born July 1882.
- v. Frederick E. Hempstead, born October 1885.

c. Joseph Verity, born 1855.

After the death of his first wife, Arminda, on 5 September 1868, Samuel Verity married 2nd, 24 March 1869, Westhampton Presbyterian Church, W. B. Reeve officiating, Mary Jennings, both of Riverhead. (Westhampton Presbyterian Church Records, p. 483, courtesy of Mrs. Shirley Perry). Mary Jennings, a widow, born 1824, had, at least, by the 1870 census, Riverhead, Town of Southampton, family #1078, page 213, Catherine Jennings, born 1858 and Charles Henry Jennings, born 1860.

On the 1880 census, Ground (Hampton Bays), Town of Southampton family #428, page 38, Samuel Verity, 66, a farm hand, and Mary Verity, 55, are enumerated. No children are shown living in the household

3. Charity ("Charry") B. Verity, born 19 September 1819, Manorville, died 25 May 1915,⁷ then a resident of North Sea, Town of Southampton, buried Westhampton Cemetery. Married, as his second wife [first was Emmeline Bedell⁸], Harvey Ketcham,⁹ born 4 March 1809, died 5 August 1885, buried Westhampton Cemetery, parents unknown. Harvey and Charry (Verity) Ketcham had per family Bible record of Arthur Raynor via Village of Westhampton Beach, Historian's Office, 28 January 1987:

a. Mary Ann Ketcham, born 1 August 1838.

b. Charles E. Ketcham, born 14 April 1843.

c. Eliza Ann [as Annie E. in mother's obituary notice] Ketcham, born 19 April 1845. Married Harold Rose. She was living in Southampton in 1915.

d. Marietta [Marrietta, also as "Mary" in mother's 1915 obituary] Ketcham, born 10 February 1847, died 24 February 1948. Married Sheldon M. Fournier, born 15 May 1838, died 1908, son of Samuel and Abigail Fournier. Both buried lot 76, Westhampton Cemetery. They had ("Fournier-Ketcham Family Record," *REGISTER*, Vol. IV, No. 4, March 1979, 66-67):

i. Mary Edith Fournier, born 19 November 1866. Married Stephen Bishop.

ii. Abigail Geneva Fournier, born 14 November 1868, died 23 July 1935.

Married Frederick B. Barker, born 1879, died 5 January 1933, son of Walter and Caroline (Durr) Barker. They had (birth order uncertain):

- (1). Jay R. Barker, died 3 March 1960. Married Florence Nesbitt, died 24 March 1985.
 - (2). Ralph D. Barker, died 4 April 1966, Fireman's Home, Hudson, NY. Married Irma Paquette, died 20 February 1995. Irma married, 2nd, _____ Rosen.
 - (3). Frederick Barker, died 1991. Married _____. Frederick owned the Quogue Plumbing Company and the Atlantic Plumbing Company in Riverhead.
 - (4). Laura(?) Barker.
- iii. Helen Louise Fournier, born 6 October 1871. Good Ground, died 1 May 1943. Married Arthur H. Raynor, 20 November 1892. They had:
- (1). Halsey Gilbert Raynor.
 - (2). Daniel Tuttle Raynor, father of Arthur D. Raynor, Bartow FL, who provided information on this line, 23 April 1998.
 - (3). Abbie Louise Raynor.
 - (4). Mary Raynor.
- iv. Charles Isaiah Fournier, born 29 August 1874.
- v. Mabel J. Fournier, born 7 September 1883. Married George A. Barker, brother to Frederick B. Barker, husband of Abigail Geneva Fournier. They had:
- (1) George Sheldon Barker, born October 1911, baptized 7 April 1912, Westhampton Presbyterian Church. Married _____.
 - (2) Ruth Fournier Barker, born 3 October 1917, baptized 8 June 1919, Westhampton Presbyterian Church. Married Lt. Col. Benjamin Weisberg, he who died 26 January 1982, buried Quogue Cemetery.
- e. Helen Ketcham, born 1 February 1849, died 2 October 1870. Married Henry P. Bishop. She buried in lot 76, Westhampton Cemetery.
- f. David Ketcham, born 16 June 1851.
- g. George Washington Ketcham, born 12 June 1853.
- h. Frances Louisa Ketcham, born 6 October 1855 [Vail Genealogy says 1854].

Married, 10 February 1874, Westhampton, Charles Griffin Vail, born 14 February 1848, son of Jasper G. Vail. Charles Vail was in the livery business at Sag Harbor. Henry H. Vail, *Genealogy Of Some Of The Vail Family Descended From Jeremiah Vail At Salem, Mass. 1639* (New York: author, 1902, 298). Charles and Frances (but apparently known as Louisa) Vail had:

- i. Charles Fletcher Vail, born 29 November 1874; married.
 - ii. Reuben Oscar Vail, born 22 September 1876.
 - iii. Jennie Louisa Vail, born 8 July 1878; married.
 - iv. Daisy Bethiah Vail, born 4 September 1882.
 - v. Ethelyn Bethiah Vail, born 27 January 1885.
 - vi. Helen Marietta Vail, born 10 June 1889.
 - vii. Myrtle Rose Vail, born 10 January 1895.
 - i. John Asa Ketcham, born 18 November 1857.
 - j. Henry Wallace Ketcham, born 17 February 1860.
 - k. Louise J. Ketcham, born 1862, died 1925. Married Gilbert N. Vail, born 1864, died 9 February 1959, buried Sayville. Louise's birth is not recorded in the Ketcham family Bible (correspondance, Arthur Raynor, Bartow, FL, July 1977), but is listed in LeRoy Wilcox, *History of Eastport, L.I., N.Y., 1775-1975 and Eastport Gospel Church, 1822-1975*, privately printed, 1975.
4. Betsy Verity, born say 1822, married Silas Reeve. Lived in Sayville in 1875.
5. Mary Verity, born say 1825, married _____ Lowery, of Brooklyn.
6. perhaps a daughter,¹⁰ name unknown, born say 1830, died before 20 May 1875.

ENDNOTES

¹There is some controversy regarding his given name. Was it Obadiah or Ezekiel? Although the death certificate of his daughter, Charry [Charity] B. Ketcham who died 25 May 1915, then a resident of North Sea, Town of Southampton, states (death certificate #38, Albany, NY, with information supplied by her daughter, Mrs. Harold Rose, of Southampton) that Charry's father's name was OBADIAH Verity, there are compelling reasons to believe that it was EZEKIEL. Stuart T. Terry, of Southold, in his handwritten *Genealogy of the Terry Family*, 1876, page 54, ("Presented to the Suffolk County Historical Society by Mrs. Stuart T. Terry, 3 July 1913") gives Ezekiel Verity as the first

husband of Anna Terry. Since Stuart T. Terry was a contemporary (and relative) of Anna Terry, I would give credence to his account.

Wilcox states, "Mrs. Obadiah Verity (Anna Terry), May 1792-Jan. 8 1888, [member] in 1846, from Waterville [eastern part of Eastport]." LeRoy Wilcox, *History of Eastport, L.I., N.Y., 1775-1975, and Eastport Gospel Church, 1822-1975*, privately printed, 1975, 58-59. Here we see that Anna's husband is given as Obadiah and *not* Ezekiel. Perhaps he was known by both names. Although the author cannot explain the discrepancy, he believes that Ezekiel is correct.

Following are other reasons for suggesting that Ezekiel, rather than Obadiah, is the progenitor of this branch of the Verity family:

- a. On the 1810 census, an Obadiah and Ezekiel are living in the Town of Hempstead, Queens County. No Verity is living in Suffolk County.
- b. On the 1820 census, there is an Ezekiel Verity living in the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, but no Obadiah. By this census, Ezekiel is between 26-45 years old as is his wife. His occupation is "manufacturing." They have two sons under 10 and one daughter under 10. Could this daughter be Charity?
- c. On the 1830 census, there is an Ezekiel Varrity (sic) but no Obadiah Verity living in the Town of Brookhaven. By this census, Ezekiel was between 30-40 as was his wife. They had two sons between 10-15; two daughters between 10-15; one daughter between 5-10; and one daughter under 5.
- d. On the 1840 Census, there is no Ezekiel Verity living in the Town of Brookhaven.
- e. An Ezekiel Verity appears in an account book kept by John Hallock, 1803-1881, of Moriches (some eight miles south of Manorville), who had a general store containing the Post Office.. This account book was donated to the Suffolk County Historical Society by the Hallock Family Association. An entry reads:

"Obtained Judgment against Ezekiel Verity
before David Edwards, Esqr Jan. 24th 1828
Debt - - - \$9.48
Cost -- 0.52"

Note: This debt was not crossed out nor marked "Paid" as others were, which seems to indicate that Ezekiel never paid the amount due!

I feel reasonably certain that this is Ezekiel, the father of Charity (Charry) Verity. At least, it puts one of that name in the Manorville area in the same time frame as the subject(s) of these notes. I also believe that Mrs. Harold Rose (nee Annie E. Verity) made an error when she stated, on her mother's death certificate, that Obadiah was the father of Charity. Or, again, he might have been known by both names.

- f. The following, abstracted from a very wordy four-page document, is presented as *circumstantial evidence* for the marriage of an Ezekiel Verity and Anna Terry. This Indenture (William G. Carman Collection, Long Island Studies Institute, Hofstra University, Hempstead) shows that an Ezekiel Varity (sic) and his wife, Ann, lived in

(Town of) Hempstead and sold land there, in 1815. Shortly after this transaction did they move to the Manorville area where they appear there on the 1820 census with a family?

"This Indenture made the Eighth Day of August one Thousand Eight Hundred and fifteen between Ezekiel Varity (sic) of Hempstead in Queens County . . . of the one part and Uriah Balden [Baldwin] of the Same place . . . on the other part Whereas the Said Ezekiel Varity by his Certain Bond or Obligation bearing . . . with these presents . . . firmly Bound unto the said Uriah Balden in the . . . Sum of two hundred and fifty dollars . . . hath granted bargained and sold . . . unto the said Uriah Balden . . . all that . . . certain messuage and tract of Land . . . which the said Ezekiel Varity Bought of the said Uriah Balden situate near the said Uriah Baldens home where he now Lives and on the East side of the Road that Leads from the great planes [Hempstead plains] or from Daniel Riders to little neck . . . in the . . . township of Hempstead . . . Sixteen acres . . . as surveyed by Henry Titus . . . in May Eighteen hundred and eight . . . by these presents forever . . . and Also Ann Varity wife of the Said Ezekiel Varity . . ."

Sealed and Delivered
in the presents of
Joseph Birdsall
John C. Birdsall

his
Ezekiel X Varity
mark

her
Ann X Varity
mark

The author knows of no other Ezekiel who married an Ann and concludes that this Ezekiel and Ann Varity of the above document are the same who were in the Manorville area by 1820.

²There is a good possibility that Ezekiel's (presumed father of Charity) father was the same Ezekiel Verity, baptized at St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, 11 January 1771, together with a sister, Miriam as "child[ren] of James and Abigail [Wood] Verity." This was probably the same Ezekiel who married, 12 February 1791, at the same church, Abigail Gritman, daughter of William and Mary (Doxsee) Gritman and is probably the same listed on the 1800 Queens County census, Town of Hempstead, p. 77, with a son and daughter then both under ten years of age.

³An Ezekiel Verity was baptized 12 June 1795, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, the same date as his sister, Lavina, and is probably this Ezekiel, son of Ezekiel, Sr., and Abigail (Gritman) Verity.

An "Ezekiel Varity, Sr.," (which assumes that there was an Ezekiel, Jr.) appears on a petition list of c. 1794, of baymen of Hempstead and Oyster Bay claiming their right to fish in Great South Bay. A William Gritman (Ezekiel's father-in-law?) also appears on this petition. Richard P. Baldwin, "Freeholders Petition, 1794, Hempstead and Oyster

⁴Nathaniel Corwin's first wife was Rejoice Culver, 1776-12 October 1839. They had six children.

⁵In the will of William Verity (#7888, Surrogate's Court, Suffolk County, NY, 8 May 1872, probated 30 July 1883), his wife Elizabeth is named executrix. In a Petition submitted by the widow Elizabeth Verity on 21 May 1875, the "... Petitioner shews (sic) that the heirs at law and next of kin [of deceased] are Anner [Anna] Corwin the mother of the said deceased who resides at Westhampton ... Samuel Verity a brother of said deceased who resides near Riverhead ... Clara [Charity, Charry] Ketcham the wife of Harvey Ketcham who resides at West Hampton ... Betsy Reeves the wife of Silas Reeves who resides at Sayville in the Town of Islip ... and Mary Lowery who resides at Brooklyn in the County of Kings sisters of the said deceased - all of whom are of full age."

On the 1860 census of Good Ground (Hampton Bays), Town of Southampton, page 633, as "Verrity," William (then 46), Samuel (then 43) and Charity (then 41, the wife of Harvey Ketcham) lived next to each other. This is consistent with the 1820 census, Town of Brookhaven (Manorville area), which indicated that Ezekiel Verity had two sons and a daughter, all under ten years of age; William born, 1814, Samuel 1817, and Charity in 1819.

⁶Not to be confused with the William Verity buried in the Cutchogue Old Yard Cemetery, born 1818, died 8 May 1875. This William might have been a brother to Gilbert Verity, of Greenport, he born 1820.

⁷Obituary of Mrs. Charity Ketcham from *The County Review*, Riverhead, N.Y., June 4, 1915. "Westhampton: Mrs. Charity Ketcham, mother of Mrs. Mary Fournier, of Westhampton, died on Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie E. Rose, in Southampton. Mrs. Ketcham was 96 years old, and despite her great age, she retained all of her faculties to the last. The funeral was held in the Southampton M.E. church, Thursday evening, at 8 P.M., the Rev. Henry Medd officiating, and another service was held at 1:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon in the Westhampton M.E. church. The interment was in the Westhampton cemetery. Mrs. Ketcham is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Rose, and Mrs. Charles G. Vail, of Sag Harbor, and by two sons, John and George Ketcham, of Virginia."

Although the above newspaper obituary says that Charity was of Westhampton, her death certificate (#38, New York State Department of Health), states the place of death was in the "Village of North Sea," Town of Southampton and that her death was due to influenza with apoplexy as a contributing cause. Her birthplace was "Manor, N.Y." Her father's name is given as Obadiah (sic) Verity, birthplace "not known," her mother Anna Terry. The informant was Mrs. Harold Rose, a daughter, of Southampton.

⁸Harvey and Emmeline (Bedell) Ketcham, she who died 24 April 1836, twelve days after the birth of her son, Joseph, had the following children (Historian's Office, Village of Westhampton Beach, letter of 28 January 1987): Sarah Jane Ketcham, born 24 November 1830; Merita Ketcham, born 10 July 1833, died 13 February 1835; and Joseph Ketcham, born 12 April 1836.

⁹Harvey and Charry B. (Verity) Ketcham also lived in Huntington where they appear on the 1850 census (family #207, page 13): Harvey Ketcham, 40, laborer; Charry B., 29, Charles, 7; Ann E., 5; Marietta, 3; and Helen M., 1. Note that Mary Ann, born 1 August 1838 per Bible record, may have died by the date of the 1850 census. Note, too, that the Eliza Ann of the Bible record is now Ann E. See also Edwin L Soper, *Ketcham Family*, typescript, Huntington Historical Society, 7 volumes.

Harvey and Charry (as Charity) appear on the 1880 census, Westhampton, family number 128, page 11: Harvey Ketcham, 71, farmer; Charity Ketcham, 61; Annie Corwin, 90 [nee Terry, widow of Ezekiel Verity and later wife of Nathaniel Corwin].

¹⁰It has been shown (endnote #5) that William's siblings were: Samuel; Clara [Charry], wife of Harvey Ketcham, of Westhampton; Betsy, wife of Silas Reeve, of Sayville; and Mary, wife of ____ Lowery, of Brooklyn. The unnamed other sister is based on an early census return and might indicate that she died before the date of William's will.

SEAMAN and ALMA (HALL) VERITY

Seaman (*perhaps* named Samuel Seaman but called Seaman) Verity, born 13 June 1801, either Jerusalem (Wantagh) or Bellmore, died 25 March 1866, Smithville (N. Bellmore/Wantagh area). Married, about 1828, Alma Hall, said to have been born in Centerport 4 June 1808, died 22 September 1888, daughter of Linus (died about 1831) and Phebe (Smith) Hall. Alma (Hall) Verity is buried in Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead, and the burial record states that she lived in Smithville South (Bellmore) at her death at age 80. The Town of Hempstead 1850 census,¹ gives the occupation of Seaman Verity, then 50, as bayman and his wife appears as Abby rather than Alma. This census lists seven children still living at home. From other sources,² the names of three others (John, Samuel, and Mary E.) are known. Seaman and Alma (Hall) Verity had:

1. John, *said* to have been born about 1830 and died in the Civil War. He is not listed in the 1850 Hempstead census in the house of his father nor is he found as the head of a family in 1850.

2. Samuel Seaman Verity, born 29 February 1832, Bellmore. On the 1860 census, Town of Oyster Bay, Samuel is a farm hand, then 28 years old, living in Glen Cove (family #930). He later lived in Syosset and died there 2 June 1916. Married Mary Louisa Pearson,³ born 1837, died 27 November 1911. They had:

a. Samuel Smith Verity, also known as "Smith Verity," born 1855, died 27 September 1936. Married, 1 March 1880, Woodbury, Louisa Bogart, (the newspaper, *The Long Islander*, in recording this marriage, gives her name as Lavinia Bogert; tombstone has "Bogert"), born 1859, died September 1929. Both buried Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead.

They had:

- i. George Verity, born 1882, died St. James, 1934, unmarried.
- ii. Emma, generally known as Emily Verity, twin, born 1882, died 1964, Daytona Beach, FL. Married William V. Manning, born 1884, died 1943, a New York City detective. They lived in Elmhurst and later moved to East Rockaway. They had:

- (1). Donald R. Manning, of Huntington, retired New York Telephone Supervisor. Contributed information on this line.
- iii. Alberta Verity, born 1891, died 1959, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- iv. Raymond Verity, born 1893, died 1960, Sandusky, OH.
- b. Mary Ann Verity, born 1857, married John Brower.
- c. Henry Seaman Verity, born 1859, married Nellie Elliot.
- d. Louisa Almy Verity, born about 1862, married Charles Koehler.
- e. Julia Etta Verity, born about 1865, died about 1948.
- f. Susan Alice Verity, born about 1868, married, 1st, D. Smith and 2nd, John Wardell.
- g. Sarah Jane Verity, born about 1871, died infant.
- h. Florence Alinda Verity, born 1874. Married, 1st, Henry Onderdonck Andrews Baldwin, born 20 October 1874, son of Dewitt and Sarah Jane (Andrus) Baldwin and grandson of Joseph and Charity (Southard) Baldwin. They had:
 - i. Floyd Milton Baldwin, born 8 October 1898, died 9 March 1977. Married Theresa Josephine Schmidt. They had:
 - (1). Floyd Douglas Baldwin.
 - (2). George Frederick Baldwin.
 - (3). Gerald Franklin Baldwin.Florence Alinda (Verity) Baldwin married 2nd, George Gritman.
- i. Carrie Edna Verity, born 1879, married East Norwich, 26 December 1898, Herbert Velsor, she of Cold Spring Harbor, he of Woodbury, by Rev.H. Scofield. *Suffolk Weekly Times*, January 7, 1899.
- j. Cora Elizabeth Verity, born 1881, died 1914. Married Joseph Raynor.
- k. John Edward Verity, born 1884, married Martha Beakle.
3. Charles H. Verity, born Jerusalem, 20 February 1835, died 19 April 1926, a bayman, of Freeport (St. John's Place). Married, May 1859, Jerusalem, Lucinda Baldwin, born 25 August 1841, died January (or February) 1903, daughter of Nicholas (born Bellmore) and Sarah Ann (Seaman) Baldwin (born NYC), and granddaughter of Enoch and Lydia (Berry) Baldwin. Charles H. and Lucinda

(Baldwin) Verity had:

- a. Charles H. Verity, Jr., born 1860, Jerusalem, died 5 November 1953. Married Annie Marie Verity, born 28 September 1865, Baldwin, died 10 March 1953.

They had:

- i. Benjamin Verity.
- ii. Warren Verity.
- iii. Robert Verity.
- iv. Wilbur Verity, writer for the *Long Island Forum*.
- v. Kneeland Verity.

- b. Ann Ethel Verity, born 1866, Jerusalem. Married, 20 October 1887, _____ Golden. They had:

- i. Roger Golden, born 1906, Freeport, died February 1973, Crestridge Gardens, FL.

- c. Sadie Alma (Jennie on 1870 census) Verity, born 10 January 1875, Bellmore, died 7 July 1969. Married, 1893, Freeport, Archer L. Seaman, born Deer Park, died c. 1956. They had:

- i. Thelma Seaman, born 10 January 1897. Married in Baldwin, John Patrick Dunn, of Rockville Center. They had Susan, Muriel, Herbert A., Charles Vernon and Edwin Dunn.
- ii. Susan S. Seaman, born Freeport, 24 April 1904. Married 1st, Freeport, Claude L. Strickland of Muir, MI, and had five sons. Married 2nd, 12 February 1948, J. B. Selleck, of Iona, MI.
- iii. Herbert A. Seaman, born Freeport, 31 August 1906. Married, East Williston, Elsie Hanse, of Merrick. They had two sons and a daughter.
- iv. Charles Vernon Seaman, born Freeport, 18 December 1908. Married Catherine Smith, of Roosevelt. They had four sons.
- v. Muriel Edna Seaman, born Freeport, 28 May 1912. Married, Freeport, Raymond Jefferson. They had two sons and two daughters.
- vi. Edwin Harold Seaman, born Freeport, 26 April 1914. Married Elizabeth Hennessey. They had three daughters.

- d. Frederick Verity, born Bellmore, died 1965, Freeport. Married Eva Wiseman, born 1884, died 1979. Lived in Baldwin.
 - e. C. Edward Verity, died 18 January 1970. Married Edna Ellison, daughter of Capt. Ellison, of Freeport. They had, at least:
 - i. Madalyn Verity.
 - ii. Willet B. Verity.
 - f. Carrie F. Verity
4. Stephen Verity, born 1839. Died in Civil War.
 5. Phebe M. Verity, born 28 June 1841. Married Samuel Wood, born 1838, a bayman. They had, at least (by 1870 census, Hempstead, family #221):
 - a. Lorenzo Wood, born 1864.
 - b. Mary A. Wood, born 1866.
 - c. Lavinia Wood, born 1869.
 6. Lucretia Ann Verity, born 12 February 1844. Lucretia Verity, then a resident of Smithville, married John Noon, born 1845, of Uniondale, at Hempstead. *Long Island Farmer*, 26 June 1866. In 1870, Lucretia and John Noon were living in the same house as her sister and husband, Phebe and Samuel Wood, and their widowed mother, Alma (Hall) Verity. Lucretia and John Noon had, by the 1870 census:
 - a. Phebe M. Noon, born 1869.
 7. Amy Verity, born 15 October 1846. Married John Barton.
 8. George H. Verity, born 12 October (or November) 1848, died 11 September 1930, a bayman, of Merrick. He was wounded in the Civil War. Married about 1870, Charlotte Baldwin, born 8 February 1853, daughter of Nicholas, born Bellmore, and Sarah Ann (Seaman) Baldwin, she born New York City, sister to Lucinda who married Charles H. Verity. They had (Bible record):
 - a. Mary Emma Verity, born 28 April 1871, died 24 February 1873.
 - b. Lillian Verity, born 24 December 1874, died 29 July 1876.
 - c. George Seaman Verity, born 22 January 1877, died between 4 January 1943, when he left his home and 6 January 1943, when he was found dead in his rowboat in Freeport Creek.

d. Hattie Ellen Verity, born 28 March 1879, died 22 June 1947. Married Frank Baldwin, son of Jarvis and grandson of Enoch and Lydia (Berry) Baldwin.

They had:

i. Milton Baldwin.

ii. Fern Baldwin.

e. John Garfield Verity, born 10 August 1881. Married _____ and had:

i. George Verity, of North Merrick.

ii. Virginia Verity married Albert Hendrickson.

f. Stanford George Verity, born 24 September 1884. Married Grace Mae Cook, of Bellmore, daughter of _____ and Mae (Frost) Cook and stepdaughter of John Haff. They had:

(1). George Stanford Verity, born 22 September 1906, died 1962, of Merrick.

Married Anna H. Dormann, born 1904, Elmont, died 20 August 1971, Merrick. They had:

(a). Dorothy Verity, born 1928. Married Rev. Donald Whitehurst and had: Paul, Carol, John, and Richard Whitehurst.

(b). Eleanor Verity, born 1931, married David Hobson, of New Jersey.
No children.

(c). Robert Verity, born 1932, married Constance Johnson, of Oceanside, and had: Linda, born 1956, Stephen, born 1961, and Stanford, born 1964.

(2) Milton Edward Verity, born 6 January 1908, died 25 February 1932, Hempstead. Married 1st, 1926, Sarah Mae Cook. They had:

(a). Marion E. Verity, born February 1927, Mineola. Married 1st, Andrew Graham and had Patricia June Graham, born 1951, Freeport. Married 2nd, Charles Noll, of Freeport and had Charles Noll, born 19 January 1954 and Donald Noll, born 19 March 1960.

(b). Milton Edward Verity, died young, about 1930.

(c). Florence Verity, died young, about 1931.

Milton Edward Verity married 2nd, Gertrude G. Hegland, born

23 September 1910, Lockport, NY, died 1 January 1974, Elewa, WI, daughter of Harold and Caroline (Williams) Hegland. They had:

- (a). Edward Milton Verity, born 25 January 1932, Oceanside. Married 20 January 1952, Owasso, MI, Frances Virginia Howard, born 5 June 1933, Flint, MI. Live in Elewa, WI, and had three daughters and one son.

After the death of Milton Edward Verity, in 1932, his widow, Gertrude, married 2nd, James Miserelli and had a daughter, Doris Miserelli. Gertrude (Hegland) Verity Miserelli married 3rd, 1942, Arnold Severson, of Elewa, WI.

- (3). Clifford Verity, born 1909, Merrick. Married Ann Biggs, of Huntington.

They had:

- (a). Grace Verity, born 1928.

- (b). June Verity, born 1932.

- (4). Curtis Verity, born 22 October 1913, of Merrick. Married Jane Bielsky.

They had:

- (a). Curtis Edward Verity, born 1934, Freeport. Married Anne E. _____

and lived in Sayville. They had:

- (i). Lisa Jane Verity, married 10 November 1979, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville, Jeffrey Peter Zahradka, of Bayport.

- (ii). Karen Verity.

- (iii). Susan Verity.

- (iv). Daniel Verity.

- (b). Carol Verity, born 1943.

- (5). Agnes Verity, born 22 December 1918, of Merrick. Married Herbert H. King, of Merrick. They had:

- (a). Judy King, born 1938. Married Russel C. Schulein. They had:

- (i). Donald Schulein.

- (ii). Diane Schulein.

- (b). Dorothy King, born 1944. Married _____ Javarowsky(? sp.). They had:

- (i). Robert Javarowsky.

(ii). Daniel Javarowsky.

9. Samuel Verity, born c. 1850.

10. Mary Elizabeth Verity, born 11 March 1851. ~~1851 mod~~

ENDNOTES

¹This family is shown on the 1850 census of South Hempstead as follows: Seaman Verity, 50, bayman; wife Abby (sic), 42; Samuel S., 18; Charles, 15; Stephen, 11; Phebe M. 9; Lucretia, 6; Amy, 4; George H., 1.

²The following provided information on this line: Mr. Dean Herbert Velsor, Bellport, (personal interview, 1974); Mr. Donald R. Manning, Huntington (correspondence, 6 December 1990); Capt. Wilbur Verity, Southold (correspondence, 13 December 1977); Mrs. Thelma Dunn, Lindenhurst (correspondence, 5 December 1978).

³Mary Louisa Pearson's name might have been Piza or Pisan. Her mother was Julia Ann Richie who died c. 1904, Oyster Bay, said to have been over 100 years of age and part American Indian. Julia Ann Richie married William Henry Pearson (or variation), he who died March 1888, shortly before or during blizzard of that year. Dean H. Velsor, conversation, 13 February 1995. Dean Herbert Velsor died 24 September 1997.

⁴Information on this line taken from letters received from: Edward Verity, Eleva, WI; Robert Verity, Oceanside; and Curtis Verity, Sayville, all during 1977.

WILLIAM H. and SARAH E. (WHITE) VERITY

William H(enry?) Verity¹ born 1839, Great Neck, NY, a resident of Glen Cove (Oak Neck), died there in 1897, son of John² and _____ Verity. William H. Verity served in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War.³ Married, 1 October 1865, Bayville Methodist Episcopal Church,⁴ Bayville, L.I., NY, Sarah Elizabeth White, born 1850, died 5 March 1887,⁵ daughter of William, 1820-1882, and Mary (Tilley) White, 1822-1884. The had, at least:

1. Hettie (also as Hetty) Ann Verity, born 7 May 1867, married _____ Christensen.

She was received "by probation" as an "adult" into membership in the Bayville M.E. Church on 21 November 1880, and "Removed by Certification" on 1 August 1883.

2. Edward Windust Verity, born 19 September 1874 (tombstone - 1875-1951).

3. possibly Elizabeth Verity who died in 1887, the same year as her mother. There is no birth date on Elizabeth's tombstone, only the death date.

ENDNOTES

¹Mrs. Gladys M. Mack, Director-Curator of the Bayville Historical Museum, School Street, Bayville, L.I., NY, graciously sent me photocopies of the following original records of the Bayville M.E. Church relating to this family: Baptisms, Marriages and Members in Full Standing as well as a typewritten list of "Official Cemetery Records & Tombstone Survey," of the Bayville Cemetery, on 10 October 1985.

The reconstruction of this branch of the Verity family is based on these records and William H. Verity's military and pension records from the National Archives, Washington. Any errors in the interpretation of these documents is the fault of the author.

Some of the following tombstone inscriptions were used in reconstructing this family (marked "x"); some were not since the placement was uncertain.

- x Sarah White, born 1850, died 1882.
- x Mary Tilley White, born 1822, died 1884.
- x William White, born 1820, died 1886.
- x Elizabeth Verity, died 1887.
- x Stephen A. Verity, born 1845, died 1892.
- x William H. Verity (U.S. Navy), born 1839, died 1897

William H. Verity, born 1897, died 1900.

Elizabeth Verity, born 1859, died 1904.

x Albert Verity, born 1844, died 1912.

Bertha Augusta Verity, born 1875, died 1927.

Sarah E. Verity, born 1864, died 1934.

x Edward Verity, born 1875, died 1951.

Charles E. Verity, born 1877, died 1956.

(Some of the above are probably the children of Albert and Stephen A. Verity.

Were they brothers to William H. Verity?)

²William H. Verity's father was John Verity. *Oyster Bay Town Records*, Vol. 8, 372. Based on the Bayville Cemetery records, I propose that this John and _____ Verity had, at least, the following children: William H., 1839-1897, Albert, 1844-1912, and Stephen A., 1845-1892.

³William H. Verity enlisted 5 September 1863, in New York City, for one year as a "landsman" in the U.S. Navy. He was then 23 years old, a boatman in civilian life, had blue eyes, brown hair, florid complexion and was 5 feet 4 3/4 inches tall. He served on the "North Carolina" from 5 September 1863 to 30 September 1863; on the "Vermont" from 1 October 1863 to 9 November 1863; on the "Seneca" from 10 November 1863 to 21 May 1864; and on the "C.P. Williams" from 18 to October 1864, from which he was discharged as an Ordinary Seaman on 31 October 1864.

⁴At his marriage, William H. Verity was 25 years old, a farmer, of Oak Neck. Sarah E. White, also of Oak Neck, was 15 years old. Rev. D. A. Gordsell officiated with witnesses Rev. W. Henry Kling and Adeline Bayles, both of Locust Valley.

William H. Verity was accepted as a member of the Bayville M.E. Church "By probation" on 29 March 1874, and was "Removed by Certificate" on 1 August 1883.

On the 1870 Census, Town of Oyster Bay, family number 8, page 421, William and Sarah were living with William White, Sarah's father. William Verity, then 30, was working on a steamboat; Sarah E. was 20 years old and they had a daughter, Hetty Ann, age 3. William White, the father, was an oysterman; his wife, Mary (Tilley) White was 46. Jacob Tilley, age 82, (born 1788) was also listed in the household and was probably the father of Mary (Tilley) White.

⁵On a Department of Interior, Bureau of Pensions questionnaire dated 9 February 1893 completed when William was seeking an invalid pension (#6321, denied), he stated that his wife, "Sarah E. Verity died March 5, 1887," although the tombstone has a death date of 1882 - possible misread. On this same document he stated that his "living children" were Hettie Ann Christensen and Edward Windust Verity with the birth dates given here.

SAMUEL and MINNA (?) VERITY

[Information on this Verity line from
Mrs. Raymond (Nancy) Matschat, 1641
Prospect Street, Wheaton, IL, 60187.
Correspondence, 7 October 1984.]

Samuel Verity, a teamster, born c. 1825,¹ place and parents unknown. By the 1870 census of Kings County, NY,² his wife was Minna(?),³ born 1831, and they had the following children:

1. Agnes Gerter Verity, born 1862,⁴ Woodhaven, L. I., died 28 December 1899, Brooklyn, then living at 28 Melrose Street. Buried Holy Cross cemetery, Brooklyn. Married, 1880, Thomas Healy, born May 1855, Ireland, died 20 November 1905, Brooklyn, a bricklayer, son of Thomas. They had:
 - a. Catherine Healy, born 1882, buried 16 July 1889, Holy Cross cemetery.
 - b. Bridgit Healy, born 12 February 1884, Williamsburg, Kings County, NY, died 17 February 1962, Hicksville, Nassau Co., L.I. Married, 14 August 1907, Glendale, Queens County, Joseph Burke. They had four children.
 - c. John Healy, born February 1886, died 3 October 1929. Married, 24 July 1909, Anna Horning. They had one child.
 - d. Agnes Healy, born 26 October 1887, died July 1967, Dallas, TX. Married, 1st, Herbert Pedlar, 2nd, Alfred Lindner. One child, but by which husband not known.
 - e. Thomas Healy, born 26 March 1891, Brooklyn and died there 22 April 1926. Married August 1918, Mary Vogel. They had five children.
 - f. William Healy, born April 1893, died 18 May 1926, Brooklyn. Married Minnie _____. No children.
 - g. Anna Healy, born 18 January 1896, Brooklyn, died 28 August 1955. Married, 1st, 27 February 1914, Warren Ward, 2nd, Otto Ehrbach. Had two children, but by which husband not known.
2. Samuel Verity, born 1863 (census date).

3. Probably a son.

4. Others?

ENDNOTES

¹This may be the Samuel Verity who died 9 December 1873. *Newton Register*, December 11, 1873, page 8.

²1870 Census, Kings County, Town of New Lots, Post Office East New York, page 218, family number 1907: Samuel Verity, 45 [born 1825], teamster; Minna, 39 [born 1831]; Agnes, 9 [born 1861]; and Samuel, 7 [born 1863]. Living in the same house, were three Randolph children: John, 15, Abraham, 13, and Laura, 7, relationship unknown. Also in the same house were : Margaret Smith, 45, born in Germany and Jacob Smith, 23, probably her son, a marble cutter, also born in Germany.

³This name was not clearly written and is difficult to interpret.

⁴1870 census states that Agnes is 9 , therefore born in 1861. Mrs. Matschat gives the date given here from the death certificate of Agnes (Verity) Healy, her great-grandmother.

STRATTON and ZIPPORAH (WHITSON?) VERITY

On September 6, 1834, Stratton Verity, "... late of the Town of Hempstead," died intestate "of natural causes." On October 6, 1834, his widow Zipporah Verity, of the Town of Hempstead and Thomas Whitson, of the Town of Oyster Bay, were granted Letters of Administration for the estate of Stratton Verity and were named Administratrix and Administrator, respectively. By this document, Samuel Verity, Jr., of the Town of Hempstead and Samuel Sherman of the Town of Jamaica, were "two disinterested persons" also named administrators of the estate of Stratton Verity at the request of Zipporah Verity and Thomas Whitson.

[Surrogate Court, County of Queens, Liber F at page 13.]

In an attachment to the above document executed on 6 October 1834, the widow made a special request: "I Zipporah Verity widow of the above named Stratton Verity being by law entitled to the sole administration in this matter do hereby request and consent that Thomas Whitson of the Town of Oysterbay in the County of Queens be joined with me in the Letter of administration to be granted by this Court."

A petition of Zipporah Verity to the Court also dated 6 October 1834, states that she was "... of the town of Hempstead" and that Stratton Verity, "... then an inhabitant of the Town of Hempstead ... died in the said Town of Hempstead on or about the sixth day of September A.D. 1834; that he died a natural death and left no will ...; the whole of the personal property left by the said Stratton Verity will not amount in value to more than one hundred and fifty dollars; and that your Petitioner is the widow of the said deceased."

Who were the parents of Stratton Verity and Zipporah _____ (perhaps Whitson)?

Since no ages are given, the birthdates of both are unknown. However, from known Verity family information, there are two possibilities for Stratton's parentage: James Verity, 3rd, and Sarah (Smith) Verity, who were married, 4 August 1793, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, had a son, Stratton, born 19 June 1808. If this is the same Stratton who died a natural death on 6 September 1834, he would have been only twenty-

six years of age. This seems to be a young age knowing the relative longevity of the Veritys.

The second (and more likely) possibility for the parents of Stratton Verity are Obediah Verrity (sic) and Elizabeth Stratton who were married 5 July 1776, by the Rev. Joshua Hartt, of Smithtown. Unfortunately, although the names of their children are unknown, census record (see Obediah and Elizabeth (Stratton) Verity" elsewhere in this work) indicate that there were at least five sons among the nine children, born between 1777 and say 1785. Was Stratton given the maiden name of his mother?. If Stratton was born, say 1777, he would have been about fifty-seven years old at death.

The identity of Stratton's parents is unresolved.

What was Zipporah Verity's maiden name? It is tempting to think that the Thomas Whitson* named as Administrator in the Letters of Administration was her father or brother. The parents of Zipporah is also unresolved.

Since no child(ren) of Stratton and Zipporah appear on the cited documents, it suggests that either there were none or they were not of legal age.

The identification of Samuel Verity, Jr., of Hempstead, One of the "disinterested persons," is also unresolved although I believe that he was related, in some way, to Stratton.

*There were two Thomas Whitsons on the 1830 census: One of Oyster Bay, page 024, the other of North Hempstead, p. 106. In Mary Powell Bunker, *Long Island Genealogies* (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, 1895), 318-322, there is a Thomas Whitson in the right time frame.

JOHN(?) and (?) VERITY

Although a John¹ Verity is suggested here as a possible father, the parents² of the following six Verity children are unknown. These unknown parents probably had (birth order unknown):³

1. Henry Verity.
2. Charles Verity.
3. Stratton Verity. Did he marry Zipporah (perhaps Whitson) and die intestate on 6 September 1834? Surrogate Court, County of Queens, Liber F, page 13. See line of "**Stratton and Zipporah (Wilson?) Verity**," elsewhere in this work.
4. George Verity. Did he marry Mrs. Mary E. (Verity) Barcan?
5. perhaps a daughter.
6. Obediah (also as Obadiah) Verity, born 1796, South Oyster Bay (now Massapequa area), died, 18 July 1873, buried in the Quaker cemetery, Jerusalem. He enlisted in the War of 1812 when eighteen.⁴ Obediah married, 1819,⁵ Arabella (Verity) Verity, born 31 March 1803, Seaford, and died there 16 April 1882 (Death certificate, Town of Hempstead, #239), daughter of Samuel⁶ and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity. Arabella was also buried in the Jerusalem cemetery. See line of "**Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity**," elsewhere in this work, for the descendants of Obadiah and Arabella (Verity) Verity.

ENDNOTES

¹There was a John Verity, born c. 1751, married, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, 2 February 1776, Margaret Smith.

A John Verity, perhaps the same as the above, is on the 1790 Census, Town of South Hempstead, with three sons under sixteen and one daughter, age unknown.

The earmark of a John Verity, 29 June 1791, is found in the *NYGBR*, July 1995, Vol. 126, No. 3, 201-203.

²There is a possibility, also, that the parents may have been the Obadiah Verity and Elizabeth Stratton, married, 5 July 1776, by the Rev. Joshua Hartt, of Smithtown. They

had, by the 1790 Census of Huntington, four sons born between 1778 and 1787, and one daughter born about 1789. Unfortunately, no record exists that contains the names of the children. It is of interest, however, that among the six children ascribed to the "unknown" parents there was an Obadiah and a *Stratton* (my emphasis) - which might indicate the use of a family name.

³While the parents of the six children given here are unknown, the names of five were provided by Andrew Verity, (1881-1976, ae 95), of Seaford, in correspondence dated 16 January 1952 "[My] grandfather's name is Obadiah Verity, my grandmother's name [is] Arabella Verity. My uncle[s] on grandfather's side were Charles Verity, Henry Verity, Stratton (sic) Verity and George Verity." It is the information from this (and several others) letter that is used here in this Verity line.

⁴Obediah enlisted at Jerusalem South on 3 September 1814, in Captain Thomas Floyd Jones' Company. He served as a private in Col. Daniel Bedell's Regt. (100th), under General Jeremiah Johnson of the New York State Militia and was stationed at or near Fort Greene, Brooklyn until his honorable discharge on 3 December 1814. His term of service was 2 months, 26 days at \$10.00 per month for a total payment of \$28.66.

⁵On a widow's claim for a pension, 23 July 1878, Arabella stated that: "[They] lived in Seaford after their marriage," and that "... said husband at the time of his enlistment was eighteen, occupation wheelwright, height 5 feet 6 inches, blue eyes, hair dark brown and fair complexion," and "... neither the soldier or herself were married before."

By the same record, she stated that she married Obediah at Hempstead "... in the Spring of 1819, by Henry O. Seaman, Justice of the Peace, and that her name before her said marriage was Arabella Verity and that from the date of discharge from the Army they lived in Seaford." Arabella's bridesmaid was Sarah Wilson, then 14, - no doubt a relative of her mother, Zipporah Wilson

⁶Samuel served in the American Revolution. See article, "An Unrecognized Revolutionary Veteran," in the section, SAMUEL and ZIPPORAH (WILSON) VERITY, elsewhere in this work.

JOSHUA and MARY (VERITY) VERITY

Joshua Verity, parents unknown,¹ a farmer, was born in Seaford about 1781² and died there after 1850³ and before 1860, when his wife is called "widow" on the census of 1860. He married Mary "Polly" Verity, born between 1784 and 1790, Seaford, parents unknown but probably a cousin of some degree to her husband. She died after 1860 and before 1865, in Islip hamlet, then living with her sons, James and Obadiah Verity. Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity had thirteen children⁴ all born in Seaford:

1. James Verity, born 1805, a bayman, living in Islip by 1860, apparently never married and probably died between 1861 and 1865.
2. Perhaps a son, born 1807.
3. Obadiah Verity, born 25 September 1808⁵ died 17 January 1895, Islip. Married, 20 July 1844, Sarah Elizabeth Cossaboom,⁶ born 30 May 1825, died post-1895. She was baptized 28 December 1856, Grace Episcopal Church, South Oyster Bay, now Massapequa. Obadiah and Sarah were living in Islip by 1860 with his brothers, James, Abraham, and widowed mother, Mary. Their brother, Joshua, Jr., had previously relocated to Islip about 1850, when he appears there with his wife on the census of that year.

The brothers, all baymen, probably relocated from Seaford because of the rich clam beds in the Islip area of Great South Bay. Soon after the Civil War, a factory for canning clams was established in Islip hamlet by James H. Doxsee. Some four years later, 400 bushels (10,000 cans) were processed daily and this output continued until the early 1890s when the company moved to Ocracoke, North Carolina after a decline in the Islip clam bed production. See *History of the Doxsee Clam & Seafood Company in Islip, New York* (Islip: The Historical Society of Islip Hamlet, 1995).

Obadiah and Sarah Elizabeth (Cossaboom) Verity had:

- a. James J. Verity, bayman, born 28 June 1845⁷, Seaford, died 12 November 1928, Bay Shore. Served in the Civil War, from Islip, in Co. F, 6th N.Y. Cavalry.⁸ Married, 1st, 11 January 1871, Atlanticville (E. Quogue), by Squire Griffing.



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Obadiah Verity and wife, Sarah E. Cossaboomb
1818-1895 1825-post 1895

Obadiah, son of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity
Sarah, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Smith)
Cossaboomb



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Lawrence Verity
1820 - 1920

Son of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity
Lawrence was about 92 years old when
this photograph was taken in Seaford

Sarah Emma Havens, born 1855, the daughter of William and Betsey (Jackson)

Havens. James and Sarah E. (Havens) Verity had:

i. **Lena M. Verity, born November 1871, married William Walker. They had:**

(a). **William Walker, Jr.**

ii. **Nathan Verity, born 4 January 1874, died 1955. Married 3 July 1897,**

Martha E. Nesbitt, born 1 December 1896, died 31 March 1926. Nathan

served in the U.S. Life Saving Service at the Bellport Station, 1907-1908.

They had, at least:

(1). **Marion E. Verity, born 13 July 1898, married Merrill E. Ryder, born**

18 February 1898, died 3 March 1966. They had, at least:

(a). **Merrill E. Ryder, Jr., born 29 April 1921, married Clara M. Crouse,**

born 31 July 1924.

(b). **William E. Ryder, born 16 May 1928, married Sophie Sickowich,**

born 13 December 1928.

iii. **Walter Verity, born 1879.**

v. **Ernest Verity, born 188**

James J. Verity married, 2nd, Frances _____. (His first wife married, 2nd, John

Loving). James J. and Frances Verity, of Bay Shore, had:

i. **Elbert Verity, as "Bertie," age 9 on the 1900 census of Islip hamlet, born**

March 1890.

ii. **Child? On the 1900 census (Bay Shore), Elbert, as "Bertie" is the only child**

listed in the household, although the same census shows that Frances Verity

had two children and they were both living.

b. **Edward Verity, born 10 February 1847, Seaford, died there 22 October 1848.**

c. **William Henry Verity, born 9 February 1849, Seaford. Married, Southampton,**

20 (or 29) June 1871, Dora E. Jackson, of Southampton.

d. **Mary Jane Verity, born 3 October 1851, Seaford, died there 14 March 1860.**

e. **Charles Verity, born 23 January 1854, Seaford, died 29 December 1945, Islip.**

Married, 1 September 1881, Julia Anna (or Emma) Combs, born 6 April 1862,

died 22 November 1945, Islip. They had (all children born in Islip):

i. Henry Verity, born 27 July 1882. Married, 1st, Josie Hogan, who died 12 June 1912. They had, at least:

(1). Mamie Verity, died 10 June 1913.

Henry Verity married, 2nd, per 1920 census of Islip hamlet, Margaret____, born 1895. No children listed.

ii. Samuel Verity, born 21 October 1883, died 17 March 1966, Freeport.

Married, 1904, Inez Kelsey, born 1888, died 7 December 1950. No children.

Samuel and Inez lived in Islip (1910 census).

iii. Edward Verity, born 10 June 1886, died 9 September 1945. Married

Gertrude Swezey. No children.

iv. Elbert Verity, born 6 August 1888, died 14 December 1950, Islip. Married

Louella Swezey and had:

(1). Walter Verity.

v. Mary Jane Verity, born 1 October 1890, baptized 31 October 1897, St.

Marks Episcopal Church, Islip, died 12 January 1977. Married Herbert

Bishop and had:

(1). Herbert Bishop, born 5 March 1911, died 1979. Married, 1935,

Florence Ritter and had:

(a). Richard Bishop, born 28 March 1939.

(b). Diane Bishop, born 11 January 1943.

(2). Harry Bishop, born December 1930.

vi. Sarah Elizabeth Verity, born 19 December 1892, baptized 31 October 1897,

St. Marks Episcopal Church, Islip. Married, 1st, John Richardson and had:

(1). John Richardson, died 17 August 1913.

Sarah Verity married, 2nd, Daniel King and had:

(1). Lillian King, born 19 December 1919.

Sarah Verity married, 3rd, Archelaus Clock(?).

vii. Hannah Verity, born 14 October 1895, died 21 October 1895.

viii. Martha Emma Verity, born 4 July 1897, baptized 31 October 1897, St.

Marks Episcopal Church, Islip, died 1 November 1985. Married William Preissler, born 17 March 1886, died 15 August 1931. They had:

(1). Robert Preissler, born 24 August 1921, Islip. Married Josephine Carfora, born 1915, died 2 September 1990, Islip. They had:

(a). Richard Preissler, born 18 December 1947. Married Joanne DeKoning, born 21 April 1951. They had:

(i). James Preissler, born 2 April 1971.

(b). Beverly Preissler, born 27 January 1943. Married Kenneth Crossman, born 18 December 1941. They had:

(i). Cheryl Crossman, born 4 May 1961. Married Brian Marchelewski, born 23 April 1960. They had:

((1)). Rebecca Marchelewski, born 26 April 1986.

((2)). Brian Marchelewski, born 30 March 1990.

(ii). Deborah Crossman, born 27 October 1962. Married Michael Fahner, born 21 April 1955. They had:

((1)). Jessica Fahner, born 30 June 1991.

(iii). Michele Crossman, born 31 January 1964. Married Scott Franzese, born 8 August 1963. They had:

((1)). Stephanie Noel Franzese, born 20 December 1987.

((2)). Michael Christopher Franzese, born 12 June 1989.

(2). Martha Preissler, born 22 April 1923. Married Leroy Drake, born 3 November 1918, died 5 April 1992, son of Raymond , born __ January 1888, died 26 May 1972, and Bertha (Sammis, died 11 November 1918) Drake. They had:

(a). Wayne Drake, born 13 November 1950. Married Roberta King Guyon, born 25 February 1950. They had:

(i). Dianne Arnett Drake, born 8 July 1979.

(ii). Susan Elaine Drake, born 2 January 1984.

ix. Charles Verity, born 14 September 1899. Married Ellen Beuregard, she who died April, 1945.

- x. Robert Verity, born 9 September 1901, died 27 March 1987. Married Kathryn Hodlin. No children.
 - xi. Alice Verity, born 16 June 1903, died 23 August 1903.
 - xii. Hazel Verity, born 21 October 1904, died 6 January 1977, Islip. Married Herbert Lux and had:
 - (1). Paul Lux.
 - xiii. Ellen Verity, born 2 March 1906. Married James Wallace and had:
 - (1). Florence Wallace, born 7 June 1932.
 - (2). Joan Wallace, born 6 April 1936.
 - f. Elizabeth Adelia Verity, born 7 April 1856, died 8 August 1921, Islip. Married, 9 June 1878, Frederick Forest Baldwin, a house carpenter, born September 1854, Bay Shore, son of Benjamin⁹ and Ann (Pullis¹⁰) Baldwin. After the death of Elizabeth Verity, Frederick Baldwin married, 2nd, Nellie Bedell, 1877-1960, Islip, a cousin, the daughter of Carman and Catherine (Baldwin) Bedell. No children by either wife.
 - g. Alfred Verity, born 14 March 1858, probably Seaford and died there 16 November 1858.
 - h. Eliza E. Verity, born 16 July 1860, probably Islip and died there 3 March 1884.
 - i. George Madison Verity, born 23 August 1862, Islip, died there 1916. Married, 22 August 1888, St. Marks Church, Islip, Adeline Wagener, born 1865. George Verity served in the U.S. Life Saving Service at Point-of Woods, Fire Island, 1901-1904. George and Adeline (Wagener) Verity had (1910 census, East Islip, states that they had 7 children; 3 were living in 1910):
 - i. Madeline Verity, born February 1880. Married, 1st, John McHugh and had:
 - (1). George McHugh.
 - (2). John McHugh.
 - (3). Arlene McHugh.
 - (4). Edna McHugh.
- Madeline married, 2nd, _____.

ii. Harry (also as Henry) Herman Verity, born August 1896, died 6 April 1966, Lindenhurst. Served in WWI at Camp Upton, Yaphank, N.Y. Married Julia _____.

iii. Daniel E. Verity, born June 1898, died 25 January 1969, East Islip. Married Bertha Van Cura born 1901, died 25 January 1992, Hudson, Florida. They had:

(1). Joyce Verity married Supreme Court Judge Victor J. Orgera, son of Arthur and Marie Orgera. They had:

(a). James V. Orgera.

(b). Thomas E. Orgera.

(c). Paul G. Orgera married Maureen P. Dwyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Dwyer.

(d). Jeanne E. Orgera.

(e). Patricia A. Orgera.

(2). Daniel E. Verity, of Florida.

j. Stephen W. Verity, born 3 February 1865, Islip, died 23 April 1950, Largo, Florida.¹¹ Married, 8 July 1894, Alice Smith, born 1875, of English parentage, died 17 September 1944, Islip. They had:

i. Frances Verity, born 26 May 1897, Islip, died 24 October 1978, Dunedin, Florida. Married Thomas J. Kennedy, died 6 March 1976, Dunedin, Florida. No children.

ii. Walter Lee Verity, born 29 November 1899, Islip, died there 3 June 1902.

iii. Alice Verity, born July, 1903, Islip, died there 5 September 1903.

iv. Raymond S. Verity, born 5 April 1906, Islip, Married Frances Emily _____, born 11 September 1903, Hartshorne, Oklahoma, died 7 February 1981, Clearwater, Florida. No children.

4. Perhaps a daughter, born 1811.

5. Mary Verity, born 15 January 1812, died 21 October 1894, Seaford. Married Samuel Baldwin, born 24 January 1806, died 4 July 1850, Newbridge (Bellmore).

They had, at least:

a. Alfred Baldwin, born 1831.

b. Andrew Jackson Baldwin, born 4 April 1831, died 26 September 1864. Married Mary Verity, born 1833, daughter of Obadiah and Arabella (Verity) Verity.

They had:

i. Stratton Baldwin, died young.

ii. Samuel Baldwin, died young.

iii. Mary Agnes Baldwin, born 12 May 1856, died 31 March 1938. Married Henry James Verity, of Freeport, born 15 May 1845, died 8 February 1920.

They had:

(1). Selah Verity, born 23 January 1877, died 27 September 1938. Married Marion Langdon, born 5 January 1875, died 18 October 1939, daughter of Jesse and (second wife) Phebe A. (Combs) Langdon. They had:

(a.). Harvey W. Verity, born 13 February 1902.

(b). Raymond Verity, born 19 November 1912.

(2). Mabel Verity, born 12 December 1882, died 5 April 1937. Married Nathaniel Carman, son of Smith and Abby Ann (Smith) Carman.

They had:

(a). Earl N. Carman, born 9 January 1915. Married Marion Alice Jackson, born 1917, daughter of Anthony and Susie (Verity) Jackson; Susie the daughter of Samuel, 1868 - 7 June 1950, of Baldwin, and Phoebe E. _____, 1868 - 13 April 1937.

(3). Archie Verity, born 6 January 1888, died 7 August 1970. Married Ethel Carman, born 30 November 1893, died 27 October 1944. They had:

(a). Bernice Verity, born 3 October 1911, married _____ Lembish.

(b). Elaine Verity, born 30 October 1913, married _____ Wilde.

c. Selah Baldwin, Captain, Life Saving Station, Seaford, born 17 April 1833, died 22 September 1920. Married Mary Ann Verity, born 9 February 1839, died 31 July 1910, daughter of Jackson and Caroline (Cornelius) Verity. Selah and Mary Ann (Verity) Baldwin are buried in Friends Burial Ground, Jerusalem

Meeting House. They had:

i. Mary Alice Baldwin, born 9 June 1856, died 18 July 18___. Married John Henry Southard, son of John Southard. They had, at least:

(1). William Henry Southard, born October 1872, a carriage painter.

ii. Phebe Maria Baldwin married George Ackerly.

iii. Jacob Jackson Baldwin, born 4 January 1851. Married Ann Eliza

Hendrickson, daughter of Newbury and Eliza (Baldwin, daughter of William) Hendrickson. They had:

(a). Wilbur Franklin Baldwin, born December 1904.

d. John Gilbert Baldwin, born 28 August 1835, later of Islip. Married Ruth Verity. They had, at least: Susan Baldwin, born 5 September 1861.

e. William Henry Baldwin, born 18 July 1845, Smithville (N. Bellmore), drowned in Jones Inlet 2 July 1892. Served in the Civil War with the 1st Regiment, New York State Dragoons. Married, 13 March 1872, Sara Maria Wanzor, born 17 August 1855, Seaford, died there 9 January 1947, daughter of Townsend, of Glen Cove, 1801-1887, and Mary (Barto) Wanzor, 1814-1891. They had:

i. Elizabeth Baldwin married James Varence and had:

(a). James Varence.

(b). William Varence.

ii. John Townsend Baldwin.

iii. Charlotte Baldwin married George Stone

iv. Julia A. Baldwin, born 31 December 1880. Married Wallace R. Verity, born 14 July 1870, died 24 January 1951, son of Smith C. and Sarah M. (Southard) Verity. They had:

(1). Mildred S. Verity.

(2). Gladys I. Verity.

v. Twins, died infants.

f. Seaford Baldwin?

6. John Frederick Verity, born 13 September 1815, died 1896. Married, 27 February 1844, Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaica, Phebe Eliza Coles, born 1819, died

Springfield, 14 October 1898. John,¹² a farmer, resided in Bayside, Town of Flushing, in 1870.

- a. Susan Elizabeth Verity, born 27 January 1846, died 30 July 1879. Married 20 June 1866, Black Stump, George Washington Stringham.
 - b. Mary Ellen Verity, born 16 January 1856, died 14 February 1860, buried St. John's Methodist Cemetery, Elmont, her family then of Black Swamp, Union Place. *L.I. Farmer*, 21 February 1860.
 - c. John Frederick Verity, Jr., born 6 March 1862. Married Alice Simmons and had:
 - i. Albert L. Verity, born 1900, married Vera _____ and had a son and a daughter.
7. Probably a daughter,¹³ Susan Verity, born 1817, died 24 December 1858. Married William Raynor, born 12 May 1812, died 28 September 1888. son of Thomas Raynor, born 3 June 1771. William and Susan (Verity) Raynor had, at least:
- a. Rebecca Raynor, born 1833.
 - b. Elisha Raynor, born 1835, married Mary _____.
 - c. Ann Raynor, born 1837, married Walter Plum.
 - d. Matilda Raynor, born 1838.
 - e. Holdridge Raynor, born 1840, married _____ Pine.
 - f. William Henry Raynor, born 12 January 1845, died 25 September 1866.
 - g. Phebe Raynor, born 1846.
 - h. Joseph Raynor, a building contractor, born 1849, Seaford, died there 1902. Married, 1869, Mary Ella Verity, born 1852, Massapequa, died 1930, Seaford, the daughter of Lawrence, 1820-1920, and Caroline (Buck) Verity, 183(0 or 4), died 19 July 1899. Joseph and Mary Ella (Verity) Raynor had:
 - i. John D. Raynor, born 1871, died 1953, a lawyer and claim agent for the Long Island Railroad. He married, 1st, Edna Mansfield, of Seaford, born 1879, died 1909, leaving no children. John Raynor married, 2nd, 1916, Madeline Rowedder, born 1895, Brooklyn. They had:
 - (1). Madeline Elizabeth Raynor, born 1919, Hempstead. Married, 1950, James P. Crayhon, born 1926, of Kansas City, MO. They had:
 - (a). Elizabeth Ann Crayhon, born 1952, New York City.

- (2) John D. Raynor, Jr., born 1924, Lynbrook. Married, 1950, Virginia Omochundro, born 1924, Brooklyn. They had:
- (a). John David Raynor, born 1954, Rockville Center.
 - (b). George Ludlam Raynor, born 1955, Freeport.
 - (c). Clifford Maddox Raynor, born Freeport.
- ii. Frank W. Raynor, Chairman of the Board, Fort Neck Bank, Seaford, born 1873, died 1960. Married Juliette Verity, daughter of Oakley K. and Carrie (Steers) Verity. They had:
- (1). Leslie Raynor, born 1901, Seaford.
- iii. Ansel Raynor, building contractor, born 29 December 1875, Seaford,¹⁴ died 1961. Married, 16 April 1901, Sarah Elisabeth Post, daughter of Seaman H. and Mary (Brower) Post. They had:
- (1). Ansel Clarence Raynor, born 1905, died 1968. Married Ethel Rose Ketchum, born 1900, of Bergen, NY. They had:
 - (a). Shirley Ann Raynor, born 1935, Batavia, NY. Married, 1960, Arnold Ralph Goodbow, of Canada.
 - (b). Donald Lee Raynor, born 1937, Brockport, NY.
 - (c). Jean Marie Raynor, born 1940, Brighton, NY. Married, 1962, John J. Hornyak, born 1938, of Bridgeport, CT.
 - (d). Rosemary Raynor, born 1945, Brockport. Married, 1969, Dr. Gordon R. Gibson.
- (2). Clifford Joseph Raynor, born 1907, Seaford. Married, 1930, 1st, Eleanor Gaenger, born 1908, Wantagh, died 1964. They had:
- (a). Katherine Elise Raynor, born 1935, Seaford. Married, 1955, James George Baumann, born 1934, Corona, NY. They had:
 - (i). Stephen James Baumann, born 1958, Coral Gables, FL.
 - (ii). Elise Baumann, born 1961, Coral Gables, FL.
 - (b). Clifford Henry Raynor, born 1939, Seaford. Married, 1964, Nancy K. Daxland. They had:
 - (i). Karen Marie Raynor, born 1965.

- Clifford Joseph Raynor married, 2nd, 1967, Julia Eva Jochem, born 1917, of Susquehanna, PA, the widow of _____ Lumley, of Levittown.
- i. Mary E(lizabeth) Raynor, born 1850; Elizabeth on 1860 Hempstead census, married Charles Southard.
 - j. John Raynor, born 1852, married Lydia _____.
 - k. Louisa (family record; Lydia on 1860 Hempstead Census), born 1855. Married Calvin Chichester, member of the Gilgo Beach U.S. Life Saving Station.
8. Lawrence Verity, born 15 September 1820, died 25 June 1920 Seaford, aged 99 years, 9 months and 10 days.¹⁵ a well-known bayman and hunting guide¹⁶ who had, among others, Daniel Webster and President Chester A. Arthur, as his patrons. Married, 1st, _____, who died about three years after their marriage, 2nd, about 1851, Caroline Buck, born 1834, died 19 July 1899, Seaford. They had:
- a. Mary Ella Verity, born 1852, Massapequa, died 1930, Seaford. Married, 1869, Joseph Raynor, born 1849, Seaford, died there, 1902, a building contractor, son of William. For descendants, see the marriage of Susan Verity, 1817-1858, and William Raynor, 1812-1888, previous.
 - b. Nelson Verity, born 19 February 1854, died 10 May 1947.¹⁷ A well-known hunting guide, bayman and decoy carver, married, 6 June 1880, Newbridge M.E. Parsonage, Sarah Jane Sexton. They had:
 - i. Edith Verity, married 16 April 1906, St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church, Edward Butler Mansfield.
 - c. Harriet Ann Verity, born 1857, died 1929. Married Smith Van Nostrand, died 1918, son of Abraham and Mary (Baylis) Van Nostrand. They had:
 - i. Edward Smith Van Nostrand, born 14 February 1878, died 30 September 1947, Amityville. Married Kate Ball Frost, born 26 July 1883, died 11 December 1956, Amityville. They had, among others:
 - (1). Doris Frost Van Nostrand, born 1 September 1911, Amityville. Married, 10 August 1930, Frederick Reuben Rundle, born 13 February 1910, Windsor, Nova Scotia, Canada, died 4 March 1971, Hempstead, son of Richard M. and Julia M. (Blackburn) Rundle, both born in England. They

had:

(a) Norman Lawrence Rundle, born 26 May 1933, Mineola, contributor of the above family information.

ii. Harold A. Van Nostrand.

d. Susan Elizabeth Verity, born 1859, died before 1919. Married ____ Nichols.

e. Delina Verity, born 1862, died 12 April 1942. Married, 1st, William Davenport, 2nd, Jesse Covert.

f. Fanny Verity, born 1867, died 19 July 1909, Cedarhurst. Married Charles Wallace Spragg (some family members used "Sprague"), born 1866, Amityville, died 1950, Lynbrook, son of Charles Place Spragg, 1839-1911, and Adella Louisa De Le Ree, 7 June 1848-10 July 1935, daughter of James W. and Catherine (Fowler) De Le Ree. They had:

i. Carrie Adell Spragg, born 188(8 or 9), died 190(9 or 10), unmarried.

ii. Anna Spragg, born 1891, died 1955. Married John Carswell.

iii. Ruby Earle Spragg, born 15 June 1903, Inwood, died December, 1983, CA. Married, 1st, 9 June 1922, Elwood Thomas, born 21 October 1900, died 14 May 1958, Jamaica, son of Frank Otto and Amanda (Mead) Thomas. Ruby married, 2nd, 1 August 1960, Robert Eugene Kirby. Ruby and first husband, Elwood Thomas, had:

(1). Elwood Frank Thomas, born 8 February 1923, died 27 September 1987. No children by first or second wives. Married, third, Eleanor Patricia Fitzpatrick, born 12 February 1927, daughter of James J. and Ethel (Hendrickson) Fitzpatrick. They had:

(a). Charleen Thomas, born 20 November 1949, Amityville. Married, 9 September 1973, Richard Kuczmarski, born 21 June 1945. They had:

(i). Jennifer Marie Kuczmarski, born 18 June 1975.

(b). Sherri Thomas, born 16 May 1954, St. Albans Naval Hospital.

Married, 6 August 1977, Kevin Marty, born 22 January 1954. They had:

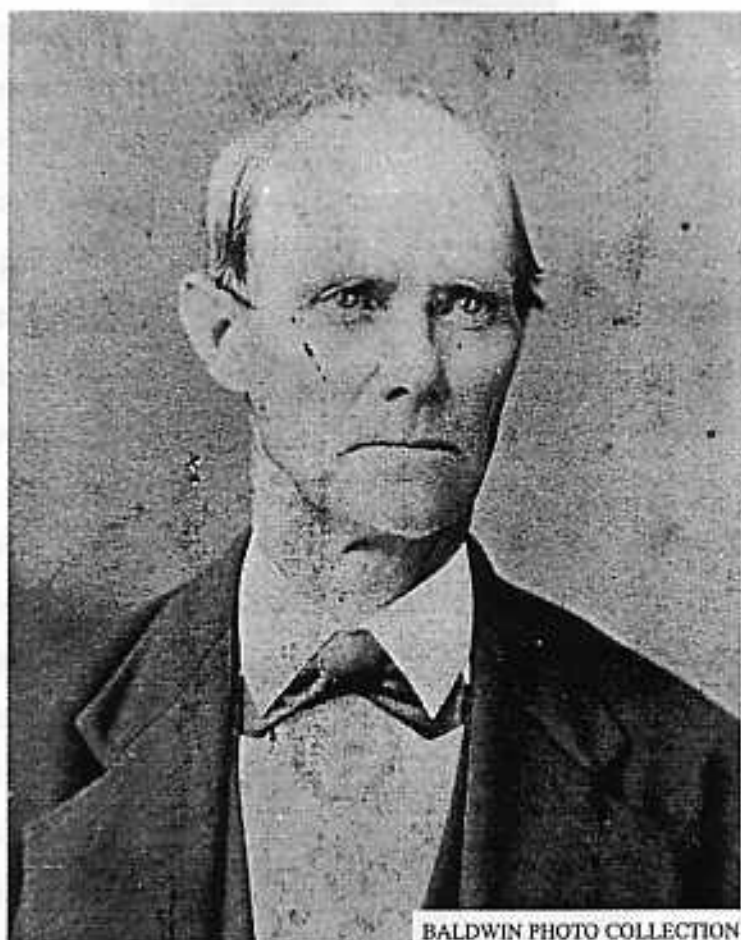
- (i). Jeremy William Marty, born 30 September 1982.
- (2). Raymond James Thomas,¹⁸ born 28 August 1924, Brooklyn. Married, 23 August 1947, Amityville, Virginia Elizabeth Doyle, born 24 January 1927, Brooklyn, daughter of Mason I. and Carrie (De Le Ree) Doyle. They had:
- (a). Arthur Raymond Thomas, born 8 December 1950, Amityville. Married, 7 August 1971, Deborah Gibbons, born 26 October 1954, daughter of Freddie (David) N. and Mary (Kalajian) Gibbons. They had:
- (i). Arthur Raymond Thomas, Jr., born 12 January 1973, Good Samaritan Hospital, West Islip. Married, 8 April 1995, Mary Ann Brenner, born 6 November 1972, daughter of Alfred and Marie Brenner, Jr.
- (ii). Misty Lee Thomas, born 10 July 1974, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, E. Patchogue. Married, 10 June 1995, Richard Muñiz, born 19 March 1973, New Mexico, son of Francis and Anita Muñiz Clark
- (iii). Tammy Lee Thomas, born 31 July 1977, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, E. Patchogue.
- (b). David Keith Thomas, born 9 May 1953, Brunswick, Hospital, Amityville. Married, 30 June 1973, Marlene P. Vollmer, born 5 September 1954, daughter of Carl G. and Joyce M. (Bassett) Vollmer. They had:
- (i). Ginger Marie Thomas, born 22 February 1974.
- (ii). Craig Daniel Thomas, born 12 November 1977.
- (iii). Ryan Alexander Thomas, born 1 August 1981.
- (iv). Carrie Amber Thomas, born 1 December 1982.
- (c). Diana Lynn Thomas, born 15 August 1962, Brooklyn. Married, 4 July 1987, St. Paul's, Amityville, Martins Valentine Pecholes, born 1 June 1961, Hempstead, son of Imants and Benita Pecholes, of Riga, Latvia. They had:

- (i). Nikolaus Imants Pecholcs, born 12 May 1991, Mid-Island Hospital, Bethpage.
- (3). Anna Adele Thomas, died infant.
- (4). Lorraine Thomas, born 30 May 1929, Glendale, Queens Co., NY.
Married, 12 August 1960, Cooperstown, NY, Ronald McDonald, born 28 January 1933, son of John McDonald. They had:
- (a). Kerry Michael McDonald, born 15 August 1962, Jamaica. Married, 26 October 1985, Janet De Lynn, born 12 April 1964, Bellflower, CA, daughter of John D. and Kathrine (Harris) De Lynn. They had:
- (i). Logan Michael McDonald, born 4 March 1992, Riverside, CA.
- (ii). Megan DeLynn McDonald, born 9 May 1996, CA.
- (5). Robert Walter Thomas, born 3 December 1930, Ridgewood, Queens.
Married 30 June 1956, Richmond Hill, Carol Helene Taylor, born 29 June 1935, Jamaica. They had:
- (a). Linda Marie Thomas, born 12 August 1957, Jamaica. Married, 1st, 31 May 1976, Robert Peterson Miller. Divorced April, 1995. They had:
- (i). Kimberly Miller, born 9 February 1976. Married, 10 December 1994, Scott Thomas Riordan. They had:
- ((a)). Alexis Helene Riordan, born 3 June 1996.
- (ii). Nicole Marie Miller, born 7 July 1980.
- (iii). Kyle James Miller, born 6 December 1991
Linda Marie (Thomas) Miller married, 2nd, 10 September 1995, Lawrence Lacy.
- (b). Kathleen Ann Thomas, born 20 May 1960, Jamaica. Married, 1st, 13 March 1982, Charles Ballard. They had:
- (i). Pamela Jean Ballard, born 3 October 1982, Fullerton, CA.
Kathleen (Thomas) Ballard married, 2nd, 18 July 1992, David Joseph Mayberry. They had:
- (i). Kevin Joseph Mayberry, born 20 March 1995, Riverside, CA.

- (c). Robert Alan Thomas, born 26 May 1961, Jamaica. Married Sherry Ware, born 1961. They had:
- (i). Andrea Marie Thomas, born 29 January 1989, Fullerton, CA.
 - (ii). Stephanie Lynn Thomas, born 26 March 1991.
- (6). Harvey Joseph Thomas, born 17 March 1933, Ridgewood. Married, 1st, 5 October 1952, Richmond Hill, Elizabeth Rowland, born 9 January 1972, Brooklyn. They had:
- (a). Kristine Ann Thomas, born 12 March 1954, Jamaica. Married, 24 September 1978, Huntington, Eli Seth Klausner.
 - (b). Bonnie Lynn Thomas, born 27 September 1955, Jamaica. Married, 2 August 1975, Lynbrook, Paul Kleespies. Divorced.
 - (c). Susan Elizabeth Thomas, born 5 May 1959, Jamaica. Married, 29 March 1978, Freeport, Richard Robert Perdue.
 - (d). James Elwood Thomas, born 29 August 1961, Jamaica.
- Harvey Joseph Thomas married, 2nd, 11 December 1964, Maryland, Carole Arlene (Skoblicki) Kohut, born 27 March 1943. They had:
- (a). Scott Patrick Thomas, born 2 October 1965, Jamaica.
 - (b). Lisa Anne Thomas, born 27 October 1966, Jamaica.
 - (c). Mark Robert Thomas, born 21 March 1968, Amityville.
- (7). Gerald Thomas, born 1 February 1936, Ridgewood. Married, 1st, 1956, Roberta Rodrick. They had:
- (a). Sherryl Ann Thomas, born 18 July 1958, Springfield Gardens.
 - (b). Ronald Francis Thomas, born 18 June 1959, San Diego, CA.
- Gerald Thomas married, 2nd, 21 April 1963, Cleveland, OH, Barbara Gail Ebner, born 11 May 1943, Cleveland, OH, died 30 December 1993, CA. They had:
- (a). Mary Frances Thomas, born 14 March 1964, Willoughby, OH. Married 17 September 1983, Johnny Eugen Taylor, born 21 February 1960. They had:
 - (i). Robert Morris Taylor, born 3 August 1984.

- (ii). Douglas John Taylor, born 25 April 1986.
- (iii). Allen Jerrald Taylor, born 1 December 1989.
- (b). Catherine Tracy Thomas, born 3 September 1966, Cleveland, OH.
Married 5 August 1986, Frank Ray, born 17 June 1965. They had:
 - (i). Valarie Elizabeth Thomas Ray, born 12 January 1984.
 - (ii). Christopher Gerald Ray, born 21 May 1987.
 - (iii). Jessica Nicole Ray, born 5 January 1990.
 - (iv). Stephanie Renee Ray, born 22 June 1991.
- (c). Richard Gerald Thomas, born 9 February 1971, Riverside, CA.
Married, 19 September 1990, Christina Fronzac. Divorced, 1997.
Gerald Thomas married, 3rd, 22 March 1992, Sharon Arthur, born 10 October 1944.
- (8). Charles Wallace Thomas married, 1st, 7 November 1958, Judith Ann Long, daughter of John and Emma Long. They had:
 - (a). Donna Marie Thomas, born 21 September 1959, Jamaica.
 - (b). Richard Charles Thomas, born 25 April 1961, Jamaica.
 - (c). Dennis Edward Thomas, born 15 August 1964, Jamaica, died 12 August 1979, VA.
 Charles Wallace Thomas married, 2nd, 5 August 1967, Queens, Lorraine Joy Spiess, daughter of Edward and Edna (Morse) Spiess. They had:
 - (a). Maureen Ann Thomas, born 23 September 1964, Queens. Married, 11 September 1988, Frank W. De Giulio, son of Joseph and Catherine De Giulio.
 - (b). Susan Marie Thomas, born 11 May 1968, Queens. Married, 12 November 1995, Frank Castelli, East Rockaway.
- g. George K. Verity, born 1869.
- 9. Samuel Verity, born 1821. On the 1850 Hempstead Census (family #1012), Samuel was twenty-nine years of age, unmarried. He lived in Boston, MA, at one time although little is known about his life.
- 10. Joseph Verity, born c. 1825, married _____.

11. Joshua Verity, Jr., born 13 April 1827, died 5 August 1911,¹⁹ Islip. Married, 9 February 1850, Islip, Hannah Emma "Nancy" Hallett,²⁰ born 3 October 1831, Southold, died 25 June 1905, Islip. Although Joshua's occupation is listed as "fisherman" on the 1850 Islip Census, he later became a well-known bayman and guide and was associated with the South Side Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, from about 1870 until his death, in 1911.²¹ They had:
- a. Mary Elizabeth Verity, born 2 December 1850, Islip, baptized 3 March 1867, Methodist Episcopal Church, Islip. Married, 10 November 1869, ME Parsonage, Babylon, by Rev. J. V. Saunders, Erastus Peterson, of Great River, born 9 October 1847, died 5 January 1933, son of David, 1817-1883, and Phoebe Peterson, 1819-1905. They had:
 - i. Henry H(erman?) Peterson, born _ March 1872, died 21 February 1892.
 - ii. Herbert B. Peterson, born 9 January 1876, died 3 October 1898.
 - iii. Norman E. Peterson, born 8 November 1877, died 19 June 1939. Married Evelyn N. _____, born 13 February 1881, died 18 December 1968.
 - iv. Phoebe Peterson.
 - b. Hannah Maria (baptismal record; marriage record "A.") Verity, born either 2 May 1853 (family record) or 29 May 1854 (tombstone), Islip, died 25 January 1905. Married, 29 June 1870, M.E. Parsonage, Islip, by Rev. T. M. Terry, James Madison Peterson, born 1846, died 1935, son of Josiah and Sarah M(illinette) (Burr) Peterson. James M. and Hannah M. (Verity) Peterson had:
 - i. Everett Peterson, born 8 December 1872, died 19 December 1878.
 - ii. Gertrude "Bertha" Peterson, died 21 October 1954. Married, 1st, Joseph Clayton, born 1860, died 1925. They had:
 - (1). James Clayton, born 7 August 1908, died 18 March 1918.
 - (2). Clifford Clayton, born 20 September 1910, died 1 March 1918.
 - (3). Emma Clayton married Gustave A. Peterson, born 1899, died 1968.
- They had:
- (a). William F. Peterson, born 1941, died 1972.
 - (b). Elaine Peterson married Albert Czerwinsky



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Samuel Verity

Born c. 1821, Seaford

Son of Joshua, Sr., and Mary (Verity) Verity



Joshua Verity
1827-1911
Son of Joshua, Sr., and Mary (Verity) Verity



Joshua Verity, c. 1875, on the steps of old mill at the Southside Sportsmen's Club

Gertrude Peterson married, 2nd, Frank Schumach, of Islip, born 1876, died 1943.

- c. Martha Amanda Verity, born 22 June 1855, Islip, although death record has Seaford, baptized Islip M.E. Church, 8 March 1867, died 8 October 1935, Great River and buried there in the Emmanuel (Episcopal) Church Cemetery. Married, 29 December 1870, Frederick H. Saunders,²² born 13 November 1849, Bellport, died 23 April 1943, Meadow Brook Hospital, East Meadow; he was living with his daughter, Josephine, in Mineola at that time. He is also buried in the Emmanuel (Episcopal) Church Cemetery, Great River. Frederick H. Saunders was the son of Joseph (1816-1882) and Almira (Jayne) Saunders (1821-1891). Frederick Saunders was a member of the U.S. Life Saving Service for many years and served at the Point O' Woods and Lone Hill stations.²³ They had:

- i. Amy Saunders, born 1872, died young.
- ii. Josephine A. Saunders, born 1875, died 24 December 1971. Married, 1894, William Euart Hill and resided in Mineola. They had:
 - (1). Frederick Hill married Mollie Cuminsky? They had:
 - (a). William Hill.
 - (b). Pearl Hill.
 - (2). Evelyn Katherine Hill, born 14 February 1900. Married, 1918, Ist, George Wood and had:
 - (a). Evelyn Gertrude Wood, born 5 October 1919, who married, 1 February 1975, Pat Messinetti of Mastic Beach, he who died August 1997.

Evelyn (Hill) Wood married, 2nd, Howard Mott. No children.

- (3) William Alvin Hill, born 15 December 1903, died 9 February 1972, Ft. Myers, FL. Married, 1 September 1923, Beatrice Moore, born 9 January 1901, died 10 January 1954. They had:
 - (a). Guy Robert Hill, born 1 July 1924, Mineola, died 1976. A career U. S. Marine, he married Florence _____. They had:
 - (i). Jo Ann Hill

(b). Dorothy Ann Hill, born 3 May 1927, Mineola, married

25 January 1948, William Jirinec, born 15 September 1927, died 6 April 1996. They had:

(i). William Jirinec.

(ii). Carol Ann Jirinec who, with her mother and brother, have an antique business in Mrytle Beach, NC. Carol Ann and her mother contributed much information on this branch of the Saunders and Verity families.

iii. Charlotte ("Lottie") Emma Saunders, born 29 July 1878, died 24 June 1969.

Married Michael Desideri Putz, born 3 September 1873, died 7 August 1947.

They had:

(1). Valentine Putz, born 1 December 1901, died 19 April 1999, Blue Point.

A graduate of Albany Pharmacy College and Princeton University, he also received a law degree from Harvard University and practiced law in Patchogue until he was in his late 80s. He married 1st, 1 August 1970, Mrs. Edna M. Muddleman, of Stony Brook. After her death he married, 2nd Hazel Lee, born 1899, died 1998, a teacher and principal. No children by either wife.

iv. Jessie S. Saunders, a nurse, married Harry Owen. They had:

(1). Beatrice Owen married _____ Smith. No children.

(2). Dorothy Owen married Paul Ramburg. They had:

(a). Paula Ramburg.

(b). Sandra Ramburg.

d. Harriet Etta Verity, born 15 February 1858, Islip, baptized 3 March 1867, Islip M.E. Church, died 27 December 1929, Islip. Married Jesse Peter Baldwin, born 27 October 1856, Bay Shore, died 28 February 1940, Islip, son of Benjamin Smith and Ann Maria (Pullis) Baldwin. (See Richard P. Baldwin, *The Pullis Family of Long Island* (Patchogue, N.Y.: author, 1988, 14). Of their four children, only Frederick, the first-born, survived. Jessie, Amy, and another unnamed daughter only lived several days. They had:

- i. Frederick Clifton Baldwin, born 10 October 1877, Islip, died there 17 January 1940. Married, 15 August 1897, St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parsonage, Julia Maria Hart, born 15 October 1877, Brooklyn, died 8 December 1964, Bay Shore, daughter of John and Mary (Connors) Hart, both of Ireland. The author of this work, Richard P. Baldwin, is a grandson of Frederick and Julia (Hart) Baldwin.
- e. Henry Harrison Verity, born 15 February 1861, Islip, baptized 3 March 1867, Islip M.E. Church, died c. 1932, Bronx, NY. Married Margaret Taylor, born 26 January 1860, died 18 August 1926, Bronx, daughter of Oliver Taylor, 1835-1895, born in Ireland, lived in New Jersey, and Sarah Hall, born Ireland, died 1915, NJ. Henry and Margaret (Taylor) Verity) had:
 - i. Oliver Verity married Alice _____. They lived in the Hempstead area about 1932 and then moved to NJ.
 - ii. Lillian L. Verity married, 1st, William Cardin and had:
 - (1). Oliver Cardin married _____ and had:
 - (i). Diane Cardin.Lillian married, 2nd, Rhinehold (Ray) Johnson. She died 29 December 1952, Buffalo, NY.
 - iii. Percie Verity married, 1st, William Mildner. They had:
 - (1). Henry Mildner married _____. Lived (1982), Fort Lauderdale, FL. No children
 - (2). Margaret Mildner married Karl Kreutzberger (or Kurtzberger) and had:
 - (a). Margaret Kreutzberger.
 - (b). Carl Kreutzberger.
 - (3). William Harrison Mildner married Mary _____. Lived (1982), Boca Raton, FL. No children.After the death of William Mildner, Percie married, 2nd, Charles Weiss.
 - iv. Henry Harrison Verity, Jr., born 9 February 1898, married Sophia P. Kalbacker, born 1 June 1897, Brooklyn. They lived (1986), Palisades Park, NJ, and had:

(1). Arthur Verity, died young.

(2). Richard Junior Verity, born 3 February 1921. Married, 1st, Helen M. Tucker. They had:

(a). Calvin Bently Verity (adopted), married Lorene ____ and had three children, names unknown.

(b). Leslie Thomas Verity (adopted), married ____ and had Lori Amber and Robin Gail Verity.

Richard Verity married, 2nd, Barbara Drucker. Lived (1986) Spartenburg, SC.

(3). Harry Harrison Verity, born 12 February 1925, Bronx, NY. Married, 1st, 1958, Arax Turpanjian. They had:

(a). Constance Joy Verity, born 1960.

Harry Verity married, 2nd, 1970, Helen E. Lileck, of Tamaqua, PA.

Harry is a veteran of WWII and retired as a landscape supervisor with the Bergen County (NJ) Park Commission. Contributor of information on the line of Henry Harrison Verity (1986).

f. Louisa Ellen Verity, born 10 October 1868, Islip, died there 19 November 1877.

g. William Case Verity, born 23 February 1871, Islip, died there 23 July 1936.

Married Florence Brown, born 1878, Islip (tombstone has, incorrectly, 1898), died there 16 May 1961. William worked his entire life at the South Side Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, NY, as a guide, as did his father,

i. George (?) Verity, died infant.

12. Mary E. Verity, born c. 1832.

13. Abraham Verity, born 1834. A bayman, he married, c. 1858, Clarissa ____, born 1836, died between 1870-1880. In 1860, the family was living in Islip; in 1870 they were in Hempstead (family number 565), where Clarissa is called Clara. On the 1880 Hempstead Census (family number 362), only Abram (sic), age 47, and Charles, age 13, are listed. Abraham and Clarissa (Clara) had:

a. John H. Verity, born 1858, died before 1880?

b. William F. Verity, born 1862, died before 1880?

c. Ann E. Verity, born 1865, died before 1880?

d. Charles A. Verity, born 1867, living in 1880.

ENDNOTES

¹I propose that the parents of Joshua Verity, Sr., were the same "Obediah Verrity and Elizabeth Stratton" married 5 July 1776, by the Rev. Joshua Hart, a Presbyterian minister. Elizabeth Stratton is said to have been from the South Oyster Bay (Massapequa) area. I further suggest that Obediah named his son Joshua after the minister, for the given name of Joshua does not appear in any Verity line before this time.

For some reason, "Obediah Verrity" is not listed on the 1790 Federal Census but does appear as the head of the household on a census list in the Town of Huntington (*Huntington Town Records*, Vol. III, 151), consisting of five males and two females (no age groups given). On the 1800 census, only one Obadiah Verity is listed, then living in the Town of Oyster Bay. This might indicate a movement of the family from the Town of Huntington to the Seaford area.

²As "Josiah," age 69 on the 1850 Census, Town of Hempstead, family #1012. Joshua Verity, Sr., may have been born in the old Verity house at 3960 John Lane, Seaford. According to a brochure of the Seaford Historical Society (1971), "This fine old house was built about 1768 by a member of the Verity family."

Joshua served as a private in Capt. Edward Leverich's Company, Case's Regiment, New York State Drafted Militia, at Sag Harbor, from January 23rd 1814, until May 9th, 1814.

The death certificate (No. 204, Town of Hempstead) of Mary (Verity) Baldwin, 1812-1894, a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity states that her father's name was Joshua, birthplace Seaford and her mother was Mary ____, born in Seaford. The death certificate of Lawrence Verity, 1820-1920, son of Joshua and Mary also states that his father was Joshua, his mother Mary. This is contradictory to a statement made by Lawrence Verity, then in his 99th year, in an interview by the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, December 28, 1919, that his parents were "Samuel and Mary Allen Verity." I believe that Lawrence had a memory "slip" during this interview. All of the documentary evidence seems to indicate that the parents were Joshua Verity, Sr., and Mary (Verity) Verity.

³On the 1850 Census of Hempstead, family number 1012, Joshua Verity, Sr., appears as "Josiah," aged 69, with his wife Mary, 67, and their children: Josiah (Joshua), Jr., 24, and Abram (Abraham), 17. In one of the many vagaries in census recording, this same "Josiah," (Joshua Jr.), also appears on the Islip hamlet census of that year with his recently married (February 1850) bride, Hannah "Nancy" Hallett, as "Joshua!"

⁴In an interview in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, December 28, 1919, Lawrence Verity, then ninety-nine years of age and the last surviving child said that he was "the last of thirteen."

⁵Dates for Obadiah, wife, and children are from Obadiah's family Bible printed in 1840, now in the possession of Mrs. Martha (Preissler) Drake, of Hampton Bays, a descendant of Obadiah. Most of the entries were written in the same cultivated hand at the same time, but not by Obadiah. Obadiah's distinctly different handwriting appears on the frontispiece as "Obadiah Verity's Book." Another hand, probably not his wife, appears to have written the entries probably as they were recalled by Obadiah and/or Sarah E. Verity.

⁶This name is spelled "Cossetbaun" in the Bible cited in the preceding endnote, a family associated with the Huntington area. Originally in the author's possession (given to him by Ray Verity, in 1987, grandson of Obadiah, but now in the possession of Mrs. Martha Drake of Hampton Bays) are two Bibles (one cited previously) and a religious book, *Beauties of the Bible*, that belonged to Obadiah Verity. In this book, although the title page missing, internal evidence (notations in shillings and pence) suggest a mid-1700s printing. The following two entries appear on the back fly-leaf: "Elizabeth Smith was Born the 28 day of March in the Year of our Lord AD 1799," and "David Cossaboom Died the 12 day of October in the year of our Lord 1826 aged 76 years."

Were David and Elizabeth (Smith) Cossaboom the parents of Sarah Elizabeth Cossetbaun (sic)? I think so.

Finally, the other Bible, printed in 1824, lists the children of Phineas Smith, born 2(?) October 1779 and Deborah Powell, born 4(?) May 1783. Elizabeth Smith, the first child listed, was born "28 of March AD 1799," the same entry found in the earlier (mid-1700s) Bible.

Unless the entries in these three books are remarkably coincidental, I conclude that "Cossetbaun" was meant to be "Cossaboom" and that David and Elizabeth (Smith) Cossaboom were, in fact, the parents of the Sarah Elizabeth Cossetbaun (sic) of the Bible entry, born 30 May 1825.

⁷On 28 December 1856, James and his siblings, William Henry, Mary Jane, Charles, and Elizabeth Adelia Verity, were baptized in the Grace Episcopal Church, South Oyster Bay (now Massapequa) as "Children of Obediah(sic) and Sarah Elizabeth his wife." Sponsors were "the mother & Miss Martha Vandewater." Church records, via Lori Rogers, Bay Shore, 8 July 1992.

⁸*Bay Shore Sentinel*, Bay Shore, L.I., November 15, 1928: "James J. Verity, a G.A.R. member and retired bayman, died Monday morning [12 November] after a brief illness. Mr. Verity was an experienced bayman, and considered one of the best navigators ever known on Great South Bay.

During the Civil War Mr. Verity served in Captain Duryea's Mounted Volunteers. He received his discharge papers after being wounded in the Virginia campaign of the Union Army toward the end of the conflict.

• **The deceased was born in Seaford, L.I. For some time after the Civil War he made his home in Islip, later coming to Bay Shore [1880].” Interment in Northport Cemetery.”**

⁹Benjamin Smith Baldwin, 1830-1904, son of Jesse, 1802-1871 and Amy (Verity) Baldwin, 1811-1895, after his marriage in 1850, lived in Amityville, Bay Shore and Babylon, eventually settling in Islip about 1865.

¹⁰Richard P. Baldwin, *The Pullis Family of Long Island, New York* (Patchogue, N.Y.: author, 1988).

¹¹*Newsday*, Friday, April 28, 1950. “Largo, Fla. - An 85-year-old Islip nature lover who retired to this subtropical resort to live out the remaining years of his old age, was found dead this week [23 April] in the shallow waters of McKay Creek, about half a mile north of Walsingham Reservoir.

Two National Guardsmen discovered the body of aged Stephen Verity late Sunday after a four-day search engaged in by more than 100 Guardsmen, civilian volunteers and high school students. . . . Verity was believed to have died of exposure after he accidentally fell into the creek while rambling through the woods.

A retired boat builder [Stephen Verity resided at 31 Watson Place, Islip. In Islip, he was superintendent of the Horace Havemeyer estate (Bayberry Point) near where he was born. Later he went into business for himself, making small boats and clam tongs for the baymen. A carver of note, his decoys are collector's items], Verity was extremely active, and loved to wander afield, picking flowers and observing wild life. A slight man with a long mustache, he weighed only 90 pounds.”

I quote liberally from a long letter written to me by Stephen's son, Raymond, of Largo, FL, 15 February 1979:

“All my life I remember Dad making decoys, but only a few at a time. . . . I had about 20 when I came to Florida in 1946 [they were given away]. He used to keep a pile of willow chunks with bark on - said that was the best wood, light but strong. I have had these [three] pattern heads for many years [they were enclosed in a package to the author with the Bibles previously cited]. He also had snipe & plover decoys which were beautiful. They were, to my knowledge, never sold except for book ends and lamp decor. The clam tong industry got to be a full time job especially when he stopped making the wood heads [of the clam tongs] and made the welded ones. Also every fall around Thanksgiving he started the keel for a boat - standard 38 ft - lap streak. . . . The frames were the same but by Christmas they were usually sold sometimes fancy for a private pleasure boat . . . some-times a scooter for duck hunting in the ice. He also made a Deluxe ice boat for the children of Horace Havemeyer. The deck was varnished alternating mahogany and spruce. I remember the [Havemeyer children] wrecked it by running it into the creosoted staving at Saxon Ave. - Dad worked most of the summer rebuilding it.”

¹²On the 1850 Census of Flushing, a William W. Verity, 26, and his wife Susan, 16,

were living in the house of John and Phebe Verity. Relationship, if any, is unknown.

¹³If this assignment is incorrect, the genealogical information given here for a Susan Verity who married William Raynor is correct. Information regarding the children from correspondence with Mr. Donald L. Raynor, then of East Lee Road, Albion, NY, 14411, between April 1971, and January 1972.

¹⁴See *Nassau Daily Review-Star*, Friday, 23 May 1947, page 23, "Seaford Man Recalls L.I. In The Stagecoach Days."

¹⁵Lawrence's obituary appeared in the *New York Times*, 27 June 1920, page 18, as Laurence (sic) Verity: "Laurence Verity, the oldest guide and hunter on Long Island who would have reached the age of 100 on September 15, died yesterday at his home in Seaford, L.I. The old man had served many distinguished persons and often told the story of taking Daniel Webster duck shooting."

¹⁶Three articles about Lawrence appeared in the *The Eagle*. One dated 23 December 1919, the shortest of the three, reported that "... the oldest guide on Long Island is failing. The family doctor is doing his best to ease the suffering of the old huntsman and to maintain life in the frame of what was and still is a model of right living."

A longer article in an edition of Sunday, December 28, 1919, records his responses to an unnamed interviewer and contains a photograph of Lawrence. Part of one of his responses causes some concern to this author. "An ancient homestead near the bay front of this place [Seaford] is where this aged guide and sportsman first saw the light. He is one of the last of thirteen children and, as he says, thirteen is not his unlucky number. His parents were Samuel and Mary Allen Verity [my emphasis]." This statement is clearly incorrect; his parents were Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity, so stated not only on his death certificate, Town of Hempstead, No. 214, but also on the death certificate (No. 204) of his sister, Mary (Verity) Baldwin, 1812-21 October 1894, where the father is listed as Joshua, born in Seaford, and Mary ____, the mother, also born in Seaford. Perhaps Lawrence's memory was faulty or he did not hear the question "correctly." It is not clear, at the present time, of the relationship, if any, of a "Samuel" to Lawrence. The author has not been able to ascertain, with certainty, the name of Lawrence's grandfather although he believes it to have been an Obediah Verity rather than Samuel.

The remainder of this newspaper article describes his hunting and fishing exploits, especially with his patron, Daniel Webster. "Mr. Verity recalls 'Black Dan' clearly, as he was a guide in his twenties at Van De Water's Hotel [in Massapequa, then known as South Oyster Bay] when Webster came there. He took him up to the woodland streams for trout and out through Jones' Inlet for deep sea fishing." Among his other patrons were "... Recorder [John K.] Hackett, famous as a criminal judge in New York [City] and a crack rifle shot [later Hackett, in 1872, was the President of the South Side Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, where, incidentally, Lawrence's brother, Joshua, of Islip, 1827-1911, was a guide], and Chester A. Arthur when he was a collector of the port and President of the

United States, besides many others of note, all of whom stayed at Van De Water's Hotel."

The third newspaper article appeared in *The Times*, June 26, 1920, soon after the death of Lawrence and was, more or less, a "rehash" of the earlier December 28, 1919, article. It contained a (different) photograph of Lawrence.

Perhaps the most descriptive article about Lawrence Verity appeared in *The Eagle* at some unknown date, in 1914. This article (here excerpted), appeared in *The Seaford Historical Society Quarterly*, Vol. I, No. 4, Winter, 1970:

"He celebrated his 95th birthday, Tuesday last . . . and he was the spryest person in the gathering. His youth is perennial, . . .

For the past week, the nonagenarian has been a regular attendant at a camp-meeting of 'Holy Jumpers,' and he laughed so heartily at the fervor of the penitents that he fell from his seat and was gently ushered from the place - the only time in his life that he had been requested to leave a public place. He returned next night, however, and was welcomed.

Mr. Verity is a remarkable man. He fishes, shoots, walks, runs, can see without glasses, can hear without any aids, can chew any hard food substance without tooth-ache, can talk audibly, is not bald, but is a rugged type of man, who has lived in the open air, has followed the life of a bay-man, a farmer, and is a child of nature.

Three years ago he was present at the Sportsman's Show at Madison Square Garden, where he was exhibited as the oldest guide on Long Island. He can today shoot and bring to earth the fastest thing that flies [he gave a demonstration of skeet-shooting without glasses]. He has in his day been a huntsman, shooting birds and game in South Carolina and in the Northern States. He is totally abstemious. He has not smoked since youth, and he never drinks.

How has he managed to live to such a ripe old age? Mr. Verity sums it all up in a few words. He suggests that, besides refraining from drink and tobacco, he has slept eight hours a day, spent as much time in the open air as possible, doesn't fret or worry, keeps an occupied mind and doesn't grieve over misfortunes, big or small."

¹⁷From an unidentified newspaper with the clipping dated 16 February 1911, via Mr. George Combs, Jr., Amityville, March 1988: "A contest was held here on Washington's birthday. The prize was a Remington double barreled shot gun, given Nelson Verity by the Remington Arms Co. in place of the one which bursted and injured Mr. Verity's arm. The proceeds were to go to Mr. Verity. One hundred and eighty two contestants entered, and the gun was won by Oscar Verity [a hunting guide, of Seaford, the son of Townsend and Sarah Verity, and probably a cousin, of some degree, to Nelson.]"

John J. Elliott, a resident of Seaford, wrote an informative article about Nelson Verity and his role as a feather-hunter and shooting guide during the 1870s entitled, "Times Do Change," in *Audubon Magazine*, Vol. 47, No. 1, 1945, pages 31-34. Elliott, in another publication, "An Old Report of Eskimo Curlew on Long Island," *The Kingbird*, October,

1956, Vol. VI, No. 3, page 86, reports as authentic Nelson Verity's observation of the rare Eskimo Curlew near Seaford in the 1870s.

Nelson Verity, the naturalist and guide, had a wide knowledge of the life and habits of shorebirds in the vicinity of Seaford. In this capacity, he accompanied, in 1883, William Dutcher, the famous Long Island ornithologist to Jones' Beach at South Oyster Bay looking for nests of the Piping Plover. Elon H. Eaton, *Birds of New York*, Albany, New York, 1910, page 355.

As a decoy carver, birds carved by him are rare and highly prized by collectors. A photograph of the Common Tern attributed to him is shown on page 58 of William J. Mackey's, *American Bird Decoys*. Later, on page 100, he wrote the following about Nelson Verity: "This durable bayman was never known to miss a day's gunning from boyhood until his death in 1945, at the age of ninety-three. An unplanned interruption occurred when as a middle-aged man, during a crow hunt near Cedar Beach, he lost part of his arm in a shooting accident. Snow plugged his gun barrel and the exploding gun tore his forearm terribly. Upland shooting was a little out of Nel's line, but crows were bringing in two dollars a hundred at the time, and that was hard to resist."

Mackey says that it was his friend George Pennell who went to pick up Nelson Verity for their daily trip on the Bay and found him dead, seated in his shooting clothes, in a chair next to a small gas stove - the coffee had boiled over extinguishing the flame asphyxiating the most "durable, huntingest man on Great South Bay."

The foregoing account of the death of Nelson Verity was corrected by Mrs. Gertrude E. Box, the daughter of Rev. Harry Thomas Morrell in a letter published in *The Seaford Historical Society Quarterly*, Vol. IX, No. 1, January, 1978. "I wish to state the facts as they really were in the death of Nelson Verity. My father, rector of St. Michael and All Angels Church, was the person who discovered Nelson Verity dead, early that morning. My father had had breakfast every morning with Nelson for years, the two of them sharing early in the morning while the rest of the town was mostly asleep.

The police records will verify this fact. It was my father, aged sixty, who rushed through the house, opening windows and doors, turned off the gas, and tried to revive Nelson. It was my father who called the police and was there when they arrived. It was my father whom the police interrogated. I assure you, my father reported the whole incident to me, my husband, and to my three young children, who loved Nelson.

I have no idea who Mr. George Pennell was, or is, but, considering the traumatic experience my father went through discovering his best friend under those circumstances, the ordeal of explaining all to the police, and the sorrow shared by the other five members of my father's family on that day, I believe the facts should be stated correctly."

Editor's note in the *Quarterly*: A letter is being sent to the E.P. Dutton Co., publishers of *American Bird Decoys*, by William J. Mackey, from which that information was taken for the article on Nelson Verity which appeared in the July *Quarterly*.

The death of Nelson Verity was reported correctly in the obituary section of *Newsday*,

12 May 1947, p. 11.

Mr. Albert Gallatin Lanier, of New York (personal communication, 1 March 1971), remembered Nelson Verity: "My twin brother, Henry, and my father and I went gunning with him from about 1918 until his death. We stopped at his house for chats easily over 100 times. And the twisted left arm, the deep-lined leathery, high-checked boned face, the great brown eyes with the twinkle - the kitchen with the gun in the corner, carved decoys on window sills, the shooting coat, boots and vest (with the tin whistle in it) - all these and much more were meaningful events in our lives.

Surely he was one of the greatest shots, 'absolute' bayman - he was more a part of the bay and the marsh than a heron, a yellowlegs or a clam - and finest characters of the age.

At the age of over 90, while holding the long, wooden, smooth tiller of his Seaford skiff, he said, 'I'd rather be doing this than anything else in the world.' What a man."

A photograph of Nelson Verity appears on page 88 of the *Long Island Forum*, May 1971.

¹⁸Genealogical information on this line from Mrs. Raymond (Elizabeth) Thomas, Amityville, July, 1989.

¹⁹*Suffolk County News*, August 7, 1911: "Joshua Verity, who for years had been known among fishermen, gunners and boatmen on all parts of the Great South Bay, passed away at the home of his grandson, Fred[erick] Baldwin, here Saturday afternoon, aged eighty-four years. The cause of death was general debility. Mr. Verity was born in Seaford, but had lived the greater part of his life here [Islip]. He is survived by two sons, Harrison Verity, of Brooklyn, and William Verity, of this village, and one daughter, Mrs. [Jesse] Baldwin, also of this place."

While Joshua was buried (Oakwood Cemetery, Bay Shore) from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Islip, he had been a member, 1875-1876, of the Islip Methodist Church; his wife a member of the Methodist Church since 1846.

On 27 October 1862, at Islip, Joshua Verity was examined by A. G. Thompson, M.D. and found to have chronic asthma, "... which in my opinion entitles him to exemption from [Civil War] Military duty."

²⁰Hannah was the daughter of John F(rancis?) Hallett, 1781-1867, and Hannah L'Hommedieu, 1796-1873. They were living in Islip by 1850 and both died there. John F. Hallett was the son of Francis Hallett as "Franses hallot" on the 1776 Suffolk County Census, then living in the Town of Brookhaven, "northward of the County Road." Francis signed in Brookhaven's Fourth Company, on 8 June 1775.

²¹Percy M. Cushing, in a series of articles written in the 1940s but published in the *Long Island Forum* (June-August, 1969) about baymen, guides and hunters on Great South Bay, mentions Joshua Verity (July, 1969, page 131): "East of Bay Shore [Islip]

there was old Josh Verity. Seventy years ago, he sailed for my father [William T. Cushing was a longtime Commodore of the old Penataquit Yacht Club, Bay Shore, and a member of the famous Tile Club], who used to tell of the day they rowed down on Pelican Bay just as the ebb tide was uncovering the shoal, and with two barrels each from their muzzle loaders killed eighty-six yellowlegs and plover as the birds rose in a thick mass."

"As a boy, I recall Cap'n Josh, tall, lean, paddling up Widow's Creek [about three-quarters of a mile east of Winganhauppauge Creek] one winter twilight with 104 broad-bill and red heads in his scooter that he had killed off the edge of the ice off Nicolls Point [Heckscher Park] during the day. And each bird he had to pick up by hand by pushing his scooter off the ice and rowing out to retrieve it. He was an old man then, gray, spare and wiry, with a quaint turn of speech. 'And I puts up, and I killed the whul flock, and that's true, too.'"

Joshua Verity was also remembered by Edward Spring Knapp, *We Knapps Thought It Was Nice*, (New York: author, 1940), 93-94:

JOSH VERITY

"When you went to the 'Southside' [now Connetquot River State Park Preserve, Oakdale], you could either fish by yourself, or you could get a 'guide' to row you, and, among those so-called 'guides' was one named Josh Verity. He was an old Long Islander, with a face like parchment, from exposure to all kinds of weather, and he 'specialized' in trout fishing and snipe shooting. When he rowed you at the club, you seemed to get more 'strikes' than anyone, because, on his off time, he was always 'pottering about' and locating where the fish were.

Josh's home was in East Islip [he lived on Suffolk Lane, then considered Islip] and he had been a good deal on the Bay, and was uncannily good in his ability to whistle snipe into decoys. I went out snipe shooting with him occasionally on the meadows, and he could bring the Yellowlegs right out of the air, when there were, apparently, none flying, when he just sat down and whistled for them. Often too, after you'd shot into a flock he'd whistle them back and you could get another shot - I've seen him do that many times.

An odd little thing about old Josh that I have never forgotten, was that he could 'see' more birds at the first glance than anyone I ever knew. By 'see,' I mean this - if a single bird flies by, the second you see him, you register 'one bird' - Likewise, when there are two, three, four or even five, you 'know' the number, without counting. At 'six,' most people do not instantly 'register,' until after they have practiced a bit, and it takes a lot of practice to register 'seven.' I got so that I could 'see' seven, when I was shooting all of the time, but never more than that. Josh Verity could 'see' ten, and it was positive and no guesswork about it."

Joshua, like many of the Verity family, carved decoys. In a photograph taken c. 1880, he is shown "whittling" while sitting on the steps of the old grist mill on the grounds of

the South Side Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale. See the *Long Island Forum*, March, 1971, page 54, for this photograph.

²²The Saunders' "... were married December 28, 1870, at a little house on Saxton [now Saxon] Avenue [Islip] The Rev. J. M. Terry, pastor of the Islip M. E. Church, officiated at the wedding. The witnesses at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. [James] Madison Peterson, of Islip [sister, Hannah and her husband].

After serving his time with the life savers at Lone Hill, where he was stationed for 20 years, Mr. Saunders engaged in the fishing business with his brother Ellsworth and later became watchman on some of the largest estates in this part of Long Island." *Islip Press*, December 30, 1930, "F.H. Saunders Wed 60 Years"

²³Gary P. Joyce, "The Ironmen Of The Beach," *Long Island Forum*, Vol. LVII, No. 3, Summer, 1994, page 7: "At 8 A.M. on February 8, 1895, Surfman Frederick H. Saunders of Lone Hill Station 23 was on routine, but cold, beach patrol. The weather the past two days had been atrocious; incredibly high seas, ice and snow squalls. A bone-chilling 50 mph wind had started on February 6 and continued unabated. As Saunders struggled along, he shaded his eyes from the wind-driven snow and scanned the waters. An incredible scene brought him to a halt. Amidst the grey water and monstrous breaking waves he spied a huge, three-masted schooner, the *Louis V. Place*, stranded on a bar about five hundred feet off the beach.

With the ship *John B. Manning* already aground halfway between the Lone Hill and Blue Point stations, manpower was stretched very thin. Saunders called for assistance from Blue Point and Point O'Woods stations.

... five unnamed surfmen succeeded in launching a surfboat. When they reached the *Louis V. Place*, they found only two crew members alive. Four were found frozen to death - hanging upside down in the rigging. The record: six perished in the icy Atlantic, two were rescued, one survived. Fourteen of the twenty-one USLSS [United States Life Saving Service] men involved were treated for severe frostbite."

SAMUEL and ZIPPORAH (WILSON) VERITY

Samuel Verity,¹ parents unknown, born about 1756, probably Jerusalem South (Seaford),² died there 8 May 1849, a bayman. Married, 8 August 1784, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Zipporah Wilson,³ born 1768,⁴ of Oyster Bay, died after 1850 and before 1853,⁵ probably Seaford.

Samuel Verity, although claiming to have served in the Revolutionary War, was denied pension rights by the U.S. War Department.⁶

Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity had nine children, birth order and some birth dates uncertain:⁷

1. Lawrence Verity,⁸ born say 1785, died before 1853. Married _____. While there is no record of this Lawrence as "Head of Family" on any New York State census, 1800-1850, it is known (per an 1853 document) that they had, at least:

- a. Jacob Verity.
- b. Mary Ann Verity married William Gould.

2. John Henry Verity,⁹ born say 1787/1788, Seaford, a bayman¹⁰ and War of 1812 veteran,¹¹ probably the same who died at Newbridge (Bellmore) on 25 August 1866, age 70.¹² *Hempstead Inquirer*, 1 September 1866. Married Amy _____,¹³ born about 1796, Seaford and died there 14 October 1870, age 74, "widow of John Verity." *Hempstead Inquirer*, 21 October 1870. They had:

- a. Obediah Verity, born 18 July 1813, Seaford and died there 18 July 1901,¹⁴ a bayman,¹⁵ unmarried, buried in Jerusalem Friends Quaker cemetery.

- b. Henry Verity, born c. 1818-1820, Seaford, died after 1880. Married Hannah Verity, parents unknown, born c. 1826-1830, called "Anna" on 1880 census.

They had:

- i. Benjamin Verity, born c. 1852, Seaford.
- ii. Obediah Verity, born c. 1859, Seaford, died 20 February 1909, age 50 years (death certificate, #2231, Town of Hempstead), buried Friends Cemetery, Wantagh.
- iii. Nancy Verity, born c. 1861.

- iv. John (H.?) Verity, born 1863, probably the same who acknowledged the death of his brother, Obediah, as stated on the death certificate.
 - c. Maria Verity, born c. 1831, married John Allers, born 1832, a boatbuilder.
 - d. ? Martha Verity, born 1842.¹⁶
3. Walter Verity, born c. 1785¹⁷ probably Seaford, a farmer, living in 1871, but died before the date of the 1880 census (June?). Married Elizabeth Verity,¹⁸ born c. 1795, died between 1850 and 1860. Walter, a veteran of the War of 1812, had problems with the Pension Office in Washington, DC, as did his father. Walter did not receive bounty land nor a pension for his service.¹⁹ Walter and Elizabeth (Verity) Verity had:
- a. Samuel W. Verity, born 1813, died between 1861 and 1869. Married Mary Elizabeth Gritman, born 1823. They lived in the Town of Oyster Bay (1880 census) with daughter and son-in-law, Peter Post and family. On the 1850 census Samuel was listed as a shoemaker and a lumberman on the 1860 census of Hempstead village. They had:
 - i. Robert S. Verity, born 1839, a fisherman, unmarried in 1870.
 - ii. Mary E(lizabeth?) Verity, born 1842, "died 29 October 1856, ae 14y," tombstone, Friends Burial Ground, Jerusalem Meeting House.
 - iii. Phebe Ann Verity, born 1843.
 - iv. Elbert S. Verity, born 16 February 1845, died 30 April 1920, Wantagh. Married, 7 January 1872, Amityville, Ruth Jane Walters, of Farmingdale, born 27 October 1851, died 13 May 1921. They had:
 - (1). Charles Verity, born 28 March 1873. Married _____. They had:
 - (a). Robert Verity, born 27 September 1911.
 - (b). Richard Verity.
 - (c). Vivian Verity.
 - (2). Andrew Verity, born 28 May 1875, died 30 May 1883.
 - (3). Ella Verity, born 17 September 1877, died 15 June 1964.
 - (4). Bertha Verity, born 25 June 1882, died 26 November 1958, second wife of George Bedell Lush.²⁰ They had:

(a). Ella Pauline Lush, born 19 August 1919. Married Delbert Benjamin

Lumbert, born 10 June 1901, died 31 August 1978. They had:

(i). Delbert Benjamin Lumbert, Jr., born 4 February 1945, married Susan Potten and had:

((1)). Lee Anne Lumbert, born 18 January 1969.

((2)). Delbert Benjamin Lumbert, III, born 15 November 1970.

((3)). Jeri Lynn Lumbert, born 5 April 1972.

(ii). Sharon Georgine Lumbert, born 8 March 1951. Married Nick Andrews (born Zenon Andrzejewski), born 28 December 1945, Paderborn, Germany. They had:

((1)). Jonathan Derek Andrews, born 6 November 1982.

((2)). Jennifer Lynn Andrews, born 13 November 1985.

(b). Bessie Huldah Lush, married Alden R. Frazer and had:

(i). Daniel Bedell Frazer, born 16 August 1956.

(5). Bessie Verity, born 29 November 1884, died 6 October 1920. Married David Waring. They had:

(a). George D. Waring, born 29 September 1920.

(6). Ansel Verity, born 23 November 1887, died 13 July 1959. Married _____. They had:

(a). Ruth Verity, born 29 December 1916.

(b). Audrey Verity, born 7 August 1918.

(c). Gloria Verity.

v. Martha Verity, born 1849, died before 1856.

vi. Emma Verity, born 1851, as "Bertha" on 1870 census.

vii. Martha A. Verity, born 1856.

viii. Mary E(lizabeth?) Verity, born 1859, married Peter W. Post. They had, at least:

(1). Samuel L. Post, born 1879.

(2). Ethel Post, born 28 November 1886, died 6 April 1942, Southampton Hospital, Southampton, NY. Married Vernon J. Fountain.

- b. Zipporah Verity, born about 1817. Married Daniel Lewis, a farmer, born 1798.²¹
- c. Fanny Verity, born 1820, married _____, of Roslyn.
- d. Walter Verity, Jr., a farmer, was born 19 January 1821, died 19 August 1881. Married Harriet Gritman, born 1826, died before 1881, possibly a sister to Mrs. Samuel W. Verity. They had:
- i. William (R?) Verity, born 1845.
 - ii. Fanny Verity, born 1847.
 - iii. Susan Verity, born 21 September 1848.
 - iv. Alonzo Verity, born either 1852, 1854, or 1855.²²
 - v. Sophia Verity, born 1856. On 1870 census as "Ciphra," on 1880 census as "Zypry."
 - vi. Zipporah Verity, born about 1858, probably died before 1860.
 - vii. Melvin Verity, born Seaford, 18 May 1865, died 29 March 1958.
- Mr. Verity lived at 24-94 South Jackson Avenue, Seaford. Retired at the age of 87 from gardening, lawn and garden caretaking in Massapequa and Seaford. Before he became a gardener, he worked for 20 years as a butcher. Obituary, *Newsday*, 1 April 1958. Married Emily Chester, born 1867, Massachusetts, died 18 May 1939. They had:
- (1). Clarence Verity, born Seaford, died 1945.
 - (2). Frederick Melvin Verity, born Freeport, died 1949, Islip. Married Lavina Hedges and had:
 - (a). Frederick Melvin Verity, Jr.,²³ born Seaford, 3 June 1910, resides Islip. Married, 6 July 1934, Marguerite Estelle Egelund, born 27 November 1911. They had:
 - (i). Ronald Frederick Verity, born 25 September 1935. Married, 30 August 1964, Lois Katherine Reeves, born Puyallup, WA. They had:
 - ((1)). Kevin Ronald Verity, born 25 June 1966.
 - ((2)). Rechelle Katherine Verity, born 27 January 1970.

- (ii). Donna Marguerite Verity, born 9 February 1943. Married, 4 November 1967, Henry Richard Ohlsen, born 20 January 1943. Reside in Mastic Beach. They had:
 - ((1)). Richard Frederick Ohlsen, born 4 September 1968.
 - ((2)). Karlene Donna Ohlsen, born 2 November 1969, died 3 November 1969.
 - ((3)). Kirsten Marguerite Ohlsen, twin, born 2 November 1969, died 3 November 1969.
 - ((4)). Christian Arthur Ohlsen, born 4 June 1972.
 - ((5)). Glen Henry Ohlsen, twin, born 4 June 1972.
 - ((6)). Amanda Helen Ohlsen, born 5 April 1977.
 - ((7)). Dawn Marguerite Ohlsen, twin, born 5 April 1977.
- (iii). Lavina Verity, born 23 April 1945, died 25 April 1945.
- (b). Wilfred Verity, born 29 July 1914. Married, 25 July 1935, Dorothy Moran. They had:
 - (i). Irene Verity, born 6 September 1936. Married, 11 October 1958, Richard O'Sullivan, of Bay Shore. They had:
 - ((1)). Timothy O'Sullivan.
 - ((2)). Patrick O'Sullivan.
 - ((3)). Scott O'Sullivan.
 - (ii). Robert Frederick Verity married _____. They had:
 - ((1)). Barbara Verity.
 - ((2)). James Verity, born 16 November 1969.
 - (iii). Faye Jean Verity, married Michael Lackos. They reside in Brentwood. They had:
 - ((1)). Michelle Lackos.
 - ((2)). Michael Lackos.
 - ((3)). Steven Lackos.
- (c). Twin boys died shortly after birth.

4. Mary Verity, born say 1794, married Smith Bartow, born about 1790. By the 1830 Census, Town of Oyster Bay, they had six children: two males under 5, one female under 5, one female between 5-10, one male between 10-15, and one female between 10-15. The parents were between 30-40 years of age.
5. Ann Verity, born say 1796, married Jotham Post, born 1790. Jotham was a widower, age 80 on the 1870 census of Hempstead (page 392). They had, at least, by 1870 Census of North Hempstead (page 336):
- a. Jotham Post, born 1824, a farmer. He married Elizabeth _____, born 1831. They had, at least:
- i. William Post, born 1853.
 - ii. Sarah Post, born 1857.
 - iii. Jotham Post, born 1859.
6. Hannah Verity, born say 1800. Married, 15 Septembr 1821, Christ's First Presbyterian Church of Hempstead, as "Hannah Verrity and Phineas Wandsor," he born about 1795.
7. Eliza Verity, born say 1801, married, 15 September 1821, Christ's First Presbyterian Church of Hempstead, Daniel "Wandser" (Wanser, Wansor), born c. 1791. Mrs. John (Lorie) Rogers, 131 S. Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore, a descendant, was most helpful in providing information on this line. Correspondence, July 1991. Eliza and Daniel "Wandser" had:
- a. Walter Wanser, a farmer, born 10 September 1821, died 20 May 1892, Seaford. Married Caroline Southard. They had, at least, by 1870 Census, Hempstead:
- i. Daniel Wanser, born 1856.
 - ii. Delina Wanser, born 1858.
- b. Eliza Wanser, born say 1827, died 2 May 1859. Married, 25 July 1848, Hiram H. Valentine, by the Rev. L. D. Rushmore, of Hempstead. After the death of Eliza, Hiram married her sister, Susan Wanser. Eliza and Hiram Valentine had:
- i. Hiram Robert Willets Valentine, born 23 February 1855, Bellmore, died there 3 December 1938. Married Matilda Carman and had:
(1). Mary Lillian Valentine, born 6 November 1878, died 22 November 1960.

Married, 17 January 1903, _____

ii. Mary Eliza Valentine, born 24 July 1857, Bellmore, died 13 May 1940, Seaford. Married John W. Hendrickson, born 1845, died 1926.

iii. John Elvis Valentine.

c. Ester (also as Hester) Wanser married Benjamin Carpenter.

d. Susan Wanser married, as his second wife, Hiram Valentine, the widower of her sister, Eliza. Susan and Hiram Valentine had, at least:

i. Arthur W. Valentine, born c. 1874, died 20 January 1954. Married Laura _____ born c. 1882, died 18 March 1956, Bellmore.

8. Richard Verity, a farmer and bayman,²⁴ born 22 September 1803, probably in the Seaford area, died 8 October 1859.²⁵ He married, 26 February 1826, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Margaret Johnson, of Hicks North,²⁶ born 20 September 1809, died 20 February 1887, then of Baldwin, daughter of John, 1776-1856, who married, 7 March 1798, St. George's Episcopal Church Hempstead, Elizabeth Hulse. Richard and Margaret (Johnson) Verity had:²⁷

a. Abby Ann Verity, born 1828, died 13 February 1865. Was she the same who was confirmed in 1847, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead? She was the first wife of Samuel Denton, born 1836, died 7 October 1880. Denton's second wife was Catherine A. _____ born 1847, died 17 November 1910. All are buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery, Freeport; Abby Ann on the Verity plot.

b. Charles Verity, born 23 September 1830, baptized 1 July 1831, "at Mrs. Johnson, of South Hempstead."

c. Andrew Verity, born 19 September 1833, baptized 26 October 1833, died 13 November 1835.

d. Leonard Verity, born 26 September 183(5 or 6), died 19 January 1919, a boat builder in Baldwin.²⁸ Married, 1st, 14 November 1862, at Roslyn, he then of Milburn (now Baldwin), Mary E. Wright, born 1844, died before 1880. Married, 2nd, Elizabeth Whaley, a widow. She had at least two children from a previous marriage: Adella Whaley, born 1863, and Julia Whaley, born 1865. Leonard and Mary (Wright) Verity had, at least, by the 1870 Census of Hempstead, family

number 977, page 441):

- i. Mary J. Verity, born 1854.
 - ii. Abram (probably Abraham) Verity, born 1856.
 - iii. William R. Verity, born 1867.
 - iv. Abby A. Verity, born November 1870.
- e. Richard Henry Verity, a farmer and bayman, was born 30 May 1839, Baldwin, baptized 14 September 1843, "at house of William Miller." Married, 30 August 1863, Annie (Anna) Eldred, born 22 July 1844, Baldwin, and died there 29 March 1927, daughter of Israel and Hannah (Story) Eldred, of Baldwin. They had (all children born in Baldwin):
- i. Charles Henry Verity,²⁹ born 1864, died 6 January 1934.³⁰ Married Aduella Smith, died 22 January 1937. Charles had a home and large farm on Cherry Lane, Baldwin. They had (all born in Baldwin):
 - (1). Austin W. Verity, died July 1967. Married Florence C. Nowell, died 30 May 1979. Had, at least:
 - (a). Florence Verity married _____ Granger.
 - (b). Pearl Verity.
 - (c). Austin W. Verity, Jr.
 - (2). Elwood Verity married Annabell Hummer, she who died 21 July 1958, a resident of Baldwin. They had:
 - (a). Nettie Verity, died 12 March 1992. Married William Verity, died 7 November 1970, formerly of Baldwin, son of Louis "Hike" and Jennie (Hulse) Verity. They had:
 - (i). Emma Verity, died young.
 - (ii). William Verity, died infant.
 - (iii). James Verity, born 18 June 1937. Married, 21 December 1961, Rosemary Russo, born 26 February 1942. They had:
 - ((1)). Judith Lynn Verity, born 20 August 1962. Married, 17 August 1985, Michael Steven Tansey, Jr., born 20 July 1961. They had:

- ((a)). Michael Steven Tansey, III, born 17 November 1986.
- ((b)). Tiffany Patricia Tansey, born 10 April 1991.
- ((2)). Lorraine Donna Verity, born 26 August 1963.
- ((3)). Toni Marie Verity, born 12 July 1966. Married 29 March 1987, Mitchell Anthony Kohler, Sr., born 25 September 1960. They had:
 - ((a)). Mitchell James Kohler, born 22 July 1987.
 - ((b)). Paige Ashley Kohler, born 23 March 1992.
- (iv). Richard Verity.
- (v). Frances Verity.
- (vi). Frederick Verity.
- (b). Nellie Verity married _____ Koch.
- (c). Adwella "Ida" Verity married Ernest Langdon.
- (d). George W. Verity died 25 February 1980, Baldwin. Married Lillian Ward. They had:
 - (i). George W. Verity, Jr., married _____.
 - (ii). Elwood Verity, died June 1986.
 - (iii). Annabell Verity married _____ Berry. They had, at least:
 - ((1)). James Berry.
 - ((2)). Steven Berry.
- (e). James Verity.
- (f). Elizabeth Verity married John Randazzo.
- (3). Alexander Verity, born 1892, died 28 September 1984,³¹ Baldwin. Married Erma Mawdsley. They had:
 - (a). Peter Evans Verity, of Brattleboro, VT.
 - (b). Lillian Verity married Frederick Selinger. Reside in Dix Hills.
- (4). Charles Henry Verity, Jr., born 6 May 1896, died 9 September 1963, Baldwin. Married, 8 May 1915, Baldwin, Cora W. Henkel. In the early 1930s, Charles moved to a farm near Baptistown, NJ, and lived there for about twenty years before moving back to Baldwin. They had:



From left to right - c. 1915:

Annie (Eldred) Verity, 1844-1915, wife of Richard Henry Verity, 1839-1927.

Margaret (Verity) Combs, daughter of Annie and Richard Henry Verity, and wife of Charles Combs.

Catherine (Combs) Pease, daughter of Margaret and Charles Combs, and wife of Percy Pease.

Tyrus Pease, son of Catherine and Percy Pease.

Hannah (Story) Eldred, wife of Israel Eldred, and mother of Annie (Eldred) Verity.

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- (a). Henry Charles Verity, born 21 October 1916, Baldwin. Married, 1941, Pittstown, NJ, Agnes Shirley Baker. They had:
- (i). Henry Charles Verity, Jr., born 1941, Baptistown, NJ. Married, 1961, Nancy Frankin. They had:
 - ((1)). Richard Charles Verity, born 1962.
 - ((2)). Timothy Michael Verity, born 1964.
 - ((3)). David Paul Verity, born 1968.
 - (ii). Sandra Jean Verity, born 1944. Married, 1st, ____ Ramsby. They had:
 - ((1)). Scott David Ramsby, born 1967.
 - ((2)). Shawn Lathen Ramsby, born 1971.
 Sandra married, 2nd, ____ Shoop.
 - (iii). Beverly Ann Verity, born 1947. Married William Farrow. They had:
 - ((1)). Tamara Lee Farrow, born 1967.
 - ((2)). William Farrow, Jr., born 1978.
- (b). Elsie Madeline Verity, born 3 May 1920, Baldwin. Married 3 August 1941, Everittstown, NJ, Frank Kocsis. They had:
- ((1)). Frank Dennis Kocsis, born 17 September 1955. Married Deborah Kerr.
 - ((2)). Charles Allen Kocsis, born 22 August 1957.
- (c). Irene Shirley Verity, born 4 October 1927, Baldwin. Married 20 November 1948, Baptistown, NJ, Samuel Leon. They had:
- ((1)). Diane Shirlene Leon, born 4 September 1956. Married Wayne T. Bergen. They had:
 - ((a)). Jamie Anne Bergen, born 1976.
 - ((b)). Christine Joy Bergen, born 1978.
- (5). Jeremiah (Jerry) Verity married Marian Kilian, she who died 4 November 1975, Baldwin.

(6). Pearl Verity married Charles Aspenburg. They had:

- (a). Pauline Aspenburg.
- (b). Mildred Aspenburg.
- (c). Carl Aspenburg.
- (d). May Aspenburg.

(7). Henrietta Verity, born 5 July 1901, died 6 May 1987. Married William Erickson, of Rippey, Iowa. They had:

- (a). Dorothy Erickson.
- (b). Winifred Erickson.
- (c). William Erickson, Jr.
- (d). Marilyn Erickson.
- (e). Edwin Erickson.
- (f). Loretta Erickson.
- (g). Frederick Erickson.
- (h). Philip Erickson.
- (i). Arlene Erickson married A. Johnson. Reside in Baldwin.

(8). Susie Verity, died young.

ii. Ann Maria Verity, born 28 September 1865, died 10 March 1953, Baldwin. Married, 8 May 1887, Baldwin or Oceanside, Charles Seaman Verity,³² born 1862, East Meadow, died 5 November 1953, Freeport. They had:

(1). Benjamin H. Verity, born Bellmore c. 1892, died 10 August 1970.

Married Grace Hoehern, of Bellmore, who died 17 February 1967. They had:

- (a). Alton Verity.
- (b). Dorothy Verity who married _____ Evans.

(2). Warren Dow Verity, born c. 1894, Bellmore, died 1 February 1921.

Married Marie Roepke. They had:

- (a). Charles Verity married _____ Balche.
- (b). Vincent A. Verity.
- (c). Irene Verity married Henry K. Yonker.

(3). Robert T. Verity, born Freeport, died 14 February 1951. Married, 1st, Rose Resnik, of Hempstead. They had:

(a). Harold (or Alfred?) Verity.

Robert married, 2nd, _____ Zorn, of Merrick. They had:

(a). Robert Verity.

(4). Wilbur A. (or R.?) Verity,³³ born 21 January 1898, Freeport, died February 1984, Southold. Married Olive Southard, of Baldwin. They had:

(a). Alice Marie Verity, born Freeport. Married Warren W. Altmann, of Bethpage. They had:

(i). Janet A. Altmann married Peter Anderson of MA.

(ii). Donna M. Altmann married David Terry, of Amsterdam, NY.

(b). Wilbur Verity, Jr., born Freeport, married Callese Pearsall. They had:

(i). G. Scott Verity, born Baldwin. Married, 12 July 1986, Patti J. Gray, daughter of Donald B. and Jean C. Gray, of Unadilla, NY. Residents of Shirley, NY, they are both graduates of the Crane School of Music, Potsdam, NY, and teach music in local schools.

(ii). William Verity.

(iii). Duane Pearsall Verity, born Baldwin. Married Deborah Bailey, of Cutchogue. They had:

((1)). Jacelyn Olivia Verity.

(5). Kneeland P. Verity, born 26 April 1907, Freeport. Married, 1st, Elsie _____. They had:

(a). Donald Verity.

(b). Blair Verity.

Kneeland married, 2nd, Estelle Mitthauer. They had:

(a). Shirley Verity married _____ King.

iii. Margaret Verity, born 1867. Married, 3 October 1886, Charles Combs,

of Rockville Centre. They had:

- (1). Jesse Combs.
- (2). Abbott Combs.
- (3). Walter Combs.
- (4). Joseph Combs.
- (5). Miriam Combs.
- (6). Rodney Combs.
- (7). Quentin Combs.
- (8). Allen Combs.
- (9). Anetta Combs married Walter Langdon.
- (10). Catherine Combs married Percy Pease.

iv. Samuel Verity, a boat builder, born 1868, died 7 June 1950. Married Phoebe A. Combs, of Valley Stream, born 1868, died 13 April 1937, daughter of Smith A. and Elizabeth (Watts) Combs. They had:

(1). Susie Verity married Nathaniel ("Nip") Jackson, born 1887, died 30 April 1972. They had:

- (a). Evelyn Jackson.
- (b). Eleanor Jackson married _____. Eleanor and her husband were missionaries in South Africa for many years.
- (c). Dorothy Jackson.
- (d). Marion Jackson, born 20 January 1917. Married Earl N. Carman, born 9 January 1915. They had:
 - (i). LeRoy M. Carman.
 - (e). Irving Jackson.

(2). Percy L. Verity, born 25 May 1896, died 13 May 1973. Married Alma Johnson, of Oceanside. They had:

- (a). Elizabeth Verity married _____ Corcoran.
- (b). Kathryn Ellen Verity married _____ Chalavoutis.
- (c). George Verity, of Poughkeepsie, married Jean Carman. They had:
 - (i). Carol Verity.

(ii). Susan Verity.

(iii). Nancy Verity.

(iv). Robert Verity, of Carle Place. Married Judith Seiger. They had:

((1)). Lisa Verity.

((2)). Dawn Verity.

((3)). Noelle Verity.

(3). Mamie Verity married Herman Segal. They had:

(a). Herman D. Segal, of California.

(4). Samuel Verity, Jr., died 29 July 1972. Married Minnie Doty, of Baldwin. No children.

v. Elbert Verity, born 1870.

vi. Alice Verity, born 31 December 1871, died 21 April 1958. Married William Brower, born 1 March 1869, East Rockaway, died 23 July 1934. They had:

(1). Merwin Brower married Hilda Pettit. They had:

(a). Merwin Brower, Jr.

(b). Margaret Brower.

(c). Natalie Brower.

(2). Hilda Brower married ____ Pettit.

(3). Mahlon Brower married Helen Brower, of Lynbrook. They had:

(a). Mahlon Brower, Jr.

(4). Helen Brower.

(5). Arthur Brower, born 16 March 1912, died 1 February 1913.

(6). Lillian Brower married Glen Terrell.

vii. Treadwell Verity, born 1876, married Viola Pearsall. They had:

(1). Jesse Verity, born 1903, a resident of Baldwin, died 1971, Stuyvesant Falls, NY. Married _____. They had:

(a). John T. Verity, of Valley Stream.

(2). Annie Verity married Clarence Pearsall.

(3). George Verity.

(4). Mary Verity married Nelson Burch.

viii. Ellen Verity married Arthur Herbert. They had:

(1). Archie Herbert.

(2). Edward Herbert.

(3). Allen Herbert.

ix. Adelaide Verity married Edward Schroeder, of Baldwin. They had:

(1). Emma Schroeder.

(2). Alice Schroeder married ____ Baker.

(3). Evelyn Schroeder married ____ Seifts.

(4). Richard H. Schroeder married ____.

x. Bertha Verity married ____ Aspenburg.

xi. Louis ("Hike") Verity married Jennie Hulse. They had:

(1). Louis ("Hike") Verity, Jr., died 26 March 1962, a boat builder.

Married, 26 March 1890, East Rockaway, Nellie Horton, born 19 June 1903, died 19 June 1975, daughter of John C. and Annie (Adams) Horton. They had:

(a). Mabel Verity, born 29 December 1925. Married, 1st, Albin Corretti. They had:

(i). Albin Corretti, Jr.

(ii). Ruth Margaret Corretti, born 5 November 1943. Married, 10 September 1963, Joseph Catrini. They had:

((1)). Andrea Lynn Catrini, born 15 September 1964.

Married, 12 October 1990, Paul Januzzi. They had:

((a)). Dominic Anthony Januzzi, born

18 December 1992.

Mabel married, 2nd, William Giltz, died 6 March 1989. They had:

(i). Patricia Ann Giltz, born 7 July 1947. Married Lawrence Coverdale. They had:

((1)). Shiela Denise Coverdale.

((2)). William Coverdale.

(ii). Delores Ann Giltz, born 20 March 1949.

Married, 10 June 1984, Peter Young.

(iii). Gloria Giltz, born 15 September 1957.

(b). Shirley Verity, died 28 December 1987. Married Herman Dunn.

They had:

(i). Annie Dunn.

(ii). Nellie Dunn.

(iii). Arthur Dunn.

(iv). Joan Dunn.

(v). Herman Dunn.

(c). Annie Verity, born 8 December 1933. Married William

Berthold. They had:

(i). William Berthold, Jr.

(d). John L. ("Hike") Verity,³⁴ married Joan Vollmer. They had:

(i). John Charles Verity, born 18 January 1955. Married, 1st,

20 September 1977, Sonya Cassada. No children.

John married, 2nd, Jeannine Eberhardt. They had:

((1)). Rebecca Ann Verity, born 15 October 1980.

((2)). Alicia Kathryn Verity, twin, born 15 October 1980.

((3)). John Adam Verity, born 6 August 1983.

(ii). Irene Estelle Verity, born 6 December 1956. Married,

17 June 1978, Jeurgen Nicola. They had:

((1)). Jennifer Tabettha Nicola, born 2 May 1990.

(iii). William Alexander Verity, born 17 January 1961. Married,

8 November 1987, Donna Oliverio.

(iv). David James Verity, born 11 June 1969.

(e). Harold Verity married Claire _____. They had:

(i). Harold Verity, Jr.

(f). twin, died infant.

(g). twin, died infant.

(2). Ethel Verity, married, 1st, Fredrick Hendrickson. They had:

(a). Frederick Hendrickson married Janet DuLap. They had:

(i). Kevin Hendrickson.

(ii). Scott Hendrickson.

(iii). Dennis Hendrickson.

(iv). Robert Hendrickson.

(v). Judi Hendrickson.

(vi). Rick Hendrickson.

Ethel Verity married, 2nd, Anthony Reo.

(3). Mabel Verity, died 1 April 1957. Married Alfred Golder. They had:

(a). Colleen Golder married Fred Gee.

(b). Alfred Golder, Jr.

(4). Harold ("Pete") Verity, born 16 November 1919, died 21 July 1991.

Married, 24 October 1942, Leona Homan, died 18 December 1981.

They had:

(a). Amelia Verity, died 26 November 1988. Married, 1st, Clifford Tatje. They had:

(I). Clifford Tatje, Jr.

Amelia Verity married, 2nd, Robert Abrams. They had:

(i). Robert Adams.

(ii). Allen Abrams.

(b). Harold Horace Verity, born 29 August 1945. Married Lois Corcoran. They had:

(i). Ellen Verity.

(ii). Karen Verity.

(c). Robert Lewis Verity, twin, born 29 August 1945. Married Denise Trinkle. They had:

(i). Deborah Verity.

(5). Louvetter Christina Verity, born 7 March 1921, died 20 July 1989.

Married, 1st, Louis Charles Watts. They had:

- (a). Louis Charles Watts, Jr. born 8 March 1940, died 27 November 1983. Married, 5 November 1961, Patricia Schwaneude. They had:
- (i). Louis Thomas Watts, born 16 February 1963. Married, 19 September 1989, Nanette Marmo.
 - (ii). Christopher Joseph Watts, born 31 November 1969. Married, 28 May 1994, Melissa Morlock.

Louvetter married, 2nd, Joseph Batcher. They had:

- (a). Joseph Batcher, born 1 May 1946(8?), died December 1973.

Married Ann _____. They had:

- (i). Jennifer Batcher, born 21 May 1973.

Louvetter married, 3rd, Charles Fiorentino.

- (6). William Verity, died 7 November 1970, formerly of Baldwin. **Married**

Nettie Verity, she who died 12 March 1992, daughter of Elwood and Annabell (Hummer) Verity, he the son of Charles Henry and Aduella (Smith) Verity, of this line. William and Nettie (Verity) Verity had:

- (a). Emma Verity, died young.

- (b). William Verity, died infant.

- (c). James Verity, born 18 June 1937. Married, 21 December 1961,

Rosemary Russo, born 26 February 1942. They had:

- (i). Judith Lynn Verity, born 20 August 1962. Married, 17 August 1985, Michael Steven Tansey, Sr., born 20 July 1961. They had:

- ((1)). Michael Steven Tansey, Jr., born 17 November 1986.

- ((2)). Tiffany Patricia Tansey, born 10 April 1991.

- (ii). Lorraine Donna Verity, born 26 August 1963.

- (iii). Toni Marie Verity, born 12 July 1966. Married, 29 March 1987, Mitchell Anthony Kohler, Sr., born 25 September 1960

They had:

- ((1)). Mitchell James Kohler, born 22 July 1987.

- ((2)). Paige Ashley Kohler, born 23 March 1992.

(d). Richard Verity.

(e). Frances Verity.

(f). Frederick Verity.

(7). Arthur Verity, died 6 April 1964. Married, 1st, Marie Guido. They had:

(a). Marjorie Verity.

Arthur married, 2nd, Ruth Budwin. They had:

(a). David Verity.

(b). Arthur Verity, Jr.

xii. Richard ("Dicky Rich") Verity married Emma Brower. They had:

(1). Emma Verity married Alfred Hanna. They had two sons and three daughters.

xiii. Milton ("Mit") Verity, born Baldwin. Married Carrie Johnson of Freeport. They had:

(1). Milton Verity, Jr.

(2). Ernest Verity.

(3). others.

f. Margaret Verity, born 7 December 1842, died 24 January 1892, Valley Stream.

Married _____ and had:

i. Mary Ida _____, born 1864.

g. Mary Adeline Verity, born 27 June 1845. Did she marry Thomas Bedell, son of Urias and Maria (Baldwin) Bedell? If so, they probably had a daughter, Mary Ida, born 1864. Other sources say that it may have been her sister, Margaret Verity, who married Thomas Bedell and had Mary Ida.

h. Gilson Verity, a bayman, born 22 October 1850, died April 1934. Married, 29 December 1875, Harriet Ellison, born 29 April 1856, died October 1936, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Southard) Ellison. Information about Gilson Verity and family provided by Mrs. R.M. Tucker, box 391, Camp Verde, AZ. Correspondence, April 1967. Gilson and Harriet (Ellison) Verity had 11 children, all born in Baldwin:

- i. Hattie Verity, born 9 November 1876, died 7 October 1925. Married, March 1894, Henry Brower.
- ii. Lila Verity, born 2 October 1878, living in 1976. Married, 4 April 1897, Arthur J. Denton.
- iii. Gilson Verity, Jr., born 8 July 1882, died 21 January 1965. Married Lila Johnson.
- iv. John R. Verity, born 22 April 1884, died 8 April 1885.
- v. Libby Verity, born 28 August 1885, died 9 December 1886.
- vi. Daniel Verity, born 9 December 1887. Married Madeline Bosch.
- vii. Elmer Verity, born 29 July 1890.
- viii. Harry Verity, born 9 November 1893, died 16 or 17 July 1929. Married, April 1916, Anna Roehrer.
- ix. Son, died infant.
- x. Son, died infant.
- xi. Daughter, died infant.

9. Arabella³⁵ Verity, born 31 March 1803, died 16 April 1882, Seaford.

Married Obediah Verity "... at Hempstead ... in the Spring of 1819, by Henry O. Seaman, Justice of the Peace and that her name before her said marriage was Arabella Verity and that from the date of discharge from the Army [1814] they lived in Seaford." The foregoing is from a widow's claim for a pension [War of 1812], dated 23 July 1878. The last part of Arabella's statement is, I believe, incorrect - think she meant that after their marriage in 1819, they lived in Seaford. Obediah, whose clearly written signature on documents was always Obediah not Obadiah, was born 1796, South Oyster Bay [Massapequa area], died 18 July 1873, Seaford, buried in the Quaker cemetery in Jerusalem.

There is possibility that Obediah's parents were a John Verity and Margaret Smith who were married 2 February 1776, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead.

A farmer and wheelwright, Obediah enlisted³⁶ in the War of 1812 and was honorably discharged on 2 December 1814.

Obediah and Arabella (Verity) Verity had:

- a. Rachel Verity, born 1830. Was she the same who married, 25 April 1852, Cornelius Moore of Greenwich Point, at Hempstead? *Long Island Democrat*, 27 April 1852.
- b. Mary Verity, born 1833. Married Andrew Jackson Baldwin, born 4 April 1831, died 26 September 1864, son of Samuel and Mary (Verity)³⁷ Baldwin. They had:
 - i. Stratton Baldwin, died young.
 - ii. Samuel Baldwin, died young.
 - iii. Mary Agnes Baldwin, born 12 May 1856, died 31 March 1938. Married Henry James Verity, parents unknown, of Freeport born 15 May 1854, died 8 February 1920. They had:
 - (1). Selah Verity, born 23 January 1877, died 27 September 1938. Married Marion Gritman, born 5 January 1875, died 18 October 1939. They had:
 - (a). Harvey Verity.
 - (b). Raymond Verity.
 - (2). Mabel Verity, born 12 December 1882, died 5 April 1937. Married Nathaniel Carman, son of Smith and Abby Ann (Smith) Carman. They had:
 - (a). Earl N. Carman, born 9 January 1915. Married Marion Alice Jackson, born 1917, daughter of Anthony and Susie (Verity, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe E. Verity) Jackson.
 - (3). Archie Verity.
- c. Stratton Verity, born 1835, a farmer and wheelwright.
- d. Almy Verity, born c. 1840.
- e. Townsend Verity, born 24 March 1842. Was this the same Townsend who was a member of the U.S. Life Saving Service at Jones Beach West, from 1875-1878? Married Sarah _____,³⁸ born 1844. They had:
 - i. Franklin Verity, born 186(4 or 5), married _____. They had, at least:
 - (1). Franklin Verity, Jr., born c. 1891. Married _____. They had, at least:
 - (a). Franklin E. Verity.

(2). John Verity.

ii. Oscar G. Verity, born 186(6 or 7), died 15 July 1944. Oscar was a boat builder of Seaford who built Seaford (sometimes called Verity) skiffs. A photograph of Oscar appears on the cover of the January 1969 issue of the *Long Island Forum*. Married Anna _____, born 1871, died 3 May 1934. They had, at least:

(1). Marion Verity, born 1899, died 1967.

iii. William Verity, born 1869. Died before date of 1880 census?

iv. Alma? (name not clear on census record) Verity, born 1872, died 3 May 1934.

v. Ephraim Verity,³⁹ born 1874. Married _____. They had, at least:

(1). William Verity, born c. 1900. Married Helen _____. They had, at least:

(a). William Verity, Jr., born 1926, Seaford, the sailor of Atlantic crossing fame.⁴⁰ Married a princess from the Island of Tonga. Lived in Ireland where he died on 28 October 1989, and buried there.

vi. Julia Verity, born 1877.

vii. Emma Verity, born 1880

f. Henry Hadford Verity, born 7 June 1843, Seaford, died 25 November 1930, Babylon, buried in Amityville cemetery. Henry served as a private in Company E, 89th Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers, during the Civil War. Married Mary Elizabeth Cornelius, born 4 July 1848, died 1942, daughter of Samuel and _____ Cornelius. They had:

i. Wisner Elias Verity,⁴¹ born 11 September 1871, Seaford, died 19 September 1939. Married, 1899, Eleanora ("Mary") Westerberg,⁴² born Stockholm, Sweden. They had:

(1). Hazel Verity, born 26 December 1902. Married _____ Morris, of Valley Stream.

(2). Martha E. Verity, born 28 October 1910, died 25 November 1928.

(3). Wisner Augusta Verity married Walter Hubbard, of Babylon. She died 19 July 1979, survived by her husband. They had:

- (a). John Wisner Hubbard.
- (b). James Edward Hubbard.
- (c). Roy Thomas Hubbard.
- (d). Albert Charles Hubbard.

(e). Eleanora Hubbard married ____ Cook.

ii. Jesse Verity, born 18 May 1876,⁴³ died 4 March 1953. Married, 24 December 189(9?), by Rev. John D. Long, Maud Madeline Price, daughter of John George and Louisa Jane (Rogers) Price. They had:

(1). Ethel Verity, married, 1st, Robert J. Mayer. They had:

(a). Robert Julian Mayer.

(b). George Jesse Mayer.

Ethel married, 2nd, Simon Teite Hofstra, born Poppingweir, Holland.
Reside in Campo, CA.

(2). George Henry Verity,⁴⁴ born 1906, died 26 October 1965. Married,
1st, Ilene ____, 2nd, Sally ____, who resides in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

(3). Jessie Verity married ____ Wilkinson and resides in Oxnard, CA.

(4). Gladys M. Verity, died 24 April 1991, Ridge, formerly of Amityville.

Married Roy Lukken, of Amityville. They had:

(a). Peter Lukken.

(b). Eric Lukken.

(c). Christopher Lukken.

g. Smith Clinton Verity, born 15 October 1845, Seaford, died there 20 April 1920.
Married Sarah M. Southard, born 2 August 1847, Merrick, died 29 April 1919,
Seaford, daughter of John B. Southard (born 2 September 1825) and Amy Smith
(born 23 September 1826). They had:

i. Mary E. Verity, born 26 October 1865, Seaford, died 8 May 1947. Married,
3 September 1884, Willett C. ("Capt. Bill") Ellison,⁴⁵ born 1863, Freeport,

died 1939, son of Henry Ellison, both baymen. They had

(1). Edna M. Ellison, married C. Edward Verity, died 18 January 1970

Freeport, son of Charles H. and Lucinda (Baldwin) Verity. They had,

at least:

(a). Madeline Verity.

(b). Willett Brenard ("Bill") Verity.

(2). Alice Ellison, born Freeport. Married, 1st, Alvin Southard, of Freeport.

They had:

(a). Burford Southard.

Alice married, 2nd, Charles Wiseman.

(3). Laura Ellison married William Tietzsch, a fine-arts and commercial artist in New York City. They had:

(a). _____ Tietzsch.

(b). Mary Tietzsch.

(c). Virginia Tietzsch married, 4 December 1938, William Barbato, a retiree from the Freeport Post Office after 32 years of service.

Served with the U.S. Army in the Pacific in World War II. They had:

(i). Donna Barbato married _____ Geraci.

(ii). Irene Barbato.

(iii). Robert Barbato.

ii. Anna A. Verity, born 14 January 1868, died 10 February 1958. Married Jesse Britton, born 2 December 1868, died 1938, of Albany, NY. They had:

(1). Everett Britton, born 4 July 1888, died 1905.

(2). Viola Britton, born 2 June 1889, died 1951.

(3). Stella Britton, born 24 November 1891.

(4). Florence Britton, born 24 April 1894, died infant.

(5). Earl Britton, born 24 July 1895.

(6). Kenneth Britton, born 24 October 1897, died 1968.

(7). Francis Britton, born 25 December 1903.

(8). Virginia Britton, born 2 October 1907.

iii. Wallace R. Verity, born 14 July 1870, died 24 January 1951. Married

Julia A. Baldwin, daughter of William H. and Sarah Maria (Wanzor)

Baldwin.⁴⁶ Wallace had a barber shop business in Wantagh for many

years. They had:

(1). Mildred S. Verity, of Wantagh, died unmarried.

(2). Gladys I. Verity, of Wantagh, died unmarried.

iv. Alonzo Verity, born 6 October 1872, died 11 May 1938, Seaford, unmarried.

Buried Friends Burial Ground at Jerusalem Meeting House.

v. Joseph Verity, born 31 January 1875, died 30 March 1949. Married Elenora

Wood Kelly, 26 February 1896, Freeport. She was born 30 April 1876,

Queens, died 11 May 1962, Merrick. They had:

(1). Clarence Smith Verity, born 27 December 1896, Wantagh, died 14 March

1956. Married Florence Fullager, born 19 June 1890, died 14 February

1960. They had:

(a). John Robert ("Bob") Verity, born 20 April 1925, Freeport, died

6 March 1978. Married, 1st, Virginia Albert. They had:

(i). Peter Verity who later changed his name to Peter Amerige when
adopted by step-father.

John married, 2nd, Lylas Richards. They had:

(i). Diane Lynn Verity, born 25 September 1961. Married Robert

Zwirn and they had:

((1)). Robert Zwirn.

((2)). Joseph Zwirn.

(ii). Duane Alan Verity, born 27 February 1963, died 30 March 1963.

(iii). Craig Andrew Verity, born 26 March 1965.

(iv). Robert Lyle Verity, born 17 December 1968.

(b). Harriet Naomi Verity, born 25 September 1927, Freeport, married

Albert Vander Meulen, he who died November 1981. They had:

(i). Bonnie Diane Vander Meulen, born 8 June 1951, Rockville

Center. Married Thomas Walter Wheat, born 8 September 1951,
Baltimore, MD. They had:

((1)). Aaron Thomas Wheat, born 4 July 1974, Naples, Italy.

((2)). Kevin Michael Wheat, born 9 February 1978, Forestville,

- (ii). **Blanche Florence Vander Meulen**, born 3 November 1957, Bethpage. Married Gary Steel, born 27 October 1953, Baltimore, MD. They had:

((1)). **Daniel Irvin Steel**, born 6 November 1986, Towson, MD.

((2)). **Alexander John Steel**, born 29 May 1992, Towson, MD.

- (iii). **Brian Albert Vander Meulen**, twin to Blanche, born 3 November 1957, Bethpage. Married, 1st, Karen Madigan, no children, married, 2nd, Cheryl Lynn Valentine. They had: (All children born in Baltimore, MD).

((1)). **Megan Michelle Vander Meulen**, born 20 May 1994.

((2)). **Jake Albert Vander Meulen**, twin to Megan, born 20 May 1994.

((3)). **Kelly Marie Vander Meulen**, born 7 July 1995.

((4)). **Kati Lynn Vander Meulen**, born 17 July 1997.

((5)). **Traci Ann Vander Meulen**, twin to Kati Lynn, born 17 July 1997.

- (iv). **Scott William Vander Meulen**, born 16 December 1960, Bethpage. Married, 1st, Denise Michele Shipley. They had:

((1)). **Kristin Michele Vander Meulen**, born 5 July 1985, Westminster, MD.

Scott Vander Meulen married, 2nd, Pamela Sue Burdette.

They had (both children born in Baltimore, MD):

((1)). **Lindsey Brooke Vander Meulen**, born 30 April 1997

((2)). **Luke William Vander Meulen**, born 14 October 1998,

- (2). **Elenora Wood Verity**, born 15 March 1899, Wantagh, died 22 August 1978. Married, 1st, Fred Malmsheimer. They had:

(a). **Audrey Ila Malmsheimer**, born 19 August 1924. Married **William Koehler**, born 11 April 1925, Brooklyn, died 3 February 1991.

They had:

(i). William Kevin Koehler, born 3 November 1947, Amityville.

Married, 1st, Vicki March, 22 November 1969. Divorced,
no children. Married, 2nd, Barbara Auletta, divorced in 1987.

They had:

((1)). Alyssa Anne Koehler, born 22 July 1980, Florida.

(ii). Audrey Elenora Koehler, born 5 August 1949, Amityville,
Married, 1st, Thomas Morrow on 13 August 1967, divorced in
1977, no children. Married, 2nd, Henry Murillo, June 1980, and
had (all children born in West Islip):

((1)). Richard William Murillo, born 22 November 1981.

((2)). Jennifer Elenora Murillo, born 1 March 1983.

((3)). Diana Christine Murillo, born 7 October 1986.

(iii). Jeffrey Glenn Koehler, born 1 December 1951, Amityville.

Never married.

(iv). Claudia Emma Koehler, born 20 January 1954, Islip.

Married Joseph Troiano and had (all children born in
Amityville):

((1)). Maria Theresa Troiano, born 22 November 1973.

((2)). Joseph Dominick Troiano, born 24 April 1976.

((3)). Anthony Troiano, born 24 January 1978.

Elenora Wood Verity married, 2nd, Henry Berman. No children.

(3). Edward Harris Verity, born 1 December 1900, Wantagh, died
30 March 1949, Seaford. Married, 19 October 1922, New York City,
Olga Sophie Olson, born 17 January 1896, Brooklyn, died 21 May 1960,
South Side Hospital, Bay Shore. They had:

(a). Earl Harris Verity, born 25 August 1923, Bellmore. Married,
28 April 1945, Ada May Green, born 7 September 1925, Queens,
daughter of William and Clara (Nilsen) Green, of Wantagh. They
had:

(i). Claire Verity, born 23 August 1946, Freeport. Married, 1st,

Walter Whiting. They had (both born Concord, NH):

((1)). Melissa Ann Whiting, born 29 July 1969.

((2)). Heather Marie Whiting, born 14 May 1971.

Claire married, 2nd, Gorden McCann. No children.

(ii). Nancy Verity, born 24 May 1951, Rockville Center. Married

Ralph Grigg, born 13 October 1950, Bentonville, Arkansas.

They had:

((1)). Scott Earl Grigg, born 24 April 1972, Bentonville, AR.

Married, 18 May 1996, Jibbi Jodean Patton, born

8 July 1973, Fayetteville, AR.

((2)). Jeffrey Thomas Grigg, born 16 May 1974, Bentonville,

AR.

(iii). Susan Verity, born 19 February 1953, Hauppauge, married

Anthony Trahan. No Children.

(iv). Stacy Verity, born 12 October 1956, Bay Shore. Married

Michael Dobbs. They had:

((1)). Julie Ann Dobbs, born 13 February 1979, Siloam

Springs, Arkansas.

((2)). Michael Adam Dobbs, born 16 July 1985, Muskogee,

Oklahoma.

(b). Edward Charles Verity, born 3 February 1927, Seaford. He died,

14 August 1944, at sea, U.S. Navy, WWII.

(c). John Gilbert Verity, born 6 May 1929, Seaford. Married, 1st,

Muriel Brandenstein, born 28 June 1932. They had:

(i). Debra Lee Verity, born 28 July 1952. Married Angel Ramos.

They had:

((1)). Ryan Luke Ramos, born 15 February 1982, West Islip.

((2)). Neil Patrick Ramos, born 29 June 1984, West Islip.

((3)). Kieran Paul Ramos, born 30 December 1986, Bethpage.

(ii). John Gilbert Verity, Jr., born 25 February 1954, Copiague.

Married, 6 May 1977, Salzburg, Austria, Margery Lorraine

Andoniadis, born 26 May 1955, Chester, PA. They had:

**((1)). Jennifer Lorraine Verity, born 28 January 1979,
Vienna, Austria.**

((2)). John Gilbert Verity, III, born 24 August 1980, Manhasset.

**(iii). Kelley Linda Verity, born 29 July 1956. Married Michael
Kowalsky. They had:**

((1)). Myriah Lee Kowalski, born 22 May 1976, Bay Shore.

((2)). Daniel Joel Kowalski, born 30 October 1979, Amityville.

**John Gilbert Verity married, 2nd, Joyce Ludwig Zetterholm. They
had:**

(i). Jeffrey Andrew Verity, born 22 September 1966, East Meadow.

**(ii). Heather Leah Verity, born 8 April 1968, Massapequa. Married,
1 November 1977, Farmingdale, Paul David Yuengling.**

**(d). Joan Winifred Verity, born 19 January 1932, Seaford. Married, 1st,
Kenneth William Fricke, born 27 February 1927, Brooklyn. They
had:**

(i). Gary Edward Fricke, born 13 March 1949, Amityville.

Married, 1972, Deborah _____. Divorced. No children.

(ii). Christine Lee Fricke, born 11 December 1951, Rockville Center.

**Married, 4 January 1969, William Frank Holliday, born
3 August 1947, Cripple Creek, Virginia. They had:**

**((1)). Brigitte Lee Holliday, born 26 November 1969, Fairfax,
VA.**

**((2)). William Jason Holliday, born 22 February 1971,
Arlington, VA.**

**((3)). Justin William Holliday, born 25 December 1983,
Alexandria, VA.**

**((4)). Sophie Amanda Holliday, born 11 July 1993, Fairfax,
VA.**

Joan Winifred Verity married, 2nd, Robert Edward Buel, born 27 September 1929, San Antonio, Texas. They had:

(i). Yvonne Ana Buel, born 28 February 1968, Fairfax, VA.

Married, 29 October 1988, Dale City, VA, Anthony C.

Papadakis, born 22 February 1968, Silver Spring, MD. They had (all born Harrisonburg, VA):

((1)). Alexandra Corinne Papadakis, born 30 January 1995.

((2)). Nicholas Andrew Papadakis, born 16 June 1997.

((3)). Alyssa Collette Papadakis, born 26 August 1998.

(e). Arnold Joseph Verity, born 17 September 1934, Seaford. Married Cathleen Iora Hoffman, born 24 July 1932, daughter of Harold and Nellie Hoffman. They had:

(i). Arnold Joseph Verity, Jr., born 29 November 1956, Bay Shore.

Married, 16 November 1980, Farmingdale, Andrea Marie Poh, born 29 July 1958, Mineola. They had:

((1)). Andrew Joseph Verity, born 10 February 1984, West Islip.

((2)). Alexander Hess Verity, born 10 December 1989, West Islip.

((3)). Eric Daniel Verity, born 8 January 1992, Bethpage.

(ii). Richard Hess Verity, born 25 September 1958, Bay Shore.

Married Lisa Brodzinski, February 1985. Divorced, no children.

(iii). Melissa Ann Verity, born 10 January 1969, Bay Shore.

(f). Harry Francis Verity, born 27 February 1939, Seaford. Married Lillian Charlene McWhorter, born 7 July 1942, she who died 28 February 1989. They had:

(i). Patricia Jean Verity, born 24 March 1960, Portsmouth, VA.

Married John Frederick Schindler. They had:

((1)). Mary Susan Schindler, born 25 December 1982, East Meadow.

((2)). John Lucas Schindler, born 9 January 1986, Syosset.

((3)). Samuel Evan Schindler, born 20 August 1987, Smithtown.

(ii). Teresa Ann Verity, born 3 October 1961, Norfolk, VA.

Married Christopher Martin Foley. They had:

((1)). Patrick John Foley, born 12 November 1984, West Islip.

**((2)). Shannon Elizabeth Foley, born 26 February 1988,
Syosset.**

(iii). Lynne Marie Verity, born 21 February 1970, West Islip.

**Married 17 January 1998, Rocky Point, Christopher Rolf Faust,
born 28 February 1969, Port Jefferson.**

(4). Muriel Josephine Verity, born 22 November 1914, Seaford.

Married Oliver Hartin. They had:

**(a). Muriel Jill Hartin, born 21 July 1934, Seaford. Married Charles
Edward Booth. They had:**

**(i). Steven John Booth, born 4 May 1955, Freeport. Married Cathy
Bell. They had:**

((1)). Thomas Charles Booth, born 24 June 1979, Syracuse, NY.

((2)). Denise Ann Booth, born 16 November, 1982, West Islip.

**(ii). Richard Charles Booth, born 30 July 1956, Freeport. Married
Pam Young. They had:**

**((1)). Melyssa Dawn Booth, born 16 January 1991,
Jacksonville, FL.**

**(iii). Sharon Leigh Booth, born, 29 June 1957, Freeport. Married
Arthur Belloise. They had:**

((1)). Chrystal Leigh Belloise, born 24 June 1981, West Islip.

((2)). Arthur Belloise, Jr., born 4 November 1984, West Islip.

**(iv). Maureen Jill Booth, born 25 February 1959, Freeport. Married
Vincent Joseph Aprile. They had:**

((1)). Joseph Vincent Aprile, born 2 November 1985, Miami,

((2)). Ashley Jill Aprile, born 23 January 1989, Plantation, FL.

(v). Thomas Edward Booth, born 15 January 1961, Copiague.

Married Michele Katrina Dempsey. They had (both children born in Jacksonville, FL):

((1)). Thomas Edward Booth, Jr., born 9 October 1986.

((2)). Jessica Dyane Booth, born 27 August 1988.

(b). Erin Brooke Hartin, born 1 September 1943, Freeport. Married, 1st, William Duffey, 19 February 1963. They had:

(i). William Patrick Duffey, born 27 December 1964.

Erin married, 2nd, 18 January 1970, Dudley Ray Peckinpaugh, born 1938, died 1977. They had:

(i). Amanda Ray Peckinpaugh, born 2 February 1974.

Erin married, 3rd, Dan Vollman. Divorced, no children.

(c). Carolyn Dale Hartin, born 2 October 1944, Freeport. Married, 1st, Stephen Wortman. They had:

(i). Pamela Sue Wortman, born 13 May 1964.

(ii). Donald Bret Wortman, born 30 December 1965.

(iii). Lorraine Dale Wortman, born 15 March 1967.

Carolyn married, 2nd, 22 May 1971, Barry Seaman. They had:

(i). Kelly Marie Seaman, born 17 March 1972.

(ii). Keith Thomas Seaman, born 29 October 1974.

Carolyn married, 3rd, Arthur Buck. No children.

(d). Dewitt Keith Hartin, born 21 February 1951, Freeport. Married Pamela Ann Milne. They had:

(i). Meredith Ann Hartin, born 18 February 1986, Mineola.

vi. Andrew Granby ("Grubie") Verity, born 8 May 1881, died 7 January 1976, Seaford. Married Elizabeth Valentine. They had:

(1). Clifford Verity married Ruth Schoeneman. They had:

(a). Clifford Verity, Jr.

- (2). Norma Verity married William Lutz and had five daughters.
- vii. Wesley ("Jim") Verity, born 4 April 1883, died 8 September 1916. Married Anna Guhl, of Freeport, born 12 April 1885, died 12 June 1967. They had:
- (1). Elizabeth Verity, born 19 February 1908. Married, 11 June 1932, William D. Mitchell, born 26 June 1901, died 24 February 1968
William Mitchell had two daughters from a previous marriage, Elizabeth E., born 29 April 1923, and William, Jr., born 16 November 1924.
- (2). Alberta Verity, born 24 July 1909. Married, 7 September 1930, Edgar T. Jester, born 29 November 1904. They had:
- (a). James Charles Jester, born 29 October 1935. Married, 17 August 1956, Jean Busching, of Oceanside. They had:
- (i). Karen Jester, born 17 May 1958.
- (ii). Susan Jester, born 15 May 1961.
- (iii). Donna Jester, born 25 August 1963.
- (b). Roy Lewis Jester, born 30 April 1938. Married, 11 July 1964, Audrey Duerr, of Merrick. They had:
- (i). Timothy Jester, born 6 June 1966.
- (ii). Daniel Jester, born 1 December 1968.
- (iii). Robin Jester, born 30 September 1973.
- (c). Glen Thomas Jester, born 5 May 1941. Married, 29 September 1962 Carol Mueller, of Merrick. They had:
- (i). Scott Jester, born 9 July 1967.
- (ii). Wendy Jester, born 30 September 1973.
- (d). Gary Allan Jester, born 17 August 1948. Married, 27 June 1970, Patricia D'Apice, of Massapequa. They had:
- (i). Amy Marie Jester, born 28 March 1976.
- (3). Dorothy Verity, born 20 October 1912, died 16 October 1968. Married, 9 October 1932, Louis Primavera, born 25 October 1908, died 5 June 1976. They had:
- (a). Anthony Primavera, born 22 September 1933.

- (b). Louis Primavera, Jr., born 12 August 1936.
- (c). Anne Primavera, born 31 March 1938.
- (d). Carmella Primavera, born 13 August 1940.
- (e). Thomas Primavera, born 7 August 1943.
- (4). Margaret Verity, twin, born 20 October 1912. Married, 17 August 1940, Kurt Ochs., born 20 December 1907. They had:
 - (a). Donald Wesley Ochs, born 8 October 1941. Married, 17 June 1962, Jean Olson, of Port Chester, NY. They had:
 - (i). Lisa Marie Ochs, born 4 October 1963.
 - (ii). Donald Wesley Ochs, Jr., born 20 February 1965.
 - (iii). Kenneth Alan Ochs, born 13 January 1967.
 - (b). Joan-Marie Ochs, born 9 March 1943. Married, 22 August 1965, Edward Albert Elliott, of Islip. They had:
 - (i). Mark Edward Elliott, born 22 April 1968.
 - (ii). David Alan Elliot, born 24 November 1970.
 - (iii). Kevin Andrew Elliott, born 6 July 1972.
 - (c). Margaret Ochs, born 23 December 1949, died infant.
- (5). Elsie Verity, born 28 January 1916. Married, 10 July 1941, Gustav Berkel, Jr., born 17 November 191_. They had:
 - (a). Alberta Berkel, died infant.
 - (b). Peter Berkel, born 31 January 1944.
 - (c). Paul Berkel, born 26 December 1944.
 - (d). Timothy Berkel, born 12 Decembr 1945.
 - (e). Janet Berkel, twin, born 12 December 1945.
 - (f). David Berkel, born 19 June 1947.
 - (g). Stephen Berkel, born 2 April 1950.
 - (h). Nancy Berkel, born 27 December 1951.
 - (i). Thomas Berkel, born 31 December 1955.
 - (j). Joseph Berkel, born 2 May 1957.
 - (k). John Berkel, born 23 January 1959.

viii. Willard Verity, born 26 April 1889, died 29 May 1925, Seaford.

Married Christina A. Loftus, born 1888, Ireland, died 20 December 1967, buried St. Charles Cemetery, Farmindale. They had:

(1). Donald J. Verity, born 22 July 1913, died November 1942, in a train and vehicle accident. Buried St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale.

Married Pauline Gallo. They had:

(a). Donald Verity, Jr.

(b). Raymond Verity.

(c). Thomas Verity.

(2). Austin Verity, born 11 July 1914, died 12 April 1982, a retired dock builder, of Seaford. Married Pauline Van Cina. They had:

(a). Joanne Verity married ____ Tedesco.

(b). Barbara Verity married ____ Triebe.

(3). Aileen Verity, twin to Austin, born 11 July 1914. Married R. McVicker. They had:

(a). Linda McVicker.

(b). Wendy McVicker.

(4). Wesley James Verity, born 1(7 or 8) 1918, Seaford, died 14 February 1986, in a boat fire in Seaford. Obituary, *Newsday*, 16 February 1986.

Married Lesley Theresa Capello, born 19 May 1920, died 15 April 1997, Sayre, PA, residence was Spencer, NY. They had:

(a). Judith Irma Verity, born 29 May 1939, East Meadow. Married Robert Miller. They had:

(i). Robert Raymond Miller, born 29 May 1958, Amityville.
Never married.

(ii). Jill Lesley Miller, born 25 April 1960, Amityville. Married Christopher Dervan. They had:

((1)). Christopher Stuart Dervan, born 13 August 1993.

(iii). Jeffrey Adam Miller, born 16 September 1966, Amityville.
Married Robin Hammock. They had:

- ((1)). Adam Robert Kolby Miller, born 25 June 1994.
- (iv). Jennifer Judith Miller, born 15 May 1970, Amityville.
- Married Billy Joe Hyer. Divorced, no children.
- (b). Sandra Jean Verity, born 25 August 1940, Massapequa. Married Thomas A. Higgins. They had:
- (i). Christopher Thomas Higgins, born 28 September 1961.
 - (ii). Doreen Jane Higgins, born 20 May 1963.
 - (iii). Darleen Jean Higgins, twin to Doreen, born 20 May 1963.
 - (iv). Thomas William Higgins, born 16 November 1969.
- (c). William Wesley Verity, born 4 December 1941, Middletown, CT. Married twice, 1962 and 1969, both divorced and no children. Married, 3rd, Marilyn M. Gill. They had:
- (i). William Wesley Verity, Jr., born 13 November 1973.
 - (ii). Shawn James Verity, born 24 January 1976.
- (d). Gerald Joseph Verity, born 11 January 1944, Rockville Center. Married Lorraine Linz. They had:
- (i). Julie Lynn Verity, born 31 January 1968.
 - (ii). David Wesley Verity, born 24 November 1969.
- (e). David Austin Verity, born 31 October 1946, Seaford. Married Sandra Burgess. They had:
- (i). Kelli Ann Verity, born 31 July 1970.
 - (ii). Aaron Dale Verity, born 4 June 1972.
 - (iii). Andrew David Verity, born 20 November 1975.
- (f). Kathleen Lesley Verity, born 21 June 1951, Rockville Center. Married, 1st, Terell Van Orman. They had:
- (i). Jason Robert Van Orman, born 27 July 1970.
 - (ii). Brandon Ray Van Orman, born 22 January 1976.
- Kathleen married, 2nd, Milton Hoskins. They had:
- (i). Stacey Jeanette Hoskins, born 19 December 1978.
- Wesley James and Leslie Theresa (Capello) Verity divorced

and she married, 2nd, Gustave Wanzer

h. Edward Verity, born 16 February 1847, died before 1850.

i. Julia Verity, born 23 February 1848.

j. Obadiah Verity, born March 1850, died before 1860..

k. George W. Verity, born 1852, married Mary ____, born 1853. They had:⁴⁷

i. Ada Verity, born 1873.

ii. Ella Verity, born 1875.

iii. Garrie, son, born 1877.

ENDNOTES

¹Much information about this family is contained in two documents. The first, dated 2 June 1835, was a "declaration" made by Samuel Verity, in person, before the Court of Common Pleas when he applied for a pension for his (claimed) Revolutionary War service. The second document, dated 10 September 1853, was a claim for any money due Samuel Verity for his Revolutionary War Service brought by his [named] nine children.

In the 1835 document, Samuel was "... seventy-five years and upwards ..." thereby placing his birth date prior to 1760.

²On the 1835 document, Samuel stated that he [then] lived at Jerusalem South, on the South Road, as did "... his [unnamed] father and family."

Jerusalem South is the historical name for the current Seaford area. Karl H. Proehl and Barbara A. Shupe, *Long Island Gazetteer* (Bayside, New York: LDA Publishers, 1984), 152.

On the 1790 Census, Town of Huntington, the family of a Samuel Verity appears with two males, 16 years or older, three males under 16, and one female. Certainly, one of the males 16 or over was Samuel and the female, his wife. Who was the other male 16+ in the household? Since Samuel was married in 1784, the first child was probably born in 1785, thereby only five years of age in 1790. There is no way to identify the other male over 16. The three males under 16 were born between 1785 and 1790 and I have assumed that they were Lawrence, John and Walter Verity.

Was Samuel Verity born in Jerusalem South, lived in the town of Huntington - at least in 1790 - and later moved back to Jerusalem South?

³Samuel Verity and Gipporah (sic) Wilson of Oyster Bay, married at Hempstead. John Sylvanus Haight, *Adventures For God: A History of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Long Island* (Binghamton, N.Y.: Vail-Ballou Press, Inc., 1932), 196.

person who answered the query was not given but had written the following, which I have rendered in genealogical form:

Robert and Elinor _____ Wilson lived on the north side of Long Island and had sixteen children. Two of their (known) children were:

1. Jane Wilson, born 14 May 1779, married, 18 February 1818, William Verity, born 15 September 1777, died 18 October 1858.
2. Jacob Wilson, born 29 May 1781, served in the War of 1812.

I further propose that the Robert Wilson, born c. 1805, who married, 23 December 1830, Oyster Bay, by the Rev. Marmaduke Earl, Jane Verity, was perhaps a son of the Robert Wilson, above. Josephine Frost, *Marriages on Long Island*, p. 45, quoted in the notes of Marguerite Verity Doggett's, *Verity Genealogy*, Vol. I, unpagged, undated typescript in the Long Island Division, Queens Borough Public Library.

⁴On the 1850 Census, Queens County, Town of Hempstead, living in the house of Walter Verity, a farmer, age 60 (born 1790), was "Zebiley Verity," age 82 (born 1768). I am certain this "Zebiley" was Zipporah (Wilson) Verity, the mother of Walter Verity, and the widow of Samuel who died in 1849. I have used 1768 as the birth date of Zipporah based on this census.

⁵Since Zipporah is not listed on the 1853 document as an heir of Samuel, but is listed on the 1850 census, she probably died between those two dates.

⁶See article, "An Unrecognized Revolutionary War Veteran," following the ENDNOTES of this section.

⁷On the 1853 document, "... the only children and heirs ..." of Samuel Verity are listed: nine children and five grandchildren. Although written in a clear hand, the document is difficult to interpret because of the idiosyncrasies in the punctuation of the document recorder.

I thank the following for their aid in interpreting this 1853 document: Diane Perry of the Suffolk County Historical Society, Riverhead; Diane Joseph, Arlington, VA; and Lori Rogers, Bay Shore, NY, the latter two both descendants of Samuel Verity.

It is the conclusion of the author that the nine children of Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity were: Lawrence, John, Walter, Mary-Bartow, Ann-Post, Hannah-Wanser, Eliza-Wanser, Richard and Anabella (Arabella). The grandchildren were: Jacob and Mary Ann Gould, children of Lawrence; Walter, Eliza-Valentine and Ester, children of Eliza and Daniel Wanser. Apparently other grandchildren chose not to take part in furthering the claim for any pension and/or money due Samuel for alleged Revolutionary War service.

⁸Not to be confused with another Lawrence Verity, born Seaford, 15 September 1820, died there 25 June 1920, son of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity. The author believes them to be cousins of close degree.

THE FOLLOWING (inadvertently left out) SHOULD BE ADDED TO ENDNOTE #3, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LAST SENTENCE ON PAGE 166:

In *The American Monthly Magazine*, Vol. 32, January-June, 1908, a publication of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, DC, a query, #1158, page 631, was printed from an unidentified person. The name of the (to book information, top of page 167).

To Genealogical Information given in book

I propose that the parents of Zipporah (Wilson) Verity were probably the Robert and Elinor ____ Wilson, above, who had the sixteen children.

(To book information) - I further propose, etc.

The Lawrence (of this record) enlisted as a private in Captain Samuel Mott's Company of Detached Militia, New York State Infantry (Bedell's 2nd Regt., War of 1812), on 7 September 1814, and was stationed at Fort Greene, Brooklyn, NY. A company muster roll, taken at Fort Greene on 15 November 1814, indicated that although he was then present, he had, since the last muster, been "Absent without leave since 25 September [1814]." On a subsequent muster roll at "... the encampment near Fort Greene, 28 November 1814," Lawrence was again absent without leave. There is no further record of this short military career!

⁹The family of a John and Amy Verity appear on the 1850 and 1860 censuses of the Town of Hempstead:

1850, South Hempstead, page 204, family number 1015: John, 62, bayman; Amy, 54; Henry, 32; Obey (Obediah), 27; and Maria, 19.

1860, South Hempstead, Hempstead village, family number 649: John, 70, fisherman; Amy, 76 (sic); Martha 18. (Note that Martha did not appear on the 1850 census). On this 1860 census, Maria, 29, is married to John Allers, 28, a boat builder and they are living in her parent's house. In the same house, relationship unknown, were the following with the surname of Abbey: Mercy(?), 17, Alma M., 5, and Sarah E., 4/12.

¹⁰I believe him to be the John Henry Verity, well-known as a Great South Bay hunting guide and carver of decoys. The following refer to this John Verity:

"... when the snipe, ducks and geese would begin to fly [a group of hunters] ... would take a skiff and cross the Bay ... they being accompanied by several Baymen from Verity's Creek who had been engaged ... to act as guides. These Baymen were Uncle John Verity, Obadiah Verity ... [and others]." Thomas Floyd-Jones, *Backward Glances* (New York: Privately printed, 1914), 140.

"Referring to the old Baymen, Uncle John Verity ... [he] was very highly respected, and in 1851 when General Thomas Floyd-Jones died, his children presented a knife which was greatly prized by the old possessor, having had in it over thirty different parts, to Uncle John as a token of their esteem to him, and in memory of his old friend, their father. The writer was a witness of this presentation, which occurred late in 1851." *Backward Glances*, 171.

"We could each cut down a leather-head, flying ... before a strong north-wester, sixty yards off, nineteen times out of twenty. That is a fact, and there are not many men beside us and John Verity ... who are up to that performance." William P. Hawes [J. Cypress, Jr.], "Fire Island Ana; Or, A Week At The Fire Islands," *Sporting Scenes and Sundry Sketches* (New York: Gould, Banks & Co., 1842), Vol. I, 22.

"Should you wish to procure a Blue Crane [heron] ... [travel to] ... South Oyster Bay. There inquire for that experienced bayman and very worthy man, known to all sportsmen who frequent that section of the Island, by the name of John Verity. He will

furnish you with a suitable boat and decoys, and accompany you; and if you wish to visit him at the proper season, I will guarantee that you will return with game, even if you should be unskilled in the art of taking aim - his gun will make amends for all your random shots." J. P. Giraud, Jr., *Birds of Long Island* (New York: Wiley & Putnam, 1844), 278.

It is not unreasonable to assume that the guide, John (Henry) Verity, the "Uncle John" of the previous records, was the son of Samuel and Zipporah Verity and, most probably learned the "trade" from his father. Recall that in an 1853 deposition, W. P. Hawes, Samuel's "counsel and friend" stated, "So also he[Samuel] is well known to very many sporting gentlemen in this city [New York] who shoot and fish in his neighborhood [Seaford] and who have known him by the name of 'Uncle Sam V.'"

Decoys supposedly carved by a "John Henry Verity" have been exhibited by members of the Long Island Decoy Collectors Association, Babylon, NY. A clear provenance, however, has never been established between these carvings and the supposed carver. He may (or may not) be the same person as the one of this record. I believe that he is.

¹¹ John Verity served in the War of 1812 as did his brothers, Lawrence, Walter and Richard as well as his brother-in-law, Obediah Verity, who married Arabella Verity, a sister to these four Verity brothers.

In an affidavit of 8 October 1856, in support of Walter Verity's claim for bounty land, John Verity (signed with an "X") stated that "... [he] knows Walter Verity the person described ... who has applied for Bounty Land, that they are brothers ...

On the same date, Obediah Verity signed in a firm hand as Obadiah an affidavit attesting to Walter's service and said that "... he is well acquainted with Walter Verity ..." but did not state any relationship [his brother-in-law].

On the same date, Walter Verity submitted an affidavit re his service and stated that "... [with others] on or about the 5th day of September 1814, Richard Verity, and himself left home together for Fort Green[e] ..."

Specifically, John Verity's service in the War of 1812 was in a company of Detached Militia under the command of Capt. Thomas Floyd Jones in the 2nd Regt. of Lt. Col. Daniel Bedell from 15th to the 28th of November, 1814. His term of service expired on 2 December 1814 and he received \$22.93 for his term of 26 days at \$8.00 per month.

On an *original* muster roll displayed (1985) in the Delancey Floyd-Jones Free Library, Montauk Highway, Massapequa, is a "Company of Detached Militia under the command of Capt. Thomas Floyd Jones in the 2nd Regiment of the N.Y. State Infantry commanded by Liet. Col. Danl Bedell from the 15th November 1814 when last mustered to the 28th November 1814, in the service of the United States."

Service from 2 September to 18 October 1814

Obediah Verity, corporal

Joseph Verity, private, commenced September 6

Richard Verity, private. Has a sick family and has not been here

since 11th September

Service from 15 November to 28th November

Obediah Verity, corporal

Joseph Verity

John Verity, private

Richard Verity, private. Absent without leave as of 28 November 1814

(Recall that John's brother, Lawrence, had a short military career in the the War of 1812! The Joseph Verity of the above record is unidentified, but no doubt a cousin of some degree to the other Veritys).

¹²I believe his stated age at death in the cited newspaper is incorrect; he was probably in his 80s.

¹³On the death certificate of her son, Obediah, Town of Hempstead (Seaford), number 1005, 18 July 1901, under "Mother's name," the recorder wrote, "Amy Verity." It did not say, "Mother's *maiden* name."

¹⁴Although Obediah's age on the 1850 census (as "Obey") is given as 27 (therefore born in 1823), his death certificate gives his age as 88 (therefore born 1813), the date used here.

On the Hempstead Census of 1880, he appears as Obadiah Verity, single, age 60 (born 1819 by this record), living in the house of William H. Baldwin, 31, a bayman, and his wife, Sarah M., 25. Relationship, if any, is unknown.

¹⁵For many years, it has been generally agreed that a decoy carver and painter, Obediah Verity, was an acknowledged master of this familiar aspect of the Great South Bay hunting scene. His decoys are eagerly sought by collectors and museums alike (the Museums at Stony Brook has an excellent collection of his decoys) and prime examples command prices in the thousands of dollars. Although the carving and painting techniques of Obediah's decoys are well known, he has never been positively identified, genealogically.

The author, believing this Obediah to have been misidentified by several writers (and lecturers) as the son of Obediah and Arabella (Verity) Verity, addressed this issue in an article, "Who was Obediah Verity, the Carver of Decoys?," published in the *Long Island Forum*, Vol. LV, No. 4, Fall 1993, 5-12. Unfortunately, there was a major error in the publisher's reproduction of a (correctly provided) pedigree chart on page 8. A slightly different version of this article will be found following the ENDNOTES of this section after an article describing Samuel Verity's controversial Revolutionary War Service.

¹⁶Although listed in the house of John and Amy Verity on the 1860 Census, age 18, the writer has some doubts - the mother would have been about 48-50 years of age at

Martha's birth. Was Martha a relative living with and helping them? Interestingly enough, Martha is not listed on the 1850 Census as living in the household of John and Amy. Her relationship to John and Amy Verity, at this time, is unproven.

¹⁷Age 70 on the 1860 census (born 1790), 85 on the 1870 census (born 1785). Note the gain of 15 years in the 10 years between censuses! A document from the Pension Office, Washington, DC, 24 August 1871, states that Walter Verity is "... eighty-six," therefore born in 1785, the date used here.

¹⁸Death certificate of her son, Walter Verity, Jr., 19 August 1881, Town of Hempstead, #40, states that his mother's maiden name was Verity. Her ancestry is unknown.

¹⁹Although there are several depositions in Walter's pension files (Claim Record No. 23,405, National Archives) that supports his service in the War of 1812, there were two problems that caused the Pension Office, Washington, DC, to declare that he was ineligible for both a bounty land claim and a pension: (1) He could not document that he had served the fourteen days required by law although the depositions (following) describe his service and, (2) while his name appeared on muster rolls, it did not appear on one signed by his commanding officer, Capt. Thomas Floyd Jones.

Deposition, Obadiah Verity and Ellwood S. Althouse, 18 April 1855: "... Ellwood S. Althouse and Obadiah Verity [think the latter was Walter's brother-in-law] ... were privates in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Floyd Jones ... for the term of three months ... and that they are well acquainted with Walter Verity ... and that [he] was in actual service in the War of 1812 ... in the same company with these deponents."

Taken before James H. Seaman, Justice of the Peace, Jerusalem South.

Deposition, John Verity, 8 October 1856: "John Verity ... resides in the town of Hempstead ... knows Walter Verity ... that they are brothers ... his said brother Walter was in the Military at Fort Green[e] ... they were both there at the same time, but did not leave together ... thinks he got a substitute ... Captain Thomas Floyd Jones is deceased." Taken before James H. Seaman, Justice of the Peace, Jerusalem South.

Denial of pension: A letter from the Pension Office, Washington, DC, 27 October 1856, stated that after the affidavits had been reexamined, "The following report is made by the examiners. None of the witnesses state the duration of Mr. Verity's service ... it is requisite that he should prove 14 days service ... in Capt. Jones' Co. before his claim can be admitted.

Suspended"

Bounty land application, Walter Verity, 8 October 1856:

"In the matter of the application of Walter Verity No. 119,663 for Bounty Land under the act of March 3^d 1855 suspended for the want of Record evidence

State of New York) SS

Queens County) on the 8th day of October . . . 1856 . . . before me personally came Walter Verity known to me, who . . . says that there is not any Record evidence, or Roll discharge of Capt Thomas Floyd Jones, relating to Military affairs, they they can only find a list of the names of the persons who served in his Company at Fort Green[e], in the year 1814 and that his, deponants name is thereon entered the same as the others, but said list is not signed by said Capt. Jones, or is it in such shape as to be received as Record evidence of the services of any of his company, deponant hopes nevertheless that his claim will be reconsidered, inasmuch as it is just, and the facts and circumstances of his serve are as follows, That on or about the 5th day of September 1814 Ellwood S. Althouse, William Allen, Olover(sic) Post, Richard Verity, and himself left home together for Fort Green[e], that Jacob Seaman carried them with a wagon, and left them all there . . . , they all stayed nights in a Barn, afterwards in a Tent, that they were all mustered into service, that he deponant not being in very good health at that time and subject to fainting, that after remaining then between two and three weeks he obtained from the officers a furlough for fourteen days to come home, that while home he engaged one Garrett Spragg to serve in his place, that Spragg was not able to go at the expiration of the time mentioned in his furlough, that he returned to Fort Green[e] himself remained on duty about one week when Spragg came and served in his place . . . he thereupon left for home, and Spragg served as substitute for him, the remainder of the time and further this deponant says not."

Finally, in a "Brief of Claim For a Survivor's Pension, filed 24 August 1871, Walter Verity's petition was ". . . rejected by reason of insufficient service." In this document, Walter Verity was ". . . aged eighty-six years, a resident of Hempstead, County of Queens."

²⁰His first wife was Sarah Hendrickson, born 15 May 1876, died 15 January 1954. They had a son, George Bergen Lush, born 23 July 1909.

²¹The following family is found on the 1860 Census, Glen Cove, Family number 1343:

Lewis, Daniel, 62, farmer [born 1798]
 , Zipie [Zipporah], 47 [born 1813]
Verity, Charles, 25
 , Charles, 2

Note: I believe "Zipie" was born about 1817, not 1813 per census. The Charles Verity, age 25, is unidentified. He was not "Zipie's" brother.

²²As Alonzo on the 1860 census (born 1852); as Alanson on 1860 census, age 16 (born 1854); as Alanson on 1870 census, age 25 (born 1855). Mr. Frederick Verity, Cedar Avenue, Islip, a grandnephew, said that his name was "Lansing," known to him as a youth as "Uncle Lance." Correspondence, 31 July 1986.

²³Mr. Verity provided information on both his family and the family of his brother, Wilfred. Correspondence, 11 July 1986.

²⁴The following refers to the Richard Verity of this record.

"Saturday, November 19, 1842. We were greatly entertained last evening at the store of Tredwell & Frost (in Milburn, now Baldwin) in hearing some of the old veteran baymen and gunners, gathered about the store and occupying available soap boxes and barrel head, relate experiences of great catches, great shots and wonderful flights of water fowl.

Ad Carman and Dick Smith made their boasts that they had cut down teal flying over White Hill point of marsh before a northwest gale at fifty yards distant seven times out of ten, and Dick Verity with sinful sarcasm, offered to put up the bullion that he would bring home more birds than both of them by taking his chances on those which they missed." Daniel M. Tredwell, *Personal Reminiscences Of Men And Things On Long Island* (Brooklyn, New York: Privately printed, 1912), 150-154.

²⁵The *Queens County Sentinel* newspaper of 13 October 1859, reported the death of Richard Verity on 9 October 1859, then aged 58 (born 1801). Both Richard and Margaret were buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, Freeport and his tombstone (copied in 1913), stated that he died 8 October 1859, aged 56 years and 16 days. These dates have been used here. The bodies of Richard and his wife were relocated to Greenfield cemetery about 1922.

²⁶Richard Verity was baptized as an "adult, 24 July 1831, South Hempstead, near Mr. Lotts." A witness was John Johnson, probably the father of his wife, Margaret Johnson. Unpublished record, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, copied personally, 1 April 1987.

²⁷The dates of birth/baptisms of all of the children of Richard and Margaret (Johnson) Verity - with the exception of Abby Ann - are recorded in unpublished records of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead. Copied personally, 1 April 1987.

²⁸See Capt. Wilbur R. Verity, "Sam Verity's Skiffs," *Long Island Forum*, April 1977, 63. Leonard, Charles and Gilson Verity are mentioned as boat builders in Baldwin. Capt. Verity contributed additional genealogical information on this line. Personal communication, 1979.

²⁹The following contributed information on the family of Charles Henry Verity: Irene (Verity) Leon, Frenchtown, NJ; Diane Joseph, McLean, VA; Arlene (Erickson) Johnson, Baldwin, NY; and Annabell (Verity) Berry, Baldwin, NY.

³⁰Charles was a house mover who used two-mule teams in his work. He hired workers from Jamaica, NY, on one-month contracts. One worker quit before his contract obligat-

ion was met and Charles refused to pay him. During an argument in the barn, the contract worker picked up a hammer and killed him. Albert Hingle, Mastic Beach, NY, great-grandson of Charles Henry Verity. Telephone conversation, 20 June 1988.

³¹Unidentified newspaper obituary of Sunday, 30 September 1984, Baldwin, NY:

"Alexander Verity, 92, a Baldwin native who was a farmer, contractor and mover, died Friday at Lydia Hall Hospital in Freeport.

At one time Verity and his family raised potatoes on property they owned in Baldwin, Freeport and Roosevelt. His induction into World War I service was deferred for a month so he could help harvest the family potato crop. Before he was recalled, the Armistice had been signed, his wife, Erma, said yesterday.

He and his brother Jerry, using farm wagons and horses, organized the Verity Bros. moving and storage firm more than 60 years ago and Mr. Verity remained active in the business until his death. Mr. Verity, who was a member since 1924 of the Freeport Elks Club, had been a landscape contractor in the development of Baldwin Harbor.

Other survivors include a son, Peter Evans of Brattleboro, VT; a daughter, Lillian Sellinger of Huntington; a sister, Henrietta Erickson of Baldwin; and six grandchildren. Burial at Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead."

³²Ancestry unknown. Said to have had brothers Frederick and Edward and sisters Annie-Golden and Sadie-Seaman.

³³Wilbur Verity was a contributing editor for many years to the *Long Island Forum* and was always listed as Wilbur A. However, in a letter he had written to the editor of the *Forum* (before he was listed as a contributing editor), he signed the letter Wilbur R. Verity. See *Long Island Forum*, April 1977, 63. Over the years, Mr. Verity sent me a great deal of Verity information on his and other Verity branches.

³⁴John L. Verity, P.O. Box 1048, Inverness, FL, (correspondence and personal visit, summer of 1979), and Mr. James L. Verity, 6545 East Shadow Lane, Inverness, FL, (correspondence, 1994), provided genealogical information on the line of Louis ("Hike") and Jennie Hulse Verity.

³⁵Arabella on 1850 census; Anabella on 1853 document; Isabella on 1860 census; Almira on 1870 census; and Arabella on widow's pension and death certificate.

³⁶In a widow's claim for a pension, 23 July 1878, Arabella stated that "... her said husband at the time of his enlistment was eighteen, occupation wheelwright, height 5 feet 6 inches, blue eyes, hair dark brown and fair complexion."

Obediah enlisted in Captain Thomas Floyd Jones' Company, 100th Regiment, at Jerusalem (or Jerusalem South - both places given on documents) on 6 September 1814. He served as a corporal in Capt. Jones' Company, Col. Daniel Bedell's Regiment under General Jeremiah Johnson of the New York State Militia, and was honorably discharged on 2 December 1814. From 2 September to 15 November 1814, he was stationed at Fort

Greene [Brooklyn]; at other times "... near Fort Greene." The "term of service charged" was 2 months, 26 days at \$10.00 per month for a total of \$28.66.

Obediah signed documents with a firm hand; Arabella with an "X."

³⁷Mary (Verity) Baldwin, born 22 September 1813, died 21 October 1894, was the daughter of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity, of Seaford. See Joshua line elsewhere in this work.

³⁸On the 1870 Census of Hempstead (page 416, family number 561), Townsend and Sarah _____ Verity are living in the house of John H. Wanser, age 23, and his wife, Sarah E., age 17. Was John Wanser a brother to Sarah Verity, wife of Townsend?

³⁹Ephraim Verity was also a boat builder of Seaford.

The following contain information about the Seaford (Verity) skiff and Verity boat builders: *New York Sunday News*, 8 February 1976, SCB 4, "Old-time Fishing Boat Resurfaces in Fiberglass;" *The Long Island Fisherman* magazine, 17 February 1977, "The Verity Skiff - A Rebirth;" and the *Long Island Forum*, April 1977, 63, "Sam Verity's Skiffs," written by Wilbur R. Verity.

⁴⁰In 1965, William Verity sailed alone across the Atlantic Ocean in a 12-foot boat that he had built. He left Fort Lauderdale, FL, in May of 1965, followed the Gulf Stream up the coast and 65 days later arrived at Fenit Harbor, Ireland, on 12 July 1965.

The most detailed (and fanciful) information about the life of William Verity and his Atlantic crossings will be found in *The Hampton Chronicle News*, (Hampton Bays, NY: Westhampton Publishing Company) 15 November 1984, B1,5. In this article, I think Mr. Verity was incorrect in stating that the Verity family settled Seaford, Long Island, in 1644. This author has found no documentary evidence to support his statement.

For more information about William Verity, see also, John Wallace Spencer, *Limbo of the Lost* (Westfield, MA: Phillips Publishing Company, 1969), 132-133; *Fort Lauderdale News Sentinel*, 28 March 1973, n.p.; 29 March 1973, n.p.; *New York Times*, 22 August 1969, 70; 15 September 1969, 3; 21 September 1969, 44; 27 June 1971, 55; 5 August 1973, section V, II. Also Richard Winer, *The Devil's Triangle* (New York: Bantam Books, 1974), 201, and Lawrence D. Kusche, *The Bermuda Triangle Mystery - Solved* (New York: Harper & Row, 1975), 230-231.

⁴¹The following is excerpted from the following article by Penataquit (pseud. of Percy M. Cushing), "Unsung Shots of Great South Bay," *Long Island Forum*, August 1969, 152. "In Babylon lived the Verity brothers, Wizner (sic) and Jesse. They were among the unsung crack shots of the period... It was with a sling shot, or 'bean shooter' as he chose to call it that Wis Verity developed the skill which later won him a local reputation with a shotgun. Later, at the age of 14, he drove a milk wagon, and woe to the cat that crossed the road when he had his trusty bean shooter in hand. Perhaps it was this practice at moving targets from a careening milk wagon that contributed to his

effectiveness on sizzling ducks from a tossing scooter in later years when he grew up to a hammer shotgun.”

⁴²The following was taken from a scrapbook of newspaper clipping in the possession of the Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society, Bellport, NY. The article is undated, but from its position among other dated clippings, it took place during the Christmas holiday season of 1899. “Miss Mary Westerberg and Wizner (sic) E. Verity were married on Wednesday evening, at the home of the groom’s parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry H. Verity on Main Street. The Rev. Dr. Stiehler performed the ceremony. William F. Cornelius, of Brooklyn, an uncle of the groom, gave the bride away. The bridesmaid was Miss Minnie Cornelius, of Freeport, a niece of Mrs. Verity. The ceremony was performed in the bay window of the dining room, which was decorated with Christmas greens and palms. Jesse Verity, the groom’s brother, was to have acted as best man, but was caught in the ice on the bay, while on a duck-shooting trip and could not get ashore. In his absence his place was taken by a Mr. Raynor, of Valley Stream.”

⁴³Jesse Verity managed a 40-room gunning, hunting and fishing club house for “millionaires” of Babylon and Bay Shore situated on Short Beach, opposite Fire Island. About 1905, Jesse left Short Beach and was employed for the next twenty years as captain of the sloop, *Commodore*, owned by John Vanderveer, of West Islip, which sailed to the duck hunting grounds in and around Long Island.

⁴⁴The book, *Song of the Outriggers*, by Ralph R. Whitaker (St. Louis, Missouri: Fireside Books, 1968) is not only “Dedicated to Mrs. George H. (Sally) Verity,” but has many references to George H. Verity: “As recorded in the Preface and amply substantiated since, my own mentor was the late Captain George H. Verity, who not only coached me in tuna fishing but also imparted much detailed knowledge of big game fishing . . . Born and raised at Babylon, Long Island, in close proximity to boats, he was tall without a superfluous ounce of flesh, had a freckled skin deeply tanned . . . Together, we visited many countries . . . [but] he never realized his ambition to visit the Seychelles Island. I mourn . . . his kindness and companionship.”

⁴⁵“Captain Bill” Ellison was known as the “Father of Freeport Point,” and was reputed to be Freeport’s most knowledgeable fishing and bay shooting guide. He also built the first dock and fishing station on Woodcleft Canal. He also built the second pavilion at Point Lookout to which guests came on the ferry at the foot of South Grove Street (now Guy Lombardo Avenue) after arriving on the trolley lines from Mineola, Queens and Brooklyn. When the trolley business fell off, he started his own ferry to Point Lookout from Sportsman Avenue and Ray Street. Extracted from the *Wantagh-Seaford Citizen/Freeport-Baldwin Leader*, February 1989, 6A, “An Anniversary with South Shore roots, the fiftieth wedding anniversary of William and Virginia (Tietzsch) Barbato.”

⁴⁶William Henry Baldwin, born 18 July 1845, Smithville (N. Bellmore), drowned in Jones Inlet, 2 July 1892. Served in the Civil War with the 1st Regiment, New York State Dragoons. Married, 13 March 1872, Sara Maria Wanzor, born Seaford, 17 August 1855,

died there 9 January 1947, daughter of Townsend Wanzor (1801-1887), of Glen Cove and Mary (Barto) Wanzor (1814-1891). This and information about their mother and father from a personal visit to the Wantagh home of the Misses Verity in the summer of 1977.

[This article, written by the author, appeared in a slightly altered form in the *Long Island Forum*, Spring 1992, Vol. LIV, No. 2, 16-20.]

Eye-witness accounts of Revolutionary War incidents on Long Island are rare. The following account of such incidents are contained in a "declaration"¹ by Samuel Verity, then a resident of Jerusalem South,² made on June 2, 1835, "... in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 for Revolutionary War veterans' pensions."

Samuel Verity was born before 1760, probably about 1756, at Jerusalem South,³ parents unknown, died Seaford, 8 May 1849, aged about 93. Married, 8 August 1784, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Zipporah⁴ Wilson, parents unknown born 1768, Oyster Bay, died between 1850 and 1853, probably in Seaford. Nine of their children were living in 1853.

But let Samuel Verity describe his Revolutionary War experiences as he did on June 2, 1835, when he "... personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Queens ... then ... aged Seventy five years and upwards ... who doth on his oath make the following declaration ...":

"That he enlisted in the army of the united States, in the year 1775, being the year before the British troops landed at Flatlands, Long Island [Kings County], which serves to Enable him to fix the date. He enlisted in the Summer, in warm weather - he does not remember the month. He enlisted with Colonel Benjamin Burtsall [Birdsall], who resided on the Long Island, South road, at Jerusalem South near the residence of Deponent, and near where Deponent now resides. The Colonel raised the Company himself, and it was composed principally of persons in the neighborhood. It was called 'the Colonels Company.' The number of the regiment and line, he does not remember. His Colonel was Colonel Burtzell before mentioned. The names of the other field officers he does not remember. After Colonel Burtzell had got the company together, Captain Nostrand became the Captain of the company. Simmons, the son of a farmer at Jericho, north side of the Plains was the Lieutenant. He cant say who was the Ensign. That deponent at the time of his Enlistment, resided as aforesaid, at Jerusalem South, at the house of one Solomon Pool, a weaver, to whom he was an apprentice at the time. Deponent's father and family lived in the neighborhood. That immediately after Enlisting, deponent became actually engaged [crossed out] occupied in the Service

as a soldier, and was employed in and about Jerusalem South. He was out often with the said Colonel and different members of the Company upon Scouting parties, which they used to call 'hunting the tories.' They went from place to place, and attacked [and] entered the houses of people friendly to the British and took away their arms. These arms were taken or sent by some officer (who came from the main land), over to the main. Deponent was also stationed in the second year of his service, as a sentinel 'down at the Landing' that is a place near the head of the Creek running out from Jerusalem South, where the people in the neighborhood generally drew up their boats which they used for haying and fishing in the bay, - to watch over the boats, and prevent the tories from taking them and going out aboard the British fleet which was Expected off the coast, and which did finally arrive. Shortly before the battle of which took place at Flatbush, near Flatlands, in August 1776, deponents company was marched to Flatbush, when they arrived the night before the battle. They were sent for on account of a battle being Expected. Flatbush is about twenty eight miles west of Jerusalem South. Deponent was in the battle, with his company. After it was over, he retreated with the army to New York. He stayed there, he thinks, one night, and then retreated with his Company and the other troops towards Kingsbridge. From that place they went further back, as far as New Rochelle. Here, after remaining a day and a night, his term of Service expired and Colonel Burtzell told the members of Deponents Company that they could go if they had a mind to, or stay, as they pleased. Deponent, with two other of his Company, his neighbors, accepted the offer and returned home. On their way home they fell in with a party of British who made them prisoners, but after a detention of one night they were discharged, on the account of their being unarmed when they were taken, and on their way from the army, home. They then started and arrived at Jerusalem South without further difficulty. A few days after the deponent arrived he heard of the battle of White Plains [September written in the margin]. That the whole term of Service of Deponent according to the best of his belief was a year and three or four months. Deponent is unable to specify dates and times now particularly. He is illiterate, and his memory is bad. He 'lost his learning' by means of Enlisting. Solomon Pool, his master, was to have sent him to school, but his apprenticeship was broken up by means of his Enlisting. Deponent received part of his pay from time to time in Continental money, which finally turned to be of no use to him, but there was six months pay due to him when he left, for which he never got anything. It was in September 1776 that he left the service. It was just 'marshing time' [when salt hay was cut on the marshes.]

He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State."

The above was "sworn to" before Samuel Sherman, "Clerk in open court." Samuel Verity signed the document with an "X." Benjamin W. Strong, first judge of the County Courts for the County of Queens, who presided, declared: And the said court do hereby

declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and Served as he states." [my emphasis].

Case closed? Not yet.

Apparently Samuel's "declaration" of June 2, 1835, did not fully convince the Federal Pension Office, Washington, Washington, DC, of his claim of Revolutionary War service.

On September 1, 1835, a hand-written letter was sent to a Mr. James L. Edward, Esq., of the Pension Office, by William P. Hawes,⁵ "... his [Samuel Verity's] counsel and friend ..."

"I forward the enclose[d] declaration and certificate to be submitted to your department for the purpose of procuring for an old farmer and bayman, residing on the South Side of Long Island about 30 miles from New York, named Samuel Verity, a pension under the act of 1832. As his counsel and friend, I prepared his statement for him, that being it total worthy of credit, fully. The old man is well known on Long Island and he has several children married & settled around him. So also he is well known to very many sporting gentlemen in this City [the letter was written from New York City], who shoot and fish in his neighborhood, and who have long known him by the name of 'Uncle Sam V.'

The only apprehension I have entertained has been that perhaps the old man is wrong in the character of the corps, and that it might have been the Militia or Volunteer Corps to which he was attached. That he has performed the service he swears to in some capacity, there is not the slightest doubt. He is known in the neighborhood as a Revolutionary Soldier, and everybody has heard as a piece of private history that he was in the battle of Flatbush.

Should his name not be on the list of the Regular Army, have the goodness at an early date to communicate to me what course I should pursue and what further testimony produced to establish (if his declaration be insufficient) his services.

The reason of this old mans delay in making this application I cannot ? better than in his own words or nearly in - He told me 'he knew he was entitled to a pension, but he kept putting it off ?,' until last fall when Governor Marcy [William L. Marcy, of Troy, Governor of New York State, 1833-1838], was along there - (he spent, to my knowledge, some little time in the neighborhood) - and he told him that he ought to apply - So knowing the ? of the legal profession the next time I happened to be shooting in the neighborhood, he came to see me about it.

Should my good friend Elbert Hin(ing?), Esq. of the Indian department be in your City, I pray you Sir to ask him for an account of the localities of Jerusalem South,

which I presume he can do, and he certainly Can aprise you that I would not advocate this application, unless I was positive of its truth altogether. The old man is very feeble, now, and although not absolutely needy, yet may be Paid toward the pittance which a favourable answer to his prayer would give him."

This letter of W. P. Hawes did not cause the Pension Office to change its mind regarding Samuel Verity's Revolutionary War service.

Case closed? Not yet.

One last attempt was made on September 10, 1853, some four years after the death of Samuel Verity by "... the only children⁶ and heirs of Samuel Verity who ... Have constituted and appointed ... Nathan Sargent Esq our true and lawful attorney to ask, demand, attend to and receipt for all and every pension or claim, that is or may be due or allowed to us by and from the Government of the United States ..."

Samuel Verity's file from the National Archives contains no documents relating to this final attempt to have him "confirmed" as a Revolutionary War veteran. Apparently the affidavits of Samuel Verity and W. P. Hawes and the legal work of the lawyer, Nathan Sargent, were considered insufficient to prove Verity's claim to involvement in the Revolutionary War, despite the judgement of the Court of Common Pleas, Queens County, June 2, 1835 that "... the said court do hereby declare their opinion that [Samuel Verity] was a revolutionary soldier and Served as he states."

Unfortunately, no document exists that shows Samuel Verity on any duty roster or, more specifically, on the roster of Colonel Benjamin Birdsall's Company, of Jerusalem South. That was the reasoning behind the action of the War Department for rejecting Samuel Verity's claim for a pension.

Case closed? Yes.

According to the United States Government,⁷ Samuel Verity of Jerusalem South was not a veteran of the Revolutionary War. However, others who read the evidence may reach other conclusions.

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¹National Archives, Washington, DC. Pension file of Samuel Verity, #R-10930.

²Jerusalem South is the historical name for the current Seaford area. Karl H. Proehl and Barbara A. Shupe, *Long Island Gazetteer* (Bayside, N.Y.: LDA Publishers, 1984), 154.

³In the document of 2 June 1835, Samuel was "... aged Seventy five years and upwards ..." and "That Deponent at the time of his enlistment resided as aforesaid, at Jerusalem South ..." "Deponent's father and family lived in the neighborhood."

⁴As "Gipporah Wilson of Oyster Bay married at Hempstead." John Sylvanus Haight, *Adventures For God: A History of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Long Island* (Binghamton, N.Y.: Vail-Ballou Press, Inc., 1932), 196.

⁵William Post Hawes, 1803-1842. A lawyer, born in New York City, 4 February 1803, son of Peter and Nancy (Post) Hawes. He graduated from Columbia, 1821, admitted to the New York bar, 1824, and practiced law. He contributed articles to several newspapers and journals under the pseudonym, J. Cyress, Jr. He died, 1842, New York City, of complications resulting from a cold while hunting on Great South Bay.

In the article, "A Week at the Fire Islands on Long Island," by J. Cyress, Jr. (pseud. of W. P. Hawes), *American Turf Register and Sporting Magazine*, Vol. II, January 1840, 14-15 and April 1840, 177, the following are mentioned as bay guides: "Uncle John" Verity [John Henry Verity, 1788-1866, son of Samuel Verity, of this article] and Obadiah [Obediah, Obe, or Diah] Verity, 1813-1901, who, this writer believes, was the son of "Uncle John Verity" and the grandson of Samuel Verity, "Uncle Sam V."

See article, "Who Was Obediah Verity, The Carver?", in this work.

⁶The children and grandchildren named on this document were (birth order uncertain - but given in the order shown on document; dates added):

1. Lawrence Verity, born between 1785-1790, died before 1852. Married _____ and had Jacob Verity and Mary Ann Verity, she who married William Gould.
2. John Verity [John Henry Verity, the "Uncle John," of the record], born 1788, died 1866. Married Amy Verity, born 1796, died 1870.
3. Walter Verity, born say 1789, married about 1815, Elizabeth Verity.
4. Mary Verity, born say 1794, married Smith Bartow.
5. Ann Verity, born say 1796, married Jotham Post.
6. Hannah Verity, born say 1800, married Phineas Wanser.
7. Eliza Verity, born say 1801, married Daniel Wanser.
8. Richard Verity, born 1803, died 1859. Married Margaret Johnson, born 1809, died 1887.
9. Arabella Verity, born 1804, died 1883. Married Obediah Verity, born 1796, died 1873.

⁷A letter from the Military Service Branch (NNMS), National Archives, Washington, DC, dated February 13, 1986, stated: "We were unable to locate a compiled military service record for the soldier in whom you are interested. Service records for the Revolutionary War are incomplete. Many of the original records were lost in a fire that occurred November 8, 1800, in offices occupied by the War Department. Other records were lost in 1814 when public buildings in Washington were ransacked and burned by the British Army. Because of these incidents some Federal pensions were approved for Revolutionary War veterans even though no official documentation of their service exists among the records of the War Department. In such cases, pensions were usually granted based on the authenticity of the affidavits and other supporting evidence submitted by the veteran and others concerning his military service."

WHO WAS OBEDIAH VERITY, THE CARVER OF DECOYS?

[Note: A condensed version of the the following article , by the author, was published in the *Long Island Forum*, Vol. LV, No. 4, Fall 1993, 5-12].

For the past twenty years, it has been assumed that a decoy carver, Obediah¹ Verity, said to be the son of Obediah and Arabella (Verity) Verity, of Seaford, was the one who carved and painted his decoys in a characteristic manner, now viewed as prime examples of folk art on Long Island. His decoys are eagerly sought by individuals and museums alike, and prime examples, when available, command prices in the thousands of dollars.²

I believe this identification is incorrect and will attempt to identify the *real* Obediah who should be given the credit, long overdue, for these classic examples of American woodcarving.

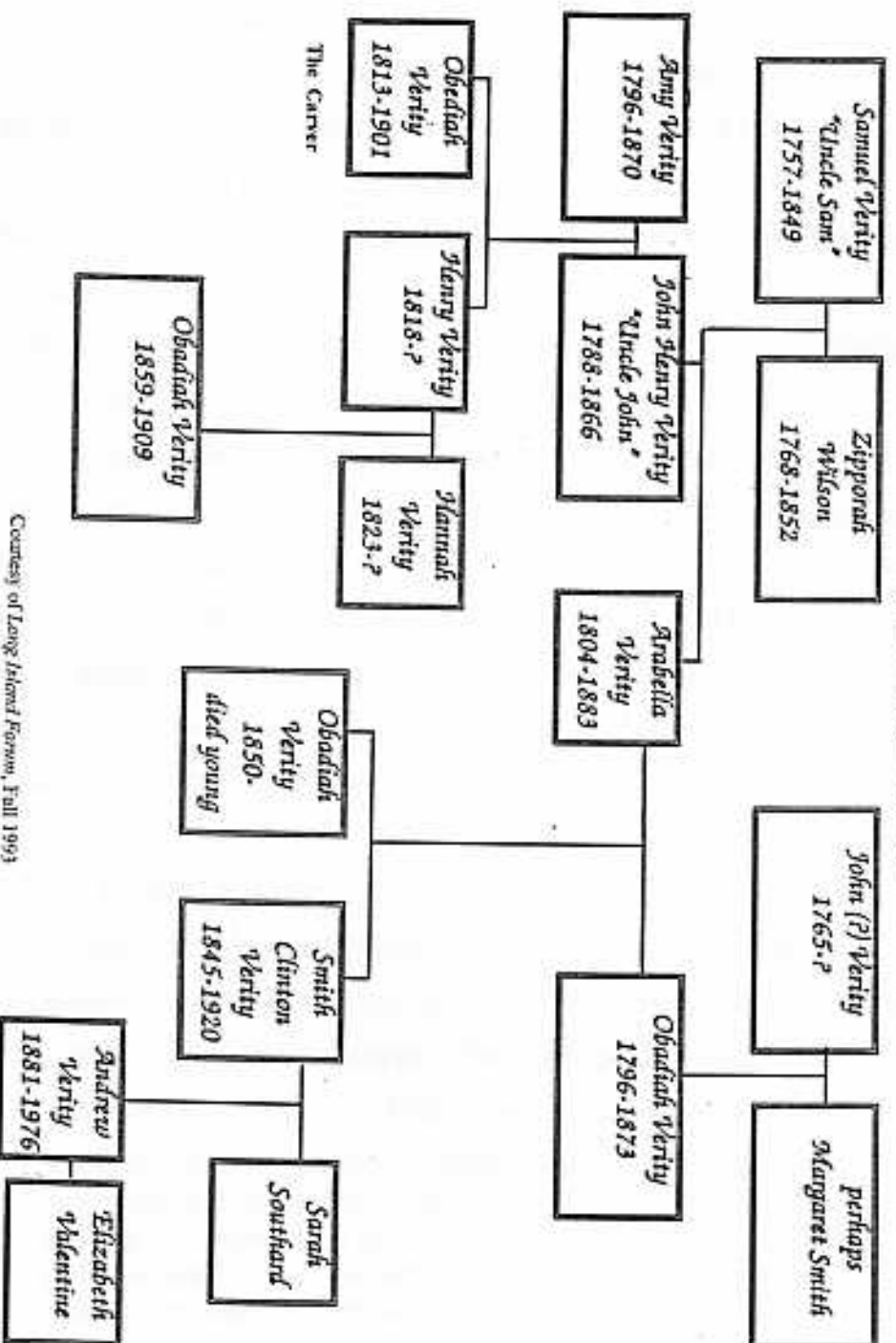
The written reminiscences of the late George L. Weeks, 1884-1977 a native of Seaford, author, formerly the Town of Islip Historian gives some clues about an Obadiah (Obediah) Verity. Writing in the *Long Island Forum*, January 1969, "Recollections of Seaford," he describes (pages 5-6) activities in Seaford during earlier times.³ "I knew Obadiah when I was a boy. He was about ninety years old. 'Diah' was a great carver of decoys of which I have about a dozen."

Since Mr. Weeks died at age of 93, in 1977, and he remembred Obadiah (Obediah) as an old man of about ninety when he was young, this would place the birthdate of Obadiah between 1805-1810, and his date of death about 1900. This Obadiah (Obediah), a bayman, was born and lived his entire life in Seaford and never married.

Identification has been further complicated by the fact that the name of Obadiah (or Obediah) is often found among members of the Verity family.

Consequently, one must look at the seven Obadiahs who lived somewhat contemporaneously in order to make a positive identification. In fact, it is probably easier to document who he was NOT rather than who he was!

A Verity Family Branch



Courtesy of Long Island Forum, Fall 1993

The following four Obadiah's can be eliminated because of incorrect time period, marriage, or place of residence. We are looking, then, for an Obediah Verity born between 1805-1810, who died, unmarried, in Seaford, about 1900.

- . Obadiah Verity, perhaps the son of a James Verity, born about 1750, died between 1830-1840, in the Seaford area. *Married* Elizabeth Stratton.
- . Obadiah Verity, son of Ezekiel, born about 1795, died about 1842. *Married* Ann Terry and lived in the Town of Southampton.
- . Obadiah Verity, perhaps the son of a John Verity, born 1796, died 1873, Seaford. *Married* Arabella Verity.
- . Obadiah Verity, son of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity, born 1808, Seaford. He moved to Islip, about 1857, and died there in 1895. *Married* Sarah Elizabeth Cossaboom (written incorrectly in a Bible entry as "Cossetbaun").

The misidentification of Obediah Verity, the carver, began with a misinterpretation of known facts concerning an Obadiah Verity, born March 1850, Seaford, the son of Obadiah and Arabella (Verity) Verity. Among other siblings, this Obadiah (born 1850) had a brother, Smith Clinton Verity, of Seaford (1845-1920), a well-known carver of decoys. Smith Clinton Verity married Sarah Southard and had, among other children, a son, Andrew Granby ("Grubie") Verity (1881-1976). These family relationships which are extremely important in understanding the misinterpretation, are shown in a family chart, A VERITY FAMILY BRANCH accompanying this article (next page).

In 1975, Andrew Verity, then 94, living in a nursing home, during a taped interview, was asked questions by several members⁴ of the Long Island Decoy Collectors Association. Some of this interview is related in E. Jane Townsend's, *Gunners Paradise*.⁵ Essentially, during the interview, when Andrew was shown examples of decoys:

"He picked one up and he says, 'Diah, Obadiah . . .' He picked up another and says, 'William Southard.' Grubie's identification [of 'Diah'] clinched their previous research [of Combses and Ward] and established that an Obediah Verity . . . was to emerge from obscurity to well-deserved fame."

According to the Combses and Ward, Andrew kept referring to "Diah" as "Uncle Obadiah," and they interpreted this to mean that their newly discovered *famous* Obadiah was brother to Smith Clinton Verity, therefore the (kin) uncle of Andrew. If this connection is correct, Obadiah would have been the son of Obadiah and Arabella (Verity) Verity. (See chart).

There are two reasons why this interpretation is incorrect. First, I believe that Andrew's reference to an "Uncle Obadiah" was not a kinship relationship but used in a way that is common and familiar to anyone from a large family (the Veritys had lived in the Seaford and surrounding area for many generations) where strict terminology for family relationships is not always genealogically correct.⁶

Secondly, and most important, is the fact that the Obadiah Verity, born in 1850, died as a child and could not have been known by Andrew. Here, then, is the second source of misidentification. What evidence supports the statement that this Obadiah, born March 1850, died young and could not be the celebrated carver of decoys? On the 1850 Census, Town of Hempstead,⁷ the youngest child of Obadiah and Arbella (sic) Verity was Obadiah, then five months old (born March 1850). On the 1860 Census, Town of Hempstead, this same family⁸ does not show an Obadiah; the youngest is George Verity, then ten years of age. Where was the Obadiah who should have been about ten years of age in 1860?⁹ I suggest that he (Obadiah) died between 1850 and 1859. George was, in fact, born in 1852,¹⁰ the last child of Obadiah and Arabella (Verity) Verity.

Considerable evidence supports the statement that this Obadiah, born March 1850, died young, could neither have been known to Andrew Verity (born 1881) nor, obviously, have been the decoy carver purportedly "discovered" by the Combses and Ward.

Thus far, five of the seven Obadiah Veritys mentioned earlier have been ruled out. Which of the remaining two could claim the right to be called the "Famous?"

First, I'll consider the least likely of the two. Obadiah Verity, the son of Henry and Hannah Verity (see chart) was born in Seaford and died there, in 1909, unmarried, at the age of fifty, certainly not the advanced age of nearly ninety that George Weeks remembered. This Obadiah is listed on various censuses as farm laborer and clammer.¹¹

One Obadiah (Obediah) remains. I believe him to be, based on circumstantial evidence, the one associated with a distinctive carving and painting style. He was born in Seaford, 1813, and died there, unmarried, at age eighty-eight, in 1901,¹² son of John Henry (the "Uncle John" previously cited in early records of guides and hunters) and Amy (Verity) Verity, and grandson of Samuel ("Uncle Sam")¹³ and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity (see chart).

Assuming that Obadiah *was* the son of John Henry and grandson of Samuel Verity, then he was from a family line associated with decoy carving and waterfowl guiding on Great South Bay since the early 1830s.

Could family enterprise and a fortuitous geographical location have played a role in the accomplishments of Obadiah, the carver?

Setting the scene, let me speculate on what his grandfather, Samuel Verity, might have contributed. On 1 September 1835, a letter was sent to the Pension Office, Washington, DC,¹⁴ by William P. Hawes, Verity's "counsel and friend: "I forward the enclose[d] declaration and certificate to be submitted to your department for the purpose of procuring for an old farmer and bay man, residing on the South Side of Long Island about 30 miles from New York [City], named Samuel Verity, a pension under the act of 1832. As his counsel and friend, I prepared his statement for him, that being it totally worthy of credit, fully. The old man is well known on Long Island and he has several children married & settled around him. So also he is well known to very many sporting gentlemen in this City [New York] who shoot and fish in his neighborhood, and who have long known him by the name of Uncle Sam V." It is not unreasonable to assume that Samuel, while acting as a guide to "Yorkers," would have provided decoys for bay wildfowling. Did he carve his own decoys? The temptation is to say, "Yes."

Previously, it was noted that George Weeks wrote about the "... several baymen from Veritys Creek ... Uncle John Verity, Obadiah Verity and [others] ..." who would accompany and act as guides to visiting sportsmen. The Uncle John was John Henry Verity, 1788-1866, the son of Samuel and the father of "our" Obadiah.

This "Uncle John" Verity is well documented in literature. In his *Birds of Long Island* Giraud¹⁵ writes:

"Should you wish to procure a Blue Crane [heron], the most convenient distance from the city of New York that I can recommend to you is South Oyster Bay [Massapequa]. There inquire for that experienced bayman and worthy man, known to all sportsmen who frequent that section of the Island, by the name of John Verity.

He will furnish you with a suitable boat and decoys, and accompany you; and if you visit him at the proper season, I will guarantee that you will return with game, even if you should be unskilled in the art of taking aim - his gun will make amends for all your random shots."

The Obediah, born 1813, could have learned decoy carving from his father, John Henry ("Uncle John") and perhaps his grandfather, Samuel ("Uncle Sam") Verity, as well. Obediah would have been thirty-six years of age when his grandfather died and fifty-three when his father died. Why couldn't all three have worked together between say 1838 and 1849, providing their carved decoys and acting as guides for wildfowling parties?

Of the seven Obadiah (Obediah) Veritys identified in this article, I believe that *only* the Obediah of 1813-1901, son of John Henry and Amy Verity could qualify as the carver.

ENDNOTES

¹The name usually appears as Obadiah. However the form, Obediah is usually associated with the subject of this article and is the form that he signed on documents, although he is often referred to in the literature as Obadiah. Shortened forms of this name are: Obe, Obey, and Diah.

²Most of the decoys identified as Obediah's have been shore birds. An article by George W. Combs, Jr., "Obadiah (sic) Verity, of Seaford, L.I.," in the *Newsletter* of the Long Island Decoy Collectors Association, February 1984, page 2, states that "He is known to have made 5 or so duck decoys - Bluebill with carved wings, 2 Sheldrakes and a Black duck that is now in the Shelburne [VT] Museum." This *Newsletter*, in the opinion of this author, contains much undocumented and erroneous information about the Verity family.

"At a fall auction in Salisbury, MD, a pair of Obediah Verity blue-bills went for \$37,400.00." "These Decoys Fetch More Dollars Than Ducks," *Newsday*, Part II,

5 February 1990, 1,3,8. In the same article (p. 3), Richard Schwarz, a collector from North Merrick, offered "... a miniature hooded merganser carved by Obediah Verity [for] \$1,200.00." "Another collector, George Combs, Jr., doubted that Obediah had carved the merganser."

Even among decoy collectors, there is uncertainty about the identification of decoys said to have been done by an Obediah Verity.

The following decoys in the collection of the Stony Brook Museum, Stony Brook, have been identified as Obediah's: Ten Black-bellied plover, three Robin snipe, one Sanderling, one Ring-necked plover and one tern. E. Jane Townsend, *Gunners Paradise; Wildfowling and Decoys on Long Island* (Stony Brook, N.Y.: The Museums at Stony Brook, 1979) 25.

When E. Jane Townsend, history researcher at the Museums at Stony Brook, was gathering material for her book, I made available to her my published and unpublished material on the Verity family via correspondence, telephone calls and hours of face-to-face conversations. This was acknowledged in her book. This article on the identification of Obediah Verity contains information that was not known when Townsend's book was written.

³The source for some of Weeks' statements (not cited by him in his article) is from a book by Thomas Floyd-Jones, *Backward Glances*, privately printed, 1914, page 140. The original gives a more complete picture of bay activities in early Seaford and the role of wildfowling guides and is quoted here:.

"In the years 1839 to 1840 several New York gentlemen who were fond of shooting and fishing would make a sporting pilgrimage down to the south shore of Long Island to a place called 'Scio' ... on the northwest corner of the road which led to Jerusalem from Jerusalem South [now Seaford]. ... After satisfying their appetite, ... [they were] awakened about 2 A.M. to get down to the creek to take a skiff across the Bay or a sail boat to Fire Island, so as to be there at break of day, when the snipe, ducks and geese would begin to fly ... they being accompanied by several Baymen from Verity's Creek [in Seaford] who had been engaged before hand by them to act as guides. These Baymen were Uncle John Verity, Obadiah Verity, John Alibi, Parmenus (Venus) Raynor and Raynor Rock."

"Referring to the old Baymen [page 171], Uncle John Verity, Obadiah Verity ... , the first one ... was very highly respected, and in 1851 when General Thomas Floyd-Jones died, his children presented a knife which was greatly prized by the old possessor, having in it over thirty different parts, to Uncle John as a token of their esteem for him, and in memory of his friend, their father."

"Now as to Obadiah Verity, who was called 'Diah.' The characteristic part of his make up was demonstrated by his slowness of articulating when conversing, and one

incident told of him manifested this idiosyncrasy in the plainest manner, it being related by a member of the family who witnessed the occurrence. I likely heard of this incident fully sixty-five years ago [about 1842]" It is a long story told on pages 171-173. In essence, 'Diah' was employed by the Jones family to sail their boat, "... as he knew every channel, sand bar and current in the Bay." While on an excursion, "probably to Gilgo," Mr. David S. Jones very indiscreetly stood upon the gunwale of the sail boat, at which moment Diah deemed it advisable to make a turn, so in his drawling manner of speech, he lets out 'Mistarr Joones weare goin' tew gybe.' Before he got as far as going, he swung the tiller over, and around came the boat and over came the boom, knocking Mr. Jones overboard." Surely he was hopping mad at his dilemma, and when he got in the boat again, being an adept swimmer, he gave it to Diah in a most classical manner ... telling him the next time he wanted to gybe, to kindly commence his discourse half an hour before he proposed to begin the act. As a boy I heard Diah express himself many times, and I always felt like saying 'spit it out Diah.'"

J. Cypress, Jr., *Sporting Scenes and Sundry Sketches*, Vol I, edited by Frank Forester, Gould Banks, & Co., N.Y., 1842, 51, Cypress [pseud. of William P. Hawes] mentions "Uncle Obe Verity" in a story he [Cypress] was relating about polar bears. On page 21 of the same work, Cypress, discussing shooting ability writes: "We could each cut down a leather-head, flying by a point of marsh before a strong north-wester, sixty yards off, nineteen times out of twenty. This is a fact; and there are not many men besides us and John Verity, and Raynor Rock, who are up to that performance."

The above clearly establishes an Obadiah and John Verity, active in the 1840s, who were both well known and admired as waterfowling guides and hunters.

See also J. Cypress, Jr., (pseudonym of William P. Hawes, the lawyer and friend of Samuel Verity who wrote the letter [1835] to the Pension Office on Samuel's behalf), "A Week at the Fire Islands on Long Island," in *American Turf Register and Sporting Magazine*, Vol. II, January 1840, 14-15, and April 1840, 177.

⁴George Combs, Sr., deceased; George Combs, Jr., formerly of Amityville, now of Easton, MD; and C. T. "Bud" Ward, of Oceanside, deceased.

⁵E. Jane Townsend, *Gunners Paradise; Wildfowling and Decoys on Long Island*, (Stony Brook, N.Y.: The Museums at Stony Brook, 1979), 25-26.

Prior to this interview, "Verity's decoys were attributed to H. F. Osborn, or labeled in the 'Osborn style.'" "The Museums first Verity decoys were credited to Captain Ben Verity of the Gilgo Life Saving Station. However, Bud Ward, George Combs, Sr., and his son George, Jr., knowledgeable decoy collectors on Long Island, were convinced neither Osborn nor Captain Ben had carved them. They made the Obediah connection during a visit to see septuagenarian Andrew 'Grubie' Verity" Townsend, 25.

⁶Although not unique in Long Island families, the Veritys had many second and third cousin marriages which creates challenges for the genealogist. Even after some fifty years of research on this family, the author is still not certain of many relationships.

⁷1850 Census, Town of Hempstead, Queens County, taken 22 August 1850, family number 1017. National Archives microfilm: Series M432, Roll 583.

⁸1860 Census, Town of Hempstead, Queens County, family number 651. National Archives microfilm: Series 653, Roll 844.

⁹George Combs, Jr., explained this discrepancy (personal conversation) by suggesting the census taker "missed him," in 1860. This is possible but highly unlikely. Further circumstantial evidence that the Obadiah born 1850 and died young is the fact that he still does not appear on the 1870 census. George, however, then 21, does appear as the *only* child living at home with his parents. The idea that Obadiah (born 1850) was missed twice by subsequent census takers is untenable.

Further evidence that the Obadiah born March 1850 probably died young, is the answer to a request by E. Jane Townsend from The Department of Health, State of New York, Albany, New York, dated 11 April 11, 1979 (copy in writer's possession). She had requested a copy of the death certificate of said Obadiah, son of Obadiah and Arabella (Verity) Verity said to have died in Seaford, according to the Combses and Ward, about 1910. The (form letter) stated, "This is to certify that a diligent search has been made in this office for the death record of Obediah Verity which death is said to have occurred 1895-1915 at Seaford, L.I., N.Y. Search has been made for period from 1895 to 1915 and the record has not been found (my emphasis)." Since death records were not recorded in Albany until 1880, this would indicate that this Obadiah/Obediah died before that date.

I believe the record is clear on this point: The Obadiah Verity, born March 1850, son of Obadiah and Arabella (Verity) Verity died young, before 1860 - and certainly before 1880. He could not be the carver.

¹⁰The fact that George Verity was born several years after 1850 is deduced from an affidavit dated 7 April 1879, when Smith Verity, then aged thirty-three years and George W. Verity, then aged twenty-seven years (therefore born 1852), "... say they have no interest in the claim ... " for a widow's pension, War of 1812," that their mother was pursuing at that time. National Archives, Washington, DC: Files of Obadiah Verity, veteran, War of 1812.

¹¹E. Jane Townsend suggested that this Obadiahs association with decoy carving is weak, emphasizing his role as a farm laborer. Correspondence, 28 November 1978. See her *Gunners Paradise*, 137.

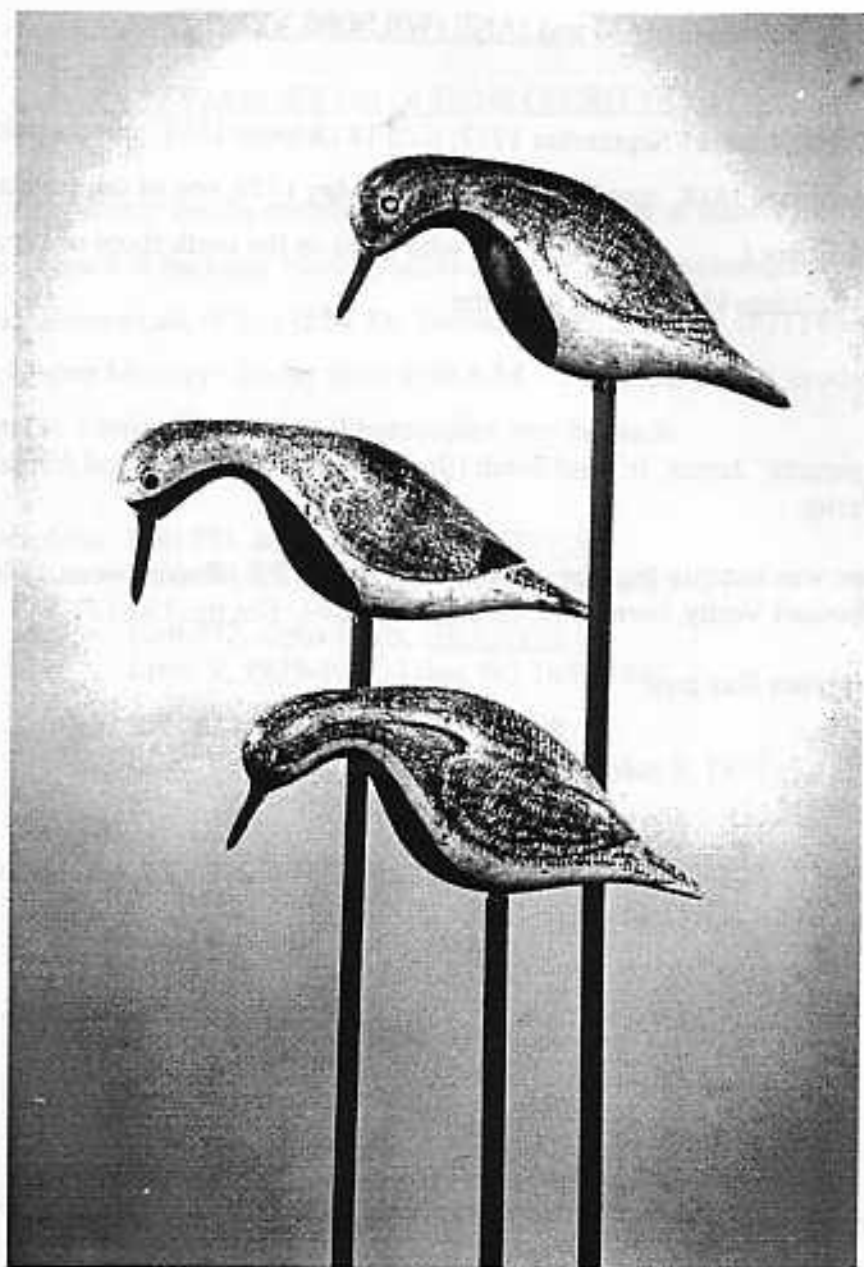
¹²Death Certificate number 1005, Town of Hempstead. He died in Seaford on 18 July 1901, due to apoplexy and paralysis and was buried 21 July 1901, Jerusalem.

¹³Information on the Samuel Verity ("Uncle Sam") line was not known to the author when E. Jane Townsend was researching her book, *Gunners Paradise*, c. 1975-1978. This line was made known to the author in the early 1980s by Diane Joseph, of McLean, VA, a descendant. Any errors in interpreting the family of this Samuel Verity are to be blamed on the author.

See also the article by the author elsewhere in this work, "An Unrecognized Revolutionary War Veteran," which originally appeared in the *Long Island Forum*, Vol. LIV, No. 2, Spring 1992, 16-20. This is the detailed story of Samuel Verity's alleged Revolutionary War record and his failure to obtain recognition and a pension from the War Department, Washington, DC, for his service. See also the SAMUEL AND ZIPPORAH (WILSON) VERITY family line elsewhere in this work.

¹⁴National Archives, Washington, DC. Pension file (Revolutionary War) of Samuel Verity.

¹⁵J. P. Giraud, Jr., *Birds of Long Island* (New York: Wiley & Putnam, 1844), 278.



OBEDIAH VERITY, 1813-1901
Black-bellied Plovers
The Museums @ Stony Brook

WILLIAM and JANE (WILSON) VERITY

William Verity, born 15 September 1777, died 18 October 1858, parents unknown.¹
Married, 18 February 1818, Jane Wilson,² born 14 May 1779, one of the sixteen children
of Robert and Elinor () Wilson, "... who lived on the north shore of Long
Island."³ No children identified at this time.

ENDNOTES

¹Possible parents: James, Jr., and Sarah (Smith) Verity or Ezekiel and Abigail
(Gritman) Verity.

²Think Jane was sister to the Zipporah Wilson, born 1768, died between 1850-1853,
the wife of Samuel Verity, born 1756, died 8 May 1849. See pp. 130-177.

³Probably Oyster Bay area.

VERITY FAMILIES ON QUEENS COUNTY DEEDS

There are many Verity family members listed in a collection of microfilmed Queens County deeds, located at the Long Island Studies Institute (Hofstra University), 619 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, N.Y. 11550, Dr. Barbara Kelly, Director, (631) 463-6411. The Institute is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. A call in advance is advised to reserve a microfilm reader. Photocopies may be made.

Microfilm: Roll #31, alpha index, GRANTEES.

Liber VI, 23 Jan 1855; Liber V4, 29 June 1933

Roll #32, alpha index, GRANTEES.

Liber V, 1933-1951; Liber W2 1687-1887

Roll #73, alpha index GRANTOR.

Liber V, 5 Aug 19, 1938; Liber W, 2 May 9, 1878

Example: Roll #31: GRANTEES.

Date of Record: 23 Apr 1855

Date of Filing: 18 May 1854

Grantee: Stephen Verity

Grantor: William Verity

Liber: 130

Page: 395

Note: The author checked only about one-half of roll #31 and there were 38 Verity Grantee entries. Some are difficult to read.

VERITY ESTATE INVENTORIES

Estate inventories of some Verity family members are contained on 17 microfilm rolls at the Long Island Studies Institute (Hofstra University), 619 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, N.Y. 11550, Dr. Barbara Kelly, Director, (516) 463-6411. The Institute is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. A call in advance is advised to reserve a microfilm reader. Photocopies may be made.

The inventory records contain: (1) Executor/Executrix; (2) Inventory, (3) Date of Filing, (4) Name of husband/wife. They are (usually) handwritten and, in some cases, difficult to read.

The author checked several Verity entries, following:

Mary, 27 Nov 1821 (Could not find on roll #2).
John, 8 Nov 1825 (Could not find on roll #2).
Stratton 9 Dec 1834 (roll #7, wife "Zeporah").
Richard, 11 May 1860 (roll #11).
William, 11 Feb 1862 (roll #11, wife Phebe Ann).
Charles, 28 Nov 1862 (roll #12, wife Caroline, executrix).
Charles, 6 Oct 1862 (not found)
Charles, 28 Aug 1866 (document filed; no inventory)
Margaret, 9 Apr 1887 (roll #17, wife of Richard H.).
Stephen A., 27 Feb 1893 (husband of Elizabeth). See following
for a typical entry:

Following is a (typical) inventory and appraisal of the estate of Stephen A. Verity, an oysterman, of the Town of Oyster Bay, dated 27 February 1893. His wife Elizabeth was the Administratrix "... of goods, chattels and credits of Stephen A. Verity." Think this is the Stephen A. Verity, of the 1880 census (Codex) who was then 32 years old (born 1848), lived in Locust Valley, an oysterman, whose wife was Bessey, age 23, born in England. They had a daughter Bertha, age 5 and "keeping house" was Margaret Verity, age 60 (born 1820), probably the mother of Stephen A. Verity.

Furniture in Dwelling - house	
Sitting room	\$30
Bed rooms	55
Parlor	125
Money in Seaman's Savings Bank	200

Oyster Bay Bank Shares**3 valued @ \$125 each****375****One-half interest in following**

1 Horse value	\$100	50
Wagons	120	60
Harness, Robe, Bells &c	30	15
Carpenters' tools	50	25
Sloop Emily	700	350
“ Lina	800	400
Dredges & other implements	100	50
Row boats 4	50	25
Oyster beds in Sound	1200	600
“ “ “ Oyster Bay Harbor	1200	<u>600</u>
		2960

VERITY WILLS, QUEENS COUNTY, N.Y.

John Ewell Wilson, *An Index to the Wills of Queens County, N.Y., 1787-1906*, Long Island Collection, The Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, New York, 1937.

NOTE: The following Verity names found in this index have not been researched by the author.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE PROVED</u>	<u>LIBER</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Verity, Amy	20 June 1871	17	440
, John	12 Sept 1867	14	275
, Joseph	27 Nov 1882	31	238
, Margaret	25 March 1887	38	292
, Mary	15 May 1821	D	363
, Obadiah	8 Dec 1874	21	447
, Richard	9 Apr 1860	9	168
, Samuel	26 Feb 1877	24	251
, Walter S.	10 Dec 1897	60	417

ADMINISTRATIONS, QUEENS COUNTY, N.Y.

John Ewell Wilson, *An Index of Administrations of Queens County, New York, 1787-1908*, Long Island Collection, The Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, New York, 1938. Note: This is an index to records in the Court House, Jamaica. The author has not researched these records.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE ISSUED</u>	<u>LIBER</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Verity, Charles	23 June 1862	K	102
, Charles	17 Jan 1865	K	269
, John	29 July 1825	D	126
, John Frederick	2 July 1906	CC	127
, Richard	4 Apr 1861	K	029
, Stratton	6 Oct 1834	F	113

Militia:

1738. Will Verity. In this year (no further date identification), Will[iam] Verity is on the roll of militia as a member of Queen's County Company, commanded by "Capt'n Jacob Hicks." State of New York, *Second Annual Report of the State Historian of the State of New York* (Albany, N.Y.: Wynkoop Halleckbeck Crawford Co., 1897), 577. Since this William must have been at least sixteen in this year, I am reasonably certain that he is the same William Verity, perhaps the son of William and Susanah (Sanson) Verity, who was born about 1714, and married Jane Wright, of Oyster Bay.

1758. James Verity. The name appears also as "Veritie" and "Verrity." In 1758, he was a member of the Queen's County Militia commanded by "Capt'n Richard Hewlet." Born in Hempstead, Queens County, in 1739, he enlisted at age 19 on 10 April 1758, then 5 feet, 5 inches tall, a "cordwainer" [shoemaker], and had a fair complexion according to the enlistment document.

On 31 March 1759, aged 20, he reenlisted in "Capt. Richard Huletts Company" out of Capt. Birdsall's Company. James Verity had grey eyes, brown hair, a ruddy complexion and "a mole on y^e left side of his nose."

On 14 April 1760, he reenlisted in Capt. Wright's Company out of Capt. Birdsall's Company. He was now 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall, with blue eyes and a fair complexion. State of New York, *Second Annual Report of the State Historian of the State of New York* (Albany, N.Y.: Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., 1897), 856, 861, 907. State of New York *Third Annual Report of the Historian of the State of New York* (Albany, N.Y.: Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., 1898), 551.

Who was this James Verity? Think he was the James Verity, Jr., born about 1740, who married 5 March 1769, Sarah Smith.

1758, July 15. The following refers to the same James Verity (here as James Verty) as the one above. The document containing 44 names is from the William Carman Collection, Long Island Studies Institute, Hofstra University, Hempstead. [Capt.] John Birdsall sent the following order to Israel Smith, Corprall (sic):

Queens) you are hereby Required and Commanded to go to all those persons whose
County) names are Delivered to you and make Sarch [search] to see if their arms
and a quipage [equipage] be Suffision [sufficient] according to Law and if

they be not in order to Return me the names of the Defalters and to warn Each of them to fit themselves with good sufficient arms and amunitions sufficient to answer the Law and a good Blancat [blanket] in order to march upon the shortest notis and make Return hereof tomorro at 4-o Clok in the after noone at Jacobos Lawrances in Hempstead given under my Hand this 15th day of July annog Dom.^e 1758.

to Israel Smith Corprall

John Birdsall

(James Verty was one of 44 names listed)

- 1761 (no month/day). "A List Containing the names of the persons belonging to my Company 1761 John Birdsall Cap^t." This document 13 1/2 x 11" contains 152 names plus three who were "Exempts." Among the 152 were James Verty and William Verty. This document is from the William Carman Collection, Long Island Studies Institute, Hofstra University, Hempstead.

Revolutionary War:

1775. Samuel Verity. Samuel Verity, born about 1756, Jerusalem, died 8 May 1849, Seaford. Married, 8 August 1784, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Zipporah Wilson, born 1768, Oyster Bay, died between 1850 and 1853, probably in Seaford.

Samuel enlisted in 1775 (exact date unknown), in Col. Benjamin Birdsall's Company composed of men from the Seaford area. See chapter, "SAMUEL and ZIPPORAH (WILSON) VERITY," elsewhere in this work.

- 1775 October 21. On this date, a John Verity, of Queens County, signed the Pledge of Loyalty to George III, of England. Henry Onderdonk, Jr., *Revolutionary Incidents of Queens County, N.Y.*, 118. Not further identified.

1776. Thomas Verte. This name appears as a member of the Levies under Colonel Marinus Willett. It may be a variation of Verity. State of New York, *Third Annual Report of the Historian of the State of New York* (Albany, N.Y.: Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., 1898), 92.

1776. Thomas Verte and Samuel Verty are listed as British prisoners of war. Perhaps the names are variations of Verity. Not further identified. E. C. Knight, *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State*, supplement, Albany, N.Y., 1901.

1777. August 25. S. Verity and Oba. Verity. The following is a highly condensed account of this 25 August 1777 skirmish at Setauket from pages 65-67 of Henry Onderdonk, Jr., *Revolutionary Incidents of Suffolk and Kings Counties*, (New York: Leavitt & Co., 1849).

"Last Friday, Gen Parsons landed 500 men from 3 privateers at Setauket [A British outpost, Col. Hewlett, with 260 men, was stationed there] with several pieces of brass cannon, and summoned the small fort there to surrender." The principal fire from the Fort was through the pickets with small arms but with no effect, the Americans being too far off. The principal fire was from the swivels, "and we kept them warm, says S. Verity." Chambers Townsend, of Dutchess Co., was shot through the body. Three others were killed and 2 or 3 wounded. Thomas Pigeon, Oba Verity, Wm. Covert, and Tim. Moore, of O. B. [Oyster Bay] were in action. The attack lasted 2 or 3 hours, when the Americans retreated. Six months later the Fort was abandoned.

There is no record of the above activity in the National Archives, nor in any Long Island record. The "S. Verity" may have been the "Symonds" (Seaman) Verity who signed an Oath of Allegiance to the Continental Congress at Hempstead on 19 January 1776. Peter Force, *American Archives*, Vol IV, 858-861. If so, it may have been the same "Symmons" Verity, son of James and Abigail (Wood) Verity, who married, 31 January 1772, St. Georges's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Mary Carman. The "Oba Verity" was certainly an "Obadiah Verity," but none of that name has been identified as the participant.

1780, April 24, Lloyd's Neck. On this date a muster roll was taken "... of a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Lester, belonging to the Third Battalion of the Brigade whereof Oliver Delancey, Esq. is Brigadier General, taken at Lloyd's Neck, April 24, 1780, where the company was then encamped." Henry Onderdonk, Jr., *The Annals of Hempstead 1643-1831 ... etc.*, Lott Van de Water, (Hempstead, N.Y.: 1878), 90. Among those listed was a Samuel Verity, identity unknown. This Samuel is not the same Samuel who married Zipporah Wilson, for this Samuel stated in an affidavit that he "left the service" after the Battle of Long Island (1776).

1781-1783. Gilbert Verrity. Gilbert Verrity (sic) served as a private in Capt. Henry DuBois' Company, 2d New York Regiment of Foot, commanded by Colonel Philip Cortland. This company was also designated at various times as Capt. Henry DuBois' 7th and 8th Company. James A. Roberts, Comptroller, *New York In The Revolution As Colony And State*, 2nd ed., (Albany, N.Y.: Press of Brandon Printing Company, 1898), 38. Gilbert served from 1 January 1781 until December 1783.

The following was taken from company muster and pay rolls:

January - May 1781, muster at Schoharie. Rate of pay was \$6.00/mo.

June - December 1781. Muster at Hutts Pomplon.

January - May, 1782. Muster at Hutts Pomplon.

June 18, 1782, under "Casualties" on muster role: "Comma(nd?)

Smiths Cleve or Clove." No casualty stated. On this date Gilbert was a Pvt., 7th Company, 2d Regiment of Foot (also known as Capt. Henry DuBois; 7th & 8th Company).

Gilbert Verity was issued Bounty Land Warrant Number 7918, for 100 acres, on 3 May 1790 *The Balloting Book and Other Documents Relating to the Military Bounty Lands in the State of New York*, Albany, New York, 1825:

Gilbert Verity, 2nd New York Regt., Company of Capt. Henry Pawling, Lot 21, Town of Hector, 21,600 acres, July 8, 1790, p. 45. [Hector was located in the northern part of Schuyler County bordering on the south-east shore of Seneca Lake and part of the military tract].

Gilbert Verity, 2nd [New York Regt.], patentee, delivered to Jacob Clingman, p. 181.

Who was this Gilbert Verrity? There was a Gilbert "Varity" listed on the 1790 census of South Hempstead where he appears with a wife and no children.

The given name of Gilbert appears regularly in a Greenport branch of the Verity family. It is possible that he was the progenitor of this line and married a Dorothy _____. See chapter, GILBERT? and DOROTHY (_____) VERITY, elsewhere in this work.

The following is inserted here because of the given name of Gilbert. The author does not claim that there is any relationship to the Gilbert who served in the Revolutionary War - or the Gilbert who is listed on the 1790 census, above. The document is cited in Alice Meigs, *Wills of Real Estate, Queens County, New York*, 76, Liber D:363

Feb 11, 1821

Mary Verity
Hempstead

Widow of Gilbert Verity Deceased. To Ruth wife of Henry Mott of Hempstead all real & personal estate. Executors Henry Mott & Stephen Pettit son of Ruth Mott

Mary (x) Verity

Witness

Joseph Bedell, Amelia Bedell, Richard Bedell
Surrogate John W. Seaman

Proved May 15, 1821

War of 1812:

LONG ISLAND IN THE WAR OF 1812

The following is excerpted from Henry Isham Hazelton, *Boroughs of Brooklyn*

and Queens, Counties of Nassau and Suffolk, Long Island, New York, 1609-1924 (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co, 1925), Vol. III, Chapter 5, 1666-1667.

"Daniel D. Tompkins was inaugurated as Governor of New York in 1807. He foresaw the war and put the military establishment on a sound footing. At the same time the Federal Government appeared strangely negligent of the defenses of New York, although the State appropriated \$272,000 upon the harbor fortifications. Long Island, as in the Revolution, lay at the mercy of any hostile force.

Long Island was blockaded in the War of 1812. Outside of Kings County it suffered inconvenience rather than any real danger. The farmers expected raids by the enemy to destroy their crops or to plunder their homes, and these indeed occurred frequently; but business flourished. Sag Harbor [which contained the military headquarters of Suffolk County] was the town most exposed.. A British fleet occupied Gardiner's Bay in 1813, and attacked American shipping at various points.

Governor Tompkins called out the militia of New York, Westchester, Kings and Richmond Counties on June 27, 1812, and they were in active service to the end of the war."

**THE FOLLOWING VERITYS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING SERVED
IN THE WAR OF 1812. DETAILED MILITARY AND PERSONAL RECORDS OF
EACH VETERAN FOLLOWS:**

John	Lawrence	Walter
Joseph	Obediah	William
Joshua	Richard	William G.

The following was copied from original records on display at the Delancey Floyd-Jones Free Library, Massapequa.

"Company of Detached Militia under the command of Capt. Thomas Floyd Jones in the 2nd Regiment of the N. Y. State Infantry commanded by Liet. Col. Danl Bedell from the 15th November 1814 when last mustered to the 28th November 1814, in the service of the United States."

Service from 2 September to 18th October 1814.

Obediah Verity, corporal

Joseph Verity, private, commenced September 6

Richard Verity, private. Has a sick family and has not been here since 11th September

Service from 15 November to 28th November

Obediah Verity, corporal

Joseph Verity, private

John Verity, private

Richard Verity, private. Absent without leave as of 28th November 1814

Following is a detailed military record of each of the above-mentioned Veritys from the National Archives, Washington, DC. In some cases, I have attempted to identify the individual.

John Verity, private, September 2 - December 2, 1814.

September 2 to November 15, 1814, Fort Greene [Brooklyn], present. Commencement of service, September 6, 1814. November 15 to November 28, 1814, near Fort Greene, present. December 2, 1814, expiration of service. Term of service charged was 2 months, 26 days at \$8.00 per month, for a total payment of \$22.93.

Was this the same John Verity listed on the 1850 census in the Town of South Hempstead (probably Seaford area), born 1788, a bayman, wife Amy _____, born 1796, with the following children per 1850 census: Henry, born 1818, Obey [Obediah], born 1823, and Maria, born 1831? John was a brother to Walter of the 1812 record.

Joseph Verity, private, September 2 to December 2, 1814.

September 2 to November 15, 1814, Fort Greene, present. Commencement of service, September 6, 1814. November 15 to November 28, 1814, near Fort Greene, Present on guard. December 2, 1814, expiration of service. Term of service charged was 2 months, 26 days at \$8.00 per month for a total payment of \$22.93.

I cannot identify this Joseph Verity further for there is none of that name on the 1850 census in the Towns of South Hempstead or Oyster Bay. Joseph may have died before the date of the 1850 census.

Obediah Verity, corporal, September 2 to December 2, 1814.

September 2 to November 15, 1814, Fort Greene, present. Commencement of service, September 6, 1814. November 15 to November 28, 1814, near Fort Greene, present. December 2, 1814, expiration of service. Term of service charged was 2 months, 26 days at \$10.00 per month for a total payment of \$28.66.

Obediah Verity was born 1796, South Oyster Bay. He enlisted at Jerusalem on September 6, 1814. Obediah and his wife lived in Seaford after their marriage and he died there on 18 July 1873, and was buried "in the cemetery in Jerusalem." In a widow's claim for a pension, 23 July 1878, his wife Arabella stated that "her said husband at the time of enlistment was eighteen, occupation wheelwright, height 5 feet 6 inches, blue eyes, dark brown hair and fair complexion." By the same record, she stated that she married Obediah at Hempstead "... in the Spring of 1819, by Henry O. Seaman, Justice of the Peace and that her name before her said marriage was Arabella Verity and that from the date of discharge from the Army they lived in Seaford."

See chapters, JOHN(?) and _____ VERITY and SAMUEL and ZIPPORAH (WILSON) VERITY elsewhere in this work - the latter for the descendants of Obediah and Arabella (Verity) Verity.

Richard Verity, private, September 2 to December 2, 1814.

September 2 to November 15, 1814, Fort Greene. Commencement of service, September 6, 1814. Company Muster Roll of November 15, 1814, indicates that soldier was "Absent without Leave." An Inspection Return of November 15, 1814, indicated that Richard Verity had deserted and had been absent since September 26, 1814. On the last Company Pay Roll (undated) but probably written about November 28, 1814, Richard Verity is still shown as "deserted" but lists his expiration date of service as December 2, 1814. Needless to say, there was no pay granted!

The document, in possession of the Delancey Floyd-Jones Library cited above, states the reason for Richard Verity's absence: "Has a sick family and has not been here since 11th September." I am positive that all of the Veritys listed on this document were related to each other in some degree.

Neither Richard Verity nor any person positively identified with him is found on the 1850 census of Queens County. There was, however, a Richard Verity, born 1803, with wife Margaret Johnson and family on that census who *may* have been a son of the Richard Verity, above.

The following Veritys served in units other than the 2nd Regiment commanded by Capt. Thomas Floyd Jones.

Joshua Verity, Sr. Joshua Verity, Sr., born in Seaford, c. 1781, died there c. 1863. Married Mary (Verity) Verity. Joshua was a private in Capt. Edward Leverich's Company, Case's Regiment, New York State Drafted Militia. He served at Sag Harbor from 23 January 1814 until 9 May 1814. See chapter, JOSHUA and MARY (VERITY) VERITY, elsewhere in this work.

William G(ritman?) Verity, September 2 to December 2, 1814, Pioneer.

A Pioneer in Captain Joseph Dean's Company of Consolidated Militia, 64th and 93rd Regiment, New York State Militia, William G. Verity "... was ordered (another document says enlisted) into said service at said town of New Utrecht on the second day of September 1814 ... and was honorably discharged at the city of Brooklyn ... on the second day of December 1814."

A Company Muster Roll of September 2 to November 28, 1814, taken at "Brooklyn, Long Island, November 28, 1814," lists William G. Verity as "Present" and a "Pioneer."

In a declaration for a pension, March 21, 1871, William Verity, then 82, a resident of New Utrecht, Kings County, stated "... [that] he was stationed at Fort Green three months Genl Jeremiah Johnson in command. Was employed in throwing up breast works and digging intrenchments and in distributing rations." His signature appears on the application and "... his domicile or place of abode is in Bath village, Town of New Utrecht, County of Kings, State of New York."

William G. Verity was born 1788, probably in New Utrecht and died after 1871. He married, at New Utrecht, 19 November 1810, Hope B. Willett, born 1790, in New Jersey. See chapter, WILLIAM G. and HOPE (WILLET) VERITY elsewhere in this work.

Lawrence Verity. Commenced his service as a private in Captain Samuel Mott's Company of Detached Militia, 2nd Regiment (Bedell's) New York State Infantry on 7 September 1814. On a company muster roll taken at Fort Greene, Brooklyn, on 15 November 1814, he was listed as "absent without leave" since 25 September 1814. A very short military career, indeed!

Lawrence was born c. 1785-1790, probably in the Seaford area, the son of Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity (See this branch elsewhere in this work).

On a document of 18 September 1853, in which the children of Samuel (the father) was seeking "... all and every pension or claim ..." for his service in the Revolutionary War, neither the name of Lawrence nor his wife appear. However, two children of Lawrence and _____ Verity, Jacob and Mary Ann, the wife of William Gould do appear on the document.

Walter Verity. When filing for a Survivor's Pension Claim on July 16, 1872, the following statement by Walter Verity was written by a J. D. Wilson: "Verity's statement is, that he entered the Service about the 5 Spt 1814, and from bad health after 2 or 3 weeks service he obtained a furlough for 14 days, and while at home obtained a substitute [Garret Sprague] who not being able to go, informant returned to his Company [Capt. Thomas F. Jones, New York Militia, Col Bedell's 100 Reg't.] and was on duty about a week, when the substitute arrived and took his place."

In an affidavit, "In the matter of the application of Walter Verity for Bounty Land under the Act of Congress ... On this 18th day of April 1855 Before me J. H. Seaman a justice of the peace personally appeared Walter Verity aged 70 years [born 1785] a resident of the town of Hempstead in the County of Queens declared that he is the identicle (sic) Walter Verity who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Floyd Jones in the 100 regiment of Militia of the State of New York commanded by Col. Daniel Bedell ... for the term of three Months, and continued in actual service in said War for more than fourteen days and was honorably discharged at Fort Green[e] in the County of Kings ... on or about the first day [of] December 1814, and that he never before made an application for Bounty Land."

In an affidavit of 18 April 1855, Ellwood Althouse and Obadiah (but Obediah in signature) Verity stated "... that they are well acquainted with Walter Verity, the person mentioned in [the] application for Bounty Land, ... and said Walter Verity, was in actual service in the War of 1812 aforesaid, in the company with these deponants, commanded by Captain Thomas Floyd Jones ..."

In an affidavit of October 8, 1856, Ellwood L. Althouse who resided at Jerusalem South in the Town of Hempstead stated "... that he is well acquainted with Walter Verity the person discribed ... [and that] they have both resided in the same neighborhood from childhood, that [t]he deponant, knows that said Walter was in the Military service ... in the company commanded by captain Thos Floyd Jones at Fort Green[e] ... that said Walter Verity, Richard Verity, Oliver Post, William Allen, and himself, all left home together to go to Fort Green[e], that Jacob Seaman carried them there with a wagon, and left them all there, said Walter and himself now lives in the same neighborhood which they then did, recollects well that said Walter fainted and fell, the

same day after they had arrived at Fort Green[e], recollects to[o] of being present at one other time while those who said Walter fainted. They all stayed nights in a Barn belonging to one Ryerson, the first week, or two, after they arrived there, after that they had a Tent, knows that said Walter was on duty the same as the others while there, thinks said Walter did not stay all the time out, thinks he came home and got one Spragg to come and take his place”

On August 18, 1871, Walter Verity applied for a Soldier's Pension. On this document he said that he was eighty six years old, a resident of Hempstead, and declared that he was not married.

Unfortunately for Walter Verity, he was denied bounty land, a survivor's pension and a soldiers' pension because the War Department rejected these claims "... by reason of insufficient service."

Who was this Walter Verity? I am positive he was the same Walter Verity, son of Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity, who married Elizabeth _____. See chapter, Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity elsewhere in this work.

Walter was a brother to the John Verity of the War of 1812 record.

William Verity. Was a paid substitute for Benjamin Van Nostrand. In a lawyer -written letter signed by Benjamin Van Nostrand from East Meadow, 27 July 1873, to the Hon. John H. Baker, Pension Office, Department of Interior, he states, "... in 1813 I was drafted to go to Sag Harbor, L.I. and I hired a substitute in my place and paid him sixty dollars (his name was William Verity) in 1814 we were all called to Fort Green[e] and I went and served over one month." Van Nostrand later paid a James S. Dyson to be a substitute for him. Van Nostrand's application for a pension was denied on the basis that he had not served his full time. By the date of the latter (1873), William Verity was deceased for Van Nostrand said that he had no one (involved) to vouch for him.

William Verity (also as "Verrity" on the muster rolls) commenced his service on September 2, 1814 and was discharged December 2, 1814, having served three months at \$8.00 per month.

According to the muster rolls, William Verity served as a private in Capt. Timothy S. Cheesman's Co., of Detached Militia, 2 Reg't. (Bedell's) New York Infantry. From September 2 to November 15, 1814, he was "On furlow(sic)" from Fort Greene; from November 15 - 28, 1814, he was in "... the encampment near Ft. Greene." His service expired on December 2, 1814.

I cannot identify this William Verity, but he should not be confused with the William G(ritman?) Verity whose record has been outlined previously. My best guess is that William Verity was from the Seaford area and related, in some way, to the other Veritys previously listed from there.

MONETARY CLAIMS, WAR OF 1812

New York Adjutant General's Office, *Index of Awards on Claims of the Soldiers of the War of 1812*, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1969, originally published in 1860 (Albany, N.Y.: Weed, Parsons and Company). "Claims presented to the State of New York for payment for military clothing and equipment provided for

individuals who volunteered, or were drafted by the government for service in the militia of the State of New York during the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812. These claims were for clothing and equipment which were depreciated, wornout, lost and destroyed in said service for which he had not received payment." The original records are held by the Bureau of War Records, Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Public Security Building, Albany, NY, 12206.

p. 510: #4473 Verity, John, Hempstead, \$55.00
 #4462 " , Obadiah, Hempstead, \$55.00
 #16,936 " , Walter, Jerusalem, \$58.00
 #16, 428 " , William G., New Utrecht

Mexican War:

No Veritys identified.

Civil War

Some members of the Verity family who served in the Civil War have been identified throughout this work.

The following information is from a printed pamphlet, "Headquarters, Provost Marshal, 1st Congressional District, Jamaica, New York, November 30, 1863," from the Richard Handley Long Island Collection, Smithtown Public Library, Smithtown, concerning those who were subject to military service in the Civil War.

Those subjected to military service "Could come before Board and have name stricken if he can show that he will not be fit at the time fixed for the next draft . . . on account of: I. Alienage, II. Non-resident, III. Unsuitableness of Age, IV. Manifest Permanent Physical Disability.

Queens County Enrollment List, Nov. 30, 1863, extended to Jan. 5, 1864:

Verity, William, Syosset
 , William, Oyster Bay
 , Walter, East Norwich
 , Leonard, Baldwinsville
 , Richard Henry, Baldwinsville
 , Abraham, Jerusalem South
 , Robert, " "
 , Townsend, " "
 , James, Manhasset Valley
 , Phineas, Roslyn
 , Walter A., "
 , George, "

Verity, Richard, Plainedge
 , Lawrence, Smithville
 , Stephen H., Jerusalem South
 , Walter, " "
 , Samuel, Hempstead
 , William H., Flushing
 , Walter, Manhasset
 , William H., "
 , John, "
 (Allof the above were
 Second Class)

Note: All of the above were First Class: Subject to military duty between the ages of 20 and 35 years, and all unmarried.

Note: All of the above were Second Class.

Town of Islip: Joshua Verity, 35, bayman [IV - asthma].

- " Southold: Gilbert Verity, 43, mason, Greenport (Second Class, November 30, 1864 list)
Thomas J. Verity, 18, mason**
- " Huntington: Samuel S. Verity, 31, farmer**
- " Brookhaven: Townsend, 40, bayman (in pencil - swears he is over 45)**
- " Smithtown, East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island: No Veritys listed**

VERITY DECOY CARVERS

The following Verity family members have been identified as decoy carvers.

ALONZO VERITY, 1872-1938, son of Smith Clinton and Sarah (Southard) Verity.

ANDREW VERITY, 1881-1976, brother to Alonzo, above.

BENJAMIN VERITY, c.1852-?, son of Henry and Hannah Verity. Said to have served in the U.S. Life Saving Service at Gilgo.

DANIEL VERITY, 1898-1969, of East Islip, son of George and May (Wagener) Verity.

GEORGE VERITY, Sr., Seaford. Identified as a carver by the Long Island Decoy Collections Association c. 1870. No further identification.

JESSE VERITY, 1876-1953. Son of Henry Hadford and Mary (Cornelius) Verity. See *Long Island Forum*, August 1969, 152.

JOHN HENRY VERITY, 1788-1866, "Uncle John," son of Samuel and Zipporah (Wilson) Verity. See *Long Island Forum*, January 1969, 6, and Spring 1992, 16-20.

JOSHUA VERITY, 1827-1911, of Islip, son of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity. See *Long Island Forum*, July 1969, 131, and March 1971, 54, (photo).

NELSON VERITY, 1854-1947, son of Lawrence and Caroline (Buck) Verity.

OBEDIAH VERITY, 1813-1901, son of John Henry ("Uncle John") and Amy (Verity) Verity. See *Long Island Forum*, Fall 1993, 4-12.

OSCAR G. VERITY, 1867-1944, son of Townsend and Sarah (____) Verity. See *Long Island Forum*, January 1969, cover photo.

OSCAR VERITY, Jr., Identified as a carver by the Long Island Decoy Collectors Association in the 1920s. Son of Oscar, Sr.

SAMUEL VERITY, 1756-1849, parents not identified. *Perhaps* a carver; certainly a well-known guide - known as "Uncle Sam." See *Long Island Forum*, Spring 1992, 16-20.

SMITH CLINTON VERITY, 1845-1920, son of Obadiah and Arabella (Verity) Verity.

STEPHEN VERITY, 1865-1950, of Islip, son of Obadiah and Sarah (Cossaboom) Verity. (See below).

WILLARD VERITY, 1889-1925, brother to Alonzo and Andrew, above.

There are four decoys of Stephen Verity (see above) in the collection of the Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, VT.: #'s FD 7-18, Widgeon; FD 4-69, Black Duck; FD 4-140, Black Duck; and FD 6-15, Pintail.

In a letter from Mr. Robert Shaw, Decoy Specialist, Shelburne Museum, 25 September 1984, he wrote, "Many thanks for your letter about the Verity family. I am absolutely delighted to stand corrected on the labels and will certainly make the changes you suggest [the original label had Stephen born in New Jersey and there were errors in birth date, etc.]. He is a very important carver whose work is only beginning to receive the recognition it deserves.

Furthermore, he and his decoys are of particular interest to us at Shelburne because of his connection with H. O. Havemeyer [Stephen was, at one time, a superintendent on Mr. Havemeyer's estate at Bayberry Point, Islip]. . . . the Shelburne Museum was created by Mr. Havemeyer's daughter, Electra Havemeyer Webb."

VERITY WILDFOWLING GUIDES

The following Verity family members have been identified as guides.

EPHRAIM VERITY, 1874 - ?, son of Townsend and Sarah (____) Verity.

JESSE VERITY, 1876-1953, son of Henry Hadford and Mary (Cornelius) Verity.

JOHN HENRY VERITY, 1788-1866, son of Samuel and Zippoah (Wilson) Verity.

JOSHUA VERITY, 1827-1911, son of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity. Was associated with the South Side Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, from c. 1870 until his death in 1911.

LAWRENCE VERITY, 1820-1920, son of Joshua and Mary (Verity) Verity.

NELSON VERITY, 1854-1947, son of Lawrence and Caroline (Buck) Verity.

OSCAR G. VERITY, 1867-1944, son of Townsend and Sarah (____) Verity. Photo appears on cover of *Long Island Forum*, January 1969.

SAMUEL VERITY, c.1756-1849, "Uncle Sam." Parents unknown. Perhaps (one of) the earliest bay guides in the Seaford-Massapectqua area of Long Island.

WISNER VERITY, 1871-1939, son of Henry Hadford and Mary (Cornelius) Verity.

Albert Gallatin Lanier, "Readers' Forum," *Long Island Forum*, May 1971, 88, wrote the following about Nelson Verity (see above):

"... One of the heroes in my youth - and greatest friend of later days and memories - was Nelson Verity of Seaford.

My twin brother, Henry, and my father and I went gunning with him from about 1918 (when I was 15 years old) until his death. We stopped at his house for chats over 100 times and the twisted left arm [injured when a gun barrel exploded], the deep-lined, leathery, high-cheek-boned face, the great brown eyes with the twinkle; the kitchen with the gun in the corner, carved decoys on window sills, the shooting coat and boots and vest (with the tin whistle in it), all these and much more were meaningful events in our lives.

Surely he was one of the greatest shots, 'absolute' baymen, and finest characters of the age. He was more a part of the bay and the marsh than a heron, a yellowleg, a shell-drake, a clam or an eel.

At the age of over 90, while holding the long, smooth, wooden tiller of his Seaford skiff, he said: "I'd rather be doing this than anything else in the world." What a man!"

A picture of Nelson Verity accompanies the above article.

See the following for another "story" about Nelson's guiding experiences by an unnamed author (probably the editor) in the Readers' Forum, "Nelson Verity," *Long Island Forum*, February 1977, 23.

George L. Weeks, "Recollections of Seaford," *Long Island Forum*, January 1969, cover, pages 5-7. On the cover is a photograph of Oscar Verity, Sr., a bayman-guide in his Seaford skiff with a "Yorker" [a "rich" sportsman, especially from New York City]. The article contains several references to Verity guides.

The Nelson Verity Plaza in Seaford was named in 1948 after his death. "... it was named for Mr. Verity because he was the one who asked for the original survey of the area." Letter, 23 December 1985, from Marylu Phelan, Reference Librarian, Seaford Public Library, repeating a statement made to her by a Mr. Marone of the Department of Engineers, Town of Hempstead re her query of 25 June 1948, in response to my earlier letter requesting information about the specifics of the naming of the Plaza.

A resolution was adopted by "The Town Board, [Town of Hempstead], at meeting held June 29, 1948 approved the order laying out proposed highway to be known as Nelson Verity Plaza between Jackson Avenue and Washington Avenue, Seaford, N. Y.,

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VERITYS IN QUAKER BURIAL GROUND, JERUSALEM, L. I.

MAP OF THE JERUSALEM BURYING GROUND LYING EASTWARDLY FROM FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE AND CONTAINING 134 & 2/3 RODS. Surveyed February 26th, 1861, by Robert B. Jackson, of Wantagh. Located on the west side of Wantagh Avenue, north of Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, Nassau County, New York.

The above titled map gives the measurements of the burying ground and names of the persons who owned the lots. The information was copied by Miss Helen L. Strang, Chairman, Genealogical Records Committee, a member of the Ruth Floyd Woodhull Chapter, N.S.D.A.R., Freeport, N.Y., at an unknown date. A copy of this map may be seen at the Wantagh Public Library, Park Street, Wantagh, N.Y., 11793.

East side: Lot #12, Lawrence Verity and Carman Cornelius.

West side: Lot #11, Jacob J. Verity.

12, Obediah Verity & Charles Verity.

13, Stephen H. Verity.

14, John Verity.

15, Joseph Verity.

16, Walter Verity.

The following birth and death dates of Friends from the Jericho Monthly Meeting, (some buried at Jerusalem) are from William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy* (Ann Arbor, Michigan: Edwards Brothers, Inc., 1940), Vol III, 503, 511, "Jericho Monthly Meeting."

Alonzo Verity, b. 6 Oct. 1872, d. 11 May 1938.

Ann Maria Verity, b. 22 May 1817, d. 20 Oct. 1884.

Edward Verity, b. 1846, d. 1928.

Hannah Verity, w[ife of] Stephen H., d. ae 42y.

Jacob J. Verity, b. 7 Jan 1812, d. 14 May 1901.

Mary E. Verity, b. 1842, d. 29 Oct. 1856.

Samuel Verity, s[on of] Stephen & Hannah, b. 8 Nov. 1857, d. 8 Sept. 1883.

Samuel Verity, b. 1785, d. Jerusalem, 18 Jan. 1879 [p. 503].

Sarah M. Verity, b. 2 Aug. 1847, d. 29 Apr. 1919.

Smith Verity, b. 15 Oct. 1845, d. 20 Apr. 1920.

Stephen H. Verity, b. 15 Sept. 1821, d. 22 Sept. 1901

Hinshaw, "Westbury Monthly Meeting," 463

Walter J. Verity, b. 27 July 1857, d. 31 Jan. 1867.

VERITYS AND THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

There were seven by the name of Verity, all from Queens County and all *against* sending deputies to the Continental Congress. There appears to be no record of any Verity who was in favor of sending deputies. In one case, John Verity, indicated his allegiance to King George III, of Great Britain.

The source of these record is: Thomas B. Wilson, *Inhabitants of New York, 1774-1776* (Baltimore, MD.: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1993), xii-xvi, 332.

James Verity¹
James Verity, Jr.¹
James Verity²
James Verity²
John Verity³
Simmons [Seaman] Verity^{1,2}
William Verity¹

¹"Poll list of those in favor of, or opposed to, sending deputies to the Provincial Congress, 7 November 1775. (New York Secretary of State. *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts Relating to the War of the Revolution*, Albany, 1868, v. 1, pp. 181-186). This lengthy list clearly defines those who were in favor of the revolutionary movement and those who were opposed to it." Those listed above, were opposed to sending deputies [and] "... were by far in the majority." (Wilson, xii-xiii).

²"Inhabitants of Newton, Queens County, who signed a remonstrance disapproving of the Continental Congress, 19 January 1775." (*Rivington's New York Newspaper, Excerpts from a Loyalist Press 1773-1783*, by Kenneth Scott, New York Historical Society, Collections, v. 84, 1973, p. 99)." (Wilson, xiii).

³"Minutemen of Jamaica. (New York Secretary of State. *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts Relating to the War of the Revolution*, Albany, 1868, v. 1, pp. 186-187)." (Wilson, xiii).

THE SEAFORD (or Verity) SKIFF

According to George L. Weeks, "Recollections of Seaford," *Long Island Forum*, January 1969, page 6, the Seaford skiff was originally designed by William Gritman and was in use for over one hundred years in the Seaford area. Mrs. Ruth A. Baird of Keosauqua, IA, in a letter of July 1997, stated that Samuel Gritman, born 1814, perhaps the son of Benjamin, married Mahala Althouse [Mahala's mother was Hannah Verity], received a patent for the "Verity Skiff" and that it was on file in a Los Angeles library. Correspondence with both the Los Angeles library and the United States Patent Office proved negative.

In a subsequent letter of 18 August 1997, Mrs. Baird enclosed a copy of a letter written 26 July 1966, by her father, Claude Jones Greensword, he the grandson of Harriet Buck and William Schweitzer Gritman:

"The local baymen and guides were constantly looking for an improved type of small craft with good speed and comfort that would hold two men - guide and a 'Yorker.' Samuel Gritman had built many skiffs, the early boats being flat bottomed with straight sides and flat decks, also some of common sharpie design. In 1870 Gritman designed an improved type which became known as the 'Seaford Skiff.' It was shallow draft, flat bottomed along the keel gradually curving up to the side. The deck had a removable floor. The gunwhale had a rise of about six inches and was constructed with an open rail so that salt hay could be placed therein to create a blind when hunting salt water game. The craft had a centerboard, rudder and, for service in winter on the ice, a pair of iron runners which permitted the boat to glide swiftly and easily over the ice and be launched into the leads of open water. The runners were spaced out on either side of the keel on the flat bottomed part. The mast was removable so that not to interfere with rowing or shoving. The sail was a sprit type with boom.

Most of these skiffs were from 12 to 14 feet long - some 18 feet - built largely of Long Island cedar with a small amount of oak. Here was a craft that was ideal for the peaceful waters of the Great South Bay and its streams and coves. At high tide they

would skim over water-covered meadows. In the early days, the cost of one of these boats was \$35. Today [1966] the price is about at least \$200 to \$350.

I have fond recollections of the late 1890s and early 1900s when my father took me fishing and gunning in a Seaford Skiff. We would start down Seaford Creek shortly after sunrise, past the shell banks where the Indians had once launched their canoes, and we would see fishermen's nets drying. The skiff would glide along the peaceful stream with meadow hens appearing along the banks and in the thatch, then emerge into the open channel where flocks of snipe and other birds were flying about and alighting on the mud flats exposed at low tide. The water would be alive with baymen and hunters sailing along in their skiffs - a sight that has long since passed from the scene - out for a catch of shellfish, snipe, bluefish or weakfish.

Gritman started building these skiffs in a shed erected at the intersection of Smith Lane and Washington Avenue, in Seaford. He was left-handed and his son William, who helped him, was right-handed. The shed was open on the south end and they had work benches, one on either side of the opening, so that both men would have the advantage of the sunlight. The skiffs were put to hard usage. Some were brought to the shed for repairs and many new ones were built. After the death of Samuel Gritman, William continued the construction of this type of boat. Charles Verity, of Bellmore, was another builder who held strictly to the original design. John Southard and his brother Parmenius (known as Minus) also built Seaford skiffs. George L. Weeks, Sr., built many of these boats in his boat yard on lower Seaman Neck Road, Seaford."

The following is a list of Veritys known to have been boat builders; some were well-known builders of the Seaford skiff and probably one reason that it also became known as the Verity skiff:

Charles Verity, of Bellmore, 1830-?, son of Richard Henry and Annie (Eldred) Verity.

Edward Verity, not further identified. He had a blacksmith shop on Merrick Road, Seaford.

Ephraim Verity, 1874-?, of Seaford, son of Townsend and Sarah Verity.

Gilson Verity, 1856-1934, of Baldwin, son of William and Nettie (Verity) Verity. SEE BELOW.

Leonard Verity, 1835-1919, of Baldwin, brother to Charles, above.

Oscar Verity, 1867-1944, brother to Ephraim, above.

Samuel Verity, 1868-1950, brother to Charles, above.

Capt. Wilbur Verity, "Readers' Forum: Sam Verity's Skiffs," *Long Island Forum*, April 1977, 63:

"The Veritys, Charles, Gilson and Lenard (sic), were early settlers of Baldwin and acquired large acreage of land near the bay, now Baldwin Harbor, at the foot of Cherry Lane (now Verity Lane). It was there they built their homes and did some farming, but fishing and boat building became their main occupation. All of Charles' sons built boats and houses in the off season. Sam was the eldest, the others being Charles Henry, Louis (Hike), and Richard, known as Dicky Rich.

Later, when fishing petered out, Sam acquired quite a reputation as a boat builder. He built boats in a shop at the rear of his home on Thomas Avenue. The boats were so popular that they were sold all over the country. In Sam's later years his son-in-law, Nip Jackson who had worked with him, took over the boat building.

I worked for Louis in his shop"

See also: *New York Sunday News*, 8 February 1976, SCB4, "Old-time Fishing Boat Resurfaces in Fiberglass," and *The Long Island Fisherman* magazine, 17 February 1977, "The Verity Skiff - A Rebirth."

THE GRITMAN FAMILY

Even to the casual reader of this Verity history, it is obvious that the family name of GRITMAN occurs frequently in marriages with Verity family members. The Gritman name figures prominently in Banker's recounting of the origin of the Verity family on Long Island.

There is no Gritman family history and genealogy in print. Following I have attempted to compile, in genealogical form, published records of the First Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica, and St. George's Episcopal Church Hempstead, hereafter SGH. The author takes the responsibility for any errors in the interpretation of these records.

The Gritman name has been spelled variously as Gritman, Griton, Gretman, Gritmon, Gritten, and Gripman, hereafter Gritman. It appears to be either of German or Dutch origin and I personally favor a Dutch origin since the family was early associated with the First Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica, and some of the sponsors listed at the baptisms of Gritman children have Dutch names. The fact that they were early residents of Foster's Meadow, near Hempstead, where there was a congregation of Dutch families would also give credence to this assumption.

William Gritman, born about 1660, married 30 June 1684, Margaret Johnson. On 30 June 1684, Henry Mayle of "Mashpeth kills" sold to "William Grittin," of Foster's Meadow [Foster's Meadow was in the western part of the Town of Hempstead, purchased in 1647 by Thomas and Christian Foster. The Dutch were well established in this area by 1657] a 50-acre lot in "Maspeth kills in the bounds of the new towne . . . beeing in the bounds of hempstead neare Adjoyneing unto fosters river . . . *Hempstead Town Records*, Vol. 2, 74.

In a house-to-house census visitation of the inhabitants of the Town of Hempstead, 31 August 1698, the following family is listed. *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, January, 1914, 54-68:

Will gripman
margret gripman
Phebe gripman)
margret gripman) children
mary gripman)

On this 1698 census, a "william gripman" does not appear with the family of "Will and margret gripman," but the name does appear in the family of William and Vnice (Unice) Johnson. Was William Johnson the uncle of "william gripman?" Think so.

The Will and Margret Gripman of the 1698 census, had the following children born after that date and baptized in the First Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica:

- 1703, March 30. Thomas Gritman, with Thomas Cardale and Antie Janse as sponsors.
 1705, October 18. Elsie Gritman, Antie Gretman, sponsor.
 1708, June 8. Femmetie Gritman, Femmetie Gretman, sponsor.
 1711, March 6. Elizabeth Gritman, no sponsor listed.

The Thomas Gritman, above, married, St. George's Episopal Church, Hempstead, 25 March 1731, Abigail Sprag. They had, at least:

1. William Gritman, born about 1733. Did he marry, 4 April 1758, Mary Bedell? He registered his earmark for cattle 9 October 1759, as "son of Thomas." *Hempstead Town Records*. Vol 4, 433.
2. Phebe Gritman. Did she marry, 11 May 1760, William Stites, and have a son, Isaac, baptized 16 September 1760?
3. John Gritman. Did he marry Ruth _____ and have a son, William, baptized 21 July 1771?
4. Thomas Gritman, Jr.
5. Uriah Gritman, born about 1745, married, 24 December 1777, First Church of Huntington, Kezia(h) Akerly, she of Huntington. No doubt this is the same Uriah Gritman who was one of four members of Capt. Charles Hulets (Hewlett) company in a court martial trial held 28 April 1787, at "James Smiths at Herricks" for events that occurred on 24 April 1778. The outcome of the trial is not recorded; the testimony, however, is interesting. See Henry A. Stoutenburgh's *A Documentary History of the Dutch Congregation at Oyster Bay, Queens County, L.I., N.Y.*, Vol. 2, 781-783.

The relationship of the families of William Gritman and John Gritman, following, to the "original" William and Margaret (Johnson) Gritman is not clear. The records show, however:

William Gritman, born about 1709, married 11 September 1734, at Hempstead, Mary Doxsee. They had, at least:

1. William Gritman, Jr., born about 1737.
2. Richard Gritman.
3. Rebecca Gritman. Did she marry, as second husband, 27 November 1780, James Verity, Jr.? See the branch, JAMES and REBECCA (GRITMAN) VERITY, elsewhere in this work for descendants.
4. Abigail Gritman married, 12 February 1791, Ezekiel Verity, he baptized SGH, 17 January 1771, son of James and Abigail (Wood) Verity. See the branch, JAMES and ABIGAIL (WOOD) VERITY, elsewhere in this work for descendants..
5. Mary Gritman. Did she marry, 8 November 1789, Samuel Hulse?

John Gritman, born about 1710, perhaps the brother of William, Sr., above, married 3 June 1735, Ann(e) Valentine. This may have been the same John "Griton" who

registered his earmark for cattle on 3 May 1731. *Hempstead Town Records*, Vol. 2, 299. John and Ann(e) (Valentine) Gritman had, at least:

1. Elizabeth Gritman, baptized SGH, 4 December 1739.
2. Mary Gritman, baptized SGH, __ March 1745.
3. Margaret Gritman, baptized SGH, __ March 1745. Did she marry, 1 August 1762, William Verity, Jr., son of William and Jane (Wright) Verity? See the branch, WILLIAM and JANE (WRIGHT) VERITY, elsewhere in this work for the descendants.
4. John Gritman, Jr.? A John Gritman married, SGH, __ September 1752, Elizabeth Flower. On 27 July 1755, SGH, Elizabeth Gritman, "wife of John Gritman," was baptized

JOSEPH VERITY

Although there is no documentary evidence such as a Bible record, etc., to substantiate the following, I suggest that there was a Joseph Verity born to William and Jane (Wright) Verity - see this section elsewhere in this work. Following are records of a Joseph Verity who must have been born some time in the 1740s since the following events would indicate that a "mature" person was involved. The references are from the *Oyster Bay Town Records* (New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1916).

On 3 November 1769, a Joseph Verity signed a petition against new roads that would "... Not Benefit the Publick." Vol. 6, 531.

On 26 October 1784, a Joseph Verity, blacksmith, sold cows and horses to David Jones of Cold Spring. "... I Joseph Verity of Oysterbay South [Massapequa area] ... Blacksmith ... for ... the sum of Forty Nine pounds Six Shillings & four pence ... to me in Hand paid by David Jones ... sell ... All my Three cows and one gelding and one Mare ...". On this document, the mark of Joseph Verity appears as a small circle with a crude profile within. Vol. 6, 683.

On the foregoing record, note Joseph calls himself "blacksmith." I am certain that the following account book records refer to the same person.

On 23 March 1988, I photocopied pertinent pages from an account book in the possession of George Combs, Jr., then of Amityville, now of Easton, MD. Inside the cover of this account book was written: "Samuel Seaman his BOOK ROTE In the Year 1765." On the bottom of the same page: "Samuel Seaman Jerusalem [Wantagh]." Samuel's two sons, Samuel, Jr., and James, also made entries.

On 15 May 1765, the first entry was made in this leather-covered account book, consisting of 177 pages; the last on 2 May 1827. The pages, arranged in a debit/credit format presents an interesting picture of life in the Jerusalem area during this sixty-two year period. Internal evidence (see entry of May 7, 1782) indicates that there was a ledger kept by Samuel Seaman prior to the one of 1765.

Page five of this ledger, following, shows a typical page of debits and credits for a Joseph Verity in 1782, 1783, and 1785. Note that on 26 February 1785, he is credited with over ten pounds "By Smith Work." This fact, I believe, identifies him as the same Joseph Verity who is called "a blacksmith" on the sale (of horses and cows) to David Jones, on 26 October 1784, above..

Joseph Verity D^r

£ s d

1783			
March	20	To 3 pints Rum	0 2 10
		To 2 lb. Sugar	0 2 0
	30	To Behind for Rum	0 0 9
May	7	To firkin and Butter	0 5 0
1782		Takin from the old Book	
May	15	To 3 1/4 yds 1/2 gr. Shalloon ^a	0 13 6
		Behind for Callicho	0 2 1
July	9	To Lase [lace]	0 1 8
	11	Behind for Wool	0 2 0
		To 5 1/4 lb. pork	0 7 0
Aug			
	2	To 9lb. 2oz. pork at 1/6	0 13 9
Dec	24	To 1 pint Rum	0 1 7
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			2 12 2
		Brout from Paig 3	12 8 3
		Brout from Paig 4	10 15 2
			<hr/>
			£25 15 7

Joseph Verity C^r

1782			
Feb	28	By 13 eggs	0 2 6
March	7	By 20 Eggs	0 3 4
		By 29 Eggs	0 4 1
		By 32 Eggs	0 4 9
May	15	By Cash	0 6 0
	to	1 Grind Stone	0 16 0
	C ^r	by Obadiah Seaman	3 18 0
	C ^r		<hr/>
	By	hanner Varity ^b	0 15 5
	By	1 grind stone (entire line crossed out)	0 9 0
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^aShalloon - a light, twilled woolen fabric used chiefly for linings. Because of the shalloon, calicho, and lace purchased, it might indicate that Joseph's wife might have been a seamstress.

^bRelationship unknown, but probably the wife (Hannah) of Joseph.

^cThere are no further entries in this ledger for a Joseph Verity. It appears as though he was still in arrears on 26 February 1785.

Although impossible to identify with certainty, there were records of other Veritys in this account book: Samuel Veryty(sic), carpenter, 1811, 1814; John Verity, 1817, 1820-1824; James Verity (also as Veryty), 1820, 1822; Obadiah Verity, 1829-1830, 1832, 1835; Walter Verity, 1831; and Walter Verity, "brother of John Verity," 1821.

SORTING OUT THE JAMES VERITYS

On the 1790 Census, there are three of that name: James, James, Jr., and James, 3rd. If the first is James, Sr., then we have three generations of one family.

On the 1800 Census, there are four James Veritys: Two living in the Town of Hempstead; a James, Jr., also of Hempstead; and a James of Oyster Bay. Are the first three the same as on the 1790 Census?

Several by that name are recorded on the *Records of the Towns of North and South Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y.* (Jamaica, N.Y.: Town Board of North Hempstead, 1896 -), hereafter HTR.

1765, April 2. Included among those who protested against a vote for catching fish with a seine, were James Verety (sic) and James Verety, Jr. HTR, Vol. 5, 4.

1774, _____. The cattle earmark of a James Vereity (sic) is a "Hole in near ear and a half penny each side and a swallow fork in off ear." HTR, Vol. 6, 171. The same earmark is listed for a John Verity on 29 June 1791. *Hempstead Archives, HIS Marks, 1785-1861*, Town Records, Town Hall, Hempstead.

Is this an example of a father's earmark (James) given to his son (John)? I think so. Think also that this was the John Verity, born about 1755, married 2 February 1776, SGH, Margaret Smith, he the son of James and Abigail (Wood) Verity.

Marriage records of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, document the marriages of five of that name (James): What is their relationship to the Jameses of the 1790 and 1800 Censuses?

1744, July 22. James Verity and Abigail Wood, both of Hempstead. Assuming 25 years of age at marriage, this James was born c. 1719.

1761, June _____. James Verity and Mary Johnson. This James born 1736.

1769, March 5. James Verity and Sarah Smith, both of Hempstead. This James was born c. 1744.

1780, November 27. James Verity and Rebecca Gritman. This James was born c. 1755.

1793, August 4. James Verity and Ruth Verity, his second cousin, she the daughter of William and Margaret (Gritman) Verity, of Oyster Bay. This James was born c. 1768.

A James Verity and James Verity, Jr., are on a "List of names of those who signed against deputies for Congress at Jamaica, Queens County, November 7, 1775." A Simmons (probably Seaman) Verity is also on this list. *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts Relating to the War of the Revolution, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Albany, N.Y.* (Albany, N.Y.: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1868), Vol. I, 184-186.

Given the above information, can a genealogical family be deduced from it? Certainly a James Verity, Sr., and Jr., can be identified as follows: James Verity, (Sr.), born c. 1719, married 22 July 1744, was probably the father of the James (Jr.), born c. 1744, married, first, 5 March 1769, Sarah Smith. Furthermore, I think these were the two mentioned in the HTR on 2 April 1765. The James of the 1774 HTR earmark list was probably James, Sr.

But who was the James Verity, 3rd, of the 1790 Census? Circumstantially, he was the one who married, 4 August 1793, Ruth Verity. Again, assuming that this James was about twenty-five years of age at marriage, his birth date would be c. 1768, close to the marriage date of his presumed father, James Verity, Jr., born c. 1744, who married, 5 March 1769, Sarah Smith. However, there is a problem in this assignment. If married in 1793, it is improbable that he was the one listed on the 1790 Census as the head of a family! But there is no other James Verity who fits that time frame.

Another tantalizing question: Is the James Verity, 3rd, of the 1800 Oyster Bay Census the one who married Ruth Verity, of Oyster Bay, daughter of William and Margaret (Gritman) Verity? Probably.

Although there are discrepancies in the record, I suggest the following family:

James Verity, Sr., born c. 1719, probably the son of William and Susanah (Sanson) Verity, married, 22 July 1744, Abigail Wood, he the James Verity of the 1790 Census, then about seventy years of age. They had, at least:

James Verity, Jr., born c. 1744, married, 1st, 5 March 1769, Sarah Smith. This James is assumed to be the one on the 1790 Census, then about forty-five years old. They had, at least:

James Verity 3rd, married, 4 August 1793, Ruth Verity, daughter of William and Abigail (Gritman) Verity.

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