

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
January 16, 1972

Greetings for the New Year -

I thought you might like to have the large inclosure for your files - and made an extra copy in case any one else of your relatives wanted one. I'm sorry your Jessie apparently deserted, - but I checked back into your earlier material and, if he was the Hunts Hollow Jessie, as I'm sure he was, he apparently got married in February, enlisted in April, and deserted to see his bride once more in October. Can't really blame him, can you?

It's interesting to notice Benjamin also - his tombstone reading is somewhere in the mass of material sent to you quite early - and also the number of Briggs men, and a Wright, too.

I found it quite accidentally. I've been helping a Dr. Kelly of Buffalo University with his research, and also a Mr. Fulton of Buffalo. The latter's family involves a Jacob and Lydia Lybolt, from Orange County. I suddenly found their graves in the old Dobbin Cemetery, just across the line in Seneca County. Our Historical Society has three boxes of Col. Dobbins' military papers and I was checking through them to see if I could find any relationship between Dobbin and Lybolt that would explain the burial, when I suddenly found these papers.

Shifting over to Seneca County I was reviewing the history of the Town of Junius and found the statement that Lot No. 54 was first settled in 1795. "Lot No. 41, lying on south side of Lot #29 was early settled by . . . , Mr. Belknap, . . ." He was the only one with no first name!!! But that particular township is right next to the township in Ontario County where our old friend Jeduthan bought land!

The index of deeds in Seneca County gave me the same deed as I found in Auburn - Lot #91, Town of Romulus, County of Onondaga - original bounty rights of John Cosgrove, etc. This reminded me that Onondaga County originally included the present Seneca County and that that Romulus was the same as the present one - across the lake from me, apparently Lot #91 includes what is now a vanishing settlement of Hayts Corners. I doubt if Ebenezer who bought it ever came up and lived there. Some warm, sunny day I'll drive over just for fun - also over to Cato where Ebenezer also bought - or at least sold property.

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The index of military tracts and their sales is difficult to decipher. For instance, Lot #91, Romulus has the following references:

Q-500.50 O Lot O Lot 100

C - 50 C 100 C 20

D 282.416 F 128 G 46.368

A 132 D-80 E 343.

But the volumes with those letters do not always agree!

The other inclosure may be of little use to you. I was perusing the Orange County history looking for Lybolts - found that Dol. Dobbin came from there - and also any number of Belknap references, many not indexed. As I was noting the other names, decided to do the Belknaps. You know where to file it if the information is already in your files.

I do hope you and Peg got through the Christmas season without entertaining the flu. Our minister was unable to attend the two main Christmas services, and soloists called in ill also. I managed to get through with only a bad cough. Perhaps you got away on a trip to the warm climes in time.

I have finally finished my research on the houses of distinction in Geneva and, except for unexpected findings, have only the Kelly material to conclude. So should have a little more leisure to revert to my major research, Miss Mary A. Lathbury. However, as I wrote to Mr. Fulton, once a name has come up for research both the city historian and I have our eagle eyes trained on every new list of names that comes along, from whatever source.

Sincerely,

Gandy



The United Methodist Church

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F. Ray Hazlett, Minister

May 16, 1972

Miss Gladys E. Gray
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Geneva, New York

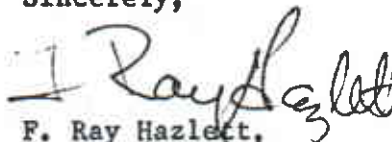
Dear Miss Gray,

I am sorry to inform you that one of those tragedies for historians took place in Rochester when all the records of the Historical Society of the Conference were destroyed by fire at First Methodist Episcopal Church. Any local church records which would have been in our possession at that time were burned.

To my knowledge we have no local church records from that church so cannot be of any help to you in your inquiry into the J. Belknap mentioned in the founding of the North Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Rochester.

I will keep your letter on file and should some clue or area that may merit research turn up, I will let you know.

Sincerely,



F. Ray Hazlett,
Chairman, Archives and History Commission
Western New York Conference

FRH/m

Wednesday - the 7th

Greetings,

It was good to get your two interesting notes and to know that you were still hard at work. By any chance have you finally arrived to where you "can see the light at the end of the tunnel", to use a current phrase?

I presume you have long since finished with the Ontario County section, but I thought the inclosure would interest you. I was skimming the genealogy for something else when it caught my eye. For a minute I thought I had found Diantha!

I am concentrating on the Gray family - have never been able to get beyond my great grandfather. Recently, thru the help of a town historian who quoted from the record of Benjamin Battey of Rhode Island, I discovered that my great grandfather had married a second time. I have talked with his step-granddaughter in whose home he died at 93 years of age in 1913. Alas, his death record lists parents as "unknown"! She also told me that my father was the only Gray relative that came to the funeral! I now recall my parents discussing it and deciding that Dad should go, "regardless"! Dad's sister lived only ten miles away, and Dad's father was still alive, but neither went to the funeral. I have written to two elderly cousins to see if they recall the reason for such unnatural behavior. The second wife was a fine-looking woman (I have pictures), but had divorced her first husband in 1864! Could that event have carried over so long. I would have been 11 in 1913, but I never was taken to see my great-grandfather and have no remembrance of him, although we were frequently in Auburn, ten miles away. Am trying to verify marriage now - according to Battey genealogy, it occurred in 1889. The wife died in 1911.

Well, it's fun, isn't it? Hope you're having a successful winter.

Sincerely,

Inc.

PS. The City historian copied the 13 Kings list into the Membership Roll of the Ancient & Honorable Art. Soc. of the City - 1725. C.A.K. Magazine for Nov. 1971, p. 877. Please - you see the magazine right along here.

A MINOR ITEM WHICH SURPRISED ME

(From HYDE GENEALOGY, Walworth, 1864)

CYPRIAN COLLINS - Goshen, Conn. 6 Nov. 1770 -
m. 7 May 1793, Huldah Norton, b. 24 Jan. 1774
dau. of Aaron Norton & Martha Foote who,
in 1796 removed to West Bloomfield, N. Y.
They had 12 children.

Cyprian and his wife settled at East Bloomfield
where he died 3 Sept. 1843, and she d.
17 Dec ., 1843.

Oldest child - George Washington Collins
b. 8 Feb. 1797, at East Bloomfield.

He married 11 Dec. 1820, **CYNTHIA NEWTON**,
daughter of Isaac Newton, of East Bloomfield.
They had seven children. He was living at
Farmington, Mich., in 1859.

1. Huldah - 1821
2. Mary - 1822
3. John W. - 1824
4. Elizabeth - 1826
5. Thirza, 1828
6. George J. - 1831 - d. 1833
7. Constantine - 1834.

Tuesday - the 23rd

Greetings -

Wrong again - and another postscript.

This afternoon I was at the college library trying to find the history of Otsego County. It was not available, but I took down another volume out of curiosity - HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF STATE OF NEW YORK - John Barber & Henry Howe, 1844. This had a section for each county and town.

I looked up Otsego County - taken from Montgomery County in 1791.

I looked up Cherry Valley - taken from Canajoharie in 1791 - incorporated 1812. (p. 440). The town of Canajoharie was organized in 1788 from Montgomery. Cherry Valley is 13 miles south from the canal at Canajoharie.

So there you are.

As ever - on the lookout

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gladys", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

May 21, 1972

Dear Geographically-named cousin,

Thank you for your letter of April 10th, with the information about the Abel Belknaps. The excerpt from Jeremy's diary is delightful.

Here are some small items of information:

1. Letter from Western New York Conference archivist is self-explanatory, and closes the door on 'J. Belknap' for the present anyway.
2. 'Germaine Flats, N. Y.'. This is now only a township of Herkimer County - town clerk's address is Mohawk, New York - according to atlas. Rough map of townships in that section reproduced herewith.

I do not know of any publication concerning old place names in New York State.



3. I do not want the booklet on Chili church returned.
4. Concerning listing of Abels in census records. There is a small quarterly, "Yesteryears", published in the southern part of the state. I thumbed through copies at library and discovered they were listing little by little the Herkimer County 1800, 1810, 1820, Federal census. I traced back to the earlier ones and found:
Abel - 1800 - Litchfield Township - family of 9 (no breakdown)
Abel, Jr. - 1800 - Frankfort " - family of 3
Edward - 1810 - Litchfield " - family of 6
John - 1800 - German Flats " - family of 6
Is that any help?
5. Cherry Valley - does not seem likely to be in Cananoharie, - the present city is north-east of Cherry Valley. It might conceivably be that it was once part of Schoharie County whose western line appears to be only five miles east of the Valley.

I do not have the dates for the erection of the first fourteen counties - but Ontario came into existence in 1789, taken from Montgomery which covered most of the central and western state. Herkimer must have been earlier, for Onondaga was taken from Herkimer in 1794, Chenango in 1798 and Oneida in the same year. The township might have been quite a bit larger in the early days, but I've never done any research on that part of the state. I'll send an inquiry to Otsego Co. and ask, just for fun, if I can't find a history nearer home.

6. Our city historian, ever alert for items concerning the names on my list, says the DAR Magazine for April, 1972, p. 509, lists a Mrs. Raymond C. Whitney, of New Bedford, Mass., as descendant of Ezekiel Belknap of New Hampshire.
7. Unimportant, but showing family preferences again, I discovered Stiles still married Ellsworths: Joseph -(William, Silas, Capt. Jonathan, Isaac, John) married a Lucinda Ellsworth. He was born in Cayuga Co., 8 Sept. 1805.
8. Utterly unimportant -Hobart College here is celebrating its 150th anniversary, and Warren Hunting Smith just wrote a new history. In reading the section on the medical college (which became Syracuse Med.) he listed an alumna (?) whose name connected in my mind with your family. I found the reference in your early material and found the name was mentioned as being retracted. The name here is Perlia Hicks Burnap.

Every time I send on these small items, I wonder if I am just wasting your time. I never know what you already have in your files - which must be multitudinous by now. So I automatically make note of any item including the pertinent names.

I'm still trying to help Mrs. Keaney - and my curiosity - in finding the parentage of the Garlinghouse boys. I even took my courage in hand and wrote to the Mr. Garlinghouse whose name appeared in the clipping you sent. Borrowed a history of Hardistonville, N. J. from NEGHS, but found no Garlinghouse names. Ah, well - always something for odd moments of 'nothing to do'.

As ever,

Gladys

Gladys Gray

May 22, 1972

Greetings,

As Mr. Douglass indicates, I might as well have waited to send my letter to you yesterday, but I did not know these were coming.

They are self-explanatory, and I do not know whether they add anything to your information about this branch or not. I hope so.

Incidentally, Mr. Douglass is something of a dear, I think, to pick up my letter of way last fall as soon as he got back from Florida. He wrote me from Florida that he could do nothing about my request at that time.

Hastily,

Gladys

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HARRY S. DOUGLASS
County Historian
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May 20, 1972

Dear Mrs. Gray,

On the 18th when I wrote you concerning the data on Porter Belknap as found in the 1840 census, I forgot to include some data which I took from the Vermont Magazine of History, and was from a section on the Town of Randolph. Following is the summary of what I copied many years ago.

Porter Belknap, who settled on Lot 35, R. 3, Arcade, was probably from Randolph, Vermont, the son of Simeon Belknap Jr. Simeon came to Vermont in 1780, but was born in Ellington, Conn., on April 6, 1758, the son of Simeon and Elizabeth Porter. Simeon Jr. married twice, first to Mary Gibbs by whom he had ten children, and then to Mrs. Marion Edson, by whom he had six. He died Jan. 11, 1841.

Please understand that I can not verify the above from Vermont but it is information among notes which I took probably in the New York State Library quite a number of years ago. I was then researching Vermont sources since several of Arcade's pioneers came from that state.

If you do have further information on Porter Belknap, or does Mr. Carroll Belknap, I would appreciate adding it to my file. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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May 18, 1972

Mrs. Gladys E. Gray
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Dear Mrs. Gray:

Having arrived home last Saturday this has been my first opportunity to check the 1840 Arcade census for you. Of course until 1866, the Town was called China.

I find the following on page 64 of the microfilm of the Wyoming County Census.

Porter Belknap	1 male	10 under	15	
	1 male	70	W	80
	1 female	20	"	30
	1 female	30	"	40
	1 female	60	"	70

It states that Mr. Belknap was engaged in agriculture, and that two members of the household had been in the common schools that year.

I hope that you were able to obtain a Wyoming County map from the Superintendent of Highways as I suggested in my letter of last November. Please pardon the long delay.

Sincerely yours,

Harry S. Douglass
Harry S. Douglass
County Historian

Gladys file

SOME FINDINGS REGARDING THE BELKNAP-GARLINGHOUSE FAMILIES

A. CENSUS RECORDS FOR ONTARIO COUNTY:

Page	Name	Males					Females				
		Under 10	10 15	16 25	26 44	45 +	Under 10	10 15	16 25	26 44	45 +
1800 CENSUS											
34	BELKNAP, John (Honeoye)	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0
14	, Jonas Charleston (Honeoye)	2	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
39	, Jonas (Honeoye)	3	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	0
14	, Jonathan Charleston	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
1810 CENSUS											
60	BELKNAP, Elijah (Honeoye)	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
60	, Elisha "	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
39	, Jonas (Bristol)	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
62	<i>Sarah</i> , Sally (Honeoye)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
61	, Seth (Honeoye)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
61	GARLINGHOUSE, James, Sr. "	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0
60	, James, Jr. "	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
60	, Jane "	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	1
61	, Jane "	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
59	, Jos. "	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0

INDEX OF DEATHS FROM "WESTERN REPOSITORY AND GENESEE ADVERTISER"

- Jan. 12, 1813 - Benjamin Garlinghouse - Honeoye
 July 4, 1815 - Mrs. Jonas Belknap (Rachel) - age 59 - Gorham
 Nov. 5, 1857 - Joanna Garlinghouse - age 67 - Auburn
 April 26, 1861 - Mrs. Joseph Garlinghouse (Submit) - Auburn.

INDEX OF CEMETERIES (incomplete)

- Benjamin Garlinghouse - 1761-1850 - served 6 years, War of Revolution
 Mrs. Jonas Belknap
 Samantha Belknap
 Joanna Garlinghouse
 Joseph Garlinghouse
 Mrs. Joseph Garlinghouse
 Leman Garlinghouse

INDEX OF MARRIAGES - (incomplete)

- Althea Belknap to George Rogers
 Mary Belknap to David Trembly
 Nelson Garlinghouse to Lorinda Short

INDEX OF WILLS (Surrogate's Office)

- Samuel Belknap - intestate - letters of administration April 19, 1810 to wife Sarah and friend Abijah Wright.

Samantha Belknap - 1880

Benjamin Garlinghouse - 1850

1855 CENSUS - TOWN OF RICHMOND, Ontario County (Honeoye)

Nelson Garlinghouse - age 41, farmer; wife, L...., age 31; daughter A...., age 13. Dan, age 0

Jan 27 1972

Dear Gladys:

As you collect Garlinghouses, I'm enclosing a copy of sheets recently reaching me by roundabout channels.

They don't help me to identify the Benjamin Garlinghouse listed on the muster roll of Capt Hills' company -- presumably much too young to be the Benjamin who fought in the Rev War.

My best guess: probably a son of John. (Sheets enclosed show a second son of John -- Joseph, at "B" on sheet 3 -- but do not name other son or sons.) But might be son of Benjamin shown at "A."

The Benjamin shown at "A" on first sheet probably had a first wife not shown -- Anne Morehouse probably a second wife, as listed "of Italy" where this Benjamin did not go till at least about 1800 according to History of Springwater. So maybe a young Benjamin aged around 29-35 in 1812 was son of the older Benjamin by first wife.

The Mrs Keeny who wrote those sheets is seeking proof that the Benjamin G from whom she is descended was a nephew of John and James. Birthdate she gives for Benjamin at "A" -- 1761, England -- makes him look like brother, not nephew. So he not be the may nephew Benjamin who went to southern part of the county with John, according to Watts.

Perhaps you have the solution in your notes on Garlinghouses -- and may wish ~~send it to Mrs Keeney~~ send it to Mrs Keeney -- or pass it along to me to send to her.

PS who was
Col Dobbin?

Dear Gladys:

Oct 19 1971

So much to thank you for -- and so delayed in doing it . . . I have been on the shelf for a while as the result of a minor accident . . . Now that I'm back at work, I hardly know where to start -- and my fingers, I find, are a bit erratic, as you are seeing. Oh well, I'll just take your letters in sequence.

Aug 28 -- Deed records, Chataqua County -- ~~XXX~~ Eli Belknap and descendants. Most helpful, as they clear up several points on identifications. . . There's no doubt, now, that this Eli and his brother Timothy at Cambria were descended from Joseph and Prudence Belknap of Holland, Mass. -- who were also the ancestors of the only multimillionaires in the family: the Louisville Belknaps. . . Result has been to make me remove from that branch some ~~XXXXX~~ 100 or more persons long believed to ~~XXXXX~~ belong in it: the Belknaps in early Rennselaer Co, circa 1810-20. . . I haven't yet identified Ephraim, in your record of deeds and in surrogate's records.

Sept 22 -- Lots of interesting things in the enclosures. Additional information on people in my files. Helpful. Some of the Belknaps in Cayuga Co. records were members of the Newburgh tribe (biggest single concentration of Belknaps; 84 there in 1790). Jesse Belnap, bottom of page 1, was ancestor of ~~XXX~~ the many hundreds of Mormon Belknaps who spell it without the "k" -- believed by them, ~~XXXX~~ and so shown in official church records, as a first cousin of my Jonas -- but most probably illegitimate, which the Mormon cousins won't acknowledge -- actually no proven record of his parentage. ~~XXXXX~~ . . . Jonathan, brother of Jonas. . . Rosetta Dow (your second sheet), marriage to Wilford Belknap, extends by one generation the record of descendants of Harley Belknap, brother of my grandfather Corrington B. Harley, a carpenter and then a building contractor, prospered well enough to send two sons to study at Bellevue Hospital, NYC, where one of them met and married Wilda Ketchum of New Jersey -- a family of doctors and druggists. After Wilda's husband died, one of his cousins (Edward, son of Ransom Belknap) moved to Prineville in order to marry her in her old age.

Names in index to 1800 Census, NY State . . . Most are known to me, but not all. Of particular interest is Stephen, Saratoga Co. He and his brother Pilgrim appear in that county about that time -- no trace of their parentage yet found. There's a tribe of Pilgrim's descendants in and around Skaneateles; still more in the Middle West. Pilgrim served briefly in War of 1812, enlisting in Genesee County. This is the only documented fact about him, except record showing home in Conquest.

It occurred to me that it might be worth while to check Census 1810, Genesee County, to see what other Belknap names I might find -- possibly related to Pilgrim. So -- this was the question I asked you -- from your wide experience, can you suggest a way for me to get names of Belknaps in Genesee County in that Census? (I'm trying to avoid having to go to NYC and spend hours peering at microfilms; so I hope there's an easier way.) So, a query: Does every NY county have a county historian, to whom I might write?

***** Here I was called away. Now it's Friday Oct 29 -- and I'm finally back at my typewriter. . . . Meanwhile, another letter from you, dated 19th, with a question I can answer. Mildred B Belknap, Lincoln Neb, is wife of E Clinton Belknap, g g grandson of Elijah, son of Jonas and brother of my g g grandfather Jesse -- next to you, my most helpful correspondent. Address: 2019 Harwood, Lincoln Neb 68502. The "B" is for her maiden name Breniman. She is the person who met, in hospital, the Garlinghouse doctor who supplied the chart of descendants of James Garlinghouse which I sent to you some time ago.

Enclosures in letter 10/19: Sure to be helpful, like everything you send to me, but

now due to be filed for future reference -- in the much-muddled file of your letters. I've consulted them so often that they have long since lost any semblance of chronological sequence -- and I'll be sure to do it again and again, for that file often contains an answer to some new question I bump into -- and, alas, when that happens I don't always pause to say "Thank you" again, as I should.

In my file of about 4500 entries, there are scores of unidentified persons whom I pursue as best I can -- and there are still some past misidentifications that I keep trying to correct. . . Some day, I just must stop collecting additional material and begin setting down on paper what I've been able to assemble, no matter how incomplete I know it to be.

The Elijah Parker, Richmond, census 1820, was surely Esther's younger brother Lijah. I don't know what became of him after that. Did I ever tell you the rhyme about those Parker children, as handed down for more than a century? As I recall it, without digging for it in my scrambled files, it went like this:

Tabby, Roxy, ^{Lijah}..... and ~~HEMMY~~ Abby. (I've forgotten one name)
Easter, Lijah, Stiles and Nabby.

Yes, her name was pronounced "Easter" -- or that was the family nickname.

Much of interest in record of Cayuga Co land transactions . I know most of those people. Jomathan, with wife Sabra, was brother of my Jonas.

Your letter Aug^y 28 -- most helpful, as expanding my records and confirming relationships.

Your letter Sept 27 -- same comment -- especially your noting that Eli and Timothy bought land from the same company.

This is poor acknowledgement of all your priceless aid. Forgive me for not trying to go through all of it item by item, right now. I'm grateful -- and will be again and again, as I come back to these records for answers to questions that come up from time to time.

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GLADYS GRAY from CYB

(Copy to Mrs James Belknap)

Nov 5 1971

Your note on Porter Belknap is interesting, for it challenges a portion of the record in my files. So I'm passing it along to one of his descendants.

I think this must be the Porter Belknap, son of Simeon Belknap and Elizabeth Porter, who was a cousin of my g g grandfather Jonas. Born and married in Ellington, Conn. According to my records, moved to Randolph Vt about 1796, stayed there till at least May 1811, then moved to Arcade, in Wyoming Co., NY in 1811, died ~~there~~ in 1843.

Your excerpt from Turner's book places him in "Town of China" in 1808. The identification hinges on definition of "Town of China" -- which I'm assuming was the name of the area in which the ~~settlement of~~ settlement of Arcade was located (like "Town of Arcadia" in which the only settlement is Newark). Am I right?

If Turner's date is correct, his children Philander W and Giles Nelson could not have been born in Randolph Vt as the records in my file indicate.

NOTE TO MRS JAMES BELKNAP: Have you checked VR for Randolph Vt? Or should I send for them?

Election day - 9 a.m.

Dear Carroll,

Just a hasty note to give you another Belknap who may or may not be of value?

How about one Porter Belknap? There's a new first name, as far as I'm concerned.

I was glad to get your letter and know that my inquiries were still productive for you. I pondered the request about all the Belknaps in Genesee County in the 1810 census, and then decided - what the heck! Batavia is not far away - why not telephone. So I was connected with the County History Department at the Holland Purchase Office. A very nice lady - by her voice - was so sorry but there were no indices for the 1810 census at present. They would eventually have it on film, but not yet. However they had lots of indices (see how proper I am!) and she would be glad to check for any Belknaps, not only Pilgrim, and let me know. So I await her answer.

In the meantime I went to the college library here and looked up Turner's HISTORY OF THE HOLLAND PURCHASE OF WESTERN NEW YORK - Buffalo, 1849 - Jewett, Thomas & Co., and George H. Derby & Co. I was familiar with Turner's PHELPS AND GORHAM PURCHASE, but not with this one which covered the rest of New York State, west of Genesee River. No very full index so I started browsing, and found:

p. 526 - "The List embraces the names, generally the first six (but sometimes more and sometimes less) of the persons who took contracts, and in most instances, became pioneer settlers, in all the townships in Holland Purchase.

Township 7, Range 3 - 1808 - PORTER BELKNAP.

A later map indicated that this would have been the Town of China, in what is now Wyoming County. Wyoming County was not erected from Genesee until 1841. A new area of inquiry. So the lady may make some finds for us.

First name, Porter, might be mother's maiden name? A famous General Porter very active in War of 1812, in this area.

Maybe you know all about Porter, but thought I would ship this small item on while waiting for Batavia.

Must now go and vote.

Gladys
(over)

HvB 294
interest on
card

Tuesday - the 19th

Dear Carroll,

Today was such a gorgeous autumn day that I collected an historian friend and managed to get back to the County Historian's office in Geneseo. I'm not sure that the inclosures will be of much help.

I rechecked the 1820 Census for Ontario County, and the Livingston one for 1830. By 1830 Livingston was no longer part of Ontario and so did not have an 1830 Ontario County census. I copied out the entries which might be helpful, but probably I've sent them on to you before. I intentionally rechecked the two Asa Newtons.

You will notice that I did find the name of Asa's wife.

Apparently from the newspaper article all the Newtons were of one family group, so that is why I included that about Dudley Newton. Isaac was an outstanding business man of his time and had a son named 'Aurora'!

I hope you all have been enjoying this weather - much too fine for the moment to spend much of the time indoors.

Sincerely,

Lucy.

Lucy
(Breniman)

P.S. Do you know a Mildred B. Bolkeup?
She was author of an article in the thirteenth
"Forecrest" & listed as church librarian at
St. Paul United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Neb.

SOMETHING ON THE NEWTONS IN LIVONIA

I. From index of cemetery records:

- A - Dudley Newton - 1780-7 July 1862 - age 82 yrs.
Hannah Newton - 1787 - 11 June 1862 - age 75 yrs.
- B - Martha Newton - wife of Asa Newton - died 12 Jan., 1817, age 59
- C - Sarah Newton - wife of Reuben Newton - died 18 Dec. 1835, age 35
- D - Isaac Newton - died 11 Nov. 1859 - age 43
- E - Isaac Newton - died 10 February-1890? (The record showed it only as 2-10-90) - age 87

II. From other records:

- A - Dudley Newton came from Colchester, Conn., settling first in Avon in 1800. Purchased land in 1824
 - 1. Married Sally Whitelaw in 1798 - she died in 1809.
 - 2. Married Hannah Dietz in 1811.

III. From Livingston Register, June 5, 1838, page 3:

IN CHANCERY - in the matter of Reuben Newton, compt.
vs.

Isaac Newton, Reuben Lambert Newton, and
Sarah Newton, defendants

In pursuance of a decretal order, made in this case, by the Vice Chancellor of the Eighth Circuit, bearing date the 28th day of April, 1838, I, the subscriber, one of the masters of this court, residing in the County of Livingston, will sell at public auction on the 18th day of July next, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the public house now kept by Walter Masten, in the town of Livonia in the said county, all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in Livonia aforesaid, beginning at the northeast corner of Asa Newton's land, thence westerly on the town line 33 rods to a stake, thence southerly parallel with the ($\frac{1}{2}$) 32 rods, thence southerly 70' west 27 rods - thence easterly parallel with the north line 54 rods to the east line - thence northerly on the east line 57 rods to place of beginning - containing 15 acres of land.

W. H. Smith

May 31, 1838

G. E. Gray - 10/19/71.

FEDERAL CENSUS - 1820

Township RICHMOND

Ontario County

Head of Household	MALES							FEMALES				
	under 10	10-16	16-18	incl. heads of families				under 10	10-16	incl. heads of families		
				16-26	26-45	45 & over				16-26	26-45	45 & over
ELIJAH PARKER					1			2			1	
DARIUS FINCH					1	1		1		2		1

FEDERAL CENSUS - 1820

Township GORHAM

Ontario County

Head of Household	MALES							FEMALES				
	under 10	10-16	16-18	incl. heads of families				under 10	10-16	incl. heads of families		
				16-26	26-45	45 & over				16-26	26-45	45 & over
EZRA NEWTON	2	1			1			3	1		1	
ARTEMAS LINCOLN	2				1			1	2		2	
CURTIS CHATFIELD		1			1					1		

FEDERAL CENSUS - 1830

Township LIVONIA

Livingston County

	MALES												
Head of Household	under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	100 & over
Reuben NEWTON			1			1							
FEMALES													
					1			1					

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FEDERAL CENSUS - 1820

Township LIVONIA

Ontario County

Head of household	MALES						FEMALES				
	under 10	10-16	16-18	incl. heads of families			under 10	10-16	incl. heads of families		
				16-26	26-45	45 & over			16-26	26-45	45 & over
ASA NEWTON					1	1		1	1		1
ASA NEWTON, JR.	3				1		2			1	

Note: I tried to see if the names of the families on either side of the Newtons in the census had any meaning for us. I couldn't see that they had. On one side was Beecher, Lemmon, Wetherell and on the other Young, Roan, Moe, and another Young.

24-25			26-27			28-29			30-31		
AGE	SEX	NAME	AGE	SEX	NAME	AGE	SEX	NAME	AGE	SEX	NAME
10	M	John	10	M	John	10	M	John	10	M	John
11	F	Mary	11	F	Mary	11	F	Mary	11	F	Mary
12	M	William	12	M	William	12	M	William	12	M	William
13	F	Elizabeth	13	F	Elizabeth	13	F	Elizabeth	13	F	Elizabeth
14	M	James	14	M	James	14	M	James	14	M	James
15	F	Ann	15	F	Ann	15	F	Ann	15	F	Ann
16	M	Robert	16	M	Robert	16	M	Robert	16	M	Robert
17	F	Rebecca	17	F	Rebecca	17	F	Rebecca	17	F	Rebecca
18	M	David	18	M	David	18	M	David	18	M	David
19	F	Sarah	19	F	Sarah	19	F	Sarah	19	F	Sarah
20	M	Thomas	20	M	Thomas	20	M	Thomas	20	M	Thomas
21	F	Jessie	21	F	Jessie	21	F	Jessie	21	F	Jessie
22	M	Charles	22	M	Charles	22	M	Charles	22	M	Charles
23	F	Lucy	23	F	Lucy	23	F	Lucy	23	F	Lucy
24	M	Henry	24	M	Henry	24	M	Henry	24	M	Henry
25	F	Martha	25	F	Martha	25	F	Martha	25	F	Martha
26	M	George	26	M	George	26	M	George	26	M	George
27	F	Fanny	27	F	Fanny	27	F	Fanny	27	F	Fanny
28	M	Edward	28	M	Edward	28	M	Edward	28	M	Edward
29	F	Margaret	29	F	Margaret	29	F	Margaret	29	F	Margaret
30	M	Frederick	30	M	Frederick	30	M	Frederick	30	M	Frederick
31	F	Isabella	31	F	Isabella	31	F	Isabella	31	F	Isabella

FEDERAL CENSUS - 1820

Township RICHMOND

Ontario County

Head of Household	MALES							FEMALES				
	under 10	10-16	16-18	incl. heads of families				under 10	10-16	incl. heads of families		
				16-26	26-45	45 & over				16-26	26-45	45 & over
DAVID DRAPER		2				1		2			1	
DANIEL DRAPER (Naples)2					1			2	2		1	
STEPHEN CHATFIELD			1	1						1		

From AN OUTLINE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY, 1846047 - Samuel Eager
Newburgh - S. T. Callahan

Re: BELKNAP FAMILY

page 70 - Farmers' Association - ~~xxx~~ James Belknap, Newburgh

page 94 - ~~xxxxxx~~ Jonathan Belknap, in June, 1787, freed his black man,
Peter.

- 1790 Town Meeting - Following rules handed in by Abel Belknap,
wishing them adopted.

page 95 - John Belknap, Security

John Belknap, assessor

Cap. Isaac Belknap - Com. of Roads

David Belknap - Pound-masters

Abel Belknap - on committee to settle with O. Poor

ABel Belknap - pathmaster

Persons Assessed: William Belknap

page 96 -

Jno. Belknap

Jonathan Belknap

David Belknap

Jonathan Belknap, Jr.

Isaac Belknap, Sen.

Isaac Belknap, Jr.

page 98 - Signers in Newburgh, Orange County

Isaac Belknap

John Belknap

Abel Belknap

Joseph Belknap

Jonathan Belknap

page 99 - David Belknap

page 110 - The following are names of some early tenants of the glebe

Isaac Belknap

Abel Belknap

XXXXXXXX

- Page 112 - In 1804 Selah Reeve, John D. Lawson, and Isaac Belknap, Jr. were trustees and issued notice concerning rent due on Glebe
- page 151 - Gen. Isaac Belknap - anecdote told of him while a boy of 16
152 -
- page 161 - Isaac Belknap, father of Gen. Isaac Belknap, was born at Woburn, Mass., in 1733, and descended from one of three brothers who came from Lancashire, England, about the year 1625, and settled in Boston., etc., etc.
- page 164 - Hezekiah Belknap - son of David Belknap, at Coldenham (one of the old families of the town) - etc.
- page 186 - Newburgh Bible Society -
Isaac Belknap, 1st vice president
- page 189 - Newburgh Sabbath School Society -
Superintendents - . . . Mrs. Mary G. Belknap
- page 196 - The fields of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma were so gallantly fought by the American forces under Gen. Taylor that the citizens of Newburgh felt themselves constrained by a deep sense of patriotic duty to themselves, and justice to Col. Wm. G. Belknap, their townsman, who largely partook of the dangers of the fight . . .

Committee - James Belknap - to draw up resolutions
- page 197 - The resolution .
- page 198 - M. H. Belknap - on committee to raise funds (sword to the Col.)

Sword value \$350, inscriptions, etc.
- page 202 - New Mills - a small village on turnpike, one mile west of Newburgh, and so called from erection of a large flour mill at the place of the Messrs. Belknap.
- page 206 - Chamber's Creek - beginning at the pond or lake . . we find following manufacturing establishments thereon
1. David Belknap's Saw Mill
- page 211 - Associate Reformed Church of Newburgh - commenced 1798.
First Members - . . . Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Belknap, jun.
Mr. Samuel Belknap

Trustees, 1803 - Isaac Belknap, Jr.
Ruling Elders - Damuel Belknap
- page 223 - Revolutionary Houses -
4. The old Isaac Belknap house in Water street, nearly opposite to the George Gardner house.

10. The one near corner of Smith & First Streets . . now owned by Aaron Belknap, Esq.

page 224 - 1810, May 6 - Suicide of stranger in David Belknap's millpond.

page 620 - Town of New Windsor - The old public highway leading from Neelytown to New Windsor, ran centrally through the whole town, and along and in the vicinity of it, were the families of the Woods . . . Belknap . .

page 622 - Joseph Belknap, clerk of meeting of freeholders, 1763 -
. . . then adjourned to house of Joseph Belknap

page 645 - Judges of Orange Common Pleas
Isaac Belknap, Jr. - 1812

page 647 - Attorney's Names
1809 - Hezekiah Belknap
1810 - Aaron Belknap
1840 - Aaron B. Belknap

left out accidentally of today's envelope. 9-9.

From AN OUTLINE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY, 1846-47 - Samuel Eager

Re: FINCH

- page 425 - Town of Warwick - "The farm owned by Daniel Finch, and afterwards by Capt. John Jayne, situate on Long Ridge, was located before 1762.
- page 449 - Hamtonburgh & Chester -
In 1721, persons interested in this portion of the patent, to wit: . . . Isaac Finch . . . made a deed of trust, etc.
- page 489 - Services in French and Indian War - ???
- page 500 - Signedrs of the Pledge in Goshen, June 8, 1775
Jacob Finch - ~~Barth~~ John Finch - Samuel Finch -
Jabez Finch - Solomon Finch -
- page 645 - Judges of Orange Common Pleas
1809, James Finch, Jr.

GLADYS, GOOD FRIEND --

What magic do you use?

PLEASE TELL ME: -- By what incantations do you summon up out of nowhere the names and addresses of County Historians?

-- By what charmed words do you induce them to respond far above and beyond the mere call of duty?

If you'll share these secrets with me, I can try to get comparable results without having to ask you to do it for me.

I'm passing along to Velma (Mrs James Belknap) that very helpful letter on Porter Belknap and his son Giles. I think the County Historian may be wrong, however, on Giles -- a clergyman whose first child was born in Arcade in 1842, according to all records I have seen. . . . Have I told you that Porter was an uncle of my Jonas?

though As to the Belknap in the newspaper piece about "crimes and misdemeanors," that was Gen. William Worth Belknap, of the Newburgh family, Secretary of War under Grant. A guilty weakling, ~~KEMAKK~~ not convicted when impeached by the Senate. If you are interested in old scandals, there's an accurate short account of this one in an easily available book: Woodward's Meet General Grant, pp 423-426. Peg still recalls my indignation, years ago, when we saw his presumptuous monument in Arlington Cemetery -- erected by his relatives as part of their effort to whitewash him.

For contrast, I've just had the pleasure of passing along to a descendant of the first Morris Burke Belknap a copy of a letter of introduction written for him by Andrew Jackson. A remarkable man, this Morris, a shoemaker's grandson who became our first Belknap college professor -- and founder of our only multimillionaire family, in Louisville.

172/11

Wednesday - the 24th

Dear Carroll,

I'm always interested when research leads into the unfamiliar territory of a new county. So I wrote to the historian of the Town of China - no, of the whole Wyoming County - and inquired concerning friend Porter.

I am sending you the original of his reply.

I wrote him again and asked if he could furnish us with the 1840 census distribution, and a map of the Town of China. Of course, he may have only an index to the census.

You are right - the 'Town of China' is a township in which various settlements may be located.

Our city historian, always mindful of my interest in the Belknap name, was reading the July 6, 1877, issue of the Geneva Gazette. There was a diatribe against the local post master, in which it was stated that if things were different politically there would not be the "crimes and misdemeanors of a Belknap, McKee and Hessing, of Tweed . . . and other equally notorious members of corrupt and corrupting rings"!

I hope your turkey was scrumptiously brown and tender.

Sincerely,



Inc.

Mary J. Belknap in John Durkee (Entered)

Glady

March 6, 1972

Greetings and salutations,

Well, I am glad your corporal is definitely located and that the poor captain got what was coming to him. Rather too bad, though. . . I'm skimming Glenn Tucker's POLTROONS AND PATRIOTS. In his chapter on "Niagara Fiascoes" he explains:

"These frontier men were inured to hardship. They were not inured to waiting. As the days wore on, men talked around the campfires of harvests not gathered, crops not sowed, meal bins not filled, woodpiles used up and families without money. . . Life for most militiamen was lived against the hard edge of necessity. The prolonged absence of a husband or son meant hunger and cold in a primitive home. . . The average homesteader was quite willing to fight for his country for a limited term, but he had to go home to get in the harvest, grind the meal, salt down the pork, and make provisions for the winter. When it was not evident to the militia soldier that his services were needed in the immediate future for an important battle, he disappeared. (You would agree with comments on lack of leadership, and writhe over the ineptness - or maybe you've read this book.) . . . A captain arriving in Buffalo in late October, 1812, wrote: "At Lewiston we found everything in confusion and in a state of derangement. The militia had generally deserted, and those that remained were scattered about the country for several miles."

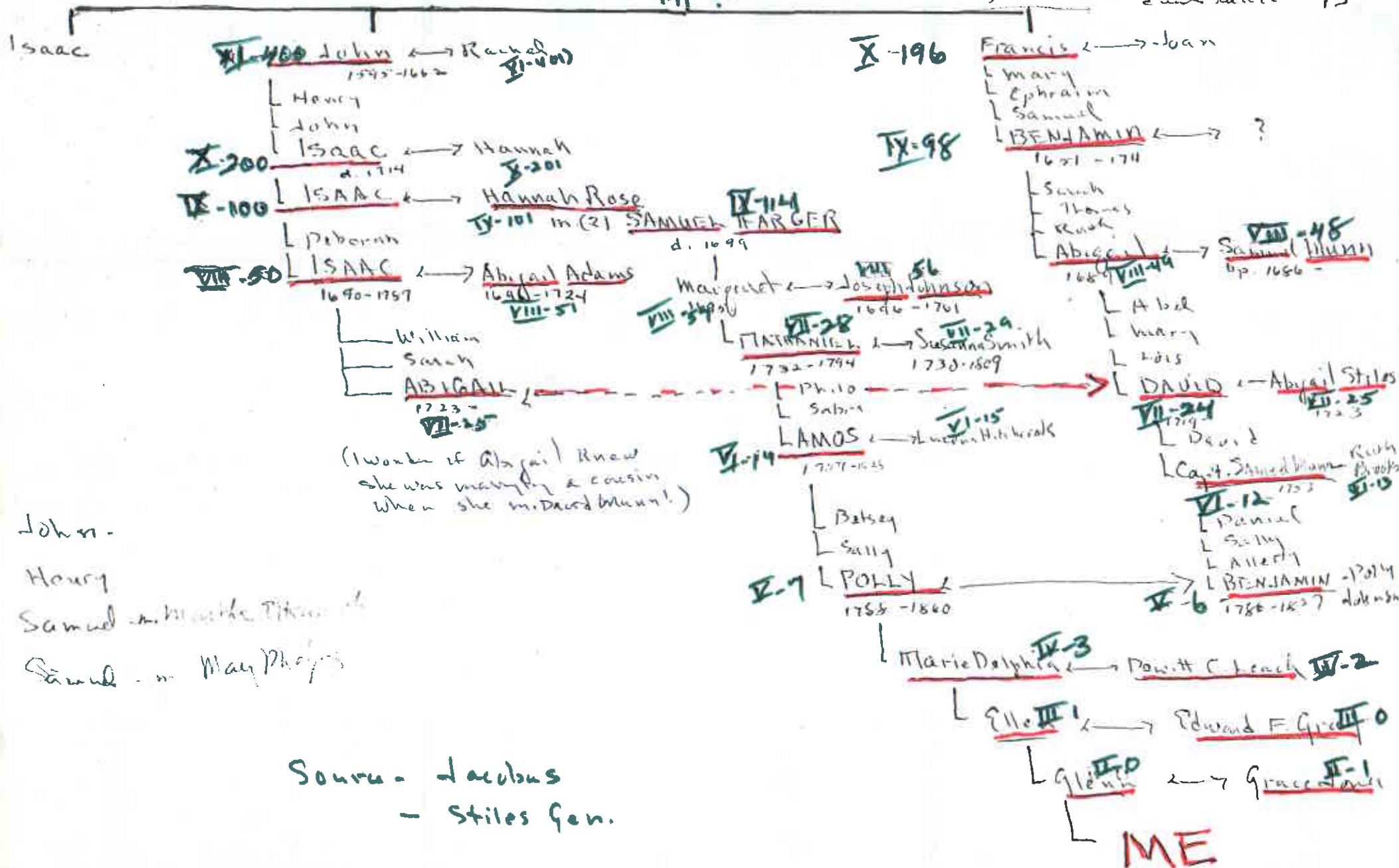
But enough of 1812 - although a most interesting book.

I note your attempt to figure probabilities of our getting together. My math is most limited - limited to collecting a number of odd items, probably of little value to you, which can be filed circularly.

1. WHITNEY GENEALOGY - page 207. I always read the index of every new genealogy for a certain list of names. Found this one lone Belknap, so sent it on. I was trying to find a Sarah Whitney who married Nathaniel Farrington and whose daughter, Hannah, married Samuel Beecher, one of the famous New Haven Beechers. Every family in the book seemed to have a Sarah, without information on her. In view of her marriage, decided she belonged to the family of Henry Whitney of Norwalk, Conn., who located there in 1665. Must now look for three volumes, WHITNEY FAMILY OF CONNECTICUT AND AFFILIATIONS - S. Whitney Phoenix

- Center St., Elgin; Lucia, m. Henry L. Woodworth; res. 440 Concord St., Aurora, Ill.; Charles D., res. 291 South 4th St., Aurora.
2557. vii. ALBERT GALATIN, b. July 27, 1817; m. in Northfield, Vt., May 19, 1844. Adaline Leonard, d. Aug. 19, 1859; m. 2d at Worcester, Vt., Oct. 24, 1866. Wealthy Connor, b. July 8, 1841; d. July 8, 1874. He res. s. p. on a farm in Bethel, Vt.
2558. viii. JAMES MONROE, b. Nov. 4, 1821; m. Eliza Cozzens.
2559. ix. ROSWELL, b. Oct. 1815; d. young.
1345. JOSIAH WHITNEY (Josiah, Josiah, Josiah, Jonathan, John), b. May 1, 1791; May 28, 1818. Almira Ellsworth, b. June 7, 1803; d. Jan. 14, 1884. Josiah Whitney was born in East Granville, Mass. He spent 13 months in the army during the 1812 war. Went to Ohio 1815 in which state he remained until his death. He d. Oct. 7, 1869; res. Rootstown, O.
2560. i. FLAVEL J., b. May, 31, 1819; m. June 7, 1847, Louisa Norton; res. Rootstown. He d. Feb. 8, 1882, at Buffalo Prairie, Ill.
2561. ii. LUCIUS E., b. Dec. 21, 1822; m. Dec. 31, 1848, Lucretia R. Eatin-ger; res. R. He d. Dec. 4, 1890.
2562. iii. CHARLES M., b. Dec. 31, 1835; m. Oct. 11, 1866, Henrietta S. Dem-ing; was in the war in the 104th Ohio Regt. in Co. I.
2563. iv. MARY DOLLY, b. Oct. 28, 1840; teacher; res. Rootstown, O.
2564. v. ARTEMITIA A., b. Apr. 14, 1828; m. Oct. 17, 1853, Edward L. Clark; res. Leeds, Mass.
2565. vi. JONAS E., b. Rootstown, O., Oct. 28, 1825; d. Helena, Ark., of disease contracted while in the civil war in Co. B, 126th Illinois Vols., Aug. 20, 1863.
2566. vii. ALBERT R., b. Jan. 26, 1821; m. Betsey Case and Lydia Hogan.
1347. DAVID WHITNEY (Benjamin, Joseph, Joseph, Jonathan, John), b. Pepper-Mass., Feb. 11, 1766; m. at West Randolph, Vt., Nov. 21, 1793, Susanna Hunting-ton, b. July 28, 1768. He d. 1850; res. Tunbridge, Vt.
2567. i. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 18, 1796; m. Sibel Parker and Mrs. Elizabeth Hall Whitney.
2568. ii. DAVID, b. Dec. 15, 1795; m. Lydia Parker.
2569. iii. DANIEL, b. Oct. 28, 1800; m. Julia Hall.
2570. iv. ASS, b. —; m. at T., Mar. 15, 1830, Azro Burton Curtis; res. Fort Atkinson, Wis.; son, David W.; res. F. A.
2571. v. BETSEY, b. —; m. Mar. 7, 1830, John Whitney, of Chelsea; a dau. m. Comfort Barnes.
2572. vi. CYRUS, b. Dec. 21, 1802; m. Betsey Curtis.
2573. vii. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 10, 1800; m. Elizabeth Hall.
1348. ABEL WHITNEY (Benjamin, Joseph, Joseph, Jonathan, John), b. Mar. 15, 1799; m. Phebe Scott; d. Mar. 23, 1869. Abel Whitney was born on a farm in Pepperell, Mass. Soon after his mar-riage in 1794 he moved to a farm in Tunbridge, Vt., where he ever after resided. He d. July 19, 1845; res. Tunbridge, Vt.
2574. i. LEWIS, b. Jan. 6, 1800; m. Emeline Nutting.
2575. ii. HENRY, b. Apr. 3, 1808; m. and his wid. res. S. Royalton, Vt. He d. Sept. 1892. His son, Horace L., res. 9 Pelham St., Boston, Mass.
2576. iii. GEORGE, b. Sept. 1, 1812; m. Aradousa Gates; had five boys—Albert, Milo F., John, Lewis, Orlando.
2577. iv. ABEL, b. Feb. 3, 1804; m. Mary Hall.
2578. v. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 27, 1806; m. Caroline Pierce.
2579. vi. SALLY, b. Dec. 27, 1801; m. Mar. 28, 1832, Darius S. Durkee; res. No. T. She d. 1883. Ch.: Simeon P., res. No. T.; Caroline.
2580. vii. NANCY, b. Mar. 24, 1810; m. Jan. 24, 1833, Roswell Durkee; b. Oct. 20, 1808; d. Nov. 18, 1890; res. No. T. Ch.: John, b. Jan. 2, 1834 (physician); m. Mary I. Belknap; res. T.; Horace, b. Jan. 17, 1837; m. Luttera P. Smith; res. T.; Abby C., b. Aug. 27, 1840; m. Ezekiel Drew; res. Barre, Vt.; George W., b. Oct. 5, 1843; m. Alice E. Noyes; res. T.; Charles, b. Oct. 5, 1845; res. T.
2581. viii. HARRIETT, b. Aug. 6, 1797; m. Aug. 12, 1825, Moses Ordway, Ch.: George, res. East Granville, Vt.; —, res. California; John,

Entered
on 17th
#1019

XII-800 STILES?
mf?[XI-392 - XII-784
Cancelled out due to
and relationship]

March 6, 1972

Incidentally, you speak about it seeming as though you had always known me. Well, part of you did. Pope says that Edmond Farrington, my emigrant ancestor, is mentioned in the inventory of Abraham Belknap, your emigrant ancestor! Now, by simple geometric progression in reverse, what percentage of our genes were involved back that far?

2. STILES GENEALOGY

I got to thinking about the Stiles family from something I read in George M's letter to you of Dec. 17, 1969. I resurrected my chart for my connection with the Stiles and am sending you a Zerox copy for your amusement. You see, I guess we are cousins after all - in fact, double cousins since my ancestors are from both John and Francis. More computation: what's our exact cousinship? I suppose, if you count Isaac's widow, Hannah Rose Stiles, who had children by second husband, Samuel Harger, who were also my ancestors, I might be triply involved.

3. ROBERT COE, PURITAN - G. Gardner Bartlett, Boston, 1911.

A check of one more index found: (p. 224) LUMAN COE (Joseph⁶ - Josiah⁵ - Cap't. Joseph⁴ - Cap't. John³ - Robert² - Robert¹) born at Granville, Mass. 28 Sept. 1788 - a farmer - d. Mohawk, N. Y. 20 Sept. 1862. He married in Windsor, Conn. 14 Jan. 1810, **Nancy Stiles - b. 19 Jan. 1788 in Northampton, Mass. dau. of Samuel & Hannah Ellsworth Stiles of Windsor, Conn. - d. Chicopee, Mass. 3 Jun 1855.** (Got home and found it was Martha Ellsworth you were interested in, but am sending this on.)

p. 519 - Hannah, d. of John Coe, b. 1655, d. 1700 - m. 1683 Captain Titus Hinman, b. Stratford, Conn. in Jan. 1655/6, son of Edward and Hannah (Stiles) Hinman. Early settler of Woodbury, Conn. He died 5 Apr. 1734.

I think this is the least useable collection of information I ever sent out. Oh, well - can't be deadly serious all the time.

As ever,

P.S. Lazy as usual - giving Post Office 2^d benefit so I can mail this from the car!

GLADYS:

3/11/72

Yes'm. My ancestor owed your ancestor 1 shilking sixpence. Proof enclosed. Data on Farrington on last page is doubtless known to you.

Forgive weak copy. The faint blue typing on HWB's notes, half century ago, was hard to reproduce and what I'm sending is a copy of a copy -- just barely legible -- as the originals were returned to Essex Institute some time ago.

Whitney Genealogy -- thanks. Data on Mary Jane who married John Durkee helps correct errors in records at Salt Lake and adds a bit to HWB's record.

Tried to find possible Stiles connection ~~XXXXXXXX~~ to Esther Parker on your chart. Couldn't find her mother Martha on it. Should she be there?

7/28/71

Dear Gladys:

Here's that ignorant man again -- asking how to do things that you know how to do.

I need to get the Census records of all Ballknaps in Genesee County, 1800 and 1810. How do I do it, without going to NYC to pore over microfilms in the NY Public Library?

Do I write to the County Historian? If so, how do I get his name and address? Or is there a better way to do it?

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Long time no write. Please forgive. Have been buried deeply in endless genealogical problems. So neglect friendship.

Right now, I'm trying to find parents for Pilgrim Ballnap. The fact that he's the only Ballnap to bear that name hasn't yet proved very helpful. Maybe Genesee County census records will suggest an answer. Thus far all I know about him is that he enlisted from Genesee County in War of 1812 -- and has had seeds of descendants, in NY State, Minnesota, etc. etc.

How have you been?

March 18, 1972

Greetings once again -

I'm trying to keep caught up on research items, hence this almost immediate reply to your letter of the 11th.

I'm happy to see the inventory - if you can't prove Edmond got paid, I'll sue! Glad Little Mary Jane in the Whitney page was helpful.

No wonder you couldn't find Martha Ellsworth Stiles on my sheet. I didn't know anything about your line when I made the sheet out several years ago. That's why I put the notes in the lower left hand corner, which I had garnered from George May's letter. The next time I get hold of the Stiles genealogy I'll fill in those families. Actually it would look like this, I presume:

(Gr. & Bel) XII -800 - STILES, first name not known

(Gray & Bel.) XI- 400 - JOHN¹(1595-1662) m. Rachel

(Belknap) - HENRY²

" - SAMUEL³ - m. Martha Ellsworth

" - SAMUEL⁴ - m. Mary Phelps

- JOHN *

(Gray) - ISAAC ²

etc.

So our lines split with John¹ being the direct common ancestor.

I had never particularly thought of the possibility of Stiles being in Ontario County, but on a chance took a look at various sources, with the inclosed result. The Stiles and Lincolns surely were attracted to each other. And there's Lydia Phelps, too. I'm going to check on the lady in Phelps, descendant of Stephen, son of Samuel. She may have a copy of genealogy. And there's an Ephraim - and an Isaac. They are probably clued in some way to either Isaac, John or Francis - the three sons.

The other sheet is self-explanatory and probably contains only information you already have.

Have a joyous Easter.

Cousin Gladys

ODDS AND ENDS - B. THE STILES FAMILY IN ONTARIO COUNTY

1. 1800 Census - Samuel 3-1-2-1-0
0-2-0-1-0
2. 1810 Census - Isaac 0-0-0-0-1 Middlesex
0-0-0-1-0
- Samuel 1-1-2-0-2
2-0-0-0-1 Canandaigua
3. Death notice, paper of Nov. 5, 1811 - Mrs. Samuel Stiles -
Canandaigua
" " , " " Mar. 19, 1816 - Samuel Stiles, age 55
Canandaigua
" " , " " Apr. 11, 1832 - Clarissa, age 22 -
dau. of Jepheth - Canandaigua
" " , " " Apr. 14, 1875 - Mrs. Anna - 75 - Cheshire
4. Marriages - (date that of newspaper)
 - a. Epaphroditus Stiles - to Roxalana Lincoln - 5/23/09
 - b. Ephraim Lincoln - Sally Stiles - 7/3/1810
 - c. Elijah Stiles - Elvina Lincoln - 5/11/1819
 - d. Dr. John W. Stiles, of Louisiana - Julia B. Lincoln
of Gorham - 8/3/54-
5. Information from letter of inquiry to County Historian:
Samuel came from Granville, Mass.
His older brother, Job Stiles, Jr. m. Lydia Phelps, 30 Mar. 1758
Samuel m. Sarah Rose
Hepsibah, dau. of Job, Jr. and Lydia Phelps Stiles married
Daniel Cooley
6. Local descendants -
Leon Stiles, R. D. 1, Penn Yan
Maxine Hutchens - 95 E. Main St., Phelps
7. Property -
1795 - Dinah Styles of Williamson, N.Y., bought land of Phelps
29 Dec. 1798 - Samuel Stiles bought almost 300 acres, half-way
down west side of Canandaigua Lake
22 June 1804 - Elizabeth Shaw sold to Samuel, lot on Main St.
in Canandaigua
(many more transfers)
8. Surrogate's Records
 - a. Dinah Stiles - 30 Oct. 1815 - Ezra Phelps, friend, and
Dinah Cooley, daughter - exec.
 - b. Philemon Stiles - son of Samuel - 17 Apr. 1816
 - c. Gen. Orders 11-189 - Inventory of Samuel Stiles \$2,507.⁷²/₁₀₀
Approved by Stephen Phelps, Surrogate 5/27/20

B - Stiles Family - continued

9. Will of Epaphroditus Stiles, of Naples, Yeoman - 10 July 1833

Mentions daughter, Harriet

son - John

son - Samuel

wife - Roxana

dau. - Mariah

Elisa

Mary Jane

Emeline.

10. Philemon Stiles - d. 21 Nov. 1852

ODDS AND ENDS FROM HERE AND THERE

A - NEW YORK IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION
Phisterer

1. BELKNAP - Alfred A. - appointed purser, reg. navy, March 11, 1851
2. - Augustus, Jr. - Captain May, 1868
Age 21, enr. 4/17/61.
3. - A. Welling - Captain - June 15, 1861, Staten Island
4. - Charles - Reg. Navy - enrolled, age 19, May 25, 1862
in N.Y.C. - midshipman 1864.
5. - Chauncey - Com. not mustered - Feb. 3, 1863
2nd. Lt.
6. - H. C. - com. not mustered , 2nd. Lt. May 31, 1865
7. - Jonathan S. - age 40 enrolled, Elmira.
Lt. Col. and Col. 85th Inf. Battle of Williamsburg (?), Va
May 5, 1862
8. GARLINGHOUSE, Charles A. - age 19, enrolled July 28, 1862, at
Canandaigua - musician - 2nd. Lieut. March 9, 1865
9. " , Joseph - quartermaster 58th Reg. age 41, 8/11/64
at Mt. Morris for service of 100 days. Mustered out
2 Dec. 1864, Elmira.

Dear Gladys:

Thanks a lot for new stuff in your letter Feb 3. I'm asking MEMOS to send me the book on Early Settlers. Hope it will solve some of my New York State puzzles -- especially instances where someone is surely known to have been there in a census year but does not appear in census records.

I can't yet say whether Nat Archives would want that old muster roll. Should perhaps know more on this in a week or so, when they answer some recent queries of mine. They aren't very excited about militia men.

Yours,

Feb 11 1972

Ward Newton — Anna Loker (Loker)
 b. abt. - 1601 b. abt. - 1605
 d. - 1701 d. 5-Dec. - 1697
 m. - 1640

Henry or Robert Loker of England
 m. - 1600
 Elizabeth Brewer

- 1- John Sn. - b. 20-Oct-1641-Sudbury, England and Elizabeth Larkin - 5-June-1666
d. 16-Oct-1722
- 2- Excl. - b. abt. 1643
- 3- Mary - b. 22-June-1644-England and Jonathan Johnson 14-Oct-1662
d. 23-Dec-1728
- 4- Moses - b. 1645 - died young
- 5- Moses - b. 1646-Sudbury, Mass. and - Hannah Larkin - 27-Oct-1666
d. May 1737/36
- 6- Dea Joseph - b. 1648 and Katherine Woods
d. 26-Feb-1727
- 7- Elizabeth - b. 1650 Marshfield, Mass. and John Dingley 1664/8
d. 30-Mar-1718
- 8- Sarah - b. 1652 and James Taylor 1669
d. 1711
- 9- Hannah - b. 12-Apr-1654 and John Bellows 1694
- 10- Daniel - b. 21-Dec-1655 Marlboro, Mass. and - Hanna Morse 20-Dec-1680
d. 29-Nov-1739
- 11- Isaac - b. 1657 and Rebecca Concord 1688
- 12- Henry (died young)

John Newton & Elizabeth Larkin

John Newton & Hannah Morse

b. 3-June-1667 b. 1674 - d. 1732
 d. 1754
 m. - 1690

Stephen Newton b. 15-Aug-1716 Marlboro, Mass. and Mary Will (Willitt)
 m. - 22-Jan-1736/7 Leicester, Mass.

Jonathan Will (Willitt) and
 Lydia Mathews 1713

- * 1- Mary b. 8-Nov-1737 Bapt - 1738 and 19-June-1754 Concord, Bellingham
- 2- James b. 18-Mar-1740 - d. 1753
- 3- Oliver b. 2-Apr-1743 - m. - Rebecca
- 4- Sarah b. 29-Nov-1745
- 5- Asa - b. 13-Apr-1748

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Now this is some information I received from Mrs. Collins
 some time ago. I have Mary dau. of Stephen Newton & Mary Will
 Is this Asa Newton the one you are researching? Does
 this help? I sincerely hope so.

Leonard Newton — Anna Locker (Loker)
 b. abt. - 1601
 d. - 1701
 1640
 b. abt. - 1605
 d. - 5-Dec. - 1697
 Mary Parker Lockwood of 1655
 m. - 1600
 Elizabeth Brewster

- 1- John Sr. - b. - 20-Oct. - 1641 - Sudbury, England and Elizabeth Larkin - 5-June-1664
 d. - 16-Oct. - 1723
- 2- Rachel - b. abt. 1642
- 3- Mary - b. - 23-June-1644 - England and Jonathan Johnson 14-Oct. - 1663
 d. - 28-Dec. - 1728
- 4- Moses - b. - 1645 - died young
- 5- Moses - b. - 1646 - Sudbury, Mass. and Sarah Larkin - 27-Oct. - 1664
 d. - May 1724/26
- 6- Dea Joseph - b. - 1648 and Katherine Woods
 d. - 26-Jan. - 1727
- 7- Elizabeth - b. - 1650 Marshfield, Mass. and Jacob Dingley 1664/5
 d. - 30-Mar. - 1719
- 8- Sarah - b. - 1652 and James Taylor Sr. - 1667
 d. - 1721
- 9- Hannah - b. - 1654 and John Bellows - 1694
- 10- Daniel - b. - 21-Dec. - 1655 Marlboro, Mass. and Susanna Morse 20-Dec. - 1680
 d. - 29-Nov. - 1739
- 11- Isaac - b. - 1657 and Rebecca Concord - 1688
- 12- Henry (died young)



John Newton & Elizabeth Larkin

Jonathan Witt (Wett) and
 Lydia Mathew 1673

John Newton & Hannah Morse
 b. 5-June-1667 | b. - 1677 - d. - 1712
 d. - 1754
 d. - 1692
 Stephen Newton b. 15-Aug-1714 Marlboro, Mass. and Mary Witt (Wett)
 m. - 20-Jan-1734/7 Worcester, Mass.

- * 1- Mary b. 8-Nov. - 1737 bapt. - 1738 and 19-June-1754 Samuel Bellows
- 2- James b. 18-Mar. - 1740 - d. - 1753
- 3- Oliver b. 2-Apr. - 1743 - m. - Rebecca
- 4- Sarah b. 29-Nov. - 1745
- 5- Asa - b. - 18-Apr. - 1748

Now this is some information I received from Mrs. Caroline
 some time ago. I have Mary dau. of Stephen Newton & Mary Gibbs
 Is this Asa Newton the one you are researching? Does
 this help? I sincerely hope so.

For Jonas file

Vinton memorial

Tamar -

b. 30 July 1766

m. ① Asa Newton 25 Jan 1789
② Jonas Belknap (no date)

1800 - 34 yrs old
1810 - 44 ✓

1800 Census - oldest female - 26-44 $\frac{E+T}{2 \times R}$
1810 ✓ ✓ ✓ - over 45 - $\frac{E+T}{2 \times R}$
not accurate (if census accurate)
→ matches Esther
not ~~not~~ Tamar

So presumably Esther alive in 1810
(on date of census, which is not known)

+ marriage to Tamar not before
1810 (after census taking)

Ind-History of Hadley (see Family Descended
by Lucius M. Burdett)
Tamar - b. 30 July 1766

"Rachel" - 59 in 1815
54 in 1810
44 in 1800

E could be either C or D

$\frac{26}{44}$ in 1800

~~but was C~~

either PB b. 1761 was

39 in 1800

49 in 1810

(if alive) 54 in 1815

~~D could not be E or B~~

B would have been 44 in 1800

54 in 1810

So could ~~not~~ be E or B

Hence not ~~C~~ C

but could have been D

~~B~~ B born $\frac{1815}{59}$
 > 1756

3 yrs older than James AB.

E could have been either ^C (either PB) 49 in 1810
or B 54 u u

Joan (Pittston)

age of wife in 1800 - 26-44

in 1815 -
would have been 41-59

R was 59 in 1815 - ~~so~~ no could
have been wife of P. Jones

" 1817-18 " date for death of
JNB's wife was for " — Lincoln "

— mistakenly retained by HWB

in sheet for JNB + Esther Parker.

How to Nig

January 1, 1970

Greetings to you both,

I decided my first letter of the new year would be to you. I have finally got my study back into some sort of shape - I've had to do some substitute Sunday School teaching, for a friend who went to Florida and who was, herself, substituting for the regular teacher. So my old files came out and got in use again. Some of the time I watched my fine neighbor clear my sidewalk and driveway with his snow-blower. He has only a car port and he offered to keep my space cleared of snow, if I would let him keep his son's bicycle and his power lawn mower in my garage. Too good a deal to refuse.

First of all, I'm more than happy that you enjoyed the picture album you received from your ancestors, through me. As Peg thought, I had a lot of fun doing it and am only sorry some of them were rather poor. With this snow it will be some time before I venture into Hunt's Hollow again, or over to Livingstone County. Would you like to have the negatives for your files? I'd be glad to turn them over.

My reason for including pictures of Canandaigua Outlet was to show its nearness to the 20 acres and to suggest that Jonas may have gone back through Cherry Valley and come up the water route, if he were heading for Hopewell Township, and possible unloaded almost in his back yard. Only a thought.

I thoroughly enjoyed your delightful address to Kezia. I hadn't realized the name 'Jane' was perpetuated like that. Land knows there are enough in the Ontario generation.

Some disappointment from Ohio - "the courthouse burned April 2, 1975 (yes, that's what the letter said - somebody else stutters occasionally) destroying most of the records in this office, which included birth, death, marriage and will records." However, they do have a death record for Esther Garlinghouse, "February 13, 1879, age 81 yrs. 10 mos. and 13 days."

Since your research in Garlinghouse family and mine in Gray have shifted to New Jersey unexpectedly (for me), I picked up a book, NEW JERSEY, AMERICA'S MAIN ROAD - by Cunningham, published 1966, without any index! Only two things of interest:

p. 49 - "There was one notable exception to the squatter tradition: the whalers at such places as Harvey Cedars (on Long Beach Island) and at Cape May. Those who went a-whaling along the New Jersey shore came from Long Island or New England, including many Mayflower descendants (it has been claimed since by one writer that more descendants

Nig

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of Mayflower passengers now live in Cape May than at any place except Plymouth.)

Page 63f - (talking of rioters in 1747)

Nig
"The situation verged on anarchy when Harvard-educated Jonathan Belcher arrived from Massachusetts in August, 1747, to succeed the late Lewis Morris. The new governor promised to suppress the rioters, and mentioned vaguely that he would personally lead troops against disturbers of the peace, but in October he spoke quietly to a delegation of dissenters in the belief that "soft words turn away wrath but the wringing of the nose brings forth blood."

Any relation to Belchertown?

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In an attempt to centralize the various items of information about various families and individuals that have come to light, I have taken some of the family work sheet forms I use in my own genealogy and set up one for each family. I do hope we can get back of the Ontario County Garlinghouses. The name doesn't seem to show up in sources of early settlers.

Time for lunch - so a joyous New Year to you both, with a high percentage of happy Belknap-Garlinghouse breaks!

Sincerely,

Gladys

August the 3rd - 10:45 p.m.

Greetings after a long silence - and on the eve of starting for Chautauqua for my usual annual visit. Hope to get off at 7:30 a.m., but you know. . . .

I seem to have quite an accumulation of letters from you - way back to February.

Thank you for the article from the TIMES - am returning it herewith. What a piece of research! The movement of settlers to Kentucky was of much interest to county historian who Zeroxed the references. Someone around here should do an article on it.

Sorry - cannot claim relationship through Wife of Abel Belknap. Still hunting my great-great grandfather Gray.

The Jessie Belknap of Victor information is interesting - I doubt if inquiry in Victor historical would provide anything, but will try just in case.

Your lengthy consideration of John (April 18, 1973) was fascinating, and I agree with your conclusion. Your addition concerning the feather is good, too. Did that gentleman I tried to find with this name ever answer your letter?

No news of my own activities, but hope to get back into the swing of things soon.

Sincerely,

Gladys E.

Gladys:

April 10 1972

Your letter April 6 and its many enclosures have given me a lot to work on. I'll try, now, to tackle the points on which I have anything worth passing along to you.

First, my thanks for exploring the possibility of intestate proceedings, Elijah Parker Sr. Too bad that possible source of a solution didn't exist. I'm at a loss to think of any other way of proving or disproving his second marriage to Mary (Newton) Belknap.

In this connection, I doubt that the James Parker at Honeppe was the James that was son of Elijah's marriage to "Miss Belknap." That James was in Ky by 1817 -- at Covington -- not with any of my tribe.

Now, the Abels. . . I'm enclosing, as possibly of interest to you, a copy of HWB's notes on the Abel who helped found the church at Chili. The connection with the Farringtons at Lynn, Mass., may interest you. The "Aunt Susanny Farrington" named in the letter was Susanna Newhall, sister of Abel's wife Bethia and wife of Theophilus Farrington the elder (Theophilus Jr married an Ammerman at Newburgh, NY. . . Maybe you can help me on one detail in HWB's notes. Where was Germaine Flatts, NY? One unreliable record says it was in Herkimer County. Is there a book I ought to have, that lists old place names in NY, such as the one we have in Conn.? I stress place names, because they are often the only way of unscrambling men with same first name, as in case of the Abels, who have often been confused.

Incidentally, the "J Belknap" who was a founding member of the North Street Methodist Church may well have been the John who was a son of the Abel at Chili and is known to have lived at Chili. (Yes, I know how to pronounce Chili?) That was just about the time when many Belknaps were becoming Methodists.

(enclosure "2")

In your paragraph headed "IV -- 1800 CENSUS" I know who "A" was (one of the Newburgh branch) but I need help on the others, if you happen to have the figures for them. One of the Abels ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ B or C, Otsego County, was Jonas's uncle at Cherry Valley, but I'm not sure who the other one was. And "D" in Herkimer County puzzles me a bit. I hope you give me figures and names of towns or villages. ^{can} But not important enough to justify extra effort, if you don't already have this information.

I should note that the booklet on the Chili church has perhaps answered a old question for me -- the location of "Black Creek, NY." Somewhere buried in my files is a problem that I couldn't solve because I couldn't locate Black Creek.

Do you want that booklet returned for your files?

QUERY: I've been told that in 1790 Cherry Valley village was in the Town of Canajoharie. Seems doubtful to me. Do you know?

Somewhere in my files there's a note made many years ago, from NJ Rev War records, showing John, James, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Benjamin as serving -- no Joseph, to my recollection. Haven't tried to find it today, as it contains no details. . . Here are comments on your data:

JOSEPH -- "received certificate...1785" merely means that his certificate showing pay due, which he had sold to someone as most unpaid soldiers did, was turned in for pay on that date. He probably died on date reported killed.

Ages shown make me think that all four (Joseph, John, James, Benjamin) were brothers -- hence that the "nephew Benjamin" named by Waite as going to Naples with John, was son of John's brother Benjamin and was the Benjamin who was in Capt Hills' company 1812.

I see no conflict between the reported service in "N Y Levies" and service in NJ Continentals. Levies were state militia. Most men served in them only a few weeks or months -- then either enlisted in Continentals (as Jonas did) or dropped out of the war. Dates in NJ for these Garlinghouses begin in 1778. Plenty of time to have been in NY militia before enlisting in NJ Continentals. I didn't keep a copy of Mrs Keeney's sheets, so don't know what dates she showed for Benjamin in Col Dubois NY regt -- but I'd expect them to have been before 1778 or not later than early 1778. You can check.

GEOGRAPHIC NOTE: Take another look at New England map. You'll see not only a Belknap County but also two others adjacent to it, one in NH the other in Maine, indicating fantastic prescience in foretelling my full name. . . NH was full of Belknaps in 18th century, as was Vermont -- virtually none there now.

That reminds me to enclose a reponse to your past mention of the Rev Jeremy Belknap D D -- the only Belknap who is in all encyclopedias -- an excellent and prolific historian whose work is still good reading. What I enclose is the record of his marriage and honeymoon. (He's always "D D" to distinguish him from the run-of-mine ministers who were merely "raised up" by their congregations.)

*Samuel
Ogden*

April 6, 1972

Dear Carroll,

If you thought my last consignment was - to put it kindly - of 'slight' importance, wait until you look through this. Here is the index:

1. Picture and write-up of Charles Belknap, taken from one of those publications you warned ~~me~~ about. His beard was so nice, though, I had to include him.
2. Possibly important: I recently had access to McIntosh's HISTORY OF MONROE COUNTY, with two Belknaps listed - "Abel and Bertha Belknap", as among the founding members of the Chili Presbyterian Church, and a "J. Belknap" (frustrating) a founding member of the North Street Methodist Church. You probably know which "Abel" this was - if so, this is one more definite location for him. I am trying to find out where the records are for the defunct North Street Methodist Church to see if I can find a name to go with "J".
3. Sesquicentennial booklet from Chili church. Apparently their actual records in Philadelphia have more mention. Do you have friends in Philadelphia to look them up? - or isn't this Abel that important to you?
4. Stiles Family -
 - a. Information from Miss Maxine Hutchens of Phelps. So far unable to find any of them in STILES GENEALOGY (which I borrowed from NEHGS).
 - b. Much fun tracing families. Zeroxed out your line. (Apology - re-reading very early correspondence found I had already sent you copy of my double-Stiles relationship! Senility approaching!)

Found family #29, page 254, accounted for the Samuel and Hannah Ellsworth Stiles mentioned in letter of March 6th. (Was Hannah a sister of Martha?)
Family #59, page 305, accounted for Clarissa in death notices in Canandaigua, etc.

Hannah, third child of Samuel and Mary Phelps, who is listed as marrying her cousin, Ashbel, was apparently the mother of the ~~Hannah Ellsworth~~ ^{Samuel} Stiles mentioned just above.

And the Hannah Coe mentioned at bottom of letter of March 6, came into my line from Frances(1) being a the daughter-in-law of Hannah (2), sister of my Benjamin (2), so there I am again. (page 474, VI)

5. Ellsworth Family

I thought I might as well ~~xxx~~ see what Ontario records showed on this family. Discovered how important a family this is

- a. Material from records in county.
- b. Self-explanatory - thought I was being helpful.
- c. Concerning an Ami Ellsworth - early settler here.
- d. Again from the "Biography of Connecticut" - again a nice bearded individual, Dr. Pinkney Webster Ellsworth.

6. Parker Family -

I tried to help out on the inquiry in your last letter, but with no success. There are no other wills, or letters of administration issued for intestate individuals, that I could find.

One difficulty lies in the fact that the James Parker mentioned in earliest deeds was the one concerned with Jemima Wilkison, the "Universal Friend", as was an Elijah Parker. James got mad and left, later as a judge brought various charges against her, with famous trials, etc.

However, I do not think the James of East Bloomfield was the same individual, and is probably your James, particularly concerning earlier information concerning the Parkers in my correspondence. I'm sorry - I'll keep my eye out - both of them, in fact.

7. Finally, the Garlinghouse problem.

I had a letter from Laura Keeney and she is still concerned because DAR records of family of Benjamin do not agree with those I secured from a direct descendant, especially as to wife and son, Stephen. She says 'Ann Morehouse Garlinghouse' was also buried in Hunts Hollow Cemetery. None of our cemetery records show it. When weather clears, I'll go through cemetery itself, but the readings earlier have been considered accurate. Perhaps there is a cemetery in Italy.

I am inclosing the N. J. war records on Garlinghouse men which I received two years ago - to keep you from having to hunt them up. I had asked for records of James, John and Benjamin - and actually did not notice until somewhat recently that I got James, Benjamin and Joseph! I have now carefully re-read the latter and have some questions:

- a. Since Benjamin was 16 when he enlisted (b. 1761) and Joseph 18 (making him born 1760), were they probably brothers, along with James?
- b. Joseph 'reported killed August 28, 1781', but 'received certificate May 1, 1784 . . .'. I assume he did not actually die. Is that your interpretation?

c. If he lived, he could not be the Joseph Garlinghouse of Allen's Hill, born 1784, but the latter might well of been the son of the Joseph whose record we're considering.

d. In the very earliest letters to you I had some information which I completely overlooked and which just came to my attention in print again. In NEW YORK STATE IN THE REVOLUTION there are:

✓ JOSEPH GARLINGHOUSE - in The Levies, under

Col. Albert Pawling

JOHN GARLINGHOUSE - in The Levies, under

Col. Lewis Dubois.

Who might they be? Mrs. Keeney says Benjamin served 7 years in the Rev. War., enlisted as a private under Col. Lewis DuBois! We can prove the latter item is not true. I presume the National Archives should be consulted.

Why would New Jersey individuals be enlisting in New York regiments?

John might be the other brother whose record I expected to get from New Jersey.

By any chance might Joseph be the father of all of them? The name persists.

Heavens, what an epistle - and so much headed for your circular file. But it will give you something to do since you can't watch baseball.

Sincerely,

Gladys

P.S. Revolutionary lists here place Aaron Hunt as from Maryland, not New Jersey, at least originally.

✓ P.S. No. 2 - Just discovered your family has a county in New Hampshire named for it! Gracious, and mountains in the West!



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Miss Gladys E. Gray
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Dear Miss Gray:

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GARLINGHOUSE, JOSEPH - Private, Captain Beckwith's Company, 2nd Regiment, Sussex County Militia. Private, Captain Helm's Company, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Continental Line; enlisted May 23, 1778, for nine months; discharged March 14, 1779; at date of enlistment was a resident of Hardisonton, 18 years of age, 5'5" in heights. Corporal, Captain James Bonnell's Company, State Troops, stationed on the frontiers of the County of Sussex; enlisted June 16, 1781; reported killed August 28, 1781. Received certificate No. 532, dated May 1, 1784, and signed by Joseph Gaston for \$1:10:0, for the depreciation of his continental pay in the Sussex County Militia.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is correctly copied from the original record on file in the Archives and History Bureau, New Jersey State Library, Trenton, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth W. Richards
Head

KWR/cd

May 3 1778
Aug 28 1781



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may 21, 1778
1779
1783

Sept 18 1969

Dear Gladys:

Here I come again, asking for still more help.

George May, replying to the letter I wrote to him on Aug 29, asks a shrewd question about the "Mrs Jonas Belknap (Rachel) who died at Gorham July 4 1815."

"Is there any reason why, if Esther (Parker) Belknap had died shortly after the birth of Cynthia, Jonas could not have married a Rachel ----? In 1800, Esther would have been 38 (39 CYB), an unlikely time of life for these farm pioneers to stop having children."

So I go back to the first letter you wrote to me -- March 7 1967 -- and look at ~~SEVERAL~~ one of the many hasty assumptions I have made at one time or another.

To save your time, I'm enclosing a copy of a portion of what you sent to me then. What I assumed was that "A" from Index of Deaths and "B" from Index of Cemeteries were the same person.

Was I wrong? And is there any way of getting a date for "B"?

Yours,

GLADYS:

2/21/71

Even I sometimes get around to answering queries -- though you may doubt it.

LACY Belknap -- I've no notion how a first-born son gets this name in a family that habitually named children for parents and grandparents. No use of this name is known, before this son of Elisha. (Have traced his descendants, Ohio and farther west.)

DIANTHA -- She is a tantalizing puzzle, isn't she? Only known mention of her is in pension application by Jonas Newton Belknap, December 1888 ~~XXXX~~ 1820, Hardin County, Ky. He named as his family "my wife Tamar ~~xxx~~ aged 54 (if I remember age correctly) and one daughter Diantha aged 9."

Of course, "aged 9" is a weak clue to date of her birth -- but it's all we have.

After Jonas died, Tamar and Diantha disappear. All written and oral traditions that I've found, in descendants of this Jonas, name only his first wife Esther Parker, and do not mention Diantha. In the early 1830's, when all J's sons and daughters were in Ohio, no trace of Tamar and Diantha in any records, such as census figures (which, however unreliable, might possibly have suggested presence of Tamar and/or Diantha in households of J's children). If Diantha were J's daughter, it would have been natural for her to have been taken to Ohio, when J's sons and daughters left Ky.

Considering the tribal habits of my people, I have difficulty in believing that Diantha could have been J's daughter. But someday, maybe, I'll run across her trail. I never know what new and unexpected information the next mail may bring. (That's why I'm so often late in answering letters.)

Time to stop now and go down and see what today's mail has brought.

about ancestors in this area.

Weather loads better this morning,
so I'm off to Canandaigua.

Hastily.

Slater

Friday morning

P.S.

I forgot again - I was supposed to ask if you had found how the name "hacy" got into your family?

A man by that name was referred to me and local historian and I remembered it cropped up in your family. Mr. hacy is doing his genealogy and is having difficulty

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Thursday - the 28th
(following afternoon nap)

Greetings,

While the now famous 'blizzard of 1971' is trying to blow itself out, and I was fairly awake, I thought I would set me down and answer your many letters.

It was nice to hear from you again. Thank you for the scene Oregon. It is a good antidote to the weather here - it must be lovely section and understandably attractive to your clan.

So far as the will goes and the 'John Belknap' therein (yours of December 5th), I stopped into see my attorney, who is also my future executor, and asked about minors buying and selling property. He says it would not have been possible in New York State. At present time there is such a thing as an 'emancipated minor' - one who has left parental home and become self-supporting, but I doubt if this classification was in existence then.

So far as the will (I'm not waked up - it's a deed) I agree with you. I think the note at the bottom solves your problem. I have seen such corrections in many deeds on record, although usually they were additions to, rather than subtractions.

Dear Diantha still intrigues me, as she must you. Looking at your letter of 12/26/70 in which you state she was 9 on 12 Dec. 1820. As I recall, this was from a census. It probably wouldn't make much difference but, if whoever gave the information was an exact person, Diantha might have been born in 1810, sometime after the middle of December, and still have been 9 at census time. I grant you that some census records ask for age at 'nearest birthday' and this would invalidate my comment, which is not too important anyhow.

And now to disillusion you completely on my research ability, I confess I never made a note of the source about Belknap Island. I am sorry!

Your musical family sounds most inviting. I'm enjoying my choir - the rehearsal was cancelled last night - all roads were closed by blowing snow. But when a choir knows its music and just drips off one's fingertips at the slightest movement, there is nothing much more satisfying. In conclusion I inclose the priceless gem from the A.G.O. magazine:

"There once was a pious young priest
Who lived almost entirely on yeast.
For he said, "It is plain
We shall all rise again,
And I want to get started, at least!"

As ever,

Gladys

Dec 7 1970

Dear Gladys:

"At long last" was a cliché long before Churchill put it into the mouth of an abdicating king. But it still is useful, sometimes -- as now.

Mentally -- not physically -- I've been far away for weeks and weeks, chasing evidence that might vanish before I lay hands on it -- on such problems as the unknown ancestry of a Virginia Belknap family previously unknown -- and so on and on -- with my one-track mind postponing from day to day whatever wasn't related to some immediate search. Forgive me, please.

Today I'm starting to answer the many who reproach me for this sort of neglect. So -- very naturally -- I start with writing to the one who hasn't reproached.

Much to thank you for ~~the~~ -- maps and information. Will probably overlook some bits on which thanks are due, for sometimes I file incoming letters according to relation to unsolved puzzles rather than filing them by name of writer. They lose sight of them, till I again tackle those problems.

Your letter Aug 8:

TIMOTHY of Cambria. Still trying to verify his parentage. Matter of getting copies or abstracts of wills in N Y counties. Seems difficult, by mail. Guess I don't know how to do it. No two counties seems to have same routine.

ELISHA ~~SR~~ -- 1820 Census -- Most helpful, as substantiating the excerpts from local histories, which said he came to Ohio from Niagara Co. . . Can't explain the listing of "other people" except maybe they were parents of Lucy Finch! Doesn't matter. Early census records often don't match known members of family.

TIMOTHY 1850 census -- helpful, as giving more data than I had on names in his family.

You asked, once, about my research in Rennselaer Co. Not very successful, yet. No link to Grays in that county -- ~~unless~~ unless attached copy of an incomplete entry by HNBelknap long ago means more to you than it does to me. It shows a ---- Belknap and his son C. M. Belknap. I have no other data on them.

Your letter July 28 -- full of helpful stuff on Timothy and his children. I'll get it glued together some day -- I hope.

Trouble with my work -- never know when something you wrote long ago may help on some newly encountered puzzle. Go hurrying back to your early letters very often, in search of something that has suddenly become vital. Never, alas, take time to say Thank You again.

July 7 1970

Dear Gladys:

It's always a joy to hear from you. And this time, as always, you've given me lots of help. I'll try to show how.

1. Timothy Belknap, Cambria: I think you have pointed to the solution of an old problem concerning some key members of the Woodstock-Brimfield branch, which produced ultimately the only fabulously wealthy Belknaps: the Louisville Belknaps, whom my Methodist minister grandfather always called "those damned secessionist Belknaps." For many years, John Sherman in Hollywood has been struggling to clear up a foggy portion of his Belknap ancestry, which H W Belknap had flopped on. Copy of memo to Sherman is enclosed, if you care to plod through it. . . It may be, too, that the Cambria ~~SHAWMAN~~ Timothy was the one said to be at Clarence, Erie Co. -- date not shown. Cambria Timothy ultimately went to Ohio, it is said.

2. New Jersey Garlinghouses: You're lucky to get so much information. Absence of fuller information on James isn't unusual. I'll pass this material along to ME Wendell Garlinghouse, in Nebraska. Thanks.

3. Map of location of home of Briggs Belknap, and other data on him: Data check with my records but give additional helpful information. . . One item, #10 under Grantees: Robert T Sheppard to Isaac J and Sarah L. Sheppard was husband of Frances, as indicated by the will of Briggs -- but his middle initial is given as "P" in my records. . . QUERY: Are dates of deeds the dates of transactions, or dates of recording?

4. "Lost causes"? Oh goodness yes! So many of them that I may never get to most of them. Up to now, I got into them only when some stray bit of new information points the way -- as in the case of the Cambria Timothy (which I'd been evading for four years). I hesitate to burden you with them, but be sure I will, ~~INHA~~ as time goes on.

5. George May: Address: P O Box 2, Fair Oaks, California 95628. . . . I don't recall the reference to Gleason genealogy. But he's helpful and discerningly intuitive. Little Belknap-Gleason connection that I know about; just a couple or so B gals who married Gleasons.

Quail

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456

*Photos
Home of Briggs Bellmap*

Mr. Carroll Y. Bellmap

25 Club Road

Riverside, Connecticut

06878





Thursday - 12:45 p.m.

Greetings again,

This is really just a note to go along with the copy of the letter I received in today's mail from Niagara County. You see, I've caught the western movement fever from the Belknaps.

Of course, this is one of the instances when the historian could so easily have told us the little more. I am writing him to ask if he will give us the family distribution from the 1820 and 1850 census records. At least we know the probable part of Niagara County to investigate.

I am following his advice and asking the county clerk to check index of deeds for any early Belknaps, and I am writing the newspaper for a copy of the obituary of Emmet Belknap for the names of his survivors.

I also have some feelers out in New Jersey, but it occurs to me that since you have established James as the Garlinghouse whose daughters married into the Belknap family, you are not really concerned about his background, are you?

So sorry that you folks were ill again this year. If you must have both a vacation and an illness, why don't you arrange to have the illness first?

I appreciate the various answers to my earlier questions. I'd love to have a copy of the Gamaliel and Ester Belknap family. ~~After all these months I feel almost a proprietary~~ interest in the family, in spite of my own surname of Gray.

Hastily - on way to meeting of Women's Circle
of the church!

Gladys

Agitation enclosed cover all
the Christmas basket. I think

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with my compliments

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Dear Gladys

You said you wanted the Garlinghouse chart. So here it is, with other Harlinghouse material that may interest you -- including some unsolved puzzles:

- (A) Chart of descendants of Gamaliel Garlinghouse, with my reply to Clinton Belknap, who sent it to me.
- (B) Letter from Clinton, 12/9/69
- (C) Letter from " 12/10/69
- (D) My reply to B and C, 12/18/69

"D" uses some abbreviations which I may not have explained to you, before now:

"HNB" -- Henry Wyckoff Belknap, curator of Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., whose notes assembled a half-century ago are the foundation of my present work.

"Cdr" -- Commander Charles Belknap, U S N, who did some careful work on the family, in the 1890's. His notes, kept hidden for fifty years after his death, are now the property of N E Historic Genealogical Soc., Boston, where I finally found them a few years ago.

It's nice to be giving you information, instead of asking you for it.

Yours,

CYB 4/21/70

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
June 27, 1970

Greetings,

Every once in a while I try to clear up my study and this time, in so doing, found I had a few items which had not gone on their way to you.

- (1) Letter from Niagara County regarding property does not add much, except for dates, and for another Samuel in and out of the picture. After selling the 55 acres back to Timothy, did he land in Ohio also?
I have ~~written~~ to the county historians of both Cambria and Niagara Townships, inquiring as to any references in their respective records.

I shall be coming back from Chautauqua late in the month and plan to slide off the Thruway and take a look at Cambria if anything turns up.

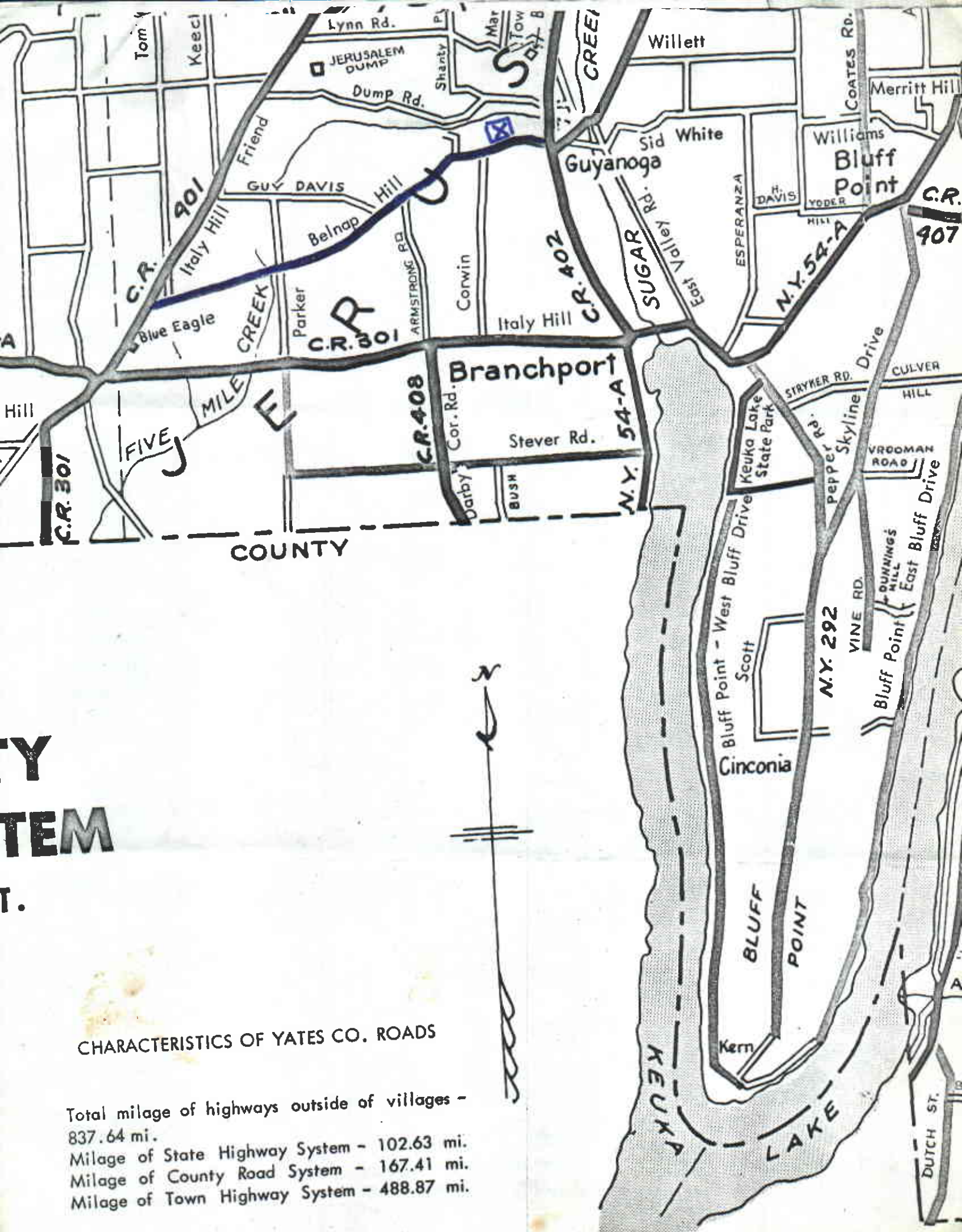
- (2) New Jersey War Records - I had already inquired about these before deciding you might not be required to go any further back on the Garlinghouse family. So I'm sending them on. At least it gives a county - and a town. I discover Sussex is the northwest county of the state, and Hardistonville is just below the junction of routes 23 and 94. I wonder if the Archives Bureau left off, accidentally, the actual military record of James? X

- (3) A portion of the map of Yates County, showing **Belknap Hill**. I discovered this last fall, too late to do anything about it. The other day, with fine weather, I went exploring. It's a good road, in scenic country, and I took some pictures of the old Belknap house, etc. The rosebud is from the gateway into what once must have been a lovely garden. Of course, this is in the Briggs Belknap family. It occurred to me that I had some material on Briggs which I had secured while I was in the County office quite a while ago, so I'm sending it on for whatever use you may wish to make of it. X

As you review your material, are there some lost causes for which I should still be on the lookout in this area?

Incidentally, in your note to George May 12/13/69 you mentioned 'entries from Gleason genealogy'. I have a friend who is much interested in her Gleason ancestors. She purchased a genealogy thru Goodspeed's - found her ancestor listed in index but not considered in text. Would Mr. May be willing to have his name and address given to her for correspondence? If so, what is his address, please? X

Woops - out of room. Hope you two have a fine summer. Gladly



E. CENSUS RECORDS OF 1850 -

1. Town of Benton - October 12, 1850

Miama Belknap - age 37
 Isaac J. Belknap - age 27 - farmer (worth \$3,400)
 Sarah A. Belknap - age 31
 William Raymond ? - age 19 - at school in New York.
 (all born in New York State)

2. James A. Belknap - age 34 - farmer

Submit Belknap - age 34

Eliza - age 8

Adeline - age 6

Charles - age 2

Samuel Ingraham - age 25 - laborer

John Minor - age 40 - laborer

Charles Williams - age 15 - laborer

Joel Minor - age 40 - laborer

F. WILL OF ISAAC J. BELKNAP

(1-191)

Drawn Sept. 21, 1867 - Death - Oct. 21, 1871

Everything to his sister, Sarah Ann Belknap and her heirs.

G. WILL OF SARAH A. BELKNAP

Drawn Dec. 29, 1881. Death: March 23, 1885

1. Leave all right and title in lands of Briggs Belknap to James A. Belknap

2. To Frances A. Shephard - \$650

- 1 bed and suitable bedding including one white spread.

- 6 silver teaspoons

- Portrait of Rev. John Johnson and an oil painting of a lady.

- 1 teaspoon marked P.M.C.

3. Niece, Sarah A. Lamphier - 1 bed and suitable bedding

3 plated tablespoons

Couch

Mother's portrait

4. Niece, Mary E. Chase and Adelaide Davis - 7 plated forks and 1 doz. table napkins

5. Sarah Chase - 6 silver teaspoons marked with my name

6. Eva Colegrove - six plated teaspoons.

H. WILL OF CHARLES G. BELKNAP - Town of Jerusalem

Drawn Apr. 26, 1901. Death: Oct. 8, 1910.

1. Niece, Elizabeth G. Cole - house and lot and interest in father's farm (90-125)

2. Sister, Mary E. Chase - all personal property, and \$100

Concerning the family of BRIGGS BELKNAP

A. CENSUS RECORDS

	All Males	All Females	Military Age	Voting Age	Married Fem. Under 45	Unmarried 16-45	Females Under 16	
BRIGGS 1825	4	6	0	1	1	1	4	**
1835	3	3	1	1	1	1		

(in HWP 5374)

B. INDEX OF DEEDS (Grantees)

1. 1837 - John M. Cuyler to Briggs Belknap (248-12)
2. 1843 - Abraham Wagener to James A. Belknap (128 acres) (247-18)
3. ? - Alfred B. McCullen to Submit Belknap (580-30)
4. - Robert P. Sheppard to James Belknap (479-31)
5. - Wynan Bush to James Belknap (584-32)
6. - Alfred Brown to James Belknap (120 - 33)
7. - Samuel Ellsworth to James Belknap (121-33)
8. - Robert Sheppard to Isaac J. Belknap (26-39)
9. - James A. & Submit C. Belknap to Isaac J. (462-40)
10. - Robert T. Sheppard to Isaac J. & Sarah L. (292-44)
11. - Spencer Booth to James O. Belknap (226-46)

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C. INDEX OF DEEDS (Grantors)

1. Briggs and Miama Belknap to Thomas C. Sulton (238-7)
(30 acres, Town of Benton)
2. James A. Belknap & Submit to Samuel Striker (304-26)
(Town of Jerusalem)
3. James A. & Submit C. Belknap to Isaac J. Belknap (462-40)
(1/4 of farm of 85 acres, Town of Benton,
belonging to Briggs, father of James)
4. James A. & Submit C. Belknap to Sarah Ann Harrison (119-43)
5. Isaac J. Belknap to Beaman Fox (350-49)

in HWP 5374

D. WILL OF BRIGGS BELKNAP (Miama Belknap, executor) (D-426)

Will made May 30, 1838 - Briggs died Aug. 2, 1842

1. To son, James Alden Belknap, \$600 after he shall of worked on farm 4 years.
2. To son, Isaac Joshua - \$200, when he reaches 21.
3. Property divided among:
 - Frances Amelia Shepard, wife of Robert
 - James Alden Belknap
 - Sarah Ann Belknap
 - Mary Eliza Belknap
 - Isaac Joshua Belknap

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April 21, 1970

Miss Gladys E. Gray
156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York

Dear Miss Gray:

The following has been correctly copied from the military records, formerly in the War Records Office, New Jersey Department of Defense now on file in the Archives and History Bureau.

GARLINGHOUSE, JOSEPH - Private, Captain Beckwith's Company, 2nd Regiment, Sussex County Militia. Private, Captain Helm's Company, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Continental Line; enlisted May 23, 1778, for nine months; discharged March 14, 1779; at date of enlistment was a resident of Hardisonton, 18 years of age, 5'5" in heights. Corporal, Captain James Bonnell's Company, State Troops, stationed on the frontiers of the County of Sussex; enlisted June 16, 1781; reported killed August 28, 1781. Received certificate No. 532, dated May 1, 1784, and signed by Joseph Gaston for £1:10:0, for the depreciation of his continental pay in the Sussex County Militia.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is correctly copied from the original record on file in the Archives and History Bureau, New Jersey State Library, Trenton, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth W. Richards".

Kenneth W. Richards
Head

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MEMO TO

MEMORANDUM Gladys Gray

April 13 1979

Copy to Glinta Belknap

Thanks

~~THANKS~~ for the letter giving census records in Niagara County. I am sending copies to those who should have it -- as it strengthens a weak spot in my report on the parentage of Elisha: my use of a passage from a local history of dubious accuracy, and an obituary notice, to trace Elisha from Ohio back to Niagara County.

I'm grateful.

The other Belknaps named in the letter:

~~ELI~~ Eli C and his son Emmet -- grandson and great grandson of Jonas's Uncle Abel (Saratoga and Cherry Valley).

Timothy: line of descent not yet fully traced.

In writing to Lockport, were you looking for information about the Orin who was son of Jonas?

According to this Orin's son Orin Jr, he stayed in Ontario County or nearby till about 1824, when he married and took his bride on a flatboat that he built -- down the Alleghany and the Ohio, to join his brothers in Licking County. (Orin Jr's letter contained an amusing error. He had his father going down the Shenandoah to the Ohio River. Henry Belknap, who traveled much in Europe but never went west of the Hudson, ~~spoke~~ that impossibility most credulously.)

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Dear Gladys:

Forgive delays. After a lovely vacation in the Leeward Windward Islands, both Peg and I succumbed to whatever it was that everyone else was getting, around here -- flu or whatever -- and I'm just now resuming letter writing.

So, now, a hoppity hop trip through letters from you -- trying to answer questions and make comments where I can. A disjointed process, I ~~guess~~ fear. Complicated by trying to learn to use an electric typewriter for the first ~~time~~ time.

The negatives? Yes, I'd be delighted to have them, for there are cousins who'd like copies.

Have done nothing more about Asa Newton. Will -- as soon as I get income tax off my hands.

Garlinghouses: Thanks for date of death of Esther Belknap Garlinghouse, Gamaliel's wife.

You speak of interest in tracing this family before it came to Ontario County. Aside from the fact that James Garlinghouse -- as you know -- appears in 1790 census Luzerne County Pa., (where his daughters Catherine and Jane were born, according to our family traditions), the only clue I can offer is ~~XXXXXX~~ that the big genealogical ~~xxx~~ index shows James, John, Benjamin as appearing in New Jersey Rev War Records -- which means that transcripts can be obtained from National Archives in Washington. The transcripts would probably show towns where they enlisted.

More on later Garlinghouses: Wife of my cousin Clinton (great grandson of Elijah, brother of my great grandfather Jesse) went to hospital in Nebraska recently. Doctor who operated on her was a Garlinghouse -- descendant of Gamaliel and Esther Belknap. He gave her a copy of a chart showing children of Gamaliel and Esther -- and descendants to present day. Do you want a copy? Can have one made for you.

~~XXXXXX~~ Nelson G. -- Haven't written to him yet.

Thanks for clippings about the Garlinghouses.

Belchertown. I don't know anything more than that it existed -- relatively new when Jonas's father went there in 1760 or 1761. When enlisting, May 1775, Jonas gave Belchertown as home address; but his father Samuel enlisted "from Granby," a nearby town originally part of East Hadley. Both fought on Bunker Hill; and Samuel died the next day. Jonas was at Saratoga and at Yorktown. Jonas was 16 when enlisting -- gave his age as 22.

In a note that I can't find in my files you quoted an old comment about the extreme piety of the folk in Hunt's Hollow. Doubtless entirely correct. My people of that time were deeply religious -- devout Methodists. But the trait that shines through the family records is their great joy in religion, not merely their almost memorized knowledge of the Bible. So it was quite natural for my grandfather Cerrington, son of Jesse, to enter the ministry when he graduated from college at 22. . . After reaching Oregon (Willamette Valley)

in 1847 and 1848, one of the first things the tribe did was to build a school house on ~~xx~~ a hill on Jesse's farm. As they began building, one of Jesse's sons-in-law (Lorenzo Gilbert if I remember correctly) thrust a stick into the ground and said "Here I plant my Ebenezer" -- and none of that tribe needed to be told the meaning of his words. . . The school, today, is still called "The Ebenezer School" though ~~xxxx~~ much bigger of course.

I'm sure I haven't answered all your questions. Remind me of what I've overlooked.

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
March 26, 1970

Greetings,

And how have you survived this snowy winter? I hope your southern trip took away some of the wearisome aspects of the whole season. I went through it without even a sniffle until last week and now I am trying to get rid of the residual cough.

I have done little research along any line during the winter. I tried to find out when Althea Belknap Rogers died, but the town clerk in Byron, Michigan, could find no record. She must have moved after the settling of Samantha's estate. *No record. A will either.*

I am inclosing one exhibit which provides an additional fact or two. The Ontario County historian found these two clippings in his file unexpectedly and Zeroxed them, one for me and one for you. It is interesting to note that not only the name of 'Jane' was perpetuated down through, as you indicated in your Christmas speech, but also her maiden name of Leonard. Do you have any records of the Leonard family? However, you probably don't have time to be interested in John's wife's family as well as James'.

Incidentally, did you ever hear from cousin Nelson on Long Island?

Incidentally, again, did Carol finally make the D.A.R.? I wrote a letter to Niagara County Historian and got a snippy letter back, but with a further reference. Will try again.

Not incidentally, do you have any good clues as to where in New Jersey these families lived originally? I wish the 1790 census records had not been burned.

I presume the mails are going through again, so it will be safe to wish you a joyous Easter and not have it arrive on April Fool's Day.

As ever,

John

Garlinghouse Name Fixed Firmly in Allen Hill Area

Homestead Farm Purchased In 1848

Garlinghouse is a long name and a strong name. Joseph Garlinghouse was the second sheriff of the county. The family first settled in Naples and is still well represented there. Allen's Hill, however, is the real home.

Joseph Garlinghouse lived on what is today the George Deal farm in Allens Hill. Nelson Garlinghouse, his son, bought the adjoining farm in 1848 and today Leonard Garlinghouse, grandson of Nelson and veteran of World War II, resides here.

The pioneer settler in the county was John Garlinghouse, soldier of the Revolution, who migrated with his sizeable family from New Jersey into the unbroken country of this area in the spring of 1798. He was then a man of 40 and he and his wife, Jane Leonard Garlinghouse, brought all nine of their children into the Naples section. Incidentally the given name, Leonard, has come down through four generations from Jane Leonard Garlinghouse.

Joseph Garlinghouse was a sturdy figure. He fought in the War of 1812, was present at the burning of Buffalo and then returned to the Ontario countryside which he had come to know well. He traded the uniform of a militia officer for a 25-acre farm on Allens Hill and sold his musket for a cow. This was the start of the Garlinghouse tradition in the Allens Hill area. Ultimately Joseph Garlinghouse expanded his holdings to 1,000 acres and had one of the largest sheep farms in the county.

Joseph Garlinghouse married Submit Sheldon, member of another old family in 1808 and they had eight children — Jane, Nelson (the real name was John Nelson but he never used the John), Leman, who resided for years on Bristol street in Canandaigua; Joseph, Louise, Mary, Ellen and Amelia. Amelia, the youngest daughter, died of typhoid fever at the age of 11 and is buried at Allens Hill. Mary was the last of this generation to survive, dying in Chicago at the age of 91.

Joseph Garlinghouse was sheriff of the county for six years, was constable in his town for 27 years. In the 1830s he sold the home farm to Nelson Ogden and accepted a state senate clerkship. This he held until his sudden death in July, 1862, at the age of 77. His wife survived him by twelve years. Both Joseph and Submit Garlinghouse are buried in the Allens Hill cemetery.

The Nelson Garlinghouse farm was in the hands of the Whitney family when it was procured in early 1842. The house, it is said, was built in about 1810. The upstairs rooms were used by the Allens Hill Masonic lodge, founded



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in 1809, which in its hey-day had 110 members. Once there was a large porch on the ground floor as well as a balcony on the second floor. This balcony allegedly marked the Masonic rooms.

Nelson Garlinghouse twice married—first to Lorinda Short, related both to Theophilus Short, founder of Shortsville village, and Captain Pitts, pioneer of the town of Richmond, and second to Lucy Bothwell, who carried an old and proud Scottish name. There were two children by the first marriage and seven by the second.

Of the children of Nelson and Lucy Bothwell Garlinghouse, three survive—Mrs. Mary Garlinghouse Ward of Livonia who was 94 this year and is in vigorous health; Mrs. Emma Garlinghouse Allen of Allens Hill and Mrs. George Pitt Reed (Fannie Garlinghouse) of Honeoye. The others were Joseph, who died in his 20s on July 4, 1882; Stoughton, who died in his 80s on July 4, 1947; Nellie, who did not marry and who died about seven years ago; Addie Garlinghouse Briggs, who died many years ago.

Nelson Garlinghouse passed in his 83rd year in April, 1895, and Mrs. Lucy Bothwell Garlinghouse in Feb. 1905 in her 81st year.

Leonard Garlinghouse, son of Stoughton, works the home farm and is continuing the name in the Allen's Hill area. Another son of Stoughton Garlinghouse, Nelson, also a World War II veteran with broad service in the Pacific theatre, is teaching school on Long Island.

Garlinghouse Home Sold to John Redman

Well Known Allens Hill Property Is Purchased

John Redman, whose \$25,000 home at Allens Hill was destroyed by fire last Thursday night, has purchased another Allens Hill residence, the former Leonard Garlinghouse property. Mrs. Leonard Garlinghouse, who has been the owner of the home since the sudden death of her husband last year, is now residing in Rochester.

The Garlinghouse home is one of the oldest and best known in the county. It was built in 1806 by Lyman Whitney of oak logs

taken from the area. Ironically some of the trees cut for the lumber stood on the high knoll where the Redman home had been. In the 1820s and 1830s Eureka Masonic lodge which had a membership of about 75 Allens Hill and Honeoye men held its meetings on the second floor of the house. In these same years and for a full generation later the stage which rumbled from Canandaigua to Bloomfield and over Allens Hill to Honeoye and Livonia stopped at the tavern across the street.

Nelson Garlinghouse bought the property of the Whitneys in 1848. He brought his young bride there—his second wife—and it has been held by the Garlinghouse family up to the present, a span of 104 years.

His father, Joseph Garlinghouse was an early sheriff of Ontario county and it was his habit to ride horseback from Allens Hill to Canandaigua every Monday. He resided on what is the George Deal farm today. Later in the 1850s and early 1860s he had a clerkship in the state senate. In March, 1862, he was spending a few days with his daughter in LeRoy when he was fatally stricken with an apoplectic stroke.

Nelson Garlinghouse lived on the family property until his death in April, 1895 and his large family continued ownership. Nelson Garlinghouse—really John Nelson Garlinghouse—married into the Pitt family for his first wife. The Pitts were the original pioneer settlers of the town of Richmond. His second wife was Lucy Bothwell, native of Scotland, who came into the area as a young girl.

Nelson and Lucy Bothwell Garlinghouse had seven children—five daughters and two sons. The sole survivor of the family is Mrs. George Reed of Honeoye. The other children were Mary, who was Mrs. Charles Ward of Livonia; Miss Nellie Garlinghouse who taught school for many years; Mrs. Emma Garlinghouse Allen, who died in her 92nd year on Jan. 9, 1952; Mrs. Adelaide Garlinghouse Briggs of Bristol; and Mrs. Reed. The sons were Stoughton and Joseph M. Garlinghouse. Both died on July 4—Joseph in 1882 and Stoughton in 1948.

GLADYS

This time, for a change, I'll answer questions instead of asking them. From my records:

Deborah Alden

BRIIGS BELKNAP, son of Isaac Belknap and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Newburgh)
Sgt in War of 1812. Capt of a sloop on Hudson River. Made 10-day
trip overland to western N Y. ~~XXXXXX~~ Resided Benton, Yates Co., 1819.
Named for his mother's father, Col. Briggs Alden. Married Miana Drake.

JEDUTHAN BELKNAP, son of Benjamin Belknap and Hannah Richardson, ~~XXXXXX~~
Johnstown R I (later Newburgh). Married Lydia Olney. Member R I Assembly 1774.
Capt Providence City Troop of Horse, 1776. Later, in 2nd Regt Ulster Co Militia, N Y.
(There's another Jeduthan, lineage not fully established; but I think this one
is the one whose name interested you.)

Now no more names for a while. Peg and I are off to the Carribean for a ~~XXXXXX~~
couple of weeks — perhaps longer.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

ZL

Dear Gladys:

"What can I say?" That's as far as I got, in haste, the day your sweetly thoughtful Christmas greeting arrived.

I'm still stuck right there. I lack words to say how much it meant to me, that you should even have thought of doing it -- let alone actually doing it.

But I could tell you a story. Like this . . .

When my granddaughter Linda was ten, her other grandparents took her to England for a month in which (in addition to seeing everything there was to see) she spent a week with cousins in the Lake District -- most of it with one girl of her own age.

After she returned, I asked her, "What did you like most in England?"

Her face shone as she answered. "Getting to know Caroline," she said.

So . . .

If anyone asked me what I've liked most about my digging into family history, I'd say "Getting to know Gladys."

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
October 31, 1969

Greetings on Hallowe'en -

It seems to me that I certainly know some most friendly and thoughtful people. I was quite overwhelmed to find the box waiting for me, to take off the bright colored wrappings and find my winter's reading course in architecture. Thank you both so much. My friends are quite envious and I'm sure the director of our "Houses of Distinction" project in Geneva, for which I do research in early ownership, will feel the books should be deposited at the Historical Museum! I'm anticipating showing the "Builder's Manual" of 1827 to the man who does my carpenter work!

I have put off until the last polite moment the acknowledgment of the gift because I hoped to have an inclosure of importance. I took a wild guess and sent off two letters. Positive answers to either or both should prove a little further break-through. (Even today, I shall wait until the postman comes before mailing this)

You will see that there are two inclosures. Peg's comment^{*} caused the snapshot. I have seldom looked as relaxed as this since the picture was taken in Costa Rica fifteen years ago - and the intervening time makes my sixty-seven years fully evident. I thought it might amuse you, though.

Also the 'literary' (?) inclosure - it grew out of a casual review of the dates involved in your family history.

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However, there has been some advance. On Wednesday I walked in Hunt's Hollow! It was one of those wonderful fall days and I realized I should take advantage of it. So, I re-checked Allen's Hill cemetery and discovered stones for a Jane Garlinghouse, wife of John, who died May 27, 1841, age 77 years. This might be the sister-in-law of James, who married Moses Briggs? Another stone, same size and shape, next to hers was so weathered that nothing could be determined. Was this John's? The third stone - "Erected to the memory of Benjamin Garlinghouse who died December 28, 1812, in the 21st year of his life, by brother Joseph Garlinghouse." My present self-imposed project is to get these Garlinghouse people straightened out! I made some progress in Auburn the other day (see early list of deaths).

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With plenty of time I decided to drive to Hunt's Hollow. Some day, preferably in the early fall, you should certainly come up and take that drive. Where the west and east Lake Roads joined

I turned back up the East Road to the first house, occupied by a person most interested in Genealogy. This was not the house of Jonas Belknap, manifestly, but it was the spot! I could look across "the bottoms" to the schoolhouse and the mass of weeds that had once been a cemetery. In fact, there were two - a small one back of the schoolhouse for which there exists a list of the names on the stones, and a tiny one north of the schoolhouse which never had stones, only a few graves, and markers at the four corners. This may likely have been the one where Esther is buried. Mrs. Reubens took my name and address and the names I was interested in and will try to find out more for us.

Just beyond in Springwater is another house which is vacant and rapidly deteriorating, but which well might be Jonas' house which he built in 1806. It was late in the afternoon but I took a chance and took pictures of both farmhouses and the weed-surrounded school house.

I was directed to a Mrs. Gibbous a little ways down the road, whose ^{husband's} aunt had been an authority on Hunt's Hollow. Mrs. Gibbous was most cordial but said her aunt's material was in the attic and since the family had just moved into this house, she couldn't tell where it was. She did have some information in her files concerning her husband's family. How would you like some more Garlinghouse girls??? Don't faint - I know where these belong.

Benjamin Garlinghouse - 1761-1850 - Revolutionary War hero -
 Wife - Marcia - d. Nov. 18, 1845 - age 77.
 Son - Stephen A. Garlinghouse - b. ca. 1796
 Son - Samuel Garlinghouse - 1797-1854
 Daughter - Sarah Elizabeth Garlinghouse - 1799-1852,
 married Joseph French (1803-1872)
 Daughter - Julia Ann Garlinghouse - b. 1803
 m. James French, Jr. (1812-1859)

Some of these names appear on a very early letter of mine - but stupidly (I'd better send the books back) I noted they had relinquished inheritance rights, but failed to say to whom! There must be another child, the residual heir - I'll check again!

Well, we had a nice chat - again my name and address, and the names of your Garbushouse girls - and the promise to let me know! And, coincidence, Mr. Bibbous came from Belchertown! Coming down off the hills into Naples during the sunset was magnificent!

My last material to you must have crossed with your letter of October 17 so that by now you know part of the answer to (4) under your UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Aletha (Alta) Belknap married in 1825 in Hopewell and Samantha remained unmarried. The 1810 census gave only two small girls in Sarah's family.

I am inclosing a form used by the Livingston County Historian's office (they have forms to fit EACH census) - and you will note that, when you work with the 1820 census, there is an additional

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column for 'males'. This has been confusing for me, and I did not indicate the heading when I sent in my gleanings from 1820.

This has been far too long an epistle. One further item. I found in Hobart library an 1846 HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY. I brought it home, hoping to find my elusive friend, Judethan Belknap, of the Town of Phelps. I did not find him, but found many others. I presume, until you complete your own line, you are not bothering about the Newburg ones. If you would like notes on their mention, I'd be glad to do it some time. You may have the book available nearer at hand. I could not resist ending this letter with the following quote:

p. 154 - "We mention this Revolutionary incident (concerning 16-year old Isaac Belknap, later a general) more particularly to show the general character of the Belknap family, now very numerous in this town, and found in all callings, professions, and walks of life.

They are a strong, muscular race, enterprising and industrious; and while self-willed, quick in temper and easily offended, of great and indomitable courage."

I would like to witness that I have not found the underscored (mine) true in any extent at all.

Thank you again for your stimulating gift.

Sincerely,

Gladys

Incs.

* - I'm not sure the snap does any thing to confirm it. I appreciate her invitation - I'll certainly keep it in mind, but I don't get very far from home these days.

P.S. Mailman came - no "break thru" letter - but 2 from you! Wait a minute! O.K. I don't need to add - only the Belknaps' pictures in those two sources were such fine looking people!

GLADYS:

12/7/69

So I stubbed my toe again? Yes, ma'am, I did. And I'm writing this note in hope of beating you to it.

When I wrote memo 12/2 on ASA NEWTONS, I slipped when going through the fat file of letters from you. I missed something that I found today, when re-reading your file for data on Samuel's daughters Samantha and Alethea. What I missed (because it was stapled at the back of one letter) was the 1820 Census record for Asa Newton and Asa Newton Jr, Livonia.* One glance at it was enough to see that my memo 12/2 was sadly wrong and should be disregarded.... So I try to start over again, on my search for Tamar's first husband -- with new numbering, like this:

- #1 -- Asa Newton, brother of Mary Newton, b. 13 Apr 1748
- #2 -- Asa Newton, 1790 Census, Granby, Mass. -- 1-2-2.

I persist in believing that #1 and #2 must be the same person; and that Tamar could have been this Asa's second wife in 1790, though 18 years younger than he was. Tamar born 1766 did not marry till 1789, 23 yrs old -- a late age for marriage, increasing likelihood she might marry an older man when asked.

- #3 -- Asa Newton in 1820 Census, Livonia -- "over 45" -- with oldest female "26-45."

He could not be Tamar's husband if Census age for oldest female was correct, as Tamar ~~was~~ was 54 in 1820.

BUT if ~~XXXXXX~~ Census was wrong on that entry for oldest female, the 1820 wife (in early 1820) might well have been Tamar. AND the entry for a girl "under 10" looks like Diantha. . . AND it was December 31st 1820 when Jonas N Belknap named Tamar as his wife. SO this Asa might have died during 1820, after Census taking. Then this Asa might be the one we are searching for.

- #4 -- Asa Newton, Jr., in 1820 Census -- obviously could not have been Tamar's husband.

AND ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ could not have been the un-named son in letters of administration given to Asa Sr in 1815.

Up to here, lots of IF's -- but still a strong possibility that #2 is our man. BUT must consider #5.

- #5 -- Asa Newton at Livonia, as reported to George May by a correspondent whom he did not name.

IF details of will, as relayed by May, are correct, this Asa could not be Tamar's husband -- as died 1825, and had wife Catherine.--- But note May's comment "I say think, because the line of descent is a little different than that to which I am accustomed." Perhaps his correspondent confused ~~him~~ her identification ?

There is nothing in the abstract of the will to match this Asa #5 with Census figures for Asa #4 (who looks like the right Asa).

was not a Catherine.

The only point on which the Asa #5 matches Asa #3 is that his will named a son Joseph — and you found a real estate transaction by a Joseph — as I noted in memo 12/2. And ~~the~~ the abstract of the will, as reported to May, shows a ~~sworn~~ a deceased son Calvin — who might have been the one ~~mentioned~~ in record of letters ~~of~~ of administration, 1815. un-named

~~I~~ I think there's a possibility that examination of the record of the will of the Asa (Sr) at Livonia in 1820 census might show that May's correspondent had made an incorrect identification — and that Asa #3 (who had a child who might have been Diantha) died in 1820, not in 1825 as stated by May's correspondent — and that his wife

this
Is there a way I can get ~~the~~ information by mail? That is, without asking you to go dig it out? You have done so much; I just can't ask you to do more.

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PS: I'm also enclosing a copy of a Newton sheet sent to me some time ago by Claudia Gilbert Marshall — probably substantially correct, though some errors, maybe, in earlier entries toward top of sheet. It shows birthdate of Asa #1 — who, I think, must be #2 and #3.

MEMO FROM ONE TO: CHARLES GRAY-MORRIS MAYOLAUSIA MARSHALL-CLINTON BELKIN? Dec 2 69

IDENTIFICATION OF ASA NEWTON, FIRST HUSBAND OF TAMAR VINTON
(and parentage of "Diantha")

Today I'm trying to fit together the jig-saw pieces you people have sent me, on this puzzle. As I know nothing much about Newton genealogy, I'm diffident and uncertain; but it seems worth while to show all the pieces to all of you.

The reason of course is to see if we can determine the parentage of the Diantha who was 9 years old in 1880, hence born 1871 -- a year after James H B married Rachel ---. If we find that Tamar's husband Asa died before 1871, we would believe Diantha was daughter of James and Rachel. But if we find that he died after 1871, we would not know more than we already do -- i.e., that Diantha could be either daughter of James and Rachel or daughter of Asa and Tamar.

In my limited knowledge of Newtons, Asa Newtons have been hard to find, and I'm dependent on what has come to me from other people. The only possibilities I know about are:

- (A) Asa Newton, brother of Mary Newton (JNB's mother), born 13 April 1748
- (B) Asa Newton who died at Livonia N Y, between 26 January 1824 and May 18, 1825
- (C) Asa Newton, son of "B", who died before May 18, 1825 (or before Jan 26, 1824?)
- (D) Asa Newton, son of Oliver Newton, Mary's brother. He died in 1783 (Doolittle's Sketches, via George May).

George May believes that "A" and "B" are the same man. I think he is right. Copy of his letter Oct 21, on this subject is enclosed.

Starting point, now, is date of Tamar Vinton's marriage to Asa Newton. Not shown in Vinton genealogy nor in History of Hadley. Commander Charles Belknap, in the 1890's, set it down as 25 January 1789. His documented entries on Belchertown dates seem unquestionable. He dug much deeper than Doolittle did.

With that marriage date, Tamar could have been the second wife of the Asa Newton shown at Granby (close to Belchertown) in Census 1790: 1 - 2 - 2 could be Asa and Tamar and children by a first marriage. BUT if May is right in thinking "A" and "B" were same man, must and if I am right in thinking that the Asa Newton in 1790 Census must have been "A", then this man could not have been Tamar's first husband, as his wife at Livonia was named Catherine. See enclosed letter excerpt, from May.

And "B" is ruled out by date of death, 1783 -- six years before Tamar's first marriage.

So I am left with "C" -- the Asa who was son of "B" and died some time before 1825 or 1824. (The abstract of the will of his father, in May's letter, is not clear on this point.) And there are questions to ask.

(1) When was he born? In 1789, was he old enough to marry Tamar, who was 22 years old? I have no birth date for him. Perhaps one of you does. I can merely guess that if

his father "A" married at age 20, in 1768, a first-born son could have been born in 1769 and would have been 20 in 1789. Two years younger than Tamar; but such age differences were not uncommon. . . So I can say that "C" might have married Tamar. I can't say that he couldn't have done so. No certainty — but no firm obstacle, either.

Thus far, the only other thing we know about Ann "C" is that he was the only dead son mentioned in his father's will, which was signed 25 January 18th.

This also may give us the date of his death. In a letter dated Nov 5 1968, Gladys Gray supplied the following information, from files of Surrogate's Office, Ontario County:

May 23, 1815 — ANN HORTON was granted letters of administration in the estate of his son (name not given).

Commenting, she wrote: "My guess is that whoever copied (the deed document) for the record was unable to read the HORTON name on the original, left a blank to be filled in, and then forgot to ask anyone."

My comment: Unless the will of his father, on closer examination, shows otherwise, I think this un-named son must have been Ann "C".

That same letter from Gladys contains two other entries of interest in this question.

COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS — Jan 30 1811, purchase for \$600, by Ann Horton, 150 acres in NW corner of lot 5, Township 9, 6th range (which I think means Livonia TNS).

~~March 26, 1817 — sale by Joseph and Susannah Horton, Livonia, \$2000 — 99.27 acres,~~

This is not necessarily first land owned by that Ann (B) in Ontario Co., but it is after 1790 when Ann "A" was in Granby Census. Increases probability that "A" and "B" were same man.

March 26, 1817 — sale by Joseph and Susannah Horton, Livonia, \$2000 — 99.27 acres, part of lot 28, township 9, RANGE 6th range.

A son Joseph was named in will of Ann "B".

Of course the weakness in my pseudo-reasoning, in identifying these Ann's, has been that all I can say is that "I don't see who else it could have been." ~~KLING~~ Maybe you people can supply, or find a way to supply, some real proof.

One background thought that influences my present notions is that perhaps the presence of Mary Horton's younger brother Ann in Granby might explain something that has puzzled me — why Mary and her husband Samuel Bellamy, and his brother Job, suddenly sold their property in northern Conn. and moved to Murreyfield Plantation in central Massachusetts, in 1760 or 1761. It could be that this Ann had gone about 30 miles west from Leicester, Mass., when this Murreyfield area was opened up, and had sent word that here was now and better land than the poor farm land where Samuel and Job were living in Connecticut. All supposition, nothing more.

Now, where does all this sort of thing leave me?

It leaves me reconstructing the story something like this: About 1790 or a year or so earlier, Jonas H. Holthrop and his wife Esther Parker left Belshertown and began moving west — first to Cherry Valley where his uncle Abel lived. By 1795 they had settled in Ontario County. His uncle Asa Newton and his cousin Asa "U" probably did not leave Granby till some time after 1790, and may have come to Livonia (a few miles from Honesoye) after 1795 — but certainly came there before 1811. Then, in July 1815 Jonas's wife Rachel died; and shortly before May 23 in that same year his cousin NE Asa Newton ("U") died, leaving a widow Tamar — whereupon quite naturally and probably very soon, the widower and the widow were married — because one of them, but heaven knows which one, had a very young daughter named Diantha who needed a father or a mother, whichever it was.

The ages of Rachel and Tamar don't seem to help very much. In 1811, when Diantha was born, Rachel was 55 — and Tamar was 45. Does this make Tamar more likely?

Vinton genealogy gives no children of Tamar and Asa Newton.

Query: Can the will of Asa "U" be found, or is it plain that he died intestate?

What else to try to do? ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

I've been wrong so often in my guesses, that I shouldn't do it again. But here I go. I'm betting on Tamar. Why? Because my branch of the family, which has done a lot in perpetuating family traditions, has never mentioned the existence of Diantha as a child of Jonas H.

several seem to have been handed down. Incidentally, who was this Asa Newton, former husband of Tamar Vinton?

I have had recent correspondence with a "Newton" descendant (from Richard of Sudbury, Mass., who is also a common ancestor of both Mary Newton Belknap and John Newton of Deerfield.) I will pass along to you some of the information she gave me without too much comment. I think this Asa Newton is the youngest brother of Mary Newton Belknap. I say think because the line of descent shown is a little different than that to which I am accustomed. Asa Newton (wife Catherine) of LIVONIA, New York. Died between January 26, 1824 (when will was written) and May 18, 1825 (when will was recorded). Lists heirs as: son Joseph; son Luther; son Reuben; son Asa, who was deceased and had already been given 15 acres of land; granddaughter Sally Cleveland, dau. of daughter Matilda (Newton) Clark, late wife of Eli Clark; dau. Lybie (Newton) Case; dau. Nancy (Newton) Anderson; granddaughter Phebe Newton, daughter of son Calvin Newton, deceased; and heirs of daughter Rhoda (Newton) Clark, late wife of Alexander Clark. Witnesses: Harry Hyde, Wm Parks, Sheldon Lewis. Executors: Reuben Newton and Leman Gibbs. She says that this will was published in "Free Talks" but failed to give date.

(over)

I have from "Newton Genealogy" by E. M. Leonard that Asa Newton, the fifth and youngest child of Stephen and Mary (Witt) Newton was born on April 13, 1748. I believe that Oliver, the third child, who was born April 2, 1742, wife Rebecca, had a son Asa who lived at Belchertown, and he (Asa) died in 1783. (Information on Asa from DoolittlesSketches)

Well - all for now will keep you informed if I am able to dig up anything further.

best regards,

George M.

Re-list Ada Newtons

- A Ada Newton, bro. of Mary, b. 13 Apr. 1748
 B " " at Granby, 1790 Census; 1-2-2 (May)
 C " " at Livonia, d. betw. 26 Jan 1824 + 18 May 1825 (May)
 D " " Jr. son of C, d. before 18 May 1825 (May)
 E " " Jr. in 1820 Census Livonia
 F " " son of Oliver d. 1783 (May)
 G " " in 1820 Census, Livonia

A + B identical } possibly not identical
 C + D identical }
 In 1820 A would be 72

~~E + F identical~~

E + F - identical - and could not be Thomas's fr.

G - impossible -

leaves ABCD as only possibility,

IF abstract of will is incorrect

Notes on ASA NEWTON com. CB

① m. Tamar Vinton 25 January 1789 ^{could be} ~~the~~ b. 30 July 1766
(probably at Belchertown) 22½ old at marriage

② Asa Newton - census 1790 - Granby
1-2-2 ^{could be} \nearrow Asa + Tamar
+ 3 children by a previous marriage

③ This makes it seem possible Asa was Mary Newton's youngest brother.
Asa - b. ~~18~~ Apr 1748 (Mrs. Anna Calvins) ^{via claudia}
Hence 18 yrs older than Tamar
And old enough to have children shown in 1790 Census
~~Newton genealogy says "13" (May)~~

④ OTHER A's \nwarrow (2. May)

(a) Asa Newton, Livonia NY - wife Catherine -

~~already~~ d. between will ^{written} 26 Jan 1824 and ^{will} recorded May 18, 1825
ch: Joseph, Luther, Reuben, Asa (already deceased
+ had been given 15 acres) etc for grand-ch.
Query: How good is the source?

2. May, Lewis #4 = #3 -

(b) Asa son of Asa #4a - dead before 1825
(? looks like the Asa we are hunting for)

(c) Asa, son of Oliver (bro. of Mary Newton)
(Newton genealogy) d. 1783 (so could not
be Tamar's husband)

Note = NWB has wife of Stephen Newton as Mary Gibbs
Is this wrong?

Asa Newton Sheet 2

#4 a - Assume died 1825

Age 60 70 80

Born 1760 1750 1740

(Leola Rice #3)

But could not have been Tamar's husband

though could have been #2 (census)

(This seems more likely to C4B) w/o a second wife -

If he^{4a} was #3, b 1748, could have married about 1768, + son Asa (4B) could have been born 1769, in which case 20 yrs old in 1789 - marrying girl 2 yrs older -

This is possible

And he died before 1825, so might have been dead before 1820 when Tamar was wife of Jonas N B

Query: does the will show him dead before 16 Jan 1824 - does will show when 15 acres given to ~~Asa~~ him -

-Intro-

If Asa J (4B) dies after 1811 - he could be father of Diantha, by Tamar

If died before 1811, could not - and Diantha would be daughter of Jonas N B + Rachel

→ Asa Newton in 1790 Census - Granby
was Mary Newton's brother - and was Asa
of Livonia -

Then: He did not come to Livonia till after 1790
& His son Asa (Jr) could have married
Tamar at Granby in 1789 -
+ could have come to Livonia w/ Tamar
when his father died ; so Tamar would
have been ^{relatively} near Jonas when Asa (Jr) died -
= Must have been in Livonia to get the
15 acres -

TO DO: Census 1800-1810-1820 Livonia
for Asa (Sr) & Asa Jr

Land Records - Livonia - for det of 15 acres

Wills - Livonia - Asa (Sr) ~~(full det)~~
Asa (Jr)

Deaths + Burials - Livonia - Asa (Jr)

Edward Newton — Anna Locker (Locker)
 b - abt. - 1601 b - abt. - 1605
 d - " 1701 d - 5-Dec. - 1697
 m - " 1640

Henry or Robert Locker (of England)
 m - 1600
 Elizabeth Brewer

- 1- John Sr. - b - 20-Oct.-1641 - Sudbury, England m Elizabeth Larkin - 5-June-1666
 d - 16-Oct.-1723
- 2- Ezekial - b - abt 1643
- 3- Mary - b - 22-June-1644 - England m Jonathan Johnson 14-Oct.-1663
 d - 28-Dec.-1728
- 4- Moses - b - 1645 - died young
- 5- Moses - b - 1646 - Sudbury, Mass. m - Joannah Larkin - 27-Oct.-1668
 d - May 1732/36
- 6- Dea Joseph - b - 1648 m Katherine Woods
 d 26-Jan.-1727
- 7- Elizabeth - b - 1650 Marshfield, Mass. m Jacob Dingley 1664/8
 d 30-Mar. 1718
- 8- Sarah - b - 1652 m James Taylor Sr. - 1669
 d - 1711
- 9- Hannah - b 13-Apr.-1654 m John Bellows - 1694
- 10- Daniel - b - 21-Dec.-1655 Marlboro, Mass. m - Susanna Morse 30-Dec.-1680
 d - 29-Nov.-1739
- 11- Isaac - b - 1657 m Rebecca Concord - 1688
- 12- Henry (died young)

John Newton & Elizabeth Larkin

John Newton & Hannah Morse

b - 5-June-1667 b - 1674 - d - 1732
 d - 1754
 m - 1690

Stephen Newton b - 15-Aug-1716 Marlboro, Mass m Mary Witt (Witt)
 m - 20-Jan-1736/7 Leicester, Mass.

Jonathan Witt (Wett?) m
 bydia Mathew 18-Feb-1713

b - 17-sept-1715

- * 1- Mary b - 8-Nov.-1737 Bap - 1738 m 19-June-1754 Samuel Belknap
 2- James b - 18-Mar.-1740 - d - 1753
 3- Oliver b - 2-Apr.-1743 - m - Rebecca
 4- Sarah b - 29-Nov.-1745
 5- Asa - b - 13-Apr.-1748

Now this is some information I received from Mrs. Calkins
 some time ago. I have Mary dau. of Stephen Newton & Mary Gibbs
 Is this Asa Newton the one you are researching? Does
 this help? I sincerely hope so. Claudia Marshall

~~in Darlingtonhouse~~
~~(2 gg 2th)~~

3 (7) to Clinton - Samuel's daughters
Samantha (unmarried) Lived with Antanas Linch family
But 6. 1807

and Gray
"40" in 1850 Census
d. + Hopewell, 7/30/79 - age 72
Althea ("Alta") m. George Riggs,
at Hopewell, 5 Jan 1825
+ moved to Mich -
(Hopewell estate 1822, taken from John Ham)
"about 70" in 1850 settlement of Samantha's estate

MERCY not ch. of Samuel
Mrs. Dickerson has

Marcia d. of Sands + Margaret m Laughlin
m. David Trembley

HWB

Mercy (Marcia) #716
d. of as abov 2

m David Trembley (merchant)
15 June 1831
at Newburgh

1812 Census

Sally - 00000/20100

Newburgh family
Desc. of Joseph



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Memo from

Alvin L. Wachsman

G. G. G.

Known

- Gamaliel son of James G.
- Mary Ann who m. Jones Jr.
not daughter of John G. hence
d. of James - sister of Gamaliel.
- Rachel (mrs Abiather Newton)
sister of Jane -

New evidence

- Ream or proved wife of James
- Not ch. of John identified -
no trace of our girls
Jane, Catherine, Rachel.
- Census 1800 - only James
with enough girls -

HISTORY OF YATES COUNTY -

"They (committee sent out by Jemima Wilkinson, Universal Friend, to find a place for colony) journeyed through Pennsylvania and upon arrival at Wyoming heard the glowing accounts of Seneca Lake country as related by Sullivan".

ADDITIONAL FAMILY FROM 1810 CENSUS -

(not indexed, and listed on page as
'Galinghouse' - found by accident
in pages of Honeoye inhabitants)

Jno. Galinghouse 1-0-1-0-0 0-0-1-0-0

Garlinghouse girls

November 22, 1969

Dear Carroll,

It occurs to me that, when I include several items in the same letter, you must have difficulty in filing. So I'll leave space between items so you can cut the letter apart if you wish.

Proof of James Garlinghouse's wife: Eleanor

In my letter of Oct. 24, 1967, I listed "purchases" by Garlinghouse individuals, but no sales, trying only to give you an idea of the large holdings. Yesterday I reversed it:

May 8, 1828 - \$432: James Garlinghouse, and Eleanor, his wife, sold his final 108 acres to Gideon Granger. (Sold other 108 acres - both bought from Bacon in 1813/14 - to Nathaniel Gould Dec. 14, 1815 for \$200 - but wife not mentioned.)

Oct. 24, 1817 - \$440: John Garlinghouse and Levanna, his wife, sold to Samuel Poppleton.

Another problem of identification:

In same 1967 letter I had listed the purchase and subsequent sale of property in Canandaigua by Amos C. and Phebe J. Belknap. 1875 census for Canandaigua shows:

One

Amos C. Belknap	-	age 43	-	born in Pa.	-	U.S. Express Agent
Phebe J.	"	38	-	"	"	Tompkins County
George E.	"	16	-	"	"	"
Frank H.	"	7	-	"	"	Chemung County
Jennie J. Mallison	-	21	-	"	"	Steuben Co., servant

Do you have any idea where these belong?

Happy Thanksgiving to you both.

Gladys

GLADYS:

Your query about Amos C Belknap, Canandaigua.

He was Amos Carey Belknap, great grandson of Jonas's Uncle Abel. Wife was Phebe J Smiley. Lived Canandaigua 1871-78 -- then Binghamton till 1912, still living in that year. (My file number 1125.25)

OTB 11/25/69

asddghjklbbbnmmooooopppeeeaaa

Amos Carey Bartnap
+ Phel J Smiley

HWB # 1125.25

b. 14 Nov 1931

Rileyville Ia

Lived Canandaigua 1871-8

Binghamton 1878-1912 (living then)

Q: George Edwin
Francis Howard
Grace Marshall

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156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
November 13, 1969

Dear Carroll,

The morning mail brought your DAR project and I read it while eating lunch. It is a decided work of art and dedication, and I certainly hope it wins the DAR membership. It gave me interesting background, too.

I have another item for you - with deepest apologies that I was so naive as not to recognize this back in 1967 in my first letter.

Earlier I had assumed that, when the books said the Garlinghouse family came "shortly after" the Belknaps, they were just too late to be included in the 1800 census. However, as I read dear Mr. Waite, it seemed most queer that they were not included. Last night, before the annual meeting of the county historical association, I took another look in the index. There were no 'Garlinghouse' names listed, but there were the following:

GASTINGHOUSE, Benjamin	- 2-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-1-0
GASTINGHOUSE, James	1-0-0-1-0	4-1-0-1-0
GASTINGHOUSE, John	2-2-1-1-0	2-1-0-1-0

1800

See all those girls in James' family?

Even late as this, it is a good - excellent - basis for distribution of the young families from 1810 census:

Garlinghouse, James, Jr.	1-0-1-0-0	0-0-1-0-0
Garlinghouse, Jonathan	1-0-1-0-0	0-0-1-0-0
Garlinghouse, Joseph	0-1-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0
Galinghouse, Jno.	1-0-1-0-0	0-0-1-0-0

Plus the one from the recently found tombstone:

Garlinghouse, Benjamin - died Dec. 28, 1812 in 21st year of his life - (brother of Joseph put up stone)

The new find has already settled whether Joseph was son of James or John (McIntosh said 'James', Turner said 'John'). Joseph was born in N. J. in 1784/85 - so he could belong only to John, particularly as he named a son, John.

Unnecessary question: Was one of your tribe a Mormon? Thru article in our church magazine I discovered Mount Belknap, and a village of Belknap, south of Salt Lake City.

Unnecessary information: Inclosure - no knowledge of man. File in O
" " : A Walter Phoenix Belknap is
advertising an index to some family's (not Belknap)
genealogy.

Hastily and humbly

Gladys

Who is supposed to be the father of James - John?

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
September 29, 1969

Dear Carroll,

Your inquiry of the 18th does not secure any final answer. In fact, I must confess, with the shame of an erring researcher, that I cannot find the reference under cemeteries from which I listed Mrs. Jonas Belknap (Rachel). So long as you have an extra Jonas, why not put her along with him, either as wife or widow - says Miss Gray facetiously.

I'm trying to see if early church histories in Gorham mention the family. In reviewing data was interested to see that Mrs. Elijah Parker (Mary) also died in Gorham.

I have spent the day in Geneseo (Livingston County) with some results, and possible confusion.

- (1) The town of Lima (Charleston) did not become a part of Livingston County until 1821, so in 1820 was still part of Ontario.
- (2) Museum over there had the 1820 Census on film.
No Belknaps listed anywhere. Did find the following:

Town of Richmond:

Joseph Garlinghouse	- 2-0-0-1-1-0	- 1-1-1-1-0
Elijah Parker	0-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-0-1-0
James Parker	1-0-0-0-1-1	4-0-0-1-1
Darius Finch	2-0-0-0-1-1	1-0-2-0-1
Albert Finch	3-1-1-2-1-0	0-1-0-1-0

Town of Bloomfield:

Isaac Newton	1-2-1-3-0-1	3-0-2-0-1
James Parker	3-3-1-3-0-1	1-1-0-3-0

Town of Livonia:

Asa Newton	0-0-0-0-1-1	1-0-1-1-0
Asa Newton, Jr.	3-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-1-0-0

Naples

Benjamin Garlinghouse	0-1-0-1-0-1	0-0-1-0-1
Daniel Draper	2-0-0-0-1-0	2-2-0-1-0

(Another Cemetery - Just inside Town of Richmond)
Listed as "Reed Cemetery", but probably Briggs

Thomas Briggs, died March 9, 1849 - age 61(?)
Mary Garlinghouse, wife of Thomas Briggs - died June 15, 1869
age 71 years, 11 mos. 26 days.
Joanne Garlinghouse - died Oct. 31, 1859 - aged 67 years, 4 mos.
Samuel S. Garlinghouse - 1797-1854
Franklin R. Garlinghouse - 1841-1845
Peter Garlinghouse
Phebe Garlinghouse

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I am assuming this Samuel is the son of Benjamin Garlinghouse, buried in Hunt's Hollow, Naples, and the Samuel Garlinghouse who signed a renunciation of rights to the estate.

Probably you have already perused my nicest find, - the excerpt from the Early History of Town of Springwater. The secretary to the county historian in Geneseo turned out to be a former Geneva girl, and she recognized the name 'Belknap', having done the index for this small volume.

I have no idea how reliable the unknown Mr. Waite may be - particularly since he had Esther Belknap die a month before Cynthia was born. Certainly items are of interest, and you know where Esther was buried. (I'll try to find it, but I have my doubts.)

Shifting all this into another township, bordering on Richmond and Naples, is something else again. I haven't taken time to try to correlate this with what you have sent me in the past. Apparently Mr. Waite used some of the same sources in Ohio that you did. I'll recheck Ontario County histories.

Incidentally, I did check grantors and grantees for Livingston County from its inception, 1821, on: No belknaps.

In 1835 Nelson and Leman Garlinghouse bought land in Lima and also sold it.

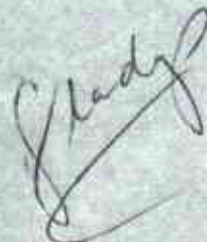
In 1846 - Nelson bought land in Livonia, and sold it in 1848. From then on the property transfers were in Mount Morris.

The 1850 census for Mt. Morris showed a Joseph and Rebecca P. Garlinghouse, age 25 and 22 respectively, living at the American Hotel - occupation 'livery and stages'.

Well, that is more than enough for one dose of confusion. The drive to Springwater this time of year is gorgeous, so shall stop in and see the town historian and try and discover Esther's grave.

Good luck.

Hastily,



File
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FROM CYB TO: GLADYS GRAY CLINTON BELKNAP CLAUDIA MARSHALL

12/9/69

THE CHILDREN OF SAMUEL BELKNAP & SARAH HUNT

Records found by Gladys show conclusively that the two children of Samuel Belknap (son of Jonas N B) and Sarah Hunt were Samantha Belknap and Alethea (Alta) Bel who lived in the family of Artemas Lincoln after their mother married him.

I shan't bother you with the detailed proof unless you ask for it.

All I'll try to do, here, is to see if their birth-dates can be approximated.

Both were living at time of 1810 Census, after Samuel's death -- as all of you

SAMANTHA: never married -- shown as aged 40 in 1850 census -- but recorded as 72 when she died at Hopewell 30 July 1779 -- which would make her born in 1807. This age seems more acceptable than the census. So I saying "born 1807."

ALETHEA (Alta): married George Rogers at Hopewell, 5 January 1825 -- to Michigan. I have no record of them in Michigan, but may find later. Her age given as "about 70" in 1880 settlement of estate Samantha. . . I'm saying "Born 1809 or 1810."

If you differ, let me know.

So we can say date of marriage of Samuel and Sarah Hunt was "about 1808." OK

ALSO: dates for Sarah Hunt:

Died 1878 -- "aged 95" So born 1783 (a year older than Samuel)

NOTE TO GLADYS: Mercy Belknap, who married David Trembly, Trumansburg, 15 June 1831. She was daughter of Sands Belknap and Margaret McLaughlin, of the Newburgh Belknap clan -- descendants of Joseph Belknap, the other son of the original Abraham. So only very distantly related to us descendants of Samuel, Joseph's older brother. Her name variously shown as Mercia, Marcia, Mercy. Must have preferred ~~KIMBERLY~~ "Mercy" as married under that name. I don't know what she was christened.

STILES

BOORUM & PEASE "NOTEAR" ®

BOORUM & PEASE "NOTEAR" ®

XII-800 STILES, ?
m. 7.

[XI-392 - XII-784

Cancelled out due to
2nd relationship]

Isaac

XI-400 John & Rachel
1595-1662

L Henry

L John

X-200 Isaac & Hannah
d. 1714

IX-100 ISAAC & Hannah Rose
m. (21) SAMUEL KARGER
d. 1699

L Deborah

VIII-80 ISAAC & Abigail Adams
1690-1787

L William

L Sarah

ABIGAIL

1723 -

VII-25

X-196

Francis & Joan

L Mary

L Ephraim

L Samuel

IX-38

BENJAMIN & ?

1651-1711

L Sarah

L Thomas

L Ruth

ABIGAIL & Samuel (Hunt)

1689

VIII-48

bp. 1686 -

L Abigail

L Mary

L Lois

DAVID & Abigail Stiles

VII-29

1719

L David

L Capt. Samuel Mann Rich Brooks

VI-12-1753

L Daniel

L Sally

L Abigail

L BENJAMIN - 1804

E-10 1780-1827 Aden

Margaret & Joseph Johnson
1695

L MATTHIAS

1732-1794

L Susanna Smith

1730-1809

L Philo

L Sabina

LAMOS

VI-19

L Lucina H. Brooks

1727-1825

L Betsey

L Sally

II-7 L POLLY

1788-1840

Marie Dolph & Dowitt C. Leach II-2

L Eliza & Edward F. Gray

L Grace & Grace F. Leach

L ME

(Blacks Gray)

Kent Co.

Clara Garlock

b 11 Jan 1859 @ Grand Rapids

m. George Washington Belnap

Son Alfred (Fred) Garlock
Belnap

b 16 Aug 1879

m. Mích

D 37

MEMO TO Gladys E. Gray
FROM Carroll Belknap

1/30/68

Again I owe you great thanks. Every time you write to me, you fill in one or two of the chinks in the records from which I'm working.

I have five sets of detailed records to correlate -- thousands of pages and thousands of names. Many gaps -- many conflicts -- many dead ends, in the years from 1343 to 1968. Every bit of information is helpful.

One of those sets of records contains data that may be of interest to you.

YOUR SECTION XII in your letter of January 25: The "Clara Belknap" whom you mention appears to be the Clara Garlock, born 11 January 1859, who married George Washington Belmap (note spelling), born Grand Rapids, Kent ~~County~~ County, Michigan, 22 Feb. 1857. He was a descendant of the Jesse Belknap who lived at Camajoharie in 1790, dropped the "k" from the family name at a date not yet determined, and died at North East, Pa., 1854. . . Clara Garlock's birthplace is also said to be Grand Rapids -- but no authority for this entry is given. . . Their only child of whom I have a record was Fred (Alfred)) Garlock Belmap, born 6 Aug. 1879, in Michigan -- town not stated. . . I have no continuation beyond this child.

academically,

You may be interested, in a minor genealogical triumph -- the solution of a case of that old bugaboo -- "the missing generation." I had been ~~convinced~~ convinced that the standard biography of Sir Robert Belknap (Belknap in Chaucer's time) in the ~~XXIX~~ Dictionary of National Biography must omit one generation. But copies of old documents in the British Museum disagreed with my belief. Finally I thought of the possibility that the John Belknap and Joan Belknap ~~mentioned~~ mentioned in Debrett 1952 as the links between the present Queen and Shakespeare might represent that missing generation. So I wrote to the editor of Debrett's. His reply shows that my guess was right -- and he himself turns out to be, slightly, a Belknap. Interesting -- though the link between the American and Canadian Belknaps and the family of Sir Robert has not been established, and may not exist.

For an amateur like me, it's both drudgery and fun. Yesterday, for instance, a sweet letter from the ~~Rita~~ Priscilla Alden Belknap who is a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins ("Speak for thyself, John.")

1901 - COLONIAL DANCES OF NEW YORK STATE
p. 62

Mrs. Robert Lenox Belknap
(Mary Phoenix Remson)

by right of descent from Johannes de Peyster
Hendrick Rutgers - Henry Remson
William Hallett

This was family
whose index I mentioned,
(believe)

Dear Gladys:

You really are a very precious dear -- but I've said that before, haven't I. Every time you write to me, you give me information that's new to me and everyone else who's interested in Belknap genealogy.

This time, information previously lacking on Briggs Belknap -- one of the ~~XXXXXX~~ numerous tribe at and around Newburgh -- begun by a Belknap from Woburn, Mass. -- 84 of them in 1790 census. The Jonathan at Charleston (Lima) in 1800 was one of that tribe -- and the Jonas at same place may have been one, too. (I'll welcome more about him.)

Glad to tell you the problem of Elisha Belknap's marriage to his second wife, Lucy Finch, has been partially solved. Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Neb., went to Des Moines to examine the family Bible from which that dubious date of 1808 had been taken -- found that the date had been altered (in 20th century handwriting) from 1810, two months after death of Bettie Briggs -- probably to conceal possible doubt about legitimacy of son Lacy -- who now seems surely to be son of first marriage. . . I keep running into cases of falsified Bible records, like this. Am getting used to them.

Parentage of Lucy Finch still not known -- but you may have shown the answer -- the Jesse Finch in 1800 census at Genesee, just a few miles from Honeoye -- had 2 daughters 10/15 in 1800, so one could have been right age for marriage to Elisha Belknap in 1810.

Tell me, did Ontario county then include what are now Livingston and Wayne Counties?

Now, something more that I hope you'll run into, someday -- evidence of presence of an Asa Newton in Ontario County or nearby, 1810 to 1819 period. There's strong probability that, at 60 or 61 age, my great great grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap (the one at Honeoye in 1800) may have married Asa's widow, after death of his first wife Esther Parker -- and that the Isaac Newton who married Cynthia, Jonas's youngest daughter, may have been Asa's son. These two marriages may have taken place either in your part of N Y or in Kentucky. Widow's name, Tamar (Vinton) Newton.

~~XXXXXXXX~~

Date and place of death of Jonas's first wife, Esther Parker, not yet determined -- I have nothing but conflicting claims on it.

Thanks,

Edna H

9/8/68

Dec. 10, 1968

Miss Gladys E Gray
156 Cherry Street
Geneva, N. Y. 14456

Dear Gladys:

I'm neither ungrateful nor negligent.

The reason why your letter of Nov. 5 ~~has~~ hasn't been answered is that in mid-October my wife and I left for a ~~2m~~ holiday on Crete. Now that we are home again, I'm hurrying to say Thank You again.

Too soon, yet, to say whether the Asa Newton you found is the one I'm searching for. But I'm immensely grateful for your help. I wish I could find more people like you.

Presently I may pester you by asking you to read and appraise something that I'll have to draft -- an attempt to show, from the records you have sent to me, that Elisha Belknap was a son of Jonas Newton Belknap -- in order to aid a young cousin in Iowa (Carol Anne Belknap) whose application for DAR membership has been rejected.

Most thankfully,

Carroll

Dec. 13, 1968

Dear Gladys:

You have been so generous with your time and your knowledge that I hesitate to ask for still more help. Yet I feel I must, for there's a question that I think can be answered only by you. I've encountered it in my effort to piece together the rather overwhelming circumstantial evidence indicating that one of the children of Jonas Newton Belknap was Elisha Belknap (re Carol Anne Belknap's application for D A R membership).

When you first wrote to me, March 7th 1967 (and I hope you kept a carbon copy) you gave me the following transcripts from the census records:

- (A) 1800, page 14 — Belknap, Jonas (placed by you at Charleston, now Lima, in a later letter)— 2-4-0-1-0 2-0-0-1-0
- (B) " " 38 — Belknap, Jonas (Honeoye) 3-0-1-1-0 1-3-0-1-0
- (C) 1810, page 39 — Belknap, Jonas (Bristol) 0-2-0-0-1 ~~XXXXXXX~~ 1-1-0-0-1

In 1967 I was not in position to determine ~~XXXXXX~~ which Jonas (A or B) was probably my great ~~XXXXXX~~ great grandfather. Since then, the identification of all of his children and the known or reported dates of their birth and marriage have made it plain that A and C were the same man and that he was Jonas Newton Belknap.

This has left the troublesome problem of the identity ~~xxx~~ of B. If there was another Jonas Belknap in that part of Ontario County in 1800 but not in 1810, there was a possible weakness in the conclusions I drew.

Now my attention has been drawn to a letter to Carol Anne's grandmother, from John A. Sherman of Hollywood, California. Sherman, to my certain knowledge, is an experienced and careful worker in genealogy. He has helpfully corrected some of the mistakes that I have made. In his letter to Carol Anne's grandmother, he gives from his examination of the 1800 census records (microfilm, Los Angeles Public Library, I believe) the same data for A as you did — except giving page number as "368." He ~~it~~ also shows same figures for B (citing page 334) but gives location as "Pitts Town" — not Honeoye.

Could you help me on this? I can't find a ~~XXXX~~ "Pitts Town" on any map in my possession. Could it have been an old name for Pittsford or some other settlement in what was then Ontario County? Or are you certain that the location of B in Honeoye, in your letter in March 1967, was correct?

Forgive me for troubling you. I need your help.

Carol

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
December 19, 1968

Dear Carroll,

Following the receipt of your letter of the 13th, I hasten to tell you to keep your cool: Geneva and Hollywood are both right.

- (a) The pages taken from the microfilm are the paging from the original census sheets. My paging is from the published editions of the Census of Ontario County.
- (b) Honeoye IS - or WAS - Pitts Town. In my original letter I put Honeoye since I knew Pittstown was not on any map. I have seen the marker in front of Col. Pitts home in Honeoye.

Your conclusions as to identity of the three Jonas people is a surprise. In one of your early letters you said the Lima Jonas was not known - in September, writing about the 'Briggs Belknap' I turned up, you stated that he was one of the Newburgh tribe and that Jonathan, Lima, 1800, was one of them, and that Jonas, Lima, may well have been one of the Newburgh tribe too. You would welcome more about him. Now you tell me that Jonas, Lima, 1800 - (A) in your letter, is identical with Jonas, Bristol, 1810 - (C) in your letter, and the reverse of your decision in July, 1968.

Well, you have the larger number of facts, but I was quite attached to the Honeoye Jonas. Since the Garlinghouse family was apparently strictly Honeoye at that time, he seemed much more probable. What you are implying now is that Jonas of Lima, and his wife, and six boys and two girls, in 1800, migrated backward, sometime during the next ten years, stayed long enough in Honeoye to have his sons marry into the Garlinghouse family, while he himself, with two sons under 15 and two daughters under 15, settled in Bristol by 1810.

What you really need to see is the 1810 census for Lima. Lima itself is quite near to Canandaigua, but from 1802 - 1821 was part of Genesee County and records for that period would be in Batavia considerably further on. Perhaps your California relative could find that census microfilmed also. Could you let me have a make-up of Jonas' and Jesse's families with dates? In the meantime, I'll make some inquiries to see if the 1810 Lima census is available around here. I admit the extra Jonas is a problem - moreso if he is the Honeoye one.

Sincerely,

Geary

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York
August 15, 1968

Greetings,

Thank you for including me in the results of your research. It rather puts some direction on the various isolated items I have been able to turn up for you.

I am inclosing a couple of snapshots taken at the Garlinghouse plot in the Allen's Hill Cemetery. While the day was bright, I did not realize there were the shadows existent, so the shots are not too good. But thought you might like them.

Accidentally, I came across another mention of the Belknap name the other day. A photograph in the magazine, YANKEE, was labelled "Belknap Point, Gilford, New Hampshire". There must have been a Belknap somewhere in that location at one time.


I see you still have the problem of Elisha's second wife, Lucy Finch. I don't recall coming across the name of Finch in my perusals. It would seem that they must have been married in Ontario County. I'll keep my eyes open for that name. Something might turn up, but it is doubtful.

My own research on the early ownership of the selected "Houses of Distinction" here in Geneva proceeds slowly. Most of the time I come on gaps in records and have to put in a yellow sheet explaining the problem rather than spend more than a logical amount of time on non-productive search.

My historical research on Mary Artemisia Lathbury got some welcome boosts with the discovery of some original letters in the library at Chautauqua this summer.

So, now that I am fully retired, I hope to get on some schedule and make some progress.

Sincerely,







Sept 5 1969

Dear Gladys:

So many kind letters from you, not yet answered. You must think me ungrateful.

Here goes, belatedly:

Aug 15 — Pictures of Garlinghouse gravestones. Many thanks. Parentage of "the Garlinghouse girls" not yet determined. But as my family's records say they were born in Pennsylvania, I'm still assuming that they were daughters of the only Garlinghouse shown in Pennsylvania in 1790 Census — James, in Luzerne Co. ?

Dec 19 — the two Jonas Belknaps in Ontario County, etc. . . I'm enclosing copy of a recent attempt to deal with this problem, including what I now believe to be a reasonably accurate list of the children of Jonas Newton Belknap. Will welcome your comments, for one conclusion rests on judgment. It may be, as you suggested, that I must look up the 1810 Census for Lima (Charleston). 2

When, as, and if I ever find time, I mean to make a complete study of all Census records — all states — 1790 to 1850.

Jan 9 — clipping headed "Alexandria Bay" and naming Mrs Betty M Belknap of Summerland Island. Can you tell me what would be best P O address to use in writing to her?

Jan 13 — John Belknap, ~~NEWARK N Y~~ Gouverneur N Y ~~NEWARK N Y~~ — will write to him.

Feb 3 — Boundaries of Town of Richmond. I had thought it might be just an area, like Town of Arcadia, in which Newark N Y is located.

July 30 — marriage of daughter of William J Belknap of Corning. I'll write to him. . . You mention Lucy Belknap, of Louisville. The Louisville family is the one very rich Belknap family. My records of it aren't as fully up to date as they should be. . . . You ask, when do I expect to publish? Heaven knows. Still months and months of pick and shovel work to do.

Gratefully,

Oct 2 1969

Dear Gladys:

What an angel you are! I can't find the right words to express the depth of my gratitude. The greatest help that anyone can possibly give me is to prove that I've been wrong. . . So, I'm writing at once to all concerned, to tell them to disregard the erroneous conclusions that I drew in my letter to George May, Aug 29.

Meanwhile, the immediate task -- how to get the sort of authentic copy that I need, of that passage in Waite's book. The typescript you sent me (obviously not typed by you) is full of errors in typing -- so many that I can fervently hope that the date shown for Esther Parker's death (June 10, 1801) is also an error made by the typist .

What I need, for submission to the officials who have twice EXAMX rejected Carol Anne's D A R application is not a typed copy but a facsimile copy -- Xerox preferably -- of (1) the title page of the book; (2) the page showing the date of publication; (3) the pages containing the passages you sent to me. I assume you kept a carbon of the page you sent; but just in case I'm wrong on that, I'm enclosing a copy of it.

Now, the real problem: how to get facsimile copies from Genesee.

Easy, if there's an electrostatic copying machine available in Genesee -- capable of copying book pages. We could ask the historian's secretary to make copies and let me reimburse the cost..... But I wouldn't really expect to find that sort of machine in a town like Genesee.

What I'd really prefer, of course, would be a short-time loan of the whole book -- so that I could not only have copies made but also study all of it for possible evidence on other problems in the Ontario County days of my people. . . Is it possible that the historian at Genesee would be willing to do what has generously been done for me by other organizations and libraries, such as Essex Institute at Salem, Massachusetts -- lend the book to me personally; or lend it to our local historical society, of which I'm a member; or lend it to the Interlibrary Loan Department of our local library? On a ~~single~~period loan, of course, in any case? short--

Would it be worth while for you or me to phone the Genesee historian and discuss this loan possibility? (Yes, I know too well the

justified reluctance of such people, about the loan of a rare book; but often they consent, when convinced of the need.)

Another possibility -- which I hate to mention, for it involves still more imposition on your time: Would Genesee let you have the book for a few hours, so that you could have electrostatic copies made in Canandaigua, where the phone book is likely to show the existence of a printer with Xerox reproduction equipment?

Or does your fertile brain come up with some better suggestion?

Looking back, I think I see why I should explain my need of a facsimile copy.

This Waite book contains the only known contemporary evidence that Jonas Newton Belknap had a son named Elisha. The source from which Waite got his data -- Mrs Avery of Granville, Ohio -- was a daughter of ~~Mr~~ Jonas's daughter Esther Belknap, who married Gamaliel Garlinghouse. The nature of what he got from her indicates, I feel certain, that she had in her possession the long-lost Bible originally owned by Jonas and Esther Parker.

Up to this moment, we have had only lists of children taken from secondary sources and subject to challenge as resting on mere family tradition, which is not acceptable as evidence. The Waite book contains the only known proof that the family traditions of two families -- both Parker and Belknap -- are correct.

So you can see why I'm so excited about this fine discovery of yours.

Bless you.



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P S #2 -- George May tells me that the Ontario County historian -- Clyde Maffin, 187 Bristol Street, Canandaigua -- is most helpful and cooperative. Probably you know him. Do you suppose he might have a copy of the Waite book?

File

October 4, 1969

Dear Carroll,

I hoped you'd be a little excited, in spite of the seeming conflicts in some information. I did not expect you would mention the typing, though - alas, it was mine without any backtracking to correct. The date of Esther's death and Cynthia's birth were as they were in the book. A professional researcher in the County Clerk's office, however, agrees with me that Mr. Wait very evidently switched months and never re-read his material.

I am inclosing a copy of my letter to the town historian asking him about the accuracy of Mr. Wait.


I am also inclosing a tracing from an old map showing the "Lot #1 in southeast Richmond" mentioned, and am researching back from these names to see if your family finally turns up. Jonas' Springwater (Springwater was part of Naples until 1816) residence is indicated by the green dot probably.

Having read your letter my "fertile brain" came up with another suggestion. I phoned the book store, they still had copies of the history, and I'm sending them my check for \$5.25 and they will send you a copy to keep. It's quite a bit for a thin volume, but I thought you might like one you could keep and mark up. If they mail it out Monday, you should get it Wednesday or Thursday, I should think.

Nothing yet on Rachel - but you never can tell.

Hastily,

Incs.

 Gladys

Wait / Mary Gailhouse
was d of John L.
(Turner)

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
October 3, 1969

Mr. Reid Robinson
Springwater
New York 14560

My dear Mr. Robinson,

For some time I have been helping research the family of
Bellknap-Garlinghouse for Mr. Carroll Y. Bellknap, of River-
side, Connecticut.

Monday, in Geneseo, I was introduced to the Early History of
the Town of Springwater, by Orson Walbridge, as published
by Schnucker's Book Store. I was particularly interested in
Mr. D. B. Waite's discussion of the Bellknaps in his article
on Hunts Hollow. It raised several questions, however, in
what seems at first conflicting information. On the other
hand, some of the items answer questions of long standing.
I wonder if you could provide answers to the following:

1. Who is Mr. Waite and how does he rate as an historian?
2. From the descriptions on page 55f, would it be possible
to locate the residences mentioned?
3. How much likelihood is there that the cemetery mentioned
is still visible?

I hope to make another visit to Springwater as soon as the
follage is at its best and would be happy to stop and talk
with you further if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Inc. - Envelope

Gladys E. Gray

The Pastor
Methodist Episcopal Church
Canandaigua, N. Y.

HOME ADDRESS
25 Club Road
Riverside
Connecticut

Feb. 16, 1967

Dear Sir:

May I impose upon your courtesy by asking your aid in tracing the history of my family? It seems possible that the records of your church may contain some very helpful information.

In 1812, according to our family records, my great grandfather Jesse Belknap married Jane Garlinghouse at or near Canandaigua, and two daughters -- Kesiah and Hannah -- were born there in 1813 and 1814. They are known to have been members of the Methodist Church in Ohio, about twenty years later -- and after their large family reached Oregon in 1847 and 1848, one of Jesse's sons, my grandfather Corrington, entered the ministry. There is (or was) a memorial window for him in the church in Santa Barbara in California.

It is likely that when Jesse was at or near Canandaigua some of his brothers ~~xxx~~ were also there: Elijah, Orrin, and Jonas -- possibly others. And I've been told that many church records of that period were kept on a county basis, rather than by parishes. So, possibly, there's an available record to answer my question.

Jesse and two of his brothers married three sisters -- Garlinghouse daughters -- so it's also ~~quite~~ possible that the church records may also show Elijah Garlinghouse in the Canandaigua area, for the church records in Ohio show that the Belknaps and the Garlinghouses went on from Ontario County together, at some date after 1814 in all likelihood.

I shall be most grateful for any information that you may be able to give me.

Very truly yours,

Carroll Y. Belknap

25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn.
March 10, 1967

Miss Gladys E. Gray
First Methodist Church
100 Main St., North
Canandaigua, N. Y.

Dear Miss Gray:

I don't know how to thank you adequately for all the time and effort you put into assembling the material you sent to me on the 7th. You could so easily and politely have told me merely that the church records had nothing that would help me.

interest

So I hope it will ~~interest~~ you to know that the information you compiled is of very great value to me. It fills in a number of gaps in our family records. Most notably, it provides the first known verification of the actual existence of one brother of my great ~~grand~~ grand father, for we had nothing but oral tradition about the birth of a brother named Samuel (whose wife Sabah appears in your first entry under INDEX OF WILLS -- and is doubtless the young widow "Sally" shown in the 1810 Census). I'm very grateful.

Yet you have also given me a few puzzles -- and as I'm totally without experience in this sort of research I'll be grateful for any suggestions you may care to make, about ways to find solutions.

(1) The line for Bellmap, John, 1800 Census (when, I believe, entries were listed by "head of household") show only one young male aged 10 to 15 and (presumably) a mother aged 26 to 44. I'd have thought the mother would be named as the head of the household. And I don't know who she could have been (whose wife, I mean).

(2) The line for Jonas Bellmap, from page 14 of the 1800 Census -- town not named. A complete puzzle, as no Bellmap named Jonas is known to have been of an age to have had 8 very young children in 1800. (The ~~known~~ Jonas Bellmap at Honesoye in 1800 and at Bristol in 1810 is pretty certainly, I think, my great great grandfather Jonas Newton Bellmap -- and father of the Elijah and Elisha shown at Honesoye in 1810.) I'm at a loss to think of a way of identifying that first-listed Jonas.

(3) The Mrs. Jonas Bellmap (Rachel) age 59, shown to have died at Gorham in 1815, ~~now~~ presents still another puzzle. If aged 59, she could not have been the wife of either of the two Jonas Bellmaps shown in the 1800 Census. And the wife of Jonas Newton Bellmap was named Esther. Who this "Rachel" may have been is something I can't even surmise.

Again, my deepest thanks.

Sincerely,

Carroll Y. Bellmap:

Sum. 213
9/19/69

Monday October 20 1969

Dear Gladys

My favorite publishing firm is known only to those who are lucky enough to be on its mailing list. It publishes facsimile reprints of out-of-print classics in every field from children's books to mathematics and astronomy and cryptology. As I'm a good customer, I get notices of everything they bring out.

Weeks ago, B.W. (before Waite), I received a circular about some reprints that I thought might interest you.

So I naturally asked Peg for advice. "Would these be a way of saying 'Thanks' to Gladys?"

Her face lit with pleasure. "Oh yes," said Peg. "Yes."

As her judgment on such matters has been infallible for forty-five years, I ordered the books. And they finally arrived, on Saturday.

So now I'm writing this note to you, while Peg is doing the wrapping and packaging.

And here they are -- with heartfelt thanks from both of us.

(Of course, you may have them already. But that's just a risk I had to take, didn't I?)

PS: Says Peg, "Ask her to visit us if she ever comes to New York. She must be a delightful person." Says I, "She is and I will." And so I have.

~~Sent copy to Clinton~~

Wrote him 9/10/68

7.2 ~~Briggs Belknap~~

156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York 14456
September 5, 1968

Dear Carroll,

The other day I was at the Geneva Historical Society and checking the history of neighboring Yates County for a Beekman. In the index I suddenly saw - "Bellknap, Briggs". The combination of the names intrigued me, and I copied out the entry as inclosed. You may already know this Briggs - and he does not seem to fit in as a son of Bettie and Elisha. Or perhaps, as is my custom apparently, I have presented you only with another problem.

Yesterday I took the opportunity of consulting the 1800 and 1810 census records for Ontario County for the Finch family, with the following results:

1810

Albert -	Honeoye	0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 1	0 - 1 - 0 - 0 - 1
Albert, Jr.	"	3 - 1 - 0 - 1 - 0	1 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0
No Jesse	Sodus	1 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 0	1 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 0
Moses	Seneca	3 - 3 - 1 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0
Squire (Wm.)	Gorham	2 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0	3 - 1 - 0 - 1 - 0

1800

Possible Elnathan	Easton (Gorham)	0 - 1 - 0 - 0 - 1	2 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0
Jesse	Geneseo	2 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0	1 - 2 - 1 - 1 - 0
John	Seneca	3 - 2 - 0 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0
Moses	"	3 - ? - 0 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0

Surrogate's Office had a will for Samuel Finch, made May 19, 1804, and witnessed by Elnathan and Albert. Samuel was in Easton (Gorham) and left 1/3 to wife Anna, 2/3 to only son, William, and \$12.50 each to daughters: Phebe Parker, Lois Magity, Vasty Fosget, Marian Clark.

Peter Finch, made a will July 16, 1808. He lived in Pittstown and left property to brother, Preserved Finch.

I don't know that any of that is of help, so I'll keep your list of problems handy. Incidentally, I'd still like to check on that Jonas Belknap and Jonathan Belknap listed in 1800 census as being in Charleston - Lima, sometime when I'm in Livingston County. Perhaps you've already accounted for them.

Happy hunting - and Niagara County is foreign soil to me.

Sincerely,

Quincy

HISTORY OF YATES COUNTY - Vol. 1, 01 321f
Stafford C. Cleveland
Penn Yan: S. C. Cleveland, 1873

Briggs Bellknap settled in 1819 where his son, Isaac J. Bellknap now resides, in South West Benton, on lot 112. He bought the land of one Cuyler, and it was then all forest, except three acres. Mr. Bellknap was captain of a sloop on the Hudson River, and had not previously been a farmer. He married Miama Drake, of Orange county and they came through the "Beech Woods," a journey of ten days, bringing their family and possessions in a lumber wagon. Mr. Bellknap was a good citizen, and a good parent, and his wife, who was one of the early members of the Presbyterian Church in Benton, was a truly excellent woman. They went six miles to attend church in the coldest weather, and would remain at two services, neither of them brief, in a meeting house not warmed with fire. It is not strange that such a mother impressed her religious convictions on her children. The father died in 1841, at the age of fifty-nine, and the mother in 1863, at the age of seventy-three. Their children were Lydia, Francis A., James A., Sarah A. Mary E., Isaac J. and George

Lydia - married Ira Barber, of Potter

James A. is a prominent, energetic farmer of Jerusalem. He married Submit C. Green

Mary E. - married Morrison Chase, a school teacher at Jerusalem.

Adaline married Melmouth Davis, a carpenter of Jerusalem

Isaac J., a substantial farmer and good citizen, and his sister

Sarah A., both single, retain the old home, which has belonged to the family fifty years.

Mary and George died early.

GLADYS:

Here's for questions you've asked -- not yet answered.

(ca 1851)

ABIATHER NEWTON -- I know little about him, beyond the fact that he appears as witness in probate of Oregon estate of Jonas Belknap (jr). ~~XXXXXXXX~~ In what we call "Aunt Kit's Diary" (actually, things she wrote in her later years, with her diary open before her eyes), Keturah (Penton) Belknap, wife of Jesse's son George, mentions his wife twice as sister of Jesse's wife Jane Garlinghouse. In Oregon records, name usually looks like "Abiatha."

BELCHERTOWN, MASS. Best and only published source is Doolittle's Sketches (or Notes?) of the History of the Belchertown Church. In the 1890's, Commander Charles Belknap of Boston did some further digging into the church records and left well documented notes. Miss Helen Papp, librarian of the public library, has been helpful.

STILES: I'VE not tried for information beyond Martha. Lots of Stiles in Conn. in those days. One later Stiles wrote a 2 vol book on what he called "Ancient Windsor" -- a mixture of good stuff and hopelessly wrong stuff. . . One fact of most interest to me would be date of death of Martha Stiles, wife of Elijah Parker (Sr). If she died soon enough, George May's surmise that Elijah married (2) Jonas N B's mother Mary Newton Belknap, and that she was the Mrs Elijah Parker who died in Gorham, might prove to be correct. All surmise, thus far.

NELSON GARLINGHOUSE. I'll write him and ask if he knows anything about our "Garlinghouse girls."

MORMONS: Yes, a few thousand of 'em. They spell the name without the "k". Descended from a Jesse Belknap, artificer in a Rev War outfit, who helped forge the iron chain that Washington swung across the Hudson below West Point. His parentage uncertain, in my opinion. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Belknap name is on many mountains, towns, etc -- usually for some general or other.

ISAAC BELKNAP, of Newburgh. Never got to be a general. Known to have been captain, may have become a major. Served under Gen. Israel Putnam, our local Greenwich hero. Said to have been the original of Capt Townsend of Townsend's Rangers, in Cooper Fennimore's The Spy.

GARLINGHOUSE -- Who was father of James and John? Dunno.

WALTER PHOENIX BELKNAP -- I know where he fits, but don't know his address. Do you? If he's interested in genealogy, maybe he has some answers for me.

AMOS C BELKNAP and wife Phoebe -- He's somewhere in the un-indexed part of my files. Related to the Trumansburg family, I think -- perhaps.

Have I overlooked anything? My apologies for delay.

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156 Cherry Street
Geneva, New York
14456
September 14, 1967

Mr. Carroll Y. Belknap
25 Club Road
Riverside, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Belknap,

The inclosed obituary, appearing recently in our local paper, reminded me fordibly that I had not answered your letter of last March.

I am very happy my partial researching turned up some useful information for you. I have not forgotten you since March and whenever I see an additional possible source for information, I check for your two names. The inclosed sheets are the result of this interest.

I am sorry I cannot hazzard a guess as to the possible answers to the questions my information raised for you. I have a few in my own family line that I have struggled with for years.

The National Archives in Washington may give you some information about Joseph Garlinghouse who was in War of 1812. Apparently, from entry (I) on next sheet, New Jersey might be the next spot to back into - but which town in New Jersey is anyone's guess.

The best of luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

Gladys E. Gray
Gladys E. Gray

Incs.

CARROLL BELKNAP
25 Club Road
Riverside
Conn. 06878

Sept/ 19, 1967

Miss Gladys E. Gray
156 Cherry St.
Geneva, N. Y. 14456

Dear Miss Gray:

One of the most pleasant things about digging into family history is ~~at~~ that one meets such nice people with similar interests.

I'm deeply indebted to you for your letter and its enclosures. The Belknaps named in the clipping must be rather close cousins of mine — descendants of the same great-grandfather. I'll get in touch with them.

The note numbered "II" by you clears up a point on which I've had to rely on intuitive surmise up to now — the likelihood of a close and continuing companionship between my ancestors and the Parkers, after Jonas Newton Belknap married one of "the Parker girls" (Esther) at the end of the Revolution. Someday, for your possible amusement, I'll tell you about those girls, whose legend has been preserved in both families for two centuries. . . . Meanwhile, I'll be grateful if you find any more mentions of Parkers in your area between 1790 and 1820. I still have not identified the Belknap daughter who married young Elijah Parker after his sister Esther married Jonas Belknap.

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Over the next five or six months, ~~I'll~~ be trying to correlate some thousands of pages of data assembled by a distant cousin between 1910 and 1946 with my own fat files — and trying to reconcile differences. In the process, I may run across data of interest to you — for the prolific early Belknaps married into a great many families, and the records of those families often tell me what I need to know.

So I hope you'll tell me what names you'd like me to watch for.

Sincerely,

Carroll Belknap:

Oct 11 1969

Dear Gladys:

It's a relief to learn that I'm not the only person who has ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ traitorous fingers. Mine betray me again and again -- as when they type "1630" as the date of a will written in a little village in England, although what I ruefully term my brain has known for many years that the date was 1623. And those fingers are sneakily ~~XXXXXX~~ clever about their dirty work, so that weeks can pass before ~~XX~~ I detect their treason. Welcome to the club.

The book is a precious gold mine. Next step, here, is to write an annotation of its main significances, for those who must see it. I'll send you a copy.

Meanwhile, forget "Fannie." She never existed. What happened was that a cousin in Oregon, in 1961, misread the somewhat puzzling handwriting of a court clerk in Kentucky in 1820. Last year, we finally deciphered the name that she thought was "Fanny." It proved to be "Tamar" -- i.e. Tamar Vinton, widow of Asa Newton and (apparently) third wife of Jonas N Belknap. I still think that his second wife -- Rachel -- was probably a Lincoln by birth or by marriage. Or should I say merely "may have been"? Till now, family traditions and legends have given us no mention of either Rachel or Tamar. (Rachel, no doubt, is the wife aged over 45 shown in 1810 census for Jonas at Bristol.) No?)

Your letter and map, arriving same day as the book, have given me much to digest. I'm immensely grateful. But it may be days before I finish studying them. This week -- with the aid of TV and ESP -- I must spend a lot of time guiding the Mets in the baseball World's Series, trying to overcome the mistakes I made when I let them lose on Saturday. I did better on Sunday.

Meanwhile, for your possible amusement, I've exhumed the key memo of the lengthy correspondence that transmuted "Fanny" to "Tamar" -- and I'm enclosing a copy of it, to illustrate the horrible time-consuming ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ nature ~~XXX~~ of the sort of work I'm trying to do.

25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn.
Oct. 27, 1867

Dear Miss Gray:

So you think "Jeduthan" is an odd name?

You underestimate the ingenuity of my devoutly Methodist forebears, in digging up obscure Biblical names for their children — Keziah, Keturah, and so on and on.

What would you say of "Talitha Cumi" as a name for a girl child? You'll recognize the source — Mark 5.41 if I remember correctly? How could such a name originate? She was my father's Aunt Cumi — born in 1824 — married three times — had fifteen or sixteen children — walked from Iowa to Oregon while many months pregnant, reaching Oregon a month before giving birth to her second son in December 1847 — named him Moses Wesley naturally.

I've almost abandoned the endless task of tracing the sources of Biblical first names given between 1580 and 1860. But I'm still hoping to learn the story behind Aunt Cumi's name.

Meanwhile, with access now to the records of more than 3000 names of Belknaps, ~~from which~~ I'm still tracing the trek of my own branch from Massachusetts to New York to Kentucky to Iowa to Oregon — and I'm most grateful for your aid. Every time ~~we~~ you write to me, you give me more pieces of the puzzle.

The name of "Lincoln" in your most recent batch of helpful material is of great interest to me, for I had not known that there were Lincolns in western New York in the early part of the 19th Century. After the death of his first wife, Esther Parker, my great-great-grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap is said to have married "a Lincoln" — whom we have never been able to identify, though her first name may possibly have been
** "Fanny." So I'll be grateful if you run across any more Lincolns in your area in the period between ~~1810~~ 1810 and 1820, perhaps 1825.

The "Captain Isaac Belknap" whom you list was one of the Newburgh Belknaps and is said to have been the original of "Capt. Townsend of Townsend's Rangers" in Fennimore Cooper's The Spy — and served ~~in~~ General Israel (under Putnam, our local Greenwich Revolutionary hero) (the hill down which he rode in the old legend is still called "Put's Hill.")

Gratefully,

Carroll Belknap:

** NOTE: I think that "Fanny Lincoln" (if she existed) was a "Widow Lincoln" whose husband died about 1815 or 1816 — maybe.



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Oct 7, 1969

Dear Gladys:

How wrong can I be? There's no limit. From internal evidence, it seemed obvious that Mr. Waite's "now" in what he wrote meant some day between ~~1875~~ 1890 and possibly as late as 1910. So I assumed that what you had found was an old book that I probably couldn't hope to find elsewhere. It's no use vowing I'll never again make an assumption. I'll doubtless blunder again by reliance on mere logic.

I can't possibly tell you, now, how eagerly I await the arrival of the book. Later, I'll draft for a number of people a statement of the significance of your find, and a statement of the unsolved problems it creates. I'll send you a copy, of course.

The map is precious. It takes its place beside the old map (circa 1851) showing how the members of my tribe grouped themselves around the tribal patriarch — Jonas (s son Jesse — when they established Belknap Settlement in Oregon.

Someday I'll write the whole story — from Belchertown, Mass. to Cherry Valley to Honeoye to central Kentucky to Licking County, Ohio, to southeastern Iowa to the Willamette valley in Oregon. You — much more than anyone else, among scores — will have made the writing possible.

As to Rachel, may I hazard a guess? (Not an assumption, if you please.) XXXIX

I'll guess that she may well have been a Lincoln, aged about ~~40~~ 40 in 1801:

- Either born a Lincoln, and widow of someone of another family name who died about 1800 or 1801.
- Or the widow of a Lincoln who died about 1800 or 1801.

I'll not pause to tell you the reasons for this guess. I'm now a bit shy about giving my "reasons." They have been NO much too often.

No, Mr Waite didn't get his information from sources known to me. His Mrs Avery was unknown to me until I read what he wrote. That's why I'm so impressed by the flawless accuracy of what he said about things I know to be true — thus willing to accept without question what new information he gives me, especially when it runs counter to my past guesses.

Thanks again — and thanks, thanks, thanks.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGWATER
Orson Walbridge + Schnucker's Books and Antiques

Ready copy

Hunts Hollow + the First Settlement in the Present town of Springwater
- Written by D. B. Waite + page 55

Early spring of 1795 + Aaron Hunt family + a soldier of Revolution from N. J. left valley of Wyoming + to what was after the subdivision of lands lot #2 in the present town of Richmond. This is the farm on which Mrs. M. A. Bray lately resided, and the first one settled between the head of the lake and the present village of Naples. Col. John Green had preceded them one year, and was the first settler on the J. G. Briggs farm near the head of the Honoeye lake, and Elijah and Stiles Parker were very early comers there. Many of the first settlers along that road exchanged their farms with the Hon. Francis Granger for wild lands in Hardin county, Kentucky, and removed there early.

Jonas Belknap, a soldier of the Revolution, from Massachusetts, but who had also been a resident of the valley of Wyoming, made a temporary residence in the corner of Hopewell near Canandaigua and then came in the spring of 1795 to this hollow and took lot No. 1, the extreme south lot in the town of Pittstown, now Richmond, and Andrew Hunt, a brother to Aaron came and went into the cabin first erected by Holden. Belknap's house stood in the present town of Richmond, but he extended his claim southward into what is now the town of Springwater, and he made the first improvements, and may well be said to be the pioneer of the town. . . . James and John Garlinghouse the next year put up a cabin on the south side of the line a little west of the present saw mill, and became the first actual residents of the town, and here Mary Garlinghouse was born in June, 1797, and was the first white child born in town. She became in time the wife of Thomas Briggs, of whom we shall speak hereafter. James Garlinghouse married Eleanor Hunt, a sister to Aaron. Through the kindness of Mrs. Cynthia A. Avery, a granddaughter of both Jonas Belknap and James Garlinghouse, of Grandville, Ohio, we have had access to the family records of Jonas Belknap, and learn that Esther was born just across the line April 1, 1797, Orin Belknap, May 29, 1799, Cynthia Belknap, July 12, 1801, and just over the line in Canadice, Samuel Holdren in 1798. Those were the earliest births in this hollow. John Garlinghouse and his nephew, Benjamin, afterwards settled in what is now called the "Garlinghouse Settlement." John afterwards went to Richmond, died there and Moses Briggs, the father of Caleb, Thomas, Barzillai and John, married his widow. Belknap sold out his interests on the Richmond side of the line to Aaron Hunt, and ~~his~~ in 1806 built a house in Springwater a few rods from the line, where the apple trees are west of the present road. Here his wife, whose maiden name was Esther Parker, died June 10, 1801, and was no doubt the first white person who died in town. She was buried in Richmond, north of the old orchard on the bottom set out by Jacob Holdren and Jennie Hunt in 1895, by the side of George Holdren who was burned to death in 1801. This was without doubt the first death in this hollow.

1810
1809

Jonas Belknap sold out in 1813 to John Kelly, went to Kentucky, died and was buried there on the bank of the Green River, Feb. 16, 1824. He was a man of fair qualifications, a commissioner of schools in Pittstown in 1796, a constable and collector there, also overseer of highways and fence viewer in Middle town in 1808. His children were Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Jonas Jr., Jesse, Susannah, Ester, Orin and Cynthia. Samuel married Sarah, the youngest daughter of Aaron Hunt, and died in Hopewell in 1810. His widow married Artemus Lincoln, after whom Dr. A. L. Hunt of Springwater was named. Lincoln was his uncle by marriage. Elijah died in Indiana, Elisha, Susanna, Esther, Orin and Cynthia in Ohio, and Jonas, Jr and Jesse in Oregon.

December 18, 1970

Dear Carroll,

It was very good to hear from you again. I can well imagine your skirmishes to secure relevant information about one or the other of your Belknaps. Since it is a Virginia you have been hunting, how about the famous one of the letter, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause!"?

I am inclosing three snapshots from Cambria. I am not as sure as I sometimes am about their authenticity, but to the best of my knowledge from various sources as I wrote you in the summer, this is probably the Belknap farm. Did you ever get a chance to write to the one out there?

You would have received these sooner but my study is most erratic. Once or twice a year all the flat surfaces get cleared off, and everything filed. Usually, 'cleaning up' means straightening the piles of this and that so it looks orderly. These were in one such pile.

I haven't found anything new about the family. I did not get over to Genesee to recheck the 1820, 1830 and 1840 census records. Cannot now - especially in view of the snow we're having. But I keep my eyes open - didn't I find a Belknap Island off Maine?

My own research on the houses here is approaching the time when I can see daylight - I still have two blocks of town houses to do. Have been having fun helping a lady from the State Department of Education research a Denton family who owned a house here, now taken over by the State Historic Trust. More and more mysteries - three unsettled estates, an invalidated will, the hero (?) who was Nehemiah Denton, 'sometimes known as Wilkins' - and who, with another, sued his own wife in a New York Court for money. Much fun. To cap it off, both husband and wife were deaf mutes!

I have become a choir director again - taking over in an emergency (!) to give the music committee time to find someone. As long as someone is in the choir loft, I'll have to keep nudging. My pastor says I'm his "temporary-permanent-interim" director!

I was interested in 'how the family came out', and in the Gray connection. I'm sorry not to be able to claim relationship. As far as I know the early Grays came from New Jersey and were safely settled in Cayuga County twenty miles from here.

Must go do some notices for the choir. A most joyous Christmas to you both, and a New Year full of happy (and authenticated) discoveries.

January 22 1971

Dear permanent-temporary-interim choir conductor:

So you're musical, in addition to everything else! You almost prompt me to bore you with tales of my own musical family: my son Jack, who isn't, but his wife Gretchen who teaches cello (and has played with professional symphonies) -- their son Peter, freshman at Harvard and studying French horn with the first horn of the Boston symphony -- Linda, our young flautist -- Sara, beginning well on violin. I wrong Jack-- I was forgetting he played tuba in his prep school band.

Looking at your pictures of Cambria (which I'll send to John Sherman if-as-and-when he ever agrees that Timothy was brother of his own ancestor Foris Belknap) I am reminded that I meant to send you this picture of the Willamette Valley but can't remember whether or not I did. It's the way it looks today, except that the Cascade mountains, off there to the East, look ten times higher when you see them from the ground. But four miles up the river is where Belknap Settlement was -- and the big home built by Jesse's son Ransom is still there. . . and the Ebenezer School . . . and Bishop Simpson's Chapel . . . and the graveyard that's full of stones bearing the names of my tribe.

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Willamette Valley -- that what the word "Oregon" meant to ~~put~~ people way back East in Iowa in 1847. It didn't mean Puget Sound or the Spokane area, though they were in Oregon then. It just meant this valley "where you can grow anything" -- well, almost anything, including more blue grass than the whole state of Kentucky produces.