

April 22 1971

Mr Frank R Senior  
Oneida County Clerk  
Oneida County Court House  
Utica, N. Y. 13501

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me copies of the following deeds? (Book and page numbers are copied from a list which may not be accurate.)

- ✓ 1849 John Belknap from Wells Rathbun & Wife. Book 144, p 32 April 26
- ✓ 1863 John Belknap from Cyrus Peckham & Wife. Book 245, p 51. July 2
- ✓ 1852 John & Sarah A Belknap to Samuel Farwell. Book 166, p 193. May 24
- ✓ 1859 John & Sarah A Belknap to Hosea F Jenlin. Book 212, p 400. March 10
- ✓ 1864 John & Sarah A Belknap to Aaron Conger. Book 256, p 42. Aug 11

I enclose my check for ~~XXXX~~ \$12.

Very truly yours,

*C. Y. Lawton*

And:

- ✓ 1871 Sarah A Belknap to Joseph Lawton. Book 308, p 334. Jan 9

*Recd 5/21*

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GRANTEE

- 1810 Eli Belknap from Wm. Richmond & wife - Book 20, pg 331. June 16  
 1811 Forris Belknap from John Belknap - Book 21, pg 267. Aug. 30  
 1811 John Belknap from Jotham Worden - Book 21, pg 267. Aug. 30  
 1816 Rachel Belknap from Christopher Meng - Book 28, pg 237. June 22  
 1819 Asa Belknap from Levi Meads - Book 31, pg 478. Apl. 16  
 1843 Eli Belknap from Timothy Belnap - Book 108, pg 7. Feby. 9  
 1843 Eli & Timothy Belknap from Jesse Sexton & wife - Book 109, pg 489. Feby. 9  
 1846 Asa Belknap from Jno. Lewis - Book 124, pg 397. Apl. 13  
 1849 John Belknap from Wells Rathbun & wife - Book 144, pg 32. Apl. 26  
 1850 James H. Belknap from Silas Le Clear - Book 153, pg 424. Oct. 31  
 1852 James H. Belknapp from Silas Le Clear & wife - Book 167, pg 122. Aug. 13  
 1854 Asa, Jr. Belknap from Thos. Brill & wife - Book 191, pg 109. Oct. 27  
 1857 William Belknap from Orsamus B. Matteson & wife - Book 203, pg 461. Dec. 1  
 1858 Ann J. Belknap from James Belknap & wife - Book 209, pg 436. June 8  
 1859 John Belknap from Asa Belknap & wife - Book 212, page 461. Mch. 10  
 1863 Levi Belknap from Jane M. Staats by Admx. - Book 239, pg 421. June 8  
 1863 John Belknap from Cyrus Peckham & wife - Book 245, pg 51. July 8  
 1865 Leonard V. Belknap from Silas Puffer & wife - Book 263, pg 317. Sept. 29  
 1869 James Belknap from Cyrus Peckham & wife - Book 298, pg 357. Dec. 30  
 1870 Malvira Belknap from Isaac Helmer & wife - Book 304, pg 487. Aug. 1  
 1873 Levi Belknap from Jno. C. Martin & wife - Book 330, pg 152. Jan. 1  
 1876 Caroline & Jesse Belknap & Julius K. Belknap & al "Mill" from Levi Belknap - Book 364, pg 432. June 29

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GRANTOR

- 1811 John Belknap to Forris Belknap - Book 21, pg 267. Aug. 30  
 1834 Forris Belknap to Silas Pratt - Book 65, pg 82. May 2  
 1834 Eli & Lydia Belknap to Silas Pratt - Book 65, pg 83. May 2  
 1843 Timothy Belknap to Ely Belknap - Book 108, pg 7. Feby. 9  
 1843 Eli & Lydia Belknap to Jonathan Worden - Book 109, pg 484. Feby 9  
 1852 John & Sarah A. Belknap to Samuel Farwell - Book 166, pg 193. May 24  
 1855 James H. & Mary Belknap to Thomas Brill - Book 167, pg 125. Aug 13  
 1855 James H. & Mary Belknap to George Nealy - Book 190, pg 71. May 29  
 1858 James & Mary Belknap to Ann Jane Belknap - Book 209, pg 436. June 8  
 1859 John & Sarah A. Belknap to Hosea F. Joslin - Book 212, pg 400. Mch. 10  
 1859 Asa & Ann J. Belknap to John Belknap - Book 212, pg 461. Mch. 10  
 1864 John & Sarah A. Belknap to Aaron Conger - Book 256, pg 42. Aug. 11  
 1865 Levi & Caroline Belknap to Peter Flanagan - Book 262, pg 589. Sept. 11  
 1869 William & Malvina E. Belknap to Isaac Helmer - Book 293, pg 12. Mch. 3  
 1870 John Belknap by Shff. to John F. Hager - Book 298, pg 375. Jan. 3  
 1871 Sarah A. Belknap to Joseph Lawton - Book 308, pg 334. Jan. 9  
 1871 Levi & Caroline Belknap to Elizabeth Reed - Book 316, pg 183. Sept. 26  
 1871 Levi & Caroline Belknap to Frank Noble - Book 317, pg 252. Oct. 31  
 1873 James W. & Sophia Belknap to Polly Maycock - Book 338, pg 128. Aug. 21  
 1874 Levi & Caroline Belknap to Sylvester J. Luce - Book 350, pg 494. Nov. 23



- 1875 Levi & Caroline Belknap to Ellenor Fuller - Book 357, pg 39. July 28  
 ✓ 1876 Levi Belknap "Will" to Caroline Belknap & al - Book 364, pg 432. June 29  
 W 1876 Levi Belknap by Exrs to Mary S. Nickerson - Book 365, pg 470. Sept. 1  
 X 1879 James Belknap to Louisa Knapp - Book 386, pg 153. Apr. 10  
 ✓ 1879 Levi & Caroline Belknap to M.E. Society of North Bay - Book 391, pg 251. Dec. 1

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Jesse Belknap - males: 2 under 10; 3, 16-26; 1, 26-45. Females: 5 under 10; 1, 16-26; 1, 26-45.

(Completed for Belknaps)

## U. S. CENSUS, 1810 - ONEIDA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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W. Belknap - males: 1, 16-26. Females: 1 under 10; 1, 16-26.

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J. Bellenap - males: 1, 10-16; 1, 26-45. Females: (None)

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J. Andrus - males: 1, 10-16; 1, 26-45. Females: 1 under 10; 1, 26-45.

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J. Andrus - males: 3, 16-26; 1 over 45. Females: 1, 10-16; 1, 16-26; 1 over 45.

(Completed for Belknaps)

(Note: Family tradition mentions the name of Jared Andrus, as being associated with Foris and Sarah (Bateman) Belknap. He moved to what is now Morgan County, Ohio - - J.A.S.)

Jesse Belknap 1800

	M	4/10	14/26	26/45
	2	1	1	
F	3	1	1	
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J. Belknap 1810	M	1	1	1
(Town?)	F	-	-	-

John III b. 1784 - in 1810

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Foris b 1788 " " "

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Other Bee Map Deeds in Oneida Co.  
(Recorded 1810 to 1879)

Rachel Recorded 1816 ——— Order 5/29/71

Leonard V 1865

Malvina 1870

Wm + Malvina E 1869

William 1857

Asa 1819 1846

Asa Jr 1858

Asa + Ann J 1859

Ann J 1858

James 1867

James H 1850

" " + Mary 1855-1855

James W + Sophia 1873

Levi 1863-1873-1876-1876

Levi + Caroline 1815, 1871, 1871, 1874, 1875, 1879

Caroline + John + Julius K - 1876

JOHN SHERMAN (Copy to Gladys Gray)  
FROM CIE

Jan 3 1971

After some frustrating delays, I finally have received copy of the deed that may solve some of the problems about the brothers of Foris: 11 Oct 1808, Timothy Balknap to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Ely Balknap. I enclose a copy ~~for~~ <sup>add note on John II</sup> for you. Underlining id/mine.

In examining this deed, I suggest you compare it with ~~EM~~ (a) the deeds from Worden to John Balknap 1803 and John B. to Foris B. 1811, which you sent to me some time ago, and (b) my memo 7/4/70.

This 1808 deed, Timothy to Ely, shows:

- In 1806 Timothy and Ely (Eli) had bought jointly ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Lot 33 in the area of the Scriba Patent.

This lot was apparently adjacent to Lot ~~33~~ <sup>32</sup> sold by John to Foris in 1811, which John had bought from Worden in 1803.

- Residence of Eli is shown as Western -- same town as residence of John in 1803 deed and 1811 deed (though misspelled "Weston" in one place).

- Now in 1808, Timothy sells his half of the lot to Eli. 1811 deed

- Residence of Timothy is shown as Smithfield, Madison County. According to HWB, the Cambria Timothy had two sons born in Madison County, Samuel F. in 1809 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ at Smithfield, and Edward in 1811, town not named.

This evidence, it seems to me, identifies the Cambria Timothy and the Eli at Western as brothers of Foris and thus sons of your John II. Do you agree?

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I still have the problem of identifying the John Balknap (or Balknaps) who appear in the Oneida County deeds recorded 1810 to 1870. Although I do not yet have conclusive evidence, I should ask your judgment on a question that is now on my mind: "Was the John who bought Lot 32 from Worden the same John who sold that Lot to Foris?"

What raises this question is the age of each person at certain dates. Hence this prefatory table:

	BORN	AGE IN (if then alive)				
		1803	1806	1811	1856	1866
John II	1748	55	58	63	108	116
John III	1784	19	22	27	72	82
Foris	1788	15	18	23		
Eli	1780	23	26	31		
Timothy	1783	20	23	28		

In my memo 7/4 I said that the John who bought Lot 32 from Worden in 1803 must have been John II as John III was then only 19. If I am right in thinking that a minor could not have made that purchase alone, I still say John II for the 1803 deed from Worden. GLADYS: Am I right, about law?

I am much less certain on the 1811 deed, John to Foris. At some time before that year,



John III

*before*  
 Foris (you have told me) had been taken to Ohio "by his guardians" -- which would seem to mean that the departure for Ohio took place before ~~1809~~ 1809 as Foris would have some of age in that year -- which then implies that John II had died not later than 1809 -- and could not have signed the deed in 1811, John to ~~XXXXXX~~ Foris. From the will of his mother's father, we know that John III's mother Lovina Erick was dead before 1795; so John III was doubly orphaned while a minor, whereas all his brothers were of age before 1809.

If you agree with this line of reasoning, we have an approximate date for the death of John II -- despite the fact that the deed 1811, John to Foris, merely says that Lot 32 was the one that Worden had sold to "John Balknap" in 1803, with no "Sr" or "Jr" appended to the name John Balknap in any place in the deed. In 1811 John II would have been 63 if alive, and John III 27 -- either could have signed the 1811 deed. Possibly the question might be answered by comparing signatures on the 1803 and 1811 deeds (not possible on typed copies you sent me) but as Timothy's name was signed for him ("L.S.") on the 1808 deed to Eli, I wouldn't expect to find his father's actual signature on the 1803 or 1811 deeds. To me ~~XXXX~~ it seems not worth while to get ~~XXXXXX~~ facsimiles of the 1803 and 1811 deeds, but this can be done.

To date, I think that John III was the one who sold the lot to Foris in 1811.

*John III*  
 Now I go to the other extreme -- the last deeds bearing the name of John Balknap. In 1856 a John Balknap of Verona, Oneida County, bought property there from Asa and Ann J Balknap of Marice, Oswego County. In 1866 the sheriff sold this ~~EE~~ and/or other property to meet a debt incurred by John -- and the wording of the deed implies ~~EE~~ (but does not say explicitly) that John was then dead... As the figures for ages under 1856 and 1866 in the table indicate, this John could hardly have been John II and ~~must~~ have been John III (Verona is in same area as Western and Lee, locations of John II, Timothy. No other John in my records in that area in that time; so I think surely John III.)

*was #260.2 14wB*

Do you feel that this answers your old question "What became of these two John Balknaps?" Or do you think we should go farther?

*could*

As to Eli, I have no further information yet. Ah Eli served as private in War of 1812 -- I'm trying to follow this lead. An Eli was at French Creek N Y in 1830 (wherever that was), as I've told you. . . The Eli at Nassau, Rensselaer County could not be of this line but must have been son of the ~~Princeton~~ John, as I indicated in an earlier note to you.

*Princeton*

*New Spaintake*

Indefatigable Gladys Gray, visiting the Cambria area, came up with the name ~~XXXX~~ of a possible present-day descendant of Timothy: Forest A. Balknap, 2614 Riverview Drive, Roosevelt Beach, R D., Wilson, NY. I wrote him. No answer yet. Maybe you may wish to try him?

I can identify some of the other Belknap names appear in your list of Oneida County deeds. Levi -- Julius K -- JAMES William -- and probably Jesse -- all sons XIX of Jonathan Belknap, of Oswego, brother of my great great grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap.

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Asa, also of Oswego County and near home of Jonathan, may be of same family, but I have no record on him.

Jesse, mentioned above, may be either son of Jonathan or one of two other Jesses in that county -- one of whom is the ancestor of the Mormon Belknap (no k). But seems more likely to be son of Jonathan.

Others not yet searched for.

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No complete explanation, yet, for absence of your people in census reports, Oneida county. Guess:

-- John II and his sons arrived in that county after 1800. John II died before 1810. Timothy moved to Madison County before 1810. No explanation yet for John III and Ely, in 1810 and later.

This doesn't disturb me too much. Vagaries of census reports usually explain themselves when enough information is found. Example: absence from 1790 census, my great great grandfather, due to fact was in household of his uncle Abel in that year -- Cherry Valley N Y.



*John II John III*

JOHN SHERMAN from Carrell Belknap

May 25 1971

THE JOHN BELKNAP (S?) in ONEIDA COUNTY

To bring you up to date on my searches on this subject:  
whose

The surmise that the John, ~~III~~ wife was Sarah A. might be the one I've termed "John III" has been tested by examining all deeds bearing his name, up to 1871. The results are entirely inconclusive, yielding no clues to parentage or to relationship to Ely, Timothy, Feris -- nor to any other relationships. But for your information, I should summarize these deeds.

They fall into two groups. In both groups, the John is always named as "of Verena" -- town not far from Lee -- which has been the only reason for my surmise.

GROUP A -- Four deeds for lot of about 31 acres in Verena. John bought it in 1848; sold it in 1852; repurchased it in 1856, from Asa and Ann Jane Belknap; sold it again in 1859. (This Asa, of Oswego county, may have been nephew of my great great grandfather ~~X~~ Jonas Newton Belknap.)

GROUP B -- Four deeds for a lot of gross 43 acres, net 37 acres after certain exclusions, in Verena. John bought it in 1863, mortgaged for \$700; sold  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of it in 1864; lost it by sheriff's sale to satisfy mortgage, in 1869. In 1871, his wife Sarah A gave quit claim deed on it, for \$100 -- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXX~~ which seems to mean John then dead.

Inadequate records of surrogates court in Oneida county yield no information on this John or his wife Sarah A. I have found no other clues to his identity, thus far.

However, in 1837, a "Sally Ann Belknap", widow of Stephen Belknap of Sandlake, Rensselaer County, with 2 minor children, was granted letters of administration of her husband's estate -- in R County. Query: was she the "Sarah A" in Oneida County deed in 1852, as wife of a second husband named John Belknap? No evidence, yet. But marriages Belknap to Belknap have often occurred, sometimes even first cousins, and sometimes as second marriages.

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NEXT STEP, I think, is to go back to years before 1803 (the year when a John bought a lot at Lee, which was sold to Feris in 1811). The reason for seeking earlier records will be made apparent by the locations named in deeds examined thus far:

	John (or Johns)	<i>Residence</i> Ely	Timothy
1803	"of Western"		
1806		"of Western"	"of Western"
1808		"of Western"	
1811	"of Western"		
1814		"of Lee"	
1817		"of Lee"	
1848 to 1869	"of Verena"		

In this connection, we may note that the John who sold lot to Feris in 1811 acted alone, no w ife being named as was almost always done when a married man sold land. That 1811 John, we may believe, had no wife -- Query: young and unmarried? So likely to have been John III? Or John II, then a widower?

*Original Jones was 16.*

*Yes*



However, the essential point made by that record of residence is that by concentrating on deeds for land at Lee we have not yet learned what land at Western was owned by a John (and by Ely or Timothy, if any) nor when that John first acquired land at Western. And it may be that deeds ~~MM~~ for land at Western may supply clues we have not yet found.

So I'll see if I can go back before 1803, with deeds at Western (Weston).

It's too bad that records of inheritance in the early 1800's are so poor in Oneida County. The little I've found merely identifies some children of a brother of my own gg grandfather, who were born in Oswego County. Haven't found anything for people in your line.

File ~~708~~

TO: John A Sherman 6740 1/2 Franklin Place, Hollywood, California 90028  
FROM: Carroll Belknap

July 4 1970

Recently I received, from my most helpful correspondent, the record of land transactions in Cambria, Niagara Co. NY, 1825 and 1835, by a ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Timothy Belknap and his son Samuel F Belknap. The initial "F" proved to stand for ~~XXXXXX~~ "Forace," one of the many misspellings of Forris, Foris, Forest.

This led me to tackle the neglected task of dealing with the many questions raised in your letters. One outcome is the attached sheet showing a proposed revision of Henry W Belknap's records -- for your consideration. I shall do nothing more with it until I hear from you.

Meanwhile, in this memo, I'll try to indicate my conclusions and the reasons for them.

The tentative conclusions can be summarized briefly:

- John III (brother of Forris) had two older brothers, Eli and Timothy.
- His brother ~~IMM~~ Timothy was very probably the Timothy at Cambria 1825 and 1835.
- The Timothy shown in list of deeds, Oneida Co., was probably this same brother; and the Eli in that list was probably the brother Eli.
- The John who sold the lot at Lee, Oneida County, to Forris was probably the father -- John II. Oneida Co.
- The John shown ~~in~~ in the Grantee list 1849, 1859, 1863; and in the Grantor list 1852, 1852, 1859, 1864, 1870; was probably John III -- and Sarah A in 1871 was probably his widow.
- The wife of brother Eli was named Lydia -----.

Before talking about these findings (surmises?), I should dispose of the Johns in Rensselaer Co in early 1800's.

#### Rensselaer Co.

The persistent tradition connecting John II with Rensselaer County seems to have been a red herring. Certainly it led HWB into obvious errors.

There is plain evidence in HWB's records that the John Belknap at Stephen Town, Census 1800, was the one from ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ New Braintree, Mass., and that the Asa and Eli on adjoining ~~XXXXXX~~ farms in that year were his sons. (HWB was misled into thinking that this Eli was the son ~~XXX~~ of John II.)

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The John at Nassau, Census 1810, was ~~surely~~ the one from New Braintree. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ with a second and younger wife. (He was, likely, the John who married Lucy Peck of nearby Sandlake.)

None of the other John Belknaps in this county, Census 1810 or 1820, could have been John II, if the ages shown are even approximately correct.

HWB thought the John who married Lucy Peck was John I, as he did not know of John II. And it's possible that this John could have been John II -- but the ~~XX~~ New Braintree John seems much more likely, I think.



The Two Older Brothers

I have no original-source evidence that John III had two older brothers, Eli and Timothy. But there seem to be a number of reasons for regarding this as probable. For example:

records

\* Morris Belknap, copying ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ at Holland, Mass., noted that JOHN, son of John II, was ~~without~~ shown either as "3rd son" or as "John 3rd." He thought the notation meant 3rd son, and left ~~empty~~ ty lines for two unknown older sons.

\* The correspondent who named Eli and Timothy to HWB and gave birth dates for ~~them~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ said they were born at Wales -- which would explain why not ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ in Holland records. This correspondent, a Mrs Patrick, ~~shown~~ seems to have been reliable on many ~~XXXXXX~~ points on other entries, though she had no record of John II and thought Eli and Timothy were sons of John I. (She did not know of the other children: John ~~II~~ <sup>III</sup>, Levine, Caphira, Forris.)

\* The birth dates Mrs Patrick gave for Eli and Timothy are plausible dates for children born before John III -- if John II married Lavina Breck not later than 1779.

\* At A Timothy with the same birthdate shown by ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Mrs Patrick was reported independently by another correspondent, with notations indicating probable relationship to the Woodstock family and to Forris.

\* An Eli and a ~~Timothy~~ appear in land transactions in Oneida Co. in same period as Forris and a John who seems likely to be John II. I say "John II" because the lot in Lee was bought from Jetham Worden in 1803, when John III would have been only 19.

\* <sup>a</sup>In deed showing names of Eli and Timothy <sup>together,</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Eli is named first -- as if the elder. (That deed, recorded 1843, might indicate that John II had died before the date of the transaction -- which is not known yet.)

These bits of possible supporting data leave us the task of finding the V R for Wales, which I have not been able to do, thus far. So, now, a note on something you doubtless knew.

South Brimfield, Wales, Holland

Part of our problem comes from confusion of Wales/~~W~~ and Holland and lack of record for Wales V R. ~~XXXXXX~~ But the notes taken long ago by Morris Belknap show plainly that some of the Brimfield family lived first at Wales, later at Holland. The published Brimfield VR does not identify, always, entries from South Brimfield. In those times, South Brimfield had 3 "parishes": South Parish (no other name); West Parish (Wales); and East Parish (Holland). Morris did not find VR for Wales. Neither can I, thus far. I hope you can. They might, I think, show marriage date for John II and Lavina Breck -- and birth dates for Eli and Timothy.

The Timothy at Cambriafrom

HWB thought the Cambria Timothy was ~~XXX~~ the Brimfield family (though wrongly thought he was son of John I, & as HWB did not know of existence of John II -- but the birthdates certainly should have warned him that he was looking ~~xx~~ at the familiar problem of "a missing generation").

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Reasons influencing HWB: The correspondent supply/data on the Cambria Timothy



indicated he was from "the Woodstock family" -- and the only Belknap family <sup>ever</sup> at Woodstock, Conn. was that of Joseph and Prudence Morris, who moved to the Brimfield, South Brimfield area about 1742. . . This correspondent also gave the same birthdate for Timothy that Mrs Patrick had shown, as noted above. . . He also said that this Timothy "had a cousin named Forest," as explanation of middle name of Timothy's son Samuel ~~XXXXXX~~ Forace. An apparent or possible confusion between brother and cousin? By that time, HWB had a record on Forris, but mistakenly as son of William, brother of John I; so "cousin" would look OK to HWB.

The specific dates shown for the Cambria Timothy, as supplied to HWB, were:

His birth: 29 July 1783

Birth of his son ~~XXXXXX~~ Samuel Forace, at Smithfield, Madison Co., NY, 1809.

" " " " Edward H., Madison County, 1811.

To which I now add:

1825 -- bought land in Cambria, Niagara Co. NY

1831 -- Sold same piece to his son Samuel F.

1835 -- Purchased same piece from son Samuel F.

John II, John III, Eli, Timothy, in Oneida County  
Cambria

Identification of the ~~XXXXXX~~ Timothy as the Oneida Co. Timothy might be made by examining the deeds in which this name appears. Dates shown in the lists you sent to me are dates of recording -- not dates of transactions -- apparently dates of last known recording, not earliest.

We know that in 1803 the lot in Lee was bought from Jotham Worden by a John Belknap who in 1811 sold it to Forris (who in 1816 sold it to Silas Pratt). As said earlier, I think this must have been John II, because John III only 19 years old in 1803. And from these deeds we know that Forris was in Ohio in 1811 (you may know the date when he was taken to [ Ohio? ).

We do not yet know where the Cambria Timothy was before 1809 (when he was in nearby Madison County). The deeds bearing his ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ name may show where he was on the dates of the transactions (not the recordings) and may identify him as the Timothy who is linked to Eli in the lists of deeds.

So, till we see copies of all the ~~XXXXXX~~ Oneida County deeds for Eli, Timothy, and John (plainly 2 different Johns, I think), I can only say that the tentative findings that I summarized in the beginning of this memo look like hunches that are worth following. If these hunches turn out to be right, they'll answer almost all the questions that have troubled you.

Consequently, I'll be eager to know if you think it worth while to test the hunches by getting copies of these deeds.

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Meanwhile, of course, I'm troubled by the apparent lack of confirmation in the census records for Oneida and Madison Counties. But I'm putting this point aside, for the moment.



things

Now, finally, two ~~things~~ that I hope you can do for me:

- (1) Can you give me any information about the parentage of the John Ballmap from New Braintree? I have a good deal about his descendants, but nothing on him beyond his marriage/.
- (2) Can you give me information ~~about the~~ descendants of Forris, like the sheet you sent me for Forris himself? I distrust what I have -- as incomplete and probably inaccurate.

Canis

✓ agrees with Hello

PROPOSED REVISION OF HWB RECORD OF LINE OF DESCENT OF MORRIS BELKNAP (by CYB 4 July 1970)

The three consecutive John Belknaps are shown as I, II, III, for reference.

HWB #115, JOHN I b 21 Sept 1725 m Elisabeth Ball ~~23~~ April 1747

| m 24 Apr 1747

HWB #	NAME	CHILDREN	
		PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH	HWB
		Sherman and/or Morris Belknap and/or Brimfield V R	
	* JOHN II	Holland, 6 Apr 1748	
242	1 Eli	-----	Wales, 12 Dec -----, "died young?"
	2 Eunice	6 Apr 1753, Holland	-----
	3 Joseph	Holland 12 Oct 1755	-----
	4 Thomas	6 Sept 1758	-----
243	5 Prudence	-----	Wales, no date
244	6 Elizabeth (Betsy)	-----	Wales 31 Aug 1760
244	* 7 Abigail	27 Sept 1761	Wales, -- Sept 1765
245	* 8 Elijah	(Morris B gives "Elyah" b Holland, no date)	Wales 17 June 1770

JOHN II b 6 Apr 1748 m Lavina Brook, widow Hinds (date not known)

246	1 Eli	-----	Wales 15 Sept 1780	1780
247	* 2 Timothy	-----	Wales 29 July 1783	1793
	3 JOHN III	Holland 2 Apr 1784	-----	
	4 Lavina	Holland 5 Apr 1786	-----	
	5 Cephora	Holland 12 Aug Aug 1788	-----	1782
	* 6 Morris	12 Apr 1788 (Sherman shows both 1788 & 1787)	-----	1783

\* -- CYB has continuation generations.

Lowering  
a woman's name  
say "twins"  
Lowering copied  
from town records  
for both  
12 Aug 1788



PROPOSED REVISION OF HWE RECORD OF LINE OF DESCENT OF FORE

6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Hollywood, California 90028  
February 6, 1971

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Enclosed you will find Census  
runs and Weed index lists.

Besides this, I went through  
histories of Chataqua and Niagara  
Cos. without finding anything  
about the Belknaps.

Eli Belknap appears to confuse  
his birthplace by naming both  
Connecticut, and Massachusetts - just  
as Foss did in the Census.

I should like, very much, to know  
where and when John Belknap, Jr.  
married Lavinia (Brook) Hinds - and  
where they were living when their  
children were born.

Do you feel that both John, Jr. and  
his son John were in Western?

I wonder if they were ever in the  
State of Vermont?

Please let me know if I can  
help further with the problem of



this family-group.  
Best wishes.

Sincerely  
John A. Sherman

<sup>at 26</sup>  
Eli's also at Western  
<sup>at 22</sup>  
Eli & Timothy 1806  
Buy lot 33 in Scriba  
tent jointly  
(adjacent to John lot)

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<sup>at 25</sup>  
1808 Timothy at Smithfield  
Madison Co., sell his  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  to Eli (28)

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~~John III appears next a  
Verona, Ohio @ 1856~~

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1817 Eli & wife Lydia  
sell to Pratt 1814 to Worden

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1816 Foris sells

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*Sh & Timothy*

JOHN SHERMAN from CYB

10/30/71

Thanks for note on Pilgrim Belknap. His origin is still unknown. Only information found at Albany was copy of pay-card, War of 1812, which indicated he then resided in Genessee County -- which I do not believe, but am trying to trace. Census 1810 shows his brother Stephen in Saratoga County, but does not show Pilgrim anywhere.

I have now examined all available VR for towns in Berkshire Co Mass, near Peru. Have found no new data of interest to you on John II after he left Holland. Have not found record of the Devereaux-Sherman marriage at Lanesborough. Wish you'd tell me where ~~you~~ you found it.

In re-examining Lovering, I have become certain that the Lavina who was dismissed to Holland from Brimfield church in 1793 was not wife of John II but was wife of a John Brown. This removes one troublesome element in finding date when John II left Holland. (This John Brown and wife Lavina joined Brimfield church in 1785 and were dismissed to Holland church in 1793 and joined Holland church Aug 31, 1794 .)

Am returning your file of documents on John Belknap of Newburgh. He was, as you surmised, the John Belknap later in Susquehanna Co Pennsylvania.

Your copy of Index of Awards, etc., shows a John Belknap of Oseola, Oneida Co. If there is or was a town of that name in Oneida Co, this might be our John III, but I cannot find an Oseola in any map in my possession. Do you know where it was?

I have records (pay cards) for 2 John Belknaps who served in NY militia in 1812:

- (1) Private in Capt Chauncy Bills Co., Col Crosby's Regt, Aug 29-Sept 29: \$8.25
- (2) Private in Capt Seth Belknap's Co, Col De Lematre's Regt, Aug 18-Dec 2: \$28

These records show no home addresses. I have not yet identified places of origin of those two companies. But believe #2 was in Newburgh.

Gladys Gray has sent me some evidence that helps to confirm the conclusion that the Timothy at Cambria and the Eli at French Creek were brothers: when they moved to western NY State, they bought land from the same land company in eastern NYS.

6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Hollywood California 90028  
October 20, 1971

Dear Carroll York Belknap:

While at the Los Angeles Public Library, yesterday, I came upon the enclosed record, which might be a source of information for you.

I know you have expressed an interest in Pilgrim Belknap. The record, at Albany, may have location information, which would help in identifying him.

This list embraces all of the Belknaps in the lists.

My Sister just returned from a trip to the British Isles. She was there for twenty-one days. In Paisley, Scotland, she was entertained by some lately-discovered relatives on our maternal side.

I have not heard from the Columbus, Ohio Belknaps, (descendants of Fous, also). They were working on a family format down to present-day descendants. I hope this will be completed.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
John A. Sherman



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September 27, 1971

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> was very interesting. I am glad that Eli Belknap, of Peru, has been identified. As you say, 'Eli of French Creek fits our picture' and his children's names do have significance.

As to my moving, I shall probably be here through next month, and possibly longer.

General Services certainly got my order talled up; so, if you will return the John Belknap material, I shall try and straighten it out.

Do you think that 'John of Newburgh' is the same John, who applied for (or received) pension, while a resident of Susquehanna Co. Penna.?

I believe that John Belknap, Jr. (wife Lavinia) must have left Holland shortly after her death. I wonder if Lavinia was buried at Holland?

In looking through some micro-filmed material of Wake, Mass. I came across several letters of inquiry, which I had written some years ago. It seemed rather strange to see these among town records. I never had a response from them.

Thanks for your comment about Lavinia. Kind  
it is coincidental.

Best wishes

Sincerely,  
John A. Sherman



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Sept 15 1970

Dear Mr. Sherman:

For a lot of totally inadequate reasons, I'm sadly belated in writing to you. I shan't bore you with the reasons. I'll just apologize -- and hope ~~far~~ for tolerance. And now, I'll try to be brief.

(1) Of course I'll be immensely grateful if you can find time to look up those Oneida County deeds. Meanwhile, I'll try to get hold of Belknap wills in Oneida County and Remsalaer County, 1800-1850.

(2) My problem is to disentangle the Belknaps in those two counties -- and to identify parentage of all of them. Here's a swift review of where I stand, now:

(3) I become more and more inclined to feel that the list of children of Brimfield John I and John II, in an earlier letter to you, is probably correct -- though some uncertainties remain, on some birth dates.

(4) The John at Stephen Town N Y census 1800 was, I think, the New Braintree John -- as you suggested, and the Asa and Eli on adjacent farms were his children. This John has been identified -- tentatively -- as son John Belknap and Ruth Farr, Westboro, Mass. -- born circa 1740 (plus or minus as much as 5 yrs). No firm proof, yet.

(5) As far as concerns the Brimfield family, the main conflict in descent is whether the Eli who was at Nassau about 1820-24 (not shown in your list of 1820 Census) was son of your John II (listed as son of your John I by two of my predecessors) or was son of the 1800 Stephentown, as I believe. Without going into a lot of detail at this time, I should say that if he was son ~~sg~~ of John II he could not be the Eli in Oneida deeds -- and conversely if the Oneida Eli proves to be son of John II, then this Nassau Eli had been wrongly identified up to now.

-- In this connection, ~~can~~ you give me location of "Stephentown, Mass." in 1800-1820. No such town now. And I haven't identified it. Yes 1/31/71

(6) I have found reason -- not proof -- to think identification of the Cambria ~~Timothy~~ Timothy as son of John II is likely to be right.

(7) I have been able to revise a misidentification ~~of~~ <sup>1</sup> of the Brimfield Thomas, son of John ~~II~~, who married Chloe Lombard -- thus adding 40 or 50 names to list of descendants of John II.

Not much of a progress report, I fear. But there it is.



GLADYS GRAY (Copy to John Sherman)

Jan 5 15 71  
~~Dec 5 1970~~

Dear Gladys:

Looking again at the memo I sent to you yesterday (copy of memo to Sherman), I see I did not do a very good job of explaining what I want you to consider.

I was appealing to your experience in title research, on two points concerning the John Belknaps in Oneida County:

(1) Whether or not I am right in thinking that a John aged 19 in 1803 could not be the one who bought land shown on a deed showing no other person as parent or guardian -- hence that John ~~XXXXX~~ must have been the father whom I've labelled "John II" in writing to Sherman. Could a minor buy land on his own, then?

(2) Whether I am right in believing that the John who sold that same lot in 1811 was (at least could have been) not that John II but his son "John III."

Knowing the consistent practice, in those days, of naming the last preceding owner, it troubles me that the 1811 deed names the preceding owner simply as "John Belknap" without saying that he was the father of the John now selling the lot.

But re-examining the deed, today, I see something that may be significant. And again I need your knowledgeable judgment. So I'm enclosing a marked copy of the typed copy of the deed in 1811 -- for your scrutiny.

A couple of inches from the bottom you will see a notation which (in the typing) interrupts the wording of the deed. "NB" etc. Saying that the words "the said John Belknap" had been erased. In the middle of the sheet I have marked the point at which I think this erasure was made -- my judgment, based on the handwriting of other deeds of the period and place, as to where "18 line" would be in the handwritten original.

What this seems to mean, I think, is that the deed originally named "the said John Belknap" (the one named at the beginning of the deed) as the previous owner who had bought the lot from Worden in 1803 -- and that this designation was removed and replaced by just "John Belknap" as the typed copy ~~shows~~ shows. It seems to me that this indicates that the 1811 grantor John was plainly not the 1803 grantee John.

Perhaps Mr Sherman can ~~examine~~ examine the original handwritten version, to see if I'm wrong or right. But without waiting to hear from him, I'm eager to have your opinion.

An imposition? Not at all. You got me into this, by digging up the Cambria Timothy. For which, my thanks again.

JOHN A SHERMAN from CYB

July 4 1971

Your letters July 1:

Thanks for trying to find location of "J Bellanap" in Oneida Co. To date, my impression of records of that county in early 1800s is that they were among the worst in N Y State.

Some time ago, I ordered the probate record for John Belknap at Northampton. Will let you know what I learn, when it arrives. I already know that Lovering was wrong in saying that Feb 13 1812 was date of will. This John died intestate.

Now to a difficult task -- trying to comment lucidly on that Boston Transcript entry which shows Eli (as son of the wrong John) marrying Claracy Lyman.

Similarities in wording make it seem that the Transcript item must have been the source of H W Belknap's identification of this Eli as from the Brimfield family (and as son of the wrong John. For a long time I have been sure that this was a ~~misidentification~~ mistake, largely because of detailed data from you in typed letter Aug 17 1968. HWB (and others following him) have shown this Eli living at Nassau around 1810 to 1824 -- and there is good evidence for this, though he is not shown in Census 1810 as reported by you. This Eli, I am convinced, must have been the Eli who was at Stephen Town NY in 1800 and was almost certainly son of the John from New Braintree and Oakham, and brother of the Asa who married Abia Deverix of Stephentown (Mass.). HWB misidentified that Asa as son of the Daniel who was son of Joseph and Prudence -- an error I have corrected. But what I want to stress, now, is the phrase "of Stephentown", for it seems to be the key to the solution. Here are the ways it appears in the various records:

As above: "Abia Deverix of Stephentown"

Transcript item: "At time of marriage Eli was of Stevens Town, Mass."

HWB record #246: "He (Eli) who married Claracy Lyman) of Stevens Town, Mass."

I have not yet found the town that was called "Stevens Town" in Mass at that time. But the linking of Asa and Eli seems plain. And Census 1800 Stephen Town NY ~~shows~~ gives age for Eli that could not have been correct age for our Brimfield-Holland-Wales Eli who was born 1780.

Out of the sad muddle that many people made, of the record of our Johns, one thing seems certain: that the Eli at Nassau could not have been the son of John II -- that I must transfer him and his descendants to another line (John of Oakham, son of a Belknap at Westboro).

Transcript items, while helpful in many instances, were mostly contributed by eager amateurs and are full of hasty errors. The only items to be trusted are those that cite documentary evidence in detail -- which this one apparently did not. And it contains one major error: the statement that Theresa Elmina was the only child of this Eli and Claracy (Cleracy, Clarissa) Lyman. She was one of 12 children -- and was not born till 1819 -- marriage of Eli and Cleracy was 9 Oct 1800.

All records agree on fact that the marriage took place in Peru, Mass -- or say that Claracy was "of Peru." This seems to be the only trace of a link to our John line, for Elijah, son of John I, settled there and married Thankful Lake "of Peru." But this town in the Berkshires was on the route that led from Oakham to the Albany area, thus a natural place for an Eli from Oakham to have been before going on to Rensselaer Co.



See note on p. 1

*File*  
Oct 4 1969

Dear Mr Sherman:

Thanks for your kind letter of Sept 30. . . Yes, I'm in fine ~~MAKE~~ health now. And happy to be working full time as my self-appointed family historian. But the only part completed, thus far, is the record of my own branch of the family -- descendants of Jonas Newton Belknap -- on which I can say that enough data from original sources have been accumulated to justify writing a worthwhile draft.

This means, I think you may like to know, that I will draft --in a few days -- a factual statement of Carol Anne's descent, for Mrs Jane Belknap, Des Moines, whom you helped so much. Poor lady -- twice the D A R applications she prepared for her granddaughter were turned down. Justifiably, for they were full of obvious errors. Now I can give her the provably ~~accyts~~ accurate record.

I'm keeping an eye out, for anything that will aid you on Foris. A recent inquiry, not yet followed up, suggests that clue may be found in Peru, Mass., but you probably know about this.

Lately I had occasion to read your correspondence with Henry Wyckoff Belknap, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ some years ago. By that time, the only Belknap work he was still pursuing was the tracing of the English ancestry -- publishing most of what he found in NEHG Register 1930 -- leaving, after his death 1946, unpublished material which G Andrews Moriarty published in ~~IXE~~ 1950 -- plus some other data not yet published. But he was keeping and filing all new information from all sources; so I have much to work with, not entered in his formal records.

I hasten to say "Yes" to your generous offer to send me copies of Belknap notes in your files. They'll be of great value to me. My biggest task is to find original source evidence to support or contradict what I find in the conflicting collections of alleged genealogical data in my study. I welcome all aid I can get.

Cordially,

Carroll Y. Belknap:

*Carroll Y. Belknap*



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Dear Mr. Belknap: September 30, 1969

I received your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> and was sorry to learn of the rough time you had with health matters. I hope you are well recovered by now.

Thank you for returning the material regarding the Oneida County Belknaps. I am now puzzled as to how they are related to one another. Was John Belknap, the father of Foni, or his brother? I have looked hard for an answer, but have failed to find one.

I am about convinced that the Rensselaer County John and Lisa were from Oakham, Mass. For a while, I thought he was Foni's father.

Recently, I sent for the will of David Brock, father of my Foni's mother, (Lorina Brock Hinds); but have received no reply. I shall have to try again.

You should really have some help on that census coverage project - it

is too much for one person to undertake.

I have thought, often, of each struggling attempt to gather records of a family, and the net result. If there were only a central clearing-house for information, it would be so much easier.

Mr. Henry Wyboff Belknap suffered a great set-back, when his assembled material was destroyed in the Salem fire.

His later letters are rather confused. His deductions from them, should be double-checked. I know that in my queries, his responses were inaccurate.

If, and when, I can get to it, I shall try to send you notes from my rather scattered collection if you feel they may be of some help.

Best wishes.

Sincerely  
John A. Sherman



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Mr. Carroll Y. Belknap  
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C. Colant

(3)

4 May 1814 - Elu + Lydia  
of town of Lee <sup>top of wooden</sup>  
Tioo to part of Lot 33  
covered by John + Blomfield  
+ wife Ann to Jesse Lyster  
for deed bearing date of  
12 Oct 1795 "

(2)

11 Oct 1805 - Timothy to Eli,  
1/2 of " Part of Lot 33  
" 12 acres  
more or less "

(1)

13 Oct  
1806 - T + E bought this  
piece jointly



O Co Land

① Eli & Lydia to Pratt

22 Sept 1817

part of Lot 27 in town of  
Switz  
Patent

undated

"A covenantment by Judge  
Inger Ridd as Remembered"

~~22 Sept~~ "Be it"

Recorded 2 May 1834 by Subron Clerk

Only mention  
of this lot -

How acquired

from  
Wm Phelps  
→ wife  
recorded

6 June 1811

late

Last date for

Eli in O Co -

Torrie born

12 Aug 1788

Bought  
Cott 52

27 Aug 1811

pc

15

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23

yr  
2

why in chancery?

John I would have  
known F's date

John II might not



John Jr

Note 1 - Exp "Jr"

Note 2 - ' date  
of death

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Between 8 Aug 1803  
and 15 Oct 1806

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8 Aug  
1803

Warden to John B  
(out of lot 32)

Recorded 30 Aug 1811  
6 pm

21 Aug 1811 John B to Fovius

Recorded 30 Aug 1811  
6 pm

15 Oct 1806 John  
Warden & ~~Wife~~ Fanny W  
his wife acknowledged  
(why?)  
(Not recorded till  
1811)



# Oneida Co. Land

(1)

6 Jan 1803 - Worden to John Jr  
"part of lot 32  
\$200 30 acres  
1806 action  
1/2 of Town of Western  
for or the

(2)

27 Aug 1811 - John B to  
Forris of Waterford, Warren  
Co., Ohio,

\$200

(changes)

indicate not John Jr

(also  
action on  
1802 deed)

~~and not the only but  
not by Worden to John Jr~~

(3)

11 July 1816 - Forris to Silas Pratt  
\$240 [of Waterford] of Lee

being the land conveyed by

John Worden to John Pringle  
& by the said John to the said  
Party of the first part

action before the "Wheel  
Barrow, Martin in Chy"

(Forris then 28 yrs old  
why Chancery)

JOHN SHERMAN (Copy to Clinton Bellmap)

Dec 5 1970

Supplementing my memo of 12/3, re Timothy, Eli, Peris, John II, John III, III:  
Hassan,

Trying to clean up details as I go along. This time, the Eli at ~~HAHAXI~~ Hannsalaer Co.

Clinton Bellmap sent me, some months ago, a sheet of work by Glen Evans showing children of John I and Elizabeth Ball at Brimfield, as Evans had it -- containing the old confusion attributing children of John II to John I.

This sheet showed, for Eli, marriage to Clarissa Lyman.

The ~~XXXX~~ Eli who married Clarissa (commonly called "Claricy") was the one shown at ~~HAHAXI~~ Hassan -- and as we now know could not have been son of John II but must have been son of the New Braintree John.  
Bellmap"

The "widow ~~XXXX~~ when you found in census at West Leyden, N Y, was this Clarissa -- whose story is that a true heroine to my mind.  
of"

After death of her husband, she brought up a family ~~XXXX~~ by taking in washing, till all the girls were married -- at Troy, N Y. Then moved to West Leyden.

I have records on her descendants.

~~HE~~ made some mistake on this Eli -- reasons for his error pretty obvious, now that I know it was an error.



	Joseph	Wm	David	Jonathan	John	John Jr	Thomas	Elijah	John III
1756 - French & Indian War	x	x			x				
1762 Petition signers	x	x			x				
1764 - " "	x	x	x		x	x			
1775-77 - Rev War service			x		x	x			
1781 - Jonathan joined church				x					
1782 - Petition signers		x		x					
1782 - Jonathan baptized		x	x	x	x		x		
1782 - Taxpayers		x		x	x	x			
1783 - Householders		x		x	x				
1784 - Town officers		x							
1784 - Birth John III, 12 Apr						x			
1785 - Lavina joined church (Brimfield)						x			
1788 - Birth Forris + <i>Cephina</i>						x			
1790 - Census		x			x				
1790 - Marriage of Thomas & birth 1st child					x		x		
1791 - Marriage of Elizabeth (Betsy) & Birth 1st child					x				
1793 - Taxpayers		x	x		x			x	
<del>1793 - Lavina dismissed from church to Holland</del>						x			
1794 - Marriage of Elijah (Peru)								x	
1798 - Property owners		x							
1800 - Census		x							
1800 - John probably living with Wm					x				
1800 - Wm's last yr as town officer		x							
1812 - Taxpayers -- none									
1812 -- War of 1812 service -- none									
1812 -- J Sherman appointed administrator of John's estate (Feb 13)					x				
1820 -- William died at Clinton N Y (His wife, Anna Burke, also said to have died there)									

- NOTES:
- Lavina, wife of John Jr, died before 25 Nov 1795, place not known.
  - Not appearing in this record: Joseph, son of John, born 12 April 1755.
  - List of John's heirs, 24 July 1812, names only children; so wife Elizabeth died before then. (He died intestate.)
  - At time of death, John was probably living with his oldest daughter Eunice: wife of Jeremiah Sherman, who was administrator of his estate.
  - John's death occurred at Holland, probably not long before 13 Feb 1812.
  - William was a town officer in all but four years in period 1784-1800. Statement by Holland Town Clerk in 1934, that William "left here in 1787" was obviously incorrect.

Mr Sherman,


Feb 13 1971

Here's what I wrote yesterday, trying to summarize facts and inferences to date.

Reading it this morning, I find it unduly impersonal and cold. It doesn't reflect the fact that virtually all the evidence has come from you and your long hard digging. Anyone who didn't know better would think I was trying to take credit for all the research. I didn't mean it that way. Was just too absorbed in trying to get things set down clearly.

I'm eager to know what you think about this effort, what changes you feel should be made, and so on. The man who helps me most is the one who shows me where I'm wrong.

So I shan't do anything more with this proposed revision till I hear from you -- though there are others who are asking for it, as they know you and I have been working on it.





JOHN A SHERMAN from CYB

Feb 12 1971

Here are two sheets summarizing a proposed revision of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ three early generations of your branch of the Brimfield family. In them, I have indicated what I think can be regarded as known and also what is still not known.

The identification of the third John as brother of your ancestor Ferris rests on circumstantial evidence, which often is all that can be found in early 1800's, when our people were moving westward ahead of the building of churches, so that marriages were performed by itinerant ministers and the only records of marriages, births and deaths were in family Bibles. But in this case the circumstantial evidence is precisely the ~~XX~~ sort of supplemental evidence that is found when there is documentary record of parentage.

- (1) Adjacent property in Lee, for John, Ely, Timothy.
- (2) Joint purchase by Ely, Timothy, followed by later sale of his half, Timothy to Ely
- (3) Sale by John, to Ferris.
- (4) Dates at ~~XXXX~~ Smithfield, Madison Co., for Timothy, and names of children born there, identify him as the Timothy who sold his half of lot at Lee to Eli *and was later at Cambria.*
- (5) Lack of further record for Eli in Oneida Co. after 1817 is accounted for by his appearance in 1830 in Chataugua Co, Census 1830. This is, I'm sure, the same Eli -- both because of wife's name Lydia same as in Oneida Co., and also because birthdate given for him by a living descendant, David Bellnap, is practically same as date of my record. I say 1782--David says 1781. As he names cemetery where buried, David may have computed birthdate from information on gravestone -- so easily one year different. Haven't been in touch with him yet. But don't think this small discrepancy matters at all.
- (6) Census record shows Eli's son Andy (Andrew according to David) naming one son Morris -- as other descendants of Prudence Morris did.

On the question of the probable date of death of John who was born 1748, there is a direct conflict of evidence. (1) When a John sold lot at Lee to Ferris, the words in the deed "the said John Bellnap" were altered to read "John Bellnap." (2) When Ferris later sold that lot to Worden, the words "the said John Bellnap" were not altered.

It seems to me that we must weigh something that was done (requiring active decision) against something not done (which could result from mere ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ negligence). The John who sold the lot to Ferris either insisted on a change in the wording of the deed that had been ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ drawn up by his lawyer or assented to the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ change proposed by the lawyer when the lawyer said it should be made. Ferris, on the other hand, let the same traditional wording stand. This could be negligence, or not caring, or not reading the deed carefully -- any of which would be natural in a young man in a hurry, coming back there to sell the land. . . Miss Gray, from her knowledge and also after consulting a lawyer, says that a minor (John III, aged 19 in 1803) could not have bought land in his own right at that time.

Please let me know your judgment on this -- and the attached sheets.

[I have purposely omitted saying that two preceding workers identified Timothy as ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of the Brimfield family -- on evidence not known to me.]

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You ask if I think John II and possibly Forris went to Vermont before NY. I haven't anything on this and don't know how to find out -- except by searching all lists of deeds in Vermont (or at least southern Vermont). One of his first cousins did -- Asa, to Brattleboro. You might try that area.

As far as my records go, there's nothing for John II between date of birth of Forris in 1770 and purchase of lot from Worden in Oneida Co in 1803 -- so, 33 years in which anything could have happened.

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At this point it may be well for me to add an analysis of the discrepancies in the ages reported in Census records for Eli and his family in Chataqua County -- using 1780 as known birth date of Eli -- and 1824 for his son Edward, and 1826 for his son Andrew (Andy), as reported by David Belknap. In this table, the "known ages" are shown in parentheses ( ).

	Eli	Lydia	Edward	Andrew	Rouse, Sarah, wife of Andrew
Birth dates	1780	---	1824	1826	1829
U S CENSUS 1830	40-50 (50)	40-50	5-10 (6)	Under 5 (4)	----- -----
1840	50-60 (60)	50-60	15-20 (16)	10-15 (14)	-----
1850	66 (70)	64 64	26 (26)	24 22 (24)	-----
NEW YORK STATE 1855	71 (75)	68	31 (31)	24 (29)	24 (26)
U S CENSUS 1860	70 (80)	65	36 (36)	32 (34)	30 (31)
1870	(d. 1864)	---	---	48 (44)	47 (41)

Did you copy this age correctly?

A mixture of accuracy and inaccuracy. Obviously no weight should be given to the ages reported in Census for Eli after 1840. He and his wife seem to have become sensitive about their age as they grew older.

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As possibly of interest, I should direct attention to fact that William, brother of John I, is said to have died in 1830 in Clinton, N. Y., ten miles from Smithfield where Timothy was in 1808-11. (Notes sent to you by my daughter-in-law of William Burke Belknap)

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NYS Census 1855 says Eli and Lydia residents of Chataqua Co. 37 years -- i.e., from 1818 on. This tallies with last known date for Eli in Oneida County, 1817.



PROPOSED REVISION, Feb 12 1971

JOHN BELKNAP, son of Joseph Belknap & Prudence Morris  
b. 21 Sept, Woodstock, Conn. m. Elizabeth (Bell?) 24 April 1747  
1725. d. before 13 Feb 1812 (date of appointment of administrator of his estate)  
Place of death not known ~~Holland~~

i. \*John, born Holland, Mass., 6 April 1748. m. Lavina Brock, widow Hinds.  
Date and place of marriage not known. On date of his death, see NOTE 1.  
Lavina died before 1795, according to will of her father, David Brock, of  
Woodstock, Conn. 125 Nov

ii. Eunice, born Holland, 6 April 1753. ~~For marriage, see NOTE 2.~~

iii. Joseph, b. Holland 12 April 1755. ~~For marriage, see NOTE 3.~~

iv. \*Thomas, b. Holland 6 Sept 1758. m. Chloe Lombard, 28 Aug 1790  
Mass.

v. Elizabeth (Betsey), b. Wales, 31 Aug 1760. m. Daniel Burnett, Jr. 10 Feb 1791

vi. \*Abigail, b. Wales 27 Sept 1761. m. William Jones (See NOTE 4)

vii. Eli, born Wales 12 Dec 1762. Died young. 28 Apr 1827

ix. Prudence, b. Wales, date not known

x. \*Elijah, b. Wales 17 Dec 1770. m. Thankful Lake

NOTE 1: This John probably died between 1803 and 1811, if it was he who bought lot  
from Warder, but his son John who sold it to Foris in 1811. Otherwise, no date known.  
In 1803. Eunice

NOTE 2: Notes by William Burke Belknap say, ~~EUNICE~~ married Jeremiah Sherman, who  
was administrator of her father's estate. But the only Jeremiah Sherman shown in  
Brinfield VR, b. 12 June 1751, married Eunice Lombard 28 Nov 1782; and their children's  
births are recorded in 1783, 1785, 1789, 1793, 1795.

NOTE 3: Glenn Evans shows Joseph married Esther Snow. He gives no proof.

NOTE 4: Salt Lake shows 2nd marriage to Daniel Thompson, based probably on  
undated church record at Brinfield of marriage of an Abigail Belknap and Daniel  
Thompson. Date of marriage to William Jones not shown; but births of 8 children,  
1782 to 1793 are in VR. And VR shows William Jones died 13 Dec 1841 and buried beside  
wife Abigail who d. 28 April 1827. Entry of undated marriage, in church record only,  
may be error for marriage of Daniel Thompson and Hannah (children's births shown  
in VR). No other Daniel Thompson in Brinfield VR.

Mr. Collins gives date of marriage as 1777  
as says Esther Snow & 10-6-1786  
d. of Jabez Snow  
& Kessiah Newton

This Joseph  
was not  
Brinfield

(2)

John II

JOHN BELKNAP, son of John Belknap and Elisabeth (Ball?). b. Holland, Mass. 6 April 1748  
(See preceding sheet for detail.)

- i. \*Eli, born Wales 16 Sept 1780. Married Lydia -----.
- ii. \*Timothy, b. Wales 29 July 1783. Married Candace -----.
- iii. John, born Holland 12 April 1784. Married Sarah A. } ----- (See NOTE 1)
- iv. Lavine, born Holland 5 April 1786
- vi. v. Caphira, born Holland 12 Aug 1788
- v. vi. \*Forris, born Holland 12 April 1787. Married Sarah Bateman.

vi. v.  
v. vi.

twins  
Aug 1784  
- 2

Loving says  
twins - 12 Aug 1788  
in 1856 and earlier.

NOTE 1: Sarah A. XXXXX ----- was name of wife of the John Belknap at Verona, N. Y., near Western. He is assumed to be the John who was son of the John known to have sold land at Lee to Forris.

Bought from Worden-

Last record  
for Lavine (i.e. John II)  
at Holland is in 1793

when Lavinia Brock died ca 1795

- her husband John was 47 yrs old
- her ~~children~~ children were

- Eli	15	In 1803
- Timothy	12	23
- John	11	22
- Lavine	9	19
- Caphira	7	17
- Forris	8	16

She then  
member  
of Holland  
church

~~If John married again, his second wife was presumably~~  
~~that~~



# Questions

~~7~~ Money - Where from?

1803 - John for Warden \$200

1806 - Eliza & Tim (not known)

~~1808~~ 1808 - Timothy  $\frac{1}{2}$  \$48

1811 - John to Farris \$200 (not profit)

1812 - Farris to Nath 240

1817 - Eliza & Tim  
to Nath \$480

1a - Why are both I & II unaccounted for in late 1700's?

1b Why did John II leave HI? (same)

~~2 - John I - ? (hard)~~

1793  
1795  
1798

4 Why was the lot sold to Farris?

5 Why no wife in this deal? at no profit?

3 Why did David "adopt" Farris?

7 money

~~8 Why persistent for John I's death?~~

9 Why persistent John II d. in R Co -

Dead dates - Quide Co -

8 Aug 1803 - John (of Western) buys

land in Lee from Worden

(1806 - ~~Worden~~ bought land)

27 Aug 1811 - John (of Western) sells that

land to Jarvis (of Waterford, Ohio)

near Marquette - Morrisburg

~ past here 1807-1808

but back in May

own field 1811

Worcester 1813 (1910 or 11)

Brinsford 1815

(this is also in Marquette 1806)

11 July 1816 - Jarvis (of Waterford) sells same  
land to Pratt (and is in Quide Co on  
that date)

In 1820 + 1830 Jarvis is in  
Morgan Co - Later in Hickory Co.  
(till 1834 pd tax there)



②

7) Now John J (II) - when left??

- Last firm date was 1788  
Firm - Caplin

~~But note~~

- Not in 1790 census

- But note 1793 having

~~Does it mean that John J. is from~~  
What does it mean?

in Holland

John  
Brown  
1794

# Deeds - Oneida Co NY

(Dates of transactions, not recording)

Bought

Sold

1803

John from Jonathan Worden  
(lost in law)

1811 John to Forvis

1816 Forvis to Silas Platt

Recording

1824

Eli + Lydia to Silas Platt



1843

~~Eli~~ Timothy to Eli

✓

Eli + Lydia to Jonathan Worden



1843

Eli from Timothy

✓

Eli + Timothy from  
Jesse Sexton + wife



(2)

Before 1803 - John <sup>II</sup> was established at Weston  
and Eli & Tim were with him

In 1806 - John I financed purchase  
of lot in Lee <sup>by</sup> Eli & Tim  
(prob earlier)

Not later than 1809, Farris was "adopted"  
by Devereaux & taken to Ohio (Waterford)  
the near Morris' house who  
was at Marietta in 1807 & 1808

In 1811, (John <sup>I</sup> (or) John <sup>III</sup>) sold  
lot to Farris - more likely John <sup>III</sup>?

2 Poss ~~scenarios~~ -

John I died before deed date 27 Aug 1811  
& John <sup>I</sup> sold his lot to Farris

- John I, aged 86, wanting to provide  
for sons, got Eli's to put up money  
(Elizabeth's dead, or not on deed)  
and died in late 1811 or early 1812

DATES IN ONEIDA COUNTY -- John, Eli, Timothy

(From deeds)

- 1803 John buys 30 acres from Worden
- 1806 Eli & Timothy buy 24 acres from <sup>e</sup>Saxton & wife
- 1808 Timothy (in Madison Co.) sells his half -- 12 acres)-to Eli  
Eli
- 1810 (or earlier) ~~THOMAS~~ buys land from Richmond & wife -- 20 acres  
(This deed not yet rec'd. But probably the 20 acres  
that were later sold to Pratt. Recorded 6 June 1810)
- 1811 John sells the 30 acres to Ferris.
- 1814 Eli and Lydia sell the 24 acres to Worden.
- 1816 Ferris sells the 30 acres to Pratt.  
(Ferris makes appearance on 11 July 1816, Oneida Co.)
- 1817 Ely & Lydia sell 20 acres to Pratt.  
(Appearance, 22 Sept 1817 -- last known date for Eli in Oneida Co.)  
22 SEP
- (1830 -- Eli is Commissioner of Schools, French Creek, Chatauqua Co, NY)  
Died there, 1864, according to descendant David Belknap.

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After 1811, Timothy moves to Cambria. Known to be there 1825.

QUERY: Was he the Timothy said to be at Clarence<sup>e</sup>, Erie Co, NY, date not known?  
See Downes Genealogy on him. HMB note says he moved to ~~NY~~ Ohio.

*Probably not*



6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Hollywood, California 90028  
October 1, 1968

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I am sorry not to have replied to your last good letter before now. I have been rather rushed; and, too, I spent some days at Banning, (near Palm Springs), at the home of a friend.

Yesterday, while at the Monson Library in West Los Angeles, I ran the Deed Indexes of Oneida County, New York, to see what I might find.

Imagine my surprise when I saw this: 1811 John Belknap to Foris Belknap, Liber 21, page 267, Aug. 30

On the same page, the same book, the same date, was a deed

from Gotham Norden to John Belknap.  
Later on, I found: 1834 Fours  
Belknap to Silas Pratt, Liber 65,  
page 82, May 2.

I have sent for photo-copies  
of these deeds, and shall be  
eager to see what they con-  
tain. What a find!

According to our family tradition,  
Fours came to Marquette with his  
guardians Joseph and Anna (Sherman)  
Devereaux, and ~~Arch~~ Sarah  
Bateman, (whom he married in  
1813), lived with Jared Andrus,  
and family. Oddly enough,  
Jared Andrus appears in 1800  
Census, Oneida Co., N.Y., in town  
of Paris. Jesse Belknap was liv-  
ing in Rome. In 1810 Census  
there were two J. Andrus listings  
one 26-45, the other over 45.



There was a N. Belknap - 16 - 26,  
and a J. Belknap, 26 - 45 + fam-  
ilies

In 1820 Census, (which I did  
not have time to finish), I  
found Asa Belknap, in Town of  
Floyd. He was over 45, + family.

Among other Belknaps, in Oneida  
Co., N. Y. deeds, were: 1816 Rachel  
from Christopher Meng; Asa, from  
Levi Meads, 1819; 1843 Eli from  
Timothy; 1843 Eli + Timothy from  
Jesse Sexton + wife; 1846 Asa from  
Jno. Lewis; 1849 John from Helle  
Rathbun, and others later.

When I receive these deeds,  
I have sent for, I shall let you  
know what they contain.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,  
John A. Shuman

Lot in Lee

6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Hollywood Calif. 90028

Dear Mr. Belknap: October 16, 1968

Just a note to say I received  
the three deed copies.

The first, dated 8 Aug. 1803,  
from Gotham Norden of Western,  
Oneida Co., N. Y., to John Belknap  
of the same town, for \$200<sup>00</sup>,  
part of Lot 32 (in 6,000 acre  
tract, etc.) Recorded 30 Aug. 1811.

The second - dated 7 Aug. 1811  
from John Belknap of Western,  
Oneida Co. to for \$200. to  
Foris Belknap of the town of Water-  
ford County of Washington and State  
of Ohio (the same property as  
above). Recorded 30 Aug. 1811

The third deed, from Foris Belknap  
of the town of Waterford in the County



of Washington & State of Ohio, for  
\$240<sup>00</sup> (same property) in town  
of Lee (Note: Lee was taken off  
of Western, in 1811). ~~to~~ to Elias  
Pratt now of Lee, etc.) Recorded  
2 May, 1834.

Now, I don't know whether  
the John Belknap of deeds was  
the father, or the brother of Fozie.

I have gone through several  
Histories of Oneida Co., N. Y. - found  
mention of Gotham Norden - but  
no Belknaps.

I wonder if they were in Lewis  
Co., N. Y., and shall run census  
to find out.

Please excuse scrawl. Wanted  
you to know about this.

Sincerely,  
John A. Sherman

1803 John buys "part of Lot 32" from Worden

1805 Timothy sells "part of Lot 33" to Eli

1811 John sells "part of Lot 32" to Farris  
(Cerrano)

1816 Farris sells to Pratt  
July 11, 1816 - Farris in O.P.

1814 Eli ~~John~~ <sup>Lydia</sup> sells "part of Lot 33" to Worden  
Eli then married March 4, 1815

1817 Eli & Lydia sell "part of Lot 27" to Pratt  
(They arrived 20 Sept 1817)

### Other Purchases

Eli from Wm. Richmond & wife

1806 Eli & Timothy from ~~Farris~~ <sup>Pratt</sup> & wife (24 acres)  
*part of Lot 33*

- 30 acres

- 12 acres

- 30 acres

" "

24 acres

20 acres

Recorded Aug 30 1811

9 Feb 1843

1811 Aug 30 1811

1824

1843

1834

6 June 1810

9 Feb 1843



Eunie Lumbard  
28 Nov 1782

~~53~~  
~~1782~~

- 1785.  
- 1793  
- 1795  
- 1783  
- 1789

- 1783  
- 1785  
- 1789  
- 1793  
- 1795  
58  
7

US Census Orinda Co 1810

page 281

J Ballenap males 1 10/16 1 26/45  
females - none

~~10/16/45~~

John III in 1810 - <sup>1784</sup> aged 26



John (Presumably II) in Oneida Co.

~~John~~ <sup>II</sup> 1803

~~John~~ <sup>III</sup> 1811

Forris in Ohio 1811 + 1834

An Eli in Oneida Co 1810  
~~1843~~

A Timothy " " ~~1843~~

John II Chn

	in 1800	1810
m. Eli 1780	20	30
Timothy 1783	17	27
John III 1784	16	26
Forris 1788	12	22
Lavine 1786	14	24
Dejira 1788	12	22

Morris 6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Source B - Hollywood California 90028

Dear Mr. Belknap: January 8, 1971

Answering your most recent letter -  
(I have not mailed a previous answer  
yet); I believe your answer as  
to which John Belknap deeded land  
to Fois, is answered in Fois' later  
deed to Selma Craft, i.e.: "Containing  
thirty acres of Land being the Land  
Conveyed by Gotham Warden to John  
Belknap & by the said John to the  
said party of the first part, etc.  
(Fois)"

I would say (without authority) that  
John Belknap was Fois' father, other-  
wise he would, no doubt, be design-  
ated Jr.?

Fois Belknap was in Oneida County  
11 July 1816 (see attest to deed);  
Could his father have died about this  
time?

As you will see by the enclosures,  
Morris B. Belknap was at Maricetta.



Ohio as early as 1807.

Fors was at Watford, Washington Co. Ohio, in 1811 (perhaps before that date). He was married to Sarah Bateman, at Marietta, in 1813.

He was 1st Cousin once-removed of Morris Bucke Belknap - his father, John Belknap, and Morris Bucke Belknap were full 1st Cousins.

According to a family chart, made by Henry H. Belknap, he erroneously makes Fors a son of William (Morris B's father) - but he says of Abraham: "Abraham emigrated from England, in 1635 to Lynn, Mass., with wife Mary, and four sons. He died there in 1643, and the inventory of his estate is on file in the Probate Court of Essex County, Mass., at Salem." No doubt, you have this information. Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
John A. Sherman

Carroll W. Belknap:

Did I send you the following? It seems strange that entry of James J. Belknap's birth would appear both in Brimfield, Mass., and New Orleans, La.

Brimfield, Mass. Vitals

(Only relative to Morris & Phebe Belknap)

Marrriages

Belknap, Morris B. and Phebe L. Thompson  
m. May 24, 1807

"Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral New Orleans,  
Louisiana," by Colonial Dames of America

254 (118)

Births

Belknap, Morris Burke and Phebe  
James Thompson, born 2 Nov. 1816 - b. 1, p. 15

Belknap, J. J. and Martha Jones

Betty Correll, born 22 June 1855 - b. 1, p. 15

Brimfield, Mass. Births

James Thompson s. of Morris & Phebe

Mo. Sept. 1, 1816



Belknap, John, heir of - Compensation  
for revolutionary service - J.P. 370 -  
Rev. Pensions Com. Report #492 - Adversal -  
Laid on table. (I am going to check into  
this - let's hope the "heir" are named! - J.A.P.)

"Life and Times of Aaron Burr," by J. Carlton -  
1858.

Page 491: Testimony of General Eaton at  
Burr's trial, August, 1807.

"I returned to Massachusetts to my own  
concerns, and thought no more of Colonel  
Burr, or his projects, or revolutions, un-  
til, in October last, a letter was sent  
into my hands at Brimfield from Mr.  
Belknap, of Marietta, to J. E. Danielson  
of Brimfield, stating that Mr. Burr had  
contracted for boats which were building  
on the Ohio."

From "History of Woodstock Com." by Bowen  
- - "Joseph Belknap's descendant Morris B.  
Belknap, in a letter dated Marietta, Ohio, Dec. 6,  
1807 wrote Gen. H<sup>on</sup> Eaton in Brimfield, etc

MEMO to JOHN SHERMAN from CYB

1/13/71

Your letter 1/8: that "said John" in deed from Ferris to Pratt certainly makes it seem that the John who sold the lot to Ferris was the John who bought it from Werden. But the erasure of similar wording in deed from John to Ferris is still puzzling to me.

One possibility that still remains: that I'm wrong in thinking that the John who bought from Werden in 1803 had to be John II, as John III then under age. If I'm wrong on that legal point, then it might be John III in all the transactions involving Ferris. Haven't heard from Miss Gray on this, yet. Will let you know if she says I'm wrong. (She has probably studied more land deeds in upper NY State than any other living person has.)

OTHER POINTS IN YOUR LETTER AND ENCLOSURES:

Quotation from H W Belknap, regarding Abraham -- seems to be an early piece of his work as it contains errors he later corrected -- such as emigrated "in 1635 to Lynn," whereas date of emigration not exactly known and now stated as "about 1635" and "to Lynn" deleted as his location in Mass. before 1637 is not known. Similarly "with four sons" indicates the passage was written in early days when HNB thought the Abraham who took oath of allegiance in 1677 was son of Abraham. Later he revised to only three sons -- Samuel, Joseph, John -- and Meriarty (who is just about unchallengeable) agreed. Lately I wrote a memo on this subject, in reply to query by Clinton Belknap. I enclose copy.

"John Belknap, heirs of" in Rev Pensions Com Rept -- Interesting. Hope you let me know what you find. Which John? Etc.

Letter to Gen Eaton from Morris Burke Belknap -- glad to add to my file about this interesting man. His varied career not wholly clear to me, for I place him in Ohio 1807 -- in Worcester Mass 1810 1811 -- in Pittsburgh 1816 -- in died in Ky/Tennessee 1827 -- and ~~NEWARK NEW JERSEY 1837~~ I don't believe that entry by Colonial Dances showing birth of son James Thompson in New Orleans -- partly because of evidence showing him elsewhere in 1816 (though I doubt that Brimfield VR record of this birth necessarily proves it occurred in Brimfield, for many early Mass VRs show births of children regardless of where they occurred, merely as record that such birth took place). Also, I've learned to distrust DAR and GDA records -- very unreliable and full of unsupported statements, accepted by organization without verification -- as in number of cases in my own branch. Could be that the residence of James T in New Orleans and his death there misled some descendant of his.



ages in

	<u>1790</u>	<u>1795</u>	<u>1800</u>	<u>1803</u>	<u>1811</u>
Uli & 1780	10	15	20	23	31
Timothy 1783	7	12	17	20	28
John 1784	6	11	16	19	27
Lavinia 1786	4	9	14	17	25
Cephie 1788	2	7	12	15	23
Jonis 1788					
					m, 1813

Suppose ~~from~~ Jonis thought  
of joining his Bros.  
and bought Lee lot  
for that reason -  
then changed mind  
when he met Sarah ~~Barren~~

John (Eli, Timothy, John ~~III~~ III, Foris

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Arrived Oneida Co. ~~before~~  
1803 or slightly earlier  
~~III~~ (John II not in Holland  
Census 1800)

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First land deal

1803	John II	aged 55
	Eli	23
	Timothy	20
	John <del>III</del>	19
	Foris	15

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John II <sup>Western</sup> buys lat from Worden  
in 1803

John ~~III~~ <sup>Western</sup> ~~son~~ sells lat. to Foris 1811

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Foris had gone to Ohio before 1809  
So John II dead. " "

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Fairs — near Marietta

Traced to Ohio (date?)

By Joseph Sherman and Anna  
Sherman who m 30 Nov 1788  
at Lancaster Mass

They later settled in Licking Co

John J. at Holland  
Superintendent 1764  
Rev War service 1775-77

On list householders

1783  
Barr of John (111) - Apr 1784

Wife ~~Lavinia Jones~~  
~~(Bristol)~~ ~~1785~~

Foris born  
Catharine 17 Aug 1788

No further at H.

Not in 1790 Census  
in Mass



Timothy - at Cambria

1822 bought land from  
Holland Land Co -

<sup>1826</sup>  
~~1821~~ 1825 Sold part of it to  
Moses Beach

1831 sold rest of it to  
Son Sam F

<sup>13 Oct 1835</sup>  
~~Oct?~~ Bought it back from  
Sam

<sup>13 Oct</sup>  
1835 Sold it to Wm Curtis

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MADISON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

ARNOLD R. FISHER, CLERK

WAMPSVILLE, N. Y. 13163



Mr. Carroll York Belknap

25 Club Road

Riverside, Conn. 06878



# 1806 dates

15 Oct 1806

John Worden & wife  
acknowledge 1803 deed

13 Oct 1806

Elin & Timothy  
buy 12 acres  
in Lot 33 adjoining  
the 1803 land

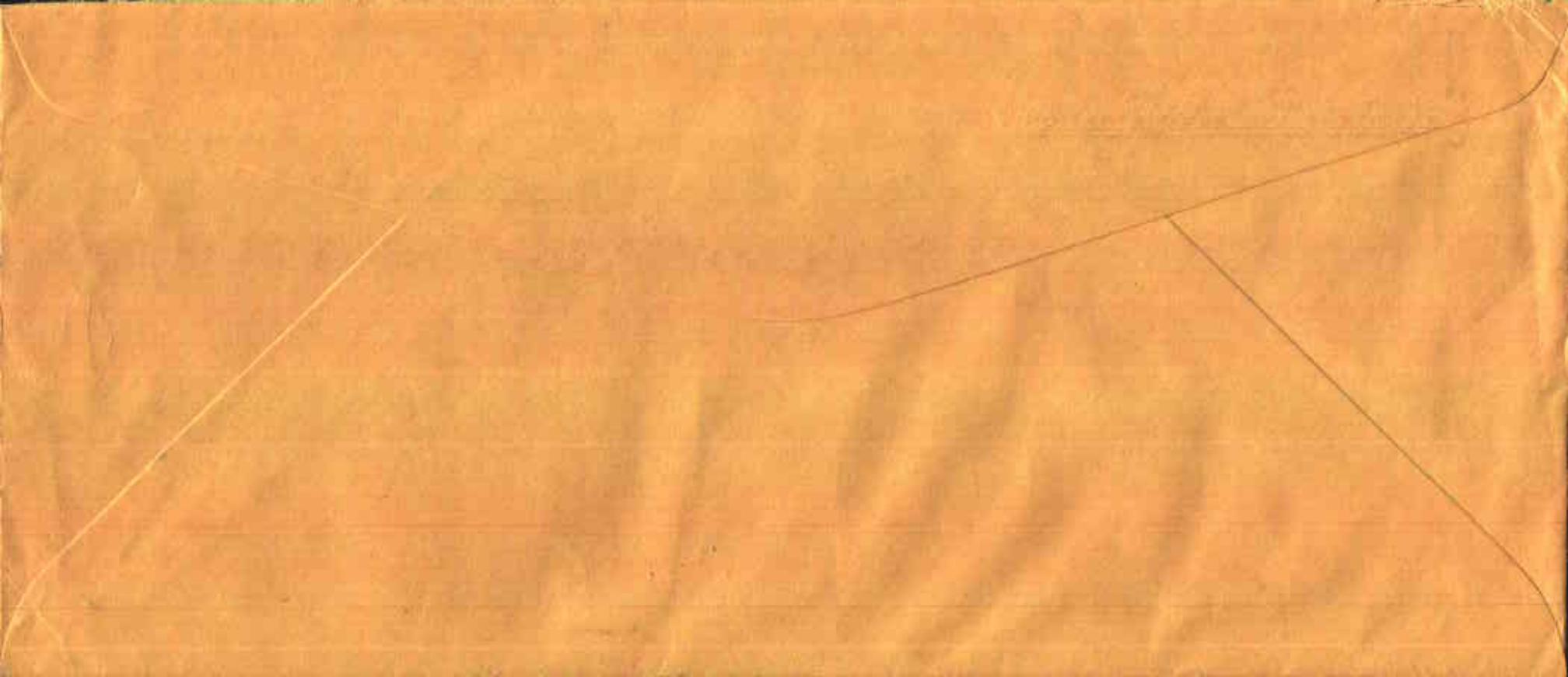
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27 Aug 1811 John Worden  
sells 1803 land to  
Doris

11 July 1816 Doris returns  
to sell it to Pratt  
Silas

NOTE 1: Marriage was performed by Rev Edward Belknap, grandson of  
Jesse Belknap who was brother of Orin Belknap , grandfather  
of Orin Harris B.





CERTIFIED COPY

1869

This Indenture. Made the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Dec in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine. Between David B. Warforth, late Sheriff of Oneida County, New York, of the first part, and John E. Hager of Verona, Oneida County, New York, of the second part. Whereas, By Virtue of two certain executions, issued out of the Oneida County Court, at the suit of Cyrus Peckham, Plaintiff, against John Belknap, Defendant, directed and delivered to the said Sheriff, commanding him that of the goods and chattels of the said defendant he should cause to be made certain moneys, in the said execution specified, and if sufficient goods and chattels could not be found, that then he should cause the amount so specified to be made of the Real Property, which the said defendant had on a day in the said execution mentioned or at any time afterwards, in whose hands soever the same might be, and the said Sheriff in obedience to the command of the said execution, did levy on and



seize all the estate, right title and interest, which the said defendant  
so had of in and to the premises hereinafter conveyed and described  
and on the Seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty six, sold the said premises at public vendue at the  
Stamper Hall, <sup>Hotel</sup> in the Village of Rome, in the said County having  
first given public notice of the time and place of such sale by  
advertising the same, according to law, at which sale the said  
premises were struck off to John E. Hager, for the sum of Seven  
Hundred & Fifty Dollars he being the highest bidder, and that  
being the highest sum bidden for the same. Now this Indenture Witnesses  
seth. That the said party of the first part by virtue of the said  
execution, and in pursuance of the act in such case made  
and provided, and in consideration of the sum of money so bidden  
as aforesaid to him duly paid hath sold and By these Presents  
doth grant and convey unto the said part, of the second part  
all the estate, right title and interest, which the said defendant  
had on the 22. day of August, one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty four, or any time afterwards of in and to. All  
that certain piece or parcel of land, and premises, situate in  
the town of Verona, aforesaid, being a subdivision of Lot No. 98.  
in the late Oneida Reservation, bounded as follows. Viz. Commencing  
at the Southwesterly corner of said lot and running from thence  
North 24° West, 117 chains, and 98 links, thence North 15° East,  
12 chains, and 8 links, to the centre of the highway, thence South  
7½° East, 14 chains, and 85 links, thence South 24° East, 18 chains  
and 60 links, thence South 66° West, 18 chains, and 90 links to  
the place of beginning, containing forty three acres, and eighty hundredths  
of an acre, excepting and reserving therefrom six acres and eighty  
hundredths lying in the Southwesterly corner of said lot, on the  
west side of the Mill Pond on said lot, at highwater mark, said  
six acres, and eighty hundredths, having been heretofore, conveyed by  
John Noble to Josiah Bull, deceased, Also excepting and reserving  
therefrom a piece of land, on the Northerly part, of said lot, which  
is bounded as follows, commencing in the centre of the highway that  
crosses the lot at the corner of land, owned by Libel Saraby, and  
running from thence in said highway, South 4¼° East, 5 chains  
and 190 links, thence South 14° West, 7 chains and 55 links  
in a direct line across the Mill Pond, to a stake, thence North  
67° West 5 chains, 95 links, thence North 16° East, 6 chains, 60  
links to the place of beginning, containing four acres of land,  
or less, on which the Mill stands. Also excepting and reserving all  
the land on lot No. 98, heretofore conveyed by Cyrus Peckham and  
Mary A. Peckham, his wife, to Samuel Conger, and excepting and  
reserving all the land which is flowed by and in consequence of  
said Mill and dam, connected with the same standing on lot No.  
98 as aforesaid, when the water is at highwater mark, reserving the  
right too of flowing all the land



of an acre of land. To have and to hold, the said above mentioned  
and conveyed premises, unto the said party of the second part,  
his heirs and assigns, forever, as fully and absolutely, as the said  
party of the first part as Sheriff as aforesaid, can or ought to  
sell and convey the same, by virtue of the said execution, and  
the law relating thereto. In Witness Whereof. The said party of the  
first part, hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and  
year first above written.

\$1.00 Out Now cancelled  
D. B. Danforth. Late Sheriff. L.S.  
By R. H. Hox. Late Deputy.

Sealed and Delivered }  
In Presence Of }  
State of New York }  
Onesida County }

On this, day of + A.D. 186+, before me  
the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County,  
personally appeared, Roland Hox, the deputy of David B. Danforth,  
late Sheriff &c to me known to be the same person described  
in and who executed the above conveyance, and acknowledged that  
he executed the same.

A. B. Blair.  
Justice of the Peace.

Recorded Jan. 3. 1870. at 9. A.M.

James Brown Clerk



This Indenture made this Ninth day of August in  
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
sixty four Between John Belknap and Sarah A.  
Belknap his wife of Vernon Oneida Co N.Y. of the first part  
and Aaron Conger of the same place of the second part  
Witnesseth that the said party of the first part in consid-  
eration of the sum of Forty dollars to them duly paid have  
sold and by these presents doth grant and convey to  
the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns  
All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of  
Vernon Oneida Co New York Commencing at a bound-  
ary line running between and dividing the land now  
owned by the said John Belknap and the said Aaron  
Conger which line and boundary is Drums Creek about  
16 rods north from the south line of said lot and run-  
ning a Northwesterly course on said line of lot to the an-  
angle in said Creek and thence in a straight line until  
said line of lot meet said Belknap's land to an opposite  
and next angle in said Creek being about 9 rods from an  
angle in said Creek to the other conveying all the land  
or partly of said line being a part of lot or subdivision of  
Lot No 98 and containing one half acre of land. be the same  
more or less, with the appurtenances and all the estate  
title and interest therein of the said party of the first  
part And the said John Belknap and Sarah his  
wife doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said  
party of the second part his heirs and assigns that the  
premises thus conveyed in the quiet and peaceable possession  
of the said party of the second part their heirs and assign-  
s will forever Warrant and defend against person whom-  
soever lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof.



In Witness whereof the party of the first part hath hereunto set  
their hands and seals the day and year first above written  
Sealed & Delivered } Another 50<sup>cs</sup> }  
in presence of. } Canwell P }

John. Belknap L. S.

Sarah. A. Belknap L. S.

M. G. Marsh.

State of New York }  
Onondaga County }

On this Ninth day of August in the year one  
thousand eight hundred and sixty four before me the subscriber  
personally appeared John Belknap & Sarah his wife to me known  
to be the same persons described in and who executed the within  
instrument who severally acknowledged that they executed the  
same and the said Sarah his wife on a private examination  
by me apart from her said husband acknowledged that she  
executed the same freely and without any fear or compulsion  
of her said husband.

M. G. Marsh

Notary Public  
for Onondaga Co.

Recorded. August 11<sup>th</sup> 1864 12 3/4 o'clock P. M.

John G. Marsh



1848  
This Indenture Made the seventeenth day of November in the  
year One thousand Eight hundred and forty Eight. Between,



Wells Rathbun, and Amy his wife of the town of Verona, in the County of,  
Oneida and state of New York, of the first part, and John Belknap of the  
town aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first  
part, in consideration of the sum of Three hundred and seventy five dollars to  
them in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted  
bargained and sold, and by these presents, do grant bargain, sell release and  
convey unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns  
forever. All that certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being  
in the town of Verona aforesaid and being part of Lot No. 98, in the late  
Oneida Reservation, and bounded, on the north by land owned by Perry  
& Benjamin Rathbun, On the East by the land of Wells Lawton, on the  
south by the highway leading from Staey's Basin to Wood Creek, and on the  
west by the land of Joseph Lawton, and being the same piece of land  
described in a deed made by Giles J. Lawton, to the said Wells Rathbun da-  
ted April 20<sup>th</sup> 1846, and recorded Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1848, in Book No. 137, of Deeds  
Pages 195 & 196, in the Oneida County Clerk's Office which said piece of land  
contains thirty one acres and thirty four rods of land being the same, more or  
less, Together with the appurtenances thereto belonging, and all the estate  
rights title and interest of the said parties of the first part, in and to the  
same, To have and to hold, the said above granted premises with the  
appurtenances unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns for-  
ever. And the said Wells Rathbun, one of the said parties of the first part,  
for himself and his, heirs doth hereby covenant and agree that he is the lawful  
owner of the premises above granted, and that the same is free and clear  
of all incumbrance whatever, and that he will Warrant and Defend the  
said premises in the quiet and peaceable Possession of the said party of  
the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. In Witness Whereof, the  
said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day  
and year first above written - Wells Rathbun (L.S.)  
in the presence of C. Carroll, Amy Rathbun (L.S.)

State of New York Oneida County ss, On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1848,  
before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace, appeared Wells Rathbun  
and Amy his wife and acknowledged that they severally Executed the within  
instrument; And the said Amy on a private Examination apart  
from her husband acknowledged that she Executed the same freely and  
without any fear or compulsion of her husband, And I further Certify  
that I know the persons who made the said acknowledgment to be the same  
described in, and who Executed the said Instrument, C. Carroll Justice  
of the Peace  
Recorded April 26<sup>th</sup> 1849, at 2 1/4 P.M.

( Patrick Mahon Clerk



1871  
day of January in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy one  
Between Orla A. Willknap of the town of  
Verona Oneida County & State of New York  
of the first part and Joseph Lawton of the  
same place of the second part Witnesseth  
that the said party of the first part in con-  
sideration of the sum of One Hundred  
Dollars to her in hand paid by the said  
party of the second part the receipt where-  
of is hereby Confessed and acknowledged  
hath bargained sold premised and Quit  
Claimed and by these presents doth bargain  
sell remise and Quit Claim unto the said  
party of the second part and to his heirs  
and assigns forever All that piece or parcel  
of land situate in the town of Verona in the  
County of Oneida being a subdivision  
of lot 109 in the late Oneida Reservation  
and being same piece or parcel of land  
described in a Sheriff's deed executed by  
L. B. Danforth Sheriff to John F. Hager



bearing date Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1869 and said deed  
recorded in Oneida County Clerk's Office  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1871 in Book No. 298 of Deeds  
at page 345. Together with all and singular  
the hereditaments and appurtenances  
thereto belonging or in anywise appertain-  
ing and the reversion and reversions  
remainders and remainders rents issues  
and profits thereof and all the Estate right  
title interest Claim and demand what  
soever of the said party of the first part  
either in law or Equity of in and to the  
above bargained premises with the said  
hereditaments and appurtenances To  
have and to hold the said lands &  
premises to the said party of the second  
part his heirs and assigns to the sole and  
only proper benefit and behoof of the said  
party of the second part his heirs and assigns  
forever In Witness Whereof the party of the  
first part hath hereunto set her hand  
and seal the day and year first above  
written

Sealed and delivered } Sarah A. Belknap LS  
in presence of }  
State of New York } ss  
Oneida County } On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January  
in the year one thousand Eight hundred  
and Seventy one before me the Subscriber  
personally appeared Sarah A. Belknap  
to me known to be the same person desc-  
ribed in and who executed the within  
instrument and acknowledged that she  
executed the same  
Samuel P. Marsh, Notary Public  
for Oneida Co  
Recorded Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1871 9 Am

James P. Belknap



John Belknap and Sarah A. his wife of Verona in the County of Oneida and State of New York the first part and Hosea J. Jaslin of the same place of the second part. Witness That the said parties of the first part in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars to them well paid hath sold and by these Presents do grant and assign to said party of the second part his heirs and assigns. All that certain piece of land and premises situate lying and being in the town of Verona of the county of Oneida in the late Oneida Reservation and bounded on the North by lands formerly owned by Perry and Benjamin Rathbun and now owned by Ephraim Durham on the east by lands owned by Wells Sawton on the south by the highway leading from Sawton Basin to Good Creek, and on the west by land formerly owned by Joseph Sawton now owned by Davis Thayer being the same piece of land described in a deed by Giles J. Sawton to Wells Rathbun dated April 20<sup>th</sup> 1846, and recorded Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1848 in Book No 137 of Deeds pages 195 & 196 in the Oneida County Clerk's Office. Containing thirty one acres and thirty four rods of land the same more or less. With the Appurtenances, and all the Estate, Title and therein of the said parties of the first part. And the said John Belknap and Sarah his wife the parties of the first part do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns that the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents they are the lawful owners well seized in fee simple, and possessed of the premises above conveyed and of the whole thereof, and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances, charge and claim whatever and that the premises thus conveyed in this deed and Peaceable Possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns they will forever Warrant and Defend against any person whomsoever claiming the same or any part thereof.

In Witness Whereof The parties

of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written  
Sealed and Delivered in Presence of  
Hosea J. Jaslin the 3<sup>d</sup> line from the top of first page was } John Belknap (S)  
Sarah A. Belknap (S)  
interlined before signing O. Elmer

State of New York } ss. On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year one thousand  
Oneida County } eight hundred and fifty nine before me, the subscriber of the  
John Belknap and Sarah A. Belknap his wife to me personally known to be the same persons  
who executed the within instrument who severally acknowledged that they  
same, and the said Sarah A. Belknap on a private examination by me apart from the said  
John Belknap acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without any fear or compulsion of her said husband.  
Recorded March 10, 1859. 10 AM.

O. Elmer, Justice of the Peace.  
J. H. Culbert, Clerk



**This** **Instrument** Made the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty Three  
Between Cyrus Peckham and Mary A Peckham his wife of Verona in the County of Oneida State of New York

of the first part, and John Belknap of the same place

of the second part,

**Witnesseth,** That the said part 1<sup>st</sup> of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of **Five Hundred** Dollars,

to them in hand paid, by the said part 2<sup>d</sup> of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ha<sup>ve</sup> it granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened and confirmed; and by these presents, do it grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm, unto the said part 4<sup>th</sup> of the second part, ~~the~~ actual possession now being, and to his Heirs and Assigns forever. All that certain piece or parcel of land & premises situate in the Town of Verona aforesaid, being a subdivision of lot No. 98 in the late Oneida Reservation bounded as follows. viz: commencing at the southwest corner of said lot & running from thence north 24° west 17 chains & 98 links. Thence north to east 12 chains & 8 links to the center of the highway. Thence south 71/2° east 14 chains & 85 links. Thence south 24° east 18 chains & 10 links. Thence south 66° west 16 chains & 90 links to the place of beginning containing forty three acres & eighty four hundredths of an acre, excepting & reserving therefrom six acres & 60/100 lying in the south westerly corner of said lot on the W side of the Mill Pond & said lot at highwater mark, said six acres & 60/100 having been heretofore conveyed by John Noble to said Ball deceased also excepting & reserving therefrom a piece of land on the northerly part of said lot which is bounded as follows commencing in the center of the highway that crosses the lot at the corner of land owned by Sibel Larraby & running from thence in said highway south 74° east 5 chains 90 links. Thence south 14° west 7 chains 85 links in a direct line across the Mill Pond to a stake. Thence north 67° west 5 chains 95 links. Thence north 16° east 6 chains 60 links to the place of beginning containing 4 acres of land more or less in which the Mill stands. Also excepting & reserving all the land in lot No. 98 heretofore conveyed by the said Cyrus Peckham & Mary A. Peckham his wife to Aaron Leonger & excepting & reserving all the land which is flowed by & in consequence of said Mill & dam connected with the pond standing on lot No. 98 as aforesaid when the water is at high water mark reserving the right to overflow all the land which is flowed by said Mill or the pond of said Mill when the water is at what is called high water mark. the piece of land intended to be conveyed in this instrument is to contain thirty seven acres & twenty one hundredths of an acre of land, subject however to the payments, conditions & agreements specified & contained in a certain indenture of Mortgage executed by Lucian J. Peckham to the Loan Commission of the United States deposited for the purpose of securing the payment of the sum of twelve hundred Dollars of which the said party of the second part assumed agrees to pay & said mortgage the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars & in interest of said 700 up to the date hereof & this conveyance is subject to said Mortgage to the amount of of Seven Hundred Dollars & the interest on the same up to the date hereof, as aforesaid, & no more

**Together** with all and singular the Hereditaments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever, of the said part 1<sup>st</sup> of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in, and to the above bargained premises, with the Hereditaments and Appurtenances. **To Have and to Hold** the said premises above described and intended to be conveyed, to the said part 4<sup>th</sup> of the second part, his Heirs and Assigns, to the sole and only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said part 4<sup>th</sup> of the second part, his Heirs and Assigns, **Forever.**



And the said Cyrus Peckham me of the Parties  
of the first part for himself his Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, do covenants, grant, bargain,  
promise, and agree, to and with the said part 4 of the second part, his Heirs and Assigns, the  
above bargained Premises, and every part and parcel thereof, in the quiet and peaceable possession of  
the said part 4 of the second part, his Heirs and Assigns, against all and every person or  
persons, lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part of the said Premises, will forever  
**Warrant and Defend.**

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In Witness Whereof, the said part 1 of the first part, have hereunto set their hands and

seals the day and year first above written.

The words *and to his heirs, executors and administrators* interlined immediately above  
the 12<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom in the first page was done before  
signing

**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED,**

IN THE PRESENCE OF

O. Elmer

Cyrus Peckham Ed  
Mary A. Peckham Ed

State of New York.

Greene County ss.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and  
sixty three before me, appeared Cyrus Peckham and Mary A. Peckham his wife to me per-  
sonally known to be the same person described in each executed the foregoing instrument, who per-  
sonally acknowledged that they executed the same, and the said Mary A. Peckham in a private  
examination by me apart from her said husband, acknowledged that she executed the same  
freely without any fear or compulsion of her said husband. O. Elmer

Justice of the Peace

Recorded July 2 1863 at 9.30 A.M. Dan P. Birmingham Secy



This Indenture Made the tenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty six Between Asa Belknap and Ann Jane his wife of the town of Oriska County of Oriska & State of New York of the first part. And John Belknap of the town of Oriska Oriska County & State aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the executing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted, bargained, sold, alienated, remised, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these Presents do grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever All that tract or parcel of Land situated in <sup>the town of</sup> Oriska in the County of Oriska and being part of lot No 98 in the late Oriska Reservation. And bounded on the north by lands owned by Perry & Benjamin Rathbone. On the east by lands of Wells Sawton. On the South by the highway leading from Stacy's Basin to Wood Creek and on the west by lands of Joseph Sawton and being the same piece of land described in a deed made by Giles & Sawton to Wells Rathbone dated April 20<sup>th</sup> 1846, and Recorded September 6<sup>th</sup> 1848 in Book No 137 of Deeds pages 195 & 196 in the Oriska County Clerk's office which said piece of land contains thirty one (31) thirty four (34) of land be the same more or less Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainders and remainders, rents issues and profits thereof. To Have and to Hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises together with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever And the said parties of the second part their heirs the said Premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against the said party of the first part their heirs and against all and every person and persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same, shall and will Warrant and by these Presents forever defend. In Witness Whereof The said parties of the first part has hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Scaled and Delivered in Presence of  
 State of New York }  
Oriska County }  
 On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1856 appeared Asa Belknap and Ann Jane his wife and acknowledged that they had severally executed the within instrument, and the said Ann Jane on a private examination apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the within instrument freely, and without any fear or compulsion of her husband, and I further certify that I know the persons who made the said acknowledgment, to be the individuals described in, and who executed the within instrument.

Henry L. Cole Justice of the Peace  
 State of New York }  
Oriska County Clerk's Office }  
 I do hereby certify that Henry L. Cole Esq whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of the Proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written was at the date of said certificate a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and duly authorized to take the same. And further That I am acquainted with the handwriting of the said Justice and verily believe the signature to the said Certificate of Proof or Acknowledgment to be genuine. And I further certify That the said instrument is acknowledged and in all respects executed according to the law of this State

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said



THIS Indenture made this twenty second day of May in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two between  
John Belknap and Sarah his wife of the town of Verona in the County  
of Oneida in the State of New York of the first part and Samuel  
Farwell of the City of Utica in the State aforesaid of the second part  
Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part in consideration of  
the sum of Six thousand dollars to them duly paid have sold and  
by these presents do grant and convey to the said party of the second part  
his heirs and assigns All that tract or parcel of land situate in the  
town of Verona in the County of Oneida and being part of lot No. Twenty  
Eight in the late Oneida Reservation and bounded on the North by  
land owned by Perry & Benjamin Rathbun, on the East by land of  
Nells Sawlow, on the South by the highway leading from Glacy's  
Basin to Wood's Creek, and on the West by land of Joseph Sawlow  
and being the same piece of land described in a deed made by  
Giles F. Sawlow to Nells Rathbun dated April 20<sup>th</sup> 1846 and recorded  
September 6<sup>th</sup> 1848 in Book No. 137 of deeds pages 195 & 196 in the Oneida  
County Clerk's office which said piece of land contains Thirty one  
Acres and thirty four rods of land be the same more or less.

with the appurtenances and all the estate, title and interest therein of  
the said parties of the first part, and the said John Belknap does  
hereby covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second  
part his heirs and assigns that at the time of the executing and delivery  
of these presents he is the lawful owner and is well seized of the premises  
above conveyed and that the premises thus conveyed in the quiet and  
peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs  
and assigns he will forever warrant and defend against any person  
whomsoever lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof.

In witness whereof the parties of the first part have hereunto  
set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in presence of

J. A. Correll

John Belknap

L.S.

Sarah A. Belknap

L.S.

State of New York

Oneida County ss. On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year one thousand  
and eight hundred and fifty two before me the subscribers personally



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appeared John Belknap and Sarah A. his wife to me known to be the person described and who executed the within instrument who severally acknowledged that they executed the same, and the said Sarah A. on a private examination by me apart from her said husband acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without any fear or compulsion of her said husband.

J. A. Correll Justice of the Peace

Recorded May 24<sup>th</sup> 1852 @ 2 P.M.

Alex. Rae, Clerk,



STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ONEIDA SS  
I, FRANK R. SENIOR, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF ONEIDA OF THE COUNTY COURT OF SAID COUNTY  
AND OF THE SUPREME COURT BOTH BEING CLERKS OF RECORD HAVE A COMMON SEAL  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPARED THIS COPY WITH THE ORIGINAL FILED, RECORDED,  
FILED AND RECORDED, FILED AND ENTERED OR ENTERED IN THIS OFFICE AND THAT THE SAME IS A COR-  
RECT TRANSCRIPT THEREOF AND OF THE WHOLE OF SAID ORIGINAL  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL  
OF SAID COUNTY  
AND COURTS ON MAY 21 1971 *Frank R. Senior*  
CLERK  
FACE-SILE SIGNATURE USED PURSUANT TO SEC. 903 COUNTY LAW

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