

February 20 1971

Mrs L B Calkins
Maple Avenue
Rutland, Mass. 01543

Dear Mrs Calkins:

Long ago, in a letter to me dated Sept 30 1968, you asked for information about the children of Mary Newton & Samuel Belknap. At that time, I laid your letter aside, as I did not then have complete information.

In the last few weeks, I've been able to set down what I believe is a full and correct list of their children, although some of the dates are not yet verified.

So I'm enclosing a copy of my notes on that family.

NOTE 2, on that sheet, may interest you, for you may have information on the mystery of what became of Mary after her husband Samuel died.

And if you can identify the Asa Newton who was the first husband of Eli Tamar Vinton, I'll be grateful

As you are interested in Newtons, I'm also enclosing two pages copied from old records in Ontario County, New York -- in area near Canandaigua. It may be of value to you.

In your letter of Sept 30 1968, I see something that interests me:

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Rosher Snow, dau. of Jabez Snow and Kesiah Newton. b. 10/6/1746.
m. Joseph Belknap. (Belknap in your letter)

This Joseph was a member of the Brinfield family. Can you give me any further information about date of marriage and children?

Cordially,

Oliver Linton

Calculus

MA 10/17/68

Rutland Mass
Sept, 30, 1968

Dear Carroll & Belknaps,

Excuse writing as I am sitting in big chair. I had an ulcer on 1 foot 4 yrs ago, and my leg is not well yet. And the other foot swelled up as big as an egg both sides on the ankle. It has gone down a little now. I was in bed all day yesterday. So I guess I am in a bad way.

I found in one of my ancestral book Isaac Newton & Belknap m 1716 in Marlborough. In another book I found Issac Newton b 1686 m. 1716 Sarah Belknap. That is all 1737 I have only as far as Mary Newton b 8-11-1737 bap 1738 Rutland mass m Samuel Belknap June 19, 1754

X } Will you give me the children of Mary Newton & Samuel Belknap & date & who they m.

I have dau of Josiah or Joseph Newton & Lydia Ball. a dau by name of Lucy Belknap b 5-4-1810 by Mrs. Wm. Persons

I m son of Daniel Newton & Susanna Morse

I find Issac Newton b ~~22-1689-90~~ b 3-12-1686 Marlboro mass m Sarah Belknap m 1716 d 1754 of Haverhill She lived 112 yrs dau Ebenezer Belknap & Hannah Ayer

Grinfield

and Esther dau Jabez Snow + Kerzah
Newton. Esther b 10-6-1746 m Joseph Belknap
1772.

Isaac Newton + Sarah Belknap must all be
the same one. I am sorry I can't find
any more. Of course I have not looked in all my
books. as I get so tired.

as ever

Mrs Laura B. Calkins

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ask me for any one you need. I might
have it!

I am now helping to write the Stafford
Book

MEMO TO Mrs. L. B. Calkins, Maple Avenue, Rutland, Mass. 01543
FROM Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn. 06878

Sept. 20, 1968

It was kind of you to write me so fully after you came home from hospital. I'm very grateful. And I hope you are well, now.

I think that possibly you and I can help each other on Newton and Belknap genealogy, for there have been a number of Newton-Belknap marriages, as you know. I may have the records of some that you don't yet have -- for example, Job Belknap & Phebe Newton?

I should explain that I'm working on the preparation of a Belknap genealogy -- a huge task, with more than 3,000 names. The basis of my work is my collection of all known records of our family, from many sources -- something like 9,000 sheets of notes, records, and correspondence (including letters written more than 50 and 60 years ago).

From these records, I may be able to aid you on Belknap-Newton connections -- and possibly, as I go on, I may find answers to other points that interest you.

For the moment, however, I have to say that I'm unable to answer some questions that you asked:

- Parents of Reuben Adams?
- Whether Ezekiel Newton, b. about 1643, married?
- Marriages of children of Moses Newton (b. 5-26-1646)?

*retired
(now Selington?)*

It may be that I'll run across these people later. I'll keep them in mind as I work.

Meanwhile, I'm hoping that you can help me complete my record of my great great grandfather, Jonas Newton Belknap. He was one of the children of the Mary Newton (daughter of Stephen Newton and Mary Gibbs, in my records) who married Samuel Belknap June 19, 1754. They lived at Enfield, Connecticut till about 1760, when they moved to Belchertown, Mass. Jonas Newton Belknap, their son, was born 1759.

On ~~May~~ May 3, 1775, Jonas (aged 16) and his father Samuel enlisted in a militia company at Granby, a few miles from Belchertown. Both of them fought on Bunker Hill, and Samuel died in camp at Cambridge the next day. Jonas re-enlisted in the 7th Massachusetts and served in that regiment throughout the war, until June 1783.

The military record of Jonas shows only one furlough during the entire war -- at Christmas time in 1782. During that furlough (in January 1783) he married a Belchertown girl, Esther Parker. After he was discharged from the Army in June 1783, he and Esther lived for a few years in Belchertown, where their first children were born. Then they began moving west -- first to the neighborhood of Albany, NY; then to Ontario County in western New York, where they lived from 1796 to the time of Esther's death, about 1815 (I think).

In 1819 or early 1820, Jonas moved on to central Kentucky, where he died in 1824.

At some time between 1815 and 1820, he married a second time -- when he was about 60 years old. My problem is to identify his second wife -- who was plainly a widow with a child Diantha aged 9 in 1820. This child, I assume, must have been the child of the widow's first husband.

There are reasons for thinking that this second wife of Jonas Newton Bellknap may have been the Tamar Vinton, of Granby, Mass. (born 1766 in Charlton, Mass.) who married Asa Newton on January 25, 1789 and who is said to have married (2nd) a Jonas Bellknap who has not yet been identified.

None of the sources of information about Tamar Vinton -- Vinton Memorial and Judd's History of Hadley, for example -- provide any information beyond what I have stated in the preceding paragraph. ~~XXXX~~ So we are left with these questions:

-- Who was the Asa Newton who married Tamar Vinton?

(Could he have been that Asa named in your letter to me -- born 4/13/1748 -- son of Stephen Newton and brother of the Mary Newton who married Samuel Bellknap, father of Jonas? If so, he would have been 41 at time of marriage to Tamar Vinton, so she might have been his second wife. Or was it some other Asa Newton?)

-- What were the names of the children of Asa Newton and Tamar Vinton?

(Was a Diantha, born about 1811, one of those children?)

-- What was the date (and place?) of ~~XX~~ Asa's death?

If the Jonas Bellknap who is said to have been Tamar Vinton's second husband was my great great grandfather Jonas Newton Bellknap, the marriage probably occurred in 1819 or 1820, in Kentucky.

At about that same time, the youngest daughter of Jonas Newton Bellknap (Cynthia, born about 1805, I think, possibly a year or two earlier) married an Isaac Newton. This according to one record that has not yet been fully substantiated. This Isaac Newton appears to have been executor of Jonas's estate, 1824, Kentucky.

-- Who was this Isaac Newton? (Was he possibly a son of Tamar Vinton and Asa Newton, therefore a brother of Diantha?)

-- Is there any proof of his marriage to Cynthia Bellknap? And date?

-- If so, names and birthdates of their children? And their marriages?

My excuse for asking if you can help on these questions is that I, too, am partly a Newton.

And there's one more question I want to ask:

-- Do you have a record of a second marriage of the mother of Jonas (the Mary Newton who married Samuel Bellknap in 1754)? There is reason to think she may have married Rufus ~~Kentfield~~ Kentfield at some time after the death of Samuel Bellknap in 1775.

You asked about the date of birth of this Mary Newton? I'm not certain about it. Probably 1703, I think -- but I haven't yet cross-checked this date for accuracy.

Nov. 8, 1737 in one record.

Hopefully,

Carroll Y. Bellknap

Rutland Mass
Sept, 9, 1968

Dear Carol y. Belknap,

I have been in Hospital
for 3 weeks + am just getting over it. Is why I have
not written before.

I have many newton daughter of Stephen
newton b. 8-15-1716 m 1-20-1736-7. Mary wetton
Witt or Mary gibbs dan of Jonathan.
Mary newton b 11-9-1737 m Samuel Belknap
June 19, -1754. Is that right? bapt Rutland Mass
1738. ~~given me~~ found it in Marlboro Mass
Vit.

Daniel² newton b 1655 son of Richard newton
& ~~Susanna morse~~ + Anna Loker. married
Susanna morse b 1663 or 2 dau. of Joseph
morse Susanna Shattuck had 12 children.
Amongst was Isaac b 1686 Marlboro Mass
m. Sarah Belknap 1716 d 1754

By Mrs. Leon Person

St Peterburg Fla + the Marlboro - Vit.

Children of Isaac newton + Sarah Belknap

- 1 Reziak b 2-22-1716-17 m Jabez Snow-
- 2 Hezekiah b 7-28-1719 m Eunice Brigham
- 3 Mary b 5-1-1721 d 1731
- 4 Isaac b 5-29-1723 m Sarah Collins
- 5 Martha b 7-26-1726 m James Gibbs
- 6 Margaret b 8-30-1726
- 7 Mary b 6-9-1729 m Joseph Graves

98 Simeon b 3-25-1735 m Jerush March
8 Capt Seth b 7-10-1732 m 2nd wife Patience
(Brent) Harry

Capt Seth Newton b 1732 son of Isaac Newton
& Sarah Belknap ~~daughter of Peter~~ m Patience
Brent (Harry's wife) Her father was Peter Brent
By 1st wife they had
Martha m — Toplin
Luther b 1760-4 m Marion Newton
Simeon
By 2nd wife
Peter
Seth

Jabez Snow m 1738 Southboro Mass
m Keziah Newton b 1716-17 dau. ~~Isaac~~ Isaac
Newton & Sarah Belknap children
Jabez b 1739 m Hannah Mathis
Keziah b 1740 m Phineas Heywood
son b 1742 d 1742
Jarema b 1744 m Stephen Brigham
Esther b 1746 m Joseph Belknap
Sarah b 1749 m Jacobus Wethbee
Martha b 1752 d 1756
Martha b 1756
Ebenezer b 1757 d 1759.

// can you please tell me the date of Cynthia's
birth or her father's birth or Mary Newton's
birth?

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⁴ Stephen Newton b- 8-15-1716 in Marlboro
mass. m 1-2-1736-6 Leicester Mass. son of
John Newton + Hannah Morse m Mary Wetherill
or Mary Gibbs b- 9-17-1715 d. 1783 age 68 dau
of Jonathan Witt m. Feb. 8, 1713 Lydia Mathew of
Marlboro mass

Children

⁵ Mary b- 11-9-1737 bapt Rutland Mass 1738 m Samuel
Belknap in 1754

James b- 3-18-1740 d. 1753

Oliver b- 4-2-1743 m Rebecca ? in 1771 m
2nd Elizabeth March.

Sarah b- 11-29-1745

asa b- 4-13-1748 by 2nd wife Sybel

Jonas bapt 6-1-1740

This is all I have on these -

Now I would like to know - The parents of Reuben
Adams. He m. Polly Fitts. She died He then m.

Sophia Fitts cousin to his 1st wife. He m 1813
to 2nd wife. He died 1838,

1 Ezekiel Newton b about 1643. did he die or did
he m. who?

1 Who did Moses Newton b- 5-26-1646 m Joanna Leake
1st + Sarah Joslin 2nd. dau of Nathaniel Joslin
+ Sarah King
3 children

children
Ezekiel b-1719

Isaac b

Margaret b-1705

Tabitha b-1711

Thankful b-1709

who did these m
from the N.E. genealogist

I hope I have helped you. But don't
know as I have.

Sincerely

Mrs. L. B. Calkins

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Newton Gen.

4
 Sarah Bolknapp & Isaac Newton. (15, 4, 1.)
 B. 23 Dec. 1691, B. 12 Mar. 1686, Marlborough, Mass. 1686/7,
 D. 1790, ? D. 11 Feb. 1754, Southborough, Mass.
 M. 20 Mar. 1715/6, son of Daniel Newton of Marlborough,
 b. Haverhill, & B. 21 Dec. 1655, D. 20 Nov. 1739,
 d. Southboro, Mass. Susanna Morse,
 res. Southboro, "
 Danl. was sn. of Richard bn. England, d. 24 Aug. 1701, ae. about
 100 so that both sides of fam. were long-lived.
 res. in part of Marlboro; set off to S. Fare, 6 chn. rec. Marlboro
 3 4 in S. Fare may all have been born in the house.
 He partner in Land Bank 1740.
 Will 12 Jun.; 751 of S. Fare husbandman, wife Sarah, chn. Hezekiah
 eldest son, Seth, Isaac, Simeon, 4th son, Keziah, 5th son, Mary, Grace,
 Martha, Gibbs, son Seth extr. Prob. 1754, No. 48215.

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Children: (NEWTON)

Keziah,	mar. 23 Jul. 1738, B. 23 Feb. 1716/7,	Jabez Snow, D. 7 Jul. 1771, Southboro,
Hezekiah,	mar. 9 Sep. 1742, B. 28 Jul. 1719,	Daniel Brigham, D. 14 Feb. 1788, Paxton,
Lary,	mar. 1 May 1730, B. 17 Aug. 1730,	D. 17 Jan. 1781/2, Sarah Collins, S.
Isaac,	mar. 29 May 1723, mar. 29 May 1750,	D. 17 Aug. 1787, C. P. Samuel Phelps, ? Jas. Gibbs, N. Gen.
Martha,	B. 26 Jul. 1726, B. 20 Aug. 1729,	D. 17 Aug. 1787, C. P. D. young prob.
Margaret,	B. 20 Aug. 1729, m. 19 Feb. 1744/5,	Joseph Graves, D. 23 Feb. 1758, Southboro,
Mary,	B. 8 Jun. 1731, mar.	Patience Bent, wid. Harvey, D. 12 Feb. 1807, C. P.
Seth,	B. 10 Sep. 1732, mar. 25 Mar. 1738,	Bridget Bruce, ? Jeremiah Marsh, N. Gen. D. 24 Feb. 1801,
Simeon,	B. 25 Mar. 1735,	

for Joseph Benton
 Mrs. Collins

Deaths

Mary Newton m Samuel Beermap June 19, 1754

(J N's parents)

her p.3 top

p.3 - brother Asa b 4-13-1748

Isaac Newton m Sarah Beermap
b. 1686 1716-1754

Keziah Newton m Jabez Snow 1738
b. 1716-17 d of Isaac + Sarah (above)

d. Esther b 1746 m Joseph Beermap

Others I have

Joh Beermap m Phebe Newton

Mrs. L. B. Calkins
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HOME ADDRESS
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Aug. 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Calkins:

This letter, of course, is an imposition; but I'm sure you know that anyone engaged in genealogical research must be shameless in asking for aid wherever he thinks he might get it.

Fern Martin, of Ferris, California, tells me that you have confirmation of the marriage of Isaac Newton and Cynthia Bellmap -- and that you're busy on research on the Newton line.

Most of the Bellmap-Newton connections seem to be pretty well documented -- though some of the records in my possession appear to be based on a Newton genealogy published at least fifty years ago, which may have been corrected since then. . . But there are three questions on which I hope you'll take time to help me. .

(1) All information you can give me about Isaac Newton and Cynthia Bellmap. I have nothing about them except the place and approximate date of Cynthia's birth in Ontario County, N. Y., an unsupported statement of their marriage, and a questionable statement that Isaac became the ~~ADMINISTRATOR~~ of Cynthia's father, Jonas Newton Bellmap, in 1824, Hart Co., Kentucky. ^{administrator of the estate}

(2) Any information you can give me about a possible remarriage of Jonas Newton ^{III} Bellmap's mother, Mary Newton. The church records of Belchertown, Mass., merely say that after the death of her husband Samuel Bellmap she "removed from Belchertown." But there are hints elsewhere that she may have remarried.

(3) Any information you can give me about R. Asa ^{Newton} ~~BELCHERTOWN~~ and Tamar Vinton. The Vinton genealogy (Vinton Memorial) page 62, says Tamar married Asa 25 January 1789 and married (2) Jonas Bellmap (no date shown). Some genealogists have identified this Jonas as Jonas Newton Bellmap -- which is clearly impossible; but I have not yet found who he was. Anything you can tell me will help -- even if only the date and place of Asa's death.

I'll be most grateful for any aid you can find time to give me. If you have any need for anything in my 8000 or 9000 sheets of Bellmap records, please just ask for it.

Sincerely,

Carroll York Bellmap:

Carroll York Bellmap

Perris, Calif
July 17, 1968

Dear Mr Belknap

a few weeks ago I contacted a Mrs L. B. Calkins, Maple Ave.
Rutland, Mass. 01543

She is a Newton.

I was told Cynthia Belknap m Isaac Newton.

Mrs Calkins wrote me she had.

Isaac Newton b 3-12-1682 in Marblehead Mass. who
married Sarah Belknap 3-20-1716

She said Sarah b 12-23-1691.

She was daughter of Ebenezer & Hannah Ayer Belknap.
I ask her to get in touch with you but I doubt she
will. She is very busy with Newton line.

Thought I had better tell you before I forget.

Will do all I can.

Mrs Fern Martin

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