

1810 Bristol

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1 Cynthia

10-15

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Orin

1 Esther  
Susanah?

16-25

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Jose.

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26-45

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James?

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JNB

1 EPRB

almost matches

25 Club Road  
Riverside, Conn.  
Nov. 15, 1967

Mrs. Helen L. Papp  
Clapp Memorial Library  
Belchertown, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Papp:

Thank you for answering so promptly my query about the non-existent "Belchertown History." I doubted its existence, but I had to ask. What still puzzles me is how so methodical a craftsman as Henry Wyckoff Belknap could have made those entries -- in his own handwriting.

Of course you know that anyone engaged in genealogical work has to be shameless in begging for help whenever he thinks he might get it. So forgive me for hoping that if I tell you what I'm looking for, you or someone at the Belchertown Historical Association may be able to tell me where to find it -- for I have little acquaintance with Massachusetts town records in the 18th Century.

I'm searching for further information about the Samuel Belknap who, together with his 16 year old son Jonas Newton Belknap enlisted from Belchertown on 3 May 1775 in Captain Cowles Company of Benjamin Ruggles Regiment. This father and son fought on Bunker Hill, and Samuel died the next day -- whereupon the son, Jonas, re-enlisted for the duration of the war in the 7th Massachusetts (Colonel Alden, then Colonel Brooks) and served till the end in 1783. In all those years, his only leave was for a visit to his mother in Belchertown, at Christmas time in 1781.

Samuel and his wife Mary (Newton) are said to have moved from northern Connecticut to Murrayfield, Mass. (which I haven't yet identified) about 1760 and to have joined the Congregational Church in Belchertown in 1761. And Samuel is said to have been on the tax list of "Murrayfield" in 1771 but not thereafter. (Henry Wyckoff Belknap originally wrote "Mennafield" and then later crossed that out and wrote "Murrayfield.")

In 1783 (or maybe 1784) Jonas Newton Belknap married Esther Parker -- and I hope to find where and exactly when this marriage took place. My only clue is that ~~xxxx~~ Esther's younger brother is said to have been born at Northampton in 1762 (or 1764?) Their father, according to the legends of my family and the Parker family, was the only member of his family to survive an Indian massacre when he was a babe in arms. And it is said that he became a noted preacher (perhaps Methodist, I'll surmise).

This Elijah Parker fathered a remarkable batch of children, whose nicknames have been cherished by both families (Belknap and Parker) for two centuries. In the Parker family, the ~~names~~ have been preserved in doggerel rhyme:

nicknames  
"Patty and Roxy and Rus'y and Tabby,  
(sic) Easter and Lijah and Stiles and Abby" Or "Nabby," sometimes.

Their real names were: Martha, Roxana, Jerusha, Tabitha, Esther, Elijah, Stiles, Abigail

Their mother's maiden name was Stiles.

After Jonas Newton Belknap married Esther Parker (called "Easter") his family and the Parker family became very closely allied. Young 'Lijah married a Belknap girl whom I'm still trying to identify. And then Jonas Belknap and the two Parker sons (Elijah and Stiles) moved on west together — to ~~MAKESSEN~~ Cherry Valley, N. Y., I believe, and then to Ontario County in Western New York (this I know from record) and then to northern Kentucky and central Ohio, with their rapidly growing families.

Forgive all this tedious detail. The more detail I provide, the better the chance that someone may be able to help me. Any bits of information about any of these Belknaps or Parkers would be helpful.

Hopefully,

Carroll Belknap:

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BELCHERTOWN, MASS.



November 7, 1967

Mr. Carroll York Belknap  
25 Club Road  
Riverside, Connecticut, 06878

Dear Mr. Belknap:

In reply to your letter of November fifth, to the best of our knowledge, no Belchertown History was ever written. We have been told by members of the Belchertown Historical Association that one or more histories may have been started, but were not completed. We do have a book entitled Historical Sketch of the Congregational Church by Doolittle, listing the communicants of the Congregational Church in Belchertown from its organization in 1837, to 1851, along with a brief history of the church. Would this book be of any help to you?

Very truly yours,

*Helen L. Papp*

(Mrs.) Helen L. Papp, Librarian

enlisted May 3, 1775; service 3 mos. 6 days; also, company return (probably Oct., 1775); also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Prospect Hill, Oct. 30, 1775.

Belknap, Samuel, Belchertown. Private, Capt. John Cowl's co., Col.

~~Benjamin Ruggles Woodbridge's regt.; master roll dated Aug. 1,~~

1775; enlisted May 3, 1775; service, 2 mos. 8 days; also, company return (probably Oct., 1775); reported enlisted for town of Granby; also order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Cambridge, Dec. 23, 1775; reported deceased.

Seija L born 14 March 1785

bptd 14 Aug 1785

Com  
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Belcher to own  
d 12 Dec 1874

on Catherine Fairhouse

Out Co

b. 16 Dec <sup>1783</sup> ~~1788~~ Pa

8 Jan 1806

d. 24 Jan 1872 (?)

d. 1874<sup>17</sup> (Rest pennine 8 Dec 1874)

Jonas Jr

R.

1786

(Polly)

m.

Mary Ann Larkin House

(15 Jan 1813(?))

d. 1867

d.

~~31 Jan 1853~~

Benton  
Co.

d.

1850 or 1851 (?)

Benton Co. Ore

Elihu

b. 18 Jan 1789

m. (1) Bettie Briggs (abt 1808)  
who d. May 1810 (aged 22)  
(Richmont)

m. (2) Lucy Finch  
1810

d. 8 Jan 1839

Licking Co. Ohio

Cherry Valley NY

Susanpah

b. 26 Jan 1792

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?

PintA

m. 15 Aug 1813

d. 12 Oct 1856 in Ohio

7M

m. David Chatfield 30 May

b. Saratoga Co. 1789

d. Ohio 5 Dec 1839

7M

11/10

Cynthia (between 1800 + 1810)

h. Prob 1797 or 1798 (S)  
Ont Co NY

m. Isaac Newton (as said)

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Orrin

b. 24 May 1799

comer

m. Mary Draper 1824

d. 1873

Ester

b. 1796 (or 1798?)

m. Gamaliel Zerkow

d. 1879 - At Hermsburg Ohio

7m

aged 81 7m

Living Co. Ohio  
Death Records

Farmington

Index to Pensioners living in Kentucky.

JONAS BELKNAP. Hardin Co. Ky. Private, Massachusetts Line.

Placed on pension roll June 25, 1819. Commencement of Pension

May 27, 1818 age 76. TRANSFERRED FROM N.Y. march 4, 1820

he died Feb 16, 1824.

7 Martin

MRS. MARTIN:

Thanks for telling Mrs. Frank Barrett about me. She's another descendant of Jonas Newton Belknap, through a daughter of his son Jonas (Jr): Eledta Belknap who married Stephen Howell.

thanks

And ~~that~~ for the slip from "Index of Pensioners." As I have the complete military record of Jonas Newton B., plus facsimile copies of his handwritten applications for pensions, I can tell you ~~XXX~~ that the wording of this slip contains two errors -- "private" instead of sergeant, the rank he reached about the middle of the war -- and "age 76" when ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ he applied for pension in 1818. He was then at Naples, Ontario County, N. Y.; and under oath gave his age as 60 in 1820 when he made another similar application in Kentucky. . . I often wonder if such errors arise from careless copying or from tampering with original documents. . . My cousin Claudia Marshall, in 1961, typed a summary of his pension documents, in the National Archives; and, thus far, by roundabout ways, six "copies" of her transcript have come into my hands -- no two alike. One of them even ~~changes~~ his trade -- Coopering" as he himself said, to "engineering" as altered by someone who thought that making barrels wasn't dignified enough.

The summary of his life, in what I sent to you, was much condensed. Someday, when I have time, I'll write his story in full -- quite a few pages of it.

Jonas didn't make things easier for historians when he enlisted in the 7th Massachusetts Regt and gave his age as 22 -- though actually only 16. Othe Belknap boys, including the grandson of an Admiral, have done the same thing.

August 20 (p.m.) 1968

ECB  
Memo to Carroll Y. B elknap, Riverside, Conn.  
From E. Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

After some rather careful study prompted by a friendly challenge by Mrs. Jane E. Belknap of Des Moines, Iowa, I believe we should reinstate Tamar Vinton in our records as the second wife of Jonas N. Belknap. This conclusion is based on the following considerations:

1. Mrs. Jane (M.R.) Belknap called my attention to pages 143 and 144 in the volume HISTORY OF HADLEY including the EARLY HISTORY OF HATFIELD, SOUTH HADLEY, AMHERST AND GRANBY, MASSACHUSETTS, by Sylvester Judd with an introduction by George Sheldon, also FAMILY GENEALOGIES by Lucius M. Boltwood; Published by H.R. Hunting & Company, Springfield, Mass.:1905. It is there recorded that Tamar Vinton b. July 30, 1766 at Granby, Mass (da of Abiathar Vinton and Rhoda Wheelock, whom he married April 14, 1757 or his second wife Rachel Caswell, or his third wife, "Widow Smith" of Granby) married (1) Asa Newton; (2) Jonas Belknap. No

2. I remembered carefully reading the contents of an affidavit Jonas had signed December 12, 1820, in Hardin County, Ky. in connection with his claim for a war pension and I was sure he had stated in said affidavit that the name of his wife at the time was "Fanny". I restudied the document and indeed it is easy to misread the first letter of the name as an "F". However, when one more carefully compares the first letter of the name with other writing in the document, it becomes very clear that the first letter is in reality a "T" instead of an "F" and that the name listed is "Tanney" -- obviously stated as "Tammy" by Jonas but misunderstood and transcribed as "Tanney" by the clerk who drew the affidavit.

3. Jonas stated in the above mentioned affidavit, that the age of his wife at the time was 54 years which would tally exactly with the age of Tamar based on the 1766 birthdate as given.

Am enclosing a Xerox copy of the affidavit for your personal consideration and a copy of the material taken from the volume cited in 1, above.

Do you agree?

JNB  
file

CHILDREN OF JONAS NEWTON BELKNAP AND ESTHER PARKER

Order of birth is believed to be as shown here, but dates of ~~all~~ <sup>some of the</sup> births are not yet verified completely.

- ~~Samuel, born 1784 -- married Sarah Jones, in Ontario County, N. Y.~~  
~~Elijah, born 1785 -- married Lucy Finch in Ohio~~  
Elisha, born 18 Jan. 1789 -- married Lucy Finch in Ohio  
Elijah, born 1785 -- married Catherine Garlinghouse in Ontario County, N. Y.  
Jonas, born 1786 -- Married Mary Ann Garlinghouse  
Jesse, born 26 Jan. 1792 -- married Jane Garlinghouse in Ontario County  
SUSANNAH (Susan, Susie, in various records) -- Jesse's twin sister  
Esther, born 1796  
Cynthia (date of birth not known but probably 1797 or 1798) *after 1799 - (or not before 1802)*  
Orrin, born 1799 -- married Mary Draper

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SUSANNAH Belknap

Born 26 Jan. 1792, Cherry Valley, N. Y.  
Married 15 Aug. 1813, Ontario Co., N. Y.  
Died 12 Oct. 1856, in Ohio

& David Chatfield

Born 30 May 1789, Saratoga County, N. Y.  
Died 5 Dec. 1839, in Ohio

CHILDREN OF SUSANNAH BELKNAP AND DAVID CHATFIELD

David R., born 22 Oct. 1814, Ontario County, N. Y.  
Stephen, born 19 Dec. 1815 " " "  
Rousel, born 3 Sept. 1817, in Ohio -- married Lucinda Sperry 6 Dec. 1840  
died 11 March 1897, Sheridan, Ohio  
Asenath, born 18 Feb. 1819 -- married Samuel Sperry 29 Sept. 1839 --  
died 1 Sept. 1896, Cass Co., Indiana.

Bernie  
June 26, 1968

Mr. G. M. Belknap R.R. 1 Box 157  
Jefferson Oregon 97352  
says Esther Belknap m.  
Gamaliel Garlinghouse.

The publication  
Ohio the Cross Roads to the West  
or Gate way to the West  
April - June issue I found  
this item

Licking Co. Ohio Death Records.

Esther Garlinghouse d 1879 age 81  
~~born~~ St. Albans. twp. N.Y. ~~NY~~ <sup>CyB</sup> ~~CyB~~

Fern Martin

I'll check on this soon as I can  
but I don't get to La Angeles often.

June 30, 1968

MEMO TO Fern Martin (Copy to E. Clinton Bellmap)  
From Carroll York Bellmap

I'm immensely grateful for your note dated 6/26. It gives me what I think we can regard as documentary evidence that Esther Bellmap (daughter of Jonas N. B.) did marry Gamaliel Garlinghouse — and perhaps real evidence about the date of her birth — as well as the date and place of her death.

Licking County, <sup>(Elisha 1839)</sup> Ohio, where she died, is known to have been where at least two of her brothers, ~~XXXXXX~~ and Jesse) were in the early 1800's. And the old records of Ontario County, N. Y., say that "some" of the many Garlinghouses accompanied the Bellmaps who left that county about 1816 or 1818.

The age given for her — 81 — would place her birth in 1798. This is possible, for the date of 1796 given to me by others has no documentary proof.

But the place stated for her birth — "St. Albans Township, N. Y." — ~~Y~~ must be an error on the part of the person who copied the record for publication. St. Albans Township in Licking County, Ohio, was where her brother ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Elisha was buried in 1839. There wasn't any St. Albans ~~th~~ in 1800 in any part of N. Y. where Jonas Newton B. and his family lived. And the term "township" has never been used in New York State. . . What the record probably means is that Esther (Bellmap) Garlinghouse died in that township in Ohio. In all likelihood, she was born at what is now ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Honeoye, Ontario County, N. Y., where Jonas Newton B. lived between 1796 (or earlier) and 1810.

I'm sending a copy of your note, and of this memo, to E. Clinton Bellmap in Lincoln, Nebraska, who is working with me on the task of building up a record of the descendants of Jonas Newton B — his great grandfather and mine.

I hope that someday we may learn the names of this Esther's children .

Extract from "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of  
the Revolutionary War", Volume 1, at page 906.

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Belknap, Jonas, Belchertown. Descriptive list of enlisted men; Lieut. Col. John Brooks's regt.; age 22 yrs.; stature, 5 ft.; complexion, light; hair, light; residence, Belchertown; enlisted, Nov. 1776; mustered by Sergt. Tryon; also, Private, Capt. Luke Day's co., Col. Brooks's (late Alden's) regt.; Continental Army pay accounts from Jan. 1, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; reported mustered by Col. Ruggles Woodbridge; also, Capt. Day's co., (late) Col. Ichabod Alden's regt.; return of men in camp before Aug. 15, 1777, dated Cherry Valley, Feb. 24, 1779; also, Corporal, Capt. Day's co., Col. Brooks's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780; reported as serving 2 mos. as Private, 10 mos. as Corporal; also, descriptive list of enlisted men, dated Feb. 20, 1782; Light Infantry Co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's (7th) regt.; age, 22 (also given 24) yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, light, hair, light (also given dark); occupation, farmer; residence, Belchertown; enlisted Nov., 1777; enlistment, during war; also, Capt. William White's (Light Infantry) co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's regt.; muster roll for Jan., 1781, dated West Point; also, Capt. Coburn's (Light Infantry) co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's regt.; muster rolls for Feb., 1781-Feb., 1782, dated York Huts; also, Sergeant, Light Infantry co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's regt.; list of men furloughed; leave given by General Patterson Dec. 17, 1782, to go from New Windsor to Belchertown for 40 days; overstayed 2 days; also, list of men discharged; discharged June 10, 1783, by Gen. Washington, term of enlistment having expired; also list of men who received honorary badges for faithful service; reported served from Nov. 15, 1775.

at Page 918.

Belknap, Jonas, Belchertown. Capt. John Cowls's co., Col. Benjamin Ruggles Woodbridge's regt.; order for advance pay dated Cambridge, June 29, 1775; also, Private; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775;

File - ~~St~~ Pilgrims

GEORGE S MAY from CYB

8/30/1973

Thanks for suggestions on Susannah. . . In saying that Jonas and Seth were the only Belknaps in Ontario Co in 1810, I carelessly omitted the usual captionary "known to be" -- possibly because years of search of all available records have found no trace of others, while two who were there in 1800 (John and Jeduthan) have been followed to other places after that year. . . We proved long since that the apparent "two Jonases" in 1800 were the same man, caught by two census takers on two different dates.

2) You ask about the deed for sales of lot in Gorham by Jonas. It's in book 96, p 21. Date of transaction was Sept 8 1819. Not recorded till June 21 1851. (At that time, in Ont Co, relatively few deeds were ever recorded.) Thorough examination of the deed and search for other deed or deeds for same 20 acres have found no clue to how or when Jonas came into possession of this property. Seems likely that this was where he was living when his second wife, Rachel -----, died in 1815. . . If so, this was his third move after arriving in this county. He moved from the Honeye area to Bristol in 1810, and we have found the deed for this purchase -- but not deed of later sale, though there is good evidence that he did not stay long in Bristol.

Wm. - Just on opposite - deed of sale only

Another query, in hope there's something in your files.

I'm trying to find the father of Stephen and Pilgrim Belknap, brothers who first appear in Saratoga Co, NY in early 1800's. Stephen in 1800 Census, Galway, that Co. Many present day descendants of these brothers, no clue to parentage except that family tradition says Pilgrim spent his boyhood in Vermont.

A possible father is Hzekiah Belknap, son of Jedediah B and Deberah Streeter, of Framingham -- born Framingham 1736, said to have m in Worcester, Mass., and d in Weathersfield Vt -- no other known data on him. Two of his brothers, Zedekiah and Joseph are known to have settled in Weathersfield. . . As Hzekiah looks like the most likely suspect at this moment, I have to keep searching till I prove that he either was or was not father of Stephen and Pilgrim.

Do you have anything on this problem?

GEORGE S MAY (Copy to Gladys Gray) (And Clinton Bellnap)  
From CYB

12/26/70

YOUR LETTER Dec 18:

My great thanks. This looks like the first real ray of light on the Asa Newton who married Tamar Vinton. Asa born 1765 looks just right.

It would seem that there was something of a mass migration from northern Conn to Murrayfield Plantation (Belchertown, Granby) about 1760. Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton, and his brother Job (wife, Phoebe Newton, parentage unknown to me) sold their farms in East Windsor (Ellington) and moved at that time. Various Newtons must have done the same thing. Mary's parents were Stephen Newton and Mary Gibbs (Witt in some records) of East Windsor -- so if Asa b 1765 was son of the Oliver who married 1762 and this Oliver was brother of Mary, as you suggest, then this Oliver also came from East Windsor (Ellington).

Nothing more I can do with this fine lead until I next go to Boston, and can study the Crocker Collection that you unearthed. I hope it will also help in determining the debated date of the death of Mary's husband Samuel Belknap.

You ask: Where does this leave the search for Diantha's parentage?

As I see it: IF we assume, or ~~XXXXXXXX~~ prove, that Asa b 1765 was first Husband of Tamar Vinton, then the parentage of Diantha hinges on the date of Asa's deathXX.

-- Diantha aged 9 on 12 Dec 1820, hence born 1811, would be daughter of Jonas Newton Belknap and Rachel ----- if this Asa Newton ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ died before 1811 (or late 1811?).

-- But if Asa died after 1811, Diantha could be either daughter of Asa and Tamar or daughter of Jonas and Rachel. So we would know no more than we now know. Alas.

It seems doubtful, to me, that the Crocker Collection will give the date of death of this Asa, for he must have moved from Belchertown to western NY, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ TENNESSEE (or Kentucky?) before 1820 -- else how would Tamar and Jonas have met again?

But I can look.

GEORGE S. MAY  
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FAIR OAKS, CALIFORNIA 95628

Tamar  
Carroll:

DEC 18 1970

Your letters arrived, one showing me on a list of "People interested in Belknap genealogy". I am flattered by the implications here. I hope no one thinks I know anything about it - interested, yes, but I know little. Your other letter about your wants in the Boston Transcript records since about 1920, - Will get to that soon.

I alluded to Asa Newton on a card I sent you recently. Perhaps, in light of all that has gone back and forth on this subject I should explain a little more fully.

In the "Crocker Collection", index to vol A, Belchertown VR there appears these references to Asa Newton:

Asa & Sibbel	mentioned	A-156
Asa married in 1770		A-136
Matilda dau Asa b 1771		A-155
Joseph son Asa b 1774		A-156

Yes.  
153  
This then would just about prove that the Asa of Livonia was the same Asa as this one who lived in Belchertown. (See will of Asa of Livonia showing oldest son Joseph and oldest daughter Matilda). I would not doubt that he was same one as shown Lowville, New York census of 1800 and that he was also the Asa who was a brother of Mary Newton Belknap. Also as I suspected before Asa apparently had two wives, Sibbel (above) and Catherine (will). It would also apparently eliminate the Asa Jr of Livonia as a candidate to have been the husband of Tamar Vinton - Asa Jr too young.

The next Asa is a little more obscure and requires an assumption or two to gain my end. Again from "Crocker Collection" on "Oliver Newton" sometimes spelled Nuton:

major  
error.  
— Oliver and Rebecah mentioned A-152-3  
Oliver married 1762 A-137  
Rebecca dau Oliver b 1763 A-152  
— Asa brother Oliver b 1765 A-153  
Oliver son Oliver b 1766 A-153  
Oliver married 1771 A-140

Two other Newtons appear in this record and I cannot account for them:

Frances Newton	married 1758	A-135
Lydia	" " 1771	A-140

The reference above to Asa Newton, b 1765 as a "brother Oliver" is a puzzler. This along with two marriages for "Oliver Newton" one in 1762 and another in 1771 just might possibly indicate there were two families there each having an Oliver. This would be an outside chance and probably Oliver b 1766 and Asa b 1765 were brothers and both sons of Oliver & Rebecah. It is also probable that Rebecah died and Oliver married secondly in 1771. I do not think that there could be any question about Oliver who married Rebecah being Mary Newton Belknap's brother. I would assume then that the Asa born 1765 was her nephew. This Asa would be a prime candidate to be the one who married Tamar Vinton in my estimation. So, even granting these as truths, where does that leave the search for Diantha's parentage?

George

March 31, 1972

MEMORANDUM

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood St., Lincoln, Nebr., 68502

✓  
Regarding your memo of March 10, 1972, I do appreciate your sheet on the children of Jesse and Jane Belknap. They came up with a couple of unusual names in "Kesia" and "Talitha Cumi" didn't they?

✓  
The "They Laughed Too" book has my interest aroused. Is this something that is available from some publisher or that one might get in an intercity library loan long enough to read?

No record  
in Q. 5  
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7  
Am glad to know you have found probable source of statement by Evans that Jonas was in Worcester, N. Y. in 1798 and am filing your explanation of possible manner of reconciling this ~~XXXX~~ information with the presence of Jonas and Elijah Jr in Honeoye, N. Y., at the time of the first town meeting in 1796. You mention the fact that Jonas and Elijah Jr. were at that town meeting but make no mention of Elijah himself. Am wondering if, by any chance, it could have been that the family had not actually moved to Honeoye yet -- that Jonas and Elijah Jr. had gone on a scouting mission to look over the land, and perhaps even to contract for land, and happened to be on the scene at the time of the first town meeting, with Elijah remaining with the family itself in Worcester, with Jonas and Elijah Jr. returning to report progress and later, after the 1798 date, actually moving the entire family to Honeoye. Could this have been a possibility?

✓  
Concerning "Cober's Kiln" as place where Jonas was wounded in 1778, I find no problem in accepting this listing. It is very specifically spelled out in the 27 May 1818 declaration (see enclosed copy of that document) which was signed by Jonas. I realize that some clerk wrote the statement for him to sign but it was in a community where he was well acquainted, and where the person doing the writing would have little difficulty in ~~XXX~~ understanding what Jonas was saying and meant. And Jonas had good reason to have remembered the name since this was where he had taken on his injury. The only difference in this listing and that in his declaration in Kentucky a year and a half later, is that the "s" was left off of Cobers and the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "kiln" was written "kill" as it sounded at the time. And this time the recording was done by some one not as used to the speech of the Northerner Jonas as had ~~XXX~~ been the recorder in his old home community of Ontario County, N. Y. (Am enclosing a copy of the 1820 document for comparison) Believe I sent you this before, come to think of it. Have attempted, through our local reference library, to locate the name of this battle, or skirmish, but with no success. It was apparently, as has been indicated,

Page 2                      March 31, 1972                      CYB from ECB  
merely an incidental skirmish with the Indians and received  
no place of distinction in the general history of the war.

CB.

State of New York  
Ontario County On this twenty second day  
of May 1818 before me Stephen Phelps a Judge  
of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said  
County Personally appeared Jonas Belknap  
aged 59 years Resident in the Town of Naples  
in the County of Ontario who being by me first  
duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath  
make the following Declaration in order to  
obtain the provision made by the late Act of  
Congress entitled an Act to provide for bounties  
in Persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service  
of the United States in the Revolutionary War  
That he the said Jonas Belknap enlisted into  
the Service of the United States in the Spring of 1775  
for eight months in the State of Massachusetts  
and served out said term and about the first  
of January 1776 he enlisted for one year and  
before his Service expired he enlisted again  
in the fall of the same year into the Continental  
Service during the war in the State of New York  
in the Company commanded by Captain Luke  
Day in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment commanded  
by Colonel Alden afterwards by Colonel John  
Brooks and that he continued to serve in said  
Corps until June 1783 when he received an hon-  
orable discharge from Service at Newburgh in the  
State of New York and that he was in the Battle  
of Brimley Hill. Birds Night. York Town and  
at Coburn Hill in the latter of which he received a  
wound in consequence of which he received a  
Pardon from the United States of twenty Dollars  
per Annum being as he believes placed on the Pension  
List under the Act of Congress passed February  
January 28<sup>th</sup> 1793

which I am certain he has with the following  
and that he is in peculiar circumstances  
and stands in need of the assistance of  
his country for support and that he has  
no other resource now in his power of his  
his said services having lost his services  
I am to and shall the Jonas Belknap  
day and his affairs are  
before me Stephen Phelps

Ontario County, I Stephen Phelps a Judge of the Court  
of Common Pleas in and for said County do certify  
that it appears to my satisfaction that the said  
Jonas Belknap did serve in the Revolutionary War  
against the common enemy and ~~now resident in~~  
~~the State of~~ the preceding declaration for the term of  
nine months or more on the Continental establishment  
and by satisfactory proof have no doubt of his being in  
reduced circumstances and entitled to the provisions  
of the aforementioned Act of Congress and I now transmit  
the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me  
to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to  
the directions of the aforementioned Act of Congress  
Camden, N.J. May 27th 1815  
Stephen Phelps

Kentucky Standard by Ed December term 1820

Ordered that the following Schedule be Entered of record

Sworn

Schedule

District of Kentucky Meade County & On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record in the County and district aforesaid Jonas Belknap aged sixty two years Resident in Meade County in said district who being duly sworn According to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows (to wit) that he was enlisted for the term during the war in the month of January in the year 1776 in the town of Northampton in the state of Massachusetts in the company commanded by ~~Belknap~~ in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Commanded by Colonel Jackson and continued to serve in said Corps until about the month of November 1777 when he was transferred with Captain Luke Drays Company of foot in the 7<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Brooks at Albany New York in which Corps he served until during the term of two years when he was discharged from said service at Newburgh in the state of New York by General George Washington that he was in the battles of the taking of Burgoyne the taking of Lord Cornwallis battles of Newburn and Cloud Hill where he was wounded the number of his services certificate is 133 \$6. payable in New York And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish his part of Congress entitled an act to bring myself within the provisions of an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day March 1818 and that I have not nor have any person in trust for

Oct 15 1969

MEMO TO: Claudia Marshall

Fern Martin

Clark Belknap

George May

Bertha Hansen

COPIES TO: Gladys Gray

E Clinton Belknap

OWS

Tireless Gladys Gray, to whom we ~~KNOW~~ most of what we know about the Ontario County phase in the history of our branch of the family -- 1795 to 1819 -- has produced the greatest breakthrough in our search for facts about Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker.

For your information -- and for your comment -- I'm enclosing:

- Transcript of an excerpt from a rare book that Gladys dug up.
- My notes on that excerpt.
- Copy of tracing made by Gladys, from an old map.

My primary reason for sending this material to you is to ask whether or not your experienced judgment agrees with what I say in my Note #12: that, in my opinion, the source of the exact statements about the children of Jonas and Esther must have been the family Bible of Jonas and Esther.

Their daughter Esther married Gamaliel Garlinghouse and she and her husband were living in Hart County, Kentucky, when Jonas Newton Belknap was there in 1820. I am assuming they were there when he died in 1824; and that Esther (Belknap) Garlinghouse, being the oldest daughter present (Cynthia was there, but Susannah was then in Ohio) took possession of the Bible in which the births of her brothers and sisters had been recorded.

I can think of no other explanation of the precision of the information that D. B. Waite got from Mrs. Avery.


Do you agree -- or disagree?

Jonas N.B. file

NOTES ON EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER VII  
of EARLY HISTORY OF SPRINGWATER, LIVINGSTON CO.

- (1) "Aaron Hunt" -- father of Sarah Hunt, wife of Samuel Belknap, son of Jonas Newton Belknap -- also possibly uncle of some or all of the Garlinghouses who married Belknaps in Ontarip County N Y.
- (2) "the once pleasant valley of Wyoming" -- When he said "once pleasant" Mr Waite was probably remembering the Wyoming Valley Massacre. This valley lies in N E Pennsylvania. Originally settled by people from Connecticut and claimed by Connecticut after the Revolution, against violent opposition by Pennsylvania settlers. In 1788 the Connecticut contingent was virtually wiped out by a band of Tories and Indians. Note 7, below, will consider how this background may have influenced Jonas Newton Belknap, en route to Ontario County.
- (3) "Town of Richmond" -- an area of about six miles square, first called Pittstown; the village is now named Honesoye.
- (4) "the head of the lake" -- south end of Honesoye Lake; the lake's outlet, Honesoye River, flows North by West from north end of lake.
- (5) "Elijah and Stiles Parker" -- younger brothers of Esther Parker. Served in 7th Massachusetts Regt, as did Jonas. They and Jonas almost inseparable for many years.
- (6) "Hardin County" -- possibly an indication of how Jesse Belknap got land in that county in Kentucky.
- (7) "valley of Wyoming" -- We can now reconstruct our notion of the route probably followed by Jonas and his young family, after leaving Cherry Valley, N Y, where Jesse was born in 1792. Very likely, along or down the Susquehanna River from its headwaters near Cherry Valley, past the small new settlement at Soranton, on to the larger one at Wilkes Barre in the Wyoming Valley -- where newcomers from New England were not likely to feel comfortable a few years after the Wyoming Valley Massacre. Assume Jonas was in that valley about 1794, stayed there only briefly -- learned of the new road opened ~~by~~ in 1792 by the British company that owned much of Ontario County and was trying to attract settlers from Pennsylvania -- went back up the Susquehanna to New Town (Elmira) and then along the Cohocton River to the area near Canandaigua, where he paused in the winter of 1794-95, before settling in Lot 1 in Town of Richmond.
- (8) "the town of Springwater" -- does not mean the present village of that name. It had only one log cabin till 1824. The area which eventually became the Town of Springwater was part of the Town of Naples till 1816. "Town" in that part of N Y State means an area about 6 miles by 10 miles, or larger.
- (9) "south side of the line" -- that is, south of the boundary line between Town of Richmond (Pittstown) and Town of Middletown (the original name of Naples). Approximate location of house built by Jonas in 1806 is shown at ⊗ on map.
- (10) "Mary Garlinghouse" -- Not the Mary who married Jonas Belknap Jr. This Mary was daughter of John Garlinghouse, married Thomas Briggs, died in Ontario County 1852. . . If the mother of any or all of our Garlinghouse girls ~~was~~ was Eleanor Hunt who married James Garlinghouse, this challenges sheet from Bertha Hansen showing father as Elijah Garlinghouse, mother as Eleanor Hunt.

The parentage of the Garlinghouse girls -- Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann -- needs further study. All we yet have proof for is that Gamaliel Garlinghouse who married Esther Belknap was a son of James Garlinghouse and Eleanor (Elenor?) Hunt -- and that Rachel Garlinghouse who married Abiather Newton was a sister of Jane Garlinghouse who married Jesse Belknap.

- (11) "Mrs. Cynthia A. Avery, Grandville, Ohio" -- this woman, in Licking County, Ohio, must have been a daughter of Esther Belknap and Gamaliel Garlinghouse, both of whom lived and died in that county. No other Belknap who married a Garlinghouse had a daughter named Cynthia. She is the ~~XXXX~~ child of ~~XXXXX~~ Esther and Gamaliel yet found. only
- (12) "family records" -- This phrase had only one meaning among such people in the 19th century. It meant the family record pages in the family Bible. Esther, oldest daughter of Jonas in Kentucky (Hart County) where he died would naturally have been the person to take ~~XXXX~~ possession of the Bible of Jonas Belknap and Esther Parker. Such precise dates for birth of children born in Ontario County could hardly have come from any other source. If I am right in believing that Mrs. Avery was drawing from that Bible in giving information to Mr. Waite, we now have -- for the first time -- a contemporary, first-hand, original source for the names and sequence of birth of all the children of Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker. Up to now, we have had only lists derived from family tradition such as the one in the Parker genealogy, Parker in America, and the one written about ~~IX~~ 1916 by Elizabeth Jane Starr (Mrs. Garrison Turner), granddaughter of Jesse. Such lists have been correct; but not acceptable as proof of descent.
- (13) "Moses Briggs" -- Father of Bettie Briggs, first wife of Elisha Belknap. She died 1810, leaving him with a son born 1808. He then married Lucy Finch.
- (14) Date of Esther Parker's death -- Now that we know she died in ~~IX~~ 1809, we can say that the female aged over 45, shown in 1810 census of household of Jonas Belknap, was the Mrs. Jonas Belknap (Rachel) who died in Gorham, Ontario County, in 1815. ( See postscript below.)
- (15) "on the bank of the Green River" -- This river runs through Hart County, Ky, where Jonas died.
- (16) "Middletown" -- original name of Naples, as noted above. This means that in 1808 Jonas was living in the house located at  on the map.
- (17) Places of death are correctly stated. Inclusion of Jesse in this list means that Waite got information from Mrs Avery after 1881 -- year when Jesse died.

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P.S. After death of second wife, Rachel, Jonas married Tamar Vinton, widow of Asa Newton. This third wife was with him in Hart County, Kentucky, ~~1820~~ 1820.

EXCERPT FROM

EARLY HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGWATER, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, N. Y.  
by ORSON WALBRIDGE, with Additions by D. B. WAITE AND OTHERS

This book is a recent facsimile reprint of a book published in 1887. It contains two main types of material: (1) vivid recollections of "the way it was" when Orson Walbridge came to what was then Ontario County in 1819; (2) carefully researched historical and biographical material written by D. B. Waite who was a schoolteacher and a surveyor in the years before the Civil War. The whole book, in very small type, contains only 91 pages. If reprinted in present-day format, it would make a book of about 250 pages. It is must reading for anyone who wants to know what life was like when Jonas Newton Belknap and his wife Esther Parker and their children lived in that area. It can be ordered from Schnucker's Book Store, Springwater, N. Y. 14560 -- price \$5 plus 25¢ postage.

The following excerpt is taken from Chapter VII, "Hunt's Hollow," by D. B. Waite. The numbers in the right-hand margin refer to notes I made for my own guidance when I first read this chapter. Carrell Y. Belknap, 14 Oct 1969.

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" . . . Aaron Hunt, a soldier of the Revolution from New Jersey, who had a few years before taken up his abode in the once pleasant valley of Wyoming, . . . in the early spring of 1795 left Wyoming and ascended the Susquehannah as far as Newburgh, now Elmira (and eventually followed, on foot) the Indian trail that led to Honeoye Lake (and came to) what was, after the ~~INDIAN~~ subdivision of lands, lot No. 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. (1) (2) (3) (4)

"Col. John Green had preceded them one year, and was the first settler on the J. G. Briggs farm near the head of the Honeoye 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 of Canandaigua for wild lands in Hardin County, Kentucky, and removed thither in an early day. Jacob Holdren took at first what proved to be lot No. 7, mostly in the present town of Canadice, built him a cabin where the old orchard is on the bottom north of the present school house, married Jane Hunt, and made a temporary abode there, and in the spring of 1796 built a house where George Alger lives and became the first ~~PERMANENT~~ permanent settler in that town. (5) (6)

"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 of Aaron, came and went into the cabin first erected by Holdren. (7)

"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 (8)

first improvements , and may well be said to be the pioneer of the town. Andrew Hunt also extended his claims southward, and set out the orchard back of the schoolhouse near the old burying ground. James and John Garlinghouse the next year put up a cabin on the south side of the line a little west of the present sawmill, 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 the town. She became in time the wife of Thomas Briggs, . . James Garlinghouse married Elanor Hunt, a sister to Aaron.

(9)

(10)

"Through the kindness of Mrs. Cynthia A. Avery, a grand-daughter 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 Belknap 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 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 name was Esther Parker, died June 10, 1809, and was no doubt the first white person who died in(the)town. She was buried in Richmond, north of the old orchard on the bottom set out by Jacob Holdren and Jennie Hunt in 1795, by the side of George Holdren who was burned to death in 1801. . . Jonas Belknap sold out in 1813, went to Kentucky, died and was buried 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 Middletown in 1808. His children were Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Jonas Jr., Jesse, Susannah, Esther, 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. . . Elijah died in Indiana, Elisha, Susannah, Esther, Orin and Cynthia in Ohio, and Jonas Jr. and Jesse in Oregon."

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(12)

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(16)

(17)

Jones N. B

b 19 May 1759 Enfield

Bapt 12 Apr. 1761 Belchertown

m Esther Parker 17 Jan 1783

d 30 Jan 1761 (May)

d 16 Feb 1824 Hardin Co

joined Belchertown Church

30 July 1785

Benjamin Earleinghouse  
1761-1850 buried Naples

Marcie (his wife) d.

18 Nov 1845

age 89

age 77

(hence born 1768?)

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Stiles, <sup>Parker</sup> in Ont Co 1810

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Elijah Parter + Elijah Jr  
(in Canajoharie 1790

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in Bristol 1800

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Prophet Elijah

X 5 Jan 1810 - Jones of  
Pristol sold 100 acres

6 Sept 1819 - Jones of  
Gorham sold 20 acres

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(himself)  
Samantha -  
her mother was  
Emma Sutherland

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Mrs. Jona. Belknap <sup>Gorham</sup>  
aged 59 died  
4 July 1815  
("Rachel")

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1820 Hart Co.

		U10	10-15	16-25	26-45	46-55
<del>1785</del> Jonas	M	2	0	0	1	0
(34)	F	0	0	1	0	0
1785 Elijah	M	2	1	0	1	0
(35)						
Rebecca L)	F	2	1	0	1	0
Jonas Sr	M	1	(Cynthia)	1	0	1 - Jonas Jr
(61)			(John)	1	0	
Tanner (55)	F	1	0	2	0	1 - Tanner

← Dianthe

← Cynthia + 1

Jonas was in  
Hardin Co. →

Licking Co.  
1830

(Feb) Jonas (8) + 200  
Elijah 40-20  
Jesse 30-40  
Dor (Opin)

Elijah, in  
1830 (1st  
Pioneer  
Co.)

Wapello Co. Iowa 1830  
Elijah  
+ Catherine

Samuel L. Taylor  
M  
+ Esther  
F

Jonas Jr in 1820

Jonas & Tanner & Dianthe  
+ 1 M U10, 1 M 10-15, 1 M 16-25  
2 F 16-25

= Cynthia & Isaac Newton

+ 1 F 16-25  
1 M 10-15  
1 M U10 } who?

Mrs ~~Elyah~~ Elyah Parson  
(Mary) d. 11 Jan 1814  
@ Gorham  
age 76

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Elisha B. Mrs. (Betty)  
daug of Moses & Deborah  
Briggs  
died May 1810 age 22

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Jones an "early settler"  
in Ontario Co.

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Lamantia B d 2/30/1879  
"a Lincoln" age 72  
Gorham

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James, Larley, Loue  
settled in Ont Co.

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abt 1800

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In 1850 Census  
lives w/ Artemus & Sarah Lincoln

Election  
Apr 5, 1796 - Town of Richmond

Jonas B - Constable & Collector  
- on Committee on Schools

Census  
1800 - Jonas N

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Jonas Jr - b. born 1786

14 yrs old in 1800

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Sept. 29. 1969

Miss Helen L. Papp  
Librarian  
Clapp Memorial Library  
Belchertown, Mass. 01001

Dear Miss Papp:

Two years ago, you were kind enough to give me some helpful information from Doolittle's Sketches. May I impose on you by asking another question?

In your letter, at the point marked in red in the copy of your letter which I'm enclosing, you gave a line from Doolittle's page 111-- for his No. 184.

I had thought it meant that this Mary Belknap, wife of Rufus Kentfield, joined the church in 1779. Maybe I misunderstood.

But in searching old files of family history I find a citation of that same No. 184, on page 111, giving the wording as follows:

"Mary (Belknap) widow Kentfield died 1781 aged 88."

I'll be grateful if you'll take the trouble to look at that entry and tell me what its correct wording is.

Very truly yours,

File  
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Jonas N.

MEMO from GEM TO: CLAUDE GRAY MARTHA HANSEN VELVET HELLGAP CLINTON HELLGAP GEORGE MAY

12/9/69 KMT/2000

**THE GARLINGHOUSE CASE**

This memo supplements my memo of a week or so ago, on this subject: the parentage of the Garlinghouse girls — Catherine, Jane, Mary Ann (Polly) — who married sons of Jonas Horton Hellgap.

I now propose — in the light of new evidence dug up by Claude Gray — that we accept the list of children supplied by Mrs G H Hellgap, but alter the name of their father from "Elijah" to "James." The evidence summarized in my earlier memo (which I omitted to date) stands as there stated. But new evidence must now be added:

- (1) We now have legal evidence that the husband of Eleanor Hart was James Garlinghouse (as said by White in the Wallbridge book). Record of land transactions, Ontario Co., N Y:

May 6, 1818—JAMES HART: James Garlinghouse and Eleanor his wife, sold 120 acres to Gideon Granger.

(2) The 1800 Census, Ontario County, shows that only James Garlinghouse had enough daughters to match our record of Hellgap-Garlinghouse marriages: Miss Gray, knowing that the two Garlinghouses, John and James, were in that county before 1800, wondered why she had not yet found them in the census of 1800, and went digging deeper. She found all three Garlinghouses, John, James and nephew Benjamin — now misspelled in census as "Bastingshouse" (one of many comparable errors in early census records). Figures for John and James were:

~~HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS~~

JOHN Holmes 2-2-1-1-0

JAMES " 1-0-0-1-0

Families 2-1-0-1-0

" 1-1-0-1-0

Comment by Claude: "Look at all those girls in James' family!"

Having looked, I think our search for the parentage of Catherine, Jane, Mary Ann (Polly) is ended.

Unless you disagree, I'm not going to search further.

THE HAYES-UP Gabriel

Jane  
Patty  
Mary Ann  
Rachel

Catherine

Arvina Eleanor, the  
youngest child, was  
born after 1800 Census

MEMO from CYB TO: GLADYS GRAY BERTHA HANSEN VIOLET BELKNAP CLINTON BELKNAP GEORGE MAY

12/9/69 ~~XXXXXX~~

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May 8, 1818—~~\$432~~ \$432: James Garlinghouse and Eleanor his wife, sold 108 acres to Gideon Granger.

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Females 2-1-0-1-0

JAMES " 1-0-0-1-0

" 1-1-0-1-0

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THE MATCH-UP Gamaliel

Jane  
Patty  
Mary Ann  
Rachel

Catherine

Assume Eleanor, the youngest child, was born after 1800 Census

*File*

GLADYS GRAY    BERTHA HANSEN    VIOLET BELKNAP    CLINTON BELKNAP    GEORGE MAY

### THE PARENTAGE OF THE GARLINGHOUSE GIRLS

Here's a summary of what I think we know on this subject, thus far.

- (1) Mrs G M Belknap (Violet) names Judge Emile Larkin as her source for the following list of children of Elijah Garlinghouse and Eleanor Hunt. She does not know his source.

Catherine	married Elijah Belknap
Jane	married Jesse Belknap
Gemaliel	married Esther Belknap
Patty	married Rufus Palmer
Mary Ann (Polly)	married Jonas Belknap (Jr)
Silas	
Rachel	married Abithar Newton
George	married Elsie Lee
Eleanor	married Robert Thomsen (Thomsen?)

- (2) Early records of Ontario County show 3 Garlinghouse settlers: James and John, in 1795; and Benjamin, ~~nephew of John~~.

- (3) Rev. War Records, New Jersey, list James, John, Benjamin Garlinghouse.

- (4) Early records, Ontario County, say James, John, Benjamin came from N. J.

- (5) Only Garlinghouse shown in 1790 Census was James, in Luzerne County, Pa. (NJ census record was destroyed by fire, many years ago)

- (6) Family tradition says Catherine, Jane, Mary were born in Pa.

- (7) No trace of an Elijah Garlinghouse has yet been found on record, anywhere.

- (8) John and Benjamin remained in Ontario County, as did their children.

- (9) John had a daughter Mary Ann, who married Thomas Briggs and lived and died in Ontario County. So the Mary Ann who married Jonas Belknap Jr could not have been daughter of John.

- (10) In 1881 to 1887, Mrs Cynthia Avery, Granville, Ohio, daughter of Gemaliel Garlinghouse and Esther Belknap, said she was a granddaughter of James Garlinghouse. So Gemaliel was son of James G.

- (11) Some time between 1812 and 1820, James Garlinghouse left Ontario County and settled in same part of Kentucky as did Jonas Belknap's children.

- (12) James G. moved to Licking County Ohio at or about ~~same time as~~ same time as children of Jonas Newton Belknap. And James and Eleanor G were in same church class as Elijah Belknap and his family, in 1840, in Ohio.

- (13) Wife of James G. was Eleanor Hunt, sister of Aaron Hunt.

- (14) Twice, Aunt Kit's recollections, based on her diary, say that Mrs Abiather Newton (Rachel) was sister of Jane Garlinghouse, wife of Jesse Belknap.

- (15) No contemporary proof of parentage of any but Gemaliel has yet been found.

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BELCHERTOWN, MASS. 01007

November 28, 1967

Mr. Carroll Belknap  
25 Club Road  
Riverside, Connecticut, 06878

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Since we are a small town library, we do not have a reference librarian as such, there being only myself and a part-time assistant. However, when one of the more knowledgeable members of the Belchertown Historical Association came into the Library on November twenty-fourth, I asked him if he could help us answer your questions. The following information is what he found for you:

DOOLITTLE'S SKETCHES

- p.98 - Samuel Belknap was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died in service at Cambridge in 1775. (Number 94)  
Mary, his wife, removed after his death. (Number 95)  
(These joined the Congregational Church in Belchertown in 1761.)
- p. 117 - Jonas N. Belknap, son of (94). (Number 227)  
Esther (Parker), wife of (227). (Number 228)  
(These joined the Congregational Church in Belchertown in 1785.)

CHESTER VITAL RECORDS - to the year 1850 - Boston, Massachusetts, 1911

The Town of Chester, Hampden County, was formerly called Murrayfield, which, as a plantation, was established as a town on October 31, 1765.  
June 29, 1773, part of Murrayfield was established as the District of Norwich.  
May 8, 1781, another part of Murrayfield was annexed to Norwich.  
February 21, 1783, the name was changed from Murrayfield to Chester.  
March 12, 1783, part was included in the new town of Middlefield, Hampshire County.  
June 21, 1799, part was annexed to Worthington, Hampshire County.

No births, marriages, or deaths of Belknaps or Parkers listed in the Chester book. Could be in other towns.

DOOLITTLE'S SKETCHES again

- p. 104 - Elijah Parker, on a certificate without mentioning the place, signed by a Mr. Hinsdale, pastor, and again removed. (Number 133)  
(Joined church in 1770)
- p. 111 - Mary (Belknap), wife of Rufus Kentfield. (Number 184)  
(Joined church in 1779.)  
Roxana Parker (Number 185)  
(Joined church in 1779.)  
Tabitha Parker (Number 190)

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Should you wish to write and thank the person who obtained this information for you, his name is Gerald G. Tremaine, Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts, 01007.

We all hope that these bits of information will be helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

*Helen L. Papp*

Helen L. Papp, Librarian

HLP:rwf

G. Girls.

Mary Ann - Walbridge Park - d. of John G  
married Thomas Briggs

Cemetery record - Town of Richmond  
- Mary Garlinghouse, wife of Thomas Briggs,  
died June 15, 1859, aged  
7 yrs, 11 mo., 26 days

∴ Could not be the Mary Ann (Polly) who  
m. Jones Jr -

∴ Our Mary Ann (Polly) must be  
(1) daughter of James G  
(2) Sister of Samual -

Leaving Rachel, Jane + Catherine to acct for.

~~∴ sister of~~  
Mrs. Abiathur Dowton, sister of  
Jane - (Aunt Kit)

and Abiathur witness in settlement  
of Oregon estate of Jonas Jr -

∴ Likely that Rachel was sister of  
Jonas Jr's wife, Mary Ann.  
- and d. of James -

If so, ∴ Jane would be d. of James

# Out Co data

Survey of line H&S p 9

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"North Line in Aug 25, 1789"

"brook" is on running N with lake

~~W of crossing~~ JNB's land Lot 1

JNB Lot 1

James & John Fairbairn settled  
just west of JNB

② Is @ on arrival Lot 1 - 1795'

age

Samuel

11

Elizah

10

Jonas

9

Eliza

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Int Co. data

Index of Deeds ~~Western Repository~~ as General Abstract  
Jul 4 1815 Mrs Jonas Belknap (Rochester)  
age 59 - Gorham

Jan 5 1810 - Jones B of T of Bristol  
sold 100 acres to John + Daniel  
Maylor

Mrs Elijah Parson (Mary) d Jan 11 1814  
at Gorham age 76  
Martha Stiles d abt 1785

Elijah Parson (Jr) in 1820 Census  
(Hos Stiles came early) Richmond

Town of Richmond - 1st town Mt

5 April 1796 JNB Constable & Collector  
and on Committee for Schools

Overseer of Highways & Fence Viewer. 1808 - Middleton

Jonas had been briefly in Hopewell near  
Canandaigua & came to Hunt's Hollow  
in Spring 1795 - Lot 1 in Pittstown (later  
named Richmond and then Hanesway) 320 acres

Extended claim southward into what  
was called Middleton and later Springwater  
Sold his Richmond prop to Aaron Hunt  
& built house 1806 south of the line -  
Selling this land in 1813

School  
1806-1808  
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1809-10 SW Co

A 'LITERARY' -(?)- SUMMARY OF SOME FACTS

To the families in Hunt's Hollow the year of 1810 must have seemed a sadly tempestuous one.

Jonas Belknap, moving into their new home in Springwater in 1806, must have anticipated a long and settled family life. But on June 10, 1809, his beloved wife, Esther Parker, died. She had been his companion during the long pilgrimage from Belchertown, Massachusetts, and now he saw her buried in the second grave in the new cemetery - north of the orchard set out in 1795 by the newly-wedded couple, Jacob and Jane Hunt Holdren. Early in 1810 his oldest son, Samuel, age 26, also died, leaving his widow, Sarah Hunt, as administrator of his small estate, and the sole support of two very small daughters - Alethea and Samantha. Samuel had died in Hopewell - whether on a visit or prospecting for a new home, is not known. Sarah was to spend the rest of her life there as the wife of Artemas Lincoln and the mother of Hannah Lincoln (Chapin), Marvin Lincoln, Myron Lincoln, and Sarah Eliza Lincoln (Sutherland). Widowed in 1867 she would live on until 1878, dying at the age of 95.

Elisha Belknap, age 21, married to Bettie Briggs and father of an infant son, Lacy, saw his wife also die in May of 1810. Almost immediately - July 1st, to be exact - he remarried - this time to Lucy Finch (already pregnant?). The 1810 census shows the family as man, woman, and small son.

Sometime in 1810 Jonas remarried. He was only a little over 50 years of age and undoubtedly lonely. His second wife was Rachel, apparently about his age, and possibly a widow. Her first husband's name - or her maiden name, as the case may be - has not been found. Taking with them Jonas' two youngest daughters, Cynthia and Esther, he and his wife settled down for a very short stay in the town of South Bristol. Perhaps he wanted to get out of the Richmond situation.

Back in Richmond, however, more sorrow was evident. John Garlinghouse had died, sometime prior to the 1810 census, leaving Jane, his widow, with four daughters - two between 16 and 25, one between 10 and 15, and one under 10 - and two sons, one between 16 and 25 and one between 10 and 15.

Next door Moses Briggs faced his own personal sorrows. His wife, Deborah, died about March 13, 1810, at the age of 50. In the house on the other side of his home, Elisha Belknap had set up housekeeping with Moses' daughter, Bettie. She died in May, 1810, and Moses must have watched with deep dismay the advent of Lucy Finch into that household less than two months later. The 1810 census shows Moses, age 45 plus, one daughter, 16-24, (Deborah), one son, 16-24, Barzillai, and another son, John, 16024.

Moses' son, Thomas, age 22, would shortly marry Mary Garlinghouse, daughter of John and Jane Garlinghouse. It probably seemed quite natural that the widow and the widower, already good friends thru their children, might well become more than that and marry. For them, at least, it may have seemed some security after 1810.

J N B  
19 May 1759 - 16 February 1824

Evacuation of Boston 17 March 1776  
Fleming Hts - 7 Oct 77 <sup>in Saratoga</sup>  
~~still water~~

Saratoga surrender 17 Oct 77  
Yorktown - 19 Oct 1781

Wyoming Valley massacre 3 July 1778

Cherry " " 11 Nov 1778

Robert Morris, supt Finance  
in Rev War

Ch Valley - Walter Butler + Joseph Brant  
Tories + Indians

At York Huts till Feb '82

1820  
1760  
~~1760~~ c  
Saratoga  
Alva - 3 4  
Sam - 3 - 6  
Eben - 6 - 10  
Sam - 7 - 8  
Sam - 5 - 7  
John - 5 - 8  
(card & inf)

*Jonas file*

ECB from CYB

Sept 6 1973

In the process of trying to put together a record of the life of Jonas Newton Belknap, I think I may have stumbled on the right name of the place where he was wounded.

As you know, I've never been satisfied with the accuracy of the spelling of the place in the documents that name it:

1818 pension application: apparently "Cobers kiln"

1820 " " " " "Cober hill"

Modern memo attached to 1820 application: "Cobuskill"

None of these three variants was written by Jonas. The first two were probably set down by someone who was writing what he thought Jonas was saying. The third was written (20th century) by someone who was copying what he found in an old document not reproduced in the file you received from Nat Archives in 1970 (it gives the date of the wounding, which is not in the application of 1820 nor that of 1818).

I had let it lie till I began working out the sequence of the places where Jonas is known to have been during the war -- from the fragmentary records in Mass Soldiers & Sailors and from what was said in the pension applications. And I came to this set of places and dates:

Jan 1777 -- joined 7th Mass Regt at Albany

7 Oct 1777 -- Battle of Bemis Heights (the decisive battle of the Saratoga campaign, fought on ground including the farm of Jonas's uncle Abel at Stillwater. When Abel returned after the war, he found the farm in ruins and moved to Cherry Valley).

17 Oct 1777 -- surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga Springs

Feb 1799 -- Jonas in camp at Cherry Valley.

After Saratoga, presumably, the 7th Mass returned to its base at Albany. Time at which it moved to Cherry Valley not clear from the published record, but the reason for putting troops into that area was plain.

In 1777, a combined force of Loyalists and Indians (the Iroquois Six Nations, under the Mohawk chief Joseph Brant) was in operation in the Mohawk Valley west of Albany, with success at Oriskany and Herkimer. Under command of the British general St. Leger, this force was supposed to come down the Mohawk to reinforce Burgoyne, but drew back to Oswego when opposed by Benedict Arnold. After Saratoga, this force remained in existence and was a troublesome threat -- and worse -- till finally defeated by Sullivan at Newton (now E. Elmira) (called Newtown by Waite). So, in 1778 it was commonsense for the 7th Mass to be in the field west of Albany and presumably it moved into Cherry Valley because of the massacre there on 11 Nov 1778 by Loyalists under Butler and Iroquois under Brant.

Meanwhile, Jonas had been wounded on 30 May 1778. Pretty obviously, it had to be somewhere in that general area, most likely between Cherry Valley and Albany, near enough to Albany to have been given a name ending in "kill" by the original Dutch settlers.

So I looked in that area and found Cobleskill. . . And that, I think, is the answer. On spelling, I have to bear in mind that this place in 1778 would have been merely an area of farms, with not much of a village, so that Jonas (and those who later tried to write its name) would never have seen the name in writing or in print. The variant spellings were merely experiments in phonetics.

Will you agree that I can say that the place where he was wounded was "probably Cobleskill"?

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Now, a possible answer to another odd place name in Jonas's applications, among his battles: "Newburn." No doubt about spelling, on this one. But no trace of any such place in any area that Jonas could have seen during the war. I had given up on it, till now.

Looking on maps at the area between Albany and Cobleskill, what I found was not a Newburn but a lot of towns with Berne in their names: Berne, South Berne, East Berne, West Berne. . . Could one of them have been called New Berne in 1778? Maybe. If I could find a history of changes in place-names, such as we have for Connecticut, I might find the answer. in NY.

Meanwhile, I'll guess that Jonas's "battle of Newburn" was probably another encounter with Loyalists and Indians in that area west of Albany.

At CP. Brooks (under Hedman  
whom Jones N served p. 38

7th Mass CP detached Alden  
1 Nov 76 to 10 Nov 1778

At CP Wm Stacy ~~at~~ Nov 11, 77

1st Nov 1776 to 29 Sept 1778

At CP John Brooks 11 Nov 78 to 12 June 82

# Diurnal of Jonas's Uncle

(M)

Someone - Stayed at Ellington  
Job - went to Murreyfield <sup>soon</sup> ~~but returned~~  
to Ellington 1760

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- x Ebenezer - Killed by fall from horse  
(in 1760, <sup>2nd Lt</sup>, 1st Conn Regt)  
<sup>aged 26</sup>
- Abel - to Stillwater in 1769 - later to Ch. Valley
- Jesse - to Castleton, Vt in 1771
- x David - died 1760, <sup>aged 18</sup> at Montreal  
(Same regt as Ebenezer)

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Ebenezer and David died in service  
in war against French in Canada - both  
in same regt - 1st Conn.

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Samuel in 1760 or 61 the first to leave  
Ellington,

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in yr when 2 boys died

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Jonas's Honeymoon  
40 days  
Leave from Dec 17, 1782

(J)  
Dec 14 days  
Jan  $\frac{31}{45}$

Due back on Jan 26, 1783

Overstay 2 days - returned Jan 28

Married 17 Jan 1783 (Had arrived at Dec 21 or 22)  
Married 27 days later  
1 or 26

Back in New Windsor 11 days after marriage

Distance - Belchertown to New Windsor  $\frac{100}{120}$  miles

Say 4 <sup>45</sup> days on road

- 6 or 7 days for honeymoon

= Belchertown to Cherry Valley

Berkshire Trail

NW from Northampton  
through Pittsfield to Albany

- At 100 miles -

Esther - b 1761

in 1775 - 14 yrs old when Jonas enlisted  
22 v v married

(L)

Parkers

(B)

Patry, Roxy, Rusha, Tabby,

Esther, 'Lijah, Stiles and Abby -

Martha, called Patty; Roxane, called Roxy;  
Jemisha, called Rushy; Tabitha, called Tabby;  
Esther, called Ester; Elyah, called 'Lijah;  
Stiles; and Abigail, called Abby.

Tanner Vinton - widow Asa Newton <sup>h 1765</sup>  
prob. S. of Mary's  
bro Oliver Newton  
Enlisted 7th Mar

Nov - yrs in army  
75 Nov  
1777 Nov  
8 Nov during war  
8  
9  
80  
81  
82  
83

~~Jonas~~ 20 Feb 1782  
~~as~~ 27

Leave ~~see 17~~ <sup>to go by</sup> New Windsor  
to Belchertown for 40 days:  
overlaid 2 days.

~~discharged~~ June 10, 1783

Cherry Valley Massacre - Forin

+ Indians under Brant 11 Nov 1778

Jonas at Bemis 14<sup>th</sup> 7 Oct

Jonas wounded 30 May 1778



Jonas stationed at CV 24 Feb 1779

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JNB wound 1778

Coburnkill

w of Albany

near Cherry Valley

joined  
75 miles

At Albany 1777

JNB at Cherry 1777-78  
West Pt 1781

2 memo -

looks like Coburnkill

in 1778 approx

looks like Coburnkill

in 1820 <sup>approx</sup> a Coburn hill

# Jonas Locations

Cs. it may acts from Jan 17 to Dec 31 79  
Cherry Valley <sup>in camp</sup> before 15 Aug 1777 to 24 Feb 79 <sup>Return</sup>

West Pt 1781 Jan  
Feb 1781 - Feb 1782 - York Huts

7th man  
Col Schabert Allen

Lt ✓ ~~Broder~~ 11 Nov 78 to 12 June 83

1773" Capt John Cowles, Co  
Capt Benjamin fufles Woodbridge  
right

~ Wounded in left side in action  
with the Indians ~

May 30 1778 (Present day)  
Coburn Kill Rand

unquestionably "S"  
when much magnified

1820 appn - "Newburn"  
"Cober hill"

1815 ✓ "Cobersiclen"

Hayworth's  
writing

## Distances

Charleston to Bristol - ~~5~~<sup>6</sup> mi. (above)  
- to ~~Stony~~ 3 ~~mi~~ mi.

Cherry Valley to Worcester - about 14 mi -

Sequence Albany Jan 77

Jonas at Bernis Hts 7 Oct 77 (Still water)

3 *Sanatoga* 17 Oct 77  
(4) Prof back to Albany area  
wounded 30 May 1778 Cobleskill

CV massacre 11 Nov 1778

J at CV Feb 1779

at West Pt Jan 81

from here to Yorktown

(Newburn) (between Albany  
& Cobleskill)

Berne	
S	R
E	✓
W	✓

— Present day maps

~~Get~~

~~date of discharge  
banked at (both versions)~~

~~for war~~

~~Jonas (pension appl. May 1818)~~

Militia enlistment 3 May 75 for 8 mo  
Re-enl for 1 yr - then in next fall in 7th Mass  
Battles Brainerd Hill for "during the war"

Bemis Heights  
"Frauburn"

York Town  
Saratoga

"Coteau Kill"  
"Colier Hill 2"

} where wounded

A

his chiefly  
Of ~~the~~ early years in Massachusetts, what little is known comes ~~only~~ from the  
church records at Belchertown, the village that ~~was~~ had been established near the farm  
on which Jonas lived as a child. Early in 1761, his father and mother joined  
and the Belchertown church, ~~and~~ Jonas was belatedly baptized there on 12 April 1761.  
Aside from ~~THESE ARE THE ONLY RECORDS OF THE~~ a ~~that was~~ naming  
in 1771, ~~THESE ARE THE ONLY RECORDS OF THE~~ surviving tax roll ~~names~~ Samuel as a taxpayer  
that of the birth of more children of Samuel and Mary: Susannah in 1761, Joseph 1762,  
~~THESE ARE THE ONLY RECORDS OF THE~~ Seth 1767, Stephen 1769, Jonathan 1774 -- and the  
oldest marriage of Jonas's ~~and~~ sister Mary to ~~him~~ Rufus Kentfield in 1773.

Then came the spring of 1775 -- and the news of Concord and Lexington. And on  
3 May 1775 both Jonas and his father enlisted in the militia company raised by  
Captain John Cowles. Jonas was 16. Samuel was 44. Six weeks later they would be  
on Bunker Hill.

~~THESE ARE THE ONLY RECORDS OF THE~~  
~~THESE ARE THE ONLY RECORDS OF THE~~  
Chloe, 18;  
They left behind them the mother Mary, then 38 years old; and ~~and~~ Susannah, 14 (if she  
~~was still living~~); Joseph, 13 ; Seth, 8; Stephen, 6; Jonathan, 1. For eight years  
the task of raising these children would rest on Mary, for her husband would never  
return and Jonas would stay in the army till ~~1783~~ the end of the war in 1783.  
How Mary did it, we will never know. We can ~~guess~~ <sup>guess</sup> that she had the ~~aid~~ <sup>aid</sup> of her  
son-in-law Rufus Kentfield, who became a prosperous farmer. ~~But~~ And in a few  
years her son Joseph would be old enough to be of real help. But the heroines of those  
war years are certainly Mary and Chloe. Perhaps that is why Chloe did not marry till  
1780; and perhaps her husband Levi Shumway was helpful in the last three years of the war.  
However it was done, the successful raising of that ~~farm~~ family during the war was  
a job well done.

little land still available when the sons came of age, and the sons moved on to places where land could be bought. Jonas's father Samuel, moving from Connecticut to Murrayfield Plantation, was taking his young family to an area where he could get more land than he had owned in Ellington. Larger farms -- bigger families -- then the need for still more land for the next generation. This basic pattern would persist till the end of the 19th century, among families who remained farmers.

Throughout the many years of that underlying pattern, it took money to move -- money to defray the cost of travel, the cost of <sup>buying</sup> land, and the expense of living during ~~for~~ the year needed for raising the first crop on new land. Those who moved -- and took America from the Atlantic to the Pacific -- were those who could afford to move. The money would come from inheriting land and selling it, and from selling purchased land at a profit, and sometimes from the inheritance of money or the accumulation of savings. In the case of the move to Murrayfield Plantation, when Jonas was only 1 year old, the money came from selling the land his father owned at ~~the~~ Ellington.

Another characteristic of the times was the repeated formation of strong family <sup>close</sup> alliances ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> association and intermarriage and companionship in moving. In the lifetime of Jonas, there would be three major alliances with <sup>other</sup> ~~neighboring~~ families, culminating when four of his children would marry four children of a neighboring farmer in Ontario County, New York, and then move on west together. But in 1760 <sup>or early 1761,</sup> when Jonas came to Murrayfield Plantations, <sup>current</sup> the <sup>current</sup> alliance was with the Newtons -- his mother's family.

Samuel, Jonas's father, was not alone in moving from Connecticut. His brother Job, whose wife Phoebe Newton was probably a sister of Samuel's wife Mary, also sold out at Ellington <sup>and</sup> ~~was~~ went to Murrayfield Plantations. So did others of Mary's family, including her brother Oliver Newton, whose daughter-in-law ~~was~~ (probably) would become Jonas's third wife many years later and far from Massachusetts.

for an - Pension Ap. 7 May 1818  
(May 5) CB (Jan 5) CB

Rev War

Enlisted Spring 1775 for 8 mo. & served out the term.

abt Jan 1<sup>st</sup> enlisted for 1 yr  
Before term ended in fall of 1775  
"during the war" in Co of Capt Day 7th Mass. Co Alden  
followed by Col John Parker & continued to June 1783  
battles - Bunker's Hill, Bemis Heights, Yorktown  
& Coburn's Hill in which wounded.

Pension Ap 11 Jan 1820 11 Dec 1820

Enlisted Jan 1776 - transferred abt Nov 1777

to Capt. Lawrence -

Battle of ~~the Clouds~~ of Burgoyne  
Newburn  
Collier Hill

Notes  
from Candia's copies

- Early years
- 1) Birth and Belchertown
  - 2) The War years
  - 3) Belchertown, postwar
  - 4) Otsego County
  - 5) Ontario County
  - 6) Kentucky

bp. 12 April 1761, Belchertown, Mass

Samuel Belknap  
& Mary Newton

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(129.4, 52, 15, 4, 1)

Jonas Newton Belknap

& (1) Esther Parker

daughter of Elijah ~~REDACTED~~ Parker  
& Martha Stiles

b. 19 May 1759, Windsor (Ellington) Conn.

d. 16 Feb 1824, Hart Co. ~~REDACTED~~  
Kentucky

b. 30 January 1761, Bolton, Conn.

d. 10 June 1809, Middletown, Ontario Co., N.Y.

m. (1) 17 January 1783, Belchertown, Mass.

(2) between 10 June 1809 and date of  
census 1810 Bristol, N.Y.

(3) between 4 July 1815 and  
12 Dec 1820

(2) Rachel ----- d. 4 July 1815, in  
Ontario Co., N.Y.

(3) Tamar Vinton, widow of Asa Newton  
daughter of Abiathar Vinton

& Rachel Caswell

b. 30 July 1766, Charlton, Mass

(Springwater)

Bristol, N.Y.

Worcester, N.Y.

Gorham, N.Y.

~~REDACTED~~

Resided: Belchertown, Mass.; Cherry Valley, N. Y.; Pittstown (Richmond, Honeoye) N.Y.;  
Middletown, N. Y.; Gorham, N.Y.; Hart Co., Kentucky. (See Note 1.)

On 3 May 1775 enlisted "from Belchertown" in same militia company as his father. Served  
with father on Bunker Hill. After death of father and expiration of militia service,  
enlisted in 7th Massachusetts Regt "for duration of war" and served till discharged as  
sergt. by General Washington at Newburgh, N. Y., with badge for ~~REDACTED~~ faithful  
service, 10 June 1783. Had been in battles of Saratoga and Yorktown. Married  
Esther Parker while on leave, Christmas period, 1782-3. Began moving west at some  
time before 1792. Was in Cherry Valley in that year. Arrived in Ontario Co., N. Y.,  
in 1794. Elected Constable and Collector, and on Commission for Schools, at first  
town meeting of Pittstown 1796. Later was overseer of highways and fence viewer of  
Middletown. Presumably a farmer; but also gave his occupation as coopering, when  
applying for pension. Is on record in land purchases and sales in Ontario County, N. Y.  
(Pittstown, Middletown, Bristol, Gorham). Left that county for Kentucky after  
1816. Was in Kentucky in 1820. Died there in 1824. (See Note 2.)

He and Esther joined church at  
Belchertown in July 1785.

CHILDREN (by first wife, Esther Parker)

i. \* Samuel, b. 1784, Belchertown, Mass. bpt 14 August 1785, Belchertown.

d. 1810, ~~REDACTED~~ Hopewell, Ontario Co., N. Y, before April 19.

m. Sarah Hunt.

ii. \* Elijah, b. 1785, Belchertown. bpt 14 Aug 1785, Belchertown. d. 1874, in

Indiana. Married Catherine Garlinghouse 8 January 1806, in Ontario Co. NY

iii. \* Jonas, b. 1786. M. Mary Ann (Polly) Garlinghouse 15 January 1811, in " " "

iv. \* Elisha, b. 18 January 1789 (said to have been at Cherry Valley, N. Y.)

d. 8 January 1839, St Albans Township, Licking Co., Ohio.

m. (1) Bettie Briggs, about 1807, and (2) Lucy Finch, 1 July 1810, both  
in Ontario Co.

v. \* Jesse, b. 26 January 1792, Cherry Valley, N. Y. d. 19 Nov 1881, in Benton

Co., Oregon. Buried at Alpine, Oregon. ~~REDACTED~~ m. Jane Garlinghouse,  
20 Feb 1812, in Ontario Co., N. Y.

vi. \* Susannah, twin of Jesse, b. 26 January 1792, Cherry Valley, N. Y. d. 12 Oct 1856,  
in Ohio. m. David Chatfield 15 Aug 1813, in Ontario Co., NY.

vii. \* Esther, b. 1 April 1797, in ~~REDACTED~~ Middletown, NY (now called  
Springwater) d. 1879, Licking Co., Ohio. m. Gamaliel Garlinghouse.

viii. \* Orin, b. 29 May 1799, same place as Esther. d. 15 Feb 1873, Pataskala, Ohio.

~~REDACTED~~ m. (1) Anna Draper, about 1824, in Ontario Co., NY.,  
and (2) Naomi Carpenter, widow Lyman, 1856, Licking Co., Ohio.

Richmond  
(Honeoye) N.Y.

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Jonas Newton Belknap -- Continued

CHILDREN (by first wife, Esther Parker)

- ix. \* Cynthia, b. 12 July 1801, same place as Esther and Orin. ~~XX~~ m. Isaac Newton.  
d. ~~after 1856~~, Licking Co., Ohio.

(before 1839)

POSSIBLE OTHER CHILD: Diantha, aged 9 in 1820. Known only from being named as "one daughter" in pension application 12 Dec 1820, when Jonas was living with third wife Tamar, in Kentucky. May have been either (a) daughter of Jonas and his second wife Rachel, or (b) daughter of Asa Newton and Tamar ~~XXXXXX~~ Vinton.

NOTE 1: Residence list omits Worcester, N. Y. (near Cherry Valley) because of uncertainty on date. A published excerpt from ~~XXXXXX~~ record of First Presbyterian Church, Worcester, shows "Jonas Belknap and wife" joining that church in 1798. As the same record names Stiles Parker and Elijah Parker, Jr, who served in same Rev War regt as Jonas and ~~XXXXXX~~ virtually accompanied him in moving west, it may be assumed that Jonas and Esther were at Worcester (near home of Jonas's uncle Abel Belknap at Cherry Valley) at some time before or after 1792. But Jonas and Esther left that area not later than early 1794 and were in Ontario Co., NY, from 1794 on -- as were the two ~~XX~~ Parkers (brothers of Esther). The date "1798" in the published church record is obviously result of an error in copying. True date is not yet known.

NOTE 2: The biographical sketch in the preceding page is too condensed. Should be expanded.

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1791, (302, 129.4, 52, 15, 4, 1)

Jesse Belknap

Cherry Valley,  
b. 26 January 1792, ~~Montgomery County~~ N. Y.  
d. 19 Nov 1881, Benton Co., Oregon  
m. 20 Feb 1812, Ontario Co., N. Y.  
Buried at Alpine, Ore.

& Jane Garlinghouse  
daughter of James Garlinghouse & Eleanor Hunt  
b. 26 March, Luzerne Co., Pa.  
d. 10 Dec 1876, Benton Co., Oregon  
Buried at Alpine, Ore.

(See Note below)

# CHILDREN

- 6 Feb. Aug.
- i. \*Kezia, b. ~~6 March~~ 1813, d. 21 ~~Sept~~ 1859; m. Chatman Hawley
  - ii. \*Hannah, b. 21 Dec 1814, d. 10 May 1911; m. Lorenzo Dow ~~W~~ Gilbert, 31 January 1833
  - iii. \*George, b. 30 Aug 1817, d. 16 Sept 1897; m. Keturah Penton, 3 Oct 1839 ~~(1839)~~
  - iv. \*Ransom Amos, b. 18 Dec 1820, d. 6 June 1896; m. Mahala Starr, 29 Sept 1842
  - v. \*Talitha Cumi, b. 2 Dec 1824, d. 30 Oct 1906; m. (1) Samuel Starr, 11 Nov 1840  
(2) William Bond, 11 Sept 1862  
(3) Washington Waltz, Aug 1867
  - vi. \*Corrington Gavitt, b. 29 Aug 1830; d. 19 Sept 1906; m. (1) Ann Aletha York  
(2) Mary Josephine Sumner
  - vii. \*Harley Augustus, b. 6 Oct 1832, d. 24 Dec 1904; m. Thirza Inman 19 June 1855

NOTE: Father of Jane Garlinghouse (and the three other Garlinghouses who married children of Jonas Newton Belknap) is often said to be "Elijah" Garlinghouse. In 1969 and 1970, research in Ontario County, N. Y., disclosed that the attribution to "Elijah" probably was based on an error in a fallacious local history. The only Garlinghouses in that ~~XXXXX~~ county in early 1800's were James, Joseph, Benjamin. There was no "Elijah." The Garlinghouse who married Eleanor Hunt was James. His family lived almost adjacent to that of Jonas Newton Belknap.

Residence: Ontario County, N.Y.; Hardin County, Kentucky; Licking County, Ohio; Allen County, Ohio; Van Buren County, Iowa; Belknap Settlement, Benton County, Oregon.

(1095, 660, 302, 129.4, 52, 15, 4, 1)

Charles Carrell Belknap

b. 27 May 1866, Seattle Wash.  
d. 17 Oct 1918, Roy, N. M.  
m. 8 Nov 1891

& Henrietta M. ~~WIKKIM~~ Grenfell  
Daughter of Pascoe Grenfell &

Elizabeth Gordon Collie  
b. Modesto, California 30 June 1870  
d. Norwalk, Conn., 22 Dec 1966

**CHILD**

\* Carrell Yerk, b. 29 Sept 1892, living 1971; m. Margaret George

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Carrell York Balknap

b. 29 Sept 1892, Porterville, Calif.  
Living 1971  
m. 16 June 1924

& Margaret George

Daughter of John George & Adda Gentry  
b. 3 Aug 1903 Living 1971  
Evanston, Ill.

**CHILDREN**

**XX**

i. \*John Henry, b. 25 Feb 1929, living 1971; m. Gretchen Dykema

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ii. \*Anne York, b. 14 Oct 1932, living 1971; m. (1) David Hill, (2) Alvin L. Wachsmen

John Henry Belknap

b. 25 Feb 1929, Lake Forest, Illinois  
Living 1971  
m. 1952

~~XXXXXXXX~~ & Gretchen Dykema  
Daughter of Roger Dykema & Dorothy Knapp  
b. 19 Dec 1930 Living 1971  
Norwalk, Conn.

CHILDREN

- i. Peter Carroll, b. 11 Dec 1952, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
- ii. Linda, born 28 May 1955, Greenwich, Conn.
- iii. Sara, b. 30 Nov 1957, Greenwich, Conn.

Anne York Belknap

b. 14 Oct 1932 , Greenwich, Conn.  
Living 1971  
M. (1) 18 July 1953. Divorced Feb 1960.  
(2) 22 Aug 1964

AK(1) David Hill (2) Alvin L. Wachsman

b. 19 January, 1921, in  
New York, N. Y.  
Living 1971

CHILD (WACHSMAN)

Gillian Margaret, <sup>b</sup> 19 Sept 1966, at Stamford, Conn.

Dominic Heights  
in Stillwater  
(Apple's farm)

*Jonas*

Sept 11 1973

Recorder, Otsego County  
Cooperstown, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

If they were ever recorded, I should like to get copies of any deed or deeds bearing the name of Jonas Belknap as grantor or grantee -- in Otsego County in the period of 1790 to 1800.

My check for \$3 is enclosed. If you find more than one deed, please tell me what additional payment is proper.

Very truly yours,

CYB:

*CYB*

## Opening Section

### "Of Bechtown" (Significance of story)

- Had come from Conn at 1
- Moments of ancestors Abia, Sam<sup>2</sup> Eben, Sam
- Dispersal of Sam<sup>2</sup>'s children (M)
- Sam<sup>3</sup>'s family in 1760-1 ← Jos & Newtons
- Births at B'town
- Marriage of Mary in '73
- Enlistment
- Family left behind

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II - War yrs & marriage

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III - ~~Early~~ <sup>Next</sup> yrs at B'town

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IV - move to Cherry Valley

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V - move to Ontario Co

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VI - Ky -

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Chicago Recorder

Cooperstown

Jonas - dates <sup>1st</sup> in comm. <sup>3rd child</sup>

b 19 May 1759 Windsor (Ellington)

S (father) to Belch in 6 or 61

bpt Belch 12 April 1761

at Belch: a Susanna 64  
Joseph 62

Signed Belch  
ch 61

Seth 67  
Stephen 69  
Jonathan 74

S 30  
M 23

called in 1735  
sep - in 1786

sisters Mary  
Chloe

Mary m in 73  
Rufus Kirtland

3 May 75 - Sep from Belch - Father from Grandy

17 June 75 - Both on American Hill

Jonas' pensions  
1) 1812  
2) 1818  
3) 1820

Leaving with Mary with

Chloe - aged 18

Susanna 14 y still alive

Joseph - 13

Seth - 8

Stephen - 6

Jonathan - 1

Explains why  
Chloe didn't  
till 1780 age 23  
Linn Shumway

A

died in camp at Cambridge next day (18th)

sent out his military and in later 75 sent in  
7th man - in which till end in 83

memo  
Sep 6 EcB

30 May  
1778

one of few with Heights "Newburn" later

At Lancaster and Yorktown (OIE)

wounded (said to have been in hosp 3 mo)

Only recorded leave in 82 Christmas

married Esther 17 Jan 83 Belch

Overstayed leave by 2 days

Disch by SW at Newburgh 10 June 83

"a father to him" 9th (9th?) who only  
have known him in childhood

EP 1770 Belch  
in an action  
with the Indians

B

the father of father

(Chloe?)

Coburns  
kill

May Windsor  
to Belch  
to camp

Collected  
in 9th

Mary  
Chloe 3rd  
Jonas 100

M

JOHN Sherman from CYB

9/1/73

Please don't think I've forgotten to ask return the batch of material you recently sent to me. I've been having trouble with my copying machine. Each time that I've begun making copies of your material, the blasted machine has gone out of order -- and then I have to be patient while waiting for a service man to come from Hartford, rather far from here. At the moment, on Labor Day, the thing is ~~sitting~~ sitting idle, awaiting service -- sometime this week, I hope and pray, for I've lots of stuff that needs copying for the information of a number of people.

Boxes at West Point  
in early 1781  
These 7th Mass chosen  
for Yorktown  
Right inf. expanded  
to 300 (incl boxes)

Jonas dates - 2 -

83 83  
31 14  
46 24

Rat to Belch in June 1783. and 24

Family then = Mary with - 46  
cable had m. in 1780 Lar' Shumway  
Susanna - 22 if alive?

Joseph 21  
Seth 16  
Stephen 14  
Jonathan 9

Little known of next 7 yrs - 2 papers - guard

Ch 1784 - Samuel from Belch

1785 Elijah -

Both left 14 Aug 1785

J + E had joined church in July 85

1786 Jonas (prob at Belch)

1789 Eliza - 18 Jan 1789 (at Ch Valley)

Meanwhile, 17 Nov 1785, I became guardian (Stephen then 16)

(or; Joseph - but Stephen chose for -  
old enough to have choice)

Query = Had Jonas (or Joseph) become guardian of Seth who was 16 in 83? No record.

Reason: apparently settlement of Samuel's estate

- Bond 100£ - very large - Rufus Kentfield bondsman

- Jonathan too young in 85 - would not be 15 till 1789

Part Nathaniel Dwight

- Only other record at Belch (Seth m? son of Capt Dwight)

(over) Seth's son 1 April 1788 (age 21) Last Sumner to

- Left Belch in 88 or 90? Not in Mass Census 1800 (Settle to Ch V Jan 18, 89)

- Next to Rufus K's land

Seth's deed -  
Refused to admit it  
Court Read the 7 witnesses  
admit it on 10 June 1788

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Jonas dates, 3 - Otsego Co - (15)  
at Cherry Valley - in 1790 -  
not in Census himself - apparently  
w/ Uncle Abel in Census 1790 -  
(Abel first at Stillwater in Saratoga Co, found  
returning after war found his farm  
in ruins, moved to Cherry Valley (then  
w/ town of Canajoharie (before "town")  
Cherry Valley  
Eliza in 18 Jan 1797  
Jerse } twins 26 Jan 1797  
Susannah }  
Lawrence there  
Elijah S  
✓ J  
Stiles

At nearby Worcester - probably in 1793  
Ch record says 1798 - impossible  
then in Ont Co -  
w/ the young Lawrence

Jonas

(4)

Area = 20 x 20 mi.  
Honey to York  
Cambridge to N. York

- Out Co -

- Route from Otsego Co to Out Co.

- Left Otsego port early 1794

- Down Susquehanna to Wyoming Valley, Pa

- Not there long - near

- Back up S River to Newton (Selma) then  
Cherry on Cohocton R to Out Co.

- First, briefly, at Hopewell near Canad.

- Then in Apr 1795 to Lot 1 in Pittsford  
~~Richmond~~ (formerly  
called Pittsford, later Honey)

- Aaron Hunt's coming (Wait 55)

Survey line (Walbridge 9th 10th) Sarah Hunt (abt 9)

Map arrived - Mary Newton (H)

Elijah Jr - Hiley - Foxana  
Gaulinghouses - just west (Wright Abijah Jr)

First town mtg - Richmond 5 Apr 1796

I elected Constable + collector and or

Committee for schools (later, Overseer

of Highway and Fence Viewer, Middletown

(just east of Richmond)

Extended prop south into what  
then Middletown & later became

Springwater 1816

- Later, sold Richmond lot, to Aaron Hunt

and in 1806 built house south of

line (Sold to Hiley in 1813)

15x20

(E)

(N)

Survey line -  
Hunt's Hollow  
1794-1796

Hunt's  
Hollow

Jonas

-5-

On arrival = Samuel, Elijah, Jonas, Jesse, Esther, Orin, Cynthia

- On in Ont & Co. - Born there - 1806-1808 Wite 59
- School in Hunt's Hollow
- marriage + death Samuel abt 1806
- marriage of Eliza abt 1807
- death + burial of Esther - Wite 56

10 June 1809

~~Age in 1795 -~~

On town there Esther 1 Apr 1797

Orin 2 May 1799

Cynthia 12 July 1801

Death of Samuel 1810 before April 19  
@ Hopewell

Alta & Samantha

Sarah Hunt m Artemas Lincoln

Death of Eliza's wife May 1810

~~Bought land in Bristol before 1810~~

- 1810 on Bristol - E of Richmond

- 2nd m. Rachel - shown in 1810

Census - d. July 4 1815 aged 59,  
in Gorkan

- I not long in Bristol. sold  
100 acres Jan 5 1810 (All of  
his property or part?)

must have been before  
Census - so still  
had land in Bristol at  
Census time?

Jones - 6 -

Gosham 1815? Naples 1818  
Gosham 1819

- The Gosham House marriages -

2) Jones Jr + Mary Ann (Polly) G.  
15 Jan 1813 1811

3) Jesse + Jane G.  
20 Feb 1812

1) Elijah + Catherine G - Jan 1806  
8 Jan 1806

4) <sup>B. 97</sup> Esther + <sup>B. 97</sup> Samuel G.  
before 1820 - (abt 1816-1817) 1815

Nothing <sup>only</sup> from 1810 to 1818  
Ch going to Ky (Orin later abt 1844)

27 May 1818 - Pension application (abt 1816) (Jesse abt 1820)

8 Sept 1819 - Sold property in Gosham (G)

2 Dec 1820 - Pension appl in Ky (Lamar)  
Jesse in Ky Census (E)  
(Cynthia + Isaac Newton log w/ him) 54

Ky

Death in Hart Co 16 Feb 1824  
buried on the banks of the Green River

Pension transferred  
from NY to Ky 4 March 1820

Hart Co. - Jones to L in  
Ky in 1820  
Jesse + Mary Ann  
Elijah  
Cynthia + Sam  
Hart Co. - Jesse

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S1 ~~Town to Salem~~ Airline 10  
 Salem to Haverhill 25  
 S2 Haverhill to Manchester 90  
 Manchester to Belchertown 20  
 S3 Belchertown to Somers 20  
 Somers to Ellington 8

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1260 \\
 1638 \\
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 122
 \end{array}$$

Early distances

GLADYS:

Feb 7 1973

Here are some things I meant to send to you long ago.

First -- if you haven't read it already -- something I believe will fascinate you as it did me: story in NY Times Sunday magazine about a truly great triumph in genealogical search. Please return to me when you're through with it.

Second, a letter from George May with a long enclosure. Two subjects:

*Jonas* ( N )  
-- Esther Parker's inheritance from her Stiles grandparents, as told in deeds. (Incidentally gives us the last known date for Jonas and Esther at Cherry Valley -- Oct 1 1894 -- which narrows down the time they spent trawling down river to vicinity of Walkesbarry and then NW to Hopewell in Spring of '95 or possibly midwinter '94-'95. Can't have lingered long in Wyoming Valley.)

-- Movement of early settlers from Ontario County to Kentucky, which may have some value to you. (Note Capt Elisur Hills in list.)

I have made a copy of May's letter and enclosure for my files. So you need not return them. Probably old stuff to you, I fear. But here it is.

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Windsor - settled 1693, named 1697

Bloomfield May 1835

East Windsor 6. May 1768

(5/4)

Ellington - May 1786 ← (Still Windsor when

S. Windsor May 1845 ← (named Ellington  
Windsor Locks May 1854 ← 1735

Enfield - founded 1683, by Mass. Annex to Conn May 1749

formally  
East Enfield  
Somers <sup>set off by John</sup> ~~named~~ 1734,  
(Still in Mass when Samuel's ch born there)  
(Still Enfield when he settled there)

Subdivided Dec 1674 by Mass - annex to Conn May 1749  
(west of Conn River)

Woodstock called 1686 - <sup>changed</sup> to W. in 1690.  
(Still in Mass when Joseph M. Prudence)

Maps needed

① Haverhill to Mansfield

- to Somers, Ellington, Belchertown

② Belchertown to Cherry Valley (Benning's Trail,

③ Cherry Valley to Ont Co. Northampton

④ Ont Co to Troy to Pittsfield + Albany

OTSEGO COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK 13326

PHONE 547-9901

September 14, 1973

Carroll Y. Belknap  
25 Club Road  
Riverside, Conn. 06878

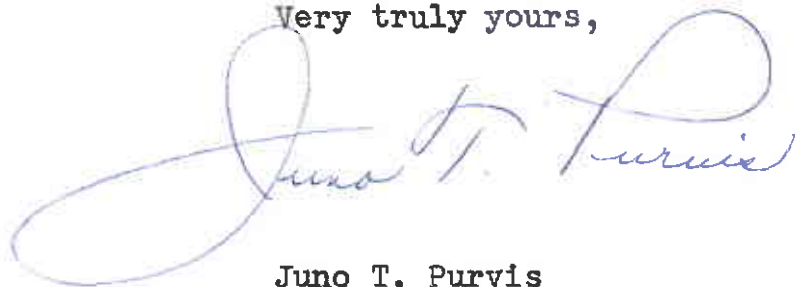
Re: Copies of Deeds - Jonas Belknap  
1780-1800

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Our records in this office are from 1791 to present, therefore, I have checked our records for the name of Jonas Belknap and find no deeds in that name. The earlier records are in Montgomery County, Fonda, New York, 12068. Possibly you would like to write to them at the above address.

I am returning your Check No. 7240 in the amount of \$3.00.

Very truly yours,



Juno T. Purvis  
Deputy County Clerk

JTP/ck

Encl. 1

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

Dear Carroll,

My, I do envy your stay in Crete, but am only too sorry you had to be ill when you got home. I managed to escape.

Regarding your question about the boundaries of the Town of Richmond in 1796 - that's a neat question.

*Jones*  
*2*  
*1*

The histories say that the Dighton Company of Massachusetts bought 46,080 acres in 1789, a part of which extended over the present Town of Richmond. Title was taken by Calvin Jacobs and John Smith. Survey made in 1789 - after which Captain Pitts bought 3,000 acres lying at the foot of Honeoye Lake.

Town of Richmond known as Township No. 9 in range #5. Each township was six miles square - which gives 36 square miles - or 23,040 acres, if the tables in the back of my dictionary are correct. The town was organized in 1796 under the name of Pittstown. Name changed to Honeoye April 6, 1808, and to Richmond April 11, 1815. I would assume the boundaries in 1796 would be a little less than now, since a little was added on.

That doesn't sound at all as though it was an answer to your question, but it is the best I can do. I just measured the township on the present map of Ontario County and it apparently is about 5.7 miles east and west, and 6.4 miles north and south, excluding the later addition along the east shore of the lake. So I imagine it corresponds quite nearly to the old Township #.

Incidentally, do you have - or would you like - an up-to-date map of Ontario County?

Time for lunch and the news. Do take care of yourselves.

Sincerely,

*Glady*

Jones (Lura)

males

2 under 10

4 10-15

1 16-44

Jones Jr  
aged 14  
in 1800  
6 boys

Nothing!

1800

females

2 under 10

1 16-44

4 July  
1815

Mrs Jones (Rachel) B - died

Jorham age 59

6 Sept 1819

Jones B of Jorham  
sold 20 acres

## SAMUEL BELKNAP

son of Samuel Belknap

&amp; Mary Dickinson

b 13 June 1731, Enfield, Conn.

bpt 14 July 1731, Somers Church

d 18 June 1775, Cambridge, Mass. (NOTE 1)

m 19 June 1754

&amp;

## MARY NEWTON

daughter of Stephen Newton of East Windsor, Conn.

&amp; Mary Gibbs

b 8 Nov 1737

d (NOTE 2)

Resided: Windsor (Ellington) Conn.; Belchertown (in Murrayfield Plantation), Mass.

In 1760 or 1761, he and his brother Job sold their farms in Connecticut and moved to the newly established Murrayfield Plantation in central Mass. Job returned to Conn. but Samuel remained in Mass. He and wife joined church at Belchertown, 1761. On tax list there in 1771 but not later. Enlisted in Militia company as "from Granby" (town near Belchertown) 3 May 1775, along with his son Jonas. Served on Bunker Hill with Jonas. Died next day in camp at Cambridge. (NOTE 1)

## CHILDREN

i Mary, b 1754, Ellington d 1781 m Rufus Kentfield 25 Nov 1773

ii Chloe b 1757, Ellington m Levi Shumway 27 Jan 1780

iii \*Jonas Newton b 19 May 1759, Ellington bpt Belchertown 12 April 1761  
 d 16 Feb 1824, Hart Co. Ky m (1) Esther Parker 17 January 1783  
 (2) Rachel ----- (3) Tamar Vinton, widow, Newton  
 of Asa

iv Susanna b 1761

v \*Joseph b 13 Dec 1762, Belchertown d 13 Aug 1854 m Ruth Preston

vi Seth b 1767, Belchertown

vii \*Stephen b 1769, Belchertown d Dec 1814 m Eleanor Middaugh

viii \*Jonathan b 10 April 1774, Belchertown d Oct 1838 m Sabra Shedd

(NOTE 1): The date and place of Samuel's death rest on oral and written tradition handed down by children and grandchildren of his son Jonas, who was with him on Bunker Hill. "He was a fleshy man and was overcome by the heat and died in camp at Cambridge the next day." The fragmentary data on Samuel in Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Rev. War are inconclusive; they neither prove nor disprove the tradition. As no evidence contradicting it has been found, the tradition is adopted here.

NOTE 2: After death of Samuel, his wife Mary Newton may have married Elijah Parker Sr, father of Esther whom Jonas married. She may have been the "Mrs Elijah Parker (Mary)" recorded as dying at Gorham, Ontario County, NY, 11 January 1814 "age 76" -- correct age for Mary Newton. Otherwise all that is known is church record at Belchertown, showing that she "removed" after Samuel's death. . . . Among the facts that may strengthen the likelihood is the statement made by descendants of Stiles Parker (Esther's brother and close companion of Jonas in Ontario County) that after the death of his first wife Martha Stiles, Elijah Parker Sr married a "Miss Belknap." Efforts to trace the travels of this Elijah have not found him in contact with any Belknaps except the Belchertown family. The word "Miss" in published Parker tradition may have been an error for "Mrs."

of this  
second  
marriage

Jonas N.

CLINTON from CYB

March 10 1972

Thanks for material on Jonas -- your letter March 5. Are you sure of identification of "Cober's Kiln" as name of place where Jonas was wounded? I've never been able to be certain of the various spellings by those who wrote or copied applications for pension -- bearing in mind that "kiln" was pronounced "kill." Tradition in my branch is that J was wounded "in a skirmish" -- HWB garbled it into "a skirmish with the French and Indians." . . . The sheet in modern handwriting, showing that an early application was submitted to House of Representatives April 25 1796 is new to me and I have not seen that application. Am tempted to try to get a copy of it, if only to determine the date at which he was still in Cherry Valley. . . Meanwhile, am glad to know date of wound -- May 30 1778. Our tradition is that he was in hospital "three months" -- whatever the word "hospital" may have meant.

In this connection, I've found probable source of Evans' statement that Jonas was in Worcester N Y in 1798. A little genealogical periodical "Early Settlers in New York State," published some years ago -- Vol 4, ~~XXXX~~ -- list of members of 1st Presbyterian Church:

p. 276 Belknap, Jonas and wife 1798

p. 409 Parjer, Elijah and wife 1798  
Parjer, Elijah Jr & wife 1798

That "1798" is still puzzling -- must be an error by copyist -- as we know both Jonas and Elijah Jr were at first townmeeting at Honeoye in 1796. But hard to believe that a copyist made same error on date in different spots -- Belknap & Parkers -- yet it could happen that in the original church document there was only one mention of the year, with all new members of that year following the date -- so that a "1793" might easily be copied as 1798. Might be helpful to learn the actual date, for light on George May's surmise that Elijah Parker Sr may have married Jonas's mother Mary Newton as second wife, after death of his first wife Martha Stiles in or about 1792. As I've said before, the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ record of death of a "Mrs Elijah Parker" at Gorham, with right age to be Mary, might explain how Jonas acquired small property at Gorham -- and might explain the vague statement in Parker in America that this Elijah's second wife was a "Miss Belknap" (I can find no candidate other than Mary Newton, ~~xxxx~~ in any Belknap families with which Elijah would seem to have been in contact in Massachusetts and NY).

Am enclosing copy of sheet on children of Jesse and Jane, as you asked.

Am also enclosing copy of a thing that may interest you -- note I wrote about a book titled "They Laughed, Too" when I gave copies of it to my children at Christmas -- the story of Belknap Settlement in Oregon, as set down by schoolchildren and their teacher a few years ago.

As to making Gladys Grey an honorary Belknap -- well, she's actually related in a way -- as descendant of a sister of Esther Parker's mother -- and, she reminds me, a descendant of the Edmund Farrington who was one of Abraham's creditors shown in inventory of his estate.

MEMORANDUM  
March 5, 1972

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, Riverside, Conn.  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

1. Thank you for yours of February 28, 1972.  
Have the 1643 death date correctly in my records for Abraham but had somehow goofed on setting up the rough draft for the chart. Appreciate your sharp eye.

In answer to your query the respective maiden names were Olive Brock and Margie Holiday. Had put the previous marriage names in parenthesis thinking these would help to more readily identify. However, the very fact that the question was raised is evidence of the fact that there could be misunderstanding and the names in parenthesis are being removed from the chart.

2. Was very much interested in your findings for Jesse, brother of Elijah and Elisha etc. Think the Belknaps ought to confer an honorary membership in the tribe to Gladys Gray. She has surely been an outstanding contributor to the "good of the order!"
3. In reviewing material in my files regarding Jonas N. Belknap, I find I have apparently failed to share with you certain information furnished by the National Archives and Record Service, Washington, D. C. and received by me August 6, 1970. All of the information received was a duplicate of information already furnished in earlier copies except one sheet which I have marked "page 3" in the enclosure and which carries the information that Jonas was wounded in the side(left) at Cober's Kiln (incorrectly carried in this document as "Cobuskill", not by the British soldiers but in a side skirmish with the Indians.
4. Would very much appreciate a run down on the data for your Jesse including dates, names of children and dates for them, if and when you have time to send same along some day.

CB.

SERVICE

Rec'd from National Archives <sup>Aug 6/1970</sup> CB

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Continental  
Mass

Belknap, Jonas

S. 36408

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Belknap, James

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of New York, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War, on April 25, 1894, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 92.

Rank: Sergeant

Regt: Col. J. Brooks

Disability: Wounded in the left side in action with the Indians.

When and where disabled: May 30, 1878, Hobbskill.

Residence: Cherry Valley, Otsego.

Remarks: There are no military rolls in this office.  
Evidence transmitted by the District Court, comp.

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Barro  
M3V

W of Albany

CDRL: Like to the Land  
To Early yrs of Thompson  
~~my~~ ~~St~~ Clanton or Potter  
my 1973

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661 CS  
6004

*Jonas*  
2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

September 16, 1973  
To CYB from ECB

Re: Your Memo 9/6/73

Yes! I agree <sup>h</sup>at it is entirely agreeable with me to say that the place where Jonas N. Belknap was wounded was "probably Cobleskill."

*also*  
Your speculation concerning the possible location of Newburn would seem to make sense, but I feel the case is not nearly as strong in this instance as in the above. It surely was the custom to have East, West, North, South and New prefixes for place names in that area of New York State. I find listed in the 1968 edition of the School and Library Atlas by publishers of the same name, Sycamore, Illinois, a Berne, West Bern and East Berne. ~~and~~ A phonetic spelling of a "New Berne" could easily be written out as Newburn.

*CB*

Abel 129.6

1790

B 15 Sept 1736

54

Eliz. bell	3 Feb 1771	(Marr) ?	19
Abigail	1773		17
Abel R	1775		15
Sarah	1778		12
Mary	1780		10
Ebenezer	1782	OVER	8
Anna	1787		3
Catharina	1789		1

Anna white

B 1751

39

	U10	10-15	16-25	26-45	45+
M	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0	1 (1)
F	11 (2)	11 (2)	11 (1)	1 (1)	0

Wanted to 12-2-5  
 2-2-6

Jonas

M	11 (2 or 3)	0	0	1	1/2 total 2+9 2-4-8
F	0	0	0	1	1-2-5 1-2-1

Jones probably  
living with  
Uncle Abel  
in 1790

A/A

for the DEPARTMENT OF BAD PUNS

Samuel	1784
Elijah	1785
Jones	1787?
Elisha	1788?

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# Sources

Presidents living in Kentucky

Esther Parker BIRTH  
30 Jan 1761

Bolton VIR Vol. 1, p. 258  
Bolton Conn

James N. B. Burr

b. Enfield Conn. 19 May 1759

bapt. Bolton Town 12 Apr 1761

Com CB for date  
Other for Enfield  
Com CB from Bolton  
Church records

to pension  
to her  
4 March 1810

m. 17 Jan 1783

Joined Church w/ Esther 30 July 1785

d. 16 Feb 1824 Index to

(1 Dec 1761)

Samuel b. 1784 - assumed date as said to be 12th son

Bapt. 14 Aug 1782 - Com CB from B. Church recs.

Letters of admin - 19 Apr. 1810 [Eny]

	Born	Age 1800	Age 1810
J N B	1759	41	51
Esther P B	1761	39	49
Samuel	1784	16	26 M before 1810
Elijah	1785	15	25 M 1806
Joas	1786	14	24 (Married?)
Elisha	1789	11	21 M 15 Jan 1813
Jesse	1792	8	18 <sup>15 Jan 1813</sup> 1808
Susannah	1792 or 1797	8 or 3	18 } m. or 13 } 15 Aug 1813
Esther	1796 or 1798	4 or 2	14 or 12
Orin	1799	1	11 <u>M 1824</u>

Cynthia      Age 1799      0      410

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Finch in 1810, shortly after death of Bettie in May 1810

Jesse, born 26 Jan 1792, Cherry Valley N Y — married Jane Garlinghouse in 1812

Susannah, born 26 Jan 1792 if Parker in America is correct in saying she was Jesse's twin.

~~SAUSNETH CHATFIELD WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY~~ ~~SAUSNETH CHATFIELD~~ Partially confirmed by a present-day descendant who says Susannah was ~~at~~ 16 when she married David Chatfield 15 August 1815.

## Estimate

Esther, born 1796 — married Gamaliel Garlinghouse

1. Vinton, Abiathar, s. of Abiathar, b. in Leicester, Sept. 18, 1732, res. in Charlton until abt. 1772, when he removed to Granby, where he d. subsequent to 1800. He m. (1) April 14, 1757, Rhoda Wheelock; (2) Rachel Caswell; (3) Wid. — Smith of Gr. Children—Abiathar, b. May 20, 1764; Tamar, b. July 30, 1766, m. (1) Asa Newton; (2) Jonas Belknap; Simeon, b. Nov. 17, 1768, d. before 1776; Hannah, b. Jan. 25, 1771, m. Feb. 7, 1797, Ichabod Damon of Chesterfield; Samuel, b. May 17, 1773, m. Jan. 27, 1811, Florinda Hinckley, and rem. in 1803, from Granby to Coventry, N.Y., and thence in 1825, to South Bainbridge, N.Y.; John m. Emma Wares of Hartford, Ct. and d. in Michigan; Simeon, b. Feb. 25, 1776; Rhoda, b. Sept. 4, 1778, m. April 7, 1803, Joseph Dickinson of Granby.

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## JNB locations - Ont Co.

1794 or early 1795 - Hopewell

1795 - Richmond

1806 - Middletown (Springwater)

1810 - Bristol

1818 - Naples

1819 - Gorham

1815 - Gorham (death of Rachel)