

ECB

LELIA BELNAP from CYB

17 Aug 1975

Although I don't know whether or not it will be of interest to you, I think I should tell you about one outcome of my continuing effort to expand my record of the family of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton, at Belchertown, Mass. I'll summarize conclusions briefly. Later, when I rewrite my notes on that family, I'll give fuller detail.

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1779  
1699?  
1789  
With the great help of a descendant of the Belchertown Kentfields, an answer to the old problem of Doollittle's #184 (Mary Belknap, widow Kentfield, joined church 1779, died 1781, aged 88) seems to have been found. This Mary, whose identity has puzzled Belknap genealogists for more than a century, was grandmother of the Rufus Kentfield who married, 25 Nov 1773, the Mary Belknap who was eldest daughter of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton. She was obviously the daughter (probably illegitimate) of either the first Joseph Belknap (son of Abraham) or one of his sons, Thomas or John. I am not yet ready to express any opinion as to which of these three was most probably her father. In any case, the marriage of Rufus and Mary, in 1773, is apparently the earliest instance of intermarriage of the two main branches of the family; a great granddaughter of Samuel marrying a great grandson (or possibly great great grandson) of Joseph.

Though additional supporting evidence may come to light later this year, I see no reason for doubting these conclusions. I wish I felt as certain about some of the other unproven matters in the record of this family, such as the identity of Pilgrim's father.  
Belchertown

8/26/75

CyB from ECB

It would appear that you must have meant to list a different date. See # 2 above

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22 Jan 1658	26 Jan 1659	26 Jan 1657/8
22 Sept 1660	← same	Same
13 Aug 1663	← same	✓
1 July 1665	← same	✓
27 Nov 1668	← same	✓

29 June 1670	← same	✓
1 June 1672	← same	✓
8 June 1673		✓
19 March 1678/9		✓
27 June 1678/9		27 Jan 1678/9
26 <del>Aug</del> 1681	26 Apr 1682	26 April 1681
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<u>Ruth</u>	Joseph	Mary	Nequaniel	Elizabeth
<u>Hydia</u>	Ruth	Thamar	John	Hamrah
<u>Hamrah</u>	Ruth	Abigail	Ashaham	Samuel

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP      25 Club Road      Riverside, Connecticut 06878

2 Sept 1975

Clerk of the Probate Court, Hampshire County  
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your office has been most kind in supplying copies of documents to me in past years.

Can you supply either or both of the following?

Will of Thomas Meakins (Meekins, Meekings) who died about 1682,  
or intestate proceedings

Will (or intestate proceedings) of his daughter Hannah(Meakins)Belknap  
who died about 1688

I enclose my check for \$3 in hope one of these may be available. If more money is proper, please let me know.

Query: If these documents are not in your files, should I try Springfield? If so, what address there?

Very truly yours,

C. Y. Belknap:

*C. Y. Belknap*

Sept. 9, 1975

There is no Hannah (Meakins)Belknap in our files.

A thorough search shows several Thomas Meekins, one of whom died in 1792-that is the earliest date and is no doubt, not the person for whom you are looking. I am therefore returning your check. You might try Springfield Registry of Probate, 55 Elm St., Springfield, Ma. 01103. This is their former address but they may have moved recently.

Register

*Mark E. Dutcher*

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JOSEPH #5

AT HATFIELD

Wells, History of Hatfield

p 58 "freeman's oath" -- Written by John Winthrop -- first printed in 1638.  
"To become a legal citizen of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, every man over twenty years of age and ~~a~~ six months a householder was required to take the freeman's oath. . . According to the early laws of the colony none but church members could ~~be~~ be freeman and none but freemen could hold office or vote . . ."  
(But (this did not hold true in Hadley)

p 106 -- population of Hatfield -- probably 300-350 in 1678

Oct 21 1684 -- town voted to divide the Commons ~~into~~ "to every inhabitant according to his present valuation of estates"

pp 474 ff list ~~XX~~ four lots drawn by Joseph Belknap  
totalling approximately ~~XX~~  $\frac{1}{4}$  square mile (i.e. quarter section or about 160 acres)

21 Oct 1696 -- J on grand jury sitting at Northampton

p 479 -- J on list of selectmen (last named) in 1685 and 1696. In 1696, was called "Mr Joseph Belknapp" -- only instance of a Mr in all names of selectmen 1678 ff.

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Judd and Boltwood, History of Hadley

p 83 -- Thomas Meakins in Boston in 1667 and ? 1669

p 257 -- J on jury 1696, as in Wells book above

p 94 -- Heirs of Thomas Meekins were dau Mary who m (1) Nathaniel Clark, (2) John Allis 14 Dec 1669 and (3) Samuel Belden abt 1691 -- & Hannah wife of JB -- and heirs of son Thomas Jr -- whose son John m Ruth dau of JB 24 April 1696.

ADDENDUM: In one of these books, page number mislaid in my notes, valuation of "estates" of JB in 1684 was shown as 100 pounds, same as Thomas Meekins Sr -- the leading citizen and many years first selectman.

The 1684 allotments included those for Th Meekins Jr -- no allotments for any son or heirs of JB..

In HWB #18

10 May 1682 - JB "of Boston" sold  
.6 acres in Lynn, "formerly given  
to AB by 2d Town"

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Heirs

Chm of Thomas Meadins Lr (d. 10 Dec 1687)

~~Survivor~~

Survivor

Chm  
Lr Hannah bpx Roxbury 13 March 1647 - JB

Jan Mary  
son John m Ruth B 4 Apr 1696

Not clear  
2 John Ellis 4 Nov 1669  
3 Samuel Fielden abt 1691

Heirs  
Chm of Thomas Jr (d 19 Oct 1675)

Mary Anne (wife)

an h/soning  
Mary (Leaves)

Romer

Militarily (distinctions)

Samuel's (2) sons alive in 1691 [He in Havenhill 1691]

Abrakam b 4 June 1660 - Framingham

Samuel b 1 May 1662 - in Fairfield Conn - 1650 then to VT

Shenager b - Dec 1690 1667 - Havenhill, Woburn, Newbury

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= 1/4 section  
 = 160 acres

Thomas (Della 7677)

R 29 June 1670 Boston

m 6 March 1693 <sup>west of</sup> Cambridge  
gave Cheney

in 1698 moved to Wotum

in well of f  
Greek s y th  
Samuel ✓ ✓ ✓

Joseph! Della 734 +

Joseph bpt 1633 In 1693 - 60 yrs old  
in Boston till 1682 when went to Hatfield.

Returned to Boston in 1696 (Savage)

Q's age 28  
Ann - by Ruth Williams: Age in 1682 23 In 1693 44  
Joseph b. 26 Jan 1658/9 (Lumpkin in Hatfield)

Ann by Hannah Meakin

Thomas b. 24 June 1670 (to Boston) 12 23

John b. 1 June 1672 10 21

Abraham b. 26 Apr 1681/2 12

31 Samuel b. March 1684 (to Boston) 9

Hannah Meakin d. 26 Dec 1688

2 March 1688/9 - Agreement Between  
Joseph B and John & Mary Allie,  
"all of Hatfield, ~~to~~ to settle  
a difficulty as to property  
in will of our Honoured Father  
Meakin" (Northampton Records)

4 March 1706/7 - Joseph B & John of  
Boston & Samuel B carpenter of Boston  
sold several pieces of land  
to Henry Dwight of Hatfield  
for £210 -

Earliest (NS)

A Birth Jan 1

a death ~ 1

Year of Birth

Aa 1741-88 = 1693

Ab 1761-87 = 1694

1292, 3, 4

1691 1692 1693  
or 1693 (or 1694)

1691-2-3

Latest (NS)

B Birth Dec 31

C Death Dec 31

Mid

C Birth July 1  
C Death July 1

Bb 1781-88 1693 Ca 1693

Ba 1781-89 1692 Ca 1693

= 1693 ± 1

Thomas m March 1693/4

Could be any of 3 yrs are -

Joseph ✓  
John ✓

2 1791 aged 88

month of death	<del>born</del> born
Jan	1693 or 1692
Feb	
March	
April	
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July	1693 1694

MEMO to A B W MacKwen

18 July 1974

My thanks for your letter 14 July and its enclosures,  
suggest,

(1) I'll write to George MacCracken as you ~~suggest~~ about Mary dau of Joseph Belknap and Abigail Buttolph.

(2) The Mary Belknap who married Rufus Kentfield 25 Nov 1773 was dau of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton, who moved up-river from northern Conn to the Belchertown area in late 1760 or early 1761. She was b 8 Nov 1754, Windsor, Conn., in the section known as Ellington, which later became a separate town of that name. She was the oldest sister of my g g grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap. No connection with the Mary Belknap widow Kentfield named by Doolittle #184. That Mary must, I believe, have belonged to the Joseph branch of Belknaps. The Mary who married Rufus was a descendant of the other son of the immigrant Abraham: Samuel. . . . The children of Mary and Rufus Kentfield, as far as I know them, were:

William b 5 April 1775

Elijah b 1 March 1777

Elias b 26 Oct 1779

Susanna 10 Nov 1781

(presumably named for Mary's sister Susanna, who d 1781)

As you name a son David, this list is obviously incomplete. It comes from a source that may be of interest to you. Under new administration, NEHGS now supplies xeroxed copies. When I learned this recently, I asked for copies of pages bearing Belknap entries in a manuscript VR Belchertown. As this unpublished VR is in chronological order, some Kentfield entries appear on the pages sent to me -- which do not go beyond 1783.

(3) This MS VR is -- in my judgment -- of questionable accuracy. Its dates seem to have been compiled from various sources, some of which are not indicated. I accept some of the Belknap dates, but reject others as obviously unlikely or impossible. However, it may be worth while to pass along to you the other Kentfield entries in the pages I've received:

Asaph, s William and Sarah b 7 Aug 1759

Joel, s Salmon and Bethia b 28 Jan 1762

Elizabeth, dau William and Sarah b 8 January 1762

Salmon, s Salmon and Bethiah b 12 March 1763

Erastus, s " " " b 8 Feb 1765

NEHGS charge for xerox copies is extremely small -- 10¢ a page. If you want pages from that Belchertown VR, just ask for "pages showing Kentfield entries" -- which they can find by the VR's card index. . . You may wish to tell Mrs Hall about this!

(4) You question whether Doolittle was correct in saying Mary Belknap in his #184. An interesting doubt, worth exploring. One possibility: On one of the pages you sent to me I see a Kentfield marriage to a Burnap. In early Mass. there was sometimes confusion of Belknap and Burnap, because of somewhat similar sound. H W Belknap, following this lead in first quarter of this century, found Burnap was a variant of Burnett -- and produced a Burnap genealogy. If it was printed, you may wish to look at it. Maybe NEHGS has a copy. Or perhaps Essex Institute, Salem, has its manuscript, as HWB was curator there.

*David Belknap*

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July 14, 1974

Mr. Carroll Y. Belknap  
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Dear Mr. Belknap:

I hope you will forgive me for taking so long to reply to your letter of June 25th. I have been trying to re-locate the information which originally showed me that Mary Kentfield was not the daughter of Joseph and Abigail Buttolph. Unfortunately, I have not succeeded. As I recall, there was an article on the Buttolph family (Abigail's father) which quoted some document which gave the husband of this Mary, and he was not a Belknap. I thought it must have been an article in the Register, but I cannot locate it there, and it is just possible that it was in the Record, which I have not checked. I had assumed in my first letter that you had probably seen it. If you are not familiar with it yourself, you could probably track it down by writing to George McCracken of The American Genealogist. He has written a number of articles on the Buttolphs, so would probably know of it - if he didn't write it himself, which is a possibility.

In answer to your other two questions I cannot do any better, I'm sorry to say. I have not had the opportunity to research in the Belchertown and Northampton records myself, and my information on the Kentfields has been gathered here and there from secondary sources - a lot from Mass. Soldiers and Sailors, and of course, from Doolittle. I am enclosing copies of what I have on this family. As to ~~Rufus~~ Rufus's family, I have only that he was father of David and Elias; widow's household, 1790, shows 6-1-3. In 1970 I had two letters from Mrs. Richard Lee Hall (nee Kaye Evelyn Kentfield, b. 1938), of 40 Maple Ave., Franklinville, N.Y. 14737, a descendant of Salmon Kentfield (1735-1787), son of Ebenezer and Mary, who married Bethia Stearns (1734-1807). She said that in the summer of 1968 she researched the Belchertown records and that she was planning to go back again and to also go Northampton and surrounding towns. If she in fact did so, she should have answers to your questions. I would suggest writing to her.

I have never been totally satisfied in my mind that Ebenezer's wife Mary was, in fact, a Belknap. The fact that Rufus's wife bore exactly the same name disturbs me. After I found the record eliminating Joseph and Abigail's daughter as Ebenezer's wife, I, too, looked to Joseph Belknap of Hatfield, because it was so close to Northampton. There is a N. history, and it shows that the ~~Bel~~ Kentfields lived there until about 1750. William and Sarah's son David was born in Belchertown ca. 1755. John is certainly a possibility for Mary's father, but the fact that neither he nor his supposed issue is Joseph's will is, again, disturbing.

I have been a member of the N.E.H.G.S. off and on (even had a short paper published once, about 1963) but have lapsed again. Right now most of my energy is expended in tracing my father's ancestry in Scotland. My father's family are all from Prince Edward Island, Scottish and English, but with one or two Loyalist lines going back to N.Y. Dutch. My mother's family are almost entirely New England.

I had pretty much abandoned the Kentfield line, having traced it back in a rather sketchy fashion. Ebenezer, a son of Ebenezer and Mary, probably eldest son, went to Maine prior to 1768, when he must have been between 40 and 50. I would guess he must have had a wife before this, but she is unknown. In Maine he married an Indian, a member of the Sculpin family of the Penobscots, and his daughter Rebecca married in 1803 Nathan Phillips, son of John and Sarah (Pond) Phillips, formerly of Bellingham, Mass. Rebecca was born in Belchertown in 1781, where her father had gone when the British gained control of the Penobscot. He returned to Orland, Me., before 1788 and was living in 1790. He had two sons, Daniel and Benjamin, and five or six daughters, but descendants so far are traceable only through Rebecca.

My first genealogical fact came from my great-grandmother, Rebecca's great-granddaughter, who told me that her grandfather, Jason Phillip's mother was "a Canf'ld, an Indian woman." Since subsequent investigation identified her father as Ebenezer Kentfield, she can have been only half-Indian. That Rebecca was part Indian is a fact known through all the Phillips connection, which is a very large one. Rebecca survived until 1867, and her granddaughter, my mother's great-grandmother, who died in 1930, had often seen her. She said she was small and dark, with dark eyes, and very contrary. Years ago I met a great-granddaughter of Nathan's older brother John. She spoke of the fact that Nathan had married an Indian, but said that "her blood was as good as anyone else's."

Unfortunately, I have never discovered the name of this Indian woman, although it might be in the Belchertown church records (if Rebecca was baptized there). Oddly enough, there was another Rebecca Kentifield, daughter of David and Mary (Smith) Kentfield, born in Belchertown the same day (23 Mar. 1781) as "my" Rebecca. But her history is a different one. Well, enough of that.

So I'm afraid I can be of little help. The best bet would be Mrs. Hall. I know she is interested in the Belknap ancestry, and she may have all the answers. As to Dr. McCracken, I am sure you have his address, but will include it in any case.

Thanks again for your letter. Best wishes and good luck.

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Des Moines, Iowa 50311.

Yours truly,

*Andrew B.W. MacEwen*

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Children of William and Sarah ( ) Kentfield

- i. Rufus, b. in 1750; d. in Belchertown in 1787, aged 37 years; m. in Nov. 1773 Mary Belknap (Doolittle, p. 121); admitted to the Church in 1786; father of David and Elias; widow's household, 1790, 0-1-3.
- ii. David, b. in Belchertown, ca. 1755; d. there in 1834; m. 5 Dec. 1776 Mary Smith (d. 27 July 1802 ae. 44), daughter of Abiah Smith; both admitted to the Church in 1792; living in Belchertown in 1811; 1790 census, 1-4-3.
- iii. Jonathan, living in Belchertown in 1790 (census, 1-1-6) and in 1811.
- iv. Asaph, b. in 1758; enlisted 23 Feb. 1780, aged 21 years.
- v. Heman, m. in Belchertown, 27 Nov. 1788, Sarah Knolton (b. 1764), daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Mansfield) Knolton; living in Belchertown in 1790 (census, 1-0-1).

*Eliza b. 7 August 1759*  
*Eliza b. 8 January 1762*

Children of Salmon and Bethia (Stearns) Kentfield

- i. Ebenezer, b. in 1760; aged 19 as of 9 June 1779; living in Belchertown in 1790 (census, 2-1-5) and 1811.
- ii. Salmon, b. in 1763; d. in the army, of smallpox, 29 Nov. 1781, aged 18 years.
- iii. Joel, d. before 1837; m. Caroline . She was admitted to the Church in Belchertown from away, as his widow, in 1837.
- iv. Erastus, b. in Belchertown in 1765; aged 16 as of 19 Mar. 1781; living in Belchertown in 1811.
- v. Josiah, d. before 1825; m. in Belchertown, 26 Dec. 1788, Sally Burding (or Burden); living there in 1790 (census, 2-0-4). His widow Sally was admitted to the Church in Belchertown in 1825, from Enfield.
- vi. Shubel, living in Belchertown in 1811. born 1770; m. ca. 1795-  
Bethia Felton (1768- )

Children of David and Mary (Smith) Kentfield

- i. William, b. in Belchertown, 18 June 1779; d. in Masonville, N.Y., 15 Jan. 1845, aged 65 years and 7 months; m. Sophia Pooler (b. in South Hadley, 1788, d. 1866).
- ii. Rebecca, b. 23 Mar. 1781, the same day as her cousin of the same name, daughter of Ebenezer of Orland, Maine.
- iii. Jonathan, b. ca. 1777.
- iv. Samuel.
- v. Rhoda.
- vi. Rufus.
- vii. Triphena, admitted to the Church in 1812.
- viii. Triphosa.
- ix. Smkth, m. 2 Oct. 1821 Azubah Judd (b. 1 Nov. 1793), daughter of Levi and Lucy (Snow) Judd of Hadley; moved to Ohio.

Ebenezer Kentfield, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Belknap) Kentfield, was born about 1717, presumably in Northampton, Massachusetts. The list of Massachusetts State Pensioners says he was pensioned in 1759, aged 42 years, raised in 1762, and again on 17 Apr. 1781, and allowed \$33.33 annually for life. He may have been one of those engaged in building Fort Pownal, in what is now Stockton Springs, Maine, in 1759. He had settled in Orland, Maine, certainly as early as 1768, and possibly much earlier. Orland is on the east side of the Penobscot River, almost directly across from Fort Pownal.

In a deed dated 17 Sept. 1792 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds, Ellsworth, Maine, we find that "I Ebenezer Kentfield of Plantation No. 2 (now Orland) on the East Side of Penobscot River in the County of Hancock and State of Massachusetts yeoman, did in the year one Thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, take up and settle a Lot of Land No. 49 in the Second Division of Lots in sd. Plantation & in the year 1773 did for the Consideration of two pounds to me then in hand paid by Calvin Turner of Plantation No. 2 State & County aforesaid yeoman, did then sell and convey and give a deed unto the sd. Calvin Turner his Heirs and Assigns of the above mentioned Lott of land, together (sic) with my dwelling House then on the same, which was butted and bounded as follows...containing about forty acres more or less, and whereas the sd. Calvin Turner Lost the aforementioned deed by fire in the year 1776..., " Kentfield had given Turner a new deed.

After the fall of Castine, in late 1779, when control of the Penobscot area was lost to the British, Ebenezer Kentfield, like many others of the recent settlers in the area, returned to his former home. His daughter Rebecca was born in Belchertown,

23 Mar. 1781 (vital records of Dedham, Maine). After the end of the war he returned to Orland, and his name appears among those of settlers to whom lots in Orland were laid out in 1788. His name appears in the old Field Book and on the town plan (information from the Town Clerk of Orland, Maine). The 1790 Census shows "Ebenezer Canfield" in Eastern River Township No. 2 with a household consisting of two males of 16 and upwards and five females.

Ebenezer Kentfield was married in Maine, presumably some time in the 1760's, to an Indian woman, whose name has not been preserved. Family tradition says she was the daughter of a chieftain whose family had the hunting rights around what is now Orland. The Indians who inhabited the territory around Bucksport (including the lower east country of the Penobscot River east to Union River) were known as Sangwadekwe or "homely head" (in English, sculpin). Their nickname was "Rockhead" and they were said to be a homely family. (See Frank G. Speck, Penobscot Man, pp. 208-10)

The only known descendants of Ebenezer Kentfield and his Indian wife are through their daughter Rebecca (1781-1867), who married Nathan Phillips. All the descendants of Nathan and Rebecca <sup>as do</sup> claim that she was an Indian, ~~and~~ also descendants of Nathan's brother John Phillips. Fort Pownal was built below Bucksport in 1759 as protection for the settlers, and soon became a trading house for dealing in fur with the Indians. The occupations of the first families around Bucksport were fishing, hunting, trapping, and trading. The soldiers employed in building the fort spread word of good land upon their return to Massachusetts. The first white settler on the Penobscot River was Joseph Gross, who had been a

soldier at Fort Pownal and afterwards, in 1764, made a permanent settlement at Orland. He died there in January, 1817, aged 80 years. In 1775 there were 21 families in Bucksport (Township No. 1) and 12 families in Orland (No. 2). Penobscot was Township No. 3.

Children of Ebenezer Kentfield by his Indian wife

- i. Daniel, yeoman, living in Penobscot, Hancock County, 14 Oct. 1793. The following deed, dated 7 Aug. 1790, is recorded in Ellsworth: "Daniel Kentfield of Eastern River in Penobscot...yeoman, For and in consideration of Thirty Pounds Lawful money...have given, granted, bargained and Sold...unto ~~him the sd.~~ Isaac Webber...two fifty Acre lots of land lying in Penobscot & lying in Township No. 2, on Eastern River, one of sd. lots ...being the whole of the lott of land which my hond. Father and Family now liveth on & possesseth." On 14 Oct. 1793 Anthony Coombs of Islesborough recovered judgment against "Daniel Kentfield of Penobscot in Hancock County yeoman," damages £10.13.9 and costs £2.8.10.
- ii. Benjamin, settled in the Brewer part of Orrington, Maine (further up the Penobscot from Bucksport), prior to 1812; later moved to Dedham, Maine, where his brother-in-law Nathan Phillips had settled.
- iii. Rebecca, b. in Belchertown, Massachusetts, 23 Mar. 1781; d. in Dedham, Maine, 19 Dec. 1867, aged 86 years, 8 months, 3 weeks, and 5 days; m. in Eddington, Maine, by Park Holland, Esq., ~~a family friend~~, 28 Dec. 1803, both being of Orrington, Nathan Phillips (b. in Bellingham, Mass., 27 July 1774; d. in Dedham, Me., 19 June 1861 in his 87th year), son of John and Sarah (Pond) Phillips of Bellingham, Mass., and Brewer, Maine. Nathan Phillips was the first settler in Dedham, Maine, ca. 1810. Records of Orrington show, "Mr. Nathan Phillips of Orrington and Miss Rebecca Kentfield of Eddystown entered Oct. 15th, 1803." They are both buried in an old cemetery off Route 1A between East Holden and Dedham, Maine, located between Phillips Lake and the highway.
- iv. daughter, living in 1790.
- v. daughter, living in 1790.
- vi. daughter, living in 1790; perhaps m. a Dodge.
- vii. perhaps another daughter, living in 1790. (There were five females in Ebenezer's household in 1790, one of whom we know was Rebecca. If Ebenezer's wife was still living, there were three other daughters; if not, there were four other daughters.)

Children of Nathan and Rebecca (Kentfield) Phillips.

i. Ann (Nancy) (twin), b. 16 Sept. 1804; d. at Belle Plain, Virginia, 4 Jan. 1863; m. (int. 30 Nov.) 12 Dec. 1821 as his 2d wife Dr. Moses Adams (b. 28 Nov. 1777; d. 11 Dec. 1839), son of Rev. Moses and Abigail (Stone) Adams of Acton, Mass. He grad. at Harvard in 1797 and then studied medicine; came to Ellsworth from Castine in 1803; was Rep. in 1811 and 1812 and Sheriff of Hancock Co. He m. 1st, 19 Oct. 1800 Mary L. Tuttle of Littleton, Mass., who was killed in his house at Ellsworth, 12 May 1815. He was indicted and tried for her murder, but was acquitted; afterwards settled in Dedham.

ii. Eliza (twin), b. 16 Sept. 1804; said to have been killed by the Indians. At the time the other children were very frightened, but their mother said, "Don't cry, children, you can have her clothes."

iii. Peter, b. 30 Mar. 1806; d. at Dedham, 5 Nov. 1885; m. 23 May 1842 Zoe Washburn Burrill (b. China, 1 Feb. 1821; d. Dedham, 8 Dec. 1891 ae. 70-10-7), dau. of Asa and Priscilla (Washburn) Burrill. Peter was b. at Brewer; res. Dedham; m. by John Burrill, J.P.

iv. Rich, b. at Brewer, 24 Feb. 1808; d. at Surry; m. 1st, at Dedham (int. 15 Nov. 1830) Louisa Jane Burrill (b. at China, 16 June 1808; d. at Dedham, 22 Sept. 1841); 2 ch.; m. 2d, at Dedham (by John Burrill) 2 Mar. 1843 Phebe Cowing of Dedham (b. at Lisbon, Me., 19 July 1819). Her will was dated 22 Aug. 1892; rem. to Surry after 1860; 8 ch.

v. Wealthy, b. at Eddington, 28 Feb. 1810; d. at Dedham, 4 Aug. 1888; m. (int. 27 Dec. 1827) Michael Mann (b. at Eddington, 4 May 1794; d. at Dedham, 5 May 1876 ae. 82-0-1), son of Stephen and Susannah (McMahon) Mann of Eddington; res. in Dedham; 12 ch.

vi. Nathan, junior, b. 1 Sept. 1812; d. at North Ellsworth, 5 Mar. 1900 ae. 87 ys. & 6 mos.; m. 15 Nov. 1836 Nancy L. Patten (b. at Surry, 17 Aug. 1812; d. at North Ellsworth, 9 Feb. 1885 ae. 72-5-25), dau. of John and Sarah (Clark) Patten of Surry; lived at North Ellsworth. He was very near-sighted.

vii. Jason, b. at Dedham, 28 Jan. 1815; d. at Surry, 15 Apr. 1876; m. 1st, at Dedham (int. 20 Aug. 1836) Susan Nichols Kidder (b. at Eddington, 27 May 1815; d. at Dedham, 30 Apr. 1846 ae. 30-11-3), dau. of Jonathan and Rebecca (Leavens) Kidder of Eddington and Dedham; 3 ch.; m. 2d, at Dedham (by Ebenezer Toothaker, J.P.) 29 Nov. 1848 Almira Heath (b. 25 Oct. 1823; d. at Mariaville, 5 May 1899 ae. 78-6-10), dau. of Jonah and Sarah (Patten) Heath of North Ellsworth; rem. to Surry after 1860. She m. 2d, Brown, by 1866.

viii. John P., b. at Dedham, 20 Sept. 1817; d. at Dedham, 5 Aug. 1887 ae. 69-11-15; m. (by Rev. Nathan Cobb) 8 Apr. 1847 Clive J. Tourtelotte (b. at Dedham, 28 Feb. 1824; d. 6 Apr. 1897 ae. 73-1-8), dau. of Nathaniel and Lydia (Patten) Tourtelotte of Dedham; lived in the Lakehouse at Dedham.

ix. Park Holland, b. 25 Oct. 1821; d. at Dedham, 26 Jan. 1838.

x. Orange, b. at Dedham, 3 Jan. 1824; d. unm.

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Wealthy Mann's book

The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments Translated  
out of the Original Tongues  
and  
with the former translations  
diligently compared and revised

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W. Greenough, Printer  
1819

The property of Wealthy Philips  
Wealthy Mann

Nancy and Eliza Philips Born Sept th 16 1804  
Peter Phillips Born March th 30 1806  
Rich Phillips Born Feb th 24 1808  
Wealthy Phillips Born Feb th 28 1810  
Nathan Phillips junior Born Sept. th 1 1812  
Jason Phillips Born Jan th 28 1815  
John Phillips th 3 Born Sept th 20 1817  
Park H(olland) Phillips Born Oct th 25 1821  
Orange Phillips Born Jan th 3 1824

Died. In Dedham, Dec. 19, Mrs. Rebecca Phillips, aged 86 years,  
8 months, 3 weeks and 5 days, relict of the late Nathan Phillips.  
Massachusetts papers please copy. (Dec. 21, 1867) (Saturday)

Died. In Dedham, June 19th Mr. Nathan Phillips, aged 87 years.  
(Monday, July 15, 1861)

The above obits. appeared in the Bangor Daily Whig and Courier,  
Monday, 15 July 1861, and Saturday, 21 Dec. 1867.

# Children of Ebenezer and Mary (Belknap) Kentfield

- i. Ebenezer, b. ca. 1717; living in Orland, Maine, as late as 17 Sept. 1792; date of death unknown. He was probably one of the soldiers at Fort Pownal in 1759 and settled in Orland at least as early as 1768, perhaps earlier. His wife was an Indian from the vicinity of Orland, but her name is unknown.
- ii. Josiah, d. in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, before 1799; may have lived previously in Hampton, N.H. His widow, name unknown, died in Sanbornton, 4 July 1799. Children: *Possibly his wife was a Pearl.*
  - i. Benjamin Pearl, b. 16 Nov. 1758; m. ca. 1777 Hannah Gould (d. in Sanbornton, in Nov. 1840 ae. 80) of Rye, N.H. Their eldest child, Molly, was born 17 Jan. 1778.
  - ii. Hannah, b. 5 Jan. 1761.
- iii. William, b. in Northampton in 1727; d. in Belchertown, Mass., in 1791, aged 64 years; m. ca. 1749 Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (d. in 1790 ae. 66); both admitted to the Church in Belchertown in 1771 when he was described as "son of Ebenezer, who died in the army," etc. (See Doolittle's "Historical Sketch," p. 105) "Northampton, 14 July 1748: William Kentfield for Himself...15 wks. 2 ds., £19.2.2. A soldier raised for the late intended expedition against Canada under the command of Maj. Seth Pomroy from 1 Mar. 1746-7 to 26 Oct. 1747."
- iv. Salmon, b. in Northampton in 1735; d. in Belchertown, in July 1787, aged 52 years; m. ca. 1758 Bethia Stearns (b. 7 June 1734; d. in 1807), daughter of Ebenezer and Martha (Burnap) Stearns of Sutton, Mass. She was admitted to the Church in Belchertown in 1766. He served in the Revolution, 5 July 1780, aged 45 years.

Qualified voters in Belchertown, Mass., in 1810-1811 were David Kentfield, Middle Town District; Ebenezer, Salmon, and Shubel Kentfield, Huntings District; Erastus Kentfield, Lower End Town District; Jonathan and David, 2nd, Kentfield, Dwight District (New); and Elias Kentfield, Turkey Hill District.

See also, American Ancestry, 10:127, and Runnels's "History of Sanbornton, New Hampshire," p. 416.

DEBRA BELKNAP from CYB

17 Aug 1975

Although I don't know whether or not it will be of interest to you, I think I should tell you about one outcome of my continuing effort to expand my record of the family of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton, at Belchertown, Mass. I'll summarize conclusions briefly. Later, when I rewrite my notes on that family, I'll give fuller detail.

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7 With the great help of a descendant of the Belchertown Kentfields, an answer to the old problem of Doolittle's #184 (Mary Belknap, widow Kentfield, joined church 1799, died 1781, aged 88) seems to have been found. This Mary, whose identity has puzzled Belknap genealogists for more than a century, was grandmother of the Rufus Kentfield who married, 25 Nov 1793, the Mary Belknap who was eldest daughter of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton. She was obviously the daughter (probably illegitimate) of either the first Joseph Belknap (son of Abraham) or one of his sons, Thomas or John. I am not yet ready to express any opinion as to which of these three was most probably her father. In any case, the marriage of Rufus and Mary, in 1773, is apparently the earliest instance of intermarriage of the two main branches of the family: a great granddaughter of Samuel marrying a great grandson (or possibly great great grandson) of Joseph.

Though additional supporting evidence may come to light later this year, I see no reason for doubting these conclusions. I wish I felt as certain about some of the other unproven matters in the record of this family, such as the identity of Pilgrim's father.

Belchertown

25 June 1974

Mr Andrew B W MacEwen  
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Dear Mr MacEwen:

I'm indebted to you for your letter of 20 June, for it leads me to suggest a completely new approach to the old problem of Doolittle's entry #184: "Mary (Belknap) widow Kentfield" admitted to Belchertown Church 1779, died 1781 aged 88.

First let me agree that none of the three Mary Belknap's known to have been born in the early 1690's could be the one named by Doolittle -- and there is no connection with the Mary Belknap, born 1754, who married Rufus Kentfield at Belchertown in ~~1773~~ 1773. Till now, I've let the matter lie at this negative point. But your letter gives me a geographic clue that looks interesting.

You name Northampton, Mass., as the place where the first William Kentfield died in 1707. I take this fact as suggesting that his son Ebenezer probably married that Mary Belknap somewhere in that part of Massachusetts. The obvious question, then, is this: What Belknap was ever in that area before 1700?

There was only one. Joseph Belknap, 2nd generation in America, married his third wife Hannah Meakins in 1668 and moved from Boston to Hatfield, a tiny new settlement near Northampton. He remained at Hatfield until Hannah died in 1688. Not later than 1696, he returned to Boston. Three of the four sons born at Hatfield also went to Boston. One son, John, born 7 June 1672, did not -- *as far as is known*.

All that is known of this John Belknap is the date of his birth -- and the fact that he is not named in his father's will in 1710. I have assumed that this means that he, ~~he~~ and ~~his~~ son Nathaniel by Joseph's first wife, who also was not named in the will, had died before 1710 leaving no heirs.

I can add that there are no legal documents bearing this John's name -- deeds, will, intestate proceedings -- on file at Northampton. This, however, is not conclusive, for there is the same lack of such records for almost all Belknaps who are known to have been in that county in the 1600's and 1700's. There is even no such record for Joseph, though he was at Hatfield for at least 20 years. (He appears once in Connecticut probate records as having verified the boundaries of some Hatfield land involved in settlement of a Connecticut will.) So the absence of legal record does not bar me from considering the possibility that the John Belknap born in 1672 lived long enough to have been the father of a Mary who married Ebenezer Kentfield. If Doolittle was correct in saying she was 88 at death in 1781, she was born 1693 -- when this John Belknap would have been 21.

Though this is only a mere guess, it represents a considerable advance in our knowledge of possibilities. For the first time, we can name a Belknap who might have been the father of that Mary -- and we can say that perhaps he

was the only one who could have been her father. (I rule out the father Joseph on grounds of age in 1693 -- and the other three Hatfield sons on their known locations at that time or their youth in 1693.)

The obvious next step is to search for evidence that (1) this John Belknap lived till 1693, and (2) that he married. The search may be difficult, for that part of Massachusetts was frontier country then. But I may have missed something in the local histories of Hatfield and Hadley -- and I've never really searched for a Northampton local history -- if there is one. And Henry W Belknap of Salem, who built the known record of the family of Joseph, ~~did not~~ investigate VR for Northampton and other towns in that area, as far as his notes indicate.

As I assume you are a member of NEHGS, I'm hoping that you'll tackle this search -- which I can't undertake at this moment.

Meanwhile, I'm sending a copy of this letter to the man who has provided most of my information about the Belchertown families: George S Maye P O Box 2, Fair Oaks, California, 95628. Maybe he'll put me still more deeply in debt to him, by looking into this possible solution of a problem that has interested him in past years.

Cordially,

P S: I'm enclosing a sheet on which I've set down a couple of questions on which you may be able to help me.

**SOME QUESTIONS I HOPE YOU CAN ANSWER**

- (1) Can you give me the maiden family name of the Sarah --- who was wife of the second William Kentfield and mother of Rufus?
- (2) Can you give me the names and birth dates of the children of Rufus Kentfield and Mary Belknap, who were married in 1773 at Belshertown? My list is not complete.
- (3) Your certainty that Mary Belknap daughter of Joseph Belknap and Abigail Buttolph could not be Doolittle's Mary seems to suggest that you may have fuller information on her than I do. Can you tell me what you have on her?

Box 97

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20 June 1974

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Dear Mr. Belknap:

I saw your notice in the Register of Oct., 1971. According to Mark Doolittle's Historical Sketch of the Congregational Church in Belchertown, Mass. (Northampton, Mass., 1852, p. 140), "Mary (Belknap), widow Kentfield," was admitted to the Church in Belchertown in 1779 and died in 1781, aged 88 years. She was the widow of Ebenezer Kentfield who "died in the army, near Lake George, in the French War, in 1756." He was apparently a son of William Kentfield, an English soldier stationed at Albany, New York, about 1695 who died in Northampton, Mass., in 1707 (see Soc. of Colonial Wars, #4138, Milo Frederick McAlpin).

This Mary (Belknap) Kentfield was not the Mary Belknap, daughter of Joseph and Abigail, born in Boston, 15 Oct. 1694. Assuming that Rev. Doolittle was correct, and that her maiden name was Belknap, I wonder whether you can tell me who she was.

Ebenezer and Mary Kentfield had several sons, one of whom apparently was that Ebenezer Kentfield who was living in Orland, Maine, in 1790. His daughter Rebecca Kentfield was born in Belchertown, 23 Mar. 1781, m. in Eddington, Me., 28 Dec. 1803 Nathan Phillips, and d. in Dedham, Me., 19 Dec. 1867. I am descended from their son Jason Phillips (1815-1876) of Burry, Me.

I have records on the Kentfields and extensive ones on the descendants of Nathan and Rebecca Phillips. I will be glad to send copies if it turns out they are Belknap descendants.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew B.W. MacEwen

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