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September 14, 1973

Dear Carroll:

Have your letter of the 10th. Sorry my last epistle got caught in the postal machine. I understand the P.O. is having some problems with their automated set up.

You asked for census reading on Timothy Belknap of Ohio in 1850:

Brownhelm Tws, Lorain County

1489-1512 Timothy Belknap 68 farmer \$1000 Mass

Candace " 51 f " New York

Royal " 32 30 m " " "

31? Edward " 29 m " Ohio

Sally Brown 11 f 6. 1839 - might be dau. of Candace 1st marriage

Perry Tws, Lawrence County, Ohio

29-30 Stephen Chatfield 34 carpenter New York

Sarah " 30 Ohio

Susanna " 12 f " "

George R " 10 " "

Louisa " 3 " "

36-37 Roswell Chatfield 32 boatman Ohio

Lucinda " 28 Ky

George W. " 9 Ohio

Olean " 7 m " "

Charles W " 5 " "

Susan " 3 " "

Lidia " 3 " "

Martha " 6/12 " "

40-41 B. D. Chatfield 35 m farmer New York

Elizabeth R " 34 Ohio

Samuel K " 13 " "

David R " 8 " "

Mary K " 6 " "

Alanson? A " 1 m " "

47-48 Seth Chatfield 29 farmer Ohio

Amanda " 27 Ky

William H " 4 Ohio

Henry B " 1 " "

Abraham G Friend 17 laborer Ky

54-56 William Webb age 26 farmer; wife Mary Webb; children: Marietta 5 and Susanna 1; and Marietta Chatfield age 26, all born Ohio.

Good 18 ckl

George M.

# Ages

Timothy  
Actual Census

1820 Census 37 26.45 or

1830 ✓ 47 40.25 or

1840 not at Cambria

1850 67 68 OK 51

Candace ~~Candis~~ <sup>Many Downer</sup>

Actual Census

21 31

31 41

oldest in Census

26-45 at Candis

40-50 ✓ ✓

Conclusions  
on 20 Nov 1973

(Same age bracket as Tim.)

51 Candace OK

Tim was at Cambria 1820 to 1835  
His last child was born 1823

Daughter born 1820 was Clarissa Annis

No wife named in deeds 1825  
and 1831  
and 1835

Resumption: All ch. <sup>were</sup> by Annis  
who d. 1823-1825

then m. Candace - by  
whom no ch.

what abt Mary Downer  
at Clarence, Erie Co.?

Deed for deeds

may be 9 May 1789 - would be 19 in 1808  
could she be "Annis"?

(between 26 Aug 1823 and 9 March 1825)

Timothy  
Jancus for ch of ch -

ce Edward H's ch.

Bates in 1912 + ~~Chandler in 1914~~

ch Samuel F's ch

Chandler in 1914

ch Armon (ce B for Probate)

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List of ch + dates as corrected  
all from Fam Record (Chandler)

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All of Bates is from Cambria  
+ Lockport -

He named "Annis" as  
the mother of Edward H  
He had good data on ch, of EDW  
+ 8 ch



# Tim's Son

Stayed in Nias. Co

Edward J. — remembered "Annis"

Almon (no record of memory)

Went to Ohio (No record of memory)

Royal — (g grandson)  
Samuel ← Remembered "Candis"

~~1) Source of "Hiner", 1st wife~~

2) Source of "Annis"

3) Source of "Candis" + ~~b'date~~ OK

4) Source of "Candace"

5) Evidence of Census — 1950 ✓ on b'date

~~6) ✓ of deeds~~

1970 > do not  
1930

~~7) Found it could not~~

		Bates 1917		CHANDLER 1914		Land Trans.
		Date	Place	Date	Place	
Wife Annis		✓	—	<del>24 Nov 1807</del>	—	
Candis				24 <sup>DEC</sup> 1799	—	
<u>Ch</u> Daniel F		<del>24 Nov 1807</del>	<del>Mad Co</del>	24 Nov 1807	S. field	1806 bought - L. (no wife named) 1808 Sold 1807 bought - S. field 1809 ✓ S. field
1811 Edw H		24 Nov 1807	Mad Co	24 Nov 1807	Mad Co	
1814 Lucy 27 Apr 1814		✓	—	✓	—	
1816 Maryette 30 Apr 1816		✓	—	✓	—	
1818 Royal 8 Mar 1818		✓	—	✓	—	
1820 Clarion Annis 23 Apr 1820		✓	—	✓	—	
1822 Jane 26 Apr 1822		✓	—	✓	—	1822 Bought - Quaker
Julia " " "		✓	—	✓	—	
1823 Almon 26 Aug 1823		✓	—	✓	—	1823 Sold " 1831 ✓ ✓ 1835 Bot ✓ 1835 Sold ✓

— Child not the  
ch of Candis

Candis 51 in 1850 Census  
B m g g - would be 18 in 1817

Mary Soumer

8 of no ch - could have m Tim  
in 1807 when 18 yrs age  
and d in 1808

↑ then ? m Annis in 1808

Tim

Life

Deeds  
+ Census

Sources  
of wife's  
names  
& dates of ch

x birthplace  
of 2nd ch

Tim

& 1783

1800 - 17

1808 - 25

Mary Soumer  
& 1789

1808 - 19

Unident



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— T2, <sup>in 1947 ? the same</sup>  
Polly  
Timothy Belknap & Mary Downer,  
B. B. 9 May 1789,  
D. D.  
M. dau. of John Downer of Fernal, Vt.  
b. &  
d. Lydia Dunham  
res. Clarence, Erie Co. N.Y.  
no children,

~~Possibly T is 1st marriage~~  
No

Downer Gen. -

His son Samuel F.  
m Mary Dunham  
parents not known  
Es Rutland ny  
in 1833



No later grants deed, Smithfield 1208 deed  
 mother's CL to Eli - No wife  
 29 July 1783 in North Plains

- i Samuel - Smithfield 24 Nov 1809
- ii Edward ~ 2 July 1811
- iii Lucy " 27 April 1814
- iv Maryette b. 1814 - Smithfield  
 20 April 1816 ♂ by 1820
- v Royal T b. 1818 ~~27 Aug 1820~~  
 8 March 1818 Smithfield or Cambria
- vi Clarissa Annis ~~6 Aug 1820~~  
 22 Aug 1820 Cambria
- vii Jane 26 Feb 1822 ~ 27?
- viii Julia (Twins) 27?
- ix Almon 26 Aug 1823

15w B  
~~Cambria~~  
 R 24 April 1799 (7)  
 (16 yrs younger  
 than Timothy)



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D. prob. reg. - no entry  
 247. ~~Timothy~~ <sup>to Chandler</sup> C.L. Bates. 1912,  
 Family rec. (Chandler)  
 Timothy Belknap & Annis ~~Pandey~~ <sup>(115, 115, 48, 15, 4, 1)</sup>  
 B. 29 Jul. 1783, B. 24 Apr. 1799,  
 d. ~~after 13 Oct 1835~~ <sup>after 1850 (Census)</sup> dau. of ~~Chandler~~  
 b. ~~res. ...~~ <sup>res. ...</sup>  
 d. ~~res. ...~~ <sup>res. ...</sup>  
 res. ~~... (1)~~ <sup>No 3 Hines (Downer Gen.)</sup>  
 Madison Co. NY  
 Cambria NY ~~1820-1835~~ (land transactions) <sup>hor. in Co, Ohio</sup>  
 Sn. & field, 3  
 Possible ~~... T2 (res. ...)~~  
 Bought land at Cambria, 26 April 1820  
 Sold it to son Samuel 1 Aug 1831  
 Bought land at Cambria, NY, from son Samuel, 13 Oct 1835  
 Jan 1807  
 Bought land in Madison Co. from Major Wilcox  
 " " " " " Samuel Morris  
 8 March 1809

Children: ... order uncertain,

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495.2 Forest, same as 495.5p

B.

~~D. bef. 1912,~~

495.2 Foyal, T.,

B. 8 Mar. 1818,

D. bef. 1912,

495.3 \* Almon,

res. Cambria, N.Y. 1869.

B. 26 Aug. 1823,

D. bef. 1912, 1876, before 27 Dec

495.4 (\*) Edward H., b. Madison Co. N.Y.

B. 2 Jul. 1813,

D. 19 Apl. 1899, 88th. yr.?

495.5 \* Samuel Torace,

B. 24 Nov. 1809,

D. 30 Aug. 1899,

495.6 Lucy,

B. 28 Apl. 1814,

D.

495.7 Maryette,

B. 30 Apl. 1816,

D.

495.8 Clarissa Annis,

B. 23 Aug. 1820,

D.

495.9 Jane,

B. 26 Feb. 1822,

D. young ?

495.10 Julia,

B. 26 Feb. 1822,

D. young ?

from  
C. L. Bates  
Private me

from  
Chandler

8/17

twins



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F. Chandler, 1914.

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Samuel F. Balknap = Mary Dunham, (247, 118, 48, 15, 4, 1)

b. 24 Nov. 1808, Eng. b. 17 Jan. 1812, Rutland, N. Y.

d. 20 Aug. 1899, d. 28 Apr. 1871, Birmingham, O.

m. 28 Jul. 1833, da. of (not known to fam.)

b. Smithfield,

Madison Co. N. Y.

d. Birmingham, O.

res.

near Cambria, Niagara Co. N. Y.

*Sold land at Cambria to father ~~in 1835~~ after moving to Ohio, after 28 Feb 1835*  
*7 June 13 Oct 1835*



Children.

896.4 Sarah E.

~~Cum gratia~~

b. 13 Aug. 1834,

d. 8 Nov. 1912, *Birmingham, Ohio*

896.5

Royal Knott, sheep rancher in Mont. prob. killed by Inds.

b. 1 May 1841,

d.



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N. 896.4 (495.5)

Frank F. Chandler, 1914,

Sarah E. Belknap=Daniel Chandler,  
b. 13 Aug. 1834, b. 5 Nov. 1830, Birmingham, O.  
d. 8 Nov. 1913, d. 1914,  
m. 25 Dec. 1854, sn. of Daniel Chandler  
b. Cambria, N. Y. &  
d. Birmingham, O. Sally Somers  
res. "  
mar. "  
a farmer,

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MOORE Children: (CHANDLER),

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Albert B., mar. 1882, Cora Washburn,  
b. 23 Feb. 1859, d.

Adella M., mar. 1890, Frank O. King,  
b. 31 Jan. 1864, d.

Frank F., mar. 24 Dec. 1897, Elaine Lee Parsons,  
~~1887~~ b. 11 May 1867, d.



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Edward H. Belknap & Sarah Daniels,

B. 2 Jul. 1818, B. 22 Feb. 1827,

D. 19 Apr. 1899, 88th. yD. lvg. 1912, Lockport, N.Y. ae. 85,

M. 30 Aug. 1846, dau. of Axie Daniels

b. Madison Co. N.Y. &

d. Lockport, N.Y. Eliza

res.

a merchant,

Cambria 1849-



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Children:

- 896.1 \* <sup>Edward</sup> Wallace, B. 26 Jun. 1847, D. [illegible]
- 896.2 \* Byron H., unmarried, B. 10 Sep. 1849, D. 7 Aug. 1892,
- 896.3 \* <sup>Annie</sup> A., B. 1852, D. [illegible]

Probably related to above: - Byron C. Bellknap, Lockport, N.Y. private,  
reported missing in action, 7/25/1918.



896.1 (495, 4)

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*Edward* Wallace Belknap & Emma Eastman,  
B. 26 Jun. 1847, B. 11 Aug. 1852,  
D. 1vg. 1912, 1914 D. 20 Aug. 1914, Aug 20  
M. 14 Dec. 1871, dau. of John M. Eastman  
b. &  
d. Abigail  
res. Niagara, N. Y., Buffalo N. Y. 1914.  
120 Price St. Lockport

Buffalo News.

#### MRS. EMMA BELKNAP DIES.

LOCKPORT, Aug. 29.—(Special)—

1. Emma Belknap, 63 years old, wife  
Wallace Belknap, of 120 Price street,  
at 5 o'clock this morning at the  
hospital. Besides her husband,  
sons, Fred and Charles, survive.

The funeral will be held Saturday af-  
ternoon at 1 o'clock, with burial in  
North Ridge cemetery.

William Winthrop, 74 years old, died  
this morning at 3 o'clock in his room  
in the Lincoln building. The funeral  
will be held Saturday at the home of  
his daughter, Mrs. William Mortimer  
of chapel street.



Children:

- 1283.4 \* Frederick M.,  
B.27 Feb.1872, D. 1878  
1283.5 Charles, unmarried, res. Lockport, N.Y., 1912,  
B.25 Sep.1881, D. 1912

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1283.4, (896.1)

Frederick M. Belknap & Anna Conlin,

B. 27 Feb. 1872,

D. lvg. ~~1872~~ 1914

M. Jun. 1895,

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D.

dau. of Michael Conlin

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Anna

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res. Lockport, N. Y.

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Almon

x Helen M

~~From Private  
reason~~

son of Timothy

d. 2 Aug 1873

~~before~~

27 Aug 1876

~~after~~

(date of probate  
of will)

or

Frank A.

David E.

1866

Lucy A.

1858

ex. Cause  
1869

~~"Lavina of the West"~~ No (Ex. Cause)



Tim

2 July 1811

1809

Last known date at Strickfield (8 March  
1810)

First ✓ ✓ ✓ Cambria 1810 Census

Downer  
Jm

Timothy Belknap = — — — ~~Hines~~

rem. to Ohio  
fr. Woodstock, Ct. - Ohio = (1) Hines

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T. 2

Timothy Belknap = Mary (Polly) Downer  
d. 4 May 1789 -  
da. John Downer, Pownal, Vt.  
+ Lydia Burdham  
4p.  
rem. to Clarence  
Burr Co. N.Y.

~~Order  
Downer genealogy~~

Pownal - extreme SW corner  
of Vt.

12wB from ~~W. Bales~~ 1912  
(Not Identif)

Tim + Annis

and 3 ch

Forest 4 no date

Almon 6 26 Aug 1823

Edward 6 2 July 1811

Royal 6 3 Mar 1818

from FJ Chandler 1914  
(G. M. SF)

Bother ch — 191

+ correction of "Forest"

to "Samuel Torace"

+ possible "Candis"

from

Journal Gen —

~~Candis?~~ "of Woodstock"

1st m ~~for~~ — Hines

← ~~and~~ "rem to Ohio"

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# Memo

Timothy

April 17, 1970

Dear Miss Gray:

In checking our grantee Deed Index, I  
find in Feb. 19, 1825, a Timothy <sup>247</sup> Belknap  
purchased 55 acres in the Town of Cambria,  
from the Holland Land Company  
Niagara County/ In Aug. 1, 1831 a Samuel  
(Folger)  
F. Belknap purchased the same piece of land  
from Timothy Belknap, and in Oct. 13, 1835  
Timothy Belknap purchased the same piece  
of land back, all these transactions were  
in the Town of Cambria.

Sincerely

Hazel White, searcher.

Both went to O R 10

SF at O, at Birmingham, O.

Edward  
SA born in Madison Co. NY

~~I may have been in Erie Co., after 1835~~

6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Hollywood, California 90028

February 24, 1973

Dear Carroll ~~John~~ Belknap:

I am very much interested in your endeavor to put together the descendants of Joseph and Prudence (Morris) Belknap. It will be a first time by anyone, I am sure.

You mention feeling indebted to me for "all that I have done to help you." I feel embarrassed, for it seems very little help, in comparison to your effort in my behalf. I am sorry not to have been of greater help.

A Mr. John M. Raymond, of Menlo Park, Calif., saw my listing of interests in the recent Directory of the California Genealogical Society, at San Francisco, (of which I am a member), and singled out Lorna (Borch) Hinds Belknap, as of special interest to him.

Mr. Raymond's ancestor William Ames married a Lorna Hines, and he suggests the compiler of the Ames Genealogy may have



confused the daughter Lucetta Hinds  
for the mother. He goes into the Belknap  
background for proof to no avail.

Mr. Raymond feels, also, that John Belknap,  
Jr.'s family may have gone to Vermont  
before moving on to New York State.

I have never seen a list of children  
of Joseph and Anna (Sherman) Devereaux,  
but wonder if a son of theirs might  
not have married Lucetta Hinds.

The Devereauxs were, (according to  
family tradition), guardians of Fois  
Belknap. They were early settlers at  
Hateford, Washington County, Ohio, as  
was Fois Belknap.

Fois and Sarah (Bateman) Belknap  
named three children after Devereauxs,  
i.e.; Joseph Devereaux Belknap, Anna Devereaux  
Belknap, and Lucetta Devereaux Belknap.

Joseph Devereaux married Anna Sherman,  
daughter of Abel Sherman, at Lancaster,  
Mass. 30 November 1788. Abel Sherman  
settled in Washington County, Ohio, where  
in 1794 he was murdered by "Silverheels".



an Indian. Some members of my family (Shermans), maintain we descend from Abel Sherman, through a son Amos. The only son of Abel Sherman and Lucy Foote, his wife, unaccounted for, was named Yale Sherman, and was baptised at Lancaster, Mass., 4 October 1767.

"Our Amos" was a drummer in War of 1812, serving in 1st Pennsylvania Regt. under Capt. Samuel. He, and his wife, nee Sarah Whitman vanished, leaving two sons, born in 1809, and a daughter, born in 1811. The daughter, in 1880 Census, stated her father was a native of Connecticut. This has been a real "stone wall."

Please forgive the digression. It was caused by the interrelationship between Shermans, Derrecauts, and Belknaps.

I shall look forward to hearing more about your research on John, Sr. Could be of any assistance?  
Best wishes

Cordially,  
John A. Sherman

Pound  
VT

Rutland  
NY

Wary  
Downer

B 1789

in 1800 "

1810 21

1820 31

1830 41

OK for

1820 + 1850

in California

Timothy

George May from CYB

9/27/73

I'm most grateful for your memo on Ohio census data. It solves one problem: whether or not Timothy Belknap had a wife named Candace, and when she was born. Age 51 in 1850 census confirms a previously questionable date in 1799 for her birth. . . but makes still harder the task of identifying the maternal parentage of Timothy's children, for whom I have what must be reliable birthdates from a family bible.

If born in 1799, Candace could not have been mother of children born 1809 & 1811. And could not have been Timothy's wife in 1820 and 1830, for censuses for those years show a wife much older than Candace could have been.

To make it still more complex, I'd found indications that Timothy also had a wife Mary ~~is~~ <sup>who</sup> unknown to his descendants.

If I ever get the facts set up in sensible fashion, I may ask your judgment on possible interpretation.



# Timothy Sources.

Ch Bates 1912 - Said "Annie"  
(not identity)

No date for her birth

~~did not~~ No birth date for Timothy

Named 3 ch "Forest" - no b date (h d)

Royal T - b date (h either S or C)

Almon - b date (h Candice)

Edward H <sup>with date</sup>

Said all three d before 1912  
(wrong)

Chandler 1914 w/ family

Completed list of ch w b dates  
and correction of "Forest"

(I grant)

Named Madison Co as b place  
of Edward H.

In Ohio

Gave b date of Candace, but  
spelled it "Candis"

Gave b date of Tim

Source for ~~Lucy~~  
(1) ~~Hines~~  
two deep sources giving  
which shows "for Woodstock" + removed to Ohio

Did not give  
b date for her

Timothy - Smithjoes 1808  
to abt 1817

- in Cambria  
abt 1817 or 1818 (in 1820 Census)  
in 1830 Census  
Last - 1835 - sold land  
Not in 1840 census

~~Stayed in Niagara Co.~~ Went to Ohio

Sons Edward H = Sarah Daniels

d 19 April 1899  
Lockport

living in 1812

merchant in Cambria 1869

Son Edward Wallace = Emma Eastman

living 1914

d. 1914

Son Frederick = Ann Conlin  
Charles (res Lockport) 1912

Almon d. 1876 = Helen M.

Sons Frank A

David E. b 1864



Timothy - deeds -

Smith & Co

LEE

13 Oct 1806 - w/ no Eli, buys <sup>24</sup> acres in Lee

11 Oct 1808 - sells Riv<sup>rs</sup> to Eli (T of Smithfield) (No wife)

SMITHFIELD

~~11 Oct 1808 - sells Riv<sup>rs</sup> to Eli~~

(over)

Census 1830 CAMBRIA

26 April

1822 - (as shown in next dec) bought land from Holland Land Co.

7 March 1825 - Sold part of it to Morris Beach (No wife)

Census 1830

1 Aug 1831 - Sold <sup>part of it</sup> to son Samuel Forest (w/ wife) (SF m 1833, 28 July) (then in Ohio)

13 Oct 1835 - Bought it back from son SF

13 Oct 1835 - Sold it to Wm Curtis (no wife shown)

Census 1840 & 1850

Timothy - Census

T 5 21  
1806 23  
1808 25

1820 - Cambria - M 1, 11-10; 1, 10-16; 1, 25-45 (T 37)  
F 1, 11-10; 1, 26-45 (Candace 21)

1830 - Cambria - M 1, 10-15; 1, 15-20; 1, 40-50 (T 47)  
F 2, 5-10; 1, 10-15; 1, 15-20; 1, 40-50 (Candace 31)

1840 - Not at Cambria

1850 - Loraine Co, Ohio: Timothy 68; Candace 51; Royal 30; Edward 29 (?) (51 OK)

Edward 29 (actual 67)  
Lockport 19 April 1893

was 39 in 50



Smithfield seeds

4 Jan 1807 bought land in Mad Co from  
M Jor & Co  
8 Nov 1809 ✓ ✓ ✓ Samuel Morris

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247 (HWB#)

Timothy and (1)

1917 said "Annie"  
Chandler 1914 "Candis" - + 9 am  
Ohio address for SF  
Hines?

29 July 1783

age of Timothy

10 Samuel Forace 24 Nov 1809 (Madison Co.) (Ohio 1833)

12 Edward H. 2 July 1811

15 Lucy 27 April 1814

17 Maryetta 30 April 1816

19 Royal 158 Mar 1818 (Ohio 1850)

21 Clarissa Annis 23 Aug 1820

23 Jane 26 Feb 1822

" Julia " " (2) Candace

24 Herman 26 Aug 1823 24 April 1799

= 40 in 1809  
20 in 1819

wife's age in Census

1820 26-45 (Candace was 21)

1830 40-50 ( " " 31) F 25-10; 10-15; 15-20; 40-50

1850 51 (Candace was 51) ✓

~~1840~~

1820 Timothy was 27 - shown as 26-45 OK

Timothy

Sept 27 1973

Mr I Richard Reed  
County Historian, Niagara County  
Lockport, N. Y. 14094

Dear Mr Reed:

In March, you kindly helped me on my search for information about the Timothy Belknap who was in Cambria in 1820 and 1830.

May I now impose further on your courtesy by asking still another question?

Could a Timothy Belknap said to have been at Clarence, in what is now Erie County, be the same man as the one shown at Cambria in the 1820 and 1830 census?

Behind this question is the fact that I don't know when Erie County was set off from (I believe) what was originally Niagara County.

If Clarence was then Niagara County in 1820 and 1830, do you have separate census figures for the village of Clarence in those years?

I'm guessing that perhaps the village of Clarence may have been in what was then the Town of Cambria. Is this guess correct?

Cordially.

CYB:



March 19 1973

Mr I Richard Reed  
County Historian, Niagara County  
Lockport, N. Y. 14094

Dear Mr Reed:

I'm most deeply grateful for all the effort you made to find an answer to my query about Timothy Belknap. I'm writing to Mrs Gentner, Cambria, as you suggest. And I note with pleasure your mention of Gladys Gray of Geneva. Her contact with your office was on my behalf. For more than five years this rather extraordinary woman has tirelessly aided me in my work on preparing a Belknap genealogy. She is the best all-around source of information about western New York, in the early 1800's, that I've ever found.

On the chance that you may some day find something that might help me, I think I should mention some ways in which my files differ from what was said in your letter -- so that you can correct any errors in them.

Census records: I attach copy of census data sent to me by an experienced searcher, who got the information from records (microfilmed, I believe) at the Mormon church genealogical library in Los Angeles. It shows Timothy at Cambria in 1820 and also in 1830. In each year, the detail on members of the household agrees with the known birthdates of his children.

Land deeds: The County Clerk's office gave you, apparently, the dates of recording, which are not always the same as the dates of transactions. From my copies of the deeds, I can give the record like this:

- 1822 -- Timothy bought land from a syndicate, headed by the Willinks of Amsterdam, NY.
- 1825 -- He sold 40 acres of that land to Moses Beach.
- 1831 -- He sold the rest of it to his son Samuel F Belknap (and is not known to have owned any land in the next three years).
- 1835 -- His son Samuel F and wife Mary, then living in Birmingham, Ohio, sold back that land to Timothy.
- 1835 -- Same day, Timothy sold the land to William Curtis.

Both of the 1835 deeds were dated 13 Oct 1835 and were recorded that same day. The first of the two was not from Timothy and wife Mary but to Timothy from Samuel and Samuel's wife Mary. So it gives us no aid on name of Timothy's wife.

As no wife is named on the 1831 deed, it seems that his wife (presumably the female 26-45 in 1820 census and 40-50 in 1830 census) died between the date of census-taking in 1830 and 1 Aug 1831 (the date of the 1831 deed).

Cordially,

A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMBRIA (Niagara Co.) BELKNAPS

*Red signed 1822*

19 Feb. 1825

\$506.87

(I - p. 678)

*to  
Beach*

Lot No. 16 - Township 14 - Range 8 - 55 acres.

Wilhelm Willink, Hendrick Vollenhaven, Rutger Jan Schmale-Pennenck, Wilhelm Willink the younger, Jan Willink, the Younger son of Jan, Cornelis Vollenhaven - all of Amsterdam, Holland - by Jacob Otto, their attorney, to  
TIMOTHY BELKNAP

Being part or parcel of a certain township which on a map or survey of diverse tracts or townships of land of the said parties of the first part made for the proprietors by Joseph Ellicott, surveyor, distinguished as Township 14 in the 8th range - east part of lot #16 - and bounded on the

East - by lot #8 - 39 chains, 71 links (2,433 feet)

South - by Lot #15 - 13 chains, 86 links (981')

West - being a line parallel to the east bounds of said lot #16 - 39 chains, 72 links

North - Town #15 - 13 chains, 86 links containing 55 acres.

*Same date*

1 August, 1831

\$600

(6 - 45)

Timothy Belknap to Samuel F. Belknap

13 Oct. 1835

\$850

(13 - 341)

Samuel F. Belknap and Mary, his wife, of County of Lorain in the state of Ohio, by Philo Welch, their attorney

to TIMOTHY BELKNAP

*signed?*

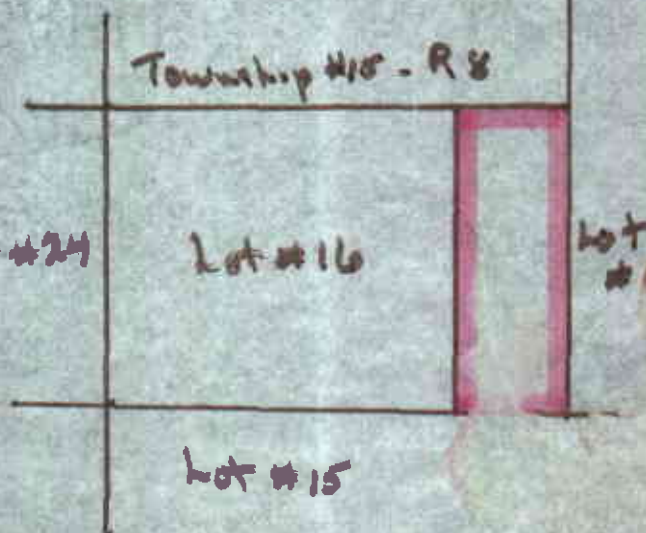
excepting portion already sold by Timothy to Moses Beach.

(40 acres included in sale) by ~~Timothy~~ Samuel to Timothy)

*ordered  
3/37/3*

Map accompanying first deed above

(Book 1 - page 679) Lot #24





Timothy

3/5 Annis 6 + Apr 1799  
was 10 yrs old in 1809  
so could not be 1st wife -  
but who was F 26-45  
in 1820 + 40-50 in 1830

1820 Census Cambria

M 1 U/10 10-16 1 26-45  
Edw SF Timothy

F 1 U/10 1 26-45 (Annis 21)  
Margaret or Lucy ? NWB  
Clarissa

Not shown in 1820 = Lucy (Annis 10-15)  
Mary 2nd in 1820

1830 wife shown as 40-50 (Annis 31)  
1st wife

1831 - 1 Aug - No wife named on deed  
of land to son Samuel ~~Fourth~~  
Folace

1840 Not in Census Cambria

Samuel m 28 July 1833 in Cambria  
1st ch b 13 Aug 1834 "

Prob moved to Birmingham Ohio  
in 1834 or early 1835



March 19 1973

Mrs Vernetta Center  
4280 Church Road  
Lockport, N. Y.

Dear Mrs Center

The Niagara County Historian, Mr. Reed, has suggested that you may be able to help me on a geneological problem -- the name of the wife of Timothy Balknap who lived in Cambria from 1822 to 1835.

There is reason to believe that she died in Cambria between the date of census-taking in 1830 and 13 Oct 1831, when the name of a wife does not appear ~~anywhere~~ sale of land by Timothy. However, it is possible that she died between 1820 and 1825.

In letters written by some of her descendants in the early 1900's her name is given variously: Annis -- Candis -- Candace. Maiden surname, unknown.

I shall be most grateful for any aid you can give.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY BELKNAP

(Cambria only)

U. S. Census, 1820 - Niagara County, New York

Page 170A - Cambria

Elisha Belknap - males: 3 under 10; 1, 10-16; 1, 26-45. Females: 1 under 10; 1, 26-45. 1 in agriculture.

Page 172A - Cambria

Timothy Belknap - males: 1 under 10; 1, 10-16; 1, 26-45. Females: 1 under 10; 1, 26-45. 1 in agriculture.

U. S. Census, 1830 - Niagara County, New York

Page 316 - Cambria

Timothy Belknap - Males: 1, 10-15; 1, 15-20; 1, 20-30; 1, 40-50. Females: 2, 5-10; 1, 10-15; 1, 15-20; 1, 40-50.

U. S. Census, 1840 - Niagara County, New York

Page 25 - Cambria

Edward H. Belknap - males: 1, 20-30. Females: (None)

1830 Timothy

Mining: Almon P. 1823  
w/ his wife in 1830

M

1 10-15

was 17

1 15-20

1 20-30

1 50-56

~~Elisha~~  
Loyal

Edw

Samuel

Tim  
47

in 1840 Census  
(was 29)

F

2 5-10

1 10-15

1 15-20

1 40-50

Jane  
Julia  
or Clara

Maryette

Lucy  
✓ 16

Annie (?)  
31 (?)

HWB says  
B 24 April 1799

Query: 2nd  
wife

No Samuel in 1840

No Timothy in 1840

Had both gone  
to Ohio as  
per HWB



Eli's father

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 ~~SEYMOUR~~ Timothy Belknap and his son Samuel F Belknap. The initial "F" proved to stand for ~~SEYMOUR~~ "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 ~~xxx~~ 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 ~~BRANTREE~~ New Braintree, Mass., and that the Asa and Eli on adjoining ~~IXHEM~~ farms in that year were his sons. (HWB was misled into thinking that this Eli was the son ~~III~~ of John ~~III~~.)

~~I also~~  
The John at Nassau, Census 1810, was surely the one from New Braintree. ~~Most likely~~  
with a second and younger wife. ~~(He was, likely, the John who married Lucy Peck of nearby Sandlake.)~~ **No**

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.~~ **No** **No**



John III  
+ MB  
Eli  
Timothy p 3

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### 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 ~~shown~~ shown either as "3rd son" or as "John 3rd." He thought the notation meant 3rd son, and left empty lines for two unknown older sons.

\* The correspondent who named Eli and Timothy to HWB and gave birth dates for ~~them~~ ~~XXXX~~ said they were born at Wales -- which would explain why not ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ in Holland records. This correspondent, a Mrs Patrick, <sup>shown</sup> 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 Brock 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~~ a John who seems likely to be John II. I say "John II" because the lot in Lee was bought from Jotham Worden in 1803, when John III would have been only 19.

<sup>together,</sup>  
\* Indeed showing names of Eli and Timothy ~~together~~ 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 know.

### South Brimfield, Wales, Holland

Part of our problem comes from confusion of Wales ~~and~~ and Holland and lack of record for Wales V R. ~~XXXX~~ 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 Brock -- and birth dates for Eli and Timothy.

### The Timothy at Cambria from

HWB thought the Cambria Timothy was ~~the~~ the Brimfield family (though wrongly thought he was son of John I, ~~as~~ 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 <sup>data</sup> on the Cambria Timothy



(3)

*Timothy*

indicated he was from "the Woodstock family" -- and the only Balknap 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 ~~Edward~~ 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 Balknap 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 those 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.

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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 Balknap 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.

*Carroll*



PROPOSED REVISION OF HWB RECORD OF LINE OF DESCENT OF FORRIS 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 <sup>24</sup> 23 April 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	Eli	-----	Wales, 12 Dec ----, "died young?"
	* Eunice	6 Apr 1753, Holland <i>m Jeremiah</i>	<i>Sherman</i>
	Joseph	Holland 12 Oct 1755	
	* Thomas	6 Sept 1758 <i>m Mary Lambert</i>	<i>26 Aug 1790, Holland</i>
243	Prudence	-----	Wales, no date
241	Elizabeth (Betsy)	-----	Wales 31 Aug 1760
244	* Abigail	27 Sept 1761	Wales, -- Sept 1765
245	* 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	Eli	-----	Wales 15 Sept 1780
247	* Timothy	-----	Wales 29 July 1783
	JOHN III	Holland 2 Apr 1784 #	-----
	Lavine	Holland 5 Apr 1786	-----
	Cephira	Holland 12 <del>XXXX</del> Aug 1788	-----
	* Forris	12 Apr 1788 (Sherman shows both 1788 & 1787)	-----

\* -- CYB has contribution generations.

Q. 3 cl-

Samuel F

Timothy

March 3 1973

County Clerk, Niagara County  
Lockport, N Y 14094

Attention: Mrs Fitts

Dear Mrs Fitts:

Thank you for your courtesy and kindness in sending me the attached note.

I enclose my check for \$3 for copies of the two deeds.

May I ask for still another favor? Can you tell me if Niagara County has a County Historian as some New York counties do -- and if so, his name and address?

Very truly yours,

Timothy



Memo

February 27, 1973

Re per your letter of February 25.

I found two (2) other deeds in the

Grantor Index;

*Timothy Belknap*

Liber 2 at Page 166 & 167

Liber 13 at Page 340

Copies of these deeds will cost \$3.00,

as it is \$1.00 per page.

Search Department

Mrs. Fitts

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OFFICE OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY CLERK

Timothy P. 2  
6740 $\frac{1}{2}$  Franklin Place  
Hollywood, California 90028  
February 19, 1971

To Carroll York Belknap from JAS

I am going to copy from a "Centennial Biographical History of the City of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio," published in 1901, in Chicago, by the Lewis Publishing Co. For some time, this was the only "background" of the Belknaps, that I could refer to.

Page 689: CHRISTOPHER SHOEMAKER

Christopher Shoemaker, deceased, was for many years a prominent business man of Clinton township, and one of its most highly respected and influential citizens. A native of Ohio, he was born in St. Albans township, Licking county, July 30, 1820, and was a son of Christopher and Barbara (Keller) Shoemaker, the former of French, the latter of German descent. The family came from Pennsylvania to Ohio at a very early day and were among the first to make a settlement in Licking county. The father, who was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, and a millwright by trade, spent his last days in Franklin county.

The early life of our subject was spent under the parental roof and he received a common school education. On the 7th of April, 1844, he was married in Licking county, to Miss Sarah Belknap, who was born in Washington county, this state, April 13, 1825, a daughter of Forace and Sallie (Bateman) Belknap, the former a native of Connecticut, the latter of Chenango county, New York, both being the youngest child of their respective families. On the maternal side she is related to Lewis Cass and General Buell. Her Grandfather Bateman was a college-bred man, and a descendant of a Mayflower family. Mrs. Shoemaker now has in her possession a sugar bowl which was brought to this country on that famous ship by her ancestors and which is still in a fair state of preservation. Her paternal grandfather, David Belknap, was also a well-educated man, and served in the Revolutionary war under Paul Jones. On first coming to this state the Belknap family settled in Marietta, but later removed to Licking county, where they were numbered among the pioneers. Forace Belknap was an expert woodsman, swift of foot and a great hunter. He traded largely with the Indians, and was very popular with them. He died on a farm in Licking county at an advanced age. ?

To Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker were born eleven children, six sons and five daughters, etc.

As to the above: We know that Foris' father was John Belknap, who probably did serve in the Revolution; but there is no evidence that he served under John Paul Jones. Sarah (Bateman) Belknap's mother was a 1st cousin to General Joseph Buell; but I have been unable to prove relationship to Lewis Cass. William Bateman, is referred to as "an Irishman," in a history of Chenango County, New York, so this would puncture the myth that he was a descendant of a Mayflower family.

In a notebook, my Grandfather Sherman, wrote that Foris Belknap had brothers, David, Eli, and Timothy. He gave no source for this statement, and I rather discounted it, after making a search. Now, I feel that there was truth in this statement.

If Foris had a brother, David, he, no doubt, was named for David Brock, his mother's father.

Since running the 1800 census, for Hampshire Co., Mass., I have been puzzled as to who the following-listed person might be: Page 1106 - Holland. Loviah Hind - males: (None). Females: 1 over 45. On page 1104 - Holland, is listed William Belknap - males: 1 under 10; 1, 16-26; 2 over 45. Females: 1, 26-45; 1 over 45. This would be a brother of John, Sr. "Loviah Hind," is so close to being Levina Hinds, that I wonder if there is something here?

*Timothy*

Yesterday, I had a chance to see a micro-film of Madison County, New York Deed Index - Grantees. I did not have time to go through it, page by page, for Grantors. However, in Volume 1 - 1806-1853, on page 161, I found this:

1812, Mar. 26

Belknap, Timothy from Major Willcox & wife. Book F, pg. 321.

1812, Mar. 26

Belknap, Timothy from Samuel Morris & wife. Book F, pg. 323.

*Order 22/3*

This might help you further, in placing Timothy Belknap. The Madison County, New York Courthouse, is at Wampsville, N. Y. I also checked the Madison County, N. Y. Will Index, 1806-1830, and found no Belknaps.

I ran through the Vermont Vital records, but found nothing promising. Many Belknaps, but none relating to our search.

I want to take a little more time with your format. I doubt there will be anything that I can add.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*John A. Sherman*



1) Pinner  
 2) Lundquist  
 3) Oakham  
 & Tea  
 & Eli (collect all)

*OK*



Christmas 6c



Mr. Carroll Y. Berknap

25 Club Road

Riverside, Connecticut 06878

*Carroll Y. Berknap*

*pinchis farm*

Timothy  
+ son 51-10-00  
went to Ohio  
abt 1830+ (2)  
Birmingham





I. RICHARD REED  
HISTORIAN

County of Niagara  
Department of History  
COURT HOUSE

JOYCE W. BUNDRICK  
DEPUTY HISTORIAN

LOCKPORT, N. Y. 14094

16 March 1973

Ms Carroll Y. Belknap  
25 Club Rd.  
Riverside, Conn. 06878

Dear Ms. Belknap,

Your letter concerning the wife of one TIMOTHY BELKNAP has been received at this office and you indeed do have a problem. As you are no doubt aware, Census Schedules prior to 1850 listed only heads of families.

We checked out the various census listings for the county and although we found a Timothy Belknap listed for Town of Cambria in 1820, he does not show up again in 1830 although we know he was here as we found records of land transactions later than that.

We then checked the Miscellaneous Records in the Clerk's Office in hopes we could locate his wife's name. Nothing. A check of the wills reveals that the earliest date for a Belknap will was 1876.

The 1030 Census of Town of Niagara listed an ELISHA BELNAP, no doubt a phonetic spelling. No Timothy in any town.

Just on the chance that your information was in error we checked out land transactions in the Clerk's Office and learned that On March 9, 1821 Timothy sold 17 acres to one M. Beach. Again on Aug. 31, 1831 he sold 55 Acres (see below) to one Samuel F. Belknap (Liber 2-166 and 6-45).

On Feb. 19 1825 Timothy purchased for the sum of \$306.67, 55 acres of land from the Holland Land Co. (Liber 1-678). This was same land sold to Samuel in 1831.

Again on Oct. 13, 1835 (Liber 13-341) Timothy and Wife Mary purchased 40 Acres of land from one Samuel Belknap. This last transaction is the only one in which a name of a wife is recorded.

Vital statistics for the State of New York prior to 1881 are just about non-existent unless you can locate old church records. In an effort to build up a file we are going over old newspapers, tomb stones, letters, diaries and etc. Although we have several thousand notations filed so far, we have been unable to locate the one you are seeking. We suggest that you write us again in about a year in hopes that some kind person will walk in with a listing from a tomb stone. However, stones that old in this climate are just about impossible to read and even if one for Timothy's wife did exist with the proper data, we doubt if any one would be able to read it.



In the mean time we suggest that you write to Mrs. Vernetta Genter, 4280 Church Rd., Lockport, NY in hopes that we has acquired some church records of that period. She is the Town Historian for Cambria

Also we suggest that you contact Mrs. Gladys E. Gray, 156 Cherry St., Geneva, NY 14456. We had extensive correspondence with her some years ago concerning the Belknap family in Niagara County and she just might have turned up the data you want.

Cordially,

*I. Richard Reed*

I. Richard Reed  
County Historian

March 11 1973

County Historian, Madison County  
County Court House  
Wampsville, N. Y.

Dear sir:

May I ask if you can suggest a way to solve a problem in the period 1808-1820?

The problem is to find the correct name of the wife of Timothy Belknap who came to Smithfield in late 1807 or early 1808 and lived there till 1817.

Unfortunately, the grantor deed he signed when he sold his land before leaving Madison County was never recorded -- so that means of learning his wife's first name does not exist.

Old records based on information obtained from descendants in 1912 show her name variously: Annis -- Candis -- Candace. Nothing is known of her maiden surname.

It seems likely that his marriage occurred in Smithfield in 1808.

If you can suggest a way for me to continue searching, I'll be most grateful.

Very truly yours,



*Timothy*

December 7 1970

Mr Forest A. Belknap  
2414 Riverview Drive -- Roosevelt Beach  
R. D. Wilson, NY.

Dear Mr Belknap:

I'm writing to you because, I hope, you may be able to help me on a problem that I have encountered in preparing a genealogy of the Belknap family.

Your name and location make it seem possible that you are descended from Timothy Belknap who was living in Cambria, N. Y., in the 1820's and 1830's -- or that you may be descended from a cousin of his, named Forest Belknap.

If so, I'd be most grateful for any information you can give me -- most especially the name of that Timothy's father, which I've not yet found.

In any case, of course, I'll be thankful for whatever you can tell me about your Belknap ancestry -- names and dates and marriages and names of children, etc.

Your name and address came to me from a helper in western N Y, who talked with a former town clerk of Cambria in an effort to get information about Timothy.

The task of compiling a Belknap genealogy is a big one. I'll be grateful for your aid.

Cordially,

Carroll Belknap:



March 11 1973

Mr I Richard Reed, Niagara County Historian  
Historian's Office  
Courthouse  
Lockport, N Y 14094

Dear sir:

May I ask if you can suggest a possible way to solve a problem in the period 1820-1840?

The problem is to find the correct name of the wife of Timothy Bellknap, who came to Cambria about 1817 and lived there till 1835, after which time he moved to Ohio.

Old records based on information supplied by some of his descendants in 1912, show her first name variously? Annis -- Candis -- Candace. No indication of her surname has been found.

Grantor deeds signed by Timothy in 1825 and later years, do not name a wife. So presumably she died before 1825 -- after 1823 birth of her last known child, Almon Bellknap.

Almon Bellknap and two other sons--- Edward -- are known to have stayed in Niagara County. Descendants of Edward were living in Lockport as late as 1912.

If you can suggest a way for me to continue searching for her name, I'll be most grateful.

Very truly yours,

Memo

March 6, 1973

Our County Historian is:

I. Richard Reed

Historian's Office

Courthouse

Lockport, New York 14094

Timothy Dredge

↑ to Samuel F. Beckwith  
6-45 ✓ 11 Aug 1831

~~↑ to Moses Beach (not listed by Beckwith)~~



Timothy

Census 1820

Pauline

m 1 <sup>W/10</sup> ~~10/10~~ 1 10/10 1 75/45  
Edward Samuel Family  
9 11 37

F 1 W/10  
Lucy  
6

~~1 75/45~~  
Pamela  
21

Lucy in 1820 - 6  
in 1830 - 16

Annis 21 in 1820 (4 (1st wife) etc)  
on his 2nd wife

Concord	19	1818
mother	17	1816
John	15	1814
Samuel	12	1811
Lucy	10	1809

might be  
Royal  
Clarissa Harris  
Jane  
Julia

John  
Royal

If 2nd wife  
could be  
meeting of all  
at 1st wife  
1820 before

This Indenture Made this thirtieth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty five Between Timothy Belknap of Cambria in the County of Niagara and State of New York of the first part and William Curtis of the Same place of the second part Witnesseth that the party of the first part in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred and fifty Dollars to him duly paid has sold and by these presents does 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 Cambria aforesaid known and distinguished as the East part of Lot number Sixteen in the Fourteenth Township and eighth Range of the Holland Land Company's Land (so called) and off

Bound as follows - East by lot number Eight, thirty nine chains and seventy one links - South by Lot number fifteen thirteen chains and eighty six links, West by a line parallel to the East bound of said Lot number Sixteen thirty nine chains and seventy two links; and North by Township number fifteen in the said Eighth Range thirteen chains and eighty six links Containing Fifty five Acres of Land be the same more or Less. Excepting and expressly Reserving out of the same so much of the above described premises and Land as was heretofore conveyed to the said Timothy Belknap to one Moses Beach by Deed - the Land hereby intended to be Conveyed being the same Land and premises as was by Deed bearing even date herewith conveyed by Manuel F. Belknap and Mary his wife of the County of Lorain in the State of Ohio by Philo Welch third & Henry to the said Timothy Belknap - (containing full & true

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The said Timothy Belknap - Containing forty Acres

With the appurtenances  
and all the Estate title and interest therein of the party of the first part And  
the said Party of the first part does hereby Covenant and agree to and with the said par-  
ty of the second part his heirs and assigns that the premises above 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 every person whomsoever

In Witness

Whereof The party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written  
Signed and Delivered  
In Presence of }

✓ Timothy Belknap Seal

Viagra County Pa.

On this thirteenth day of October 1855 I here see come Timothy  
Belknap to me known to be the person described in and to he executed the within  
instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same.

Wm L Holmes  
Commissioner of Deeds

A.H.W. Clerk

Recorded the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1855

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13 Oct 1835  
By Timothy ~~order~~

Acted same day  
By Timothy

to Curtis

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Do hereby certify that on the Ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four Timothy Dicknap of the town of Catebaud of the County of Niagara and State of New York of the 1st part and John Packer of the County and State aforesaid of the second part

Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and thirty six dollars to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and himself to be thence fully satisfied contented and paid has granted bargained sold aliened released conveyed confirmed and affirmed and by these presents does grant bargain sell alien release convey confirm and affirm unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever All that Certain Tract of Land Situate lying and being in the town of Catebaud County of Niagara in the State of New York being part or parcel of a Certain Township which on a Map or Survey of division of Townships of Land Made for the Holland Land Company by Joseph Ellcock Surveyor is distinguished by Township number Seventeen in the Eighth range of said Township and which said Tract of Land on a Certain Other Map or Survey of said Township into lots made for the said Holland Land Company by the said Joseph Ellcock is distinguished by East part of the East part of lot number Sixteen in said Township

bounded East by lot number Eight Thirty and Chasms Seventy One and South by lot number



Middle

Columbia County of New York in the State of New York Every part or  
part of a certain Township which is a part of Survey of some Tracts  
of Township aforesaid made for the Holland Land Company by Joseph  
Ellicott & Sons is distinguished by Township number fourteen in the Eighth  
Range of said Township and which said Tract of Land on a certain  
other Map or Survey of said Township into lots made for the said Holland  
Land Company by the said Joseph Ellicott is distinguished by East part  
of the East part of lot number Sixteen in said Township

bounded East by Lot  
number Eight Thirty nine Chains Seventy One links South by lot number  
Sixteen Ten Chains Twenty Eight links West by a line parallel to the East  
bound of said lot number Sixteen Thirty nine Chains Seventy One links, and  
North by Township number fifteen in the said Eighth Range four Chains  
Twenty Eight links Containing Seven Acres be the same more or less

Together with  
all and singular the appurtenances privileges advantages and benefits  
in and to whatsoever under the above mentioned and described Premises in  
anywise appertaining or belonging and the reversions and reversioners  
residues and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and also  
all the Estate right title interest <sup>property</sup> Claim and demand whatsoever agreed  
in Law or in Equity of the said party of the first part of us or of the said  
and every part or parts thereof with the appurtenances

To have and to  
hold the above granted bargained and described Premises with the  
appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns



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...and ...  
... Township ... in the said Eighth Range from ...  
Twenty Eight ...  
... be the same more or less

Together with

and Singular the appurtenances, privileges, advantages and incidents  
whatsoever with the above mentioned and described Premises in  
any way appertaining or belonging and the revenues and profits  
remain due and remaining rents, issues and profits thereof And also  
all the Estate right title interest, Claim and demand whatsoever as well  
in Law as in Equity of the said party of the first part of in or to the said  
and every part or part thereof with the appurtenances

To have and to

hold the above granted bargained and described Premises with the  
appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns  
to his and their only proper use benefit and behoof forever

And the said

party of the first part for his heirs Executors and administrators do  
by Covenant promise and agree to and with the said party of the  
second part his heirs and assigns that he the said party of the first  
part the above described and hereby granted Premises and every  
part thereof with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second  
part his heirs and assigns against the said party of the first part  
and his heirs and against all other persons whatsoever lawfully  
claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof and his  
heirs and assigns forever Definit



And that when the parties to this present have mutually interchangably set  
 their hands and seals the day and year first above written  
 sealed and delivered in  
 the presence of } Timothy Belknap Seal  
 Josiah Tulbert } Angora County SS

On the 9th day of March 1825  
 personally Came before me the within named Timothy Belknap being known  
 to be the same person described in and who executed the within Deed and acknowledged  
 that he executed the same as his act and deed for the purposes and purposes in the  
 same contained All which is hereby duly certified John Birdsall Clerk &c

Recorded & Examined the 10th day of October 1825. At S. Alport N.H.  
 A. Johnson Clerk  
 by J. H. Mason Notary

9 March 1825  
By Timothy only  
to Beach



This Indenture Made the first day of August in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty one BETWEEN Timothy Belknap of the town of Cambridge in the County of Middlesex And State of New York of the first part, and Samuel F Belknap of the same place of the second part Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of the sum of Six thousand dollars to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby Confessed and Acknowledged hath granted bargained sold released released Aligned and Confirmed and by these presents Doth and shall bargain sell release release Aligned and Confirm 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 Cambridge in the County of Middlesex And State of New York Being part a piece of a certain Township of Land which was called Map a Survey of thirty Tracts or Townships of Land Made for the Holland Land Company by Joseph Eldred Surveyor & is distinguished by Township Number Thirteen in the Eighth Range of said Townships And which said Tract of Land in a certain other Map a Survey of said Township into Lots made by the said Surveyor by the said Joseph Eldred is distinguished by the East part of Lot Number Seventeen in said Township 13 bounded East by Lot Number Eight thirty seven chains & seventy one links South by Lot Number Fifteen thirteen chains and eighty six links West by a line parallel to the East bounds of said Lot Number Sixteen thirty seven chains and seventy two links and North by Township Number Thirteen in the said Eighth Range thirteen chains and eighty six links Containing fifty five acres of Land to the same Map a Survey and running out of the Company and All that Certain piece or parcel of Land hereinafter conveyed by by me to Moses Beach of New

Together with all and singular the Negroes and some of the Indians belonging or in any way appertaining And the Women and numerous Men and Children, with their arms and property thereof And all the Estate right, title, interest claim and demand whatsoever of the said State of the great part to them in Law or Equity of or And to the above Virginia premises with the said Negroes and appertaining

To Have And To Hold the said premises above mentioned to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns to the sole and only proper use benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever And the said Timothy B. Kemp for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators doth Covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns that the above bargained premises is the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns And also that any person claiming to claim the whole or any part thereof shall be forever barred from a further Satisfaction Claiming to claim the whole or any part thereof  
In witness whereof Warrant and Oblige  
Timothy B. Kemp

In Witness Whereof The party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal  
the day and year first before written.

Notary Public & Collector  
In presence of  
John C. Hall

Timothy B. Bellingham (Seal)





Timothy to S.F.

1821

Oct 1821

Had Bought 1822

26 April

Aug 1831

Sold to Son  
Samuel Forest

Cambria

Acton 6 Aug 1831

by another man  
(Timothy gone?)



11 Oct 1868

Timothy J Smithful  
Madison Co. was  
in O Co to sign  
this deed. - To Eli

Timothy dates  
1783 born

1809 son Samuel F. born at Smithfield  
Madison Co NY

~~1811 son Edward H. born in Madison Co NY~~  
~~date 8/22/22 (5/21/22)~~

1825 Bought land in Cambria

1831 Sold same pr to Samuel F. (son)

1835 Bought it back from "

~~date of  
recording~~