

P. O. Box 2
Fair Oaks, Calif.

April 5, 1969

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

Sir:

I understand that you are a descendant of Jonas N. and Esther Parker Belknap. (Jonas born 1759 and Esther born January 30, 1761 at Bolton, Conn.) I am a descendant of Elijah Parker Jr., Esther's brother.

Do you have any information on these Parkers who are related to the Belknap's by reason of this marriage ? I would appreciate anything you might tell me about them.

Thank you,

Very truly yours,

George S. May

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George S. May". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "George S. May".

GEORGE S. MAY
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AUG 20 1969

Mr. Belknap:

I was most delighted to receive your letter of August 9, 1969. I was also glad to see that you have recovered sufficiently from your illness to undertake the writing of such a complex and lengthy letter.

The name of the person who supplied me with the data on Elijah Parker Sr's children is:

Miss Louise H. Dameron

1874 Floyd St.

Sarasota, Florida 33579

She is a very kindly person, generous almost to a fault - and I am sure would be delighted to hear from you. I am including a revised (by me) list of these people and append the sources which I have gotten from Miss Dameron. As it is my considered opinion that those references to births at Waterbury were in error I have dropped them. Miss Dameron is and has been for quite a time working on the line of James Parker (son of Elijah Sr) you asked about the date of death of Martha (Stiles) Parker. I do not have it. The Stiles Family genealogy gives "about 1782" but it would seem she died several years prior to this but proof is lacking.

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I would like to comment on the story about "Elijah" Parker and Jermina Wilkinson. I have studied Turners "History of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase" rather carefully. I have also read several other books about the history and people of this area. I believe that Thomas Morris was mistaken in implying that this man's true name was Elijah Parker. He was known as the "prophet Elijah" but was, I believe, in reality James Parker, born in Rhode Island in 1743, the son of George and Catherine (Cole) Parker. I think that if you could check Stafford Cleveland's "History and Directory of Yates Co," pub. 1893, you would agree.

Here are some details which may or may not interest you. The 1810 census of Honeyoe (later Richmond) Ontario Co. has:

	Age group →	to 10	to 16	to 26	to 45	over 45
Sally Belknap	-----	2				1
Abijah Wright	-----					1
Elijah Belknap	-----	1				1
Elisha Belknap	-----					1

Blue figures are no. of males in that age group and red females. Sally was evidently a young widow. Was this the wife of Samuel? If so, Abijah Wright it would seem would be Abijah Jr. their cousin or possibly no relation at all. Where was Abijah Wright Sr. living when he was appointed

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administrator of the estate of Samuel Belknap? I have never been able to establish the whereabouts of Abijah Sr. In 1840 there is an Abijah Wright, age 77, at Richmond but I have never been able to pinpoint him as Roxanna's husband.

From "Early settlers of New York State"
Vols 5 & 6 June & Aug 1939
First Presbyterian Church, War~~cester~~ ^{Warren}, Otsego Co., N.Y.
Admitted to Church. yr.
1798

Parker, Elijah & wife

Parker, Elijah Jr & wife 1798

Belknap, Jonas & wife 1798

This has been a nettlesome bit of information. Why would Elijah Jr and Jonas return to Warcester at this time. Both were at Pittstown (later called Honeyse), Ontario County in April 1796 (as well as Stiles Parker) as attested by both Conover's and Mulliken's "History's of Ontario County". And they are both in the 1800 census of Ontario County. It doesn't seem likely that this church record is about different people.

Elijah Parker Jr removed to Cohocton, Steuben County prior to 1810 and he died there in March of 1813. This left his wife, Mehitable Parker, then age 36 with several young children, the youngest only 3.

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She remarried in April 1820 at Naples.

Parkers in America, in the section devoted to the descendants of Elijah Sr, which information was, incidentally, provided by two descendants of Stiles Parker, shows Elijah Jr having twelve children. Although there is much I don't know about Elijah Jr's family, what I have found leads me to believe that the information in P. of A. is basically accurate.

I have a copy of a document signed by Jonas Belknap dated Oct. 11, 1819, Ontario County - no town given. (It is part of Stiles Parker's pension application. Stiles, Elijah and Jonas all served in the same army group for some time in the Revolution) I understand that Jonas was in Kentucky by 1820. This late date above surprised me. Your information on Jonas Belknap selling 20 acres at Gorham which he never bought is most interesting. This could be a most valuable find.

I have as yet no really conclusive evidence that Elijah Parker Sr lived in New York. The 1790 census of Canajoharie could fit his family at that time - it shows 1 - 2 - 1. The children shown could be James and Belknap as they would both be under 16 yrs of age at that time. The same census for Elijah Jr also could fit (also 1-2-1) as he too probably had two sons at this time. Canajoharie in 1790 included

Ch. Elijah and Martha (Stiles) Parker

1. Marcha b Coventry Oct 19, 1753 Cov. V.R. pg 210
2. Roxana b " May 9, 1755 " " D 88
3. Jerusha b " April 23, 1757 " " D 88
4. Tabitha b (Coventry 1759?)
5. Eunice bap Bolton Apr. 12, 1761 Vol 1 pg 115 Church records of Bolton
6. Esther b Bolton Jan 30, 1761 Bolton V.R. Vol 1 pg 258
7. Elijah b " Dec 17, 1762 " "
8. Stiles b " Jan 2, 1765 D. of Patriots Index 1966
9. Abigail b (1768?) ⓓ See below.

Ch. Elijah and — (Belknap) Parker

10. James b (?) June 3, 1779 d Sept 27, 1834
James was a Methodist-Episcopal clergyman and the dates of his birth and death were procured from his obituary in a magazine published in 1834. I believe it was the "Christian Herald".
11. Belknap b (?) no data (probably born before June?)

ⓓ The pension application of Abigail Newton, dated Dec. 13, 1850 contains the statement, by her, that she was 82 years old by that date.

what later was known as Cherry Valley, Decatur and Worcester. There is evidence that John and Abigail (Parker) Newton and Elijah and Martha (Parker) Howe were also in this area in 1790 or shortly thereafter. And of course Jonas Belknap was there and Stiles Parker was married at Decatur in 1792. There was also an Abijah Wright at Worcester in 1796.

Anyhow - I enjoy this type of puzzle. I am having a great time trying to run down the history of these and many other people who were my ancestors.

Did Della Belknap send you her list on the descendants of Jonas. It seems to be different than that shown in P. of A. I would be interested in having your list of Jonas' children with dates etc. I have a list also (dates not complete) of the children of an Orin Belknap to Ontario County 1815 who is supposed to be a descendant of Jonas. Orin died in Calif in 1902. You are most welcome to this or any other information which I have.

Thank you again for your very nice letter.

Sincerely
George May

GEORGE S. MAY
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AUG 2 1969

Mr Carroll Belknap
25 Club Road
Riverside Conn.

Mr Belknap:

I wrote you some time ago and enclosed some information on Parker relations of the wife of Jonas W. Belknap. This information was given me by a person who did the research in Connecticut, but recently I checked out some of this data and find that there is an apparent error in the birth date of Abigail Parker. Do you have the correct date of her birth?

also do you have any information on who the second wife of Elijah Parker Sr. was? Parker in America contains the information that he married a Miss Belknap. Some think this may in fact have been Jonas' mother, Mary (Newton) Belknap. Recently I received this bit of data (taken from a newspaper of Gorham, N.Y. published in 1814) "Mrs Elijah Parker (Mary) died at Gorham, age 76, January 11, 1814". Could this be the wife of Elijah Sr?

Sincerely, George May

b.
1737

1814
1737

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G.S. May

Elijah Parker b Nov. 30, 1730 d _____ married
in 1752 Martha Stiles b April 9, 1731 d _____
1. Martha b Oct 19, 1753 d _____ (b Coventry, Conn)
m 1773 Elijah Howe

2. Roxana b May 9, 1755 d _____ (b Coventry, Conn)
m Abijah Wright

3. Jerusha b April 23, 1757 d 1813 (b Coventry)
m Oct 23, 1780 Moses Hannum II

4. Tabitha b 1759 d _____ (b Coventry)
m John Brown

? 5. Eunice bapt. April 12, 1761 d _____ (bapt Bolton, Conn)
Prob. died young.

6. Esther b January 30, 1761 d _____ (b Bolton)
m Jonas Newton Belknap b 1759 d Feb 16, 1824

7. Elijah Jr. b Dec. 17, 1762 d _____ (b Bolton)
m 1. ?
m 2. ?

8. Abigail b June 25, 1763 d _____ (b Waterbury, Conn)
m John Newton

? 9. (Jonathan) Stiles b January 2, 1765 d Sept. 16, 1847 (b Bolton)
m 1792 Dimmis Kaple b 1772 d 1847

Elijah Sr. had by 2nd wife a Miss Belknap

1. Belknap modata
2. James b June 3, 1779 d Sept 27, 1834
m 1. ?
m 2 July 2, 1815 Sarah Griffey

~~Jan~~ Parker + Belchertown

1779 Roxana joined church

1770 Elijah Sr ✓ -

1781 ✓ - with a letter from Belchertown

1779-83-85-86 E A active in Belchertown

Hatch's Minute Men in existence. 6 Aug 76 to 1 Jan 81

Homage spelling + pronunciation

1790 - Elijah Parker 1 - 2 - 1

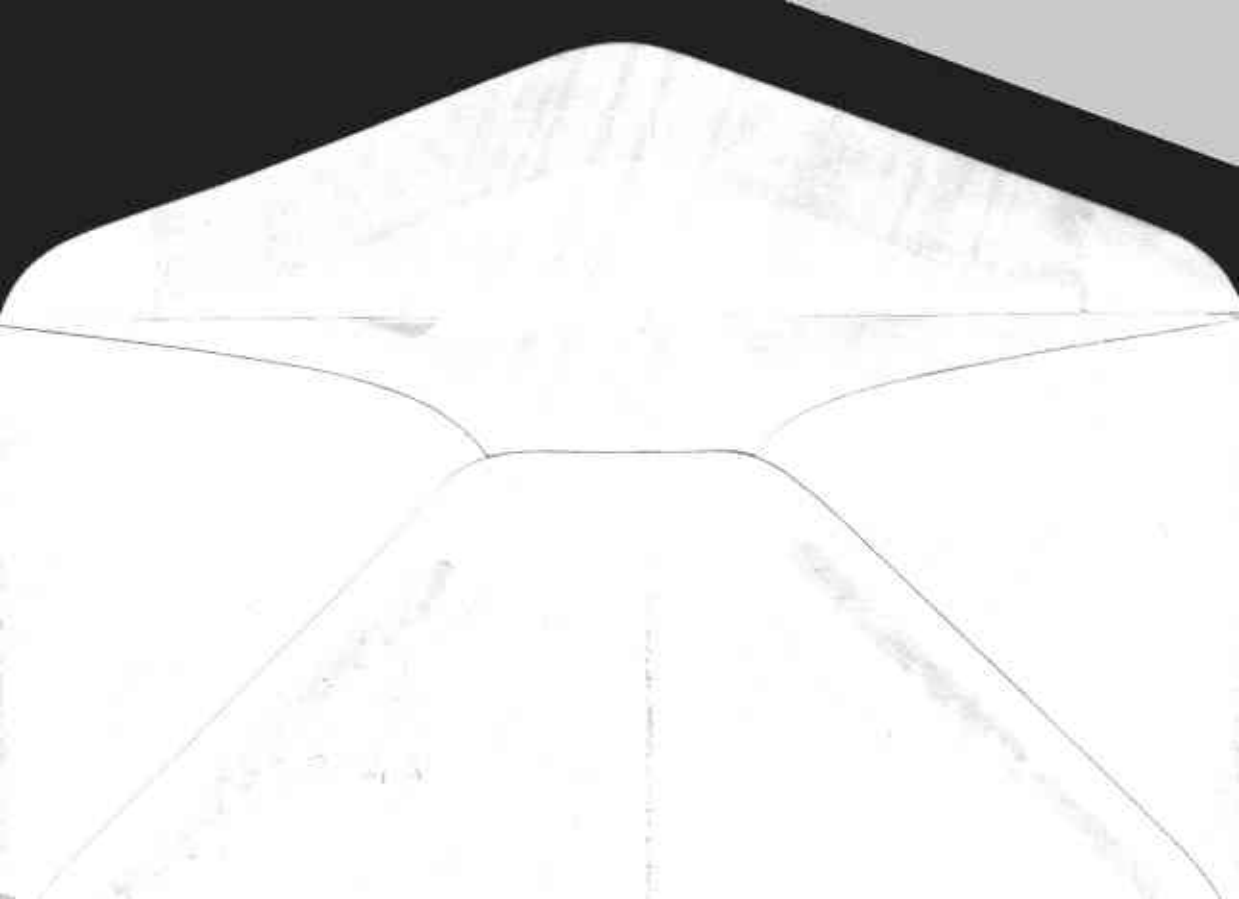
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Elijah J
Stiles
enlisted 6 Apr 1781



GEORGE S. MAY
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Sept 10 1969

Mr. George S May
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Dear Mr May:

I'm engaged now in tackling a task deferred by my illness -- providing proof of the parentage of Elisha Belknap, son of Jonas Newton Belknap-- for a young cousin whose application for D A R membership has been turned down.

The proof is essentially geographic -- resting on establishing that Jonas was in certain places at certain times.

So may I ask you to send me a copy of something mentioned in your letter of Aug 20 -- "a document signed by Jonas Belknap dated Oct 11 1819, Ontario County -- part of Stiles Parker's pension application." This document gives the latest known date for his presence in that county.

Also you say: "Stiles, Elijah (Parker -- "jr"?) and Jonas all served in the same army group for some time in the Revolution." Can you give me the detail on this, including sources? Close association of Jonas and the Parkers is a part of the evidence I am putting together. (My best source for the military record of Jonas is Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, which indicates that he lied about his age when enlisting, giving it as 22 when he was only 16. Did Stiles and Elijah Parker do this, too? Both of them were younger than Jonas.)

Young Carol Anne Belknap, of Des Moines, will be grateful for your aid -- and so will I.

Cordially,

Carol

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IDENTIFICATION OF VETERAN

1. NAME OF VETERAN (Last name, first, middle) *PARKER, Stiles* 2. NAME OF STATE FROM WHICH HE SERVED *Mass.*

3. WAR IN WHICH OR DATES BETWEEN WHICH HE SERVED *Rev.* 4. BRANCH IN WHICH HE SERVED
☒ INFANTRY ☐ CAVALRY ☐ ARTILLERY
☐ OTHER (Specify)

5. UNIT IN WHICH HE SERVED (Name of regiment or number, company, etc.) *Capt Luke Day's Co.* 6. KIND OF SERVICE (check) ☒ VOLUNTEER ☐ REGULAR ☐ CONFEDERATE
Col. John Brooks 7th Reg

8. CHECK RECORD DESIRED
☒ PENSION ☐ BOUNTY/LAND ☐ MILITARY

9. VETERAN'S PLACE OF BIRTH *Bolton, Conn* 10. DATE OF BIRTH *Jan. 2, 1765*

NOTE - If you checked "Confederate" in item 7, you need NOT fill in items 11-16.

11. VETERAN'S PLACE OF DEATH *Galena, Ohio* 12. DATE OF DEATH *Sept. 16, 1847*

13. FILE NUMBER OF PENSION OR BOUNTY LAND RECORD *S 40245 (Rev)* 14. NAME OF WIDOW OR OTHER CLAIMANT

15. PLACE(S) WHERE VETERAN LIVED AFTER SERVICE
*Belchertown, Mass, Otsego and Ontario Cos, N.Y.,
Kentucky and Delaware Co., Ohio*

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C. Y. BELKNAP

25 CLUB ROAD

RIVERSIDE CONNECTICUT 06878

Sept 29 1969

Mr George S May
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Dear Mr May:

You seem to know more about the Belchertown records than anyone else I've encountered. So maybe you can help me on a puzzle that has not yet been solved. All my information is second-hand -- what other people have reported from reading Doolittle's Sketches and from Belchertown church records.

Question: Who was "Mary (Belknap) Kentfield"?

DATA: Doolittle's No. 184, as reported to me by librarian, Belchertown:
"Mary (Belknap) Kentfield, joined church in 1779" (Is this correct?)

Another citation of Doolittle, in letter to Henry Wyckoff Belknap, 1916:
"Mary (Belknap) widow Kentfield died 1781 aged 88."

One amateur genealogist said, some years ago, that this Mary was sister of Jonas Newton Belknap. I find no evidence supporting this attribution.

Henry Wyckoff Belknap, in 1916, thought she might be Jonas's widowed grandmother Mary Dickinson, born 1703 -- and that aged "88" might have been error for 78. (This Mary's husband died about 1757, when she was 54. I find no record of her after his death.)

If 88 (or 78) in 1781, she could not have been sister of Jonas Newton Belknap.

So far as I yet know, there was no other "Mary Belknap" of record at that time in any part of Murrayfield Plantation -- which included settlements of Belchertown, Granby, Chester.

I hope you can help me on this one.

Sincerely,

George S May from Carroll Y. Belknap

Sept 30, 1969

Your kind letter dated 24th. Kind of you to take so much trouble. I'm grateful. Must try to answer points you brought up.

- (1) I recall some early marriages, Belknap-Warren. Of any interest to you? They were in Massachusetts, I think.
- (2) Elijah Belknap at Ossian, Allegany County, 1807. Not important enough to justify me in asking you to make a special effort to search for this bit of data.
- (3) Elijah Belknap who married Thankful ----- . Spelling of name of only child shown in my records was "Herse." LDS records are often erratic on spelling of names. There is some indication that this family went on from Peru, Mass., to Rensselaer, N Y. That's all I have on it. (Except that its origin was in Woodstock, Conn.)
- (4) Turner's history. I'll try to get hold of a copy of it.
- (5) Thanks for name of County Historian, Ontario County. I'll write to him today, for some needed information he may be able to get for me, from early Probate Records.
- (6) Jonas Newton Belknap's leave from army, in 1783: Here you caught me saying something I should not have said in a letter that aimed at stating only documented facts. "To visit his mother" ~~is~~ merely is family tradition. Army record does not contain that phrase.
- (7) Establishment of church in Pittstown: I'll ask Mr. Maffin about church records. Up to now, no luck in searching for them.

Thanks.

SEP 24 1969

Mr Belknap:

It is awalys a pleasure to receive your very interesting letters such as the one of September 19, 1969. You have quite a chore in trying to write a Belknap genealogy. I cannot do much more than to offer you encouragement on that project. My own interest is much more mundane - simply trying to unfold some of the unknown factors in my own ancestral heritage. Besides Parkers in Ontario County, I am also interested in Warrens, of which Nehemiah, who had ten children, live d in Naples prior to 1830, Gorham before that and in Oneida County before that. I am also descended from the Carriers who came to Naples from Connecticut in or prior to 1814. Then there are the multitude of related people later in Wisconsin and the hosts earlier in Mass. My mode of operation has to be to learn as many names, places and dates as I can. The more I learn the more information I potentially can glean from reading the various sources. Sometimes my memory is faulty, not only because it is by nature faulty, but because of the hundreds of items stored away, I do not segregate them properly. I hope you will forgive my inaccuracies when, in relying on my recollection, I misspell a word like Honeoye or attach a "sr." when factually it should not be there. 7

Yes, there were a large number of Parkers in Ontario Co. in its early days. A few of these I have been able to identify, other~~s~~ I believe I know who they were but there are still many I know not. Nothing I have ever found either explicitly or by implication has anything to do with any of the Elijah or Stiles Parker or Jonas Belknap kin. I might add here that I have been able to identify the few other Elijah Parkers whose names I have found in connection with western New York prior to 1850. There of course may be others I have not come upon yet. I refer here to Elijah Parkers who ~~were~~ unrelated to this family.

About the Elijah Belknap at Ossian in about 1807. My maps show ~~this~~ town, a tiny one, about 7 miles S.W. of Dansville, Livingston County. It was apparently involved in one of the later border changes. This is close enough to Honeoye (perhaps 35 miles?) for a newly married, spirited, pioneering young man to have given it a try and then to have gone to Honeoye by 1810. I do not have the exact statement from Turner - but it was brief. Or could this Elijah at Ossian be the one who was at Peru, Berkshire County, Mass. in 1797. - Elijah Belknap b. June 11, 1770, son of John and Elizabeth Belknap, married Thankful-- who was b. about 1772 at Peru. They had at least one child, Horse Belknap b. Feb. 11, 1797 at Peru. (My notes say "Horse" that probably should be Horace or Horst or something like that). This is from the Della Belknap LDS files. Turner's book is very hard to come by. I'll try to get the ~~this~~ exact quote on Elijah B. if you wish. It occurs in the section on Allegany County, pps 557 to 561.

It is indeed unfortunate that you cannot study this book. It is, I would think, the single most valuable piece of historical information available about this "Genesee Country". It was published in 1852 and Mr Turner compiled much of his information when many of these "old timers" were still alive. He was also born there, I forget just where, and his writing is colored by his own experiences as a

youth in the later days of the frontier period. About this oft quoted passage from Turner beginning "as early as 1796-7-----" Although this is a glaring error to us, it would seem that this could be to your advantage. Obviously whom he meant was Jonas Belknap, who was of the proper generation and further, other history books so identify him. Which Jonas? Why the one who knew Elijah and Stiles, Col. John Green and John Garlinghouse, the one who did go to Kentucky. It is not likely that even if two Jonas Belknaps existed that the second one would have also been as close to these people as was J. N. B. Could it not be said that it was only because Turner knew that Elisha was the son of this Jonas that he made such a slip of the pen. Incidentally there was a John Green listed in the 1800 census at Pittstown. In my next trip to San Francisco, probably within the next two weeks, I'll see if I can get Conover's "History of Ontario County" and photocopy the page for you about the town meeting in 1796 at Richmond. I will also look into the 1800 census of Pittstown and other places. In the meantime here is what my notes show on "Millikens" list of the people who attended this meeting. Richmond town meeting, April 5, 1796. Officers chosen: town clerk, Gideon Pitts - constable and collector, Jonas Belknap - fence viewers, Gideon Pitts, Elijah Parker, Stiles Parker - commissioner of schools, Jonas Belknap. (this is not complete, only what I wrote down. It is slightly different than Conover's list)

I had assumed all along that your correspondent in Ontario County was Mr Clyde Maffin, the County historian. Have you ever written him? He has been most kind in sending me quite a bit of miscellaneous data - mostly on Warrens about which I mainly have queried him. His address: 187 Bristol Street, Canandaigua, New York 14424

Regarding Elijah Parker at Canajoharie or more likely Cherry Valley in 1790. I too believe that this is Elijah from Belchertown but I would be hard pressed to prove it. Whereas Jonas Belknap is a unique name, there were not many by that name, Elijah Parker is a more common name - there were several of these who lived at this same time in history. To me it is purely academic, it doesn't make any real difference for my purpose whether this is Elijah from Belchertown or not, but to others it does. It could shed possible light on the place of Elijah Sr's second marriage for instance. The statement by Mr Brownell which I quoted in my last letter would place him, if this be the same Elijah, for a time at least during the Revolution in New York. This Mr Brownell I am told is a reputable genealogist. I therefore give much credence to this statement. It is thought that Elijah would have had to remarry by at least 1778 if James was the eldest of his second family but more likely as early as 1776 as it seems that Belknap was the older. This would therefore be in the range of the period of the supposed service with Hatch's group and it could lead to the supposition that this second marriage took place in New York. Regarding the possible connection with Mary Newton Belknap as a second spouse, it is interesting to note that in Doolittles Sketches it is stated that she remove from Belchertown after the death of her husband in 1775. Yet in one of your letters you stated that Jonas got a leave, I believe it was 1783, "to visit his mother" and at this time he married Esther Parker at Belchertown. *Elijah too had removed "after" 1770 and was back by at least 1781.*

I might add that I do not place much significance to the record which shows Elijah Sr and Elijah Jr and Jonas Belknap joining the church at Worcester in 1798. When you included in one of your

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letters the statement that this did not necessarily mean that they resided there, (or something to that effect) , it recalled to my mind that the churches in the Richmond - Bristol area were probably not constructed until after 1800. As these people were very religious, they would very likely join an established church. This could have been done through Elijah Sr or Abijah Wright.

*there is some
information
in one of the
history books
about the
forming of
churches in
Pittstown &
Bristol in
1803 or
2 recall.*

That's all for now.

sincerely,

George M.

Contains corrections

Aug 29 1969

Mr George S May
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Dear Mr May:

My great thanks for your helpful letter of Aug 20. I'm adopting the date you show for the birth of Esther Parker -- 30 Jan 1761 -- for it seems to be well supported and I've long distrusted the date of 1766 given by other sources.

Please send me what you have on Orin and his descendants. I've not been content with what I have on this last son of Jonas Newton Belknap.

In this letter, I'm going to try to deal with the puzzle of "the two Jonas Belknaps" in Ontario County N Y -- which you mention in your letter. As you'll see, there will be questions left open, despite my effort. And one of my conclusions will rest on judgment, so I'll have to trouble you with a lot of detail, in order to ask for your opinion.

First, some known facts:

(1) Census of 1800 shows a Jonas Belknap at Charleston (now Lima) and a Jonas Belknap at Pittstown (Honesoye). Which of them was Jonas Newton Belknap?

-- Middle name, Newton, seems to have been preserved only in the papers of my own branch of the family: descendants of Jesse, son of Jonas N B. All contemporary records that I have seen, and many later ones, show only "Jonas" -- hence some of the difficulties we encounter.

(2) Census of 1810 shows only one Jonas -- a Jonas Belknap at Bristol. Was this the Charleston Jonas or the Pittstown one?

(3) Index of Deeds shows: 5 January 1810 -- \$400 -- Jonas Belknap of Town of Bristol sold to Jana and Daniel Taylor -- 100 acres. Again, which Jonas?

(4) Same index: 6 Sept 1919 -- \$450 -- Jonas Belknap of Gorham -- sold to Jane Moore -- 20 acres -- "township #10 in the second range of townships in Ontario County, part of lot #11." (Location not yet identified. CYB) Which Jonas?

(5) Pension application at Phelps N Y, 1818, Jonas Belknap (plainly Jonas Newton B) gave address as Naples N Y and stated he then owned no property. (Necessary to say this, in order to qualify for pension. CYB)

-- Naples, in southern part of county, was in what is still known as "the Garlinghouse area." Three sons of Jonas N B married Garlinghouse girls, and one of his daughters married a Garlinghouse son. Jonas N B at 60 may have been living with Garlinghouses(?).

*My son
and
He is
Jonas N B
in Doolittle*

(6) History of Ontario County (Conover?), page 453, "Town of Richmond": April 5, 1796, election of officers: Constable and Collector, Jonas Belknap. He was also on Committee for Schools. Which Jonas?

-- This town [✓] was organized in 1796 as Pittstown -- changed name to Honeoye April 6, 1806 -- and to Richmond, April 11, 1815 -- now called Honeoye.

(7) Mrs Elijah Parker (Mary) -- died 11 Jan 1814 at Gorham, age 76. Was she -- as you suggest -- Mary Newton Belknap, widow of Samuel Belknap, Jonas N B's father?

-- The age checks for MNB. Only other information I have on her is that ^{after 1775} after Samuel Belknap's death ~~XXXXX~~ in 1775 she "removed" from the church at Belchertown.

(8) Index of Deaths, "Western Repository and Genessee Observer" -- July 4, 1815, Mrs Jonas Belknap (Rachel) -- aged 59 -- at Gorham. Who was she?

(9) Church record, Worcester N Y (near Cherry Valley) shows "Jonas Belknap and wife" joining First Presbyterian Church, 1798. Was this Jonas N B?

-- Jonas N B is known to have been in Cherry Valley 1792. Could hardly have been in Worcester or vicinity in 1798 if in Ontario County in 1796.

I think I can answer with fair certainty Numbers 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9. I'm not sure about 4. I have no answers for 7 and 8. My hope is that you may be able to take the solutions a step or so farther -- and that you'll correct any errors I make.

The main key is checking the census records, against names and ages of the members of the family of Jonas N B (a step started some months ago by another descendant of that family). So I'll begin by setting down some dates that you already know, for Jonas N B and his wife Esther Parker:

^{Windsor (Ellington)}
Jonas Newton Belknap -- born Enfield Conn 19 May 1759 -- baptized Belchertown Mass 12 April 1761 -- married Esther Parker 17 Jan 1783, Belchertown. Joined Belchertown church, with Esther, 30 July 1785.

Esther Parker -- born 30 Jan 1761, Bolton Conn.

Their children:

^{about 1807}
Samuel, born 1784 -- baptized 14 Aug 1785 (two weeks after his parents joined church) -- Married Sarah ~~about~~ before 1810 -- died before 19 April 1810 (date of letters of administration of his estate, to his wife Sarah and friend Abijah Wright.)

² Elijah, born 1785 -- baptized 14 Aug 1785, Belchertown -- married Catherine Garlinghouse 3 January ~~1800~~ 1806 -- died 1874 (?).

Jonas (Jr) born 1786 -- married Mary Ann (Polly) Garlinghouse 15 January 1813 -- died about 1851 (?).

~~James~~

Elisha, born 18 January 1789 -- married (1) Bettie Briggs about ¹⁸⁰⁷ 1808 and (2) Lucy Finch 1 July 1810 -- died 8 January 1839.

Jesse, born 26 January 1792 Cherry Valley N Y -- married Jane Garlinghouse 20 Feb 1812 -- died 19 Nov 1881.

Susannah (Susan, Susie) born 26 January 1792 -- married David Chatfield 15 Aug 1813 -- died 12 Oct 1856.

-- Only source known for birth in 1792 ~~xx~~ is family tradition of Parker ~~family~~ family, in Parker in America. A present-day descendant of Susannah says she married at 16 "so must have been born in 1797." Date of marriage is well supported. . . My reasons for accepting 1792 birthdate -- and not accepting "married at 16" -- are: (1) two widely separated descendants of Esther Parker's brother Stiles Parker, without possible collaboration, made same statement that Susannah was twin of Jesse; (2) Stiles Parker and Jonas N B were closely associated, as you know, for many years both before and after Jonas ~~M~~ married Esther; (3) the fact that Stiles Parker was in same areas as Jonas NB, including Ontario County; and (4) the list of children of Jonas N B and Esther, handed down in my branch of the family, places Susannah after Jesse and before child Esther, who is known to have been born in 1798. (Such lists, in my branch of the family, have always proved accurate on sequence of birth of children.)

Esther, born 1796⁸ -- married Gamaliel Garlinghouse, date not known -- died 1879, "aged 80".

Orin (Orrin) born 24 May 1799 -- married Mary Draper (1824?) -- died 1873 (7). *Anna*

Cynthia, birth ~~PI~~ date not known, but believed (by me) to be not earlier than second half of 1800. Married Isaac Newton. Date of death not known.

Listed before Orin by C O Parker; but after Orin in list preserved in my branch of the family. No other sources yet found, for date of birth. *Preserving C. O. Parker's records 14 Feb (high 60)*

Except as noted, ~~MISSING~~ ^{dates} above are believed to be accurate.

On the basis of dates shown above, the family of Jonas Newton Belknap in 1800 included:

MALES			FEMALES		
Under 10	Orin 1, Jesse 8	(2)	Esther 4, Susannah 8		(2)
10-15	Samuel 16, Elijah 15, Jonas 14, & Elisha 11	(4)	-----		(0)
16-25	-----	(0)	-----		(0)
26-45	Jonas, father 41	(1)	Esther, mother 39		(1)
Over 45	-----	(0)	-----		(0)

This is a precise ~~MISSING~~ match for the 1800 Census record of the Jonas at Charleston:

Belknap, Jonas (Charleston) 2 4 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0

The 18 1800 Census record for the Jonas at Pittstown (Honeoye) is quite different:

Belknap, Jonas (Pittstown) 3 0 1 1 0 1 3 0 1 0

There is less certainty in identifying the ~~XXXX~~ Jonas at Bristol in 1810. All that can be done is to judge which of two possibilities is more probable.

First, the Jonas at Pittstown in 1800. . . . If all members of his family had lived and if there had been no more births, its composition in 1810 would have been:

XXX 0 3 0 1 1 0 1 3 0 1

The 1810 Census shows:

Bellnap, Jonas (Bristol) 0 2 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1

To match these two sets of figures would require assuming:

- That one boy who would have been 10-15 in 1810 had died.
- That one son who would have been 26-45 had died or married.
- That one girl had been born after date of taking 1800 census.
- That all three daughters who would have been 16-25 in 1810 had died or married.

Next, the Jonas who was at Charleston in 1800 -- plainly Jonas Newton Bellnap:

By 1810 three of his sons -- Samuel, Elijah, Elisha -- were married and living in their own homes. Those who could have been in the household of Jonas N B in 1810 were:

	MALES		FEMALES
Under 10	----- (0)	Cynthia	(1)
10-15	Orin 11 (1)	Esther 14	(1)
16-25	Jesse 18, Jonas 24 (2)	Susannah 18	(1)
26-45	----- (0)	-----	(0)
Over 45	Jonas, father 51 (1)	Esther, mother 49	(1)

figures

To make a precise match with the census, ~~figures~~ for the Bristol ~~XX~~ Jonas --- 0 2 0 0 1 and 1 1 0 0 1 -- the following assumptions are required:

- That both the son Jonas, 24, and the daughter Susannah, 18, though not yet married, were not living with their parents.
- That the census taker erred in listing Jesse as 10-15, not ~~xx~~ as 16-25.

To me, it ~~seems~~ seems more reasonable to make these assumptions than to make the more complex assumptions required for matching the Jonas who had been at Pittstown in 1800. . . . Errors by census takers, on ages of children, were not uncommon in the early censuses; an error in listing Jesse by age would not be surprising. . . . If the Bristol Jonas in 1810 was Jonas N B, then the father of Susannah and young Jonas was in financial trouble and was raising money -- but only \$400 -- by selling land. So young Jonas, at 24, may well have been working, not at home, possibly by the trade he is known to have followed in some of his later years: shoemaking. And Susannah, ~~xx~~ at 18, may have been working for some other family.

All things considered, it seems at least reasonable to believe that the Jonas at Bristol in 1810 was Jonas Newton Bellnap.

If so, then the Jonas who sold 100 acres at Bristol was probably Jonas Newton Belknap.

Then, who was the Jonas at Pittstown (Honeoye) in 1800? All I can say is that he must have been the Jonas who was elected Constable and Collector in 1796 — and that mentions (in histories) of a Jonas in Ontario County as early as that year must mean the Pittstown Jonas, not Jonas Newton Belknap.

So there remains room for feeling that the "Jonas Belknap and wife" who joined the church at Worcester in 1798 were probably Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker — a conclusion greatly ~~strengthened~~ strengthened by the fact that some Parker relatives, known to have been in Ontario County later, did the same thing at Worcester in 1798, as you noted in your letter Aug 20. (It should be borne in mind that church affiliation for a farm family, in those times, does not necessarily imply residence in the church town.)

As to point No. 4 — the sale of 20 acres by "Jonas Belknap of Gorham" in 1819, all I can say ~~is~~ is that this might have been Jonas N B. . . There is no known record of how this land came into the owner's possession. If, as you suggest, the Mrs Elijah Parker who died in Gorham in 1814, was (a) widow of Jonas N B's father and (b) second wife of Elijah Parker, Sr — i. e., the otherwise unidentified "Miss Belknap" named in Parker in America as this second wife — then Jonas N B might have inherited the property from her, though I have seen no court record of such inheritance. . . . This is, as far as I know, the only mention of a Jonas Belknap "of Gorham". . . The year before, in applying for a pension, his address was Naples. . . However, in 1819 it would have been natural for Jonas N B to sell any property in Ontario ~~before~~ leaving for Kentucky, where he is known to have been in 1820. . . If by this time his wife Esther was dead, and if his sons had already gone to Kentucky (as seems to be true), Jonas N B in 1819 may have had no real home in Ontario County. . . All this is mere speculation, yet the main pertinent fact may be that no sure record of the "other Jonas" — Pittstown 1800 — has been found after 1800. It is likely that by 1819 the only Jonas Belknap in Ontario County was Jonas Newton B. Co.

I should add, I think, the Census records of other Ontario County Belknaps plainly or probably related to Jonas Newton B.

Two of them were probably his brothers:

1800 Belknap, Jonathan (Charleston)	2 00 1 0	XXXX 1 00 1 0
1810 Belknap, Seth (Honeoye)	0 0 1 0 1	0 0 0 1 0

sufficient

Lacking ~~any~~ information on birthdates of his brothers' children, I can only say (1) that the ages shown for Jonathan ~~in~~ in 1800 and for Seth in 1810 are right for those two brothers of Jonas N B, and (2) I know of no others of those names and ages ~~who~~ who could have been in Ontario County in those ~~years~~ years.

The other Belknaps at Honeoye in 1810 were plainly his children:

Elijah	1 0 1 0 0	1 0 1 0 0
Elisha	1 0 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 0
Sally	0 0 0 0 0	2 0 1 0 0

"Sally" is obviously the Sarah Belknap who was Samuel's widow — as said earlier.

Now I'll ask for help. In your records of the Parker family, do you have anything on the date and place of the death of Esther Parker Belknap. . . Most commonly, her death is shown as 1817 or 1817/18, without supporting detail and without place. I'll welcome aid.

For your information, I suppose I'd better add what is known of the last years of Jonas Newton Belknap.

When he made a second application for a pension (a bigger one now being available) in Hardin County Kentucky 12 Dec 1820, he gave his occupation as "coopering" and said "My family consists of my wife Tamar aged fifty four years and one daughter Diantha aged nine years." This second wife has been identified as Tamar Vinton, widow of Asa Newton. Jonas could have known her as a child in Belchertown Mass. The date of this second marriage is not known; so there is no certainty that Jonas was Diantha's father. Note that he said "one daughter" not "my daughter." If she was his daughter, marriage to Tamar would have been not later than 1810, which would date Esther Parker's death as probably before the end of 1810. . . . I think it more likely that Diantha was offspring of Tamar's first marriage. . . . You may find Diantha shown as daughter of Esther Parker, as result of error by one genealogist.

Index to Pensioners living in Kentucky shows Jonas Belknap (obviously Jonas N B) having his pension transferred from N Y to Kentucky 4 March 1820 -- and dates his death as ~~in~~ on 16 Feb 1824 in Hart County. One genealogist says his executor was Isaac Newton (Cynthia's husband) and that ~~HE~~ Isaac Newton cashed Jonas' last pension check. I think this is probably correct.

I'll welcome your comments.

Cordially,

Carroll Y Belknap

Sept 22 19 1969

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Dear Mr May:

My thanks for your letter of Sept 13. I'm lucky when I find people like you. But before I start replying, I should explain what I am doing and the limits of my knowledge.

I'm attempting to compile -- and that's the precise word -- a Belknap genealogy beginning in 1300 and extending to the present day. To do this, I've assembled in my study all known major collections of family history and genealogy -- often differing drastically on dates, names, locations, etc. One task, thus, is to try to decide who is right and who is wrong in the 8000 or 9000 pages of records that I'm working with. Another part of the job is to extend lines of descent to present generations, by correspondence. All this leaves me little time for personal research. What new information I get has come to me, almost wholly, from people like you. For example, my information about the years in Ontario County, N Y, comes mainly from one person -- Miss Gladys Gray of Geneva N Y -- a talented and scrupulous researcher.

With perhaps 4,000 Belknap names in my files, I can't often concentrate on any one line. The exception, for a number of reasons, is the tracing of the history of my great-great-grandfather, Jonas Newton Belknap -- partly in irritation over the many errors that have been made in his case. This exception has led me into exploration of the relationships with the Parkers and the Garlinghouses. So I have some partial information -- far from complete -- about those two families.

Now for some of the questions you have asked.

- (1) Orin Belknap -- the one who married Nancy Starr. He was son of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ one of the sons of Jonas Newton Belknap -- Jonas, who married Mary Ann (Polly) Garlinghouse. . . After leaving Ontario County about 1815 or 1816 (date uncertain), four sons of Jonas N B went to Kentucky (Hardin and Hart counties) -- and then, sometime in the 1820s, to Licking County, Ohio. A fifth son, Elisha arrived in that county in 1820, by way of upper northwest NY state. In the late 1830s, three of the sons and their families -- Elijah, Jonas, Jesse -- went on to southeastern Iowa (Van Buren and Wapello counties). In 1845 and 1848, Jesse led a tribe of Belknaps and their relatives -- including the Starrs -- on to the Willamette Valley in Oregon, where they settled in what was called Belknap Settlement. Orin (son of Jesse's brother Jonas) was one of this tribe. Orin's father, Jonas, followed a bit later.
- (2) Identification of Elijah Parker, father of Esther -- in New York State. . . In your citation of 1790 Census, Canajoharie, you show him as "Elijah Parker, Sr." Miss Gray, citing same record, shows him merely as "Elijah Parker." Both of you show an Elijah Parker, Jr. The fact that these two names and that of Abel Belknap (uncle of Jonas N B) appear in sequence indicates, of course, that their residences were contiguous -- which can be taken to mean that they arrived there at the same time.

It seems to me that these two Parkers must have been Elijah Sr and his son Elijah. I would distrust any secondary sources which cast doubt on this. The known close relationship between these Parkers and the family of Jonas N B is often my chief reliance in weighing conflicting statements. And I have learned to distrust deeply the statements made in local ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ histories written years later — except when they ~~plainly~~ plainly indicate original sources rather than hearsay or tradition. My main difficulty in working with the records of the Salt Lake Genealogical Society is the great degree to which they rely on local histories and early Vital Records which (in Massachusetts at least) were not entered annually but were "written up" at intervals ~~and~~ of some years — hence are distrusted by professional genealogists (with exception of the limited number of V R's that have been edited and issued by New England Historic Genealogical Society).

An example of the unreliability of local histories is a bit that I misquoted in my letter to you Aug 9 — bottom of page 2. I repeated a passage from the History of the Pioneer Settlement of Phelps and Gorham Purchase, as sent to me by Miss Gray/. But in copying it, my fingers undertook to correct what I knew was an error, and wrote "Elijah" when the book said "Elisha." The ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ quotation should have read:

p. 205 — "As early as 1796 or 1797 Elijah and Stiles Parker, ~~ELIJAH~~ Elisha Belknap . . . became residents of the town. The first four named emigrated many years since to Kentucky."

My fingers typed "Elijah" because I knew that it was Elijah, not Elisha, who went to Kentucky. At the time I wrote it, I was interested only in the general agreement with Parker in America. I didn't pause to comment that in 1796/7 Elisha ~~was~~ (Elijah, too) was a mere child some twenty years younger than those two Parkers. There was no known Elisha (nor Elijah) who could have been of the same generation as Stiles and Elijah Parker and in Ontario County at the time. This is an instance of mere hearsay, not real evidence, and a typical case of "confusion of generations."

(3) While I'm admitting an error in typing, may I venture to tell you that the spelling ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of the name of the town and lake is not "Honeyoe" as in your letters, but Honeoye — pronounced "Honey -- oy." I spent much time in that area, during my years in business.

(4) I wish I could help you on tracing the location of Elijah Parker (Sr) after Canajoharie. All I know is that no sure trace of him has come to me, from Ontario County. . . And, like you, I'm puzzled by the fact that Stiles does not appear in the census till 1810. However, in this instance it may be that we should remember that these New England pioneers were often both farmers and craftsmen. When they had no land, they worked at a trade. It could be that Stiles was thus employed in 1800 and till he had accumulated money to buy land.

(5) Parkers in Ontario County — As you must know, there were a number of them in 1800 census, with Elijah jr the only one I can identify — and many more in 1810, so many that they could not possibly have all been members of same family.

(6) Your ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ shrewd suggestion that Jonas N B might have married (2nd) a Rachel ----. Could be, if Esther Parker Belknap died before ~~1811~~ July 1815. There is one faint clue that can be followed, on this possibility. I've asked Miss Gray to see if it can be traced. If she finds anything, I'll tell you.

(7) Will of Samuel and Mary (Phelps) Stiles. I may be able to help on this, I

have made a note to look for it at our local library, which has a set of early Connecticut Probate Records.

- (8) Last paragraph of your letter Sep 13 -- mention of an Elijah Belknap at Ossian, Allegany County, about 1807, in Turner, History of Phelps and Gorham Purchase. I don't have this book, nor easy access to it. I know it only from excerpts sent to me by Miss Gray. Do you happen to have the exact wording of the passage? I know of no Elijah Belknap who could have been there at that date, unless we assume that Jonas N B's son Elijah, 22 years old in 1807, went first to that area, south of Ontario County (and newly formed as a county in 1806 if my memory is correct) before settling at Honeoye in or before 1810. . . . So I question the date 1807. Could it have been 1817? If 1817, that would be a natural place to find him -- on his way to Kentucky, where he was in 1820. The natural and easiest route from Ontario County to Kentucky would lie through Allegany County. . . . Can't find Ossian on maps I possess. Do you know where it was?
- (9) Now, finally, my most urgent problem. I can't just dismiss from my mind the Jonas Belknap shown at Honeoye in 1800 Census -- nor the mention of the election of a Jonas Belknap as Constable and Collector of Town of Richmond in 1796. To prove to the D A R that Carol Anne's ancestor Elisha was son of Jonas N B, I must show that he must have been son of the Jonas at Charleston in 1800 and could not have been the son of the Jonas at Pittstown (Honeoye) in 1800. ~~But~~ this "other But Jonas" is shown as having, in 1800, one son who was then aged 16-25; and it could be argued that this was a census taker's error at a time time Elisha was 15 11. The D A R people who have rejected two of Carol Anne's applications, thus far, have done funnier things than that. . . . So, if you have anything that throws any light on this other Jonas -- such as the account of the town meeting in 1796, which you mention in your letter, I hope you'll send it to me. I have only a few brief words about the election as constable and collector.
- (10) I should have thanked you, far sooner in this letter, for your kindness in preparing the application for the record of Stiles Parker. I sent it in, promptly -- and I'm very grateful.

Cordially,

W. L. L.

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FROM CIB TO: GEORGE MAY

12/9/69

I haven't had an opportunity to look up the Stiles will that interest you. Will do it as soon as I can. In Genealogy Room, our library, day or so ago, I was called away by a phone message just as I was about to look it up. Sorry.

Attached copy of sheet from Gladys Gray, showing her dual Stiles descent, may perhaps be of interest to you.

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FEB 8 1970

Carroll:

Haven't written you in some time as I have been involved in a complex problem concerning some other ancestors, the Warrens. Have that solved now so before I go off on another tangent, thought I would write you.

I expect that by now you have solved the "Asa Newton" question. I attempted to find more data on Asa but find a lack of Newton genealogies out here a deterrent. The Ermine N. Leonard "Newton Genealogy", the one I had looked at before, I find has a statement to the effect that the Asa Newton at Belchertown, 1790, was no doubt the brother of Mary Newton Belknap. - I find an Asa Newton at Lowville, Oneida County, New York (now Lewis Co) in 1800 census count of 4 - 1 - 1 - 0 - 1, 0 - 0 - 1 - 1 - 0. - I also reread the 1820 census of Ontario County and notice that I have a different count than that sent you by the Livingston County Historian for Asa of Livonia; 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 1, 0 - 1 - 1 - 0 - 1. One of us is wrong here. I also note in Tree Talks abstract of Asa's will, copy enclosed, that Joseph and Leuther were the two eldest sons and that Reuben was the youngest. (The youngest living or youngest of his five?)

Other information from census reports.

Rome, Oneida County, 1800 - Jesse Belknap 2 3 - 1 -, 5 - 1 1 -
Richmond, Ontario County 1820 - Darius Fitch 2 - - - 1 1, 1 - 2 - 1
(Olberd?) Fitch 3 1 1 2 1 -, - 1 - 1 -

There should be only 3 '0's' here.

Are you familiar with the American Genealogical Biographical Index? It is now revised at least through the letter "G", which revision includes indexing of the genealogy pages of the Boston Transcript. I have access to a file of this paper's genea. pages which is about 99% complete. When I was attempting to track down information on Mary Newton Belknap I consulted these files. You may be interested in these few bits of information on "Mary Belknaps"

- (1) John Weston, born March 22, 1801 married March 13, 1828, Miriam, the daughter of Simeon and Mary (Gibbs) Belknap of Ellington, Conn and Randolph, Vermont.
- (2) Mary Belknap married Richard Tozier Jr, had daughter, Mary, born Southborough, Mass May 14, 1756?
- (3) Nathan Richardson, 1736 - 1816, a captain in the Revolution, married Mary Belknap.
- (4) Nathaniel⁴ Merrill, son of Nathaniel and Rebecca, married Mary Belknap. (born 175_?)

If you do not have access to these papers I would be glad to look up specific Belknap names in the index above mentioned and copy whatever is contained in the Boston Transcript about them.

I am also sending a copy of a letter I received from the Cherry Valley, New York, Historical Society in response to a query I sent them. I have also written the Mrs Hawkins mentioned, and although she has not come up with anything yet, she is still looking for information on Elijah P. Sr and his descendants, including his sons in law.

That's all for now. Do keep me informed on anything I can help with.

George M.

*Sent copy to Gladys
and Clinton*

GEORGE MAY from CYB (Your letter Oct 21)

Oct 28 1969

My fingers apologize. *N/* They took it on themselves to write "eleven" as age of Diantha in 1820 -- when what I use for a brain knew quite well they should have written "nine."

No sure identification, yet, of the Asa Newton who was first husband of Tamar Vinton. Hence no knowledge of date of his death.

Diantha could have been:

- (a) Illegitimate daughter of Jonas and Tamar
- (b) Legitimate daughter of Jonas and Rachel
- (c) Legitimate daughter of Tamar and Asa Newton, if this Asa died after 1808 or 1809

Scads of Newtons then in Ontario County. Should be easy to find the right Asa. But so far, no luck. Need to find an Asa born circa 1760, died before 1820. Asa's thus far found in Ontario County don't seem to fit.

or elsewhere

Waite got his information from Mrs Cynthia Avery, Granville Ohio, daughter of Esther Belknap and Gamaliel Garlinghouse, at some time between 1881 and 1887. This implies he got her name and address from someone in his area who was corresponding with her at that time -- possibly one of the many Garlinghouses still in Ontario and Livingston counties, or possibly one of the children of Samuel Belknap and Sarah Kant (who married wealthy Artemus Lincoln after Samuel's death). These children of Samuel not yet traced with certainty. Gladys Gray is working on it.

Aug 9 1969

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Dear Mr May:

As I think you know, my delay in writing to you was caused by illness. Now I'll do what I can, to answer your request about Esther Parker's family. Probably you already know much or all of what I can tell you. But I'll do what I can.

First, however, may I ask a favor? I'd like to have the name and address of the person who gave you the information on the sheet enclosed with your first letter -- names and dates of the children of Elijah Parker Sr, for there are some questions that need to be asked, about documentary sources, as some of what is on that sheet differs from other records that I've seen.

For the moment, I can't comment on the probable accuracy or inaccuracy of that sheet, except to agree that the date given for Abigail's birth is questionable. Indeed, I think that possibly that entire entry may be in ~~WEEK~~ error -- some other Abigail Parker, perhaps; not a daughter of Elijah Sr. Reasons: (1) All lists that I've seen show Abigail as the last of the children of Elijah Sr and Martha Stiles; born after Stiles. (2) I cannot place that family at Waterbury at any time in the years concerned. I don't have a firm date ~~WEEK~~ or place for her birth.

Of course, Parker in America is helpful only in supplying leads to follow. Professional genealogists don't accept it as valid evidence. And the pages devoted to Elijah Sr and his descendants contain some contradictions that raise difficulties. . . On two points, however, the family tradition ~~summary~~ summarized in those pages is (in my judgment) correct:

(1) List of children of Elijah Sr, as shown in rhyme. In 1919, a cousin of my father, (Elizabeth Jane Turner, nee Starr, ~~oldest~~ great grandchild of Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker) set down on paper -- from "old family papers," she said -- the same list, with fuller detail. I enclose a copy of what she wrote on that point. As you will see, what she wrote could have come down only from someone who knew Esther, or from Esther herself. And you'll note that she gave a similar story about Elijah Sr's escape from massacre.

(2) List of children of Jonas N Belknap and Esther Parker: The list given in Parker in America has been verified completely; and I have located present-day descendants of all but one of them.

The connection between that Parker family and the family ~~my~~ of Jonas N Belknap began in Belchertown, Mass. Samuel Belknap, father of Jonas, ~~had~~ moved to that area (from north central Connecticut) in 1760. In 1761 he and his wife Mary (Newton) joined the Congregational Church at Belchertown. Elijah Parker Sr joined that church in 1770; and he and his family seem to have remained in Belchertown till at least 1783. In 1779, two of his daughters -- Roxana and Tabitha -- joined that church. On 17 Jan 1783 Jonas and Esther were married at Belchertown. (Jonas was on leave from the army, to visit his mother -- his marriage may have been the reason why he overstayed his leave four days.) Jonas and Esther joined the Belchertown church 30 July 1785.

Everything in the foregoing ~~xxxx~~ paragraph is a matter of documentary record.

I do not know when Jonas and Esther left Belchertown -- nor when Elijah Sr left. But it seems ~~xxxxxxx~~ likely that both families moved to New York State at or about the same time, for these two families were closely associated for about a quarter century.

The census of 1790 shows an Elijah Parker ~~ff~~ and Jr at ~~xxxxxxx~~ Canajoharie, Montgomery County, N Y. I do not have the detail of ~~thx~~ those two census entries. But you can get them at any library that has a copy of Heads of Families, 1790, as most libraries do. Checking the detail ~~xxxx~~ against the list of known children will show whether or not these two were your ancestors.

At or about the same time, Jonas and Esther were nearby, at Cherry Valley, N Y -- where two of their children were born in 1792 (Jesse and Susannah).

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Shortly thereafter, both families moved on ~~xxx~~ Ontario County (which then included all of western N Y State). Jonas arrived there not later than 1796. The 1800 census shows Jonas at Charleston (now called Lima) -- and a Jonathan Belknap who was probably his brother was also there. On the 1810 Census Jonas is shown at Bristol -- also his brother Seth.

The 1820 Census shows an Elijah Parker at Bristol, details as follows:

MALES					FEMALES				
Under 10	10-15	16-25	26-44	45 UP	Under 10	10-15	16-25	26-44	45 UP
2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0

This looks like Elijah Jr, perhaps? As I have no record of his children, I can't check it that way. But I assume you can.

Many Parkers appear in the 1810 census of Ontario County, I am told -- Including Stiles. I don't have ~~ff~~ details on them.

In 1810 Abijah Wright (husband of Roxana Parker) was granted letter of administration of the estate of Samuel Belknap, oldest son of Jonas -- who had lived at Honeoye, near Bristol.

A trusted correspondent in Ontario County has sent me the following excerpt from History of the Pioneer Settlement of Phelps and Gorham Purchase -- Rochester, 1852 -- author not named:

p. 205 -- "As early as 1796 or 1797 Elijah and Stiles Parker, Elijah Belknap . . . became residents of the town (Town of Richmond, including Bristol, etc. CYS). The first four named emigrated many years since to Kentucky . . ." ~~xxx~~ (This checks with Parker in America . CYS)

This correspondent also sent me an excerpt showing that Elijah Sr may have been the well-known "Prophet Elijah." I enclose a copy of that excerpt. The dates given for Jemima seem right for this Elijah having been ~~xxx~~ Esther's father. In the copy of what was written in 1919 by Elizabeth Jane Turner you will note: "He grew up and became quite a noted preacher."

May

All told, you might find research in Ontario County as rewarding as I have done.

In 1811

Your suggestion that the Mrs Elijah Parker who died at Gorham might have been the "Miss Belknap" named as second wife of Elijah Sr in Parker in America and might have been the mother of Jonas N Belknap is interesting. I haven't been able to find any "Miss Belknap" in that vicinity at the time who could have married Elijah Sr. And there has been no sure trace of what became of Jonas's mother after her husband Samuel Belknap died in 1775 — he had been on Bunker Hill, along with Jonas, the day before. It has been thought that possibly she married a Rufus Kentfilan, but no proof. Possible support for your surmise is that on Sept 6 1819 "Jonas Belknap of Gorham" sold a 20-acre property which he is not known to have purchased — might have inherited it from his mother? . . . Unfortunately, there's no easy way of verifying your surmise, for these pioneer farm people in those days were generally married by itinerant preachers, not in churches where a record would be kept. An old Bible (Parker family) would be about the only source of valid confirmation. . . No records in my own family throw any light on any possible second marriage of Mary Newton Belknap. If you encounter any trace of confirmation, some day, I hope you'll tell me. . . . In this connection, do you have a date for the death of Martha Stiles Parker?

Cordially,

Carroll Y Belknap:

George May FROM Carroll Balknap

July 7 1970

Long ago -- Feb 8 -- you made a generous offer that I hesitated to accept, as it involves a lot of work: copying Boston Transcript items on Balknaps, as listed in the American Genealogical Biographical Index.

That Index is in our local library but there's no practical way for me to get at the items it lists in the Transcript.

Needless to say, I'll be most humbly grateful for any help you can give me on this. I've long regretted my inability to do this job on the Transcript, which obviously contains much that isn't in my files.

SEP 13 1969

C.Y.B. your letter requesting copy of document
from Stiles Parker file received today.
As this material is not easily duplicated
(it is too dim) I would suggest you order
a copy of this file. It has quite a bit
of interesting data. Just fill in your name
and address on enclosed form, and send it
along with \$1.00 to General Services Adm.
It will all be mailed you.

(over)

sincerely,
Geo. M.

The national archives records on military service during Rev war seems to be very spotty. Massachusetts records are mostly still in Mass. I believe. If you can't find what you want in Mass Soldier and Sailors in Rev War, address a communication to : Office of the Secretary State House, Boston, Mass. 02133.

(I have access to these books in San Francisco)
also if you do not have easy access to Mass Sold & Sailors in Rev. War send me a list of information you want. I will get it photocopied

P in A

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Last fl - 3 min Belknap
unidentified

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& James "

Smith's Lijah

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May

Lee Carol Anne

GEORGE MAY FROM CYB

12/13/69

Yesterday I tried to find the will of Samuel & Mary (Phelps) Stiles; but found our library has Hartford probate records only to 1750. Will look elsewhere for Vols 4 & 5, which should cover the 1790's. All I could find, yesterday, was what is in Stiles' Ancient Windsor, v. 2: Genealogies & Biographies, p. 702 -- doubtless already known to you -- list of children, dates, marriages. If you don't have it, I'll copy it for you.

Of most interest to me was entry for Martha:

Martha Stiles, b. 9 Apr 1731; m. 1753 Elijah Parker of Belchertown, Mass.; d. abt 1782. 5 ch.

If Stiles was right (he often wasn't), the date for Martha's death strengthens your surmise that the Mrs Elijah Parker who died at Gorham N Y was Mary (Newton) Belknap, mother of Jonas N Belknap. (But note he gives address of Elijah as Belchertown, as it was in 1780's -- not earlier residence before moving to Belchertown. And note "5 children," when we know there were 8 -- both in Parker tradition and in written tradition of my family.) . . . 1782 date for Martha's death, if correct, makes it possible Mary Newton Belknap was wife of Elijah 1790 Census Canajoharie. But still need proof for "1782." Parker

Maybe will of Samuel, probated 1792, may help on this proof. I'll keep trying to get it.

Now, belated replies to other questions in your letters. Hope I cover all of them.

(1) "Other Newton Genealogy" -- i. e. not Leonard's -- there's said to be an old one, circa 1885, by "V. Newton." I'll ask NEHGS for it.

Copies

Turner

(2) ~~EXHIBIT~~ of pages in ~~EXHIBIT~~ and Conover: Much thanks.

(3) Entries from Gleason genealogy -- helpful, as differing at some points with records I already had.

(4) Daughters of Samuel B and Mary Newton: said to be Mary, Chloe, Susanna. Thanks for data your letter Oct 12. I haven't had time to tackle this problem yet, beyond verifying existence of Kentfields and Shumways in Belchertown area.

As for Asa Newton, I sent you copy 1820 Census Livonia. Will search for ~~PRESENT~~ probate record of that Asa.

Meanwhile, Merry Christmas.

GEORGE S. MAY

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SEP 13 1969

Dear Mr Belknap:

I will try to answer your recent letter about two ~~Jonas~~ Belknaps being in Ontario County. The scope of my knowledge on "Belknaps" is very limited and there are many missing links in my information on Parkers. Insofar as some information I have may aid you in drawing inferences from your data, I will endeavor to pass this information on to you. I will also toss in for your consideration some personal thoughts.

I have a copy of the pension application of the widow of ~~Elijah~~ Parker Jr., filed posthumously in 1854, which contains depositions by both Lemuel and his brother Cyrus Parker. ~~Lemuel~~ states that his mother (Mehitable) married ~~Elijah~~ Parker in 1795 (this date is written in over a previously written 1797) at Richmond, Ontario County. In another place in this file there is the statement that Mehitable married ~~Elijah~~ in 1797. There is also in the book "Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment of the State of New York 1783 - 1821" a record of a commission for ~~Elijah~~ Parker of Ontario County - year 1797. He was a lieutenant under Capt. William Pitt in Col. Amos Halls Reg. I would presume that this was a home guard type of local militia.

The children of ~~Elijah~~ Parker, Jr. as given in "Parkers in America" are: by 1st wife: Stiles, Daniel, ~~Elijah~~ and Pitts; by 2nd wife: Martha, Jerusha, Arza, Cyrus, Asabel, Rachael, Mehitable and Lemuel. I have found some record of 9 of these 12 - exceptions; Stiles, Martha and Asabel. I bring this up only to point out a rather curious coincidence. The founder of Pittstown was Gideon Pitts of Dightown, Bristol Co., Mass. He emigrated in 1787 to Newtown, now Elmira, N.Y. He organized, with others, a company which purchased 46080 acres of land in Ontario County which afterwards became Richmond and Bristol. His father, Capt. Peter Pitts, took 3000 acres of this land at the foot of Honeyoe Lake, which in 1790, Gideon and his brother William Pitts began improving. This was the site of Pittstown, later Richmond. ~~Elijah~~ Parker, Jr. named his 4th son Gideon Pitts Parker. Pitts Parker, as he was commonly denoted, was probably born in either November or December of 1794, and it would appear, most likely in Ontario County as it is doubtful that ~~Elijah~~ would have known this Gideon Pitts at any other place. From this information I deduce that the ~~Elijah~~ Parker mentioned in both Converses and Millikens "History's of Ontario County" as being at a town meeting in April 1796 was the one shown in later census records and was also the brother of Stiles and brother in law of Jonas Belknap. Daniel Parker was born June 10, 1791 in New York State, the place not known. The 1800 census shows ~~Elijah~~ Parker, Jr. residing at Bristol and in 1810 he resided at Dansville, then Steuben County, now Livingston Co. In March of 1813 he died at Cohocton, Steuben County.

Stiles Parker, although mentioned in both Converses and Millikens "History's of Ontario County" as being at the Richmond town meeting in April 1796, does not appear in the 1800 census of Ontario County (unless of course I missed the name - a not altogether unlikely possibility). He does appear in the 1810 census at Bristol and on June 25, 1814, the deed records of Ontario County show Stiles Parker of Bristol selling to Joshua Sly property in Town 8, Range 4 (South Bristol). According to P. in A. Stiles went to Kentucky in 1815.

An Abijah Wright also appears in the 1810 census of Bristol. The family composition is; 1 1 1 0 1 - 0 1 0 1 0. This does not appear to be Abijah and Roxanna Parker Wright - unless she had under stated her age as she was 55 at this time. The only information which I have on their children is what is in P. of A. This shows Samuel, Abijah, Roxanna and Richard. There are two young men of the name of Sam. Wright in Ontario County in 1810 - one at Bristol and one at Gorham -, both under 26 and married. There is also an Abijah at Honeyoe also under 26, where also are the two young Belknaps as well as the young Belknap widow. Therefore it would seem that there are too many children for the count of four as shown in P. in A. to fit this situation. Then there is also the Abijah Wright at Worcester, Otsego Co. in April 1798. He was a member of the newly founded town committee. (Believe I wrote 1796 previously, but April 1798 is what the "History of Otsego County" says.)

Regarding the seeming presence of two Jonas Belknaps in Ontario County. What if this is a clerical error by a census taker in improperly identifying this family at Pittstown in 1800? No apparent previous or later record is found of this man nor of any of his descendants. Would it not therefore be reasonable to fit what is known into the broader picture - until such time as the existence of this second Jonas is substantiated?

The Abijah Wright who was at Worcester in 1798 and at Bristol in 1810, are they the same person. If so is he the brother in law of Stiles, Jonas and Elijah, Jr. If so what could he have had to do with enrolling these frontier pioneers at the church in Worcester. Was Elijah Senior at this time at Worcester too. Also, is there any reason why, if Esther Belknap had died shortly after the birth of Cynthia, that Jonas could not have married a Rachel ~~Wright~~, she who died in 1815 at Gorham. In 1800 Esther would have been 38, an unlikely time of life for these farm pioneers to stop having children. As there is ample evidence of a close association with the Parkers and Jonas Belknap, it would seem that this fact is a most compelling argument for asserting that the three Revolutionary War buddies moved together from Otsego Co. to Pittstown - perhaps as early as 1794. A further small bit of information: at Pittstown in the 1800 census were John, James, and Benjamin Garlinghouse, all of the same age group as J. N. B. and each with families of at least four children.

1796 Election

May

There are a couple of interesting facts connected with Parkers and Belknaps at Canajoharie. In the 1790 census of Montgomery County the following appears:

Elijah Parker, Jr.	1	2	1
Abel Belknap	2	2	6
Elijah Parker, Sr.	1	2	1
On another page but same town Jesse Belknap	1	5	2

This Abel Belknap, it is apparent from "History of Otsego County and a list of his children, was the uncle of Jonas N. Belknap. It is possible that the Jesse Belknap is Abel's brother. There are 13 other families of this name in this census all residing at Newburgh and New Windsor in what is now Orange County. It is most interesting that the two Parkers and Abel Belknap are all listed consecutively as shown above.

From a letter received by Louise Dameron regarding Elijah Parker: "A Revolutionary Soldier in Hatch's company of minute men in New York - who had a son Elijah, Jr., that in 1790 were neighbors of my great grandfather, Israel Brownell in Canajoharie Town, Montgomery County, New York. Elijah was my fathers name and also my first name". Signed: Elijah Ellsworth Brownell. Now, there is an Elijah Parker listed on the roster of "Hatch's Minute Men" but no information is available in the records to establish his identity. This group seems to have been in existence from August 6, 1776 to January 1, 1781.

In searching to ascertain whether this is possible; that is Elijah Parker of Belchertown being in Hatch's Minute Men, I found this information: Doolittles Sketches (church records of Belchertown) for 1770 shows "Elijah Parker (admitted) on a certificate without mentioning the place, signed by Mr Hinsdale, pastor, and again removed". This is undoubtedly Elijah Sr. as his pastor at his previous abode was a Reverend Hinsdale. When did Elijah remove and to where? Did he remove and come back? From Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War the following information is gleaned. An Elijah Parker of Hampshire County was a Soldier as early as August 19, 1777. This could be Elijah Sr. but I do not know. Elijah Jr. at this time would not yet be 15 years old but it would be possible that this service was by him. On October 5, 1781 Elijah Parker Sr. wrote a letter from Belchertown about his son Elijah Jr. who as a minor, had enlisted on April 6, 1781 in the Continental Army. There is also another letter of same date about Stiles who enlisted at the same time - both spent some time in Capt. Luke Days Co., John Brooks 7th Mass. Reg. This is all in the volumes above mentioned. Elijah Parker is mentioned in the town records of Belchertown as being active on committee work for the town council in the years 1782, 83, 85 and 86.

If Elijah of Belchertown did not go to New York, even for a short time, during the period from some time before August 6, 1776 (when Hatch's group appears to be founded) and long before October 5, 1781 (when he wrote the letters from Belchertown) then the Parkers in Canajoharie in 1790 would no doubt not be these of Belchertown and an entirely different picture of at least a part of the New York activities of this family would have to be sought.

I am sure you know that all of the children of Elijah and Martha (Stiles) Parker shared, with other relatives, in the will of Samuel and Mary (Phelps) Stiles. It was probated March 22, 1792 at Windsor, Hartford County, Conn. Samuel had died Feb. 17, 1792, but Mary Stiles did not die until October 6, 1799. I have no knowledge of the distribution of these assets. Have you ever looked this up. It may contain information

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on where a number of these people were. I know the will is on file at Hartford (believe State Library) but have no knowledge as to whether further records exist.

I would be interested in your reaction to the list of Orin Belknap family I sent you. Do you know if he is a descendant of Jonas Belknap. If so whose son?

There was an Elijah Belknap at Ossian, Allegany Co. about 1807 according to Turner in his History of Phelps and Gorham Purchase.

Better wind it up now,

Sincerely

George M.

P.S. I am constantly working on this Parker family record as well as numerous other families in my ancestry. I travel to San Francisco about once a month and spend 2 or 3 days in the Genealogy library there. I have been most fortunate in being able to correspond with people like you - who have been most helpful. I enjoy this very much - this is a very fascinating endeavor to me.

Thank you again
G.M.

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DEC 17 1969

Carroll:

Your several letters and bits of information have arrived. -
You are a busy one!

Asa Newton of Livonia - Does 1820 census show another Asa, besides the one whose count you sent? If not, I would think that this one is the Asa who died 1825 and Asa jr., his son. If no other Asa there I would surmise that wife Catherine in will was not the mother of the sons and daughters mentioned therein.

Gladys Gray, Stiles ancestry. I guess you know our Stiles ancestry? John¹, Henry², Samuel³ (m. Martha Ellsworth), Samuel⁴ (m. Mary Phelps). John¹ is the common ancestor then.

Martha Stiles death. The date "about 1782" seems to be pretty much "about". James Parker, the son of Elijah sr and "Miss Belknap", was born June 3, 1779. It is thought that Belknap Parker was probably his older brother. I would guess that Martha Stiles possibly died some time before 1778. Miss Dameron, about whom I have written you before, has made quite an extensive search for the exact date of Martha's death. Much travel, extensive letter writing etc. - but no luck in finding it. The search that she has been pursuing has to do with James Parker, b. 1779, and his descendants.

*'some time'
could be
3 or 4 yrs!*

In one of my previous letters I mentioned the Abijah Wright of Richmond. Some of these dates may interest you. In 1804 Abijah left Otsego County and took up residence at Richmond. All of his children came too including Samuel, b 1785, and Abijah jr, b. before 1790. His wife Roxana died between 1800, when the census at Worcester shows her living, and 1810, when Abijah on May 31, 1810 married, at Cohocton, Steuben County, a Sally Parks. Abijah was born September 13, 1762 at Pittsfield, Mass and died October 2, 1843 at Richmond, Ontario County. His second wife, Sally, was born in 1782. He was therefore over seven years younger than his first wife and twenty years older than his second. By his second wife he had at least one child, a son Isaac b. abt 1816 at Richmond. There is an Isaac Wright shown in the 1860 census at Richmond who I presume is this one.

Am leaving Monday for a few days in the sunshine in southern California. Hope to get in a few licks at the Los Angeles Genea. Library - the best in the west.

Have a Merry Christmas and may you find all kinds of genesological goodies in the coming new year!

George M.

March 13 1973

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Dear George:

It's been a long time since I last wrote to you -- much too long. Forgive me. I got swamped by detail in pursuit of a solution to a difficult problem and neglect everything else. Now, as I emerge from work on a case that has pestered me since 1968, I'm looking with dismay at unanswered mail -- including your letter of April 30, 1972 -- of which I have a copy that I made when I passed your letter along to a correspondent who needed to see it.

That letter gave me a lot of helpful information -- a last date at Cherry Valley for Jonas Belknap -- and details on Esther's inheritance from her Stiles grandparents. Which led me to think of an incorrect statement made by one self-termed genealogist, who wrote that my branch of the family moved generation after generation "in search of free land." He was wrong from 1637 to 1848. Between those years, they paid their way by buying land as they moved around New England and then on westward. The first free land they got came when they reached Oregon in 1848.

Right now, I'm considering again a very old problem that I've mentioned to you before: identifying the Sarah Belknap who married Nathaniel Singleterry, according to Haverhill VR. Till now, I've assumed -- as most people have done -- that she must be a daughter of our first Samuel and his wife Sarah Jones, and might be the daughter called Mary, for whom no record of marriage has been found.

But now a different possibility has occurred to my mind, as you may have found something bearing on it in your wide reading. Some people have said that Samuel's wife, whom he married about 1652, presumably in Hingham, Mass (maybe) was named Sarah Hill. I know her to be daughter of a Robert Jones. I haven't found an original record for "Hill." But this might be another case of a widow's name taking the place of her maiden surname. So -- suppose she was Widow Hill. Then the girl Sarah might be the daughter of the first husband -- properly Sarah Hill but taking the surname of her mother's second husband, as has happened more than once in this family. E.g., Samantha Belknap of Ontario County, who became known as Samantha Lincoln. . . Just a guess. But first I have to find out if Sarah Jones of Hingham married a Hill before marrying Samuel Belknap. Have you run across anything on this?

Yours, with apologies,

George S. May P. O. Box 2, Fair Oaks, California 95628

January 17, 1972

Dear Carroll:

It seems that the longer I am in this activity of pursuing ancestors, the thinner I am forced to spread myself. I am not able to accomplish all the things I set out to do. One such job which I have not been able to come to grips with in a meaningful manner is that of garnering Boston Transcript data on the name "Belknap".

I did start to do this some months ago but became frustrated by the difficulties of locating the reference in this particular bunch of scrap books. This set of books is really a marvelous collection of information but is slow going to find anything.

I am enclosing some BT material from another collection. This does not seem to be of any great importance and I doubt that it contains anything you don't already know.

Should you happen to go through Riders Index at some time and find a Belknap reference in BT, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ one that you just must have the information contained therein, I will be glad to track it down.

I haven't done much research in the Ontario County region for some time. I sort of miss it. This is really an interesting place and an interesting era. I have found in some old books on Ontario County that Elijah Parker Jr removed from Bristol in either 1805 or 07 to what ~~was~~ a part of Cohocton, Steuben County. There he operated an inn and also a potash manufacturing business. He was also one of the founders of the church there and was a deacon of this church.

How is your book coming? Would like to buy a copy when you do publish it.

Cordially,

George M.

George May:

January 29 1972

It's good to hear from you again. And I'm most grateful for the batches of clippings from Boston Transcript. Some of them, I'm sure, will throw light on problems of mine.

One of those problems is that marriage of Sarah Belknap and Nathaniel Singletary (Haverhill VR). Obviously, she must have been daughter of Abraham's son Samuel but I have found no trace of record of her birth. Best guess is that she was the daughter shown as named Mary, for whom birthdate is known but no record of marriage has been found -- as far as I can find. But only a guess -- no proof, yet.

Others in that collection of clippings deal with difficult problems on which I'm still working -- and on which I have to disagree with what the writers said.

I'm interested in the new information about Elijah Parker, Sr., and his move to Cohoston. Wish I could develop a complete record on his father. Still think highly of your surmise that Elijah Sr may have married Mary Belknap, widow of Samuel and mother of my great great grandfather Jonas.

As to my book, heaven knows. One of these days, I must stop collecting additional data and start writing up what I already have. Difficulty -- too many uncorrected errors in such material as HwBelknaps records. Still trying to remedy them.

For May—

Probate - will of
Samuel Stiles and
Mary (Phelps) Stiles

^{Has}
— names of children of
Elijah & Martha (Stiles) Parker

Probated 22 March 1792
at Windsor, Hartford Co—

Samuel d. 17 Feb 1792

Mary d. 6 Oct 1799

Stiles - George - Binger^{#1} Anne Windsor
p. 70v

Samuel (Christ) res. W. m. Mary
died at W 19 Feb 1729/30

1. Martha, b 9 Apr 1731 - m. 1753
Sally Parker, of Beekstown, Mass.
d. Oct 1782, 5 ch - [845]

~ Mary - b 1734; d. W 19 Apr 1817 unmd

3 Hannah, b 1735 - m. the corner
Asbel (son of Asa Isaac)
Stiles of North Haven Conn 7 Feb

+ Samuel, b 15 May 1737, d 21 Dec 1757
1757 20

• Elizabeth b 1 Sept 1739 4 ch
m. Elijah Norton 4 Aug 1768
d. 15 Mar 1828 at 86
He d. 15 Mar 1797

→ Margaret b 2 Jan 1742/3
d at W 28 Oct 1822 at 78
→ Margaret b 20 Dec 1741
d at 3 W 5

8 Benjamin b 26 Apr 1745
d. at 19

9 Abigail b 11 Oct 1749
d 22 July 1817
at 66

~~El~~
Elijah Parrot

~~July~~ Rudy Rocky Tabby
Evan, Lyah, Stiles + Waddy

Stiles says in M. G. Feb 1729/30
— says of — 1792
— (400) 52
Plenty of time for
8 CR —

Stiles says E.P. in March 1753
Sa. Dr. 1782
— 29

Plenty of time
for 8 CR —

M. G. 1731
7 1782
— 51 when died

Loomis Family Genealogy
 Revd. by Elsie S. Loomis
 1908

Abigail, dau of Daniel and Mary
 (Sprague) Loomis, born Conn.
 May 17, 1761; m Oct 24, 1782
 Amos Avery. She died 1849
 Richmond, N.Y.

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. Amos | Avery |
| 2. Irena | " |
| 3. Abigail | " |
| 4. Polly | " |
| 5. Lora | " |
| 6. Harriet | " |
| 7. Rev. Ephraim Kingsbury | " |
| 8. Lewis | " |

(no dates
 see Avery family
 Genealogy)

Abigail had a brother, Gamaliel Loomis
 who in 1800 moved to Prattville N.Y. and
 in 1846 moved from there to Wisconsin. He
 died Raymond, Wis Dec 12, 1864, ^{at} 93 yrs.
 (Prattville in Steuben County a few miles from Naples)

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doubt if this is pertinent but
the reference to an Avery
Genealogy was. I will look
for it the next time I go to S.F.
G.M.

In extracting some information from the Gleason genealogy about my ancestors I came across these Belknap references. If not of any value to you, just throw the paper away. The reference to Enfield caught my eye.

Joseph Gleason b Nov 16, 1752 m Patience Belknap. He lived in Enfield Conn.

1. Erastus b 1788 ; d July 25, 1863
2. Chauncey b 1804 d Apr. 10, 1866
3. Ruggles.

(Erastus & Chauncey lived and died on or near the old homestead at Enfield)

Solomon Gleason b 1754 m March 16, 1780
Eleanor Belknap

1. Louise b Nov 7, 1783

Joseph and Solomon Gleason were the sons of Joseph and Hannah (Calton) Gleason. He was born Enfield, Conn 1726 and m in 1746.

from: Genealogy of the Descendants of
Thomas Gleason of Watertown
Edited by Lillian May Watson 1909

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David and Naomi (Gibbs) Winch had
twin daughters Elizabeth and Silence
Winch, b March 15, 1739. Silence
m Ebenezer Belknap of Holden.
Naomi Gibbs, b January 11, 1712/3. Silence
Winch was born Frammingham, Mass.
(also from Gleason Genealogy)