

JONAS BELKNAP (ja)

& Mary Ann Garlinghouse (Polly)

Son of Jonas Newton Belknap
& Esther ParkerDaughter of James Garlinghouse
& Eleanor Hunt

(About 1790?)

B 1786 (probably Belchertown, Mass)

b ----- (Probably in Luzerne Co., Pa.)

d 1853, ~~January 31~~,
in Benton Co., Ore.

d 1867, Benton Co., Ore (near Monroe)

m ~~-----~~ Ontario Co., N. Y.

(15 January 1811)

Resided: Ontario Co., N. Y.; Hart Co., Ky.; Licking Co., Ohio; Allen Co., Ohio;
Van Buren Co., Iowa; Benton Co., Ore. (Bellfountain area). Arrived

in Oregon in Autumn of 1849. His sons Orin and Silas arrived there in 1847.

CHILDREN:

- i.* Orin, b 25 Sept 1815, Ontario Co., N. Y. (vicinity of Honeoye). M Nancy Starr ^(15 Oct 1835, in Ohio)
^{in Allen Co., Ohio, 1 Dec 1836.}
- ii. Silas, b 1817. M. Clarinda Todhunter. Had farm near Orin's in Bellfountain area.
Built and operated first store in that area, 1850.
^{in Franklin Co., Ohio.}
- iii. *Electa b ~~1820~~ or 1821. Married Stephen Howell in Allen Co., Ohio, 1838. Their
farm in Oregon was in the Alpine area.
^{2 January}
- iv. *Rachel b. 1822 -- married Austin Howard. With husband, went to California
at time when Jonas and Mary Ann, her parents, went to Oregon, 1849.
^{(1) James M. Starr in Allen Co., Ohio, 18 Oct 1838, and (2)}
- v. Eleanor, b 1825 -- m. Charles Bayles. They had a farm in either Bellfountain
area or ~~the~~ Alpine area in Benton Co., Ore. When her father Jonas (jr) died
and his widow Polly (Mary Ann) applied for letters of administration, Charles
Bayles was one of the signers of her bond.
^{2nd Austin Howard,}

NOTE 1: ^{Birth} Dates given above are reasonably well supported, although day and month are lacking in most instances.

NOTE 2: Children of Silas and Eleanor not yet known (March 10, 1971)

NOTE 3: Some people in Oregon have incorrectly said that Orin was son of Silas his younger brother. There is much evidence for the true relationship, as shown above.

NOTE 4: Marriages of Silas, Electa, and Rachel were

(See memo to Sylvia Richardson, attached). performed by Rev. John W. Starr,

Source: ^{father of Nancy, wife of i, Orin.} Living Chapter, WAR, Ohio Marriage Record.

(Revised 15 March 1973)

Jonas Starr

March 15 1973

Mrs H Bayard Milne
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COPIED TO: Elbert Hansen, Sylvia Richardson,
Kay Barrett

Dear Frances:

I have just received from a reliable source a transcript of a D.A.R. record of marriages in Allen County, Ohio. It shows, among others, the marriage of Rachel Belknap and James M. Starr 18 Oct 1838 -- the marriage being performed by James' father, John W Starr. As you do not show the date of this marriage on your sheet for John W Starr, I'm enclosing a copy of a tentative revision of my sheet for Jonas Belknap (jr), on which Rachel is #iv.

"Tentative" because there is an apparent conflict between what is said in your record and what is said in mine.

My information about Rachel came in 1968 from Mrs Bertha Hansen, who died a few years later. I had high respect for the care she took in verifying the accuracy of her statements.

She had no record of Rachel's marriage to James Starr. Her records began with the marriage of Rachel (her grandmother) to Austin Howard in Iowa (presumably Van Buren County, I think). ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ She gave in detail the records of the children of Rachel and Austin Howard, beginning with the first child, Homer, born in August 1847 -- from which I judge that this marriage occurred about 1845 or 1846.

She also gave, in detail, the story of how Rachel and Austin Howard went west from Iowa in 1849, traveling with Rachel's parents, Jonas and Polly Belknap, but separating from them at the point which the turn off to California left the Applegate Road. *at Fort Hall*

Rachel and Austin went from there to California, while Jonas and Polly went to Benton County.

The conflict in our records comes in the last column of your sheet for John W Starr, where you have that James Starr "left wife and stepson in California. Started for Texas."

As you will see, I'm assuming that James Starr was Rachel's first husband and that he was out of the picture, by death maybe, by 1845 or 1846. From the record, showing him marrying Rachel when she was only 16, your "stepson" looks questionable. And so does "California"!

I'll be grateful for your comments, for you know much more about the Starrs than I do.

Cordially.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name John Wesley Starr

January (5)
(1761)

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	22Apr1794		Alleghany Co., Md.		
Chr'd					
Mar.	24Oct1815		Belmont Co., Ohio		1848 to Oregon
Death	17Jan1869	Bellfountain, Ore.	Benton, Co.		
Burial		Bellfountain Cem.			

Places of Residence

Occupation Meth. preacher Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

2nd Eliza Ann Lucas

His Father James Starr

Mother's Maiden Name Nancy Reddick

(McWilliams)

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Hannah Phillips

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	9Jul 1790		County Down, Ireland		
Chr'd					
Death	19Jan1828		Morgan Co., Ohio		
Burial					

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father George McWilliams Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Nancy Starr Full Name of Spouse* Orin Belknap	Birth	11Aug1818		Belmont Co., Ohio		moved to
		Mar.	15Oct1835		Ohio		Redding, Calif
		Death	18 Apr 1907		Redding, Calif.		
		Burial					
2	James McCoy Starr Full Name of Spouse* Rachel Howard	Birth	26Mar1819		Morgan Co., Ohio		left wife and
		Mar.					step son in
		Death					Calif. started
		Burial					for Texas ---
3	John Wesley Starr, Jr. Full Name of Spouse* Mary Gragg	Birth	16Aug1822		Guernsey Co., Ohio		
		Mar.	20Aug1846		Schuyler Co., Ill.		
		Death	4Mar1910		Benton Co., Ore.		
		Burial		Junction City Cem., Lane Co., Ore.			
4	Philip McWilliams Full Name of Spouse* Ann Maria Rambo	Birth	18Apr.1825		Guernsey Co., Ohio		2nd m.
		Mar.	7Dec1848		VanBuren Co., Iowa		Ann Dimmick
		Death	21Oct1900	Brownsville, Ore.			
		Burial		Pine Grove Cem., Linn Co., Ore.			
5	Moses Fletcher Starr Full Name of Spouse* Mary Elizabeth Clithero	Birth	4Jan1828		Morgan Co., Ohio		m. and had
		Mar.	13 Dec 1849		Monroe Co Ohio		several ch.
		Death					3 ch. also survived infancy
		Burial					2 d. in "
6		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
7		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
8		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
9		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
10		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

HOWARD Austin S.

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	13	Jan	1821		Fayette	Vt	now W. Va
Chr'nd							
Mar.							
Death	7 Mar	1907		Brentwood	C. Cal.	Calif.	
Burial							

Places of Residence Va, Ind, Iowa, Calif.

Occupation Farmer

Church Affiliation Christian? Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.

Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father HOWARD, Michael

Mother's Maiden Name HARVEY, Susannah

Wife's Full Maiden Name BELKNAP, Rachel

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth					Warren?	Ky.	
Chr'nd							
Death				Brentwood	C. C.	Calif.	
Burial							

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.

Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Contra Costa County

Church Affiliation

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	HOWARD, Homer Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	Aug	1847				Iowa	I to now
	BOYCE, Missouri	Mar.							now
		Death				Martinez, C.C.		Calif.	
		Burial				Oakland, Alameda		Calif.	
F	2 HOWARD, Nancy Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22 Feb	1849				Iowa	children & many grandchildren
	NICHOLSON, George	Mar.							
		Death				Martinez, C.C.		Calif.	
		Burial				Nevada City, Nevada			
F	3 HOWARD, Mary Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
	never married	Mar.							
		Death				Martinez, C.C.			
		Burial				Brentwood			
F	4 HOWARD, Frances Full Name of Spouse*	Birth				LODI San Joaquin			
	WELCH, Lorenzo	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	5 HOWARD, Alice Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1854	LODI, S. Jn			
	BENN, Sam	Mar.							
		Death			1899	Brentwood, C.C.			
		Burial							
M	6 HOWARD, Wm Pern Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22 Sept	1856		LODI, S. Jn			my father
	DIFFIN, Rosa Lee	Mar.	1 Jan	1885		Brentwood, C.C.			
		Death	11 Jan	1930		Geyserville, Sonoma			
		Burial				Brentwood, C.C.			
M	7 HOWARD, John Full Name of Spouse*	Birth				San Ramon			
	MCKAMARA, Lillian	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	8 HOWARD, Emma Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	4 July	1861		San Ramon, C.C.			
	CHADWICK, Weston	Mar.							
		Death			1953	Stockton, S. Jn			
		Burial				Brentwood, C.C.			
	9	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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CLAUDIA

11 Feb 1973

I've finally taken time to set down a record for Kesiah and Chatman Hawley, thanks mostly to data from you in letter April 4 1971.

Two comments on that latter.

Elizabeth Hawley -- full name Elizabeth Ann Starr, known as Ann during her life, NNEK which helps explain next comment.

Ira V.
Son of I & A Hawley

This should read J & A -- ~~I & A~~, Jesse & Ann Hawley -- Ira was son of Jesse Hawley and Elizabeth Ann Starr.

draft

Copy of ~~draft~~ on Kesiah is enclosed.

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November 20, 1970

Dear Mr. Belknap,

What an exciting red letter day this has been for me. Today's mail had a six page letter from Kay Barrett about the Belknaps beginning with Richard Beltoft. I understand it is from you that she had received this information. Your patience & perseverance in this task is unbelievable.

I also am a Belknap descendant through the Jonas and Mary Ann (Garlinghouse) Belknap line. I understand you descend through their brother and sister, Jesse and Jane.

While reading an Oregon biography book I came across Rachel Garlinghouse whose husband was Abiathan Newton. Rachel "was born in the east, 1806". Abiathan Newton and their son Norris P. Newton were witnesses for Jonas Belknap and Orin Belknap's Donation Land Claims.

Also found a William Garlinghouse born in Ohio and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1862, settling in Benton county. He married Mrs. Mary Ann Coyle.

Have you ever searched the Garlinghouse line? I would be most interested in any information you may have on this name.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Richardson

P.S. Are Rachel and William related to Jane and Mary Ann?

Nov 25 1970

Mrs Dwane K Richardson
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Dear Cousin:

I'm always delighted to meet another great-great-grandchild of Jonas Newton Belknap, the father of my great grandfather Jesse and your Jonas. Another reason for being glad to have your letter is that it prompted me to look at my file of correspondence with Kay Barrett, only to be dismayed by the fact that her last letter to me, long ago, had never been answered. I must write to her at once and bring her up to date on new information discovered in the past year, including the discovery of the name of Abraham's wife.

Yes, I can tell you something about the Garlinghouses. But, first, I must ask you to tell me the full details of your descent from Jonas and Mary Ann (Polly) -- just as fully as you can, on dates of birth, marriage, death, places of residence, etc. I'll be grateful for your aid on the genealogy I'm working on. And I'll be especially happy if you can give me the dates of Mary Ann Garlinghouse's birth and death, and the date of death of her husband Jonas.

Now for the Garlinghouses. I'll try to be brief.

James and John Garlinghouse and their nephew Benjamin served in the New Jersey troops in the Revolutionary war. By 1790, James was in Luzerne County, Pa., with his wife Eleanor Hunt and the first few of their children. In ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1796 James and John settled in the area just south of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Honey Lake (pronounced honey-ey) in Ontario County, N. Y. This county, then, was the whole western half of N Y state. The Garlinghouses, there, were near neighbors of Jonas Newton Belknap and the children in these families grew up together -- and some married each other. ~~XXXX~~ Three sons of Jonas Newton Belknap married three daughters of James Garlinghouse: Elijah & Catherine; Jonas and Mary Ann; Jesse and Jane. And Jonas Newton B's daughter Esther married James G's son Gamaliel. Please note that the father of these Garlinghouse children was James -- not Elijah as claimed by some people in our branch of the family. Actually, there was no Elijah Garlinghouse.

For more than a third of a century, these families were just about inseparable: in Ontario County from 1796 to ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ about 1816; in Hart and Hardin Counties, Ky, in the 1820's; in Licking County, Ohio, in the 1830's -- up to the time when Elijah Belknap, Jesse Belknap, and Jonas Belknap began to move on West, first to SW Iowa and then to Benton County, Oregon. Gamaliel Belknap, husband of Esther Belknap (Jesse's sister) stayed in Licking County; he bought Jesse's land when Jesse decided to move on.

Rachel Newton, whom you ask about, was another Garlinghouse girl, sister of Jane, Catherine and Mary Ann. I'm uncertain of the correct spelling of her husband's name, for as copied in various places it is Abiatha, Abiather, Abiathar, Abiathan; but he was from Ontario County, too ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (lots of Newtons in that county in early 19th century; some related to Belknaps ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ through marriages). Until I see his signature, I shan't guess how to spell his name.

I don't know the identity of the William Garlinghouse who you say settled in Benton Co. in 1862. But if he was born in Ohio he was certainly a member of the same family. I may be able to trace him, if it's important to you. My guess: maybe a son of James Garlinghouse, Jr. I seem to have a faint recollection of having seen, somewhere, some time, the name of his wife: Mary Ann Coyle.

John Garlinghouse and Benjamin Garlinghouse did not move west from Ontario County. The area where they and their descendants lived is still known as "the Garlinghouse Area" in the vicinity of Naples, N. Y.

The quarter-century in which Jonas Newton Belknap and his family lived in Ontario County (near Honesoye, Canandaigua, Phelps) was a great formative period in the history of our branch of the family. If you are interested, I can suggest an amazingly detailed little book that we found in 1969: Early History of the Town of Springwater, by Orson Walbridge. A year or so ago, believe it or not, a little bookshop in a town of 300 inhabitants had a facsimile of this book reprinted -- and it's a mine of information about Belknaps and Garlinghouses and Gilberts, and what it was like to settle in heavily forested land and clear it tree by tree -- written by a man who was a boy in those early years. You can order it from Schnucker's Book Store, Springwater, N. Y. 14560 -- price \$4 plus 25¢ postage. It solved many puzzles for those of us who were trying to reconstruct the life of Jonas Newton Belknap and his wife Esther Parker.

Cordially,

Carroll Belknap:

SYLVIA:

Did you spot the errors my fingers made in my letter Nov 25? I've just noted it.

Second paragraph from bottom, page 1: "Gamaliel Belknap" should of course have been typed "Gamaliel Garlinghouse."

My fingers apologize. My brain knew better. But my fingers often overrule my brain.

Carroll 12/7/70

Malinda Frances Starr

Mark Phinney
Monroe, Oregon

(Coylo)

MALINDA FRANCES (FANNIE) STARR

*W. of Reander Stan
S. of Curie*

Mrs. Starr is one of the oldest natives of the Monroe vicinity. Her memory is somewhat weak in the matter of dates, but picture of early times is convincing. She said:

"My parents came to Benton County from Illinois in 1849. My father, William Coylo, was born in Kentucky. My mother was Mary Ann Jones. They came by ox team and were eight months on the way. There was lots of cholera and many deaths. The Indians harrassed the train and tried to run off the stock, and one or two men were killed by the Indians.

*Mary Ann
Coylo*

"My parents settled first near Portland. Then they took a donation land claim on Long Tom Creek just to the northeast of Monroe in 1852. There I was born that same year in a log cabin with a dirt floor. There was no saw mill near Monroe then, and all nails and hardware had to be bought in Oregon City. I had no brothers or sisters and had to play with the Indian children. There were many Indians about here then, and the children were much more agreeable playmates than the white children I knew. They were well behaved and obedient. When there was any sound of quarreling or of loud talking a mother would call from the door of a wigwam, and one word was enough to put an end to the disturbance. I learned to speak the Chinook jargon which the Indians used quicker and better than English.

"My first school was at a log schoolhouse in Monroe about where the grade school now stands. We had only about three months school each summer at first. There was so much high water and mud in the winter that children could not get to school. The teachers were paid \$30.00 a month and "boarded 'round". Among my teachers I remember Emily Humphrey and A. R. Butolph. We were taught

reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, and geography. Discipline was severe; some of the teachers used to give awful whippings. There was one girl who was very unruly and was sometimes whipped.

"In 1869, when I was sixteen, I got married and my schooling stopped. My husband was Leander Starr whose father brought him to Benton County in 1846. His father, Samuel Starr, was the first sheriff of Benton County. We lived on a farm just north of Monroe. Our children were Ida (Mrs. Larkin), Ivan, and Bert. Then my husband died and I have been alone for a good many years. I learned to be busy as a girl. There was so much that had to be done then and no amusements to waste our time. We worked all day and at night we knitted or sewed. Nowadays young folks have too much time for amusement. They think they have a right to do as they please and so many of them go bad.

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"The Monroe cemetery, which is about a half-mile north of town was given by Roland and Elizabeth Hinton in 1852. The first burials were made about the same time, but not all the graves were marked. The Hintons were buried there and many others of the old-time families. . . The first storekeeper I remember in Monroe was Mr. Barnard; the first doctor was Doctor McAfee. . . The first Sunday school was organized by an Episcopal clergyman named Joe McCormick. He was Irish and was called "Holy Joe".

"I never heard of the place called Jenneyopolis. Bill Gird had a stage station on the Territorial Road about twelve miles south of Corvallis. Here he sold whiskey to all who had the price and drank a lot himself.

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"Starrs Point postoffice was about a mile north and back on the hill. Then it was moved down to the road to the place now owned by a dairy company, where the old stage station is. Later it was moved down here by the mill and after a time the name was changed to Monroe."

SYLVIA RICHARDSON from CYB

4/15/73

Long ago you asked about William Garlinghouse, born in Ohio, settled in Benton County, Oregon, 1862, married Mrs Mary Ann Coyle. . . . I told you that he was most probably a descendant of James Garlinghouse, the father of Mary Ann who married your Jonas. And I said I had a faint memory of having seen the name of Mary Ann Coyle in my files. Today I found her, while rummaging through old papers for something else that I did not find.

Results may interest you -- for in a roundabout way you are related to these people.

Mary Ann Coyle, nee Jones, came to Benton County with her parents in 1849, from Illinois. Married ~~III~~ William Coyle, born in Ky.

(1)

Their daughter, Malinda Frances Coyle ("Fanny") married Leander Starr -- son of Samuel F Starr and Talitha Cumi Belknap, who was daughter of Jesse Belknap (brother of Jonas) and Jane Garlinghouse (sister of your Mary Ann).

SOURCE OF THE NAME OF TALITHA CUMI BELKNAP

The name of this daughter of Jesse Belknap and Jane Garlinghouse comes from the Bible -- in the story of the daughter of the ruler of the synagogue, of whom Jesus said "She is not dead, but sleepeth."

King James Version: Mark 6:41

And he took the damsel by the hand, and said
unto her, Talitha cumi; ~~WHICH MEANETH~~ which is,
being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

Jonas

In Litra

Enl. 3 May 75

Advance pay order 29 June

Master roll 1 Aug

Company return (post Oct 75)

Bounty cert 30 Oct 75

Service 3 mo 6 days
(i.e. 9 Aug)

Contd

Enl Nov 1776

✓ ✓ 1777

detested served from
Nov 15, 1770

1777

1780

1781

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1783

Living Co. Purchaser

	Vol	Row	Tr	Sec	Lot	Acres
Jesse	L L K, N T	14 14 14 14	2 2 2 2	4 4 4 4		100 35 22 35
Orin	E-W	14	2	4	1 17	33 Naval's to report
Elyah	R	14	2	3		
Jonas	K	14 14	2 1	4 2		
Isaac Newton Sold 1843		14	2	4		

CLAUDIA:

The reason why I asked if your father knew anything about Jesse's service in the War of 1812 was that I hoped he might be able to throw some light on what I was trying to figure out -- why Jesse became a deserter. This fact in the N Y militia records that I had obtained was to my mind just out of character.

Shortly after I wrote to you, my great helper in western NY -- Gladys Grey -- happened to find in an old chest at her local historic society a document that helps to tell what actually happened: a muster roll of the militia company that Jesse was in. Sheer coincidence. Gladys didn't know I was working on that problem. She just keeps an eye out for the name Belknap.

The clues in that muster roll, at once, led me to dig for still further information at Albany and in Washington. So now I can tell the whole story. And I think I should make it a matter of record somewhere outside of my own files -- for some other industrious searcher may some day stumble on the fact of desertion, but without learning what led up to it. So I'm making you my repository. Nothing confidential about it. Feel free to tell others if you wish. There's nothing actually disgraceful about it, to my mind -- and I'm a one-time infantry captain, back in WW I, and might be expected to be intolerant about desertion.

So here's the story, as I now know it.

On Sept 28, 1812, Jesse enlisted in a new militia company (infantry) that was being formed by Capt Elizur Hills, along with other men from the area of Bristol, west of Canandaigua. Bristol, you'll remember, was where Jonas and his family lived at that time.

It was a small company: one captain, one ensign, four sergeants, one corporal, a drummer and two fifiers, and 19 privates. Jesse was the corporal -- an unusual appointment for an inexperienced boy of 20. Jane's cousin Ben Garlinghouse was one of the privates.

The company, untrained, was marched to the town then called Manchester (now Niagara) on the Niagara River north of Buffalo. There it remained through October, without seeing action.

On October 13, the American regulars captured Queenston Heights, across the river in Canada, and the British commanding general in Canada died in that battle. The course of the war in Canada could have changed if the success had been followed up. But the N Y militia commanding general, Van Rennsalaer, failed to send his troops in as reinforcements -- and we lost Queenston Heights -- which ended our chance of success in Canada. It also ended General Van Rennsalaer. He was forced to resign his command.

In the ranks of the militia, the immediate response was a wave of desertion. Many hundreds of men just went home. In the troops in and around Manchester, there were 446 such desertions. Among them was Jesse.

On October 21 -- eight days after Queenston Heights -- Jesse and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ three of the four sergeants (including the First Sergeant) and five privates went home -- and were listed as deserters. The Ensign, David Doolittle, was sent with one private in pursuit of them. He did not get them, though he was still absent from the company when a special muster was held on Nov. 2 -- for the purpose of finding out just how bad things were in the militia forces. As I said, they were very bad. So a reorganization and consolidation was ordered and put into operation by Nov 10.

When I got this far, in putting the record together, I wrote to Gladys: "If anything even faintly like this had happened in the company I commanded long ago and far away, I'd have ceased being a company commander right then. The Army judges that any officer who has this sort of thing happen is unfit to command. Men -- and most especially non-coms -- don't walk out unless they have good reason to be thoroughly disgusted with their officers." en masse like that

With that notion in my mind, I dug for information about that captain and his ensign. What happened to them was precisely what should have happened. On Nov 10 both of them were given their discharges and an allowance for travel expense to their homes.

So ends the story. None of the many "deserters" was brought to trial. And I doubt that any of them felt any guilt.

Certainly Jesse never made any effort to conceal the fact that he had been in the service in that war. It was known to at least some of his grandchildren, who mentioned it when supplying genealogical information back in the early 1900's.

Technically, of course, there's no excuse for desertion. But in this case it's pretty obvious that the guilty man was Captain Elizur Hills -- and probably General Van Rennsalaer, too.

Carroll Balknap
Feb 29 1972

Carroll

CLINTON from CYB

March 24 1972

I should tell you what I'm trying to do about one point, for you may be able to help or to suggest things I should do.

For a time, I've been trying to get proof that Jonas's daughter Cynthia married Isaac Newton. As you know, I have accepted Evans' statement on this -- partly because it seems to be based on documentary evidence but also because there is circumstantial evidence supporting it. (E.g.: (1) 1820 census figures, Hart Co., KY, suggest Isaac and Cynthia living with Jonas; (2) Isaac was owner of land in Licking County, Ohio, in partnership with Cynthia's brother Orin; (3) Orin named one of his sons Isaac Newton Balknap; (4) another son of Orin gave this same name to one of his sons. All very suggestive -- but not real proof.)

To date, my effort to find proof has not been successful. All I have learned is that when Isaac sold land in Licking County in 1837 and 1838, his wife's name was Rebecca -- which suggests that Cynthia died before 1837. (From Waite -- Walbridge 56)- we know that she died "in Ohio.")

I'm now trying to get from Ohio Board of Health a record of Cynthia's death -- which may show her as Cynthia Newton. But I haven't too much hope on this, as I've been told that Ohio Vital Statistics don't go back that far. If this effort fails, I'll need to try something else.

Any suggestions?

P S -- I think the marriage of Cynthia and Isaac probably occurred in Kentucky, probably in 1820. Reasons: (1) Have found no Isaac Newton among the many Newtons in Ontario County NY, though the search has been pretty thorough; (2) In affidavit in 1831, supporting pension claim by Stiles Parker, Isaac said he had known Stiles for "ten years" -- implying had not known him in Ontario Co. -- so think Isaac did not come from Ontario Co.

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Jan 27 1972

Dear Sylvia:

So you've encountered Aunt Kit. I'll eagerly accept your offer to send me a copy of what you've found -- provided you'll let me pay the cost of having the copy made -- as I always do, in order to feel free to beg for anything I want. I need to compare the version you have found with other versions, to see if it contains anything different -- as it well may.

Aunt Kit (Kitturah, Returah, Ketturah, Kiturah, according to who wrote the name) is our one eye-witness to the early days in Ohio, Iowa, Oregon. What we call "Aunt Kit's Diary" is a collection built from letters she wrote (mostly to two nieces) in her later years -- with her diary open to her eyes. Various people assembled such collections -- often similar, sometimes differing in detail. Of her actual diary, only a very few minor passages have survived as far as I can find.

As to relationship -- I'm a grandson of Corrington Belknap, a much younger ~~XXXXXX~~ brother of Kit's husband George.

Too bad Mrs Mintonye didn't have Aunt Kit's reminiscences. They would have kept her from making some of the errors in They Laughed, Too. Example: when the men went to California in 1849, they didn't fail to find gold. "They did well; so we lived well after they got back," said Aunt Kit.

What I most need to find is the missing part of her reminiscences -- from Fort Hall to the Willamette Valley. The summaries of it, written by other people from their memory of what Kit wrote, aren't too good.

Sylvia Richardson
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Mr. Carroll Y Belknap
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18 January 1972

Dear Mr. Belknap,
Thank you so much for your letter of Dec. 2. I had a Xerox copy made and forwarded to Mrs. Keeney. Quite possibly she has written to you by this time.

Mr. Belknap, which of Jesse and Jane's children do you descend from? The reason I ask is a genealogical friend remembered I have a Belknap surname and had a copy of a diary written by Kitturah Penton Belknap wife of George made for me. I picked it up at her home this evening and it is truly one of the most delightful diaries I have read.

The first sentence: "George Belknap and Kitturah Penton were married Oct 3, 1839 both of Allen county, Ohio."

Next paragraph: "On October 17th we gathered our earthly possessions and put them in a 2 horse wagon and started to find us a home in the far west."

One page 10: Tuesday April 10, 1848 they leave Iowa for Oregon. Page 14 is the last page and they are approaching Fort Hall.

Kitturah is such a courageous and sensitive person her diary is an inspiration for anyone to read.

I was told that the Belknap lady that owns the original copy loaned it to someone once with the solemn promise that she would not copy it or loan it to anyone. Just how my friends friend was able to get a copy to copy I don't know. Then again maybe that is something someone just dreamed up to add interest. It does not need anyone's help to make it interesting however.

If you do not have a copy and want one let me know.

Sincerely,

Sylvia